

STATEN ISLAND RUM INQUIRY ON TO-DAY

U. S. Attorney Ross Will Seek to Get at Bottom of Eckert Murder.

TAKES UP TIERNAN CASE

Political Rumpus Likely to Prevent Calling of Special Grand Jury.

Le Roy W. Ross, United States Attorney, will start to-day a thorough investigation of the Staten Island whiskey scandal, exposed by the murder a week ago Saturday of the bootlegger Frederick Eckert.

It seemed unlikely yesterday that Gov. Smith would authorize the extraordinary Grand Jury requested by District Attorney Joseph Maloy.

Judge Tiernan's break with Magistrate Frederick S. Mullen has overshadowed completely the murder mystery in local interest.

Mayor Hylan said yesterday in explanation of his order to the Chief Magistrate to assign Magistrate Simpson to the Stapleton Court, where Eckert was arrested, that he thought it was "remotely possible" that Tiernan, who is a County Judge and Surrogate, to sit in for Magistrate Mullen.

"Last Thursday," the Mayor said, "Magistrate Mullen's father, William Mullen, came to me and said his son was ill. He asked me to assign another magistrate to the Stapleton court, which I did. When I read that a police officer connected with the District Attorney's office was mentioned in the whiskey transactions I took the matter up with Police Commissioner Enright, and we agreed it would be advisable to suspend Sergeant John Smith pending a full investigation of his connection with the affair."

"I am trying to administer the affairs of the city honestly and efficiently and I will not stand for anything of color. As a whole the police force is honest and capable, but we cannot be responsible for individual members."

Bootlegging in the Borough of Richmond, which flourished openly until Eckert's murder, has ceased suddenly. The open sale of hard drinks has likewise ceased and Staten Island is nearer to home dry than ever before in its history.

Tales were told yesterday by saloonkeepers, who have been buying their wet goods from the "ring," of hush money offered to keep further facts concealed. One saloon man said the bootleggers had offered him the money equivalent of a quantity of whiskey confiscated from him during a raid. The amount was \$1,500.

PATROLMAN'S SHOT SCATTERS FEUDISTS

Both Sides Get Shock; Three Men Arrested.

Patrolman Louis A. Fleck passed three men who were conversing in a lone tone in Forty-fifth street between Broadway and Eighth avenue at 2 two o'clock yesterday morning. He slipped into a doorway and listened.

"We'll wait for them here," said one of the men. "We've got to settle this right now."

A few minutes later the patrolman saw a taxi cab draw up. The men got out and started to enter the doorway in which the patrolman was concealed, apparently to go to their rooms. The newcomers were halted by the three on the curb. One of them had drawn a revolver.

"Now we'll fight you fair," one of the latter exclaimed.

Then Patrolman Fleck interfered. He fired and the bullet struck five from the pavement at the feet of the gunman. The man turned and ran and the rest of the party scattered. Detective Neary came up in time to help Patrolman Fleck capture two of the men and the third, who had taken refuge in a hallway further down the block was taken after a battle.

COP FLOORS THREE BANDITS IN BOUTS

Three Other Robbers Knock Him Down and Escape.

Three of six men who tried to rob the cash register of a restaurant at 167 East Fourth street at 3 o'clock yesterday morning were knocked unconscious by the fists of Patrolman Albert Hall of Headquarters division. The officer broke his right arm as he cracked the third bandit on the head. The three other intruders knocked the patrolman down with a chair, took \$50 out of the register and fled.

Hall recovered from the chair blow before the bandits did from his fists. Patrolmen Cowan and Pohl arrived in time to assist him in dragging the three fallen ones to their feet and placing them under arrest. George Koenig, proprietor of the place, Tillie Schmalund, a waitress, and Henry Schaefer, a waiter, were fighting the intruders when Patrolman Hall happened along and took charge of the situation.

The three defendants, John Cooper, 223 Crescent street; Robert Martinick, 235 Williams street, and William Murnane, 37 Beebe street, all of Long Island City, were held in \$2,500 bail each in Essex Market court. Patrolman Hall went to Bellevue Hospital to have his arm set.

Does Watching Police Play Ball. Louis Harris of 221 Vandewater avenue, Long Island City, a retired patrolman, became ill with apoplexy yesterday afternoon while watching a baseball game between the New York Police Department and the Springfield of Long Island City, in Recreation Park, Long Island City. He was carried into the park offices, where he died in a few moments. He was 65 years old and retired from the police force ten years ago.

CONFESSION SOON IN SCHULZ MURDER

Bergen County Prosecutor Expects to Clear Up Slaying of Girl in 48 Hours.

