

Markoe Slayer Tells Plan for Murder Reign

Surgeon's Assassin, After Arraignment, Declares He Would Have Killed Others in the Event of Escape

Sorry Only for Widow

Fugitive Manic Probably Will Be Sent to Matteawan After Indictment

Thomas W. Simpkin, fugitive from several insane asylums, who shot and killed Dr. James W. Markoe in St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church during the Sunday morning service, was held without bail yesterday when he was arraigned in Yorkville court. Assistant District Attorney Benedict Dineen arranged to present the case to the grand jury Thursday.

The paranoiac tramp printer, it is expected, will be indicted on the charge of first degree murder. Three witnesses will be called, Herbert Satterlee, brother-in-law of J. P. Morgan; Dr. George E. Brewer, who was slightly wounded by the lunatic when he seized the man in Stuyvesant Park after the shooting; and Policeman William Burns, who made the arrest.

When the indictment is returned the court will be asked to appoint a lunacy commission and, in all probability, Simpkin will be in Matteawan asylum within a few days.

After his arraignment Simpkin made a statement to Deputy Assistant District Attorney O'Shaughnessy, in which he declared that his original intention was to kill J. Pierpont Morgan. He said that he came here to learn the name of the man who was secretary of the Republican National Committee. I heard Miller say in a speech: 'If you see an I. W. W., kill him.' Any man advising the killing of another man should be killed himself."

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Steamer Still in Peril

The William O'Brien Again Asks Aid; Freighter Safe

The American freighter E. A. Morgan, bound from this port to Genoa and previously reported in distress 280 miles east of Sandy Hook, is safe and proceeding to this port under her own power. This information was received yesterday by the Naval Communication Service from G. E. Wilson, master of the vessel.

The coast guard cutter Acushnet, which had been standing by, reported that the Morgan had proceeded under the power generated by one boiler.

A radio message also was received by the Naval Communication Service from the disabled steamer William O'Brien, a wooden vessel of 3,000 tons. Her master reported she was 500 miles east of Philadelphia and leaking rapidly. He asked that assistance be sent to him. The O'Brien was bound from this port to Rotterdam with coal.

Profiteer Plot Laid to Tenants By Irate Court

Dwellers Ordered to Pay Contested \$4 and Are Decried as Pirates With a Soviet of Their Own

Landlords Win 200 Cases

Owners Warned Against Cutting Up Larger Apartments to Add to Rentals

So-called profiteering tenants took their turn in feeling the weight of the hand of justice yesterday, when in more than 200 cases Justice Peter Shiel in the 2d District Municipal Court, in the Bronx, refused to grant reductions in rent, ordered prompt evictions, and undertook, he said, to break up a tenants' soviet. In some cases he even ordered tenants to pay more than the rental at which landlords were willing to compromise.

This series of decisions is the first break in the run of luck the tenants have been having since the new anti-bulk laws went into effect. In some cases the justice refused to abide by rulings made by other members of the same bench.

New Profiteering Move

Another development of the housing situation yesterday was the launching by the Mayor's committee of a campaign to stop profiteering in the small stores, with a few dwelling rooms attached, which are so numerous in some parts of the city. The committee, A. J. W. Hilly, chairman, announced, will make an effort to have such combined stores and apartments brought under the new laws as dwellings.

Mr. Hilly also issued a warning to landlords who are threatening or planning to cut up larger apartments into two and three room places as Mark Twain said "homes for three-legged sardines" and which Mr. Hilly refers to as "slapdop apartments." This is being very widely threatened, he declared, and will not be tolerated in any case which is brought to the notice of the committee. He urged all tenants who may suffer from this practice to apply to the committee in time for it to act to block the approval of the plans for alteration.

One of the cases which Justice Shiel turned against the tenants yesterday was that of Miss Elizabeth H. Sears, who had raised rents \$4 on seventeen tenants at 681 East 88th Street. Her lawyer told the court she had been paying for the upkeep of the place out of her earnings rather than raise the rents, but had become ill and could not continue to do so. He also said that the place was mortgaged, and that she might lose it if the April rent were not paid. The court offered to compromise on a \$2 raise.

