

WILKINS ON THE STAND, TELLS HIS STORY OF WIFE'S MURDER

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He came out and said it was blowing so she had tied down her hat with her veil. We walked out of the station.

Q. Did you see Snider, the policeman?

A. Just to speak to him.

(Snider swore that he saw the Wilkins get off the train, met them and walked half way home with them 15 minutes earlier than the time accounted for by the defendant.)

Q. When you reached the rear door of your home what happened?

A. I said to Mrs. Wilkins: "John,

you left this outside door open." She said she did not; but it was open, any way, and I went in and put my key in the inner door. The portiere inside kicked up as though somebody had just jumped back from it or gone through it.

I said, "John, I think there are sneak thieves in here. You better stay outside. We may need to call for help."

Then, Dr. Wilkins said, he was felled by a "terrible blow" on the head. He fell forward on his knees and a man grabbed him by the throat and another one put a knee in the small of his back. The robbers began pulling and hauling at his pockets.

Mrs. Wilkins, outside, began yelling "Help! Murder! Police! Burglars!" as the physician said, "for all she was worth."

One of the men said "Dick, attend to that."

Q. Did you see anybody leave the room?

A. No. I felt that somebody was leaving and heard the door open and close. Then Mrs. Wilkins's screams grew less and stopped altogether.

Dr. Wilkins said the robbers had talked to him gently enough, saying they did not want to shoot him, but would if he made a noise while they were going out. They took about \$40; his scarfpin and his watch when they went.

"Is this the pin?" asked Mr. Wyson, showing the lovers' knot scarf pin which the detectives say they found in Dr. Wilkins's overcoat recently.

"No, no," said Dr. Wilkins, almost testily. "I'll tell you. The pin bent a lot putting it into thick necktie about two years ago. I broke. I told a jeweler about it and he said he could fix it by putting on a twisted brass (not a gold, shank). I said that was good, to do that—you see I was tired of paying 34 cents for a new safety clip every two weeks.

Justice Manning suggested that the

Bride of Col. William Hayward Who Was Mrs. Morton F. Plant

DESCRIBES CONDITION OF WIFE AFTER ATTACK.

The defendant said he had never seen the gold Swiss watch shown to him by Mr. Wyson since Mrs. Wilkins took it in charge more than two years ago, then she gave him a watch which was cheaper, but less fragile.

There was no attempt to explain through the defendant how the watch came to be hidden inside the stuffing of a sofa, with blood on the gold case and on the napkin in which it was wrapped.

Now was there any attempt to explain how the peculiarly thin crystal with exaggerated convex surface was found broken on the sidewalk where Mrs. Wilkins's body lay.

The witness described the condition of Mrs. Wilkins when he said he found her on the lawn crying repeatedly "What is it? What is it? What is it?" and waving her hands before her head, clutching at nothing.

"I saw she needed a surgeon," he said, but she was very uncomfortable and I went into the house, twice for water, towels, a pillow and a blanket."

The doctor's account of his search for help did not vary from that of other witnesses.

When he was describing his visit to the hospital and receiving the news that his wife had died under the operation, Dr. Wilkins did not vary his precise, somewhat abrupt and condescending method of telling his story.

There was a pause as he finished telling how Mrs. Coleman, wife of his friend, the police judge, escorted him to a bench.

"It was a great blow to me," said Dr. Wilkins. "It was a great shock. I broke down. Oh, it was terrible."

The physician put his hands over his eyes and bent forward. He uttered several deep choking sobs and his voice trailed off so he was incoherent.

"The usual time for adjournment has arrived," said Justice Manning. "This court will take a recess for one hour."

Dr. Wilkins stepped from the chair promptly, trotted around behind the jury box to meet the officer who has him in custody and waited to be led

LITTLE STOWAWAY, AGED EIGHT, LANDS FROM TROOPSHIP

Another Belgian Boy Arrives and Red Cross Nurse Seeks to Adopt Him.

If the United States Transport Service holds out long enough Belgium promises to be the Country Without a Boy.

The latest of King Albert's youthful subjects to arrive in New York as a stowaway is Harry Valentin of Antwerp, blue eyed, brown haired and eight years old, who came in today on the Alphonso XIII, which sailed from Bordeaux at 11.1 P. M. on June 1 and docked at Pier 4, East River, at 1.13 o'clock this afternoon, with 1,213 officers and men on board.

"My father," said Harry Valentin, "was a professor in the university. He went with the soldiers and was killed. An aeroplane dropped a torpedo on our house and my mother, my little brother and two servants were killed. Then I went away."

