

SUSPECT IS GRABBED ON PRIEST MURDER

Baker Maintains He Knows Nothing of Crime.

SOLUTION IS HELD NEAR

District Attorney's Office Declares Progress Is Being Made—Letter to Woman Located.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—William Hightower, itinerant baker, stoutly resisted today all efforts of the police to connect him with the murder of Rev. Patrick Henry Colma priest, and after two days' questioning still maintained he had no knowledge of the crime. He was taken into custody after he had led a group of policemen and newspapermen to the priest's grave on the seashore.

Captain of Detectives Matheson, Assistant District Attorney Golden of San Francisco and Attorney General Swart of San Mateo county, said tonight that they were "nearer a solution of the crime than ever before."

"Things are coming to a head," Swart said.

Hightower Remains Calm. Hightower was confronted by the police with the story of the case as told by different sources, tending, they said, to show he had knowledge of the priest's death, but Hightower remained calm and unshaken.

He showed emotion only once, the police said. This was when handed a long-delayed telegram which told of his wife's death in Stillwater, Okla.

The inquiry today developed centered on the automobile which was made of a small automobile rented from a local garage the night the priest disappeared in company with a stranger to another "call."

Auto Renting Is Related. Hightower said he took the machine from the garage about 4 o'clock, went to San Jose with Dorris Shirley, a waitress, who, he said, he was living at the time, and returned to San Francisco at 10 o'clock, but, finding no car in the garage, left the machine outside.

Against this story was the testimony of a garage employee that Hightower did not leave the garage until 6 o'clock and the police were bending every effort to trace the movement of the car between that time and 9 o'clock, the hour the priest disappeared in an automobile known to have been of the same make.

Dorris Shirley Not Located. The police have been unable to locate Dorris Shirley and several clues to the present location of Dolly Mason, the woman from whom Hightower said he received first knowledge of the car's location, have proved worthless.

A letter mailed Wednesday by Hightower to Dolly Mason was covered today from the San Francisco postoffice and read with Hightower's consent and under guard, it was said, by an unknown man who had betrayed to Dolly Mason the clues on which Hightower worked in locating the grave.

"I believe there is something in this letter," Hightower said. "I am beginning to think it might have something to do with the priest. I have not been able to locate a reward offered at once, there is a reward offered."

The police said, however, this letter might be part of a plan laid by Hightower to elude the police. He had devised when he determined to collect the reward of \$3000 offered from various sources for recovery of Rev. Heslin.

Letters Found Similar. Similarities of phrasing and spelling between a letter known to have been written by Hightower and an anonymous typewritten letter demanding a reward for the return of the priest were pointed out today by a police handwriting expert.

"Misspelling of identical words in both letters is identical," the expert said, "and phrasing and punctuation in the two is the same." Hightower has not been able to account to the satisfaction of the police for a contrivance they described as an "infernal machine" which he had in his room, when a rifle and a strip of blood-soaked burlap also were brought to light.

The machine was arranged to fire simultaneously ten shells loaded with buckshot, and Hightower admitted he had taken this with members of a preliminary visit to the place where the grave was found, but did not indicate what purpose it served.

The San Francisco angles of the case have been exhausted, District Attorney Golden said tonight, and it is proposed to take Hightower to San Mateo county tomorrow.

The inquiry would be continued there, he said.

Similarity of string found in Hightower's room and that used to bind together some boards near the grave was noted at the inquiry today, Swart said, and evidence was brought to show that Hightower often had visited the cliffs near the site of the grave. The two small boys of policeman Dolan had seen Hightower there, Swart declared.

SILESIA ACTION IS TAKEN (Continued From First Page.)

French cabinet during the afternoon went into session again and gave unanimous approval to the action of M. Briand in agreeing to place of Silesian question before the council of the league of nations. This evening the French premier, in his capacity of president of the supreme council, sent to Viscount Ishih, president of the league council, the request that that body deal with the delimitation of the German-Polish frontier.

CONTRACT SAVES MONEY Walla Walla Commissioners Defy Fuel Dealers of Town.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—County commissioners today defied local coal dealers and placed a contract for the winter supply of coal, 225 tons, with the Economy Fuel company of Portland at a price of \$35.50 a ton f. o. b. the mines.

DEMOCRATS CHARGE RICH ARE FAVORED

Attack on Republican Policy Is Prepared.

TAXATION TO BE ISSUE

Leaders in House Forecast Long-Drawn-Out Fight Over Methods of Paying War Debt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—From the beginning of next week until the time congress takes a recess will be a field day for the democrats in the lower house. The republican tax bill probably will be introduced next Monday and from then on the entire time of congress until it adjourns will be given to debating that measure.

