

MORE LIGHT ON MURDER MYSTERY

New Brunswick, Oct. 27.—Wilbur A. Mott, special deputy to the attorney general, is expected to interview a prominent church man in an effort to corroborate the statement of Mrs. Jane Gibson, an eye witness to the Hall-Mills slaying.

Attorney Pfeiffer for Mrs. Hall denied that she or her brother, Henry Stevens, were present when the couple were slain.

Attorney Mott called on Mrs. Gibson to cover details of the story. It became known that Mott ordered the seizure of the antique auto which Mrs. Gibson said stood near the scene of the double killing.

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 26 (By the Associated Press).—Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. John, the Evangelist, and her brother, Henry Stevens, are the man and woman named in the sworn statement of Mrs. Jane Gibson, self styled eyewitness of the double slaying of the Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills on the night of September 14, last.

This announcement was not made by the authorities but became known tonight through the issuance of a statement by Mrs. Hall's attorney, Timothy N. Pfeiffer, denying the facts of Mrs. Gibson's account and declaring that neither the rector's widow nor her brother were on the Phillips farm on the night of the double slaying.

"Mrs. Gibson's statements are contrary to the facts," Mr. Pfeiffer said. "Mrs. Hall was in her home all evening. Barbara Tough, one of the maids, was out that night and Louisa Gost, the other maid, was on the back step. There was no one else but a little seven year old niece in the house with Mrs. Hall. But there may have been one visitor."

"Henry Stevens' identification as one of the quartet seen on the farm is also contrary to fact. Henry was at Levellville, N. J., all that night."

Mr. Pfeiffer said that she had seen four persons on the night of the murders under the crab apple tree where two days later the bodies of the rector and the choir singer were found.

Mrs. Gibson also said in her statement that she heard the man whom she alleges she saw fire a series of shots at the rector and the choir singer addressed by his companion.

TWO AIRMEN KILLED IN CRASH

Norfolk, Oct. 26.—Lieut. Edward Lewis Ericsson of New York city and Lieut. Roger Franklin Armstrong of Rochester, N. Y., and Norfolk, naval aviators, were killed instantly at 1:17 o'clock this afternoon when a plane crashed to earth with them near No. 1 hangar at the Hampton Roads naval air station. Their bodies are at the naval hospital awaiting advices from relatives.

The badly crushed bodies were dragged from the plane's wreckage by a dozen men, who witnessed the fall. The shoes and leggings of one of the men had been unlaced and removed, apparently as if he had expected his plane to fall in the water nearby and had made ready to jump for safety. The fliers, both of whom were regarded as first class pilots, had themselves constructed or rebuilt, the plane in which they took their last flight today. It was of the JN-4 type and a land machine, and they were making a test of its strength this afternoon.

They were not "stunting," according to men at the air station, who witnessed the fall. The plane had been in the air only about ten minutes when the crash came.

Men who saw the fall said that the "flippers" were out of control. The naval board of inquiry called to investigate the accident had little to work upon, because the plane was so thoroughly wrecked that investigation of causes of the tragedy were doomed to futility.

As well as they could estimate, witnesses said, the machine went into a nose dive for 800 feet and struck the earth with a terrific impact that shattered it.

Lieutenant Ericsson was in command of the squadron of seaplanes, which "attacked" ships of the Atlantic fleet last month with torpedoes hurled from the air.

The accident cast gloom over the air station on the eve of the big navy day celebration tomorrow. Both victims were popular and were recognized as intrepid fliers. A dance, scheduled to be held at the station tonight in honor of Capt. H. E. Yarnall, commandant, has been indefinitely postponed.

Lieutenant Ericsson was scheduled to have commanded six torpedo planes in a flight over Norfolk tomorrow morning as a feature of the navy day celebration. The accident will not interrupt the plans for this flight, it is said, as another commander will be assigned to take Lieutenant Ericsson's place.

Soldier is Stabbed In Fight Over Girl

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 26.—F. G. Quinn, a soldier at Ft. McPherson, Ga., and who gave his home address as Buffalo, S. C., is in a serious condition at a local hospital here this morning, after being stabbed last night. Police and army officials are searching for J. O. Brown, another soldier, who, Quinn said, stabbed him during a fight "over a girl."

Moves to Country

Mr. T. H. Burton and family have moved to Bonham, where he purchased the 40-acre farm of Mr. Richard Hughes. Mr. Burton says he got tired of living crowded up in town and wanted to get out in the open. He says he expects to plant out 10 acres in peach trees, and hopes to interest others in a like move so as to make Bonham a shipping point for fruit.

