

TRUNK MURDER TRAIL NOW LEADING TO MAN WHO PAWNED WATCH

Rosenthal, Loan Office Proprietor, Denies Keller Deposited Watch Owned by D. J. McNichol

TO SEE SUSPECT AGAIN

Detectives' efforts in the trunk murder mystery were directed today to the task of learning the identity of the man who pawned Daniel J. McNichol's watch, which was pawned by Edward Keller, according to the pawnbroker, who received it as a pledge in April, 1914.

Keller, who is 47 years old and lived at 1119 Frankford avenue in the County Prison, was arrested by the police of the murder of McNichol, who, when he disappeared on March 30, 1914, was 23 years of age. It is the theory of the police that McNichol was shot at close range on that day in his factory at 12th and Hamilton streets; that Keller, who had been manager of McNichol's leather goods factory, removed the body in a trunk, which was turned over to a packing case, to his home, which at that time was at 1115 East Wensley street.

A woman, who is believed to have seen the trunk taken from the Wensley street house, she lived a few doors from Keller's home. It is believed to have been taken from there to the Red Star Laundry, 462 Frankford avenue, which Keller conducted after the disappearance of McNichol and the failure of the leather goods concern. In the cellar of the Frankford avenue building the trunk was buried two feet deep.

The body found in the trunk was identified as McNichol's by the clothing, by the keys in a pocket, by the gold fillings in the teeth and by the marks of identification, Keller stoutly maintains that McNichol is still alive. For this reason the recovery of the missing man's watch was of great importance, the detectives said, as making the identification undeniable.

It was through a watch number in a notebook in the trunk that the watch was found. Rosenthal, the pawnbroker, who photographs of Keller at police headquarters and said he was not the man who had pawned McNichol's watch, but he will go to Moyamensing today to see Keller in his cell to make certain.

The police believe that the watch was pawned by an accomplice of Keller's and this man is being sought.

The attorney-in-charge, assisted by Mrs. M. Jennings McNichol, widow of the murdered man, whose home is at 566 North 22d street, that she is ready to bury the body as soon as this will be possible. McNichol's father, who lives at 1047 Venture college, Allegheny, N. Y., believes there is no doubt that the body found in the trunk is his, and there will be a regular mass sung at the college for him.

Robert M. Hallahan, a student in the theological seminary of the college, has written to Bernard McNichol, the murdered man's cousin, expressing condolence.

Members of the McNichol family said they would not be satisfied if in the event of a trial a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree were returned, but they would be satisfied with nothing short of a charge of murder in the first degree.

C. P. Steiner, counsel for Keller, said today he was investigating the recent statements of witnesses as to the "Damp Rats," who used to hang around the neighborhood of Keller's laundry at 462 Frankford avenue, in the cellar of which the body of McNichol was found. He believes it probable that McNichol was murdered by this gang and placed in the cellar. Some of these "rats" are now in jail.

Keller has for a cellmate in Moyamensing an Italian named Vincenzo Rossi, who is accused of murder. The man cannot speak English. Friends of Keller are indignant at the treatment he has received at the hands of the police. They said today that unfair methods had been used in an attempt to trap him into making damaging admissions. Complaints would be made to Director Dripps against members of the "murder squad." It was said.

It was reported at City Hall today that the detectives now working on the case would be replaced with others.

CLARA MORRIS' MOTHER STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Famous Stage Figure's Illness Aggravated by Misfortune

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The tragic fate that has dogged the latter days of Clara Morris, one of the greatest figures of the American stage, persists. Today her mother, who is now 93 years old, was stricken with paralysis at their home at Whitestone, L. I.

The actress and her mother are greatly devoted to each other. A year ago the actress lost her husband, Fred Harriott, and she herself is almost blind and in poor health. Today's shock seriously aggravated her condition.

MUST SPEND CHRISTMAS IN HOSPITAL

Arthur Evans will not enjoy the Christmas tree which he erected in his home at 12th and Market streets. He will be confined to bed at the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. He is suffering from a broken leg caused by falling from the top of a barrel on which he was standing while trimming the Christmas tree last night.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain or snow late tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature; moderate variable winds.

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M. Barometer 30.11, Temperature 34.0, Wind S.W. 10, Humidity 75, Clouds Clear.