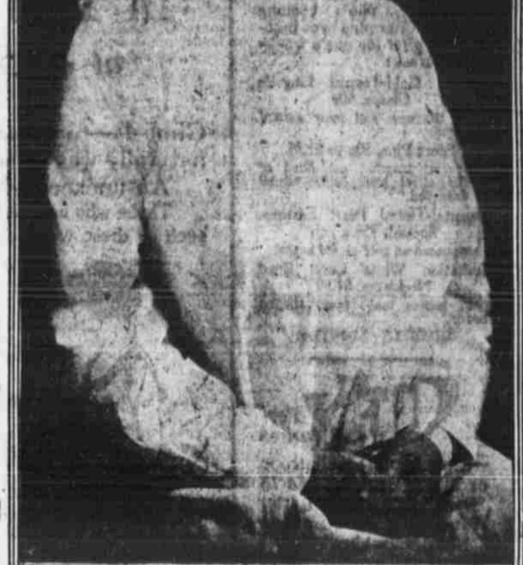
"After a time I joined the 16th Supply Train of the 1st Division—the Dixies, with two DPs on their arms—and they gave me this khaki suit and I was their mascot. There were three of us. We stowed away with the Dixies but were found and put off."

"I was put off four boats, including the Alphonso XIII. I was on the dock crying when I was put off the Alphonso and a doughboy on the upper deck let down a rope. When I tied it under my arms he swung me to the lower deck and this time I hid away successfully. I want to be an American. I can speak four languages. There must be somebody in a big country like yours who wants a boy."

Miss Lillian Foster, a Red Cross nurse, whose home is in Rochester, N. Y., will adopt Master Valentin if Uncle Sam says the word. Meanwhile Valentin must go to Ellis Island to bunk with Mike Glosby, Roger Jobey, and a third young Belgian who arrived last week.

A distinguished passenger on the Alphonso XIII was Lieut. Fred Law, son, aviator and New York advertising man, who, around Verdun one July day last year, brought down five enemy planes in a single day. The troops on the Alphonso were commanded by Col. George B. Comly of New York. The ship brought 51 casual nurses and detachments from 204th Base Hospital, 201st Bakery Company, 208th Military Police Company, and 20th Engineers Headquarters detachment.

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from the room. Such tears as he had shed on the witness stand in his rush of emotion were quite dried by this time. Close observers saw that his eyes were undimmed. Many of the numerous women in the court room were crying openly.

Justice David S. Manning denied the formal motions of the defense for the dismissal of the indictments against the aged defendant. Allen Meyers, private detective, had been called for a moment to account for a tool box—now held by the District Attorney—which was taken from the automobile of Dr. Wilkins and regarding which there is a dispute as to whether it is large enough to have held the murder hammer. The defense contends Dr. Wilkins never saw the hammer before the murder.

Mr. Wyson began with a detailed sketch of the life of Dr. Wilkins from his birth in York, Me., March 23, sixty-seven years ago.

Dr. Wilkins, he said, left the Maine farm at the suggestion of summer boarders, went to Boston as a store clerk at fifteen years; he moved to Detroit and was a hotel clerk for a time, and from there went to the Kalamazoo insane asylum as property clerk; in the asylum library he read medicine for several years and then became California agent of a carpet sweeper company.

Wilkins became engaged to Grace Mansfield, daughter of a wealthy Californian, who agreed to pay an allowance of \$150 a month if Dr. Wilkins would marry the daughter and take his bride to live with him while he finished his medical education.

When he got his medical degree Dr. Wilkins went to Seattle and a practice.

Dr. Wilkins felt he could do better in New York and came East and was appointed intern in the hospital for the insane at Ward's Island. His wife obtained a divorce for desolation. Dr. Wilkins married Mrs. Callahan, the widow of a Confederate veteran, who died of pneumonia and in 1906 he married the divorced wife of Otto Krauss.

Mrs. Krauss had considerable property, and at her suggestion Dr. Wilkins dropped his practice and became the manager of her real estate, which had an income of about \$5,000 a year.

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BABIES AND CARRIAGE HOLD LINER 10 MINUTES

But Father, Mother, Children and Cart Make the Boat After Race Across City.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eccles, the two babies and the baby carriage are all on board the Cunard liner Royal George and safe at sea on their way to Liverpool. But they held the big ship ten minutes beyond her sailing time, and broke all speed records in a taxi dash across the city.

The Royal George was to sail at noon sharp. With 500 passengers aboard she was moored at Pier 6, North River. At 11.50 Thomas Eccles, who was booked for passage, arrived at the Grand Central Station from Bridgeport. He telephoned the line begging them to hold the boat, chartering the first taxi in sight to be loaded in a full size wicker

baby carriage, containing three or four months, and Anna, age two years. At the pier Mr. and Mrs. Eccles deposited the baby carriage, seized the babies, and got on board the ship just as the gangplank came in at 12.00. A moment later a dark porter dashed down the dock wheeling the baby carriage and it was thrown aboard.

CHICAGO, June 24.—A strike call to electrical workers who operate the city's lighting system may make Chicago dark to-night. The call of the Business Agent of the union to which the men belong is effective at 8 P. M. and is the result of disagreement between the union leaders and the Finance Committee of the City Council. According to heads of the Electrical Workers' Union the Council Committee cut off eighteen days' pay without notice and has a been "holding down" the wages of electricians.

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