

## NEW CLEW FOUND IN RECTOR MURDER

Woman Farmer Is Said to  
Have Seen Killing.

### STATE TAKES OVER CASE

Mrs. Jane Gibson Gives Version  
of Crime Throwing Light  
On Slayer's Identity.

#### HIGHLIGHTS IN NOTORIOUS MURDER CASES.

Woman said to have seen killing of rector and choir singer.  
Henry Wilkens breaks down on stand in trial for wife murder.  
George A. Harlow charged formally with murdering wife. Defense opens in Hackensack, N. J., movie murder.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Wilbur A. Mott, deputy attorney-general, draped himself in robes of silence today and plunged into the investigation of the Hall-Mills murder, to which he was assigned yesterday by Attorney-General McCran. Mr. Mott spent the forenoon closeted with County Prosecutor Beekman of Somerset, learning what the county authorities have done since the bodies of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills were found September 16. This afternoon Prosecutor Beekman called on Mr. Mott to make comment on any angle of the case. Newspaper men were particularly eager to ask him about the story that Mrs. Jane Gibson, a widowed farmer, out riding a mile in quest of eleven who had looted her corn patch, had witnessed the murders. Prosecutor Beekman and Stricker also refused to discuss this angle of the case, but it was learned from another source that the prosecutors had had the story for several days.

Efforts to interview Mrs. Gibson ended ignominiously for the newspapers. She closed the doors of her little house and released three big dogs, which declined to permit the reporters to alight from their taxicabs.

While Mrs. Gibson was said to have witnessed the shooting, it was said that she was unable, because of the darkness, to identify the man and woman who, she made up the murder party. She gave the authorities, however, one good clue to their identity.

After the minister and choir singer had been slain she was quoted as saying, the man went over the prostrate figures—presumably to cut Mrs. Mills' throat—and his accomplice cried out:

"Oh—," mentioning the christian name of the supposed slayer.

#### ATTACK RELATED IN COURT

Mrs. Cline Takes Stand for Husband in Bergen Murder Case.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The case of the three defendants who are on trial before Supreme Court Justice Parker in Hackensack, N. J., for the murder of "Handsome" Jack Bergson, the moving picture actor, will probably go to the jury before noon tomorrow, according to counsel for the defense. That a verdict might be returned before night will be the wish of the defense attorneys, who became evident after Judge and jury had listened to the stories of the three accused, George Cline, his brother-in-law, Charles Scullion, and Miss Alice Thornton, and to the testimony of Mrs. Mammie Cline, corroborating her husband, whose defense is based on self-defense and justifiable homicide.

Mrs. Cline was the star witness of the day. While she was tearfully telling of her relations with Bergson, who was killed in a "duel" with Cline in the latter's home in Edgewater, N. J., on August 25 last year, her two children, one a golden-haired girl of seven, were playing on a seat in the crowded court room.

Mrs. Cline's story of her meeting with Bergson in a hotel at Saranac Lake was interrupted by her crying, which appeared to affect the six men on the jury more than the six women.

"I pleaded with Jack not to bother me when he came into my room in the St. Regis hotel, Saranac Lake, where my husband had taken me and the children, as well as Bergen, for he had some locating work to do there for a Fox film picture," said Mrs. Cline. "I was not feeling well at the time and Bergen prevailed upon me to take him liquor."

#### WIFE-SLAYER IS ACCUSED

Formal Murder Charge Is Filed

Against George A. Harlow.

FRESNO, Cal., Oct. 24.—George A. Harlow, held in jail at Madera following his confession of slaying his wife Sunday at North Fork today was formally charged with murder, according to Mason Bailey, district attorney of Madera county. Harlow will appear Thursday for preliminary hearing. H. C. Blanchard, 19, who was found with Harlow, is serving a 90-day sentence.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in this case, which was rendered under exciting circumstances, does not concern me legally," the district attorney said. "A crime has been committed and my duty is to prosecute."

#### KILLER GAINS FORGIVENESS

Catherine Rosier on Trial for Slaying Mate and Stenographer.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 24.—Her ungovernable love for her husband shot to death Oscar Rosier and his young stenographer, Mildred Reckitts.

And, as she lay dying, Mildred Reckitts absolved the wife of blame, saying, "I don't think she meant to shoot me—in fact, I know she did not."

At these words Mrs. Rosier stooped down to the girl's bedside and kissed

## WOMEN TO FIT PARTY HEADQUARTERS IN GRAND STYLE.



MRS. O. H. P. BELMONT, LEFT; ALICE PAUL, RIGHT.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont arrived in Washington recently and was greeted by Miss Alice Paul at the headquarters of the national woman's party, where Mrs. Belmont, the donor of the new home will supervise the remodeling of "the old capitol" into one of the show places of the nation. Every state in the union is to be assigned a room and will be called upon to furnish it with antiques of some particular significance in the state or national history. Mrs. Belmont also will call a conference of woman's party leaders from every state in the union.

her hands. This was the testimony of the commonwealth's witnesses before Judge Barratt here today in the trial of Mrs. Rosier for the murder of Mildred Reckitts.