Former Union Man Visits Here

Mr. L. P. Dashiell, who is now with the Electric Light and Water Works Co., of Kingsport, Tenn., call upon friends in Union for a few hours today. He was spending his vacation in Spartanburg and ran down to renew old acquaintances. He was book-keeper here for the Mutual Dry Goods company several years ago.

Fair Visitors

Among those who attended the Carolina-Clemson football game at the state fair yesterday from Union were: Dr. F. P. Salley, Jno. W. Wilbanks, Dr. R. R. Berry, J. Wesley Greer, Dr. Paul K. Switzer, Keith Peake, Dr. J. G. Going, T. C. Jolly, Jr., Otis Going, Askew Rhands, Jno. A. Hollingsworth, J. Gordon Hughes, W. Russell Pool, Dr. Felix W. Goudelock, George C. Adair.

Consolidated Club Meeting

The Consolidated Home Demonstration club will meet Saturday, October 28th, at 8 p. m. at the Y. M. B. L. rooms. A demonstration in house cleaning will be given and a representative of the Fuller Brush Co. will be present.

PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS AT GLASGOW

Glasgow, Oct. 26 (By the Associated Press).—A rousing ovation was given Prime Minister Bonar Law when he rose to address an audience of 1,000 persons in St. Andrew's hall tonight and set forth the principles upon which his party stood. He devoted the opening of his speech to an explanation of how he came to resume the leadership of his party.

This came about, said the prime minister, when it was realized that the coalition was losing ground and a split in the party was inevitable, not through intrigues, but owing to discontent in the constituencies throughout the country, which were clearly determined to terminate the existing parliament and start afresh under different conditions.

Bonar Law said he believed it would have added to the strength of labor to have set up a party, on the one hand, representing opinions opposed to labor and, on the other, a party representing labor alone.

Bonar Law's speech largely covered the same grounds as his afternoon speech and his election manifesto. He emphasized the urgency of a Near Eastern settlement and the necessity of showing an intention to be equally fair to both Turks and Greeks. He believed there was no danger of either Turkey or Greece declining to accept the decision of the peace conference.

The real difficulty in foreign affairs was the reparations question, but he did not despair of its solution; he could not agree that Germany was unable to pay anything. There was no difference in aims as between England and France in this question, but only a difference in the means of attaining them. In general European interest England and France must remain together.

Again insisting on the importance of maintaining good relations with the United States and bringing the United States into the league of nations, thereby strengthening the league, he said the government did not desire to make Gallipoli a second Gibraltar and expressed the hope that the treaty with Turkey would enable the British fleet to pass through the straits.

He then turned to internal problems and promised that he would observe patience while the Irish government was trying to carry out the Anglo-Irish treaty. He believed further economies would be effected by readjusting the work of the government departments and it was his purpose to abolish the ministry of pensions.

Generally speaking the premier advocated minimum legislation and more or less leaving things alone. In conclusion he reminded his hearers that whatever government was returned there were bound to be disappointments, but if his party came into power they would do their best to face the inevitable problems.

An Understanding Has Been Reached

London, Oct. 27 (By the Associated Press).—An understanding is reported to have been reached some districts whereby conservatives do not oppose coalition of Liberals under Lloyd George's banner if the candidates pledge the general support of the Bonar Law ministry. The bargaining referred to as breaking the coalition of Liberals was due to the lack of Lloyd George's leadership.

Mingo Strike Called Off

Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 27.—With the two years' strike in Mingo county called off by national officers, the United Mine Workers District Secretary Fred Mooney awaited further orders. Mooney said he presumed the strike was abandoned because the martial law made a victory impossible.

Killed at R. R. Crossing

Holgate, Ohio, Oct. 27.—Two girls and three boys were killed when their automobile was struck by the Baltimore & Ohio train at a crossing near here last night.

"Peeping Tom" Evidence Doesn't go in Court

Savannah, Oct. 27.—"Peeping Tom" evidence in liquor cases does not go in federal courts, United States Commissioner Richter held rendering a decision in the case of W. H. Haar who, with others, were arrested in violation of the dry law. The officers said they obtained evidence by looking through a hole in a fence behind which Haar and his companions were alleged to be handling liquor. Richter dismissed the defendants.

J. Ebb Jeffries of Gaffney has returned to his home, after a visit to his sister, Mrs. Davis Jeffries, on E. Main street.

