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QUIZ SCHNEIDER, FIRST WITNESS, IN HALL MURDER

Intense Secrecy Marks Proceedings of Grand Jury Investigating Dual Slaying

CLOTHES OF SLAIN COUPLE TAKEN TO COURTHOUSE

Three Women Included in Body That Will Determine If Indictments Are Warranted

PEARL BAHMER IS CALLED

Women Flock to Courthouse, Thinking Big Murder Trial Is On

By a Staff Correspondent

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 20.—Raymond Schneider was led into the Grand Jury room in the courthouse here at 10:20 o'clock this morning, and the long expected Grand Jury investigation into the Hall-Mills murder mystery began.

Schneider, whose spurious "confession" that he and a friend had trailed the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills on the night of September 14 and his friend had shot them was a brief sensation weeks ago, was the first witness called. He has been in jail at New Brunswick, county seat of Middlesex County, and was brought over by Sheriff Wycoff, of Somerset County.

Schneider left the jury room after testifying for forty-five minutes, and then reporters, gazing through the great windows into the room where the jury was meeting, could see Special Prosecutor Mott, in charge of the investigation, engage Foreman Gibb, of the Grand Jury, in a conference.

Schneider examined a number of photographs taken on the scene of the murder on the day the bodies were discovered. He answered a number of questions, explaining how he came to be there.

Patrolmen Derrigan and Curran, the next witnesses called, told of incidents on the Phillips farm shortly after the discoveries of the body.

Dr. Edward L. Tobin, a veterinary surgeon, then testified regarding the discovery of the bodies, their condition and other details.

After Dr. Tobin finished Mr. Mott left the Grand Jury room and called Detective Totten, who brought in two boxes which contained the clothing Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills wore on the night of the murder.

The clothing was taken in to the jury by Mr. Mott. Detective Totten was later called to the stand.

It was learned unofficially that the jury will remain in session until Wednesday when it is expected to adjourn until next week.

It is not believed that the jury will reach a decision in the case this week.

Mrs. Grace Edwards, of New Brunswick, testified that she telephoned the police concerning discovery of the bodies at the request of Schneider. It had been reported that Mrs. Edward C. Stryker had summoned the police.

Schneider's testimony was desired, not because of his later repudiated and disproved "confession," but because it was he and Pearl Bahmer, his former sweetheart, who found the bodies two days after the murder.

Pearl, who has been in the House of the Good Shepherd at Trenton, was brought to Somerville this morning and kept in concealment by the authorities. She was scheduled to be one of the day's witnesses.

Mr. Mott and A. M. Beekman, prosecutor of Somerset County, were both in the jury room to question the witnesses.

The opening of what is likely to be one of the most celebrated cases in New Jersey criminal jurisprudence began with simplicity and much secrecy.

The courthouse, a small but beautiful example of classic architecture, built of marble and porticoed, with a broad and graceful flight of steps leading to its entrance and upon its dome a bronze Justice with the scales, was barred to the public.

The Grand Jury inquisition is in a square, high-ceilinged room on the first floor, commonly used by the Board of Freeholders. There are oak seats ranged in a semi-circle, which are occupied by the grand jurors. The room was guarded vigilantly from early morning by a squad of State troopers, under command of Corporal O'Donnell.

The troopers were in evidence everywhere. They patrolled the green common in the midst of which the courthouse sits. They stood outside the windows of the Grand Jury room, through which newspaper men could see what was going on.

Later a deadline was established around the building. A State trooper broke a twig from a tree, placed it on the ground twenty-five feet from the building and ordered none to cross without permission. About 100 women, however, had gained access to the courthouse. They mounted to a second floor balcony which commands a

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YOUTHFUL NORRISTOWN ELOPERS ARE WEDDED

"Married, Happy, Love," Telegram Tells Story to Parents of Girl

"Married—happy—love."

These terse words contained in a telegram received today by Harry G. Melton, of Norristown, solved the disappearance Friday night of his sixteen-year-old daughter, Virginia, with Kenneth Carstetter, seventeen, a former high school student.

