

# Women Caught With Others in Police Rum Net

### Two Held in \$1,000 Bail on Charge of Selling Liquor; Magistrates Demand Big Bond of Booze Purchasers

### Dry Law Drive Continues

Prosecutors Prepare Cases for Grand Jury; May Ask Closing of Many Places

Numerous persons charged by the police with violating the state dry laws yesterday and held for the action of the grand jury. Bail was fixed in all of the cases at \$500 or \$1,000. Among those arraigned were two women charged with selling liquor, and two purchasers of drinks. The alleged purchasers were the first to be arrested by the police since prohibition went into effect. Their bail was fixed at \$1,000.

Police activities against all manner of violations of the prohibition laws continued again yesterday, and many arrests were made by detectives in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx.

### Ross Would Close Places

United States Attorney Leroy Ross, of Brooklyn, yesterday requested Commissioner Enright and the Brooklyn District Attorney to supply him with lists of places raided in his borough, announcing that he will bring proceedings in the Federal court to close these places as public nuisances.

While the police in Brooklyn made a score of more arrests yesterday, it was said that the Federal prohibition agents there had made an arrest since Tuesday. The activity of Federal agents in Manhattan was small.

### Woman Held in \$1,000 Bail

Mrs. Kate O'Keefe, fifty years old, of 559 First Avenue, was held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of possessing two demijohns of liquor behind a counter in a refreshment place.

### Charge Butcher Operated Still

James Jenosek, forty-nine, of 414 East Seventy-third Street, a butcher, charged with operating a 30-gallon still in the basement of his home, was held in \$500 bail in Yorkville court.

### William O. Brandt, of 225 West Forty-ninth Street, complained to the police that he had purchased thirty casks of "whisky" for \$7,200 and found the casks contained only water. Three men, who he said had arranged the deal were arrested in Brooklyn and pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second degree. They said they were John E. Baldwin, Max A. Herkins and Robert Rockwood. They will be sentenced on Tuesday.

The request made by Police Commissioner Enright for an appropriation to provide for 1,000 additional patrolmen and a special appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose of augmenting the contingent fund of the department, in order properly and effi-

ciently to enforce the State prohibition law, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Budget without comment by the Board of Estimate yesterday. There is little expectation, however, of the request being granted, as the Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and Borough President of Manhattan are understood to be unalterably opposed to it. They control eight out of the sixteen votes in the board.

# Harris to Act Out Death of Elwell Here

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to an examination of this kind and then reported his findings to Detective O'Neil, who immediately sent them on by telephone to Captain Carey at New York.

Oswald said Carey was conferring with the District Attorney on the matter and that Harris would probably be taken to New York to-morrow night. "Harris is a sane man," said Dr. Putnam. "If Mrs. Harris, his wife, says he is crazy or in any way abnormal, she lies. She said she often took fits and fainting spells. This is not true. Harris said he never had a fit in his life and never fainted. I have looked him over, and I know he tells the truth. His confession should be given serious attention."

"He may be sometimes, but he has a very good memory and has a good choice of language. He never hesitated for a word. As Harris would probably remember, he related the details of his connection for a year with the George Junior Republic, an institution for recalcitrant boys near Bridgeport, Conn. He said he was taken there when he was thirteen years old (he is now twenty-three) for forging a small check.

"He went into minute details of his life there and how the institution was governed. He told how he was elected janitor and chief of police and president of the republic, and how he took a good place for recalcitrants. He told how he was married in 1915 and his being separated twice from his wife.

"I don't think this man is a pathological liar. He is not the type which fabricates wonderful stories nor the kind which wants merely to confess to crimes, as did six men in the case of the assassination of President McKinley. Nor do I think he is a notoriety seeker.

"He tells his story coolly and with such apparent unusual ease because he feels that he will be given leniency as the result of his confession. He said he learned at the Republic that the Connecticut laws a man who confesses is given much smaller sentences.

T thinks He Is Not Lying

"In a general way I would say he isn't lying, but I would not say that he wasn't lying when he says that he did not do the shooting. I notice that he is very careful to emphasize that he is the other fellow, Duncan, did the actual shooting. The so-called discrepancies in his description of the Elwell house and what took place in it at the time of the murder are not material as indicative of his veracity. It does not prove that he was not there. Of course, in the final analysis it was decided by the officials who are conversant with the case.

"This was not a voluntary confession strictly speaking. Harris says the confession was 'surprised' out of him by the detectives, who had innocently asked him what he knew about 'that New York affair.' He spoke much about casing his conscience. His conscience didn't begin to trouble him, however, until some time after he left New York last August, when he went to Syracuse, Rochester and Detroit. From the latter place, about six months ago, he is known to have suddenly decided to call up the politician who, Mrs. Fairchild had told Duncan, would get them out of trouble if anything went wrong.

"Harris, I am given to understand, called up a booth in City Hall, at New York, and asked for the politician. He got no satisfaction. He said he wanted to ask him if everything was all right, and try to get some money out of him. Harris is not of the Lombroso type of criminal, and hasn't any of the physical malformations, such as unusual ears, large head bumps or row of forehead, of this class. He is no more a liar than anybody else, and the fact that he spoke with so much ease only indicates that he is not of an emotional temperament. He isn't egotistical, and doesn't brag about anything he has ever done in his life.

