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WIDOW MAKES ADMISSION IN HALLS-MILLS MURDER CASE

Says She Know "Slight Thing" May Have Been Going on

STATE CALLS WITNESS

State Lays Plans to Ask for a Mistrial in the Event They Fail to Convict

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 30.—(UP)—The high tide of the state's case in the Hall-Mills murders beat, furiously against Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall Monday and ebbed into a back wash of rebuttal witnesses before the invulnerable respectability of the wealthy widow.

She left the stand after two hours of stinging cross examination, seemingly but little perturbed; the defense rested and the state began its drab task of rebuttal, which should be finished today.

Wednesday the closing arguments may be complete and the famous Hall-Mills case may be in the hands of the jury upon its 22nd day.

Developments Monday forecast an attempt at a second trial of Mrs. Hall and her brothers, Willie and Henry Stevens should the jury fail to convict.

Special Prosecutor Alexander Simpson said he might ask for a mistrial as soon as he has finished with his rebuttal testimony. He bases his attitude upon a letter from a Somerville business man attacking the present jury.

It was upon the humanities of the case that Simpson, with all his vigor and penetration came to a dead halt. He tried with great effort at his command with softly phrased questions and with sudden aspers, to break through Mrs. Hall's unflinching, her insistence that whatever the behavior of her rector husband, before his death she was happily unaware of it.

To farthest advance of Simpson's attacks was marked by the widow's admission that she thought "some slight thing" might have been going on without her knowledge.

And the effect of this, instead of being devastating, was to create an atmosphere approaching pity for the embattled witness. In the face of evidence of the burning love letters to Mrs. Mills, read in court and the testimony of a score of witnesses, Mrs. Hall would admit no more.

Some "slight thing", the whim of a loved one perhaps—and after two hours Mrs. Hall left the witness stand and resumed her seat, the stuffy courtroom air thick, permeated with a sort of sympathy and admiration.

The defense called four minor witnesses after Mrs. Hall and then rested its case.

MAINE GIVES REPUBLICANS A MAJORITY

Senate Will Have Extra Seat in Senate as Result of Election

PORTLAND, Maine, Nov. 30.—Maine appears to have saved a republican majority of one seat in the United States senate by naming Arthur R. Gould, wealthy republican to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator Bert M. Fernald.

Dan Cony, chairman of the state democratic committee, conceded Gould's election over Fulton J. Redman, democrat on the basis of returns compiled at 9 o'clock Monday night.

At that early hour the vote in 453 towns and cities out of 519 in the state gave Gould 77,462 votes and Redman, 50,780.

Moved—

Mrs. Henry Reid has moved from 264 Oak street to 349 Hargadine street.

DISCOVER NEW OIL FIELD IN OKLAHOMA

Number One Test Well Becomes a Producer in Suburbs of City

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 29.—(UN)—Oil spurted today, almost in the suburbs of Oklahoma City, when number one test well of the Cromwell Oil company became a producer.

Great suspense prevailed in the city Monday, marked by excited lease offerings and speculations in oil circles. Interest was considerably heightened when superintendents of the well announced that oil had been found in sufficient quantities to eliminate the necessity of "shooting" the well.

The well, the first drilled in this vicinity, is located only two miles from the statehouse. It began with a spudding-in a year ago. The well lay dormant for six months and then resumed.

Drilling in the well was deep. The dream of geologists that oil existed beneath the permian red soil, has been realized. While it had generally been conceded that there was no oil in the red beds, some scientists maintained that if drilling went deep enough into the underlying strata oil would be found.

Employed Boys Club Shows Gain

The newly organized Employed boys' club met in the Y. M. C. A. rooms in Pioneer Hall last evening for dinner and a business and social session. Four new members attended last night's session; they were Ted Caldwell, Aubrey Miles, Milton Franklin and Russell Frost. At last night's session it was unanimously voted to proceed with the organization, and in accordance with this vote a constitution will be adopted and officers elected for the coming year. Ted Caldwell, Evan Campbell and Earl Walter are a committee appointed to meet with Secretary Walter to select two local men to act with the Y. M. C. A. secretary as sponsors of the club. There are now nine members in this club and a number of others desirous of joining.

Ruling Is Made On Movie Beauty

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29.—(UN)—Beauty generally recognized as a financial asset, but it can't be incorporated, the state corporation commission contended here Monday in ruling in the case of winsome Charlene Meredith.