The telegram was sent from Milheim, Center County, the home of Mrs. Stewart Kees, aunt of the young husband.

The elopement followed a childhood romance that started several years ago. Carstetter left school a short time ago and went to work. The parents of Virginia had objected to the wedding [illegible] to go to [illegible]

Grand Jury Includes Three Women Members

The Somerset County Grand Jury, which will consider the Hall-Mills case, includes three women. The members are:

Alfred B. Gibbs (foreman), Bernardsville.
Russell I. Cruiser, Hillsboro.
Henry W. Spice, Franklin.
Maude S. Gaston, Somerville.
Frank Niehwile, Warren.
William J. Cortelyou, Franklin.
Arnold Owens, Bedminster.
Agnes P. Banks, North Plainfield.
Sanford W. Tunison, Bernardsville.
Frank Bowley, North Plainfield.
Parker T. Ramsey, Peapack.
Cornelius K. Compton, North Plainfield.
Michael Ruggieri, Bridgewater.
Andrew Koeploc, Somerville.
Leighton R. Nevius, Bedminster.
Charles H. Welsh, Bernardsville.
G. Clifford Nevius, Franklin.
Peter C. Vannius, Somerville.
Elizabeth Taylor, North Plainfield.
Arthur A. Cannon, North Plainfield.
Harry P. Miller, Peacock.
Charles P. Miller, Bound Brook.
Nathaniel J. Sproul, Somerville.
David J. Smith, Somerville.

ROBBERS SHOOT HOLD-UP VICTIM

Gang in Stolen Car Escapes Fusillade From Policeman's Pistol in Dash

TWO STORE HOLD-UPS

One man was robbed and shot in the shoulder and another man was held up early today by three motor bandits, who also exchanged shots with a pursuing patrolman.

John Starr, nineteen years old, 2216 West Harold street, was at Twenty-sixth and Somerset streets when the highwaymen whirled up. They took forty-five cents from him.

As the robbers moved off, Starr shouted for help. An occupant of the bandit car fired at Starr, who fell with a bullet in his right shoulder. He was taken to the Women's Homeopathic Hospital.

Three bandits, believed to be the same men, held up Raymond Graff, seventeen years old, 31 East Seymour street, as he was passing Wakefield and Ashmead streets. They obtained a small sum and hurried away.

Policeman's Bullets Vain

At 4 A. M., about an hour after Starr had been shot, Patrolman Sykes, of the Germantown station, saw a motorcar with three men rushing along Wayne avenue near Washington lane.

Sykes ran into the street and ordered the driver to halt. As the car streaked past him he fired several shots at the tires. Flashes from the auto showed the patrolman's fire was returned. He commandeered a small car and attempted to follow, but was outdistanced quickly.

Storekeeper Foils Hold-up

While he was locking up his store, South street near Fourth, late last night, Nathan Schenkman, the proprietor, was approached by two Negroes who asked him to change a $5 note for them. The storekeeper went

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60 DROWNED WHEN VESSEL CAPSIZES

Men, Women and Children Victims of Mexican Disaster

Mexicali, Lower California, Nov. 20.—(By A. P.)—More than sixty persons were drowned when a boat capsized while attempting a landing yesterday at La Bomba, sixty miles south of Mexicali, on the Gulf of California, according to word received here last night.

According to meager reports of the disaster received through a Yaqui Indian courier, who came overland through the desert, the drowned included men, women and children.

The Mexicali agency of the teamer line operating between La Bomba and Guyama reported that the teamer Topolobampo was due at La Bomba early yesterday and officials expressed the belief that the disaster was to passengers of this vessel.

The Topolobampo sailed from Guyaman last Friday laden with Mexicans on the way to the cotton fields of lower California, where they expected to obtain employment as pickers. They were the first of a large numbes of workers, being collected in the Mexican States of Sonora and Sinaloa to gather the cotton crop of this territory.

Few persons reside permanently at La Bomba and the country between that point and Mexicali is an uninhabited waste.