Tenants Receive Rebuke

"These tenants are a bunch of pirates," said the justice. "They have a soviet of their own and I'm going to break it up." He ordered them to pay the rent with the full \$4 increase or get out by Wednesday.

Another tenant, who refused to pay his rent on the ground that the increase had been more than 25 per cent since last April, also was ordered to pay up on the ground that he had paid without protest in March. He argued that Justice Davies had ruled the law was retroactive.

"I am not bound to follow the ruling of Justice Davies," said the court.

Out of 240 rent protest cases only a few tenants got reductions. These were of only a dollar or two, and there were many evictions granted.

Advice on New York's methods of handling the housing crisis was asked yesterday for application to Australia by Leonard H. Pike, secretary to Premier Edward T. Theodore of Queensland, who is visiting here. Mr. Pike said that the rent laws similar to those of this city had been tried in some of the Australian states, but had failed, since they checked building. The heavy government housing program, even had not kept the supply of houses up to the demand.

The Office Tenants' League held a meeting last night at 87 Duane Street to complete its plans for to-day's hearing in Albany on the bills to check the increases in rents on business property. It is expected that a delegation of about twenty-five will go up, headed by Frank M. Franklin, chairman of the league; Henry A. Forster and Benjamin H. Patterson. The league alleges that realty interests are attempting to drive all lawyers out of the City Hall region, and that a real estate lobby is making it hard for them to fight the bills in Albany. There will also be a big delegation to Albany from various organizations of left users, who charge excessive profiteering in rents. Many of the organizations of clothing manufacturers are represented, and the delegation will be headed by Henry Ullmer.

There is far greater delay in relieving the housing shortage than in any other form of building, according to a survey issued yesterday by the E. W. Dodge Company. The survey says that the contracts for dwellings should run to 30 per cent of the total new construction in normal times and to 40 per cent at present to make up the shortage. Instead, it is found to be only 14 per cent in New York and Northern New Jersey, 19 per cent in the country north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi, 23 per cent in New England, around Washington and Baltimore 28 per cent, 13 per cent in the Middle West and 20 per cent in the Northwest.

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Elephants and Connolly Measured for Overalls

Neither Pachyderms Nor President of Queens Are Able to Get Denim to Fit Them, so They Ask Tailor to Get Them Ready for the Big Parade

Four Hippodrome elephants and Borough President Connolly of Queens were measured for overalls yesterday. The elephants are to lead the great overall parade that will march down Fifth Avenue next Saturday morning with every man and boy in line clad in the profiteer-busting blue denim. That's why tailors armed with surveying chains went over them yesterday.

Mr. Connolly was measured for the same reason in part that the pachyderms were. He couldn't find ready to wear overalls large enough to fit him, and as one of the leaders of the clothes saving movement that has swept through the Borough, he is a popular figure in the overall club as an organizer to combat the high price of clothing.

TORONTO, April 19.—The overall crusade in the United States spread over the border to Canada.

In view of the fact, however, that 75-cent overalls have jumped to \$2.25 here, the Old Clothes League is proving more popular than the Overall Club as an organization to combat the high price of clothing.

BURLINGTON, Vt., April 19.—Mayor J. Holmes Jackson to-day appeared in overalls and jumper, the first of the city officials to join the movement. Some 250 students at the University of Vermont are wearing blue denim.

BOSTON, April 19.—After the Rev. Louis L. Dunnington appeared last night in his pulpit at Orient Heights Methodist Episcopal Church, wearing overalls and jumper more than two hundred of his congregation signed the "overalls pledge."

At Medford the Rev. Rollin S. Tuttle, clad in white denim overalls, preached his first sermon as pastor of the Hillside Methodist Episcopal Church, and began organizing an overalls and old clothes club.

