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MAN UNDER ARREST AT EASTON AS BARN FIREBUG SUSPECT

Spring City Bricklayer Believed Prowler Driven From Farm In Chester County

WAS ACCOMPANIED THERE BY MALE CONFEDERATE

Jail Officials Recognize Man From Description When He Sought Night's Lodging

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Said He Was Shot At

Jonas Myers, foreman of the brickyard, told State troopers that Byrd had been in the barn at 7:30 o'clock and said he was through and was going to "beat it."

MISS KATHERINE FORCE TO WED MAJOR SPENCER

Marriage to Take Place Today at Home of Sister

MOSCHISZKER IS URGED FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Senate Committee to Act in Butler Case Today

HINTON MODIFIES PLANS

American Airman, Bound for Rio Janeiro, Drops Flight Up Amazon

BRUTAL TREATMENT OF HOLMESBURG MEN KNOWN TO JUDGES

Parole Officer Says He Has Reported Many Complaints

MOTHERS SOUGHT RELIEF FOR SONS

Yearly Reports Show That Conditions Were Pointed Out to Jurists

EASTERN PENITENTIARY IS A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

Warden McKenty Tells How His Policy of Common Sense and Humanity Has Worked

Tales of Brutal Treatment of Convicts in the Philadelphia County Prison at Holmesburg Have Been Known for Years to the Board of Judges, who appoint the Board of Prison Inspectors.

Women whose sons have been imprisoned at Holmesburg have reported cases of ill-treatment to E. M. Hackney, probation officer of Quarter Sessions Court.

Mr. Hackney has, in many cases, taken up these complaints with the judges who were responsible for the commitment of the convicts complaining. In some instances, where the convicts have been found to be ill or deserving of parole, Mr. Hackney has succeeded in having the men aided or freed.

"Many mothers have come to me with tales of cruelty to their sons in the County Prison," said Mr. Hackney. "These cases were carefully investigated by my office. In several cases I found that the complaints regarding the food, solitary confinement and punishment for talking were true.

"In such instances I have called the attention of the trial judge to them and have had paroles granted. Right here let me say that fewer than 3 per cent of those who have been paroled from the county prison break parole.

"I do not want to assume the position of criticizing any one. I am simply stating what I think should be done to give convicts a chance. Several years ago, as the result of many complaints regarding conditions in the county prisons, both Holmesburg and Moyamensing, I decided to do something.

"In my report to the Board of Judges for three years ending November 1, 1917, I contrasted the way in which prisoners in the Eastern Penitentiary were treated and the manner in which they were handled in Moyamensing and Holmesburg prisons. In my report I said:

"Such could be done to better the conditions of the prisoners in Moyamensing and in the Holmesburg jail, too, by extending the period of exercise, in improving ventilation, by keeping the outside wooden door open all day, by keeping the mind and hands of the accused occupied."

"Then in 1919 and in 1921, in my report to the Board of Judges, I again touched upon conditions in the county prisons. The continuous nature of my study of conditions caused me to make certain recommendations. In my 1919 report, speaking of prison reform, I said:

"The old idea that every effort should be made to humble and degrade the prisoner has happily become obsolete. Practical students of penology today acknowledge that it is cheaper and better to return a man to society improved and prepared to earn an honest living than to discharge him harassed by brutal treatment, with hatred, feelings of hatred and revenge rankling within his bosom, and with a mind certain that the remainder of his days are to be spent in crime.

"Against Excessive Severity "Excessive severity tends only to harden the heart. The strongest and will succumb under punishment. He may be temporarily conquered, but ultimately, his heart filled with bitterness and hate, he becomes a more serious and dangerous menace to society.

"In my report to the Board of Judges last year I devoted considerable space to an article on the employment of prisoners. I quoted the law regarding this and pointed to an act of Legislature approved April 6, 1921, which reads as follows:

"The Prison Labor Commission of the State shall arrange for the sale of the materials produced by the prisoners to the Commonwealth or to any county, borough or township thereof, or within of the public institutions owned, managed and controlled by the Commonwealth."