HAGAN-BIDDLE CASE IS AGAIN CONTINUED

Suit of 'Phila. Jack' O'Brien's Wife May Be Settled Privately, Report

The suit filed by Mrs. Florence Yerger Hagan, an attorney, and wife of "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien, against Major A. J. Drexel Biddle was continued today by Judge McCullen on motion of counsel for Major Biddle.

Mrs. Hagan sued for $25,000 which she claimed was due her for professional services, particularly for arranging a reconciliation between Major Biddle and his wife. The Major, in his reply, denied there had been an estrangement and stated Mrs. Hagan had been paid in full for legal services she performed as his counsel.

The request for continuance was made by Owen J. Roberts, who succeeded Senator Pepper as counsel for Major Biddle. Pressure of business at Washington forced the Senator to withdraw. Francis C. Menamin, Mrs. Hagan's attorney, was in court. It was reported the case may be settled privately.

Girl Drinks Hair Tonic

Bella Burns, twenty years old, of 7 Boathouse row, Girard Point, today drank the contents of a bottle believed to contain hair tonic. Physicians at the Municipal Hospital said her chances for recovery are slight.

BROAD ST. TRAFFIC TIED UP AN HOUR BY FIRE TEST MIX-UP

Hundreds of Trolleys and Autos Stalled Waiting for "Six-Minute" Experiment

POLICE FINALLY LEARN EVENT IS "OFF" OFFICIALLY

Angry Drivers of Machines Break Through Guard and Break Up Jam

Thousands of persons hurrying officeward this morning by trolley and motor from the northern part of the city were held up fifty-five minutes by a "fire test" in Broad street which did not come off.

The Rapid Transit Company, hundreds of motorists and trolley riders are voicing loud complaints about the delay, which apparently resulted from a misunderstanding of orders.

Broad street, from Diamond street to Branchtown, was closed to all traffic at 8:55 o'clock. For nearly an hour a constantly growing line of automobiles, equalled in length by a constantly growing line of trolleys, waited impatiently for word from the patrolmen in charge that they might proceed.

Motorists and excited passengers on trolleys were informed that the test would be "over in six minutes." The "six minutes" were multiplied nearly ten times, yet the speeding fire engines never flashed by the involuntary spectators.

Angry Men Break Jam

After almost an hour the motorists themselves broke the barricade, driving through the police lines in spite of efforts of patrolmen to stop them, and proceeded on their way.

Once the barricade was broken the patrolmen let the stalled trolley cars cross Broad street, and every one got to work more than an hour late. The delay meant money to busy men who were forced to miss important engagements.

The transit lines worst affected were Nos. 55 and 24 on York road and No. 75 on the Olney route.

Rapid Transit Comvany officials complained that they had been given no advance notice of the tests.

Every one concerned "passed the buck" when asked why the city's principal thoroughfare had been blocked for nearly an hour at one of the busiest times of the day, except Director Cortelyou, head of the Department of Public Safety.

The Director made a promvt investigation when complaint was made to him and admitted frankly that there had been an unfortunate "mix up" in orders.

"There was no excuse for a delay of that length of time," said the Director. "Such a test should not take more than six minutes. As a matter of fact, the test was not held. It was postponed until 1 o'clock this afternoon, when it was held over the same course.

"Official Course" Used

"There were six pieces of apparatus to be tested. The specifications require that the fire apparatus shall be able to run over the distance between Diamond street and Olney avenue in a specified time. This course is enjoined in the specifications.

"It has been measured and surveyed and the grade reckoned, and is used in all such tests. It is important that apparatus be tested under city conditions, within the city limits, so that before accepting apparatus we can be sure that it will make the speed required.

"This morning the street was in bad condition, damp and slippery. The men in charge decided it would be dangerous to hold the test.

"Through some misunderstanding the men who were holding back the traffic did not receive word that the test was off. Hence the delay. All I can say is that I am sorry it happened, and that it won't occur again."