Lift Service in Big Buildings Is Near Normal

3,000 Operators Return; Employers Deny Claims of Strikers That Demands of Union Are Accepted

Wall Street Attack Fails

McGill, Municipal Building Starter, Must Explain Absence From His Duties

Elevator service in the big office buildings, crippled partly by the walk-out of 17,000 operators four days ago, virtually was back to normal yesterday. With the return of 3,000 operators as a result of settlements with the Elevator Starters and Operators' Union claimed by union leaders, and the provisions which owners and managers were able to make over Sunday for substitute help, most of the cars in the large buildings of Manhattan, particularly the lower part of the city and the financial district, were able to supply their tenants with regular and uninterrupted service.

Thomas J. McGill, president of the operators' union, who addressed another large mass meeting of strikers at Stuyvesant Casino, 140 Second Avenue, announced that a number of additional employers had accepted the union's demands. He was still confident that the men would win. Members of the Building Owners and Managers' Association, however, asserted the strike would be over in another day or two and that under no circumstances would the association meet the union's demands.

A feature of the strike yesterday was the picketing of all large buildings from the Battery to Eighty-sixth Street by an army of strikers. More than 3,500 strikers, organized into companies of twenty-five, invaded structures of strategic importance in the city and sought to prevail upon the operators at work to join in the walk-out.

Special squads of policemen were on duty in Wall Street—the strikers' chief point of attack—and other nearby thoroughfares to guard against any possible disorder. The policemen had very little work to do. Later in the day President McGill announced many operators had been induced to quit and that no less than 1,000 men had joined the union during the day.

McGill, an elevator starter in the Municipal Building, has been ordered by Clarence H. Fay, Commissioner of Public Works, to appear before him this morning to explain why he was absent without leave from his duties on certain days last week, when he pleaded illness, but which, it is declared, he actually devoted to preparations for the strike. McGill has been suspended from the city's service by President Henry H. Curran of the Borough of Manhattan for this reason.

Speculation was aroused at the Municipal Building yesterday as to whether Mr. Curran had taken any action against Frank H. Hines, superintendent of the Bureau of Public Offices and Buildings. Hines, it is understood, is a personal friend of McGill, and it is alleged that Hines should have notified the Borough President of McGill's absence. Hines is protected by civil service. It is understood that prior to the calling of the strike there has been a general understanding with McGill that none of the elevators in official city buildings would be tied up, and the operators working in these buildings would receive increases commensurate with those that would have been gained as a result of the strike.

Borah Invades New Jersey

Advocates Johnson for President on Nations League Issue

TRENTON, N. J., April 19.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, invaded New Jersey to-night in the interests of the candidacy of Senator Johnson for the Republican nomination for President when he addressed a big gathering in Moose Hall here.

He confined his remarks almost entirely to the league of nations and insisted that Johnson was the only man the people of the United States could trust their interests to, because Johnson stood against the league when it infringed in the least upon the sovereignty of the United States.

Senate to Expunge Thompson Charges From the Record

Member Repeats Liquor Was Used in Assembly on Night Socialists Were Ousted; Investigation Demanded

From a Staff Correspondent
ALBANY, April 19.—After a heated debate, in which Senator George F. Thompson renewed his charges that intoxicating liquor was used to excess that night of March 31, the Senate voted to expunge the charges from the record.

Senator Frederick M. Davenport, Republican of Oneida, and Salvatore Cotillo, Democrat of New York, joined with Senator Thompson in asking that there be an investigation of the charges. But Senator J. Henry Walters, of Onondaga, majority leader, ignored these suggestions and pressed his original resolution to expunge. Senator Walters said he was acting pursuant to a request of the Assembly. He said he had talked to some of the newspapermen and that they declared, with two or three exceptions, that there was no justification for the charge that there had been an orgy in the Assembly.

"I am informed that Mr. Daly has taken a great interest in the Socialist ouster; that he was present on the night of the debate on the report of the Judiciary Committee, which lasted all night of March 31. He had the privilege of the floor, including all the public places within the inclosure guarded by the sergeant-at-arms; that he was privileged to and did bring liquor in that public place; that some of the Assemblymen drank of the liquor, and that during the speech of Assemblyman Steinberg one of the Assemblymen collapsed and was supported from the chamber.

