

# CLEARY GIRL'S DRAMATIC STORY STIRRED CROWD IN COURT

WEATHER—Rain probable to-night and Sunday.

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# MURDERERS OF BAFF GOT \$280 BLOOD MONEY AND PROTECTION

## CLEARY'S DAUGHTER TOLD STORY OF TRAGIC DOWNFALL; HOPES TO SAVE FATHER'S LIFE

Dramatic Scene in Courtroom When Young Widow Was Called to Stand.

LAWYERS MAKE PLEA.

Judge Will Charge Jury This Afternoon—Verdict Expected To-Night.

(Special to The Evening World From a Staff Correspondent).

NEW CITY, Dec. 19.—The daughter of William Cleary furnished the big emotional element in his trial for the murder of eighteen-year-old Eugene Newman. Clad in deep mourning, emblematic of the widowhood thrust upon her by her father's crime, the beautiful young woman took the stand in defense of her father and the effect upon the jury was unmistakable.

From the moment she left the stand the trial, in all its essential aspects, was over. The speeches of counsel for the prosecution and the defense today might as well have been made to the walls of the courtroom for all the effect they had on the outcome of the case. Her testimony was not lengthy, but it was of supreme importance to her father. And he, realizing the sacrifice she was making, helped the effect of it by an almost savage exhibition of affection.

Through all the opening of this closing session, to-day, thrilled the great human note which touched the sordid, painful romance of the case, just after sunset last night. The slender, beautiful girl bride-widow of Newman came to the witness stand to rescue her father from going to the electric chair for the murder of her young husband.

Then broke a storm of human feelings which shook every heart in the room. It was an outburst that drew smiles from the faces of the lawyers for the State, who had been awaiting, rather cynically, an appeal to the sympathy of the jurors. They were soon brushing their eyes and turning away.

The display of the accused man's fatherly grief when he took the stand in his own defense, later, was a mere anti-climax.

The testimony of the young-looking, pretty mother of the girl, preparing the way for Mrs. Newman's testimony, was lost in the background. The pretended legal purpose for calling the girl was to help prove that she had not taken her father into her confidence regarding her effort to right herself by marrying young Newman.

KISSES GIRL AS SHE TAKES WITNESS STAND.

Two moments after Mrs. Cleary had said: "Why, she couldn't tell her father; she hasn't seen him right up until now," the green baize curtains at the back of the court room opened and the girl appeared on the arm of her uncle, Ambrose Cleary.

Pale, tired-looking, with her eyes fixed straight ahead of her, she reached the railing of the platform on which sat justice, jury, lawyers and principals.

William Cleary was at the opening of the railing. He was looking straight ahead, fingering his lips, which were working. The girl leaned over to kiss him. Up to this point the procedure was obvious and expected.

Cleary's bulky figure rose as though

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## WALL STREET BANK CLERK IS HELD AS BROOKLYN BURGLAR

George Mead Captured at 4 A. M. in a House Three Miles From Home.

THREATENED TO SHOOT.

Mystery as To How He Got Into House, as Doors and Windows Were Locked.

A slight noise awoke Winfred Hauschild in his apartment on the second floor of No. 279 Evergreen Avenue, Williamsburg, at 4 A. M. today. About the same time his wife beside him heard it and their three-year-old daughter in a crib beside the bed awoke.

"What do you want?" asked Hauschild.

"Don't move, or I'll shoot!" he says a man replied.

Hauschild shouted to his brother-in-law, Robert Rathborn, in an adjoining room, and Mrs. Hauschild ran to a window and screamed for help.

Policeman Hoar of the Hamburg Avenue Station responded and, when the lights were turned on, found in the grasp of Hauschild and Rathborn a badly battered young man, so described himself as George E. Mead, thirty years old, of No. 29 Wyona Street, East New York, bookkeeper in the Mechanics and Metals National Bank at No. 50 Wall Street.

When asked what he was doing in the Hauschild apartment he said he didn't know; that he had been drinking and had no idea how he got in. He appeared to be in a daze, and there was no evidence that he had attempted to take anything. Nor was there any indication of how he got in. The doors all have spring locks and none had been forced or tampered with, and the windows were all locked. Mead had no keys except a few of his own on a ring.