SCHUMANN-HEINK BETTER

Garden City, N. Y., Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—The ultimate recovery of Dr. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, noted cancer specialist, who is ill with bronchial pneumonia, was predicted by her physician. Her condition improved materially last night.

Fire Destroys Freight Shed

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—Freight shed No. 5 of the Canadian Pacific Railway here was destroyed in a spectacular fire last night.

6 KILLED AS ARMY PLANES CRASH, ONE A PHILADELPHIAN

Private Rolas, of This City, Makes Fatal Leap—Others Burned Under Craft

MACHINES COLLIDE IN AIR, THEN FALL IN FLAMES

Accident at Langley Field. Major Gearhart and Captain Doyle—Among Victims

These Judges Name Prison Inspectors

The Board of Judges, which is responsible for the appointment of the Board of Inspectors in charge of the Holmesburg Prison, is composed of: William H. Shoemaker, Charles J. Hartnett, Harry J. McDowell, James G. Gordon, Horace Stern, Charles H. McKim, Howard A. Davis

MARRIED ELOPERS ARE CAUGHT HERE

Husband Surprises Woman Bringing Back Sick Child After Trip to Boston

ATTACKS MAN IN STATION

Two elopers who fled to Boston last Monday with the woman's child were caught here last night after the woman tried to abandon the child, who has the measles, on the back step of her home.

At a hearing today, Mrs. Leona Janicke, 4637 Stiles street, Frankford, accused Thomas Brindley, 4140 Orchard street, of hypnotizing her into the elopement and also declared he threatened to kill her and himself if she did not go.

While Brindley's wife glared angrily at Mrs. Janicke, the accused man admitted to Magistrate Lindell that he had gone away with the other woman. He was held in \$1000 bail by Magistrate Lindell for a further hearing next Tuesday.

Mrs. Janicke was surprised last night by her husband as she tried to smuggle the two-and-a-half-year-old girl into the backyard. She had come in a taxicab from the Wayne Junction station, where Brindley awaited her return.

Janicke leaped at Horace Outshamer, 4552 Wayne avenue, the taxi driver, believing he was the man who had run off with his wife, but the terrified woman said Brindley, a stranger to her husband, was waiting at the railway station.

Grapples Man in Station Janicke pushed his wife aside, jumped into the cab and ordered Outshamer to speed to the station. He had a picture of Brindley, obtained from Mrs. Brindley, in his pocket.

The accused man was in the waiting room when Janicke rushed in and grappled with him. He pinned her against a wall and in the excitement Mrs. Janicke was unable to pickpocket a station employee for a key.

Mrs. Janicke and Brindley were arrested and operated adjoining rooms in the Star Textile Mill, Unity street, Frankford. They met eight weeks ago, according to Mrs. Janicke, in love with each other. Mrs. Janicke and her husband are French Canadians.

Mrs. Janicke testified that Brindley forced her to elope and that at his suggestion she obtained nearly \$400 from her husband, ostensibly to buy a piano. The money financed the elopement.

Threatened Death, She Says "I can't tell why I did it," said Mrs. Janicke at the hearing. "He had me in a bad state. I felt that if I didn't run away he would kill me and himself.

"He visited me last Sunday while my husband was out and suggested that we go away to the mountains. He said, 'I'll take care of you. I'll take care of you. I'll take care of you.'"

Brindley's mother and stepfather also were at the hearing. Mrs. Brindley seemed to sympathize with her husband. Before the hearing started, when Mrs. Janicke told Brindley not to "lie out to the accused man's wife threatened to slap the other woman's face.

PRINCE ANDREW IN ROME

Greek Exile is Expected to Have Audience With Pope

SNOW DUE TOMORROW

Forecasters Predict Light Fall Unless It Rains—Colder Tonight

Here's good news for the youngsters—snow tomorrow.

