

# OLD BAPTIST CHURCH IS BURNED

# MRS. HAINES HAS VANISHED

### Relatives and Counsel Silent, but Deduction Is That State Is Using Her Tactically—Unwritten Law Is Barred by Judge—Servants' Tales of Claudia.

(United Press Lined Wire.)  
Boston, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Claudia Libby Haines has vanished. Where she has gone and why she has gone are known only to a few personal friends, and they won't tell.

While announcing her intention not to attend the trial of her husband or that of his brother, she has declared frequently that if she were summoned to New York by District Attorney Darrin she would respond at once.

The single deduction as to her strange absence from Boston is that she has been called to New York, if not to take the witness stand against T. Jenkins Haines, at least to give the benefit of a conference with the prosecution.

When Mrs. Haines left her parents' home she carried a suit case. She was accompanied by a strange man. When Mrs. Libby Haines' mother was asked if her daughter was at home she replied with evident reluctance that Mrs. Haines was "out." She later, however, admitted that Mrs. Haines had left Winthrop.

"Has she gone to New York?"  
"I do not know."  
"Where has she gone?"  
"I do not know."  
The same ignorance was displayed by Fred L. Norton, Mrs. Haines' legal adviser, in Boston. Following a suggestion of "do not know," Norton admitted that Mrs. Haines was not in the city, and he did not know when she would return.

"Why has she gone away?" Norton was asked.  
"I know," he declared, "but I am not at liberty to discuss her movements."

### WHAT THE WOMEN SERVANTS SAY OF CLAUDIA AND ANNIS

By James French Dorrance.  
New York, Dec. 19.—Attorneys who have charge of the defense of Thornton Haines, after a conference at the Long Island city prison today announced that they would call, among the first witnesses for the defense, two servants who had been employed in the home of Captain Peter C. Haines at Fort Hamilton while he was in the Philippines.

The servants are Minnie Rhone, who was with the captain's family for five years and who is now in the employ of Peter C. Haines Sr., the general's wife, and Mrs. Emma Leavelle, who lives at Bayridge.

Both Mrs. Leavelle and Joseph A. Shay, of the defendant's attorney corps, admitted that it would be difficult to make this testimony competent, but they expressed confidence that they had found a way.

The affidavit furnished the defense by Emma Leavelle cannot be printed in full. It reads in part as follows:  
"I first became employed by Mrs. Haines on December 24, 1907, and went to work on Tuesday. I saw Mr. Annis for the first time on Saturday at Fort Hamilton."

**Mrs. Haines' Affinity.**  
"When he arrived Mrs. Haines turned to me and said: 'Emma, this is my affinity.'"  
"She patted me on the back and kissed Mrs. Haines and went into the room with his arm around her. There was another girl, a nurse, and she and I talked about the affinity. I said, 'I see Mrs. Haines has an affinity,' and she said, 'You ought to be here sometimes; she says she carries on in something dreadful.' I said, 'Why, Mrs. Haines don't go out in public with him?' and she said, 'Worse than that; when he comes here they act just like he was the captain.'"

"Some days after I went to live there I found what was told me by the nurse was true. Upon different occasions during that time, Annis frequented the house and hugged and kissed Mrs. Haines. A short time after that Mrs. Haines went to Boston, she said, to spend a little time with her mother. Upon her return she would go out and stay two or three nights in New York."

**Carried Her on His Back.**  
"Mrs. Haines' cousin, Mrs. Shaw, came from Boston and at that time Mr. Annis would bring a friend with him. He would leave his friend with Mrs. Shaw in the parlor and he and Mrs. Haines would go into the other room."  
"I remember one occasion, in going downstairs, Mr. Annis carried Mrs. Haines on his back."

"A short time after Mrs. Shaw came from Boston, Mrs. Haines told me that she was going to the mountains for a rest and one night about April 10 Mr. Annis came and three of them went away together. They were gone for seven days."

The statement of Mrs. Rhone goes into detail regarding Mrs. Claudia Haines' behavior with Annis and reads in part:  
"I had a baldheaded affinity."  
"Claudia went up town about a week or so after I left town. She told me she had a baldheaded affinity and loved him. Emma said: 'You think more of him than the captain.' She said: 'Why, I don't know. She had been going up town several days and Annis came down on a Saturday and stayed late, until 2 o'clock in the morning. He was by himself. I did not see anything at first.'"

"She kept going up town, and he would telephone for her to come up and take lunch, about twice a week."  
"He telephoned for her to go to the

theatre and horse races. She used to go out in his automobile and stay late. I remember he came down with a friend and stayed all night. I made coffee for them about 2 a. m. Once I went to the pantry door. Annis and Mrs. Haines were alone and he was bending over and kept kissing her. He would kiss her and walk around the room and kiss her again. He kept that up all the time I was looking."

"She always called Annis 'papa.' When she went to Boston she told me Mr. A. went to Boston with her and not to tell. When she left she said to me, 'I have disgraced myself and my children. I had a good husband and I disgraced him and I have nothing to live for. But it was my own fault.' She said to her own mother, 'I would like to get hold of Billy; he owes me some money and I would like to get it.'"

Eugene N. L. Young, Thornton's third attorney, arranged today for Major John Haines, U. S. A., the captain's brother, to test the automatic revolver by the type which Annis was shot. The defense hopes to prove that the eight shots which the gun carried could be fired in less than that many seconds.