Others Just "Didn't Know"

Fire Chief Ross Davis said that he had not known about the test, and understood that it was to be held this afternoon. Battalion Chief Rittenhouse, who is in charge of the district where the test was held, said that he had been at a fire at the time and knew nothing of the leday.

Besides the speed test, two other tests were held this afternoon. There was a demonstration at the Fire School at Seventh and Norris streets and a high pressure pumping test at the high pressure station on Delaware avenue. Later the fireboat Blankenburg threw a stream of water into the riger. Another test still to be held is a hill-climbing test, in which new apparatus will engage in Manayunk.

IRISH REPORT SAYS NINE ARE EXECUTED

Friends Try to Free De Valera's Lieutenant by Writ

London, Nov. 20.—(By A. P.)—A dispatch to the Evening News from Dublin this afternoon says it is rumored Erskine Childers had been executed; also that eight other unnamed men have shared the same fate.

Inquiries are being made as to the authenticity of the rumors, but as yet without any confirmation or contradiction being obtained.

Dublin, Nov. 20.—(By A. P.)—The Irish Times today says a writ has been issued from the chancery office on behalf of Erskine Childers, leading lieutenant of Eamon de Valera, with a view to quashing the proceedings of the military court which tried him on the charge of illegally possessing arms.

WON'T SPEED DECISION

N. J. Court Refuses to Review Gibseon Verdict at Once

The appeal of attorneys for Mrs. Ivy Gibeson, sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of her husband in their Lakehurst, N. J., home, must be reviewed by the Court of Errors and Appeals, Chancellor Walker, of New Jersey, decided today.

It was the intention of counsel to appeal directly to the Supreme Court, [illegible] weeks ago.

CONGRESS IN SPECIAL SESSION; MRS. FELTON FAILS TO TAKE SEAT

MRS. W. H. FELTON
Georgia woman who hoped to be given seat today in the Senate, but who was disappointed

First Woman Senator Waits in Vain for Name to Be Called

ADJOURNMENT FOILS PLAN FOR HER TO WIN HONOR

Issue to Be Decided Tomorrow. Throws Kisses as She Is Cheered

HOUSE IN BRIEF MEETING

President Harding Expected to Urge Ship Subsidy in Message Tomorrow

By Associated Press

Washington, Nov. 20.—Congress convened at noon today for the special session of two weeks called by President Harding for consideration of the Administration Ship Subsidy Bill, upon which he is expected to address a joint session tomorrow.

In both Senate and House the fall of the gavel was followed by the usual formalities which attend the turnover of a new page in congressional history. The program in both chambers was so arranged as to permit adjournment after these ceremonies until tomorrow as a mark of respect for the late Senator Watson, of Georgia, and the late Representative Nolan, of California.

The Senate was in session only thirteen minutes, adjourning without giving an opportunity to Mrs. W. H. Felton, of Georgia, or any other new Senators, to take the oath of office.

In the House the business of getting under way after the recess took considerable more time than in the Senate, but the leaders deferred any actual consideration of legislation until after the President's address tomorrow. There was the usual first day harvest of new bills and resolutions, all of which promptly went to committee, and the opening session was attended also by the usual noisy outburst of welcome by the galleries to new and returning members.

Mrs. Felton Waits in Vain

Mrs. Felton waited in vain for an hour and a half in the Senate chamber to learn whether Senate leaders would permit her to take her seat as the first woman Senator in view of the recent election of Walter E. George as her successor. After much scratching of heads over the problem the Senate managers decided to let a decision go over until tomorrow.

From a place in the rear of the seats on the Democratic side of the chamber the eighty-seven-year old "grand old woman of Georgia" peered out through her spectacles upon the opening formalities of the special session, and then without a mention of her name having gone into the Senate record, saw the adjournment taken.

Mrs. Felton said she would continue her efforts to be seated for a day, and it was indicated that the Senate was prepared to act tomorrow. Some of the best-informed leaders predicted she would not be successful.

Senate officials said there was no thought by their early adjournment today of temporizing on their decision. They explained that the usual custom of doing honor to a dead Senator was followed, and that it was impossible to receive a new Senator until formal notification of the death had been received, with the customary immediate adjournment.