The weather forecasters do not look for a heavy fall, and there is always the chance of rain instead.

Today is in sharp contrast to yesterday. The temperature fell 20 degrees between 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when it was 54, and 8 o'clock this morning, when it was 34.

Today is continuing cool, just cold enough to put a nip in the air. The forecast for tonight is continued fair and slightly colder. Indications are that the thermometer will hit 25 degrees by tomorrow morning.

It will be increasing cloudy tomorrow afternoon, and by night the flakes will be flying—if the raindrops are not falling.

Dies in Air Crash



CAPTAIN BANTON A. DOYLE, Army officer from St. Louis, who was one of six men who lost their lives in crash of two planes at Langley Field. He was caught in the wreckage and burned to death.

FEUD VICTIM SHOT BY SILENT SLAYER

Michael Russell Killed in Restaurant While Gang Terrorizes Patrons

GRUDGE MURDER SEEN

Michael Russell, of 2917 Mifflin street, was shot and killed at dawn today as he sat in an all-night restaurant by an expert gunman to whom he was pointed out.

The police say it was a "grudge murder," carefully planned and executed. Russell apparently knew his executioners, but refused to reveal their identity even at the point of death.

The murder was committed in a restaurant at 312 North Eighth street. Russell was far from his usual haunts and within the territory of two notorious up-town gangs. This fact may give the police a clue, as there has been intense rivalry, many fights, and several killings involving one or other of these up-town gangs and a gang that makes its headquarters in South Philadelphia.

Victim Pointed Out Russell was known to many frequenters of the restaurant. Where he had been earlier in the evening is not known, nor what his errand was abroad at that hour of the morning. He entered the restaurant shortly before 5 o'clock, greeted several persons he knew, sat down at a table and ordered a meal.

A few moments later, while he was eating and talking, four men entered the place. If they were known to any one there, those who recognized them have hidden their identity.

Russell knew them evidently. They approached him, as they neared him, one of the men pointed him out to the gunman of the party. Several of the others at the tables started up. The three men with the gunman made threatening gestures, but the victim did not utter a word, motioning them back to their seats and away from the doomed man.

"Execution" in Silence Then, without a word, Russell had a chance to defend himself or dodge or run, the gunman drew a pistol. With precise deliberation he fired five times. All the bullets found their mark in the victim's chest. Russell fell without a sound, mortally wounded.

The party of four turned and left as silently as it had come. Russell refused to make an ante-mortem statement at the Holmsungum hospital, where he died a few minutes after being admitted.

James Robinson, a Negro, Twenty-second and Catharine streets, was seen acting suspiciously near Twelfth street and St. Albans place by John McGee, a private watchman. When questioned, Robinson drew a revolver and fired. Two bullets struck McGee in the breast and arm.

Patrolman Goodman, attracted by the shots, took Robinson into submission, and brought him to the Second and Christian streets station.

Robinson is said to have shot Patrolman Johnson at Thirteenth and Fitzwater streets on November 14 last. Johnson is still in a serious condition at Howard hospital.

JOHN WANAMAKER IMPROVING STEADILY

Physicians to Issue No More Bulletins as Merchant Gains

John Wanamaker is improving steadily, his physicians announced at 8 o'clock this morning. For the present he is ill with a cold at his home, 2032 Walnut street.

The 8 o'clock bulletin follows: "Robinson is said to have shot Patrolman Johnson at Thirteenth and Fitzwater streets on November 14 last. Johnson is still in a serious condition at Howard hospital."

SCREEN STAR TO WED

Friends Say Mary Miles Minter Will Be Scenario Writer's Bride

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Mary Miles Minter, screen star, will wed Louis Sherwin, dramatic critic, author and scenario writer, formerly of New York, according to a statement issued by close friends of Miss Minter.