Recently the red-haired Charlene filed articles of incorporation with the commission. Her firm was to be called Charlene Meredith, Inc., and listed as assets were: the bluest of eyes, flaming auburn hair, cupid bow lips, a perfect form and screen personality.

The capital stock was to be \$50,000, and of this amount Miss Meredith was to retain 400 shares, and permission was asked to sell the remaining 100 at \$100 per share.

With the money thus obtained the pretty girl from the east planned to make an artistic career for herself, probably in the films.

Deputy State Corporation Commissioners E. J. Walther, and C. W. Johnson admitted that beauty is a financial asset, but not one that stock should be sold on.

Miss Meredith received the news slightly fearful, but declared that she would yet have her name in big lights before the movie theaters.

Recover Bodies Beneath Debris

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 30.—(UP)—The Claremont tunnel today was cleared of all debris and the bodies of the 10 victims were recovered from the wreckage. Workmen are now engaged in repairing the flood damage which may mount to more than \$100,000.

ALL IS READY FOR THE GOLF DINNER DANCE

Merchants Put Finishing Touch on Displays and Exhibits

WILL START AT SEVEN

Reports That Dinner Would be Held at Eight is Corrected By Committee

With merchants putting the finishing touches on their exhibits on the messanine and floor and lobby of the Lithia Springs hotel, and a brisk last minute sale of banquet tickets Ashland promises to usher in the first golf dinner dance at the Lithia Springs hotel at seven o'clock tonight. Special attention is called to the dinner hour as it was reported last night that the dinner was to be held at eight.

A special menu has been prepared for this event, and R. W. Price of the hotel stated today that this menu as well as the idea of the dinner dance and exhibit was attracting unusual attention from outside of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gregory, of the Hotel Winthrop and a prominent furniture manufacturer of Tacoma requested special issues of Monday's Tidings in order to send to his home, to assist in working out a similar problem there. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Prince of Eugene also guests at the hotel, commended the local Chamber of Commerce very highly for originating the idea and carrying it through to a successful conclusion.

The committee in charge of the arrangements tonight, have announced that there will be no effort made to solicit memberships for the golf club during the evening. The affair has been primarily to stimulate interest in golf and not to secure members.

BOYS WORK COMMITTEE OF Y. HOLDS MEETING

Will Stage Round-up of All Boys in the City in Short Time

The Boys Work Committee of the Y. M. C. A. held a short business session in the office of the secretary last evening. Those present were, John Rigg, chairman, Dr. Roland Allen, Cleo Howell and H. F. Pemberton. It was decided at last night's meeting to stage a round-up for all boys of the city, of the ages of 12 to 15 years, which is the Pioneer age. The round-up will be staged in the new Junior high gym at 7:15 Friday evening. There will be group and mass games, refreshments and a good time for all those who attend. All boys will be requested to bring their gym shoes in order to participate in the games, this is one of the rulings of the school authorities. "The purpose of this gathering is to stimulate interest in our Pioneer program for boys of the above age," explained Mr. Rigg. "We are anxious to get as many boys as possible into this fine work for our boys, and we are using this as a means to sell the idea to the boys." Cleo Howell and Secretary Walter will have charge of the games. Mr. Walter has just received a set of emblems and awards, and rosters caps and other material used in connection with the Y. M. C. A. boys club work. "These are well forth any boys' time and effort to secure, and are available to those boys who are willing to join one of our clubs and get to work," explained the secretary. These emblems and caps are on exhibit in the window of Darlings Gift Shop, and will remain there until Thursday evening when they will be removed to give place to the decoration for the holiday window display of Friday. A full explanation of the Pioneer and other branches of the Y. M. C. A. work will be made to all boys attending the round-up, it was explained by those in charge.

KING FERDINAND IS REPORTED IMPROVED

Condition is too Serious to Allow an Immediate Operation

ABOARD SS. BERENGARIA, Enroute to Cherbourg, Nov. 30.—Improvement in the condition of King Ferdinand is reported to Queen Marie in a radio message from Bucharest.

As the Berengaria nears France and brings the queen closer to a probable second meeting with her son, Carol, who had been in Paris since he renounced his right to succession last January, the Rumanian ruler keeps silent about her plans.