"If he didn't assist at the crime it seems to me that he was in some way involved in the murder. He committed the crime, or rather was a party to it, for the money. From my examination I can't believe that he merely invented the stories. He knows something about that murder."

When Harris was told that his wife

# Police Talk to 'Mrs. Fairchild'; Laugh at Harris Confession

### Woman Named in Youth's Story as One Who Hired Him for Elwell Murder Denies Knowledge of How Sportsman Came to His Death

Detectives attached to the homicide squad yesterday questioned "Mrs. Fairchild," the woman Roy Harris says hired him and "Bill" Duncan to kill Joseph Bowen Elwell.

Neither Captain Carey nor Charles S. Whitman, special assistant District Attorney, would divulge the name of the woman. Despite the fact that Harris told a circumstantial story and stuck to it in the face of a severe grilling, there was not a single police or prosecuting official in New York yesterday who took his "confession" seriously.

"Mrs. Fairchild" informed the detectives who questioned her that she had no knowledge of the manner in which Elwell met his death. She insisted to the detectives that she had never seen or heard of Harris, Duncan or "Jerry," the taxicab driver, who, according to Harris's confession, introduced her to him and Duncan.

Despite the fact that the police do not take Harris's confession seriously, Acting Inspector Coughlin, commanding the detective bureau, said yesterday: "We must bring Harris to New York."

pooh-pooh his tales as mere material for moving picture scenarios he said: "I'll talk to her about that. She's trying to shield me, poor girl. She's just lying, that's all."

Mrs. Harris, who met her husband for the first time in eight months last Tuesday night when she encountered him here while seeking work, dismissed her husband's confession as the mere fabrication of a disordered mind.

"He's not guilty, just crazy," she said. "Why, I was walking with him on Riverside Drive on the night after Elwell was killed. He was broke. He didn't have any money to take us to a show. That's the kind of a hired assassin he was."

"A few nights after the Elwell murder we walked right down past Elwell's house. Roy pointed out the house. He wasn't nervous or anything. He couldn't have done that with a guilty conscience. He was afraid to go back where he had passed a check. We both read in the papers all about the crime and talked about it.

"Roy couldn't keep it from me if he were guilty. He told me about everything. He wrote me about the check he forged. He couldn't keep anything back.

"He has fainting fits, headaches and written foolish letters. The first night we were in Buffalo he got up in the middle of the night and began singing. I hope he goes free. I don't care whether we ever live together again, but I'll go back to him if he wants me. I think he'll get off, because he has an alibi. He had no opportunity to commit the murder. After the time of the murder he had no money; he had to borrow from his sister.

"On July 3, 1920, I decided to go for a visit home. So I left Roy in New York. He went to stay with his sister. She wrote me once that Roy was getting a lot of money from her. He said he needed it to pay for his laundry. After that trip I joined him in New York, and we went to Syracuse because living was cheaper there. I went home once more, and Roy wrote me from Chicago, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Montreal and Rochester. We met here accidentally."

Disbelieves Her Claims

Mrs. Harris had at one time declared that he was not in New York when the crime was committed, but was in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Putnam is inclined to place little faith in her idea of her husband's confession. She is being detained by the authorities merely for verification of some of the details of her husband's story. In connection with Harris's being broke at the time of the murder, as related by his wife, it is understood that investigation by detectives in New

# Detective Kills Fugitive Who Tried to Aid Girl

### Shooting Follows Chase Near 47th Street Police Station

Daniel Ullino, twenty-five years old, of 320 East Twenty-seventh Street, was shot and killed last night a short distance from the West Forty-seventh Street police station following an altercation with a detective attached to Inspector Belton's special squad.

Detective Philip Curry, of the special squad, arrested a girl who gave her name as Mrs. Gertrude Abdola, nineteen years old, of 485 Second Avenue, shortly before midnight at Broadway and Fifty-ninth Street. He hailed a taxi and placed his prisoner in it.

According to Detective Curry, they had hardly started south on Broadway when Ullino, who had been standing nearby as he arrested the girl, took another taxi and followed.

Curry said that as they turned into West Forty-seventh Street the other machine was directly behind him, and he had just taken his prisoner from the taxi when Ullino drove up.

According to Curry, Ullino jumped from the taxi and began to speak in abusive terms. Then Ullino ran. Curry said that he drew his pistol from his pocket and fired two shots in the air.

Police in the station who heard Detective Curry's shots rushed from the station and gave chase after Ullino. He was shot dead at the corner of Forty-seventh Street and Ninth Avenue. According to Dr. Mulligan, of Flower Hospital, the man died of a bullet wound in the right side of the heart.

# Indictments in Nassau Gambling Cases Quashed

### Sheriff and Supervisor Freed by Court, Ending Inquiry Without a Conviction

Supreme Court Justice Young informed District Attorney Weeks of Nassau County, yesterday that he had granted permission for the submission of an order to dismiss the indictments against Sheriff Charles W. Smith and Supervisor George D. Doughty, of that county, thus bringing to a close without a conviction the inquiry into an alleged gambling ring in Nassau County.