The address he gave is in the fashionable Arlington section of East New York, and two or three miles from the Hauschild home. According to Policeman Hoar, Mead offered all the money he had in his pockets—about \$61—and a finely engraved gold watch, if they would allow him to go. He said he was absolutely at a loss to know how he got there, and had no recollection of what happened until he was brought to his senses by the beating he received from the men whose apartment he had invaded. He pleaded on behalf of his wife and child to be released, but Hauschild would not consent and had him locked up on a charge of burglary. In his pocket was found a membership card in the Twenty-second Assembly District Democratic Club.

Investigation of Mead's record in the five places he has been employed in the last decade, to-day showed the accused man has been regarded as honest, sober and industrious by all of his employers.

Joseph E. House, who said Mead had been with that institution for the last four years, was astonished to hear of the arrest.

"His record here has been excellent," said Mr. House. "The money in his pocket may be explained by the fact that we gave out our Christmas bonus yesterday. Mead's share was \$65."

## What Is It?

It's great but small, it's read yet black, while scattered everywhere it brings things back.

A Sunday World "Lost & Found" Advertisement, of course!

## Child Wife, Daughter of Cleary, Who Told Dramatic Story to Save Her Father's Life

(Photographed by Staff Photographer in New City Yesterday.)



MRS. ANNA NEWMAN.

## ALIMONY IS SUBJECT TO THE INCOME TAX

Funeral, Baptism, Marriage and Mass Fees Paid to Clergymen Are Also on the List.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—According to a set of rulings on questions relating to the income tax, made public to-day by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, alimony is regarded as a fixed and determinable income, and the one who pays alimony is expected to withhold any tax to which it may be liable.

Premiums on life insurance policies will not be deducted from incomes, except in instances where they are taken out by a partnership on the lives of the partners. When such partnership policy becomes payable, as result of death, the amount is to be figured as income and is taxable.

Easter offerings and fees received by clergymen for funerals, masses, marriages, baptisms, etc., are taxable incomes. Christmas gifts are not regarded.

1,058 BRITISH OFFICERS KILLED, 2,071 WOUNDED, 602 MISSING DEC. 7.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—During the week ended Dec. 7, 92 British officers were killed in France, 151 wounded, and 20 were reported missing. The losses were evenly scattered throughout virtually all the organizations at the front; no one regiment had more than three officers killed.

The Indian contingent has been active, for losses were heavy. Twenty-nine British officers attached to the Indian forces were killed, 19 were wounded and 10 were reported missing.

The total casualties of officers since the war began are: Killed, 1,058; wounded, 2,071; missing, 602.

## 2-MILE GAIN BY THE ALLIES IN HOT BATTLE, SAYS PARIS

Advances From Arras, at La Bassée, Trenches Taken, Declares Official Report—Loss at One Point Admitted.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The allied advance along the coast continues to-day, and the Germans are back within ten miles of Ostend.

Roulers is again reported to have been captured by the allies, and fighting is reported in progress in the outskirts of Lille.

Moving in force northeast from Arras, the French and British troops hold ground representing the most important gain they have made since Arras was occupied following the battle of the Alsne.

For the first time in two months positions east of Arras are in possession of the allies. Fighting is reported to-day in the outlying districts of St. Laurent and Blangy. This represents an advance of two and a half miles for the allied troops. Important advances are also reported from Armentieres.

A gain of a mile south of La Bassée and advances in the regions of Dixmude and Ypres in Flanders are also reported in the official communique from the War Office to-day. The statement says:

"During the day of Dec. 18 we organized in Belgium the territory won from the enemy the evening before to the south of Dixmude, and we advanced our front to the south of the inn at Kortker.

"Our advance to the south of Ypres has been continued over a very difficult and swampy territory.

"From the Lys to the Oise we have progressed in the region of Notre Dame de Consolation, to the south of La Bassée, by more than one kilometre. During the past two days we also made progress in the direction of Carency, St. Laurent and Blangy.