M. Russell Jeter of Santuc is visiting in Union today.

WORK BEGUN BY COAL COMMISSION

Washington, Oct. 26.—As a beginning of its work of investigating the coal industry, the United States coal commission, it was announced today, has addressed two inquiries to representatives of the parties most immediately interested in its operation, and has asked for answers in writing.

"What, in your judgment, are the elements that have caused and are causing the acknowledged demoralization in the coal industry, and which are working in partnership alike on the parties engaged in the production of coal and the consuming public?" the first query says.

The second query for "practical remedies which, in your judgment, would eliminate any one of the elements that you feel are responsible for the condition."

These queries were submitted to three committees which the commission has conferred with this week and which have been selected to represent the bituminous anthracite mine operators, and the miners' union.

In addition to the direct queries, the commission has suggested a list of topics upon which it has asked each group to report. These include coal prices, cost of production, labor and profit, strikes and cost of living in the mining regions. Two additional topics suggest that the commission desire information as to the possibility of "standardizing" mines upon the basis of their economic production capacity and closing down mines which fall below that standard, and as to the further possibility of "standardizing" the cost of living for miners workers and the living conditions which must be supplied or afforded the workmen.

Celebrating Navy Day And Roosevelt's Birthday

Washington, Oct. 27.—The deeds of valor of the American navy to the public today in a joint celebration of navy day and the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt and other festive occasions. The navy held a high place today in the hearts of Americans. The navy paid a tribute to the former president when admiral Hilary P. Jones, commander of the Atlantic fleet, laid a wreath on Roosevelt's tomb at Oyster Bay.

Shot Fired by Mrs. Champion

Cleveland, Oct. 27.—The three shots that killed Thomas A. O'Connell, carnival promoter, of New Haven, Conn., in a scuffle in a restaurant here last July was fired by Mrs. Mabel Champion, on trial for first degree murder here after her husband told her to shoot W. H. Conklin, former night manager of the restaurant who is the state's star witness, testified today.

Entries in International Stock Show Closes Nov. 1

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Entries in the individual classes of the International Live Stock Exposition, to be held here for the first week in December, will close November 1, according to an announcement by the management.

"In order to be amply prepared for the influx of thousands of cattle, horses, sheep and swine which exhibitors will bring from all parts of the country, it has been found expedient to close the entry books a month before the opening day," said the statement. "Stockmen contemplating exhibition should make their applications immediately."

"All applications for entry of the twenty different kinds of grain, seeds, and hay in the fourth annual Grain and Hay Show, to be held in connection with the stock show, must be filed not later than November 10."

Naturalized Americans Still Missing in Russia

Moscow, Oct. 26.—Scattered about Russia are about 46 "lost" persons whose relatives claim for them American citizenship, and for whom search is being made by representatives of the American Relief Administration.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Edith McRae Macgrath, of Charleston is the guest of relatives here this week. J. Willey Davis, of Richmond, Va., is in Union today in the interest of his company. John R. Mathis has returned from the mountains of North Carolina after spending the summer. Mr. Mathis has built a summer home at Zirconia, which he has named "Camp Summit." Miss Lois Morris of Spartanburg is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Morris. An extensive propaganda is being made in Russia in favor of growing Indian corn instead of rye and wheat, because it resists drought better than the latter grains.

TWO ATTACKS ON UNION SHOPMEN

Little Rock, Oct. 27.—William Rawls and John Spurgeon, striking rail men, arrested for bombing the home of W. J. Coombs, have confessed the police announced. Rawls took the officers to his home, where two bombs were found buried in the garden with a quantity of dynamite.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 26.—Two attacks on shopmen, one at the Bidde shops, of the Rock Island road, another on a boilermaker at the Missouri Pacific shops last night and the dynamiting early today of the home of M. J. Coombs, a boilermaker at the Missouri Pacific shops, who returned to work Monday, marked the high point in outbreaks of violence since the strike of railroad shop workers began last June.

An attack on a striking union shopman, alleged by him to have been made by railroad special agents at the Bidde shops, adds to the feeling here as a result of the fresh activities.

The dynamiting of the Coombs home is the sixth bombing since the strike started, and occurred in Little Rock while the police were investigating the throwing of a bomb in the yards of the Missouri Pacific shops, in north Little Rock, Tuesday night. The dynamiting followed closely the two attacks on shopmen late last night. The most serious of the two attacks was at the Rock Island shops, where Frank I. Howe, a striking union shopman, was shot in the back.

