

RECTOR'S MURDER STILL BIG MYSTERY

Supreme Court Justice Says "Something Doing."

SLEUTH ON STILL HUNT

Mrs. Hall, Widow of Murdered Minister, Suspected of Knowing More Than She Has Told.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) NEW BRUNSWICK, Oct. 14.—The fifth week of the investigation of the murder of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist of New Brunswick, and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, choir singer, started today with a conference of Supreme Court Justice Parkers and Prosecutor Stricker and Beekman in the Essex club in Newark. Prosecutor Bigelow of Essex county was with them.

The conferees refused to tell the details of the meeting, but Justice Parkers hinted that a definite course of action had been decided upon. Following the failure of Prosecutors Stricker and Beekman to solve the mystery, it seems certain that Justice Parkers will order Attorney-General McGran to take charge of the investigation.

The prosecutors of Somerset and Middlesex counties make no secret of their desire to have the attorney-general "hold the bag."

"Something Doing," Says Justice. "Actions speak louder than words," Justice Parkers said. "You can form your own conclusion of what took place in a conference between a supreme court justice and the prosecutors of the two counties. It is evident there is something doing."

The conference followed a letter to Governor Edwards, in which the minister's widow asked that a "competent official be put in charge of the investigation."

Mrs. Hall's letters aroused the anger of County Detective Totten of Somerville, who asserted that "Mrs. Hall, of course, is suspected of knowing more than she has told."

Totten said he had information indicating that the Hall-Mills murder was committed between 9:30 and 10:15 o'clock on the night of September 14. He further made startling statements that he knew the shooting was done by someone deeply interested in Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills.

Few Facts Established. Lives of those far removed from the little ivy-covered church, of which Hall was pastor, have been shown to be in jeopardy. Reputations have been stained, arrests have been made, prisoners have been released, yet the murderer remains unknown; no promise of his apprehension has been made.

Politics has entered the tale, without excuse for its presence. The only facts established are that the minister and choir singer were called from their homes by mysterious telephone messages. They had engaged in a clandestine romance which caused gossip in the congregation; that they were shot with a .22 rifle in a room where screams and shots were heard on the night of the murder in the vicinity of the Phillips building and their bodies were found beneath a crabapple tree near a deserted house; that their clothes were neatly arranged and their eyelids closed.

Except for this action the official state is silent. No hint of a clew now remains to stir a hope that either the prosecutor of Middlesex county or Somerset county might be can bring to justice the slayer of the pastor and choir singer.

No Weapon Yet Found. Various clews have been traced to their sources only to reveal some old tales of illicit loves, of degeneracy and of adults cursed with the mentality of children.

No weapon has been found, though the minister had been shot once and the woman shot three times. Her throat was cut from ear to ear.

Marks on the minister's hands showed that he had struggled for life. The love notes, scattered before the bodies were discovered, were card which was found propped against his shoe, seemed to show that the perpetrator of the dead wished the world to know who the victims were and why they had been killed.

Both Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the minister, and James Mills, the anemic little husband of the choir singer, declare their faith in their respective spouses.

MR. McNARY TO DEPART

Senator to Begin Speaking Tour Upon Arrival Here.

RECALL IS ATTEMPTED

County Judge of Lake Alleged to Be Remiss Regarding Roads.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—With charges of extravagance and incompetence, a petition for the recall of Dr. E. H. Smith, county judge of Lake county, was filed here yesterday for the November election. From a casual examination of the petition it seems that the recall is based on the failure of the judge to see that the roads in his county were in good repair, despite lack of sufficient money for the purpose.

The condition of the roads in his county is such that it is estimated that the cost of repairing them will be \$100,000. The judge is alleged to have failed to see that this money was properly expended.

High Power Line Completed. EUGENE, Or., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—The electric transmission line of the California-Oregon Power company between the big plant at Prospect, Jackson county, and Springfield has finally been completed with a quantity of household goods, five horses and a dog. Neither Mr. Wilson nor any of the animals was injured. It was necessary to cut a hole in the roof of the car in order to rescue them.

Man Pinned in Box Car. DALLAS, Or., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—A locomotive jumping the track at a switch in the Southern Pacific yards in this city overturned a box car in which Jesse Wilson was riding with a quantity of household goods, five horses and a dog. Neither Mr. Wilson nor any of the animals was injured. It was necessary to cut a hole in the roof of the car in order to rescue them.

