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TWO MEN IDENTIFY FLORENCE BURNS.

Conductor Weibels Saw Her Late at Night and Washington Saw Her at Hotel with Brooks.

Conductor Arthur Weibels, of the Brighton Beach Railroad, delivered a staggering blow this afternoon at the defense of Florence Burns, who was arraigned before Justice Mayer, in Special Sessions, charged with the murder of her sweetheart, Walter S. Brooks.

He identified her as having been on board his train at 11.15 o'clock last Friday night, only a short time before Brooks was found in bed in a room at the Glen Island Hotel with a bullet wound in his head and the gas turned on.

Florence Burns said after her arrest that she had parted with Brooks after meeting him at his office and that she was at her home by 8 o'clock in the evening.

Later the ebullient at the Glen Island Hotel identified her as the woman who accompanied Brooks to the hotel that night.

Arthur Weibels was put upon the stand when the court resumed its session this afternoon.

This is something of a surprise, but was no doubt the outcome of a meeting between Mr. Backus and the District Attorney during recess. Mr. Jerome personally examined the witness. He was very solemn. The court-room was very still. The girl gazed at Weibels with wide-open staring eyes and a face as pale as a lily. Yet she did not waver and did not falter, staring straight at Weibels's eyes.

Jerome Cautions Witness. Mr. Jerome asked the witness the usual questions concerning his occupation and address, then he proceeded:

"This defendant is charged with a crime of murder in the first degree. It is important to her that no mistake should be made. It is also important to the people that no mistake should be made. Nothing must influence you for or against her. The question of her identity is important. Now look on this defendant Florence Burns, and say if you ever saw her before."

"I have seen her," said Weibels, clearly and distinctly. "When did you last see her?" "On my train out from the Bridge at 11.15 P. M. on Friday night, Feb. 14."

"Where did you first see her?" "On the platform at the Bridge station."

"Where did she leave the train?" "At Beverly road and Avenue B."

"Where did she sit?" "In the rear car, a few seats from the front door."

"Were there many people in the car?" "Not on leaving the Bridge."

"Not on leaving the Bridge?" "Yes, there afterward."

"No, it will not be allowed." "Why not?" "I have been trying for some minutes here to photograph this defendant."

"Where is he?" asked Justice Mayer. The luckless photographer stood up. Justice Mayer addressed him savagely and said that if any pictures of scenes in the court during the progress of the trial appeared in the newspapers he was sure the District Attorney would help him to punish the offender for contempt of court.

"Did the bullet penetrate the brain?" "It did."

"Was the body in good physical condition?" "It was. All organs were normal."

Hair Not Staged. The witness testified that the hair about the bullet hole was not staged. He said that the bullet had then doubled over in its passage and held several hairs when it was extracted.

"Did you examine the wound?" asked Mr. Backus in his cross-examination.

"Yes, sir."

"Was there any burning of the hair or scalp?" "There was none."

"Were there any hairs in the wound?" "There were two hairs caught in it, and I carried them with me."

"Will you take a pencil and show us where the bullet penetrated?" "Mr. Backus stood directly in front of his client, Miss Burns, drew to one side and watched with great interest the physician indicate the precise spot where the bullet that killed Walter Brooks had entered his brain."

Mr. Backus then asked some technical questions as to whether paralysis had resulted, whether there was muscular action or whether the brain would respond from the tickling of the foot. The questions were interesting and the crowd failed to see the drift of Mr. Backus's cross-examination.

George Washington, the colored bell-boy at the Glen Island Hotel, was the next witness called. He is twenty-two years old and lives at No. 34 West Forty-seventh street.

The day preceding the occurrence in the hotel was the first that Washington had served in the hotel. His brother is the regular bell-boy, and as his brother was sick he went down there to take his place.

PARK AVENUE HOTEL FIRE TO BE INVESTIGATED BY THE GRAND JURY.

Proprietor Reed, in a Sworn Statement, Charges that the Flames That Killed Seventeen Persons Were Started by Thieves While Seventy-first Armory Was Burning.

