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WIDOW MAKES STATEMENT IN MYSTERY CASE

Events Leading up to Murder of Pastor and Choir Leader Are Recounted for Press by Mrs. Hall.

CLAIMS SHE HAS NO IDEA WHO DID DEED

Prosecutors Grill Woman for Over Two Hours, But Keep Result Secret

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Sept. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—For the first time since the discovery of the bodies of her husband, the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, and his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, a week ago, Mrs. Hall, the pastor's widow today consented to give an interview to representatives of the press. They had previously tried unsuccessfully to obtain some expression of opinion from her as to the mystery of what the authorities had decided was a double murder committed probably on the night of September 14.

Mrs. Hall was examined for over two hours by the prosecutors of Somerset and Middlesex counties. Then she issued a signed statement recounting events leading up to the murder and giving her recollection of occurrences day by day from Wednesday, September 13, until Saturday, September 16, when the bodies were found.

Disclaims Jealousy
"Did you feel jealous toward Mrs. Mills or anybody else," she was asked tonight. Her reply was "No."

"Do you have any suspicion of anybody who might have committed the murder?" was another question, to which she replied "No."
"Did you ever hear any gossip about Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills?" Again she answered "No."
Asked about the telephone call her husband answered at 7 o'clock on the night of Thursday, September 14, just before he left his home for the last time, she said she did not know who called him.

Explains Pastor's Gift
When she was informed that Mrs. Jessie Jamieson, one of the choir singers had said today that Mr. Hall brought her a bouquet of flowers at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Hall did not seem surprised, although in her signed statement she had made no mention of this. She explained that he often carried flowers to persons who were sick, and that he probably took a few minutes from his other engagements that day to take a bouquet to Mrs. Jamieson, who was not feeling well.

When Mrs. Hall was asked in effect, why she did not offer a reward for the capture of her husband's slayer, or employ private detectives, she ended the interview by saying:
"I have no statement to make on that."

THE WEATHER: ... Sunday, generally cloudy, with rain northwest portion.

SHOPMEN'S STRIKE HELD CONSPIRACY BY FEDERAL COURT

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Holding the railway shopmen's strike a conspiracy in restraint of trade, in interference of interstate commerce and carriage of the mails because "where minds meet together on such a purpose, a conspiracy exists without even a word being spoken," Judge James H. Wilkerson in United States district court today sustained the government's plea for a country-wide temporary injunction against striking railroad shop crafts.

The decision was hailed as one of the most significant for law and order ever read into the records of the judiciary by Attorney General H. M. Daugherty and Assistant Attorney General A. A. McLaughlin, who presented the government's case against the shopmen. Donald R. Richberg, of counsel for the shopmen said he would take an appeal at once from the ruling of the court in an effort to have the injunction set aside.

SOVIET START WAR AGAIN ON WHITE TROOPS

VLADIVOSTOK, Sept. 23.—Fighting between the Soviet forces and troops of the White, or Vladivostok anti-soviet government, began today near Spassk, a town about 100 miles north of Vladivostok, on the Usuri railroad near Lake Hanka. Soviet airplanes bombed Spassk.

The population of Spassk is fleeing. Three airplanes attached to the White forces are active in opposing the soviet aviators who, besides dropping bombs, dropped a number of proclamations declaring that if the White soldiers did not cease their opposition and join the reds by October 15 they would be punished.

Spassk is 100 miles north of Vladivostok on the Usuri railway near Lake Hanka. It has been expected that fighting between the soviet and Vladivostok forces would delay the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Eastern Siberia. The troops withdrawal was promised by Japan by October 1, in execution of pledges given at the Washington arms conference.

It has been understood that Japanese and other foreigners are to be protected following withdrawal of Japanese troops, but it is feared it will fare badly with the foe of the soviet in Vladivostok when the Moscow and Far Eastern governments take possession of the town.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DANGEROUSLY HURT

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Sorenson of Molalla Injured in Auto Crash

In a head-on collision between two automobiles on the Pacific highway about 10 miles north of Salem, near Gervais yesterday, J. W. Sorenson and wife of Molalla were badly hurt and both are in danger. Four Portland men, J. E. Windle, W. Y. Master, W. H. Sayre and P. C. Dressel were more or less bruised.
Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson are at

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRICE OF COAL TO CONSUMER PUT ON SHOULDER OF GOVERNORS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The major responsibility for the price at which coal is sold to consumers by the wholesalers or retailers within the state must rest with the state authorities, Federal Fuel Distributor Spens declared tonight in a telegram to the governors of the various states.