He told the police his antagonists were a group of special agents employed by the railway as guards, and asserted that he could identify them.

The other attacks consisted of the shooting up of an in-bound street car loaded with non-union workers from the Bidde shops of the Rock Island. Guy T. Kavanaugh, a machinist, was wounded in the forehead. In north Little Rock an attack was made on a negro boilermaker's helper last night.

Men, Let Us Pray

We are asking that, in addition to the special prayer services and time and interest now being devoted to the ushering in and continuation of the Gypsy Smith meeting as a means of grace and spiritual blessings to the people of Union and Union county, that as many men as will take the time and make the sacrifice necessary, to assemble at the Gypsy Smith Tabernacle on Tuesday night, October 31st for a season of prayer, by and for the men and young men of the city and county.

Let us come together without any formality, and with no set program, willing to be used of God and led by His spirit, may we find it possible so to enter in, that individually and collectively, we shall be blessed, and God's spirit so direct or lead us that there may be engendered a spirit of service and sacrifice that will insure the success of the meetings.

As opportunity offers let us pray and may we impress you that this is a personal invitation and message to you, and request the pastors of all churches to announce this general and central prayer service on Tuesday night, October 31st, 8 o'clock; not over one hour.

L. L. Wagoner, Chairman for Men's Prayer Meeting Committee.

News From Rehoboth

The farmers here are most through gathering their crops and have begun to sow grain.

It has been announced that Mr. Quentin Berry, from China, will give a lecture at Rehoboth church next Saturday afternoon, October 28, at 3 o'clock. The public is invited.

The Rehoboth school opened Monday, October 16th, with Mr. Henden Wells of White Stone, as principal and Miss Marion Ross of Chester as assistant.

Joshua Hames and George Burgess were visitors at the home of Arthur Tate on Gaffney, Route 1, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sparks and Miss Marion Ross were guests of Mrs. Ed Jeter and daughter, Frances, Sunday.

W. A. Poole of Spartanburg visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Poole the first of the week.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Month and Price. Open 2:00 p. m. December 23.85 24.00, January 23.45 23.72, March 23.47 23.88, May 23.42 23.72, July 23.25 23.40, Local market 23.40 24c.

WOULD WITHDRAW MORSE CHARGES

Alexandria, Va., Oct. 26.—Attempt by counsel for the government to withdraw all charges of conspiracy and fraud laid against Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder, and his various companies in the case now in progress here failed today when Judge Waddill in the federal court for the Eastern Virginia district refused to entertain the motion. The court upheld attorneys for the companies in their contention that it would be most unfair to their clients to amend the bill so drastically at this late day after the charges had been widely published.

The government's motion was submitted by former senator Edgar T. Brackett, acting as special assistant to Attorney General Daugherty in the case against the Morse companies. His action created a surprise in the crowded court room, which had listened throughout the day to dull testimony regarding the financial condition of the associated companies and details of the contracts given, some of them by the emergency fleet corporation.

Earlier in the day Mr. Brackett had moved to eliminate from the case all references to the Groton Iron works of Groton, Conn., which was named with the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation in the government's suit to recover about \$18,000,000 advanced to cover construction expenses. Objection was made on the ground that he "same charges of fraud" lay against the other defendants.

"If than defendant is dismissed it is dismissed as to every allegation," Mr. Brackett explained.

William A. Barber, chief counsel for Morse, then read in detail paragraph 25 of the complaint bill which charged that the defendants had conspired together to defraud the United States government by obtaining large sums of money to which they were not entitled through manipulation of the stock and assets of the individual corporations.

"We now have the government coming here," Mr. Barber continued, "and saying: 'We will exonerate one of the conspirators and will leave the others.'"

"It has not been and is not the intention of the government to offer in this trial any evidence under the 25th paragraph of the bill," Mr. Brackett told the court.

Judge Waddill, after a short consideration, denied the motion as to the Groton company and that which would have eliminated all references to conspiracy and fraud wherever appearing.

"Unless counsel can give some special reason," the court ruled, "I do not think we should stop here to amend the bill."

An exception was taken on the part of the government, indicating that in case of appeal the refusal of the court to permit withdrawal of the charges would be one of the points carried to the higher courts.

Counsel for the Morse companies declared tonight the action of the government in effect was a "confession of error" and indicated a complete collapse of the case. They looked for early issuance of a decree from the local court bringing this phase of the case to a formal conclusion. There would remain the counter suits—that of the government against the Virginia company for \$18,000,000 and of the Virginia company against the government for \$6,000,000 alleged to be still due on the ships constructed under the emergency fleet contract.