It is generally understood that she will receive a complete digest of the Rumanian situation in Paris, before going to her husband's bedside.

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—(U. N.)—An X-ray examination of King Ferdinand of Rumania has revealed that his condition is too serious to risk an immediate operation, according to reports from Bucharest.

The king is said to know that an operation is inevitable, if his life is to be saved, but his physicians prefer that the queen shall say whether or not it is to be performed at once.

Queen Marie of Jugo-Slavia, who aided in bringing about the reconciliation between Carol, her brother and her royal mother, before the latter's departure for the United States, is said to be renewing her pleas for complete reconciliation and Carol's return to Rumania.

THIRD IN STRANGE TRIANGLE ARRIVES

Wife of Army Officer to Make an Independent Investigation

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—(U. N.)—Mrs. Grace Burch Marson, New York society woman, has arrived here after a transcontinental trip to investigate the strange triangle which finds her husband and her daughter-in-law under arrest for alleged violation of the Mann act.

A love that defied all conventions has been advanced by Marson and Mrs. Burch as the reason for an elopement which included the abandonment of Mrs. Burch's two children.

Parking Tax Is Planned By City

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 30.—(U. P.)—It will cost Lincoln automobile owners \$5 a year for the privilege of parking their cars on city streets, under a plan proposed by Mayor Frank Zehrung. The proceeds of this "taxation plan," the mayor said today, would be used to maintain an efficient police department.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE IN CASE AGAINST DOCTORS WIFE

Are Released After Forty Eight Hours Deliberation

TO BE RETRIED LATER

District Attorney Says Case Will Come up Again After January First

TILLAMOOK, Nov. 30.—Mrs. Eva N. McGee, accused of murdering her husband, Dr. W. G. McGee, was at liberty today on twenty thousand dollar bonds, following the disagreement and discharge of the jury which tried her. After deliberating more than forty-eight hours, the jury was reported deadlocked eight to four for conviction.

District attorney Claude Barwick announced that he would retry her at the new term of court after January first. Mrs. McGee was accused of poisoning her husband who died August 17 under what was said to be suspicious circumstances.

FIGURES ON GAME

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—(U. N.)—Published figures on the epic Army-Navy football game here Saturday show that the attendance was by far the largest for any sporting event except the Dempsey-Tunney fight. Gate receipts surpassed all previous records for football. The figures: Paid admissions, 106,000. Stadium personnel, 5,000. Gate receipts, \$840,000. Divided as follows: 46,000 tickets for general sale, \$630,000. 60,000 to academics \$210,000.

FOURTH WOMAN IS VICTIM OF STRANGLER

Four Portland Women Are Killed Within Last Six Weeks

HAS AD FOR ROOMERS

As in Other Three Cases Victim had Previously Advertised Rooms for Rent

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—The mysterious stranger who is suspected of murdering three women in Portland during the last six weeks today had claimed another victim. The body of Mrs. Blanche Myers was found at midnight lying under a bed in a room of her home, and with evidence of terrified struggle. As was the case with the other three victims, Mrs. Myers had recently advertised rooms for rent, and that apparently was the excuse used to gain entrance.

ONE AMERICAN IS KILLED BY MEXICANS

Attempt to Seize Ranch Results in Battle With Eight Men Killed

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 29.—(UN)—Eight men, one an American citizen, were killed in a gun battle early Monday on the Las Rucias ranch, four miles from Matamoros, Mexico, when agrarians attempted to seize the 3,500 acre ranch of the J. F. Fernandez estate.

Five of the slain men were employees of the ranch, the other three were agrarians. The Mexican government sent 25 soldiers to the ranch to restore order.

Hurrah! A New Chauffeur

COAL

You HOO

OH DEAR!

AND IF YOU WANT ME TO DRIVE YOUR CAR DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU HAVE TO PAY A DOLLAR PER GALLON FOR ME SOME DAY

AMERICA WILL ENJOY ITS RICHEST XMAS

One Hundred Million Dollars More Than Usual Will be Spent

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—America will enjoy its brightest and richest Christmas this year with a hundred million dollars more to spend than ever before.

With practically the only depression in Iowa and the Dakotas, the farm areas—fatter and most Christmas club checks will be received within the next few days throughout the country, H. F. Rawlin, national chairman of the Christmas clubs, told the United News.

