

CHURCH MURDERS SEEN BY WOMAN

Eyewitness Describes Shooting of Couple.

INDICTMENT IS IMMINENT

Arrests Await Identification of Slayers.

STATE TIGHTENS CLAWS

Accusation in Affidavit Given Grand Jury Said to Involve More Than One Person.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 20.—An eyewitness to the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, of New Brunswick, N. J., and his beloved choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, has made an affidavit in which is described the shooting of the couple on the Phillips farm on the night of Thursday, September 14. This affidavit, which is in the hands of prosecutor Beckman, is the backbone of the state's case, which is rapidly nearing a climax.

It is reported that the witness to the tragedy is a woman of reputable character; that her accusation involves more than one person and that the only reason the authorities hesitate in making an arrest is because they lack positive identification of the slayers.

Grand Jury Has Evidence.

The Somerset grand jury was reported tonight to have under consideration evidence on which an indictment against the murderer or murderers of the minister and the choir singer is to be based.

Prosecutor Beckman, nervous and excited, refused to discuss the conduct of the grand jury. It is known that he appeared before the inquisitorial body for more than an hour today.

"Will you deny that the grand jury returned an indictment in the case today?" Beckman was asked.

"I refuse to make any statement," he replied.

"Will you deny that a woman member of the Hall family was indicted today by the Somerset county grand jury?"

"I refuse to discuss it," he said.

Progress Is Pleasing.

Beckman referred his questioners to a statement he issued earlier which read:

"It must be remembered at all times that the proceedings of a grand jury are not to be discussed and therefore no questions, affirmative or negative, will be answered in respect to this procedure. Any reports as to the action or non-action of the grand jury are absolutely unauthorized as coming from this office."

"The investigation is far from a standstill and we are satisfied with the progress of the last few days."

Much credence is given to the theory that a woman, who was interested in the work of the church of which Hall was pastor, was the innocent cause of the murder.

Woman in Hiding.

The story goes that this woman saw Mrs. Mills put a love missive in the church stove, which was unfired in summer and was used as a "post-office" by the minister. He had his "wonder heart"; that the woman took the letter out of the stove and read it and turned it over to a third person. It is believed that following the revelation of the love affair, the person to whom the letter had fallen followed Hall and Mrs. Mills to their trysting place at the Phillips farm and there confronted them with the evidence of their guilt; that a quarrel ensued, ending in the double murder.

The woman who first discovered the secret romance, through the seizure of the letter, has gone into hiding to escape being brought into the inquiry.

Mrs. Hall's Cousin Questioned.

Authorities are endeavoring to clear up the tangle regarding the alleged removal of papers and letters from the desk of the minister on the day the bodies were found.

Edwin R. Carpenter, a cousin of Mrs. Hall, known as "Teddy," was questioned a few days after the tragedy, regarding letters from the Hall home a few hours after the discovery of the bodies.

Carpenter denied that he had taken papers away from the home of the minister, explaining that he had taken to the undertaker clothes and vestments in which Dr. Hall was buried.

Mrs. Addison Clarke—the Minnie referred to in uncomplimentary terms in letters written by Mrs. Mills to Hall—explained that a package which she removed from the church on the day the bodies were found contained vestments of the minister.

Vestments Are Removed.

The seemingly conflicting statements were interpreted by "Teddy" Carpenter.

"I took Dr. Hall's clothes and (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)"

REGION OF MICHIGAN TERRORIZED BY LIONS

JUNGLE BEASTS AT LARGE ARE HUNTED BY POSSES.

Horses and Cattle in Frenzy and People Frantic—Schools Closed for Protection.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Oct. 20.—Frantic messages from Lakeside Union pier and other points in this vicinity, and La Porte and New Buffalo, Ind., tell of a pair of lions at large and beg for assistance.

The lions have been seen several times in the last three days by a number of persons, whose attention usually was called to the strangers when horses ran away in mad terror or cattle came tearing in from pastures, frantic with fright.

Poses heavily armed have been formed and are now seeking the lions, which are believed to have escaped from a circus at Peoria, Ill., several days ago. Reports tell of several sheep dogs and some valuable cattle and horses being killed by the lions.

Meanwhile all children in the territory are being kept from school in the rural district and men whose business requires traversing the territory travel in groups all armed.

The footprints of the lions indicate that they are male and female and measure 4 1/2 by 8 inches for the male and slightly smaller for the female. They were last seen in Berrien county and are believed to be hiding in Chickaming township, which is full of ravines and covered with heavy underbrush almost impassable for a man unless he cuts his way through.

King's Offer Declined.

Prince George Says \$12,000 Insufficient to Live in Style.

BELGRADE, Oct. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prince George, the eldest son of the late King Peter of Jugoslavia and until March, 1909, heir to the throne Serbian throne, appeared before the Jugoslavia cabinet today and refused the offer of his younger brother, King Alexander, of a civil list of approximately \$12,000.

Prince George read a declaration, saying that the amount suggested would not suffice to pay his debts and support him in accordance with his rank. As a prince of the royal house, he considered himself entitled to live almost in the same style as the king. He said he would not accept his brother's offer to retire to Nish, Serbia.

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Mr. Lloyd George, in a message to William Cosgrave, president of the Dail Eireann, has removed any fear of opposition from him in his new position as leader of the opposition in parliament. The Marquis of Salisbury, on behalf of the "die-hards," has made a similar promise, so there is no party in the house of commons that is likely to offer any hindrance to the carrying of the Irish treaty into effect.