"I did it because I loved him. I was jealous," Mrs. Rosier hysterically screamed to police and others who reached the dead man's office quickly following the shooting, according to their testimony.

"I must have been crazy," she told Policeman Kates, he said.

Policeman Toner said Mrs. Rosier told him she had found her husband and his stenographer in a "compromising" position.

The commonwealth will close its case tomorrow.

#### Man Accuses Sister-in-Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Henry Wilkens, excitedly turning toward the jury under the stress of a relentless cross-examination in his trial on a charge of having murdered his wife, admitted today an undue friendship with his wife's sister, Miss Helen Lange.

This friendship, he said, was the reason he had concealed the fact of a secret meeting a few days after the slaying of his wife with a man whom he found later to be Robert Castor, brother of Arthur Castor, the state's chief witness. Robert Castor offered to prevent Wilkens' testimony, for a consideration of \$5000 the name of a woman in the case from becoming public.

#### DOG FANCIER DETAINED

Mammie Levy Walks Into Bank

and Demands \$5,000,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Mammie Levy, well known here as a dog fancier, was taken to the city detention hospital today after he had walked into the banking room of the Union Trust company and demanded \$5,000,000, "at once," from the tellers.

Unable to convince the tellers that the three defendants were on trial before Supreme Court Justice Parker in Hackensack, N. J., for the murder of "Handsome" Jack Bergson, the moving picture actor, will probably go to the jury before noon tomorrow, according to counsel for the defense.

#### HARDING BACKS SAWYER

(Continued From First Page.)

General Sawyer and members of the hospitalization committee and insisted that the hospital be located in some place other than Chicago. He expressed a preference for Camp Custer partly because he thought Michigan should be recognized and partly because in this locality the hospital could avail itself of the services of specialists at the Battle Creek sanitariums.

Sawyer Long Under Fire. General Sawyer has been under fire for months from officials of the American Legion for alleged failure to provide adequate hospitalization facilities for disabled veterans of the world war. General Sawyer has issued statements contending that the federal government has kept pace with every hospitalization need and has supplied more beds than were actually needed for ex-service men requiring treatment. From the very first it had been indicated that the president would stand by General Sawyer to the last ditch and today's announcement was viewed as final assurance that the federal government would continue to head the hospitalization committee as long as he cares to stay during the present administration.

The decision of the president to back General Sawyer marks the second open break between Mr. Harding and the American Legion within the last few weeks, the first occurring when he vetoed the bonus.

#### Clackamas County Sued.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Suit against Clackamas county for \$7000 damages was filed here Tuesday by Nina V. Johnson, owner of lot 10, in Arcadia, on the Portland-Oswego road. The complaint averred that in the construction of the road a large quantity of rock and waste material from grading was dumped upon the plaintiff's property, and that a valuable spring was ruined.

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## CONVICT TO BE HONORED

WISCONSIN OFFICIALS TO BANQUET LIFE-TERMER.

Bill Maxwell, 83, Said to Have Been Imprisoned Longer Than Any Other Convict.

WAUPUN, Wis., Oct. 24.—Fifty years ago the prison doors at Waupun state penitentiary closed behind Bill Maxwell, Peshtigo farmer. Sentence was for life, for the charge had been the murder of a friend in a quarrel over a woman. Wednesday he will have been imprisoned for an even 50 years.

His is believed to be the longest continuous imprisonment of any convict in the United States. Although 83 and having suffered a stroke of paralysis last spring that keeps him more in the prison hospital than behind prison bars, Maxwell is still in fair health.

Warden Cole has ordered the prison bakery to produce the best cake it knows how. Bill Maxwell, 54 years a prisoner, will be a special guest of the penitentiary officials at a dinner Wednesday.

At no time since the doors closed on him a half century ago has Maxwell ever been beyond the prison walls. So far as is known he has no living relatives.

#### FOREST EXPERTS LEAVE

Portland Delegation to General Conference Augmented.

The general conference of district and assistant district foresters, to be held late this week at Cooley, Ariz., will have three more Portland representatives in F. Ames, assistant district forester, in charge of forest management for this district; D. E. Hoffman, logging engineer, and B. F. Heinemann, assistant district forester, who leaves today to join George Cecil, district forester, in Arizona.

The business of the conference, which will bring together forest experts from all of the eight districts of the country, will include the questions of the selling of government timber and brush disposal.

#### AIR LAW HELD VIOLATED

First Arrest Made for Flying Under Minimum Level.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Charged with violating aviation traffic ordinances, James M. Kelly, a pilot, and Bertam Burley, a druggist, were arrested here today. They were charged with flying at a height of 500 feet, 1500 under the minimum provided by ordinance, over the 25,000 spectators at the Chicago-Purdue football game last Saturday and dropping advertising matter on the crowd in violation of the law.

This was the first arrest under the minimum flying-level law. They will have a hearing tomorrow.

#### SAFETY IN MINES URGED

California Commission Would Prevent Further Tragedies.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Plans for placing safety-devices in mines to prevent a repetition of the Argonaut mine disaster.

