

AIRSHIP SQUADRON ON RAID AT NIGHT HURLS BOMBS ON BRITISH ARMY DEPOT

MRS. WALTERS IS INDICTED ON MURDER CHARGE FOR POISONING HER TWO BABIES

Two indictments Are Returned by Bronx County Grand Jury To-day.

ROGERS IS SHOCKED.

Lawyer Summoned to Break News to Mrs. Walters in Hospital.

Two indictments charging murder in the first degree were returned to-day by the Bronx County Grand Jury against Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters. They accuse her of causing the deaths of her two and one-half year-old son John, and her eight-months-old daughter Florida by the administration of bichloride of mercury poison.

There are four counts in each indictment. Justice Brady, to whom the indictments were returned, said that inasmuch as the woman is already under arrest in Lebanon Hospital under a warrant issued by Coroner Flynn, he would defer the issuance of a bench warrant until the District Attorney asks for it.

Lorlys Elton Rogers, the father of the children, who is under indictment under the "White Slave" act because of his relations with Mrs. Walters, was stunned by the news of the indictments. He had believed, in sympathy with current rumor in the Bronx, that the Grand Jury would either return an indictment charging a minor degree of manslaughter or refuse to indict.

The charges in the indictment are limited to the actual administration of the poison, which took place on Dec. 25, 1914. Mrs. Walters has said that she killed the children and sought to kill herself because she feared that Rogers was tired of her and was about to return to his second and legal wife, Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers, a sister of Prof. Franklin Giddings of Columbia University.

Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers, who filed a divorce suit against her husband two days ago, and Mrs. Anna Roquemore Rogers, his first wife, who divorced him, were under subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury to-day. After a consultation with the District Attorney both women were excused.

The indictments were a surprise to Mrs. Walters's counsel, Abraham Levy. The fact that they were returned indicates that the Grand Jury either did not hear or did not heed the story of Dr. W. Grant Hague, Mrs. Rogers's family physician, who told reporters, before he was called on to testify that the recital of the love affair of Mrs. Walters and Rogers would "make Laura Jean Libbey look like a piker" and conclusively establish that the woman was not responsible when she killed her children.

District Attorney Martin has never admitted his belief that Mrs. Walters took bichloride of mercury with suicidal intent. The doctors gave up hope of saving the lives of the children from the start, but the woman recovered from what she claimed were the effects of the poison. She suffered an attack of pneumonia and pleurisy and is now convalescent.

TEACHER SAVES 2,200 CHILDREN FROM FIRE PANIC

Her Plan Works and Nearby Blaze Causes Little Excitement in School No. 4.

The quick and timely thought of Miss Lizzie E. Rochter, principal of Public School No. 4, prevented what might have developed into a dangerous panic, this morning, when a big fire filled the neighborhood with puffing fire apparatus and a horde of busy smoke-eaters. There are 2,200 children, ranging from kindergarten up to big girls of the grammar grade, in No. 4, which fills the whole block in Rivington Street between Pitt and Ridge Streets.

Miss Rochter, knowing the chief danger at an east side fire comes from a possible panic among the parents, sent her assistants and monitors to notify the teachers on all the upper floors to carry out a plan she had long had in mind. The plan worked.

Within a minute after the first engine arrived, frightened parents came running, hatless and coatless, to the five doors of the school. The janitor and his helpers, reinforced by policemen, held the doors against the invaders and told them their children were all right. But this was hard for them to believe, with smoke and clatter overwhelming their senses.

Just then, Miss Rochter's plan began to work. At all the upper windows appeared the smiling faces of the children, who came to enjoy the treat of seeing the firemen at work, then looked down and waved happy salutes to their fathers and mothers. That ended the panic before it began.

The fire began soon after William Hirschbault lit up the stove in the office of his father's furniture store, on the ground floor of No. 226 Rivington Street. He and his mother tried to put it out with water, and both were half smothered.

First Picture of the Destruction Caused By Earthquake in Italy; a Street in Avezzano



STREET IN AVEZZANO (By AP Wire Service)

WRONG TO ELECT EX-CONVICT UNION HEAD, SAYS ELIOT

Dynamiter Ryan's Retention 'Serious Moral Offense,' Harvard Educator Tells Probers.

Charles W. Eliot, President (Emeritus) of Harvard University, was questioned by the United States Commission on Industrial Relations in the Alderman Chamber in City Hall to-day.

He is a trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation, the General Education Board, the Rockefeller International Bureau of Hygiene, and the Carnegie Peace Foundation, and was formerly of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

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RICH MAMMA CUTS OFF 17-YEAR-OLD BOY AND HIS BRIDE

Mrs. Russell Gair Is Very 'Angry and Won't Forgive the Happy Pair.'

Russell Gair is married—to the charming daughter of a neighbor—and his mother, the most prominent real estate owner in Flatbush, is just as angry as she can be.