Cheered During Vigil

Several times during her vigil in the Senate chamber Mrs. Felton was cheered from the gallery. There was a demonstration half an hour before the Senate convened when former Senator Smith, of Georgia, escorted her down the center aisle to the Vice President's room and introduced her to Mr. Coolidge. The galleries, filled mostly with women, applauded and the aged Georgia woman stopped just before the chair of the presiding officer, turned and threw a kiss to those who had greeted her as the first woman ever to be appointed to the Senate.

Another outburst of cheering echoed through the chamber a few minutes later when on the arm of Senator Harris, of Georgia, Mrs. Felton again passed up the center aisle and was shown to the desk of an absent senator alongside Senator Harris.

Representatives of a number of suffrage organizations, wearing the respective colors of their associations, were present and led in the cheering, which broke out once again when Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, went over and shook hands.

A committee of women representing a local Democratic organization presented Mrs. Felton with a bouquet of eighty-seven large roses just before the Senate convened.

Applause for Bayard

Just before the Senate convened there was applause when Senator-elect Bayard, Democrat, Delaware, entered the chamber. There was another salvo for Senator Lodge, who was re-elected, and another for Senator La Follette. Vice President Coolidge was compelled to order the applause stopped.

Sixty-one Senators responded to the Senate rollcall. In addition to Mrs. Felton, several other new Senators were present ready to be sworn in. They included Senators-elect Bayard, George, Democrat, Georgia, and Brookhart, Republican, Iowa.

In the House a new amplifying machine, used for the first time, sounded like a ship's siren as it thundered out the voice of the Speaker and reading clerk.

Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck, present to be sworn in as Representative-at-Large from Illinois, was the center of an ever-moving group, eager to meet her. She wore a black silk dress with white lace collar, white gloves and a corsage bouquet of carnations. Representative Alice Robertson, defeated for re-election, who will go out with Mrs. Huck next March, was in her accustomed seat, dressed simply in black.

HARDING PROGRAM HANGS IN BALANCE

Measures Desired by Administration Must Be Passed Before March 4 or Lost

THIRD PARTY TALK WANES

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

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Washington, Nov. 20.—The session of Congress that opened at noon today is only a curtain raiser for the special session of the newly elected Congress that will be held next spring. President Harding and his close advisers all acknowledge privately that the special session will be inevitable. The progressives who are forming a bloc, and who will hold a conference in December, are determined to force one.

At that special session all the high politics which will prelude the national campaign of 1924 will be played. The fate of the major parties will be determined and the question whether a third party will enter the field in the next national election, or whether bloc action within the parties and the next national conventions, by labor and the more radical farmers acting together will be developed, will be gradually settled.

On the part of President Harding and the more regular Republicans the effort in this session will be directed toward accomplishing as many results as they can, not so much for the purpose of avoiding an extra session, for one is conceded to be necessary, as for the purpose of getting as much of their program as possible adopted while they have the votes.

Ship Subsidy Bill in Balance

President Harding must get his Ship Subsidy Bill through before March 4 or not at all. After March the balance of power in both Houses will pass to Senator La Follette and his friends, and they have announced their determination to beat the ship subsidy. The general belief is that Mr. Harding's bill will pass the House, where the rules give the majority control of the situation and favor quick action. But the opponents of the subsidy will probably be able to beat it in the Senate and so delay all other measures that the passage of some essential supply bills in this session will be impossible.

If Mr. Harding wishes to pass any of the farm bloc program in this session he will probably succeed in doing it, for all factions of all parties are more or less agreed that the farmers should have the legislation which they desire. The farm bloc list of bills is a long one, however, and it is not likely that time can be found to pass them before March 4. The Rural Credits Bill, which creates a banking system to supplement the Federal Reserve System, will probably get through. Some start will be made on railroad legislation.

