

POLICEMAN KILLS SELF WHEN MAYOR ORDERS HIS TRIAL

Reopening of Charges Withdrawn by Complainant Made Ehlers Despondent.

HERO AT SLOCUM FIRE.

Exonerated for Using Nightstick, Even by Young Man Who Caused Act.

Policeman Edward D. Ehlers, seventeen years on the force and possessor of an almost perfect record, shot and killed himself with his service revolver early to-day in his home, No. 431 East Eighty-seventh street. Worry over a trifling charge against him, once dropped by Inspector Farrell, but said to have been revived and pushed to a trial at Headquarters by direct orders of the Mayor, is ascribed by his widow as the cause of his suicide.

Yesterday Ehlers appeared at Headquarters, expecting to be tried before Third Deputy Newburger on the charge of having used his nightstick without provocation while arresting William Thurman of No. 911 Brook avenue, Bronx, on the morning of Jan. 18. Though it was said at Headquarters to-day Dorman himself had recently tried to withdraw the charge against the policeman, orders from the Mayor's office were imperative that Ehlers should stand trial.

Because of the delay in the disposition of another case, Ehlers' trial could not begin yesterday. He returned to his home very much depressed and worried as to the outcome of his case. His excellent record in the department, showing only two occasions when he was fined for violating the rule against conversation while on duty, was Ehlers' chief pride and the charge pending against him seemed to him magnified by the order to push it to trial.

Ehlers was due to go on duty in the Morrisania precinct, to which he has been attached since May, 1911, at 6 o'clock this morning. After he had breakfasted he returned to his bedroom, and his daughter, who was in the dining room, heard her father exclaim "Oh, what's the use, anyway?" Then came the sound of a shot.

Mother and daughter rushed into the bedroom and saw Ehlers stretched across the bed, a bullet hole in his forehead. They summoned Policeman Kennelbitter, and by him Dr. E. G. Koenigler of No. 215 East Eighty-seventh street was called. The physician found that Ehlers had died instantly.

Ehlers was fifty-one years old, and had been on the force since Oct. 24, 1888. It was the following year that he lost three days' pay for infraction of the rule against conversation. Since that time not a black mark had been entered against his name. In 1906 he received special commendation from the Commissioner because of work he did in rescuing survivors of the Slocum disaster.

BURGLARS BLOW SAFE OF BALDWIN POST-OFFICE.

Take So Long to Do It That Daylight Comes and They Miss \$2,000.

Thieves missed getting more than \$2,000 which was in the post-office safe at Baldwin, L. I., early to-day because of the time it took them to effect an entrance to the post-office.

The post-office is located in the pharmacy building of Dr. William J. Uteck, who is postmaster. The thieves got a ladder from a garage near the pharmacy and climbed to an unoccupied flat over the drug store.

They attacked the safe and succeeded in blowing off the outer door. To drown the sound of the explosion they used two horse blankets which they had stolen from the stable of Willard Thomas.

By this time it was almost daylight. The thieves apparently became frightened and decided not to try to blow open the inner door of the safe. They carried off some fountain pens, cigars and other things from the drug store, but the total value of their booty was less than \$2,000.

The post office here has been broken into twice before.

\$10,000 FOR THE WIDOW.

A jury before Justice Scauder in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to-day gave Mrs. Annie Beat Morton \$10,000 damages for the death of her husband, who was killed Sept. 27, 1910, by the falling of a rivet in the building at No. 30 Broadway.

The judgment is against the Smith Hoisting Company and Milliken Bros., contractors. Morton was employed as a tiler. On Dec. 15, 1911, the suit was tried and judgment rendered for \$12,474.25, which was reversed on appeal and a new trial ordered. The widow has since married her second husband's name being the same as her first.

INSURANCE BROKER GUILTY.

Charles Webster Anthony, an insurance broker with offices at No. 320 Broadway, who had long been under the surveillance of the State Superintendent of Insurance, was convicted in Special Sessions today of doing business under an assumed name and one not registered with the State Superintendent. He was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary.

Adolf J. Taylor, counsel for the State Superintendent, branded Anthony as "the most notorious violator of the insurance laws in the State."

THE AMERICAN GIRL

Last Article of a Series

Young Women Overdo Athletics And Are Likely to Become Muscular.

Miss Bury-Palliser Says Walking, Swimming and Riding Are Fine for Developing Graceful Carriage and Health, but Moderation is Essential.

Tennis, Golf and Basketball Are Also Good if Not Carried to Excess—Indoor Drills Not Recommended Because They Are Apt Not to Develop Equally.

Margaret Mooers Marshall, Miss Ethel Bury-Palliser is an acknowledged authority on good manners for young girls both in England and in the United States. She has been instructor in deportment and dancing for the families of the late Duchess of Rutland, the Dowager Countess of Winchelsea and Nottingham, Viscountess Templemore and many other persons of title. She is in charge of annual courses at our most select private schools, and Mrs. George J. Gould is one of her patronesses. For the benefit of American mothers and daughters she has given a series of lectures to The Evening World, in which she not only points out the defects in the training of our girls but suggests the remedies.