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EX-TREASURER OF DODGERS AN INVOLUNTARY BANKRUPT.

Creditors Institute Action Against Furniture Manufacturer Medicus.

Henry W. Medicus, principal owner of the Grand Rapids Furniture Company, and former treasurer of the Brooklyn National League Baseball Club, was named in involuntary bankruptcy proceedings in United States District Court to-day by creditors who institute action against him individually and as sole surviving member of the firm of Chies H. Medicus & Son, manufacturers of furniture at 109 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn.

The petition is filed by William Henkel, Jr., of Manhattan, attorney for the creditors.

N. Y. C. MERGER ENJOINED.

Stockholders Can Now Obtain Permanent Injunction.

In the suit in which John Scott Boyd Jr. and other stockholders of the New York and Harlem Railroad sought to prevent the merger of that line with the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company Judge Charles M. Hoagh in the Federal District Court found to-day that the complaint sets forth facts sufficient on which to base the action.

COMMITTEE SAYS DRUG CURE IS FLAT FAILURE

Mrs. Vanderbilt's Representative Describes Present Plan as a 'Hideous Farce.'

The "cure" of drug cases sent by the courts to the hospitals has been a flat failure, according to the report of a special committee made to the Board of Estimate this afternoon.

A change in the law is recommended so that Judges can impose longer sentences or can suspend sentence and send the victims to the infirmary farm for treatment.

RICH CHICAGO MAN TAKES DEATH PLUNGE

Frank T. Crawford, Suffering From Nervous Disorder, Eludes Nurse and Leaps From Window.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Frank T. Crawford, son of the founder of the National Hiseut Company and an official of that concern, ended his life by leaping from the third story of his home to-day. He eluded a nurse who had been detailed to watch him because of a nervous disorder. He was thirty-seven years old and a graduate of Yale University.

ARRESTED AT WHITE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Saying he wanted to see the President concerning a job, Frank Bayer, fifty-nine years old, professing from Ishp, I. I., was arrested at the White House to-day.

BART DUNN TO PRISON.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEW CITY, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Under Sheriff Deboles went to Summit, N. J., to-day to remove Bart Dunn, convicted highway grafter, from a sanitarium to Blackwell's Island to serve a term of ten months in prison.

REPULSE OF ALLIES IN FIGHTS ON CANALS, THE CLAIM IN BERLIN

German War Office Also Reports Success in Poland, but Russians Declare a Second Army Is Now Invading East Prussia.

FRENCH GUNS BRING DOWN ONE OF KAISER'S AIRSHIPS

BERLIN (via wireless to London), Jan. 29.—For the second time within a week, a fleet of German aeroplanes has succeeded in passing the Allies' lines near Nieuport and has shelled the coast town of Dunkirk, where the British headquarters of Gen. French are supposed to be located.

The war office made this official announcement this afternoon. Guided by two aviators who participated in last Friday's raid, the German aerial squadron passed at night over the trenches of the Allies and "abundantly shelled" British provision depots at Dunkirk. The extent of the damage was not reported.

[The official report from Paris to-day declares a German aeroplane was brought down by the French artillery.] Night fighting is reported between the Germans and French on the western battle front and between the Germans and Russians in Central Poland.

Repulse of French attacks in the sand dunes northwest of Nieuport and also of English attempts to regain lost ground west of La Bassée was claimed. In one place near Nieuport the French fought their way into a German trench but were driven out at the point of the bayonet.

The Russians, it is asserted, have sustained heavy losses in frontal attacks in Northern Poland, west of Warsaw, in the region of Boimow and Lowicz, the Germans drove the Russians out of advanced positions and then held the captured trenches against a severe counter-attack.

[According to the despatches to-day from Petrograd two great Russian armies are invading East Prussia and both are threatening Konigsberg, capital of that province. Russians assert that the Germans, who for many weeks had maintained only a small force in this region, have rushed virtually the entire garrison of Konigsberg to the front and have drawn upon the German forces on the Warsaw front in the endeavor to prevent the Russians from flanking the Mazurian positions. German attempts to stop the march toward Thorn are declared to have been repulsed. A check of the Austrian advance through the Carpathians is also reported by the Russians.]

OFFICIAL GERMAN REPORT British and French Attacks Repulsed, Says the War Office

BERLIN (by wireless to London), Jan. 29. (Associated Press).—The official statement issued to-day by the German General Army Headquarters says:

"During a night expedition made by one of our squadrons of aeroplanes the English provision establishments of the fortress of Dunkirk were attacked. Many bombs were dropped.

"An attack made by the enemy in the dunes to the northwest of Nieuport was repulsed. The enemy who penetrated at one place as far as our trenches was repulsed by a night bayonet attack. "To the south of La Bassée Canal the English attempted to capture positions which we had taken from them, but their attack easily was repulsed.

"Nothing of importance took place on the remainder of the western front.