But here Mr. Harding and the left wing of his party are far apart. One side desires to stiffen the Esch-Cummins act, and the other to repeal it. No compromise is possible and the long wrangling over the ship subsidy and over the bonus perhaps will prevent any definite action on the great questions of railroad votes, railroad consolidations and anti-strike legislation.

Bonus Bill to Be Revived

The Bonus Bill will be used until March 4 chiefly to clog the legislative works. The advocates of the measure have no desire to pass it now. They will be stronger in the special session, strong enough probably to pass it over the President's veto. And for various reasons it will be politics to leave the power to make a law in the hands of its supporters.

The main object of a majority of Congress in this session will be to do as little as possible with the greatest possible noise. The issues upon which parties will divide and which blocs will be formed will be clarified in the next three months. The big politics of 1924 will emerge. The fight for the control of the Republican Party and for the support of the agricultural vote began at noon today. It will become clearer as the months go by.

The prospects at present are against the growth of a third party out of the progressive conference which Mr. La Follette has called. His organized minority will exercise more power operating within the two major parties than it will if it solicits the votes of the country itself. The percentage of voters who hold the views which the conference will announce is small, not large enough to challenge the Republicans and Democrats at the polls, but large enough to turn the election either way in 192[illegible]

FORMER GREEK PREMIER ILL

Athens, Nov. 20. — (By A. P.)—The trial of the former Cabinet Ministers, which has been in progress for several days, has been suspended for two days owing to the fact that former Premier Gounaris is suffering from paratyphoid.

SEVEN VENIREMEN ARE EXCUSED FROM HERRIN TRIAL JURY

New Batch of Fifty Quickly Reduced on Pleas of Family Sickness

FIVE PRISONERS IDLE AWAY TIME IN COURT

Counsel for Defense Exercises Challenge for Cause on First Man Up

By a Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Marion, Ill., Nov. 20.—Fifty nex enivremen from lies around tied their "hosses" at the old hitchrack back of town and tramped out o fthe biting cold into the red ribck courthouse today.

But within five minutes after court opened for the Herrin massacre trial, seven o these fmen walked bake to the hitchrack again. They were excused for sickness in the family. Altogether, nine men wanted to be excused from jury service.

The new venire, now reduced to forty-three men, whom counsels began examining immediately after they were sworn, must be two-thirds farmers. The atmosphere of the tight, closed, hot courtroom is pungent with stable odors.

The prospective jurors, it being Monday, appear to be unusually clean shaven and starched—but in a general way they are a rougher, more rugged crew even than the previous batch. Heavy sweaters of all colors are in

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Would Break Klan

GOVERNOR JOHN M. PARKER
Louisiana executive who visited President Harding today and asked Federal co-operation in curbing interstate activities of the Ku Klux Klan

W. C. T. U. PICKS DETROIT

Next Year's Convention to Be Held in the Straits City

The next annual convention of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, which yesterday concluded its sessions here, will be held in Detroit. The date will be fixed later.

Choice of the convention city was made at a meeting here today of the Executive Committee of the organization.

York Hotelman Hangs Himself

York, Pa., Nov. 20.—Joseph Keiser, for many years a prominent hotel man of this city, killed himself by hanging at his home during a spell of despondency today. He was 52 years old.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

NO U. S. ACTION ON KU KLUX KLAN AT PRESENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—After a conference between President Harding and Governor Parker, of Louisiana, on the Ku Klux Klan a White House statement said "there is nothing at this time for the Federal Government to do except to give assurance to the State authorities that wherever Federal interests are involved the Federal authorities are ready to extend full co-operation."

LATEST RACING RESULTS

BOWIE—First—Homestretch, $13.20, $6.10, $4.50, won; Pay Dear, $5.10, $3.60, second; Virginius, $6.30, third. Time, 1.09. Turbulent, Quarrel, Princess d'Ouilly, Setting Sun, High Commander, Old Timer, Sylvan Spring, Sultan, Loch Ayr also ran.