The democrats will be much "on the job." They regard this as their opportunity. They believe that the principal political issue in this country between the two parties for ten or 20 years, stated in the broadest terms, will be how to pay the war debt.

This broad subject includes, of course, most of taxation, but also everything of a fiscal nature that the government does. The democrats recall that for more than 15 years after the war the republicans have introduced in congress bills to increase taxes on the rich.

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The ramifications of this issue will include the republican attitude on the tariff and will also include an attack by the democrats on the federal reserve board's management of the banking affairs of the country. This latter attack has already begun. The federal reserve board has been pursuing a policy of deflation, which, among other effects, has the indirect result of tending to restore the dollar to somewhere near the purchasing power it had before the war.

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Creditors Declared Favored. The democrats will attempt to show that the republicans are favoring creditor classes of the country against the debtor classes. It probably will turn out that the issue arising out of this policy will have a strong analogy to the greenback issue, the resumption of special payments issue and the free silver issue, which determined the political platform in most of the elections for almost a generation following the civil war.

The democratic leaders have their eyes not merely on the congressional elections of next year, but on the next presidential election and on all elections for a decade to come. About the future the democrats show increasing confidence.

They have pulled the affairs of their national committee into better shape and they are doing aggressive work. They have raised money and have come more nearly to paying off their debts than the republican national committee has.

Real Party Politics Ahead. The row arising out of the effort made last spring to unseat Chairman George White is over and apparently has left no scars. The fight was largely a contest for leadership and for dominance in the national committee between friends of Governor Cox on the one hand and William J. McAdoo on the other. That kind of personal contest for leadership is not helpful any is now realized by the more serious democratic leaders, and they are taking steps toward organization, not in the interest of any potential candidate for the presidency but in the interest of the party as a whole.

From now on we are likely to see some real party politics.

WORLD CABINET WANTED

Tokio Professor Favors Japanese Annexation to United States.

HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Professor Y. Sakon of Aoyama Gakuin, a Christian institution in Tokyo, who recently passed through here on his way to the mainland to attend the annual meeting of the League of Nations, said today that he favors the annexation of Japan to the United States, but in the establishment of an international cabinet with headquarters in Jerusalem to rule over the world, regardless of nations or races.

"One would think that Japan would be lost by annexation to the United States," he said, "but I believe the Japanese people through an annexation would eventually come to own the United States and that they would gain by it."

WRIT THIRD TIME DENIED

Murphy Loses Appeal in Howard Street Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—For the third time since Edward Murphy was sent to San Quentin prison for a term of one to 10 years for his participation in the Howard-street vice case, the district court of appeal today denied a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by Ernest B. D. Spagnoli on behalf of his client.

Petition for this writ was based upon the contention that he was illegally confined in the state prison because his case came under the statute whereby it was the province of the court of appeal to decide whether he should be confined in the county jail or the state prison.

Vancouver Barracks Inspected. VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Major-General William M. Wright, commander of the 24th corps area, in company with his son, Lieutenant Bright, Major Bringer and an inspection party today inspected an inspection trip this morning. The general was met at the Portland hotel by Major-General Wright, who accompanied him to the barracks and escorted to Vancouver. The inspection party left at noon.

Shriners Plan Picnic. SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Plans are being made here to charter a special train to carry Marion county Shriners to Albany September 5, when a picnic of the lodgesmen will be held. It is likely that the Shriners will be accompanied by their band, although this part of the programme has not yet been definitely decided.

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WIFE SUES WOMAN ACCUSED OF STEALING HUSBAND.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Cross Declares Mary L. Crist Hypnotized Mate Into Desertion.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—William E. Cross of Lexington "hypothesized" by Mary L. Crist, abandoned his wife, changed from a "kind and loving" husband to a "cruel and negligent" mate, and at present is at Louisville, so completely under the woman's influence that he is in a helpless condition mentally and acts as a child of 75 years," according to the plaintiff's evidence today in the circuit court today by Mrs. Elizabeth Cross, the wife.

The plaintiff asserted her husband was not permitted to write any letters or to receive any mail or any news from the outside world. The defendant said, according to the petition, that she possesses a power of hypnotic influence over her husband. The petition averred that on or about September 1, 1920, the defendant, under the influence of her friend of the plaintiff, made frequent visits to the home of herself and her husband, and alternated her husband's affections. It was said further that the defendant by "misrepresentation" and "artifice" and "poisonous advice" and other inducements had caused her husband's mind against the plaintiff, alienated his affections and caused him to become a deserter, and negligent husband, when, prior to the date of the wrongful and malicious act of the defendant, he had been a kind and loving husband.