A separate suit is pending in Connecticut wherein the Groton Iron works seeks to collect \$13,000,000 from the government as balance due for construction of a number of ships.

Notice

Mr. Allen, the leader of music for the Gypsy Smith meeting, will arrive in the city Monday and has called for a choir rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Each church in the county is expected to send its choir and all those who can sing and will be urged to attend this rehearsal.

The churches are requested to make the announcement Sunday of the date of rehearsal. Guy H. Wilborn, Chairman.

Help Today

Won't you help take care of the aged colored woman we told you of yesterday? She needs help and needs it right today. If you could see her pitiful condition, The Times would not have to beg so hard, but all of you will help, of that we are sure.

Please send your contribution to The Times office or Mrs. George T. Keller, South street. Won't you do this today?

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whisenant of Spartanburg and P. C. Whisenant of this city have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allison, in Columbia. They made the trip through the country and report the roads in fine condition.

"ROOKIE" SQUAD MAKES BLUNDER

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Brig. Gen. Van Horn Moseley, commandant at Fort Sheridan, today summoned a court of inquiry to investigate whether a second lieutenant by accident or intent directed the barrage from a one pounder that missed its target—Lake Michigan—and shelled estates owned by Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, Cyrus H. McCormick and Francis W. Farwell late yesterday.

"I have suppressed the name of the second lieutenant who directed the 'bombardment' as I do not want anybody to know that such a blunderbuss is on the muster roll of the army," asserted General Moseley in an explosive tone.

General Moseley explained that the one pounder was fired by a "rookie" squad under command of a second lieutenant. The trenches from which it was fired ordinarily run north and south, paralleling the lake shore. The target is a wide expanse of Lake Michigan from which shipping is barred, he said.

"But for some reason I can't even guess a goofy second loonie trained the gun directly on the north shore states and started firing," General Moseley said. "But I promise that he will get his as soon as the board of inquiry reports."

Four of the shells hit the Francis W. Farwell mansion. Others wrecked flower beds and scarred lawns on the estates of Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick and Cyrus H. McCormick. The Farwell mansion was unoccupied except for two servants whose screams vied in loudness with the whistling whine of the shells. A few seconds later the Farwell garden nearly fainted when he saw a fountain of foam spurt upward in front of him.

Mrs. J. V. Farwell, whose home adjoins the Francis Farwell mansion was walking in her garden when a shell buried itself in the lawn.

In the Interest of the Gypsy Smith Meeting

We are asking the officers and members of every fraternal order in and around Union, if you will not devote a few moments either of your oral prayer during each session or gathering you may hold before and during the Gypsy Smith meetings, to the end that a great spiritual blessing may come upon our city and county as the result of these meetings.

This is one of the most frequent and fruitful opportunities for men to come together, and we believe the entire membership will be glad that some man or men will be found in each such gathering who will be glad to publicly invoke the blessings of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon the meeting, the people and the city and community, and we will esteem it as an act of sympathy and cooperation to have you indicate to us that you have or will and so respond to this request as often as you meet or have the opportunity.

L. L. Wagoner, Chairman for the Men's Prayer Meeting Committee.

A Halloween Party

The church school service league will give a Halloween party on Halloween night, October 31, at 8 o'clock in the Parish House. Be sure to come in costume as a prize will be given for the best Halloween costume.

Bring several pennies along so you can have your fortune told by the old witch. It doesn't cost but one penny to reach into the big black cat's mouth after a beautiful present. There will be lots of other games, such as pinning the nose on the pumpkin and the one who comes nearest the mark will receive a lovely prize. Everyone loves to dive for apples and there will be plenty of large tubs for apple diving.

Come and bring all your friends as the public is cordially invited. Tickets 10c.

Rural Police Active

Thos. McDaniel, S. R. Garner and V. E. Lawson captured six barrels of beer (360 gallons), a half bushel of maul and a large copper still up on Paeolet river on the Albert McGowan place on October 26th.

House Burned This Morning

A small cottage in the rear of the Cole Lawson residence on Perrin avenue, was destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock and was occupied by Roland Hughes, colored. The burned cottage was directly in the rear of the Cole Lawson house which is now occupied by Mr. Charlie Robinson.

Box Supper

The box supper to be given at the home of Mr. Isaac Elson's Saturday evening is to be a great affair. The committee will have on sale chickens, cakes, candies and lots of other goodies for Sunday dinner. You are invited to attend.