

Question Mark Hides Last Tragic Act of Church Murder



Rev. R. W. HALL, MRS. ELEANOR MILLS, MRS. FRANCES HALL, JAMES MILLS, WILLIE STEVENS, CHARLOTTE MILLS, RAY SCHNEIDER, PEARL BAHMER, CLIFFORD HAYES, UNKNOWN

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 17.—Who will write the last act in the tragic drama of the famous Hall-Hills murder mystery?

It waits the skilled and ingenious hand of a master playwright—a super-detective, a superlative Sherlock Holmes.

Tangled threads tie together these chief characters in the drama:

Rev. R. W. Hall, rector of a New Brunswick church, one of the victims in the double killing.

Mrs. Eleanor Mills, choir singer in Rector Hall's church, the other victim.

Mrs. Frances Hall, widow of the murdered man.

James Mills, husband of the murdered woman.

Willie Stevens, brother of Mrs. Hall.

Charlotte Mills, 16, daughter of the murdered woman, who has taken the role of Nemesis of the murderer.

Raymond Schneider, 21, informer and jailed as a witness.

Clifford Hayes, 19, jailed on a charge of murder.

These people all appear in the drama already enacted. The tragedy has its opening Sept. 16 on a farm in Somerset county, just across the line from Middlesex county, in which is located New Brunswick, the home of the dead couple and their sinner.

A great question mark stands where the climax should be to these acts in this drama of real life:

Act I
Early morning; a deserted farm-house; a meadow tinted with the colors of autumn. Through the meadow stroll a boy and a girl, Schneider and Pearl Bahmer, hunting for mushrooms. In the shade of a bush they find a man and a woman who seem to be sleeping; the man with a straw hat over his face and the woman's head covered by a shawl. Several hours later the boy and girl pass by again, and looking closer find the man and woman are dead. Police are notified. The dead pair are Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills, both shot, and the woman's throat cut.

Act II
The breath of scandal. But the slain church people are held blameless. The mystery grows. Officers

of the two counties make little progress. Mrs. Hall and James Mills are questioned; also Willie Stevens, brother-in-law of the dead pastor, and young Charlotte Mills. It is learned that Mrs. Hall visited her husband's church at 2 o'clock on the morning the bodies were found. Mills also visited the church about that time. She sought her husband; he was seeking his wife—but they did not meet. Mrs. Hall says her brother, Willie Stevens, was with her when a watchman says he saw her returning here alone that fatal morning. The murdered pair have been buried, without an autopsy. The mystery grows.

Act III
Charlotte Mills, the daughter of the murdered woman, becomes the star; she appeals to the governor of the state for aid in solving the mystery. Governors Edwards orders out the state police. Search for the murderer begins in earnest. The bodies are exhumed and an autopsy furnishes clues. Willie Stevens is subjected to a half-night grilling—without result.

Act IV
Raymond Schneider appears in a spectacular role. It is announced that he has made a statement charging that Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills were killed by Clifford Hayes, young ex-captain—by mistake. A case of mistaken identity, he says. Schneider informs police that Hayes accompanied him to help protect Pearl from her father, Nicholas Bahmer—and that Hayes, shooting at the pair in the meadow, thought they were Pearl and her father. Hayes, arrested on a murder charge, denies his guilt. Pearl and Schneider are held as witnesses, and Bahmer is arrested on a serious charge made by Pearl.

Act V
This is the last act—but it has not been written yet. A question mark stands here—many question marks, such as these:

How could Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills be mistaken for Bahmer and a 15-year-old girl at a three-foot range?

Why was Mrs. Mills' throat cut after the shooting?

Where are the pistol and knife—and the rector's missing watch?

Why were the bodies arranged carefully in the meadow, with the hat and shawl hiding the faces?

How could Hayes attempt to kill Pearl when Schneider himself says they sought to protect her from her father?

Why should Raymond Schneider join another man in a murder from ambush and then, knowing a mistake had been made, take Pearl to the scene?

Why were letters of Mrs. Mills scattered about the place of the killing.

TODAY'S FASHIONS



Here are some of the advance fall coats that are now being shown. They feature full lines with interesting sleeves that are a little narrower than last season. Heavy pile fabrics and brilliant brocades are in demand.