The federal government, he informed the governors, can exert its influence on distribution and restrain coal that is transported from one state to another. "It has," he said, "no jurisdiction as to coal produced and sold within the state or its reduction, rehaul or wholesale merchants handling coal within these states. Responsibility as to these features must rest with the state authorities and if profiteering in coal is to be prevented, except as to coal that may be moved across state lines to extortionate prices, the

GREATEST FAIR OPENS MONDAY FOR BIG WEEK

Salem and Portland Days Expected to Break All Previous Records in Attendance at Expo.

HUNDREDS OF CAMPERS PRESENT ON GROUNDS

Site Resembles City—Special Days Designated by State Management

With perfect autumn weather in its favor, and with the largest exhibit in the history of the annual event, the Oregon state fair is to open tomorrow for its 61st annual display.

"Many thousands of persons are expected to swarm over the grounds on the opening date, and from then on to the close, Saturday, September 30, the attendance record is anticipated as breaking all previous years' showings."

Some Prefer Leisure

The mid-week, as usual, will be set aside as Portland and Salem days, and it is on these that the largest crowds will be passed through the entrance turnstiles. Each day's events, however, have been so arranged, and the general program so well balanced that it is a foregone conclusion that many who have been in the jams of the two foremost days during former years will choose the first and latter portions of the week to visit the fair, when exhibits may be inspected in a more leisurely manner.

Hundreds of campers from all over the state began arriving about a fortnight ago, and in consequence "the old camp ground" that has been the gathering place of the pioneers of Oregon for the past half century, has again awakened to life in the annual home-coming.

Grounds Resemble City

The fair grounds themselves resemble a small city, with concessions on every hand, a midway, and with every building filled to overflowing with the best that the state has to offer in every line of activity. Secretary A. H. Lea said that when the fair opens tomorrow morning everything will be in readiness for the inspection of the people who select the initial day to visit the big event. Mr. Lea has been on the grounds almost day and night for the past several weeks, locating concessions and directing efforts generally.

Nearly All Breeds Shown

The livestock exhibit is the biggest in years, with practically every breed shown. Poultry occupies a place of especial interest, as do also agricultural products and the hundreds of autos and machines in the auto and machinery building.

For the feminine portion of the crowds there are the floral, dairy products, needlework and art departments, with their unnumbered articles to claim attention. In the art department alone is to be seen an exhibit of pictures that is worth the price of admission. These are all loan canvases from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and considered the most valuable display that has ever been exhibited as a loan.

Entertainments Galore

And aside from its educational side, the week will be filled to the brim with things of an entertainment nature. For those who care to have every moment occupied there will be one thing after another to claim attention. The racing program this year is especially fast, with all the foremost stars of the northwest and western turf entered in the various events. A feature on Thursday will be the Alexander (Dad) Grant memorial, a 2:20 pace of three heats. All entry money in this race will be paid to a committee, for the purpose of purchasing a perpetual care of the cemetery lot and placing a suitable monument in memory of this well-known figure in the north-west horse racing world, who died recently without funds.

Night Horse Show Again

The night horse show will again be pulled off every night of the week, with the exception of Monday and Saturday. H. E. Browne, a member of the state fair board, is in charge of this feature, and he has left nothing undone to make the nightly affair.

Sees Aged Wife Crushed to Death Beneath Train

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 23.—As her husband was watching her from beyond the tracks and waiting for her to cross Mrs. S. F. Herrick, 56 years old, was killed on the Great Northern railway just north of this city today.

Mrs. Herrick had her mind content on the freight train on the track next and did not see a fast passenger train on the track next her.

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214 INDICTED AS RESULT OF HERRIN RIOTS

Grand Jury Reports Savagery of Mob in its Brutality Almost Unbelievable.

MARION, Ill., Sept. 23.—(By the Associated Press.) The special grand jury investigating the 22 killings at the Lester strip into June 21 and 22, today returned 152 additional indictments bringing the total number to 214, in a partial report censuring "state administration" Adjutant General Black of Illinois; Sheriff Melvin Thaxton of Williamson (this) county and local police.

The jury, after making its report, recessed until October 23. The report declared the "state administration undoubtedly realized the acute situation at Herrin" and asserted the "adjutant general's office and the sheriff alternated in passing responsibility, with neither taking decisive steps to prevent disorders and protect property."

"The atrocities and cruelties of the mob," the report emphasized, "are beyond the power of words to describe. A mob is always cowardly, but the savagery of this mob in its relentless brutality is almost unbelievable."