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## INNES IS ARRESTED BY FEDERAL AGENTS

Ex-Oregon Lawyer Involved  
in Mail Fraud Charge.

### ONE SENTENCE SERVED

Attorney Accused With Wife of  
Murder of Two Sisters, Again  
in Custody in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 24.—Victor E. Innes, formerly a lawyer of Portland, Or., is held in the Fulton county jail here tonight in default of \$1000 bond, following his arrest by federal authorities two minutes after he had been released from the county chain gang where he had just completed serving five and a half years of a seven-year term.

In taking Innes into custody the federal officers stated that their action was based on an indictment dated July 15, 1915, charging Innes with use of the mails to defraud.

#### Murder Charge Is Made.

The term Innes had finished on the chain gang was for larceny after trust, after his extradition from Texas, where an attempt was made to show that he and his wife had murdered Miss Beatrice Nelms and her sister, Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis, Atlanta women, and destroyed their bodies.

Innes was sentenced to seven years imprisonment and his wife to three. She was released April 2, 1920, and one and a half years were cut from his sentence for good behavior.

#### Mother Searches for Girls.

Among the witnesses named in the indictment was Mrs. J. W. Nelms, mother of the missing girls, now deceased. Mrs. Nelms devoted most of the remaining years of her life in an international search for her daughters and the anxiety incident to their disappearance is believed to have hastened her end.

The sisters disappeared approximately eight years ago. They were last seen far as San Antonio, where the girls are believed to have journeyed at Innes' instigation and they never were seen or heard from again.

A trial was attempted in Texas, but inability to produce the "corpus delicti" caused the case to be ruled out of court.

#### INNES HAS VARIED CAREER

Attorney Once Lived on Ranch

20 Miles From Eugene.

Although Portland usually is given as the place of residence of the now notorious V. E. Innes, he seldom was in this city. Innes' home in Oregon was on the McKenzie river, about 20 miles from Eugene. It was there that he and his wife were arrested by Sheriff Parker of Lane county and sent to San Antonio to stand trial for the murder of the Nelms sisters.

About eight years ago the Innes case was the "crime of the day." It was as puzzling a mystery as ever has been offered to American detectives for solution. It never has been solved. The inability to produce evidence of death of the two young women resulted in the murder charge being ruled out of Texas courts.

Innes was a lawyer of considerable ability, great personal magnetism and a favorite with women. He had been in Manila, P. I., for a number of years. There he married the present Mrs. Innes, formerly Mrs. Ida May Harbaugh of Portland.

Innes returned to the United States, became assistant United States attorney at Reno, Nev., and gained considerable fame in that city.

The Nelms sisters were the daughters of Sheriff John W. Nelms of Atlanta, Ga. On his death he left considerable wealth to the wife.

## Why the Catty-Corner Clothier Has Won Public Favor

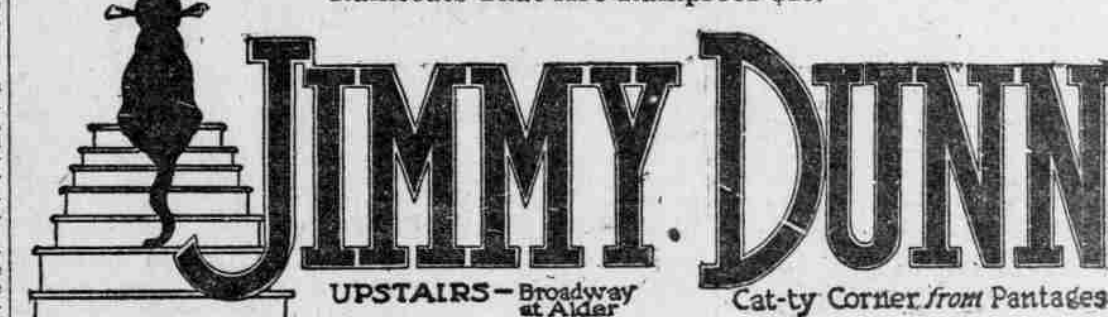


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#### ARTISANS GET MONEY

Stock in New Building Declared

Taken Up in Full.

H. S. Hudson, supreme master of the United Artisans, announced yesterday that all the stock for the new Al Anar building to be erected by the United Artisans shortly has been subscribed. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000, for which \$25,000 worth of stock was subscribed for by members of the organization and friends.

The new building will be erected at Third and Columbia streets. Wreckers will begin shortly tearing down several old structures which now occupy the block. Plans call for a two-story building with a large auditorium seating several hundred.

The ground floor has already been leased to retail stores, while the second floor will be devoted to club and rest rooms.

#### NEW CLUB IS PLANNED

Drawings for Mount Tab Structure Are Being Prepared.

Plans for a new \$20,000 clubhouse to be used by the members of the Mount Tab community club and to be erected by a building committee composed of club members are being prepared and are expected to be ready for the official sanction of the club at its next regular meeting, November 14.

The building plan was taken up several weeks ago when it was declared that the membership of the

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