Paris—For use with the afternoon gown of filmy fabric, a muff of the same filmy fabric is correct today. A brick colored frock of crepe de chine with narrow panels of silver lace shown today is accompanied by a brick crepe de chine muff edged with silver lace cuffs.

New York—There is today a vogue for knickers of various shades, one plaid of sea green, one of mauve, one of maize and so on. This is a decided contrast to the old idea that one's lingerie must be all in a single shade.

New York—It was about time a new idea of lingerie was adopted. This was seen today in the two-tone effects of some underthings in a Fifth avenue shop. Nothing is more bordered with a deeper shade of orchid, or a set of lingerie in some other pastel shade delicately blended with pale yellows, blues or rose.

Mother Goose Bread—Save the wrapper and get a sled. 27-1

WEARERS OF WHITE RIBBON TO MEET IN PHILADELPHIA SOON

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—Wearers of the white ribbon of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, representing nearly every nation in the world, will assemble here November 11-14, in the eleventh world convention of their organization. Two great objects of the convention are announced as follows: "The enlistment of every civilized country in the world in the anti-liquor cause, and the development of a determined offensive against the movement to modify or repeal the United States dry amendment and statutes."

A prohibition petition, which, when rolled up tight, fills seven huge packing cases, and which contains 8,000,000 signatures set down in more than 50 languages, will be unrolled and draped about the hall of assemblage in the Philadelphia Academy of Music.

Delegates from abroad will come prepared to make a careful study of the methods used by American women to win the country to prohibition cause, and also those used for its enforcement now that the country is legally dry. The visitors from Finland and Scandinavian countries, where prohibition has been tried in modified form, will focus their attention on the enforcement phase of prohibition, that being the most troublesome part of their own laws.

W. C. T. U. representatives from China, Japan, Ceylon, South Africa,

Burma, India, Australia and New Zealand will be present prepared to listen attentively to the stories of leaders in different parts of the world, also to lay the talos of their own experience of anti-liquor crusades before the convention for counsel and criticism. From Mexico, Cuba and South America generally will come a host of women, many of whom were present at the recent Pan-American suffrage conference. Western Europe will be amply represented. Ireland will send its quota, and Scotland, which in recent years has been a battleground of the prohibitionists and the supporters of John Barleycorn, will send its band of determined women.

At the opening of the convention the organization will lack but a few months of being 50 years in existence. Its white banner has been visible wherever war against liquor or cigarette smoking has been waged. The reports received at the convention are expected to furnish a barometer of the state of prohibition in every nation of the world.

Due to the death of Lady Carlisle, president of the world organization last year, Miss Anna A. Gordon, vice president, will be chairman at the convention.

Why She Left
"Why did she leave her husband?"
"He lost all his money."
"How?"
"She spent it."

To lengthen or not to lengthen it, that is the question.



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Citizens' Committees

There are two citizens committees. L. O. Arens is secretary of one which represents the Chamber of Commerce, more or less, and is not in politics whatever.

W. W. Southwell represents the other—a boosting concern for Arthur Wilson for mayor—a camouflage of some workers of the league.

Do you know that Dr. Leonard took a very active part in the meetings of the League during the nomination period?

Do you know that he virtually nominated Geo. Ulrich and waited a day for his answer?

Do you know that Dr. Leonard virtually nominated Arthur Wilson as second choice, when he learned that Geo. Ulrich would not run?

Don't you believe that if Arthur A. Wilson really wanted the office of mayor that he would have courage to run himself, independently, without being boosted by an individual, a committee, or a league?

DR. A. A. SOULE.

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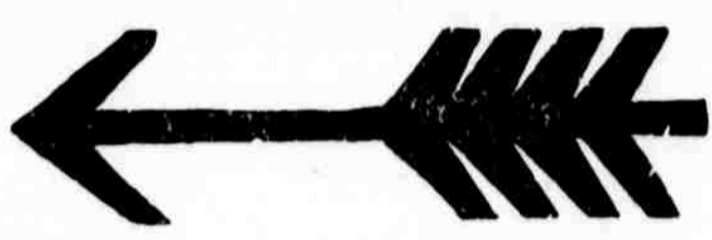
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