"In spite of very spirited counter-attacks, the positions taken by us Dec. 17 have been retained.

"In the region of Albert during the night from Dec. 17-18 and during the day of the 18th we advanced under a very violent fire of the enemy, and we reached the barbed wire entanglements of the second line of German trenches. To the north of Maricourt

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## FOUR MORE ARRESTS; SLAYERS KNOWN TO BE AMONG 12 MEN HELD

Twenty to Twenty-two Men Definitely Involved in Conspiracy That Sent Wealthy Foe to His Death—Moore Refused \$400 to Slay Victim

## POLICE FAST WEAVING THEIR EVIDENCE NET.

The assassination of Barnet Baff in West Washington Market on Nov. 24 was one of the cheapest murders ever bought in New York. Just \$280 was the amount of blood money paid the gunmen who accomplished it.

This fact was ascertained by The Evening World to-day just as the announcement came from the District Attorney's office that four more suspects in the case—raising the list of those arrested or detained to twelve—had fallen into the police net over night.

As in the case of the three Cohen brothers, arrested yesterday and kept in hiding in a downtown hotel until after the indictment of two of them, Joe and Jake, these men are kept in strictest concealment, and will remain so until their examination by Delehanty and his aides is complete.

One of the suspects is a well known gangster who received overtures a short time before the assassination of Barnet Baff to "do" Baff, but who refused—through no moral scruples, however.

Another is a chauffeur who is said to know who fired the murder car used by the slayers of the marketman, from whom it was hired and who drove it on the day of the murder.

The other two are union members of the "Chicken pullers," gang formerly employed in West Washington Market, and believed to have intimate knowledge of the identity of the "murder ring" which conspired to remove Baff by bullets in the back.

MAY CLEAR UP CASE BY MONDAY.

Acting District Attorney Delehanty is confident that the whole Baff case will be cleared up by Monday night. This means that by that time he believes the Grand Jury will have in its hands the complete details of the whole sordid conspiracy of the business murder, with the names of every one implicated in it.

One of to-day's developments Delehanty expects is the definite location of the "murder car" and the arrest of the chauffeur who drove it at the time of Baff's assassination.

"Chicken Moe" Rosenstein, one of the suspects upon whose testimony the District Attorney's office places more than casual reliance, appeared at the Criminal Courts Building at 11 o'clock to-day and was taken immediately before Assistant District Attorneys Deuel and Murphy for examination.

Following yesterday's sensational break in the conspiracy of silence which has surrounded the Baff murder mystery for almost a month and the indictment of Joe and Jake Cohen on an assault charge which will hold them for further developments, revelations of the inner workings of the "murder ring" have come thick and fast.

The Evening World is able to present some of the startling facts now known only to the District Attorney's office.

These are: James Moore, the informer upon whose revelations yesterday the arrests of the three Cohens, Benjamin Lewis and the four suspects of last night were made, was approached two months ago with an offer to kill Baff for \$400. He declined.

The actual slayers of Barnet Baff are among the twelve men now either under arrest or kept in detention. They have not been taken before the Grand Jury and will not be—for obvious reasons.

Between twenty and twenty-two individuals are so far revealed as being equally guilty with the gunmen in the conspiracy to murder. These include men of influence in West Washington Market.

Baff's death was decided upon three weeks before the slaying occurred and at a time when a sudden shift in the business coalition in West Washington Market made Baff supreme and absolute dictator over prices and profits.

This disturbance of the chicken market followed the resolve of the National Live Poultry Shippers' Association to withdraw from the New York field their representative, Arthur T. Pearson.

Baff, getting an inside tip on this forthcoming move, had established agents in all the live poultry shipping centres South and West, with the result that when the National Live Poultry Shippers' Association people threw their shipments into the poultry auction rooms, Baff had all other sources of production corralled. He sold live poultry to his competitors at twelve cents a pound, selling to the retailers in the market at the same price. This cut all profit out from under his rivals and they faced business ruin.

The part that "Chicken Moe" Ro-