CHAUFFEURS LOCKED UP

Last One to Surrender Says He Has Not Seen Victim Since Six Months Ago.

The investigation of the murder of Mrs. Blanche Schulz, whose body was found last Wednesday in some bushes at Grantwood, N. J., led yesterday to the detention of two more men as material witnesses. Prosecutor A. C. Hart of Hackensack said last night that with their arrest he hoped for a confession within forty-eight hours that would clear up the mystery surrounding the young woman's death.

The men held yesterday were George Harris, 28 years old, of 140 East 142d street, and Joseph Garofola, 26 years old, of 295 East 157th street. Both are chauffeurs, whose names have been mentioned in connection with the case. Garofola went to the Cliffside police station yesterday night and confessed to having seen his name in the papers and wished to clear himself of any suspicion. He was taken to Hackensack yesterday morning and held without bail by Recorder Kenny.

Garofola said he had known Mrs. Schulz previous to six months ago, when he let her alone on learning that she was married. Unlike some of the others who have been questioned, he insisted that he knew of nothing against the woman's character. He probably will be released from custody to-day.

Harris was held without bail by Justice Lanning. He was questioned last Friday by District Attorney Francis Martin of The Bronx. He said he was out with Mrs. Schulz the day before she disappeared, and had given her presents upon various occasions.

Prosecutor Hart said he was not satisfied with the stories told by Schulz, who is kept under heavy guard in the Hackensack jail. Mr. Hart said that Schulz's grief upon viewing the body of his wife and the places where it was found impressed him as being "theatrical and affected." Mr. Hart's latest theory is that the woman was murdered somewhere in Manhattan or The Bronx, and that her body was taken to Grantwood afterward. This theory is based upon the absence of blood from the ground where the death struggle is supposed to have occurred.

The funeral of Mrs. Schulz will be held to-morrow. The body has been turned over to her parents and will be buried in Hackensack.

EXPLAINS BARRIERS TO HOME BUILDING

R. G. Chittick Attacks Mortgage Interest Tax.

The reason for the reluctance of capital to flow into housing construction is plain enough, according to Richard G. Chittick, executive secretary of the Real Estate Board of New York, who discussed the situation yesterday at a meeting of the board.

"First," said he, "the taxing of the interest on mortgages under the income tax law reduces the income return below that of Federal and local tax free securities. Second, the restrictive housing rent laws frustrate the return from rents. The next important factor is the builder, and under existing conditions the builder will not build multi-family houses."

"The reason for this is no less plain. The builder, could he secure capital, must take his chances with the high cost of his labor and material. The so-called speculative builder, who has built up perhaps 20 per cent. of New York city, builds to sell, but under the existing conditions he fears that he cannot market his products. And his fears are justified, for when he finishes his project he comes up against the third important factor, namely, the buyer. The investor will not invest in a product the ownership of which, because of the rent laws, entails worry."

Chittick said he believed the public was coming to have a better understanding of the housing situation and that the Legislature would probably take note of the economic requirements involved. The board will present its views at the second conference on housing by the joint legislative committee, which is to be held at City Hall to-morrow.

FREIGHTERS TO USE EITHER OIL OR COAL

Lloyd Royal Beige Liners Will Be Convertible.

While other lines are announcing how fast they are turning their coal burning ships into oil burners, the Lloyd Royal Beige, through its New American general manager, Joseph A. Nash, made it known yesterday that its freighters will all be vessels convertible at short notice from oil to coal burners. Considerable expense has been made with four oil burning ships obtained from the U. S. Shipping Board, which at a cost of from \$2,500 to \$3,000 each have been fitted to use coal.

The reason for this, Mr. Nash explained, is that in many out of the way ports to which the freighters go there is always a scarcity if not absolute lack of one fuel or the other. Thus if a vessel, after leaving a port where oil is plentiful, runs to a port where only coal is obtainable, it will be but short work for the engine room crew to arrange things so that the boilers will be heated by coal.

AID FOR TEUTONS SOUGHT.

General collection stations at which gifts of clothing for the poverty stricken in Germany and Austria may be left have been opened in all boroughs in a new drive by the New York Committee for the Relief of Distress in Germany and Austria. This organization, it was said, about two months ago collected almost \$500,000 for supplying women and children of these countries with food.

The present appeal was based upon the report of relief workers and physicians that clothing must be provided before winter, or untold hardship will result.

The central collection station is at 321 West Thirtieth street. Money may be sent to 125 East Fifty-ninth street.

SLAIN FOR REFUSAL TO JOIN IN STRIKE

Garment Worker Hit on Head and Two Are Accused.

Harry Slutsky, a garment worker, who was attacked, supposedly by members of a union because he refused to obey a strike order, died Saturday night

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