As the result of the fire that killed seventeen persons in the Park Avenue Hotel this morning, Proprietor Reed has been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury next Monday to answer to the charge of criminal negligence.

In a sworn statement to the Coroner Mr. Reed says the fire was started by incendiaries for the purpose of loot.

Assistant District Attorney Sanford and an Evening World reporter in an investigation this afternoon discovered that the sparks from the fire in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory evidently set fire to the cupola on the east end of the hotel long before the fact was discovered by the hotel people.

Mr. Sanford believes that a burning brand dropped down through the elevator shaft and started a blaze in the basement.

Mr. Reed says the fire in the hotel started in the bottom of the elevator shaft; that the persons who started it turned off the gas on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors simultaneously; that there were robberies on every floor; that valises in rooms were ripped open with knives; that in at least one instance a man was seen robbing the body of a dead guest.

The fire in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory had been burning an hour before the flames gained headway in the hotel, and scores of guests had enjoyed the spectacle from the windows. The property loss in both fires is between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

GRAND JURY WILL INVESTIGATE FIRE.

Seventeen persons were killed in the fire.

Investigation by Evening World reporters this afternoon shows that there is some basis for the assertion of Mr. Reid, the proprietor, that the hotel was fired and looted by thieves.

Numerous complaints of loss of valuables have been made, particularly from persons who occupied apartments on the fifth floor. Mrs. Linda Leggett was robbed of \$500 and valuable jewels. Other losses are as heavy.

There were between 75 and 100 pounds of dynamite in a frame shed right across the street from the hotel when the fire broke out in the armory. This was carried up to Thirty-eighth street in the tunnel by Andrew Onderdonk, who is associated with Contractor Shaler, and two watchmen. Mr. Onderdonk had \$20,000 in the Park Avenue Hotel safe. The money was found intact this morning.

Fire Chief Croker says that there were absolutely no stand pipes or hose and no fire apparatus in the hotel.

He says that if there had been any kind of fire apparatus the flames could have been extinguished the flames without the aid of the firemen at all. The Grand Jury will begin an investigation Monday.



PARK AVENUE HOTEL AFTER THE FIRE. (From photograph taken this morning by The Evening World photographer—Upper right-hand corner shows the only evidence of the fire.)

PRINCE HENRY'S SHIP NOT EXPECTED TILL TO-MORROW.

At 6 o'clock this evening the Kronprinz had not sighted anywhere or heard of by wireless telegraphy, so that she is not expected to arrive here until to-morrow morning.

The Townsend Downey Shipbuilding Company announce that on the day of the launching a special boat for invited guests will leave Whitehall street at 8.30 in the morning and return from Shooter's Island at 1.30 in the afternoon.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Third Race—Navasota 1. The Don 2. Wilton 3. Fourth Race—Prince Blazes. Albert F. Dewey. Pledgerich.

FLORENCE BURNS'S CASE ADJOURNED.

Without completing the hearing the case of Florence Burns was adjourned until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

NEW JERSEY BANKER DEAD.

James Douglas Orton, one of the leading financiers of New Jersey, died at his home in Newark to-day. He was seventy-nine years old.

ODD MISTAKE AT A FUNERAL.

GREENWICH, CONN., Feb. 22.—As the body of Henry Brundage was about to be lowered in a grave his mother-in-law screamed out: "Stop, the grave is in the wrong place!" The grave-digger had made a mistake, and instead of being buried beside his own wife Brundage came near being put beside some one else's wife. The funeral was delayed until a new grave could be dug.

DEAD AND INJURED.