WORKMEN'S INSURANCE OFFICE NOW OPEN HERE

State Fund Headquarters Located at 1112 Morris Building. The Philadelphia office of the State Workmen's Insurance Fund under the new Workmen's Compensation Act has been opened for business at 1112 Morris Building.

H. G. Tyson representing the State Insurance Fund is in active charge. He reports applications for State Insurance are coming in at a rapid rate. Up to the present he has no personal knowledge of any notifications being received from any employers rejecting the provisions of the act, such notification being necessary where an employer does not wish to avail himself of the provisions.

In such an event, Mr. Tyson says, an employer has no defense under the act and can only resort to common law, but it does not prevent an employer from bringing suit under the compensation law.

GREETINGS TO ALUMNI SENT BY U. OF P. HEAD

Christmas greetings from the University of Pennsylvania have been sent to alumni in a letter signed by Provost Edgar T. Smith. Accompanying the letter is a "Christmas greeting" circular in which is printed a likeness of Tench Tilghman, a graduate of the University in 1791. He was a colonel in the Revolutionary army and the man who brought to this city the news that Cornwallis had surrendered at Yorktown.

At that time, according to the police, Davis put in an appearance. He entered the house and was told by several of the merry-makers that they were not wanted. An argument followed, in which Davis was ejected.

Before the door could be closed Davis drew a revolver and emptied its contents into the small room. The bullets struck men and women. The four men who were injured were standing directly in front of the other, and as they fell to the floor the shrieks and screams of the hysterical women attracted the attention of a policeman.

Davis put the revolver back in his pocket and rushed down the street and escaped. The injured were sent to the Pennsylvania Hospital. An hour later Davis was arrested at his home by special policemen of the 19th district.

Lavinia, a Washington woman, who lives at 108 Naudain street, who were arrested with material witnesses, were discharged. Magistrate Persch took the ante-mortem statement of Green at the hospital early today.

One hundred men in relays worked with feverish haste ever since the fall, to clear away the debris. Last night after all hope had been abandoned the rescuers heard distant rappings. The first signal came at about 7 o'clock and at 7:45 this morning Tenock was pulled through a small hole.

After an elaborate luncheon the members and guests entered the Grand March dressed in beribboned and vari-colored paper hats, ranking in period from George Washington all the way down to Charlie Chaplin. It was headed by a "zobo" band. A large string orchestra rendered "tom-tom" and other classical airs during the proceedings, which lasted till late in the afternoon. Tickets and other instruments of the exchange were hidden in bowers of holly flowers and greens. The only cessation in the din was during the presentation of Christmas presents to George W. Palmer, chairman of the exchange, and Joseph H. Straub, vice chairman. The spirit of the whole affair was very different from last year, when the exchange had been closed for four months on account of the war. Members of the exchange freely admit that this year has been exceedingly prosperous and that the members are not the bachelors some folks call them. The committee in charge of the affair was Gordon S. Carrigan, chairman; Frank C. Matthews, John S. Parke, George H. McClintock, William C. French, Henry C. Aucker, Alexander Henry, Jr., and Edward I. Smith, Jr.

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FOUR MERRYMAKERS SHOT BY UNINVITED GUEST AT A PARTY

Assailant, Forcibly Ejected From Naudain Street Dance, Empties His Revolver at Negroes

ONE VICTIM MAY DIE

An uninvited guest who was forcibly ejected from the Christmas party at the Ladies' Auxiliary, Independent Social, at 1028 Naudain street, early today, drew a revolver and fired several shots into the merry-makers, injuring four, one of whom may die.

The uninvited guest was John Davis, 34 years old, of 506 Waverly street, who was arraigned before Magistrate Benton in the Central station today and held without bail for a further hearing on December 31. Henry Main, of 1415 Senate street, was also held without bail. Witnesses declared he handed Davis the revolver. The injured are Cyrus Green, 29 years old, of 711 Lombard street, shot in the abdomen and not expected to live; Walter Harris, 26 years old, 1128 Lombard street, shot in the arm; Alfred Harris, 22 years old, of 2 Baytree place, shot in the back, and James Williams, 24 years old, shot in the right leg. All of the men are negroes.