Sherwin is the second man whose name has been linked with the pretty star as a matrimonial prospect. The first was Thomas Dixon, but when she was approached on this rumor she emphatically denied it.

In the present case, however, she smiles and confesses there may be some truth in the report. Sherwin could not be reached at his Laurel Canyon hangout today, but his associates say he has admitted a tacit understanding between the King's speech, which will be pronounced at the wedding, and a well-known dramatic critic of New York.

DO YOU EVER READ THE PARCEL POST column? They're interesting. See page 20 and 21.—A.P.

HAMMER SLAYER, WHO ESCAPED JAIL, SOUGHT IN MEXICO

Mrs. Clara Phillips is Hunted Far and Wide by Sheriff's Posse

FALSE CLUES AT BEACH THROW OFF PURSUERS

Murderess Watched For at the Border Towns—Her Husband Guarded

By Associated Press Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—The search for Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted of beating Mrs. Alberta Tremaine Meadows to death with a hammer and who escaped early yesterday from the Los Angeles county jail, was in active progress today throughout Southern California and Lower California, the Mexican State.

Despite various other clues Sheriff's deputies generally held to their original belief that the "hammer murderess" had fled across the border into Mexico and plans were made to extend the search today for her as far south as Ensenada, on the west coast of the Lower California Peninsula about ninety miles south of San Diego, Calif.

They were not overlooking other directions, however, and had asked San Francisco authorities to join in the hunt.

Meantime the border between the Californias, from Tijuana, near San Diego, to the Arizona line, and especially at Calexico, Calif., and its Lower California border town, was guarded by Patrol Twenty-seven, Column Four.

ROBBER THREATENS STENOGRAPHER WITH KNIFE

An intruder threatened a stenographer with a paper knife and took \$9.08 from a desk of the Willard Candy and Chocolate Company, Jasper and Willard streets, this morning. Benjamin Nagel was arrested shortly afterward.

MONEY AND BONDS GONE IN BANKRUPTCY CASE

Large sums of money and customers' securities have disappeared from the accounts of Borden & Knoblauch, bankrupt brokers, according to allegations made in Federal District Court today by Harry Nathans, one of the receivers.

"NOBODY" COMMITS SUICIDE IN ROOMING HOUSE

An unidentified man, who signed "Nobody" to a note left in his bedroom, committed suicide by hanging in a lodging house at 1218 Cherry street today.

WELLESLEY FIRE THREATENS STONE HALL

WELLESLEY, Mass., Dec. 6.—Fire that threatened to spread to Stone Hall, one of the largest buildings on the Wellesley campus, today swept through a cottage occupied by maids employed at the college.

IRISH FREE STATE STARTS LIFE TODAY

Formal Beginning of New Government at Dublin Is Announced

Dublin, Dec. 6.—Ireland took her place today among the world's commonwealths. The Provisional Government and Parliament ceased to function, their place being taken by the permanent Parliament and Cabinet of the Irish Free State and the new Commonwealth being formally proclaimed as an established Government.

The provisional regime, which ceased to exist today, had such full powers that the new one now inaugurated marks a change except in name. The program of the day provided that the Parliament meet at 5 o'clock without ceremony, and after its members had taken the oath, elected a speaker and nominated a president.

U. S. ASKED TO JOIN IN RULE OF STRAITS

Child Tells Lausanne Conference America Stands for Freedom to All Nations

Lausanne, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—The Entente plan for keeping open the Straits of the Bosphorus and the Bosphorus in time of peace and war provides for the appointment of an international commission of control composed of the great powers, including the United States, as well as Turkey and the countries bordering on the Black Sea.

Lord Curzon, of Great Britain, in the name of the Allies, presented the details of this comprehensive project to the Near East conference today.

A change of front on the part of the Turkish delegates was forecast while the conference was in session.

A Turkish spokesman outside the auditorium said the Turkish position on the straits control would probably be found nearer to the allied plan than to the Russian.