- THE DEAD. APTON, NORMAN—Millionaire mining and milling man of Colorado Springs. Identified by William Pears, of No. 230 West Twenty-fourth street. BARNHART, JOHN WILLIAM—Formerly of Chicago. Came here to take charge of furniture department in Sixth avenue store. BARNHART, MRS. JOHN WILLIAM. BURDETTE, CHARLES L.—Colonel of the First Connecticut Infantry and an editor. Rope of sheets broke and he was dead by fall. CONRAD, LEE E.—Of 215 East Fifteenth street. Visiting his cousin, Henry C. Conrad, of Wilmington, Del., at the hotel. FOSTER, MRS. LOUISE—Fifty years old, known as "The Tombs Angel," lived at the Park Avenue Hotel; body burned to crisp and identified by ring on finger. HOVEY, JOHN S.—Thirty-five years old, of Lyons, N. Y. Died at hotel body at Morgue. HOYNES, J. H.—Commercial drummer, of Denver, Col., employed by H. B. Clavin. IVESON, JOHN—Commercial drummer, of Denver, Col., employed by H. B. Clavin. O'CONNELL, CAPT. C. UNDERWOOD—Grandnephew of Daniel O'Connell, the Irish patriot. Died at New York Hotel. PIPER, COL. ALEXANDER N.—Seventy years old, retired army officer. ROBBINS, GASTON A.—Lawyer. Congressman from Alabama six years, member of firm of Robbins & Montjoy, No. 54 William street, for last year, jumped and was killed by fall. SCHLESSINGER, MISS ESTHER—Chicago, buyer for Chicago firm. Had been at hotel two days. Identified by uncle, Henry Newman, of No. 2 West One Hundred and Eleventh street. SPAHN, JACOB—Lawyer, fifty-two years old, of No. 34 Concord street, Rochester. Died in reception-room at Bellevue Hospital. WALKER, JOHN E.—Thirty-five years old, of Columbia, Tenn. Died at hotel; identified by former clerk. UNKNOWN WOMAN—Found on sixth floor; two rings on left hand. Probably Mrs. William S. Boardman, of Norfolk, Conn. UNKNOWN WOMAN—Five rings on left hand. Probably Mrs. Leggett, a buyer for Daniel & Fisher Co., of Denver, Col.

THE MISSING.

- BROGGIN, Mrs. EMILY LOUISE, of Cleveland, O. ROSENBAUM, Miss, of Atlanta, Ga.

THE INJURED.

- BARRY, LOUIS, fifty years old, of Portland, Me.; shock; rescued by Police-man Tyrell. BAUSCH, Mrs. T. A., slightly injured by burns; taken to home of Mrs. Wray, No. 36 East Thirty-third street. BEACH, MISS SOPHIA, sixty-one years old, lived in New Haven and wintered in New York; injured by inhaling smoke. BENNETT, HAROLD L., overcome by smoke while trying to save his mother. BENNETT, CATHERINE M., thirty years old, buyer for a Denver millinery firm; Roosevelt Hospital. BENNETT, Mrs. DAVID LA TOURETTE, fifty-five years old, overcome by smoke; unconscious at Bellevue Hospital; probably will recover. BENNETT, MARY C., twenty-six years old, buyer for a millinery firm in Denver, Col.; Roosevelt Hospital. BOARDMAN, REV. WILLIAM S., Norfolk, Conn.; face and body badly burned. BRADLEY, Mrs. BERWICK, South Carolina, about to sail for Manila; hurt by jumping. BRIGHAM, Mrs., suffering from burns, at home of Mrs. Wray, No. 36 East Thirty-third street. COHEN, Mrs. HATTIE M., Little Rock, Ark. EVERHART, FRANKLIN, hatter and broker at No. 16 Exchange place, and President of Edison Chemical Company; lived at Park Avenue Hotel. GOVE, WILLIAM A., fifty-two years old, lived at hotel; shock; taken to New York Hospital. GREGORY, CHARLES A., sixty-seven years old, lawyer, Park Avenue Hotel; face and hands burned; taken to Bellevue Hospital, left this afternoon. HALE, WILLIAM B., Williamsville, Mass., suffering from partial suffocation; taken to New York Hospital. HALL, CAROLINE L., seventy-nine years old, No. 29 Hill street, Newark; legs and body burned; taken to New York Hospital. HALL, ANNIE, fifty-six years old, No. 29 Hill street, Newark; hands burned; taken to New York Hospital. HEARNE, E. S., forty years old, Atlanta, Ga., burns on body; taken to Bellevue Hospital. HEISE, E. S., twenty-four years old, Philadelphia, salesman for a chewing gum company. Unconscious at Bellevue. LEE, —, burned about face and hands. At home of James K. Hackett, No. 36 East Thirty-third street. LIVINGSTON, HENRY W., forty-nine years old, salesman, Campville, N. Y. LIVINGSTON, EMILY L., forty-nine years old, Park Avenue Hotel, guest on fourth floor, burns of face and body; taken to Bellevue Hospital. MACY, Mrs. H. H., slightly burned; taken to Mrs. Wray's home, No. 36 East Thirty-third street. MILES, JOHN, No. 145 East Twenty-second street; overcome by smoke. MEYER, Miss E. S., Savannah, Ga., overcome by smoke. Revived at Bellevue Hospital. NICKERSON, C. F., Charleston, N. C.; face badly burned. PEASE, JOSEPHINE P., sixty-two years old, Park Avenue Hotel, hysterical; burned about face and hands, taken to Bellevue Hospital. PIPER, Mrs. ALEXANDER N., slightly burned and prostrated from shock. At home of James K. Hackett, No. 36 East Thirty-third street. REID, FRANK, proprietor of the Park Avenue Hotel; burned about the face and hands in carrying his wife from the fourth floor. REID, Mrs. FRANK, wife of the proprietor; burned about face and hands. STEBBINS, WILLIAM, eighty-five years old, retired merchant of West Indies, lived at Park Avenue Hotel for five months; hands and face burned. SWIFT, CHARLES J., slightly burned; taken to home of Mrs. Wray, No. 36 East Thirty-third street. VEACH, Mrs. S., guest of the hotel, on fourth floor; burned about face, hands and body. WOODBURY, LEWIS G., No. 24 State street, Portland, Ore., burns of hands and face; taken to Bellevue Hospital.