Senator Thompson, in opposing the motion to expunge, said:

"I have no direct knowledge of this subject, except from the statement made by Daly himself in my presence, that he did not have a bottle of red liquor, but that he did have a bottle of Scotch, which was white. The rest of the information came from sources which I respect and have reason to believe, and for that reason I do not see how I can honestly retract any statement I have made in this regard."

The vote was a voice vote and some noses were heard.

Blasts Wreck Many Buildings As Ship Burns

Tons of Machinery Driven Through Roofs as 5,600-Ton Vessel Is Destroyed at South Brooklyn Pier

Spectacular explosions among 5,000 barrels of nitrate of soda attended the burning yesterday of the 5,600-ton freighter Hallfrid, of the North and South Atlantic Line, while the vessel lay moored at her dock, Pier 5, Bush Terminal, at the foot of Forty-third Street, South Brooklyn.

Showers of burning chemicals were shot up hundreds of feet. Windows were broken for many blocks and exploded in the hull of the Hallfrid three tons of machinery tumbled through the roofs of adjoining buildings.

A 2-ton donkey engine and a length of heavy anchor chain were lifted forty feet from the Hallfrid's deck and dropped through the roof of Pier 5. When the fire was extinguished South Brooklynites for a mile around found their sidewalks, roofs and yards covered with a layer of powdered soda.

Crew of Ship at Lunch

The fact that the fire broke out during the noon hour, while members of the crew were ashore for lunch, and the precaution taken by the Fire Department officials against explosions prevented loss of life and serious injury to any one.

The Hallfrid, which is operated by Kieppe Brothers, 11 Broadway, arrived from Bergen, Norway, last Wednesday with a cargo of newspaper and nitrate of soda. About half of the cargo had been unloaded into three lighters.

The fire broke out in the forward hatch. Because of danger of a spread of fire along the waterfront a general alarm was sent in. The first fire fighters to arrive began to pour water into the Hallfrid's hold. It was soon seen that chemicals in the hold were likely to explode.

The firemen had no sooner left the deck of the vessel than an explosion out of the deck and catapulted the donkey engine into the air.

Many Explosions

Explosions followed for the next half hour. Meantime a part of the dock had caught fire. The three lighters were sunk and to prevent further spreading of the flames the Hallfrid was towed out of the slip and beached in a mud bank.

A dozen fire boats assisted in isolating the burning vessel. Scores of small ships, oil tanks and lighters for a time appeared to be threatened.

On the side of the pier opposite to the Hallfrid was the Scandinavian passenger liner Thorvald Halverson, which was loading. The Bush Terminal buildings, two hundred feet away, escaped injury.

Two men were taken to Kings County Hospital. They were Joseph Switzer, 223 Forty-third Street, a laborer, who was overcome by fumes from the chemicals, and John Mulligan, 277 West Fourth Street, a fireman, who had his arm wrenched in the flywheel of his engine.

Home Town in Ohio Prepares Greeting for Johnson

WESTERVILLE, Ohio, April 19.—Westerville citizens will welcome William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, prohibition worker, home Saturday afternoon, it was announced to-day.

Johnson, who will reach New York from Liverpool Thursday, will be met at Newark, Ohio, Saturday by an automobile delegation of his fellow townsmen and representatives of secret orders and church organizations of which he is a member.

He will go to Columbus, where he will be met by state and city officials and receive a public reception. From Columbus he will be escorted to Westerville for an informal reception. Saturday will be a holiday in Westerville.

Story of a Lover Cleared

Court Dismisses Charge Against Publisher After Reading It

"The Story of a Lover" which brought its publishers, Boni & Liveright, into court because it shocked a patrolman attached to the vice squad was officially cleared of the charges of obscenity and indecency yesterday by Magistrate Frothingham, in Jefferson Market police court, and the complaint dismissed. The magistrate rendered his decision after reading the book.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Driscoll obtained permission "respectfully to dissent," because, he said, the author of the book seemed to regard woman as "a degenerate creature."