Collection Suit Filed. Suit was filed yesterday in circuit court by the Michelin Tire company against the Western Sales company of Portland to collect the sum of \$15,633.22, alleged to be due for merchandise sold the defendant concern. The complaint stated that goods of a value of \$40,544.89 had been sold to the defendant company since February 24 of this year and that of this amount \$24,911.67 had been paid.

Unhappy Wife Sues. Suit for divorce was filed in circuit court yesterday by Jean against J. E. Hansel. The wife seeks custody of their daughter, Selma, 9, and agrees that the husband may have custody of the son, Donald, 5.

Prune Crop Is Heavy. EUGENE, Or., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. T. Partlow, three miles east of Eugene, harvested 45 tons of prunes from 3 1/2 acres of ground this year, besides a good yield from a young orchard.

Mrs. Hall's Action Questioned. Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Hall's attorney, denied that this was true. Mrs. Hall's motive in securing the services of an attorney before the bodies were discovered was questioned by Detective Totten. Mrs. Hall first engaged William E. Florence and later Attorney Pfeiffer.

Among those who have engaged lawyers to stand between them and their questioners are Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Charlotte Mills, Raymond Schneider, Clifford Hayes and Nick Bahner.

Raymond Schneider, held on charge of perjury growing out of his statement that Clifford Hayes committed the murder and also on the charge of corrupting the morals of a minor, was taken to the Mental Hospital today suffering from blood poisoning, caused from a cut on his finger. He is guarded constantly.

Hayes Justice fund tags were worn by the majority of the people in the town of New Brunswick today and thousands of dollars were netted to pay Hayes' legal experts and the remainder will go to charity.

Detective Confident of Success. "Detective George Totten said: "From the moment I saw the different consideration with which the dead bodies had been treated—the eyes of the bodies covered tightly and his glasses placed on his nose and the woman with her head almost cut off and her eyes staring—I knew I was not on the trail of a blackmailer or robber or ordinary criminal. I have had four men

GENERAL DAWES SCORES CONGRESS

Nest of Cowards, Says ex-Budget Director.

CABINET HELD ENEMY

Tribute Paid Harding in Enforcing Acts for Reduction of Expenditures.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—(Special.)—General Charles G. Dawes of Chicago, familiarly known as "Holl and Maria," told of his experience as former director of the budget, ex-corporated congress as a nest of "cowards" and "rats" called cabinet officers "Comanches" and generally had a corking time at a dinner given him by the New York city committee of the national budget committee last night.

General Dawes defied convention as soon as the coffee was served, for he drew from his hip pocket a large and blackened pipe, which he filled, lighted and puffed on with keen satisfaction. When he warmed up to his speech he stamped and shook his fists and let out an occasional "damn" to the enjoyment of a few women at the tables.

"I've lost the art of moderate speaking," said Dawes when he began. "I had it before I went to France."

Saving of Billions Possible. The condition in the business of administration was very like that in the army when it went to France, he said, and it was found that what was needed was to superimpose a business staff to co-ordinate government financial affairs. "Everybody did as they damned pleased," he said. "A most disgraceful condition of affairs had grown up."

"If at the beginning of the war there had been a co-ordinating system, billions of dollars would have been saved," he said. "The cabinet then came in for his attention, and he said: "They are advisers. They are not to be dignified, but in the business organization of the government they are nothing but vilest present managers of the business, and they must take their places. Under this administration they have taken their places, and it wasn't done by the budget law. It was done by the assumption of business responsibility by the president."

Cabinet Held Enemy. "He waved the ax," said the general, waving his arm, "and said that anybody who didn't co-operate with his head would come off and don't let anybody here think that President Harding would have hesitated to use it."

"If the president had frowned once at the mention of my name, in 30 days they would have torn my organization to pieces. You don't know President Harding was threatened with revolt because of this imposition of central control. You don't see any of that in the papers. I tell you that the cabinet are the natural enemies of the united business of the country."

Enforcement Is Keynote. "I wish some of the young men here would start out to call a spade a spade, and take his successive lickings at the hands of the political bosses. I can promise him a career of statesmanship, the only career worthy of an honest man's ambition. Look what the direct primary law has done to congress. Read the roster of congress and

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