It is wise to allow young girls to go in for athletics? There would have been only one answer to that question fifty years ago. Then, the rare girl who insisted on playing ball and tramping and skating with her brothers was a "tom-boy," quite beyond the pale of everything that is summed up in the adjective "lady-like."

But the change was near at hand. Whether the invention of bicycles or the evolution of the new woman proved the entering wedge into the world of sports, the fact remains that athletic training for girls grew almost overnight into a popular tradition. And, like most other good things, we have insisted on having too much of it, in the opinion of Miss Ethel Bury-Palliser.

GOOD RESULTS FROM AN OUT-DOOR LIFE. She is far too sensible and progressive a woman to desire that young girls go back to the days when their only exercise was to sit by the fire and sew a fine seam. And I am very sure from studying her that her beautifully-moulded, well-poised figure and her look of flawless health are at least in some measure dependent upon outdoor life.

"But the American girl is apt to be over-trained," she told me. "Athletics should be a part of her recreation. Too often they seem the chief business of her life."

"I have in mind a certain school where everything seems to be subordinated to sports. Not merely training in grace and good manners, but even the lessons in the text books are apparently of less importance than the work in the gymnasium. The girls go there the first thing in the morning and almost the last thing at night. Then there are the outdoor sports. Altogether hours are devoted daily to athletics of one sort or another, and their paramount importance seems to permeate the whole atmosphere of the school. "There are quite fevish efforts during the weeks of 'training' previous to meeting other schools at one game or another. There seems to be a generally accepted notion that the honor and good name of the school hinges upon its victory or defeat in sports. Now that



MISS ETHEL BURY-PALLISER

seems to me an absolutely wrong attitude." Then I told Miss Bury-Palliser how public competition was discouraged in the girls' branch of the New York Public Schools Athletic League.

"That's as it should be," she commented. "When all is said and done we are not bringing up our girls to be professional or even amateur athletes. Then why this over-emphasis on sports at the formative age?"

"I think that athletic training and instruction in deportment should be allotted exactly equal amounts of time in the education of girls. When health will not be sacrificed to manners, we shall see the manners of the basketball match brought into the drawing room."

"What kind of athletics do you specially recommend?" I asked. "WALKING, RIDING AND SWIMMING ALL RIGHT."

"Walking, riding and swimming are all ideal if not carried to excess," she replied. "Of course a girl should learn how to walk properly, but if she knows how to hold herself walking for exercise will help her poise while improv-

ing her physical condition. The same remarks apply to riding, which, properly done, gives one a fine carriage of head and shoulders. "I do not object to golf or tennis or basketball, the usual games which attract women, if too much time and energy be not devoted to them. A girl of woman should do nothing which makes her muscular at the expense of grace and beauty. Possession of the gymnasium skills, which frequently develop one part at the expense of the whole. The English girl naturally rides and walks and golfs for her own pleasure, and of course it's good for her health. But I think we avoid overdoing physical training. I feel sure that the awkwardness which I have criticized in some American girls is caused by too much attention to gymnastics."

"In a general way, Miss Bury-Palliser, what should you say was the ideal education for a girl?"

"A girl should receive such physical training as will give her good health and a fair degree of strength. Her brain should be taught to think, not crammed with a crowd of unrelated facts. And from infancy she should be given that instruction in moral and manners which is essential for the development of a graceful, well-bred woman of character and charm."

"There is one thing which I particularly admire in the American plan of bringing up daughters," Miss Bury-Palliser added, with her frank smile. "It is simply that the girls are not sacrificed to their brothers. That seems to

me an absolutely unfair, and yet it is very often the case in England. In a family of eight girls and one boy, where there is little money to spare, the girls will receive practically nothing in the way of formal education in order that all the available funds may be lavished on the boy.

"I do think that a child growing up in one of our big families receives a certain amount of valuable training which the 'only child,' so common in the American home, cannot get. But at least you do not educate the brother at the expense of the sister.

"The girls and women of America have many admirable qualities, and I hope no one will think that I undervalue these. There is a quite general broad-mindedness, a willingness to accept new things. And there is a splendid warm-hearted admiration for their own sex, a quality which is as praiseworthy as it is elsewhere rare. The American girl ungrudgingly, indeed enthusiastically, praises her girl friends. There is so little cattiness about her.

"And as I am strongly in favor of every girl being taught some profession or occupation, by which she can support herself if necessary, I am delighted to find the American girl eager to prepare for financial independence. Ideally, I have only the friendliest feelings toward her, and I know that she herself will be the first to correct her own slight defects as soon as she becomes aware of them."

Editor Geppert Convicted. JOLLYT, Ill., Feb. 25.—After deliberating all night, a jury yesterday brought in a verdict of guilty against William Geppert of New York, editor of the Musical Courier Extra, who was charged by J. H. Steger, piano manufacturer, with conspiracy. Punishment is set at two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$2,000. Pending appeal Geppert will be at liberty under a \$5,000 bail.

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