According to the police, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Socialists gave a party every year a few days before Christmas. Last night it was staged at the home of Lavinia Washington. Many from the negro organization were there, and drinks flowed freely until about 2 o'clock this morning.

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CHRISTMAS REVELRY IN STOCK EXCHANGE

All Rules Suspended in Honor of Day, and Brokers Having a Merry Time. Christmas joy is reigning supreme in the Stock Exchange this afternoon. Six hundred brokers are tearing around amid showers of confetti, the blast of tin horns and the wildest kind of good-natured boisterousness.

After an elaborate luncheon the members and guests entered the Grand March dressed in beribboned and vari-colored paper hats, ranking in period from George Washington all the way down to Charlie Chaplin. It was headed by a "zobo" band. A large string orchestra rendered "tom-tom" and other classical airs during the proceedings, which lasted till late in the afternoon. Tickets and other instruments of the exchange were hidden in bowers of holly flowers and greens. The only cessation in the din was during the presentation of Christmas presents to George W. Palmer, chairman of the exchange, and Joseph H. Straub, vice chairman. The spirit of the whole affair was very different from last year, when the exchange had been closed for four months on account of the war. Members of the exchange freely admit that this year has been exceedingly prosperous and that the members are not the bachelors some folks call them. The committee in charge of the affair was Gordon S. Carrigan, chairman; Frank C. Matthews, John S. Parke, George H. McClintock, William C. French, Henry C. Aucker, Alexander Henry, Jr., and Edward I. Smith, Jr.

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MRS. GIFFORD PINCHOT. A son has been born to her at her mother's home in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Pinchot were married August 14, 1914, when Mr. Pinchot was candidate for United States Senator from Pennsylvania.

LIFE TO ENTOMBED MINER DEAREST GIFT

Workman in Mt. Carmel Colliery Saved After Five Days' Imprisonment. MT. CARMEL, Pa., Dec. 24.—Joseph Renock today received the most cherished Christmas present—life. He was entombed by a rush of hundreds of tons of rock in No. 4 workings of the Richards colliery near here Monday. Today he was rescued alive.

One hundred men in relays worked with feverish haste ever since the fall, to clear away the debris. Last night after all hope had been abandoned the rescuers heard distant rappings. The first signal came at about 7 o'clock and at 7:45 this morning Tenock was pulled through a small hole.

SHORE ROAD QUIZ IN TRENTON

Public Utility Commissioners Continue Hearing. TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Board of Public Utility Commissioners today set January 2, at the State House here, as the time and place for the continued hearing on the matter of the continuance of the crossing of the Atlantic City Railroad Company at what is known as the shore road in the city of Pleasantville.

It is asserted that this crossing is extremely dangerous, and the State body at the time designated will receive testimony on the matter.

WILSON LIKES HOT CO'N PONE

"Eats Just Like a Regular Man," Says Waiter at Springs. HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 24.—The way President Wilson goes after his meals was a surprise to the waiters at the Hotel Washington, one of his waiters, wearing a smile a mile broad. "He eats just like a regular man," said William today, "and he sure does like that co'n bread hot."

Seven Reported Dead in Wreck. JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 24.—Seven persons are reported killed and many injured in a rear-end collision between Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf and Frisco passenger trains near here today.

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COUNCILS INCREASE EMPLOYEES' SALARIES

New Jobs Also Provided in Budget—\$5000 Auto for Health Director. Changes made in the annual appropriation bills of city departments, shortly before their passage by Councils, include a number of salary increases and many new jobs. Councilmanic financiers at first declared that no increases or new positions would be considered, but the bills, as finally passed, carry many thousands of dollars for these purposes.

The clerk of the Finance Committee gets a raise of salary for next year from \$2500 to \$3000; the assistant clerk in Select Council gets an increase of \$300 over the \$2500 paid last year; a stenographer is increased from \$1500 to \$1750; another from \$1200 to \$1500; a committee clerk from \$1400 to \$1500; messenger from \$1200 to \$1500, and a new job as messenger is created at \$720 a year.

In Common Council a stenographer gets an increase from \$1500 to \$1700; another from \$1200 to \$1500; assistant clerk from \$1200 to \$1500; stenographer from \$200 to \$300; transcription clerk from \$1200 to \$1500; messenger from \$1200 to \$1500, and an increase for one janitor from \$720 to \$900 and a new janitor at \$900.