The Turkish, it appeared, had suddenly realized that the Russian plan for controlling the straits would force Turkey to build a navy. Hence doubts had arisen in the minds of the Turkish delegates, who seemed more disposed to negotiate a scheme for neutralization of the straits and the Black Sea with some form of international control.

Tonnage to Be Limited The allied control plan sets forth a scheme for limitation of the number of warships and total tonnage to be allowed in the waters under control, and gives Turkey an equal Black Sea countervailing right to see how long warships may remain in their ports.

The plan suggests the demilitarization of the straits. It also gives Turkey the right to search neutral merchantmen in time of war.

Delegate Barreere, of France, said the proposition represented an attempt to solve the straits problem without infringing upon the sovereignty of Turkey or that of any country bordering on the Black Sea.

In the conference session Richard Washburn Child and Joseph C. Grew presented the views of the United States. Foreign Minister Childerin of Russia opposed the allied proposition. Adjournment was taken until Friday to permit the Turks to study the proposal.

Ambassador Child set forth the view of the United States independent of any body, that the straits and the Black Sea must be open to ships and warships of all nations in time of peace.

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Accuses a Governor



MISS FRANCES BIRKHEAD Former secretary of Governor Lee M. Russell, of Mississippi, whose suit against the latter for \$100,000 damages for seduction and breach of promise went on trial today.

SHOT AND AUTO CRASH FATAL TO PASTOR

Jessup Clergyman Loses Control of Car When Gun Wounds Him

Sarantown, Pa., Dec. 6.—Accidentally shot in the leg by his own gun while he was driving his automobile home from a day's hunting trip in the Moosic Mountains, the Rev. Andrew Ivan, aged thirty-one, pastor of the Holy Ghost Greek Catholic Church at Jessup, tried to muster sufficient strength to drive his car to the nearest house, only to lose control of the machine. The car was ditched along the roadway and the priest thrown out.

Father Ivan, suffering seriously from loss of blood, managed to drag himself into the road. He was found an hour and a half later by a number of boys, who carried him to the Mifflin Hospital. Loss of blood and injuries sustained when the automobile was wrecked resulted in his death.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN The vital question that must be decided between now and January 1 is whether a sesqui-centennial exposition is to be held in this city that will be worthy of Philadelphia.

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MUST BE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT

The outstanding general feature of the Sesqui-Centennial, it is now conceded, must be a unique difference that will distinguish it from all international expositions of the past.

There has been so much that has come into the field of human endeavor since the last great exposition at San Francisco in 1915 that an exposition devoted exclusively to these wonders would be well worth a trans-Atlantic or trans-continental trip to see.

It is the progress in the adjuncts of science, the production of instruments of precision so wonderful as to be classed as marvels.

Even the chemistry of our common

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FAIR DECISION MUST BE MADE BEFORE JAN. 1

Col. McCain Declares Time to Build Exposition Is Ample

\$25,000,000 COST WOULD BE SUFFICIENT

Boston's Great Music Carnival Cited as What Can Be Done If Speed Is Applied

OTHER EXPOSITIONS ALSO FACED DELAY HANDICAPS

Ideas of Men Who Have Considered Success of Plan While Others Talked Are Presented

Is it possible to hold a Sesqui-Centennial Exposition within the three and one-half years remaining in which to prepare for it? Can it be made an international exposition? Can its cost be brought within a reasonable limit, and yet make it a success?

Will such an exposition be profitable, or at least be made to break even on its cost? Should the plan and scope embrace any permanent buildings? Or—Is it better to let the entire project fizzle out?

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HISTORIC HOTEL PASSES

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—The Pioneer Hotel, for the first time in 105 years last night stopped receiving guests. It will be converted into an office building.

Among those who signed the book of registration are Presidents Lincoln, Grant, Cleveland, Roosevelt and Taft, and Kings, King Edward VII and King George V, Charles Dickens and Gustav Leontiev.