The two defendants were charged with conspiracy in connection with the alleged illegal sanction of certain gambling houses. They were tried with Assemblyman Thomas A. McWhinney and ex-State Senator Thomas H. O'Keefe, both of whom were acquitted, while the jury disagreed in the cases of Smith and Doughty.

Justice Young said that a conviction in either case seemed highly improbable, and that the prosecution should rely largely upon the testimony of John N. Fleischer, who, at the time of the first trial, was secretary of the Nassau County Association, which took an active part in obtaining evidence for the District Attorney.

"The question as to whether the defendants were guilty of the crime charged," said Justice Young, "rested chiefly upon the testimony of one Fleischer, who was discredited on cross-examination by proof of his former disbarment as a lawyer in Massachusetts for appropriating moneys belonging to clients."

Cocaine Worth \$100,000 Seized in Mott St. Raid

Narcotic Squad Detectives Arrest Man Suspected in Smuggling Case

Detectives attached to the Narcotic Squad who have been studying the traffic in illegal drugs in the Fulton section of the city, last night arrested David Botti, of 110 Mott Street, on a charge of possessing drugs illegally.

# Two Nurses to Go on Trial in Hospital Probe

### Dr. Wilson, Head of the Willard Parker, Insists on Procedure to Vindicate the Institution

### Declares Charges False

### Second Woman Alleges In-sanitary Conditions and Cruelty to Children

Two nurses will be placed on trial at a hearing within a few days before Commissioner of Health Royal S. Copeland in connection with the investigation which is being made of charges directed against Willard Parker Hospital.

Dr. Robert J. Wilson, director of the Bureau of Hospitals, announced yesterday he had requested the hearing in order that the hospital and its attendants may be vindicated. He said that for this purpose his hearing will center around Miss Elsie Van Guelder and Miss Ivy Betz, nurses, who in reports to the director have denied the allegations that they threatened or mistreated child patients.

Mrs. Mary C. Roop, of Upland, Pa., who alleges her daughter, a graduate of Wellesley, did not receive proper service from the attendants of the hospital, and Mrs. Marie Stabo, of 84 West Eighty-seventh Street, this city, will be subpoenaed and asked to repeat the accusations they have made in statement and letter.

Cruelty Charges

The charges of Mrs. Stabo, a patient in the scarlet fever ward of the hospital last January at the same time as Miss Roop, became known yesterday. She made allegations in a letter to Dr. Jesse G. M. Bullowa, one of the visiting staff at Willard Parker, who forwarded the communication to Director Wilson.

Besides charging that conditions in a pavilion of the hospital were unsanitary, Mrs. Stabo alleges that some of the nurses were harsh in their treatment of children. She alleges that one night a child died after being untended for hours. Specific instances of mistreatment of children cited by Mrs. Stabo in her letter are that a nurse threatened one of the child patients with cruelty for an infraction, and that another child was so exposed when being given a bath that its skin became blue.

Director Wilson yesterday made categorical denial of the charges and criticism of Mrs. Roop, a report on which he has been asked to make by Commissioner Copeland.

"In view of the reflections emanating from Mrs. Roop and Mrs. Stabo, I feel that a hearing is necessary," said Director Wilson. "I do not believe them, but because of the specific accusations of Mrs. Stabo, naming several nurses, they should be openly aired. In this way I am sure the hospital and the nurses accused will receive public vindication."

"The charges of Mrs. Roop are utterly without foundation in fact, and I have found that the same applies to many of the statements of Mrs. Stabo. The equipment and food supplied

at Willard Parker are equal to the standard of any public hospital in the country, and my investigation of the charges of improper service have shown them to be groundless."

A survey of some of the wards of the hospital yesterday bore out Dr. Wilson's statements. The patients, adults and children alike, appeared to be comforted. They were unanimous in the statement that the food was good, sanitary conditions satisfactory and that the nurses showed them every attention.

Pecora Denounces Becker For Acts in Cohen Case

Assistant District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora denounced Special Deputy Attorney General Alfred L. Becker in Special Sessions before Judge John F. McIntyre yesterday, charging him with unprofessional conduct.

Mr. Pecora told the court that Mr. Becker had obtained from him all the evidence in possession of the prosecution against Joseph Sorro, who is under indictment for a public prosecutor in the trial of Joseph Cohen for the murder of Barnet Baff. The Assistant District Attorney said he gave the evidence to Mr. Becker only upon the understanding that it was not to be shown to Sorro or his attorney. Yesterday he learned for the first time, he said, that Becker had announced his retention as Sorro's attorney.

"I denounce Mr. Becker's conduct," said Pecora, "as being in violation of the spirit if not of the letter of the penal law, which makes it a misdemeanor for a public prosecutor to advise or counsel a defendant in a matter wherein he is concerned as a public prosecutor."

Sorro was principal witness against Cohen in the latter's trial for murder of Baff before Justice Arthur S. Tompkins in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, June, 1917. Cohen's sentence of death was commuted to life imprisonment.

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