Home Blown Into the Sea

BANTASKET, Mass., April 19.—Joseph Warren, of Boston, an attorney who was indicted a week ago for alleged forgery of money checks and papers, encountered further trouble today when his summer residence here was blown into the sea. The building was a frame structure of two stories, fully furnished, but unoccupied. It was along Point Allerton Avenue, where it stood, was undermined by a storm last fall and the house undermined.

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Foes of Jenks Bills Silenced in Assembly

Sweet Steam Roller Prevents Reconsideration of Move to Jam Measures Through

From a Staff Correspondent
ALBANY, April 19.—The smoothly working steam roller of the Sweet machine in the Assembly to-night flattened out the move made by Assemblymen Jesse and Ullman, Republicans, both of New York, to extend the life of the Assembly Judiciary Committee so that it may reconsider its action on the Jenks service-at-cost bills which would give the Public Service Commission power to set aside rate stipulations made in franchise agreements to traction companies by municipalities in the United States.

The Judiciary Committee at a meeting Friday reported these bills out of committee despite the fact it had been agreed they were not to be touched. Assemblymen Jesse and Ullman to-night introduced a resolution which would permit the committee to reconsider its action. Both of the resolutions were ruled out by Speaker Sweet on the ground they were not privileged.

When Assemblyman William S. Evans, Democrat, of New York, who had been told by Chairman Louis M. Martin of the Judiciary Committee that no action was to be taken on the bills, asked for an explanation, Mr. Martin informed him that he had entertained this view, but had been overruled by the committee, eight to two.

The efforts to release the bills have proved a failure, they now remain in Rules Committee and will probably be reported out slated for passage by Speaker Sweet and his lieutenants.

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Reactor Describes Shooting

Dr. Reiland yesterday told for the first time the story of the tragedy as he saw it. He said:

"After the shots I threw my Bible up into the pulpit and leaped the chancel rail and started down the aisle after the man.

"Several women had arisen in their seats. One had reached the aisle. I don't know who she was, but I do know I ran into her and knocked her into the pew. I hope she was not hurt. Dr. Markoe was being brought down the aisle by four men, among whom were George Earle Warren, vice-president of the Columbia Trust Company, and Frank Lawrence Stratton. Mr. Warren had been the first to reach Dr. Markoe. He had been seated two pews in the rear. He saw the man who did the shooting and when he saw that he was coming he jumped into the aisle and reached Dr. Markoe almost before he touched the floor.

Range for the Elevator

"The men carrying Dr. Markoe asked me: 'Where shall we take him?' I was of course in my vestments. I directed them to take him to the Lying-in Hospital just across the Park, an institution that was founded by Dr. Markoe.

"I had been there many times to see the doctor and once he had explained to me the emergency rig for the elevator. I ran ahead and rang the elevator bell, so that by the time the men carrying Dr. Markoe entered the building the elevator man had brought the lift down and was holding the door open.

"The elevator man asked me: 'Who is it?' and when I told him he said: 'My God, he's my friend.'"

"Well, he was my friend, too, and my physician. We took him to the fourth floor to the operating room, where not so long ago Dr. Markoe operated on me, on an aneurysm above my eye, the very place where he was shot. Dr. MacPherson came in. He was deeply shocked when he learned that I was a surgeon and after a brief examination told me the surgeon was dead.

Felt Like Avenging Death.

"A few seconds later Mrs. Markoe was led into the room. They told her her husband was dead. The poor woman collapsed. There I returned to the chancel. As I walked back and thought of my friend lying there in the hospital, being snuffed out, I felt like killing the man who had done it, because I thought that he was some Bolshevik. I was relieved to learn that he was a madman.

"When I reentered the church the choir was still singing, led by Egegaard. I had been gone about four or five minutes, I suppose. Then I reentered the service."

The coroner's plate, dropped by Dr. Markoe and the one left by Mr. Satterlee when he went into the park, where the assassin was seized by a group of men bent on punishing him, were carried up to the chancel rail by two women of the congregation, a most unusual thing in an Episcopal service.

Massachusetts Summer

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