The Bay Side Yacht club members who have testified for the prosecution have varied widely between the first and last shots. Betts are already being said that there will be a disagreement. The puzzle is the jury rather than the evidence.

All hope of finishing the trial before Christmas has been abandoned, otherwise there would have been court on Friday night and a full session. Instead there was an adjournment until Monday morning.

### BIG MARKET ON KAMM CORNER

Following negotiations extending over a period of two months, a 15 year ground lease was secured yesterday afternoon on the quarter block at the northeast corner of First and Washington streets, known as the Kamm corner, by a syndicate of eastern capitalists, who will immediately begin the erection of a brick and concrete building covering the entire 100 foot square.

The height of the proposed structure has not been definitely decided upon, but will depend to some extent upon the demand for space, as the lessees have ample capital to build such a structure as will meet the requirements of prospective tenants.

The Broadacre Farm Products company, a recently organized enterprise with strong backing, has secured a lease on the entire ground floor, which is to be made one of the finest public markets for the sale of perishable products west of the Mississippi river. Both the First and Washington street fronts of the ground floor are to be solid plate glass and the large 100 foot square space is to be full of 30 market stalls, where practically every edible of a perishable nature will be found for sale.

A local architect has been commissioned to prepare plans for the proposed building, and it is announced that actual work of construction will be under way within 60 days.

The negotiations for the lease of the property were conducted by Will H. Walker of Hartman & Thompson.

### PULITZER WILL STUDY CANAL

Washington, Dec. 19.—Word was received here tonight that Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, reached Hampton roads this afternoon on his private yacht Liberty, en route for Panama, accompanied by several members of the staff of his paper. It is understood that Mr. Pulitzer intends to make a personal investigation of affairs on the isthmus.

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### Immanuel Congregation's House of Worship in South Portland Virtually Destroyed by Flames—Loss Over \$4500.

Fighting stubbornly against roaring flames, while the water from the nozzles of the hose froze almost as it fell, the fire ladders last night made an effort, only partially successful, to save from destruction by fire Immanuel Baptist church, at the southeast corner of Second and Meade streets. And while the struggle against the fire was going on, the anxious members of the church and congregation who lived in the vicinity gathered about the scene in disconsolate groups, and watched the flames wrought upon the place where for many years they had gone to worship. The loss is over \$4500, but the building was well insured.

Preparations for a Sunday school Christmas celebration were probably responsible for the fire, indirectly, but there will be no Santa Claus in the Immanuel Baptist church this year, for when finally the flames were extinguished, little remained but a burned and blackened shell.

At this is not enough to discourage the faithful members of the church. While the blaze was still flickering in the steeples and smoke was still pouring from the roof, W. S. Hale, chairman of the board of trustees of the church, was gathering about him in the ice-glassed street the boys of his Sunday school class and asking them to come to his house tomorrow at the regular hour for Sunday school.

**Plans of Sunday School.**  
Six or eight of them had collected about him, having been drawn to the scene of the fire by the noise and glare. "Sure, we'll come," they responded enthusiastically. Later the trustees held a meeting and made arrangements to have church services and Sunday school street at Jones' hall, Front and Gibbs street.

The fire apparently started from the furnace or from a defective flue leading from it. It was first seen by a little boy, Dwight Lyons, of 673 Fourth street, who with his brother Carl ran to give the alarm. When they first saw the flames were shooting up from the furnace room and were being blown out and quickly reached the roof, along which they ran until the whole upper part of the building was in flames. The fire was rather spectacular for a while and brought out a crowd of several hundred persons.

An alarm turned in from box 31 brought out engines 4 and 5, hose and chemical 2 and Battalion Chief McDowell. Later somebody turned in another alarm from box 74, bringing out engine, truck and hose 1 and Battalion Chief Young, though the second alarm was entirely unnecessary, as the fire company was able to cope with the blaze.

The extent of the damage is estimated at from \$4500 to \$5000, with \$3000 in insurance.

**Janitor Was Absent.**  
A fire had been built in the furnace about half an hour previous to the time the blaze was discovered, in preparation for the practicing by the children of some Christmas songs. The janitor, however, E. S. Gunn, had gone home and there was nobody in the church.

The pastor is Rev. A. B. Minaker, of 1025 First street. Immanuel Baptist church was erected about 20 years ago, and was practically rebuilt about eight years ago. Many of the members, who had worshipped there for more than a decade hurried to the scene when they learned that the church was on fire, but were unable to do anything to assist the firemen. It was nearly an hour after the alarm was given before the fire was out, it clinging obstinately to the steeples long after the water had extinguished it elsewhere.

Upon hearing of the destruction of the Immanuel Baptist church building, Dr. Brounger, pastor of the White Temple, at once extended to the pastor and members of the Immanuel church a cordial invitation to worship at the White Temple today. The Immanuel church was originally a branch of the First church, and naturally the First church is greatly interested in its welfare.

**Thanks First Church.**  
Dr. Minaker, the pastor of the Immanuel church, expressed his appreciation to Dr. Brounger for the invitation, which he said would be thankfully accepted. First church people expressed great sympathy for the calamity that has come upon the Immanuel church, and probably will take action to give them practical help in the erection of a new building.

A meeting of the trustees of the Immanuel church will be held Monday at which plans for the future will be made. Although it is thought that the church building is too much damaged to make it worth while to make extensive repairs, it is believed that temporary repairs can be made which will enable the use of the building until a new home for the congregation can be erected.

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