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WILSON INVESTIGATES SINKING OF SHIP; EITEL'S CAPTAIN TALKS OF NEW RAID

COURT RULES OUT ALIENISTS AND ALL WITNESSES CALLED TO PROVE SANITY OF THAW

Thaw, on Stand, Says Alfred Henry Lewis Gave Legal Advice in Escape. TELLS OF HIS FLIGHT. Lawyer Argues He Had Right to Escape the Menaces of Matteawan.

Harry K. Thaw was called to the witness stand this afternoon in his own defense at his trial for conspiracy, after the Court had refused to permit the testimony of alienists who were ready to swear he was perfectly sane. Before he was called his lawyer, John B. Stanchfield, declared that Thaw alone was responsible for the escape from Matteawan. He said Thaw himself planned the flight, and the alleged co-conspirators were simply his employees, who aided him after he had passed through the gates of the asylum. He had a perfect legal right to escape the menaces of Matteawan, said Mr. Stanchfield.

Mr. Stanchfield called "Harry K. Thaw to the stand" at 3.20 o'clock. Thaw seemed to be holding himself in check as he clasped his hands before him, sat up very straight and looked at his questioner. His voice was firm and clear as he gave his age as 43 years.

Mr. Stanchfield asked Thaw if he had received legal advice that he was entitled to leave Matteawan. "I was advised," he replied, "that there was no law to hold me there so long as there was no violence or no interference with the State's officers."

MOTHERS' PENSION BILL GETS EVERY VOTE IN SENATE

Measure Unanimously Passed and Similar Action Is Expected in Assembly.

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

ALBANY, March 11.—The mothers' pension bill establishing a pension fund for widowed mothers and carrying a provision making Child Welfare Boards compulsory passed the Senate unanimously to-day. All efforts will be made to expedite the measure in the Assembly and Assemblyman McCue is of the opinion that it can be passed in that body next week and by unanimous vote.

THREE IN FAMILY SLAIN; PISTOL IS IN MOTHER'S HAND

Father, Mother and Son Found With Bullets in Head in Newark Home.

With bullet wounds in the head of each, the bodies of William G. Brandley, an automobile salesman, thirty-eight, his wife, Lillian, thirty-six, and their son, Lukas, twelve were found in their home, No. 67 Munn Street, Newark, at 9 o'clock this afternoon. In the woman's hand was a pistol. Relatives who had been trying all day to get into the house made the discovery. They sent for George C. Brandley, head of the Board of Works of Newark, who hurried to the Munn Street house in an automobile and forced open the front door.

NEW HAVEN WIFE DEFENDS MAYO AS GIRL ACCUSES HIM

Wife With Whom Manufacturer Lived Declares She Has Faith in Him.

TO BEGIN NEW INQUIRY.

Father of Lillian May Cook Will Ask Federal Attorney to Act.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

NEW HAVEN, March 11.—In an interview with an Evening World reporter to-day the wife of Virgil J. Mayo, the manufacturer of this city who admits running an establishment in Brooklyn under the name of Dudley, presided over by a woman who is the mother of two children of him, and who is claimed as her legal husband by a woman, the mother of three daughters, in Scranton, Pa., and who was mixed up in the disappearance and suicide of Lillian May Cook and now stands accused by Susie M. Wahlers, formerly employed in his factory, of being the father of her baby, expressed faith in her husband and said she would stand by him. "I am Mrs. Mayo," she said coolly, answering the door at the reporter's ring. "What do you want?"

The reporter said he wanted her to talk about her husband. Mrs. Mayo said: "The newspapers are printing a great many things about Mr. Mayo which are outrageous and which I do not countenance. It is very dangerous to print such stuff and I warn you now that you will get into trouble. I don't believe a word of the story this woman tells in Scranton. I believe what my husband tells me and I want to say another thing—every woman that has got into trouble in this town will be accusing Mr. Mayo."

F. Raymond Rochford, prosecuting attorney for the town of Hampden, in which Mayo's factory and home are located, to-day began an investigation into the multifarious difficulties of Mr. Mayo. Mayo calmly admits he expects more trouble "from people who like to hit a man when he is down."

BABY BOY ARRIVES FOR GOV. WHITMAN

Great Rejoicing at the State House and Flags Fly on Capitol.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 11.—Gov. Whitman's first boy was born at 3 A. M. to-day at the Executive Mansion. There was great rejoicing in the Whitman family and in political circles. All the flags were put up on the Capitol. The boy weighs between nine and ten pounds and is pronounced to be a perfectly healthy youngster. Mrs. Whitman was reported doing very well to-day.

WIDOW IDENTIFIES HEAD IN SEWER AS SLAIN COLLECTOR'S

Mystery of Death of Rufus A. Dunham Is Deepened by Discovery in Brooklyn.

ARMS, LEGS FOUND TOO.

Murdered Man's Torso Discovered Weeks Ago, Far From Scene of To-Day's Find.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

Police interest in the disappearance on Dec. 19, 1914, of Rufus A. Dunham of No. 758 Macon Street, a collector for an installment furniture house, was revived to-day when Dunham's head and his arms and legs were found in two sewer catch basins in a lonely section of South Brooklyn. The torso was found two weeks after Mr. Dunham's disappearance, partially buried in a field half way between Bath Beach and Coney Island Creek.