FLAMES SWEEP OVER ATLANTA BUSINESS AREA

ATLANTA, Sept. 24.—Fire, which started here shortly before midnight, had cut a wide hole in the center of the downtown business blocks, surrounded by Whitehall, Alabama and Broad streets, and the Western and Atlantic railroad yards and was still burning with every piece of fire fighting apparatus fighting to bring the flames under control.

A four-story building on the west side of Whitehall street between Alabama street and the Peach Tree street viaduct, was burning rapidly, and it appeared as though it would spread to adjoining structures.

Blaze Leaps High

Fifteen minutes after the fire was discovered flames were leaping high into the air and the blaze was burning fiercely in the rear of the building facing on Whitehall street.

Heavy sparks were flying and an awning high up on the 16th story of the Fourth National Bank building was seen to catch, burn and embers drop.

The McClure building, a structure several stories high, that adjoins the Kress building, was on fire in the rear, making it hard for the fire fighters to get to the blaze.

This building is occupied by the Woolworth five and ten cent store and a shoe store on the ground floor. Ewing Brothers Jewelry company, a wholesale concern, a business college and other establishments on the upper floors.

Loss To Be Large

On the north side of the Kress establishment is located a four-story department store which apparently was doomed.

On the Broad street side of the block, directly in the rear of the building in which the blaze was said to have originated is located a small hotel.

With the fire almost completely surrounded, firemen were having difficulty in getting at it and the blaze was jumping high into the air, with a moderate wind blowing towards the northwest and heavy sparks flying towards other buildings in that direction.

Thirty minutes after the fire was discovered, it had practically wiped out a building occupied by the Kress five and ten cent store and had spread to the Childs hotel, which faces on Broad street. The McClure building next door was burning slowly, an automatic sprinkler system apparently holding the fire in check in this structure.

ELECTRIC LINES TO REDUCE FARE

Cut of Twenty Per Cent on O.E. and S.P. to Be Effective in Two Weeks

PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—Tariffs were announced today to become effective within two weeks reducing fares on the Oregon Electric railway between Portland, Salem,

ALLIED CONFERENCE AGREES TO CONCEDE TURK PEACE TERMS

PARIS, Sept. 23.—The return of Turkey to Europe was assured tonight when Great Britain, France and Italy at the final session of the allied conference unanimously agreed to concede all the nationalist peace terms. The Turkish claims to Eastern Thrace to the Maritza river and including the ancient Turkish capital of Adrianople were approved as peace terms that can be supported by France, Great Britain and Italy in a joint invitation sent to Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the Nationalist leader, to a peace conference to be held at Venice at the earliest possible date.

The Kemalists must agree in return not to enter the present neutral zone along the Straits, nor make any crossing elsewhere, and must accept complete freedom of the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus, neutral territory under the league of nations.

Request Conference

The invitation which was cabled tonight by M. Poincare to Kemal Pasha personally urges an immediate meeting of the allies and the Turkish and Greek generals at Mudania to formulate terms of an armistice pending the conference. It is regarded as virtually certain that Kemal will accept the conditions, and a reply is expected from Smyrna in a day or two.

In addition to other concessions Turkey is promised the support of the three allies for admission to the league of nations and also withdrawal of the allied troops from Constantinople as soon as peace becomes effective.

The allied decision came as a big surprise, for as late as noon British officials declared that Great Britain would not approve any of the Turkish claims in advance of the peace conference. The change in this policy came in the afternoon after exchange of many messages between Lord Curzon and Premier Lloyd George and several long telephone conversations which delayed the final session from 2 o'clock to 5.

Says Crisis Is Over

Although the British tonight insist that their chief demand, mainly freedom of the Straits, is embodied in the conditions, it is generally conceded that this unanimous decision marks a reversal of policy on the part of Great Britain and is considered here a victory for French diplomacy. M. Poincare expressed the belief that the Near East crisis is over and that all danger of a clash is past.

It is assumed that the British troops will remain at Chanak pending the peace conference. A broad neutral zone will divide eastern Thrace from Greece and Bulgaria in the treaty terms, which will be decided at the conference. Both Yugoslavia and Rumania insisted upon this provision before they consented to the return of Turkey to Europe, although it is not mentioned in the note. It is thought probable that the Turkish military forces in Thrace and Adrianople will be rigidly limited and that the strictest guarantees will be exacted for the Greek minorities in these places.