Councils not only provided handsomely for the clerk of the Councils and the two bodies, but salary increases were allowed in a number of instances in positions connected with the Municipal Courts and a number of the departments.

In the Department of Public Safety the salary of Assistant Director was restored and with it goes \$5000 for a new automobile. The new Director will be allowed a car worth \$2000. One clerk gets \$300 increase and two others get corresponding raises.

Mayor Blankenburg's appeal for larger appropriation for the city hospital homes for the indigent and institutions for the care of the feeble-minded may cause Councils to increase their allotment. The bill for the Department of Health and Charities was held over for final action at the closing session of the year, next Thursday.

FATHER REFUSES TO ALLOW AMPUTATION OF SON'S LEG

Action May Cost James Ebinger His Life—Injured by Wagon. A father's refusal to permit the physicians in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital to amputate the left leg of his son, James Ebinger, 13 years old, of 5511 Haverford avenue, may cost the lad his life.

The boy was riding on a wagon owned by James Mullen, a contractor, and driven by James Williams, on Haverford avenue near 64th street last night. In attempting to drive out of the car tracks the wagon was struck by a trolley. The boy and the driver were hurled to the ground. The wagon passed over the boy's leg.

Emanuel Ebinger, the father, was notified by the hospital authorities when the boy was taken to the institution that amputation was necessary to save his life and to come at once and give his permission.

According to Dr. Anthony Esposito, the father declared that he wanted the boy's life saved, but did not want to see him a cripple and refused to grant permission. He did give his consent to an operation, but refused flatly to allow the amputation to take place, according to the physician.

"What chance has a crippled boy to make a living when his able-bodied father walked the streets for eight months without a job recently," the father is declared to have said.

Doctor Esposito said today that another operation is necessary, but the condition of the boy is such that to perform it would probably cost him his life. His condition is regarded as critical by the physicians, who fear that even amputation now would not save his life.

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POLICE SEEK THIEVES WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Neatly Wrapped Packages Removed From Oak Lane Residence. The police are searching today for burglars who stole Christmas presents valued at more than \$600 from the residence of William Radcliffe, 15th street and City line, Oak Lane, between 7 and 10 o'clock last night.

Entrance to the building was made by forcing a side window on the first floor. The thieves made their way across a room on the second floor and found the presents neatly wrapped and piled up, as though waiting to be carried away. No one was in the house when the robbery occurred.

The residence of J. M. Hancock, Queen lane and King street, was also entered last night during the absence of Mr. Hancock and his family. Christmas jewelry valued at \$100 was taken.

CONFESSES TO CAUSING NINE FIRES IN CAMDEN

Incendiary Reveals Operations During the Last Three Months. George Duffield confessed to causing nine fires, according to the Camden police, when he was arrested today. The fires were all in East Camden and occurred during the last three months. Three were in Enterprise Hall, three in barns, two at the Pavana station, the station of the Trenton division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and one in an unoccupied house.

Duffield, who said he was 25 years old and lived on Westfield avenue, was arrested at his home this morning by Detectives Moffett and Murray. They said he had once confessed to arson. He liked to see the fire engines going to a fire, he is reported to have told the detectives. Gilly waste was used in each case to start the fires. Duffield was accused of causing the destruction of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, which burned down two months ago, and three this he denied.

Two weeks ago on the occasion of one of the fires Policeman Adams ran to a box to send in an alarm. He found that an alarm had already been sent in and hid around a corner. Presently he saw Duffield slinking around the corner and grabbed him. There was no evidence that he had started the blaze, but his movements were watched ever since then.

Duffield's brother, Harry, is serving a 15-year term in State Prison at Trenton for his part in the murder of Karl Kellman on Pavana bridge three years ago.

LUMBER MEN TO MEET HERE

Wholesale Dealers' Convention Will Assemble in March, 1916. Sydney R. Clark, the convention secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has succeeded in assuring the convention of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association for Philadelphia.

This convention will be held in the second week in March, 1916, with a membership of about 500 delegates. This is the 28th convention to be held in Philadelphia in 1916 which has been assured up to date by the Chamber of Commerce.

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