

STERN DISCIPLINE COST CRANKHUTE LIFE, NEW THEORY

Soldier Father of Slain Major Sees Revenge Back of Shooting.

ARRAIGN ROSENBLUTH Former Captain Scouts Charge—Has Further Hearing To-morrow.

WIDENED PLOT IS SEEN Investigators Admit Mystery Is Deep, Hint Others May Be Involved.

Developments yesterday tended to deepen rather than clear the mystery surrounding the arrest of Robert Rosenbluth, formerly a Captain of Engineers in the United States Army, who is charged with killing Major Alexander P. Cronkhite, son of Major Gen. Adelbert Cronkhite, U. S. A., at Camp Lewis, Washington, October 25, 1918.

Rosenbluth was arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Hitchcock on a Federal warrant but hearing on the case was postponed until to-morrow morning, pending developments in Washington.

Following Rosenbluth's arraignment, Assistant United States Attorney John R. Joyce said the Government had in its possession evidence sufficient to hold Rosenbluth on the charge of murder, but that the details and the motive for the shooting could not be discussed at this time. There were hints of evidence to show the existence of a plot involving other besides Rosenbluth and former Sergeant Roland Potlher, who was arrested at Providence, R. I., several days ago. At the time of his arrest, Department of Justice officials said Potlher expressed willingness to plead guilty to a charge of "involuntary manslaughter," admitting it was a shot from his automatic pistol that accidentally killed Major Cronkhite.

On the other hand, it was learned yesterday that Jonah J. Goldstein, 366 Broadway, counsel for Rosenbluth, is hopeful of obtaining bail for his client to-day. It was said he had an assurance from Assistant United States Attorney Joyce that he would recommend the acceptance of bail. This might seem to indicate the Government's case against Rosenbluth was not as strong as first supposed.

Father Suspected Crime.

The military court of inquiry that investigated the death of Major Cronkhite accepted the theory of accidental shooting by his own hand. The father, however, was reluctant to accept this finding and was instrumental in having his son's body exhumed. An autopsy, it is said, indicated that he could not have fired the shot that killed him, and it is on this finding that the mystery hinges. At the time of the shooting Major Cronkhite was with Rosenbluth, Sergeant Potlher and other members of the command, were engaged in pistol practice at Camp Lewis. The three names were on one side of a group by themselves when a pistol was discharged and Major Cronkhite dropped with a bullet through his chest. One of the extraordinary features of the case, if Potlher's reported willingness to accept responsibility for accidental shooting stands, is the statement made to Department of Justice officials yesterday by Capt. Rosenbluth. Capt. Rosenbluth declared he could not understand how a shot from Potlher's gun could possibly have killed Major Cronkhite, because he was standing between the two men when the shot was fired.

Capt. Rosenbluth, who was arrested at the Club, 14 West 72nd street, where he lives, yesterday expressed his willingness to return to Tacoma immediately and face any charges the Government might have against him. He represented the element of mystery the Government attaches to his connection with the case, and told his counsel that only last week he went to the headquarters of the Department of Justice in Washington and told officials where he was and where he could be found.

Accused's Friends Active.

That Rosenbluth is not without friends who have confidence in him is indicated by the number of letters his lawyers received yesterday since news of his arrest was published. These letters, for the most part were from influential persons who said they were familiar with the fine quality of the fellow work Rosenbluth performed in Europe following his discharge from the army. For two years Rosenbluth was connected with the Joint Distributing Committee, of which Felix W. Wartburg is chairman, and according to his attorney, his accounts balanced to a cent.

When he was arraigned yesterday Miss Katharine Bennett Davis, former Commissioner of Correction, for whom Rosenbluth worked, appeared with George E. Worthington of the Bureau of Social Hygiene and offered to do anything possible for the accused man even to the point of retaining counsel. She spoke of his record and declared the charge against him to be preposterous. Government officials would not say yesterday whether Rosenbluth's arrest was the direct result of information given by former Sergeant Potlher, although the way was left open for this inference. The suggestion was that Major Cronkhite had been an especially severe disciplinarian and that some of his subordinates plotted to kill him out of the way if it could be done in a way that would bear the appearance of being accidental. It is believed this is the theory shared by Rosenbluth's counsel. Capt. Rosenbluth was at one time director of the Boys Reformatory of New York State under Commissioner Davis. He has spent much time in work of a reform or social nature, his father having been for many years superintendent of the Hebrew Hospital of Philadelphia. Capt. Rosenbluth attended training camp at Ft. Slocum in 1916 and was commissioned in the engineers. On his return from France he was an instructor at Camp Forrest in Georgia and later at Camp Lewis. Since his discharge from the army he is understood to have successfully undertaken another confidential mission to Europe for another department of the Government. Pending word from the Department of Justice Rosenbluth spent last night in the Tombs, but Attorney Goldstein is hopeful of obtaining his release early to-day.

M'ADOO WARNS TOO MANY CROOKS DRIVE CITY TAXIS

Police Supervision of Licenses Is Urged to Protect Patrons and End Collusion with Criminal Element in Handling Lost Property and Loot.

William McAdoo, Chief City Magistrate, issued a statement last night which contained figures giving the number of licensed chauffeurs and applicants for licenses who are shown by police investigation to have criminal records. These figures reveal that in 1920 out of 8,845 applicants there were 243 with criminal records, many of whom received licenses, and in 1921, to March 22, out of 1,395 applicants 112 have criminal records. Magistrate McAdoo also said that the police investigating squad under Capt. Finn, and says the matter of licensing chauffeurs should be put entirely in the hands of the Police Department.