MRS. ROSIER WINS WILL FIGHT POINT

Media Refuses to Take Case From Register and Says Widow Must Testify

WOMAN RESTING AT SHORE

Mrs. Catherine Rosier, acquitted of the murders of Oscar Rosier, her husband, and the latter's stenographer, Miss Mildred Geraldine Reckitt, will be a witness in an effort to break Rosier's death-bed will. Mrs. Rosier is now in Atlantic City, according to Judge Hannum, of Media, who ruled that she should testify.

Judge Hannum refused a petition presented by attorneys for Arthur Rosier, brother of the murdered man and co-heir with Oscar Rosier, Jr., under the dying testament, to take probate of the will out of the hands of Register of Wills Haller, of Delaware County. Arthur Rosier asked that the Orphans' Court take jurisdiction.

Judge Hannum faced the unusual situation of having to pass judgment in a case where his son, John B. Hannum, Jr., represented one of the parties to the action. Young Hannum is counsel for Mrs. Rosier and for the Cambridge Trust Company, of Chester, guardian of Richard Rosier, the year-old son of Mrs. Rosier, and for the Delaware County Trust Company, guardian for Oscar Rosier, Jr., Rosier's son by his first wife.

Col. Thomas S. Lanard and W. Roger Fronfield, representing Arthur Rosier, argued that several efforts had been made to get a hearing before the Register on a caveat Mrs. Rosier filed against the execution of her husband's will.

The younger Hannum denied that Mrs. Rosier's attorneys had purposely delayed the hearings. He argued that as Mrs. Rosier was in the room when her husband signed the deathbed will she was entitled to testify along with the subscribing witnesses. Continuances had been asked before the Register, he said, because Mrs. Rosier was in prison. There have been no requests from Arthur Rosier's attorneys for a hearing since Mrs. Rosier's acquittal, he said.

The attorney declared that Mrs. Rosier was recuperating following her trial, and could appear to testify within three weeks.

Judge Hannum agreed to grant a delay of three weeks and a day.

During the hearing several brisk interchanges took place between Judge Hannum and his son. The younger Hannum at one point argued that Mrs. Rosier had been in the room when the will was signed.

"I thought she was supposed to be crazy at the time," remarked the Judge dryly.

"It doesn't make any difference, any-now," his son [illegible]

NEWBERRY QUITS SEAT IN SENATE

Senator in Resignation Charges "Propaganda of Misrepresetnation"

ESCAPES LORIMER'S FATE

Washington, Nov. 20.—The resignation of Senator Truman H. Newberry, of Michigan, will become effective tomorrow. Vice President Coolidge was unable at today's brief session to present Senator Newberry's letter of resignation, and the Michigan Senator's name remained temporarily on the rolls.

Vice President Coolidge received yesterday the resignation of Senator Newberry. The letter was addressed to Governor Groesbeck, of Michigan. The copy handed to the Vice President by the Senator's secretary is for the record of the Senate.

Governor Groesbeck will have the naming of a successor, the Newberry term having until March 4, 1925, to run. Due to some complications in the Michigan election laws it is doubted whether a special election may be held or that a Senator must be chosen at the State elections next spring.

Advised to Resign

Senator Newberry did not come to Washington for the special session of Congress. It is known in responsible quarters here, however, that, following the surprising defeat of Senator Charles E. Townsend, his Republican colleague, who led the defense of his right to the seat he won over Henry Ford in 1918, he would resign. He was advised to do so by his personal managers, and national leaders of the party believed it to be to the best interests of the party.

Mr. Newberry by resigning will deprive Senate history of a chance to repeat itself. He will escape the fate of William Lorimer who first gained the right to a seat from Illinois, then was unseated in July, 1912. Gains registered by foes of "Newberryism" in the recent elections rendered it certain the case would be reopened and an adverse vote registered. Senator Caraway, Democrat, of Arkansas, prepared last week for introduction in the Senate a new resolution to oust Senator Newberry.

Letter of Resignation

The letter of resignation, dated November 18, follows:

"I tender herewith my resignation as United States Senator from Michigan, to take immediate effect.