The figure to be exact, is \$398,268,000. Last year it was approximately \$300,000,000. The average check of each depositor this year is \$51.32. In 1923 it was \$44.80 and even that figure was higher than in 1924 when the average was \$40.60.

The New England states are not as thrifty as popularly supposed, Rawlin said, for they will get but \$54,014,370 in checks. The east north central states, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin—will receive \$82,238,600. Last year the New Englanders saved \$42,060,980, the east north central states \$67,509,840.

Despite the agricultural depression in Iowa and the Dakotas the middle west—Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas—saved \$17,909,070, as against \$14,064,400 last year. The deposits in Iowa this year were \$2,600,000; in the Dakotas \$440,000 while in 1925 they were—for Iowa \$2,360,800 and for the Dakotas \$546,000.

In the metropolitan area of New York City alone \$76,909,430 will be given out in Christmas club checks. Last year the figure was \$58,970,000. The checks this year will range from \$12.50 to \$1,000. An interesting phase of the growth of thrift in the country, Rawlin pointed out, was the fact that 98 per cent of the club members this year made complete payment of the amount they indicated they wished to attain when they started January 15, 1926.

WOMAN GOVERNOR IS GUEST OF NEW YORK

Governor Al Smith and Other Dignitaries Are Her Hosts

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Governor Nellie Ross of Wyoming, where six to ten gallon hats are still the rage, has been given her first glimpse of Broadway and to even matters up Broadway for the first time in his history.

Mrs. Ross, flanked by Governor Al Smith and a whole train load of congressmen, attended a mass meeting, Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Morning Telegraph, for the purpose of inaugurating a campaign for the repeal of the so-called "nuisance taxes."

The woman governor heard Broadway's wickedest jazz band, saw a veritable mob of stage and screen celebrities and seemed to enjoy it. After blase Broadway had satisfied itself that Governor Ross was a real woman executive it settled down to the business of meeting.

Peculiar Aerial Proves All Right

HONOLULU, Nov. 30.—(UP)—A strange aerial which, despite its lack of conformity with recognized standards brings radio programs of the Pacific Coast directly to its owner, has been discovered here here by tourists.

GOVERNMENT READS CASE MEMBERS OF THE JURY

Court Allows Admission of Senate Investigation Testimony

HOLD NIGHT SESSIONS

Effort Will Be Made to Conclude Case so Jurors May be at Home Christmas

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The tense drama of the senate investigation was missing today as government counsel read in low, modulated tones to the placid, youthful jury in the Fall-Doherty case the story of the California oil leases—"little black bag" \$100,000 loan and all that created a national sensation nearly three years ago.

The story was read to the jury after the decision of Justice Adolph Hoshing, delivered at opening of the court allowing admission of the senate investigation proceedings, a victory for the government.

It took nearly all day to read the testimony, defense counsel insisting that the portion telling of the employment by Doherty of William G. McAadoo, and other sections, be given to the jury, and time was left only for hearing two witnesses in identification of the check and note for the \$100,000 loan made to Doherty by Fall.

After today's proceedings it was decided to hold night sessions beginning Tuesday in order to finish the trial before Christmas. Wilton J. Lambert of the defense counsel expressed the opinion that the trial would be cut short considerably by admission of the senate investigation's testimony, as it would make it unnecessary for the government to call numerous witnesses to build up this part of its case.

Fall listened intently as the story was read, sitting at the end of the long table with his counsel. Doherty was there, following the testimony line by line. But the clash of personality was lacking, except to those who had watched the persistent Senator Walsh of Montana as he quizzed the oil magnate and recreated the scene in imagination.

Bazaar Attracts Many Visitors

With the final decoration in place, the annual bazaar sponsored by the Alpha Embroidery club of the Eastern Star, threw open the doors of the Masonic temple this morning and the women replete unusual interest in the affair this year. The main part of the entertainment has been reserved for tonight when there will be special music through the courtesy of Rose Brothers who have donated the use of an Orthophonic Victrola for use during the evening. Dancing is planned throughout the evening and refreshments will be served. As an additional attraction, a hope chest, which contains all of the necessary essentials to gladden the heart of any woman, will be given away. Those who have charge of the affair stated that there is no set time for the entertainment, that it will be in progress throughout the evening and the public has the privilege of coming up at any time.