Tactics Not Yet Revealed.

The retiring premier left today for Leeds with his sword in his hand, as he asserted in a short address at the St. Pancras station prior to his departure. Although he delivered five addresses from the rear of his car on the way to Leeds, he has left until tomorrow's speech in Leeds any revelation of what his tactics will be.

There is intense curiosity everywhere as to what the line of his (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

BATTLE IS BEGUN BY LLOYD GEORGE

Tactics Kept Secret by Retiring Premier.

LABOR VOTE BELIEVED

Irish Legislation Is Decried to Be Safe.

NO OPPOSITION LIKELY

Erin "Die Hards" Promise Not to Obstruct Programme.

Five Parties in Politics.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—In the still highly speculative political situation tonight only two facts stood out as definite—that there will be almost immediately a general election and that parliamentary ratification of the Irish constitution is safely assured.

Andrew Bonar Law, who is to lead the new government which will take the place of that of David Lloyd George, in a message to an evening newspaper, confirmed his intention to advise King George immediately to dissolve parliament and added that this fact would give ample time to deal with the Irish legislation. He did not indicate, however, whether the present parliament would be reassembled according to schedule on November 14 to deal with the Irish question or whether general elections would be held immediately and the Irish legislation left to the new parliament.

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LEAP IN PARACHUTE SAVES AVIATOR'S LIFE

PLANE AT HIGH SPEED GETS BEYOND CONTROL.

Machine Crashes Into Dayton Back Yard and Flier Lands in Grape Arbor.

DAYTON, O., Oct. 20.—Lieutenant Harold H. Harris, chief of the flying section of McCook field, leaped from his monoplane in a parachute when the plane began to wobble at a height of 2000 feet above the ground over North Dayton today and escaped death when his plane crashed to earth.

The plane, landing in the rear yard of a home in that portion of the city, was reduced to wreckage. Lieutenant Harris came to earth several blocks away in a grape arbor. He was traveling at high speed in the pursuit model when it got beyond control.

Harris won the commercial plane event in the Pulitzer races in Detroit last week.

Technical data, officials at McCook field said, showed that Lieutenant Harris' escape was the first time an air pilot has ever actually saved himself by means of a parachute.

The mail plane flier leaped in a parachute over Chicago several years ago, but the necessity of leaving the plane at that time was questioned by air service officials.

STUBBORN WOMAN FREED

Johanna Ryan of Tacoma Wins First Round With Judge.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 20.—Johanna Ryan has won the first round with Judge Card, who has kept the woman in jail for almost four weeks because she would not sign her name to certain papers whereby a property settlement could be effected between herself and her divorced husband, William Finnegan.

The woman was free today on order of the judge, who said he would give her until next Monday to sign if she does not change her mind by that time Judge Card said he would fine her \$50 and costs, a total of \$200. The judge retorted, he said, because an invalid sister needs the attention of Mrs. Ryan.

DOORN EXILE BETROTHED

Civil Ceremony Performed; Kaiser in Gay Humor.

DOORN, Oct. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The civil betrothal ceremony of former Emperor William and the Princess of Reuss took place this morning in the drawing room of the ex-monarch's castle here.

The former ruler was in a gay humor as he, signing the document, wrote "William II." The bride did not appear but sent a power of attorney.

GENERAL DIES IN CRASH

Commander of Georgia Guard and Lieutenant Are Killed.

MACON, Ga., Oct. 20.—Adjutant-General J. Vanholt Nash of Atlanta and Lieutenant Butler of Griffin were killed instantly tonight.

An automobile in which they were riding overturned near Griffin, Ga. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)

POOR OLD COW!

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STRIKE AT PORTLAND MENACE TO PARDONS

I. W. W. ACTIVITIES DEEMED POST-WAR CHALLENGE.

Federal Department of Justice Not Inclined to Turn Loose Radicals Held in Prison.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—Recent activities of the I. W. W. in connection with the longshoremen's strike at Portland, is causing the most careful scrutiny of the lists of so-called political prisoners convicted during the war whose petitions for pardon are now under consideration at the department of justice.

The fact is appreciated that it would be easy to make the labor disturbance at Portland far more serious by turning loose at this time some of the men who are in federal prisons for obstructing the draft. An insight to the record of these cases discloses that among these so-called free speech martyrs, for whom Senator Borah and others have been making tearful appeals, are several of the most dangerous criminals ever brought before any court.

The record furthermore reveals that 43 of the "free speech martyrs" declined in the course of their trials at Sacramento, Cal., to utilize the liberty of free speech permitted under the constitution and the laws of their acts or a denial of the charges against them. When brought face to face with charges of violating the espionage act, involving allegations of having sought to obstruct the selective draft and the war preparations, these men joined in what they were pleased to call a "defense of silence."

Here are a few of the examples of the types of men included among the "free speech martyrs" now confined at Fort Leavenworth and McNeil island for whom full pardons are sought:

Fred Esmont, ringleader in hopfield plots at Wheatland, Cal., active in the spread of I. W. W. propaganda in Europe during the war.

Robert Connellan, expert in the manufacture of dynamite bombs, who had explosives in his possession when arrested; also served a term in San Quentin prison.

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