BLAME FOR WRECK LAID

Loss of Canadian Exporter Is Ascribed to Negligence.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Stating that the cause of the sinking of the Canadian government steamer Canadian Exporter, which stranded on Willapa bay nearly two weeks ago, was the negligence of Captain Bradley, master of the ill-fated boat, under oath said he had been complaining to the government about the condition of the ship, the steamer, and that just before sailing on his last voyage had written the captain a letter in which he declared that if certain improvements were not made it was inevitable that something would happen.

The captain admitted that the accident might have been caused by bad steering, some unknown deviation of the compass, and he was inclined to think the latter prospect and depart.

A woman got prospects' confidence. It was brought out that the method of the Irving Home Building Co. in the sale of lots had been fraudulent. The company employed bright young women familiar with languages spoken in the city to solicit prospects, who would explain that they represented a big real estate company selling lots in New Jersey. They were given away free, the only possible expense involved being the recording fees, which sometimes were as high as \$100. They would then take the name of the willing prospect and depart.

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The Rotarians turned the matter over to the public affairs committee for investigation.

OLD RECORD BOOK FOUND

Volume Left in 1892 Discovered on Summit of Middle Sister.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—An old record book left by Dean John Straub in 1892 on the summit of Middle Sister a few days ago by Karl Onthank, secretary to President Campbell, who passed his vacation at the vicinity of Three Sisters. Since the time when the party with which Dean Straub made the ascent many years ago, the summit of Middle Sister has been a popular resort for hikers.

The book, which is a record of any sort to be left on the top of the peak, it is said, and for many years it was the only one there. The book, which is one of their record books on the peak in 1907.

SERVICE TESTS ORDERED

Oregon Candidates to Qualify for West Point and Annapolis.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—Representative Sinnott announced today that examinations for the West Point and Annapolis would be held at Baker, Bend, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Ontario, Pendleton and The Dalles, Or., at which eligible may qualify for appointments to the United States military academy at West Point and the United States naval academy at Annapolis.

Three principal midshipmen, with three alternates, each, are to be employed more than 25 persons on a cadet, with two alternates, at West Point.

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Girl, 15, Saves 2 Bathes. PHYLIS PERRY Rescues Companions From Niagara River.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Twice this afternoon in a space of a few minutes Phyllis Perry of Chippewa, Ont., a slender school girl of 15, braved the angry waters of the Niagara river above the Horseshoe falls to rescue chums from certain death.

\$3,000 OF LOSS IN REAL ESTATE

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Hearing Begun in New York Court

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(Special.)—A searching New York inquiry into the operations of real estate sharks said to have reaped almost \$3,000,000 from the city's poor through the old "free lot" scheme and other fraudulent methods was begun by Magistrate Mancuso in municipal court today. After he had heard the testimony of a veteran of the world war and a soldier's widow, who charged that they had been swindled by one of the "free lot" "home builders," the magistrate said:

"What has appeared in this investigation so far certainly shows amazing conditions. After hearing how this soldier and this widow have been fleeced, I cannot understand how these things could be tolerated. A thorough inquiry should be made by the district attorney's office as soon as possible to bring all the complainants into court so that we may get at these thieves."

The little courtroom was crowded with men and women of small means prepared to tell how plausible sales men and women had tied up their savings, insurance or pensions in the pictures, plans and specifications of an order that information be drawn against four men said to be connected with the pictures. The names were: 20 Vesey street, of which Albert Meister was said to be president. The four men were H. C. Albert, J. Doyle, J. McTigue and George A. Goodman. Witnesses who admitted that they knew nothing of business testified that the Stirling Homes Building Co. had induced them to part with hard-earned sums upon representations that they were buying a home in what was called the "Stirling Homes." The unsophisticated were shown an attractive catalogue of the homes to be built in the city of Bay City, Mich., a legitimate concern, whose trade slogan is "Stirling Homes." It was said:

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Actual enforcement of the ordinance by arrests and punishment in municipal court today begin a trip over central and southern Oregon. Mr. Nunn will go south as far as Klamath Falls, returning by way of Ashland, Medford, Roseburg and Eugene.

Highway Inspection Planned. SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, will leave today on a trip over central and southern Oregon. Mr. Nunn will go south as far as Klamath Falls, returning by way of Ashland, Medford, Roseburg and Eugene.

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