"I am impelled to take this action because at the recent election, notwithstanding his long and faithful public service and his strict adherence to the

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LOUISIANA ASKS FEDERAL AID IN CURBING KLAN

Governor Parker Sees Harding and Daugherty and Requests U. S. Co-operation

KLUX'S INTERSTATE PHASE MADE BASIS OF APPEAL

Burns Also Is Consulted—Local Officials Swayed by Secret Order

KIDNAPPINGS ARE CITED

Powers of Government Said to Have Been Usurped in Some Sections

By Associated Press

Washington, Nov. 20.—Activities of the Ku Klux Klan formed the subject of a White House conference today between President Harding, Attorney General Daugherty and Governor Parker and Attorney General Coco, of Louisiana. The conference was at the request of the Governor, who seeks Federal co-operation in curbing alleged interstate operations of the Klan.

Before going to the White House the Louisiana Governor and the Attorney General had a long conference with William J. Burns, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. It was understood that they laid before Mr. Burns information concerning the reported influence exerted by the Klan among county and other officers in their State.

In investigating the disappearance some weeks ago of Samuel Richards and Watt Daniels from Moorhouse Parish, Louisiana, Governor Parker was said to have found that efforts to ascertain the facts had been hindered by certain county officers. His inquiry in that direction led him to believe that there was an interstate connection with which it was not possible for him to deal. It is this phase of the question which he has taken up with the Federal authorities.

Federal Co-operation Urged

Richards and Daniels disappeared after Dr. B. M. McKern, former Mayor of Mer-Rouge, had been fired upon from ambush and slightly injured. Daniels' father said the two young men were at the Daniels home at the time of the shooting and had no connection with it.

Widely published reports that the Governor came to Washington to seek Federal aid in controlling the situation in his own State were denied by Mr. Parker. It was emphasized that the whole purpose was to determine whether there could not be co-operation by the Federal Government in the interstate phase of the question.

Governor Parker is said to hold that the Ku Kluxism from which Louisiana is suffering, is being engineered from other States and is not merely an intra-State matter.

All Washington, and particularly the Louisiana delegation in Congress, was stirred yesterday over the publication of a dispatch from Baton Rouge stating the Klan had virtually usurped the powers of government in sections of Louisiana, rendering the State authorities impotent.

Louisiana members of Congress vigorously denied that conditions warranting any drastic Federal action existed in any part of their State.

Courts Under Influence

According to the dispatch from Baton Rouge, the State Government of Louisiana has almost ceased to function and even the courts have fallen under the influence of the Klan. Finding himself powerless to cope with the situation, it was said Governor Parker determined to face the humiliation of seeking Federal aid in the administration of the State's laws.

Concerning the activities of the Klan in Louisiana, it was charged in the dispatch that many murders and other acts of violence had been reported. In enforcing its will in the name of "law and order," the Klan is alleged to have driven many men from the State.

Louisiananns here conceded the Klan had secured a foothold in Northern Louisiana, but said it was almost unknown in the southern part, where the French element was numerous. The Klan is alleged to have elected the Mayor of Shreveport, over the opposition of Governor Parker, who defied the Klan in the campaign.

Representative Riley J. Wilson, of

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BLAST NEAR SCRANTON KILLS MINER; 3 HURT

Accident Second of Its Kind in Vicinity This Month

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 20.—(By A. P.)—One man was killed and three others injured just before midnight Sunday in an explosion of the Jermyn, Pa., mine of the Hudson Coal Company. Two of the injured men are at the Mid-Valley Hospital and are reported as being in a critical condition.

Thes dead man is John Walsh, Jermyn, Pa. He was instantly killed. The injured are John Vincent, Mayfield; John Beck, Jermyn; Joseph Feeney, Jerwyn.

Feeney, who was injured about the head, was treated at the colliery and was able to go to his home unassisted. Vincent and Beck were more seriously hurt, and were rushed to the hospital.

The accident is the second of its kind to occur in this vicinity this month, six men having lost their lives as the result of the dynamite explosion which occurred on November 8, in the Mid-Valley tragedy. The men [illegible] engaged in [illegible] when the explosion [illegible]