To-day's discovery establishes that Dunham was assaulted from behind by some one who used the blunt end of an axe or a heavy club. The skull is crushed in three places and the upper part of the right ear is missing. Dunham's coat, trousers and shirt, a wedding ring he wore and a bed spread were found in the catch basin with his arms and legs. Cuts in the garments show the body was partially dismembered while afloat.

A gang of laborers, under Foreman John J. Sheehy, was cleaning catch basins in Tenth Avenue to-day and reached Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Streets at 10 o'clock. Frank Salatino took off the cover of the catch basin at the southwest corner of Forty-fourth Street and found the legs, arms and clothing. At the same time Patrick Hussey, removing the cover of the basin at the southwest corner of Forty-fifth Street, uncovered the head.

The first identification was made by Lieut. Grant Williams, of the Bureau of Unidentified Dead and Capt. Carey of the Homicide Bureau. Mr. Dunham was partially balding and his hair was streaked with gray. Most of his teeth were crowned with gold. It required but a glance at the head found in the catchbasin to decide it was the head of the missing collector.

Later, the identification was confirmed by Dunham's widow. There may be a clue to the murderers of Dunham in the bedspread found in the catch basin. The arms, legs and head were undoubtedly wrapped in this. The torso, when found, was wrapped in a tablecloth, but this, however, furnished no clue of value and suspects who had been arrested were released.

Mr. Dunham, an active, capable collector despite his sixty-four years, started out Dec. 19 over a route that took him into the Italian district in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn and then away down Borough Park and Bath Beach way, also in Italian sections. When he did not report at night the police were notified, and the next day detectives started over his trail.

It was found he had visited all his customers in the Red Hook district and had visited some in Borough Park. Down that way the trail got confused, but the detectives on the case were inclined to believe he was murdered in a house somewhere in the vicinity of New Utrecht Avenue. This conviction is now strengthened by the finding of the legs, arms and head at Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Streets and Tenth Avenue, which is not far from the suspected district.

Capt. Thierichens of Prinz Eitel; Capt. Kiehne, Wife and Children



CAPTAIN KIEHNE AND HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN

BRITISH WARSHIPS CHASED GERMAN RAIDER INTO PORT

Commander of Prinz Eitel Says One Was Only Ten Miles Away.

NORFOLK, March 11.—That at least three British warships were in pursuit of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich when she reached American waters early yesterday morning has been established. To the effect of one of the warships

British ships on board the commander of the Eitel stated that, judging from wireless interchanges of the British ships, one was within ten miles, the other within thirty or forty miles, and the third within fifty miles of his ship when he reached the three-mile limit off the Virginia capes.

M'ADOO IN HOSPITAL APPENDICITIS PATIENT

Secretary Goes From His Office for Operation—No Complications Appear.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo went to a hospital to-day to be operated on for appendicitis to-night or to-morrow. The Secretary was at his office this forenoon. It was said no complications had appeared.

PRESIDENT MAY INSIST THAT GERMANY PAY FOR SHIP SUNK BY RAIDER

Takes Personal Charge of the Investigation, Cancels All Other Engagements and Prepares to Assert Rights of Americans.

GERMANY'S OWN RULE BROKEN BY THE EITEL

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The following statement was issued at the White House to-day:

"The President, when asked regarding the sinking of the American sailing ship William F. Frye by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, said:

"A most searching inquiry will be made and whatever action is taken will be based upon the result of that inquiry."

President Wilson to-day cancelled all engagements for the next three weeks in order to assume personal charge of the international situation. He will receive no political callers of any sort and will only see officials who are in touch with the various problems that affect America's foreign policy.

This action on the President's part is admitted to be due directly to the sinking of the Frye, which was flying the American flag. The President believes the time has come when it is necessary for him to be personally on the bridge in charge of the ship of state.

There is no fear in any branch of the Government that the sinking of the Frye will be followed by any warlike measures on the part of the United States. But the President intends to insist on the rights of the United States being respected.

Discussion of the affair in official quarters was taken to forebode a strong protest to Germany. The contention of the German commander that the American ship had contraband of war has never been recognized by the United States as justification for sinking a neutral ship.

The fact that the Prinz Eitel Friedrich was commanded by a German naval officer makes impossible a charge of piracy and makes the matter a subject of diplomatic negotiations, with the object of gaining reparation for the owners and a disclaimer of unfriendliness.

That the United States would ask for damages and an explanation from the German Government was regarded as certain. Some officials thought the German Government would find itself compelled to repudiate the act of the German captain or abandon the position taken by Germany in recent correspondence with the United States on the subject of conditional contraband and foodstuffs.

It was reported this afternoon among Navy Department visitors that Collector of the Port Hamilton of Norfolk had asked through Commandant Beatty of the Norfolk Navy Yard for a destroyer to aid in preserving neutrality in connection with the Eitel's presence.

That the British Government would protest against the Eitel's release by the United States was unofficially reported to-day. British Vice Consul Myer at Norfolk was receiving code messages almost hourly from London and Washington.

Captain of the Prinz Eitel Talks of Making New Raid

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 11.—Capt. Thierichens of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich late to-day formally told Collector of Customs Hamilton that it was not his intention to intern his vessel. He said that unless the United States refuses to grant him the necessary time for repairs or restrain him, the converted cruiser will attempt to continue on its voyage of adventure.

The German officer sent his answer after the neutrality demands of the United States had been presented.