DEATH VERDICT IN 10 MINUTES FOR KNIGHT

Negro Slayer of Edith Wilson in Perth Amboy Dies in Chair in May.

George Washington Knight, a negro, was found guilty yesterday by a jury in the Middlesex County Court in New Brunswick, N. J., of the murder of Mrs. Edith Wilson of Perth Amboy in the latter town on the night of March 12. The jury returned the verdict after deliberating only ten minutes, and Justice Bergen immediately sentenced Knight to die in the electric chair during the week of May 2.

The only witness for the defence, besides Knight himself, was Dr. Charles Rosewater of Newark, a specialist in nervous diseases and alcoholism. He testified that Knight was maniacally drunk and did not know what he was doing when he attacked Mrs. Wilson in his charge Justice Bergen said the fact the negro took Mrs. Wilson's rings from her finger was evidence he had not lost mental control.

SENTENCED TO DIE IN MAY.

Van Norman Killed One Man, Wounded Two Others.

James Van Norman, who was convicted Wednesday of murder in the first degree, was sentenced yesterday by Justice Callaghan in the Supreme Court in Riverhead, L. I., to die in the electric chair the week of May 9.

Van Norman was convicted of having killed Wilbur E. Severance in Huntington, L. I., on July 14, 1919, and a third man were taken into custody by two deputy sheriffs. Severance handed a gun to Van Norman, who fired, seriously wounding Deputy Sheriff Amza Biggs, and then shot and killed Severance. Van Norman was sentenced by Biggs.

Enraged by News That She Had First Husband.

A man with a towel strapped around his throat approached Patrolman Curry at Third Avenue and Eighty-fifth street yesterday and shot him in the chest. "Officer, I killed my wife last night at my home. She is there now. I watched her die after stabbing her twice. Then I slashed my own throat with a razor, but I couldn't die."

RUM SLEUTHS CORRAL TWENTY IN MANHATTAN

Bought Drinks or Flaesh of Liquor, They Charge.

Under the direction of Ernest Langley, chief prohibition enforcement agent, more than twenty arrests were made yesterday in Manhattan of men who keep bars and barbers, who, it is alleged, either sold rum sleuths separate drinks or flaesh of whiskey.

TRUCK BANDITS GET \$35,000 IN SILKS

Four Men in Charge Arrested After Wild Story of Being Kidnapped.

80,000 PAYROLL SEIZED

Employees of Hackensack Firm Held Up—Robbery at After Opera Supper.

Seizure by three bandits of a \$35,000 load of silks from four truckmen in Bethune street and a payroll robbery in which \$8,000 was taken near Hackensack, were reported to the police yesterday. Both holdups occurred after daylight and no masks were worn by the bandits. The police were also informed of a second robbery in the Park avenue residential section, Mrs. Charles M. MacNeill of 15 East Ninety-first street, reporting the loss of \$8,000 pair of diamond studded opera glasses.

SING SING TERM FOR COP WHO SLEW BOY

Flood Gets 3 to 7 Years, but Is Released on Bail Pending Result of Appeal.

While Judge Charles C. Nott in General Sessions was sentencing Policeman Cornelius J. Flood to Sing Sing yesterday to a term of from three to seven years for the murder of a boy, a conviction resulting from the Whitman investigation, the January Additional Grand Jury was hearing evidence presented by the former Governor that led to the indictment late in the afternoon of John Fitzpatrick, former head of the police motorcycle squad.

Two indictments were returned against Fitzpatrick, under the name of Flood, in his squad following the Whitman investigation was a detective sergeant. He is charged with accepting bribes and driving about in automobiles. Yesterday afternoon he attended the funeral of former Detective Sergeant William H. Thompson of the motorcycle squad, who died Monday while under indictment for accepting unlawful fees. Fitzpatrick went from the funeral to the Criminal Courts Building, where he furnished \$2,500 bail and was released.

Just before Fitzpatrick appeared Flood was able to furnish \$10,000 bail following his sentence, Judge Nott having granted a certificate of reasonable doubt in the case of Flood, who is the brother of William J. Flood, his counsel. The conviction will be appealed. Flood was found guilty by a jury Friday of the killing of James Curran, 15 years old, on July 4, 1919.

GIRL 16 NAMED BY WIFE IN ACOSTA DIVORCE SUIT

Decision Reserved in Action Against the Aviator.

Justice Leander B. Faber, in the Supreme Court in Mineola, yesterday reserved decision in the divorce suit of Mrs. Louise Acosta against Bertram B. Acosta, one of the best known American aviators and the first man to cross the continent in a plane.

CRAIG WINS AN APPEAL ON USING SCHOOL FUND

SHE HAD HUSBAND AND SPY RECORD, HE FINDS

Court Annuls Wedding of Hempstead Man.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, with Justice Victor J. Dowling dissenting, yesterday denied the application of the Board of Education for a writ of mandamus compelling Controller Charles C. Craig to audit and pay claims against the board amounting to \$552,806, for supplies, services and materials ordered by the board in 1918.

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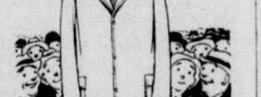
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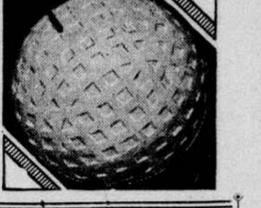
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