Pressure Brought Shift

The probability of a Turkish attack on the British position at

PROFITEERING HIT BY FORD

Manufacturer Says Coal is Being Kept off Market to Send Prices Upward

DETROIT, Sept. 23.—Holding back from the market coal already mined is responsible for the high coal prices, and not a shortage of the fuel, Henry Ford declared tonight on his return from a three-day trip into southern Ohio, where he arranged for a 60-day coal supply for the Ford plants.

Coal prices are tumbling, however, Mr. Ford said, adding that he would advise the people of the whole world to buy as little coal as possible now, that they might get it cheaper later on this winter.

"There is enough coal above ground to run the country for a long time," Mr. Ford said. "The high prices were made because the supply was held back from the market. But the price is falling rapidly. We bought 500 cars of coal in Toledo for \$5 a ton. That, of course, includes the freight rate from the mines to Toledo. At Cincinnati, Edsel arranged for a 60-day supply of coal for approximately \$3 a ton at the mines, and that is \$2 a ton less than what the brokers paid for it. The brokers have held their coal so long that their profits have been wiped out, and now they must unload at any price. Before spring comes you'll see coal sell for a good deal below \$3 a ton."

Asked as to his opinion regarding the anthracite situation, Mr. Ford said:

"We saw a good deal of that moving north, too. The price of that will be falling pretty quick—at least it ought to. For the price at the mine is tumbling and the newspapers of the country should keep everlastingly writing about it to see that the fall in price at the mine is passed on by the broker and retailer in order that the home owner and his family

Wife Who Told Her Story of Sin To World Reconciled to Husband

SOUTH BEND, Sept. 23.—Will the blood test to determine the parentage of the ten-month-old son of Mrs. Augusta Tjernan, wife of Professor John P. Tjernan of the law faculty of the University of Notre Dame who charges Harry Poulin, campus caberdasher, as the infant's father, be carried out now that the Tjernan family has announced a reconciliation?

That was the question asked most frequently while the court which is hearing the paternity case took a half holiday and recessed at noon today without the defense having completed its testimony. The hearing is to be resumed Monday and it is expected that the defendant, in the case, Harry Poulin, will take the witness stand in his own defense.

May Abandon Test

The fact that Professor Tjernan had opened negotiations some time ago with Dr. Albert Abrams of San Francisco, who claims he has evolved a system whereby he can establish the parentage of an infant through vibratory blood tests, was disclosed this afternoon through a statement given out in San Francisco by Dr. Abrams' office to the effect that the physician had departed for Chicago and may be called in the case here.

PLANE DROPS CRUSHING OUT LIVES OF SIX

War Maneuvers for Instruction of Army Officers Is Brought to Tragic End at Mineola.

PILOT WAS WINNER OF AERIAL "BATTLE"

Bodies of Six Occupants Badly Burned When Airplane Catches Fire

MINEOLA, N. Y., Sept. 23.—First Lieutenant Raymond E. Davis, United States army air service and five enlisted men were killed when a huge Martin bombing plane crashed to earth at Mitchell field late tonight.

The enlisted men killed were: First Sergeant Taomas Bentfield, Corporal David H. Stiven and Privates Edward H. Kane, Henry Ray Nicholas and Irving M. Whitney, all stationed at Mitchell field.

The plane piloted by First Lieutenant Davis, burst into flames upon striking the ground. It was a twin motor bomber, the heaviest machine at the field, and had participated in an aerial attack on theoretical fortifications.

Pilot Won "Battle"

After the war maneuvers and the judges had decided the raiders had won, the air men engaged in a "flying circus" illuminated by huge searchlights and cheered by thousands of persons who had gathered from all parts of Long Island and New York City to watch the military spectacle.

After the flying circus, a number of the aviators took up passengers, selected principally from the 300 reserve officers from the Second corps area for whose benefit the mimic warfare had been staged.

Probe Is Ordered

Owing to the fierceness of the flames which enveloped the huge bomber, it was impossible to learn immediately the names of the five passengers whom Lieutenant Davis had taken up.

Immediately after the crash, all sources of information at the flying field were stopped by order of Major Weaver, the commanding officer, pending an investigation and until the names of the victims had been ascertained.

Two Others Killed

BALTIMORE, Sept. 23.—Before a crowd of 10,000 persons, Lieutenants Herbert V. Hansen, and John M. Patton, Jr., of the Quantico aviation station, marines corps today plunged to death in an airplane at Logan Field, Dundalk.

The accident came a few minutes before the scheduled conclusion of a balloon sniping contest which brought to a close the largest exhibition of aircraft ever held in Maryland.

The victims of the crash had taken off only about two minutes earlier, had brought down one

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