SOUND STEAMER IN PERIL IN STORM

RHODE ISLAND, BUFFETED, PUTS IN AT NEW LONDON.

Six Hundred Passengers Aboard, Many from New York, Spent a Night of Anxiety.

NEW LONDON, Feb. 22.—The steamer Rhode Island of the Consolidated line, from New York, bound for Providence with 600 passengers, was forced by the storm to put in here at 3 o'clock this morning after a buffet.

The passengers, who had spent a night of anxiety, few of them resting, were forwarded to Providence by rail. The steamer was slightly damaged.

ROOSEVELT BOY HOME.

Train Late, but Youngster Stood the Trip Well.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The Federal Express, on which Mrs. Roosevelt, young Theodore, Miss Roosevelt and Dr. Rixey were passengers, arrived at 2 1/2 o'clock this afternoon, almost four hours late.

Dr. Rixey said that young Roosevelt was in excellent condition and was even better at the end of the trip than when he started.

WESTMINSTER HAS HEIRESS

Duchess, Formerly Miss Cornwallis-West, Gives Birth to a Girl.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Duchess of Westminster, Constantine Edwina, daughter of Col. William Cornwallis-West, who was married Feb. 16, 1901, to Hugh Arthur Grosvenor, second Duke of Westminster, today gave birth to a daughter.

FIST FIGHT ON THE FLOOR OF SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—In the Senate this afternoon at 2 1/2, a fist fight occurred between Senators McLaughlin and Tillman, both of South Carolina. McLaughlin arose and said that Tillman's statement regarding him was a "willful and deliberate and malicious lie." Tillman jumped over chairs and struck McLaughlin in the face. A violent encounter ensued. Both men clinched and struck frantically at each other, when Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Layton sprang between them, and with the aid of several Senators the men were parted. It was with great difficulty that the men were separated. Neither was much injured.

SHARKEY PICKS SULLIVAN TO WIN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 22.—Odds of 1 to 2 on Terry McGovern against Dave Sullivan were freely offered to-day with money McGovern than Sullivan money in sight. There is practically no opinion among out-of-town arrivals, and it was that McGovern will be returned a victory of ten rounds.