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MILLS SLAYER SAID TO BE CRACK SHOT

Reexamination of the Body Shows Three Wounds in Row in Singer's Head.

NEW ARREST IS LIKELY

Inquiry of Hall Murder Mystery to Take Entirely New Turn.

SECOND AUTOPSY TO-DAY

Three Things to Be Determined by Exhuming Rector's Corpse.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 4.—Some one who was not only conversant with firearms but practiced in the use of the pistol killed the Rev. Edward W. Hall, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, church worker and choir singer, on the night of September 14.

This has been established beyond question by the authorities. The information is regarded by them as eliminating from consideration some of the persons who have been more or less under suspicion.

Within the last thirty-six hours much of importance has been discovered. Plans have been laid for deep and searching inquiry along lines hitherto untouched. An arrest within a few days is possible.

Should this arrest be made and expected disclosures follow there will be revealed, it is firmly believed, a surprising chain of events not only leading up to the murder but including the persons then may be found for some of the bungling that has been apparent more than once since the inquiry began. It also may be revealed that the crime was planned long in advance.

Second Autopsy To-day.

The determination that a practiced pistol shot killed the couple follows on the reexamination of the body of Mrs. Mills. It demonstrates the high importance of the autopsy and the utter worthlessness of the superficial examination made after the bodies were found. The latter examination brought forth the vague and unsatisfactory report that Mrs. Mills had been shot once. The reexamination disclosed four bullet wounds in her head, one being in her lip. It now appears that three of the wounds in the head were in a row and constituted an exhibition of marksmanship which an expert might be proud of. The weapon used was a Colt's automatic pistol. A novice with this weapon could not, in the judgment of experts, have scored so heavily, even at close range.

Points that the Hall autopsy set for to-day will decide are whether the clergyman was shot more than once, whether the caliber of "bullet" that killed him was the same as that which shot Mrs. Mills and whether his body was mutilated after death.

New Bit of Evidence.

It was his finding that she had been shot more than once that led to the discussion between him and Dr. William Long, Coroner's Physician, who made the original superficial examination. When he was asked why he had examined Mrs. Mills's body, Cronk said he had been engaged to do so by former State Senator William E. Florence, counsel to the Hall family.

Theoretically, at least, Timothy Pfeffer, of New York has succeeded Florence as the Hall family counsel. He has been here nearly every day, and to-day he had a long talk with the newspaper men. He admitted the truth of the story that he had asked permission to attend the autopsy to be held to-morrow and that his request had been refused by the two prosecutors. His desire to be present, he said, was to enable him to be sure a thorough examination was made.

There came to the Prosecutor's office to-day another scrap of evidence that may be of value. It was furnished by E. K. Soper of Highland Park, who said that on the night of the murder he was on his way home from Somerville in his motorcar with his family, when close to the point on Eastern avenue where De Russy lane turns

MRS. ALSOP, DIVORCED WIFE OF MILLIONAIRE, IN BELLEVUE

One Time Telephone Operator, Who Married Manufacturer 60 Years Her Senior, Taken From Dingy Room Suffering From Alcoholism.

She who was Miss Effie Pope Hill of Macon, Ga., the pretty blonde girl who ten years ago—when she was 17—became the bride of Edward B. Alsop, then 77, a wealthy manufacturer of Pittsburgh and Washington, was removed last night from a dingy furnished room at 51 West Forty-seventh street and taken to Bellevue Hospital suffering from acute alcoholism.

Other tenants at the house, who said that Mrs. Alsop's actions for several days had been disquieting, to put it mildly, sent for Dr. J. Rosen of 138 West Seventy-fourth street late in the afternoon. He told her she must go to a hospital, but she refused. The physician went out and told Patrolman James McDonnell, who summoned an ambulance from Flower Hospital. Goldstein, aided by Dr. Rosen and some of the tenants, threw a wrap around Mrs. Alsop when she refused to dress and carried her to the ambulance.

LEBAUDY'S WIDOW AND DAUGHTER WED

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ment that her daughter Jacqueline, 17 years old and heir to more than half of the great fortune left by her father, who attempted to attack her when Mme. Lebaudy interfered and sooth him, had been married to Roger Sudreau, the son of a French detective, who for a time had acted as Mme. Lebaudy's private secretary. Mme. Lebaudy said at the time that the marriage was purely a formal arrangement in order to smooth over the difficulties of the family fortune, and that she had no objection that the daughter could not obtain possession of her share of the estate until she married or became of age and that they did not intend to live as man and wife. It was said at the time that the elder Sudreau who suggested the marriage as a way out of the difficulties.

Last March the young bride disappeared. Her husband found her in a private nursing home in St. Cloud. One night an effort was made to carry her off, several men being engaged in the effort, but Jacqueline escaped. She and her mother then left for an unknown destination.

While the Sudreaux spoke of the injustice done them and that Roger had a right to demand that his wife return under his roof, the Paris correspondent for THE NEW YORK HERALD found the Lebaudy retreat. Mme. Lebaudy told him a great mistake had been made, and that she realized that the Sudreaux had merely schemed to get hold of the fortune. At the same time Jacqueline said she had learned a terrible lesson, that she did not realize what she was doing, and that she was just a little girl glad to be with her mother again.

Subsequently Mme. Lebaudy fled into Paris for the annulment of the marriage, making the charge mentioned above against the elder Sudreau. Early in June Roger Sudreau asked the French courts for a divorce. On July 8, when the case came up on application for the appointment of an administrator for the Lebaudy estate, the court decided that the action must wait on the outcome of the annulment proceedings. Under the French law Roger Sudreau would have been entitled to half of Jacqueline's fortune, even if he had obtained a divorce.

HALL'S BODY WILL BE EXHUMED THIS MORNING

Autopsy Will Be Performed To-day or To-morrow.

The body of the Rev. Edward W. Hall will be exhumed at Green-Wood Cemetery in South Brooklyn at 11 o'clock this morning.

The impending disinterment follows the signing of an order by Supreme Court Justice O'Malley in Manhattan, on the petition of Prosecutor Bookman of Middlesex County, in accordance with the plan to have an autopsy performed.

The autopsy probably will be performed to-day or to-morrow at the Kings County Morgue. The body lies in an underground vault.

off, he saw a touring car traveling toward him at a high pace. In the car, he said, were a woman in a long gray coat and two men. He was unable to give any further description. It is considered highly improbable that one of the men in the car Soper saw was Hall.

The theory that Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills had planned to elope to the Orient and that this elopement was prevented by the death of both was given renewed consideration to-day with the disclosure that Mrs. Mills had written to a Hindu practitioner of occult spiritualism in Miami, Fla., last February, asking him:

"1. Will the minister get a divorce?"

"2. Will he go to a foreign country?"

"3. If he goes to the Orient, shall I go with him?"

Justice Borst reserved decision in to-day's action, which was brought by Miss Fontaine's attorneys to compel acceptance of service by the defendant of a writ in order that suit may be begun.

CITY'S MONEY FALLS AT 'CHEAPSKATE' CRY

Engineer Bawls Out Board of Estimate and Gets Pay Advances for Hospitals.

"If there ever was a calamity the investigation would show that a lot of cheapskates didn't put an engineer where he was needed," declared John J. Winters of the International Union of Stationary Engineers, arguing before the Board of Estimate yesterday for the request of the trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals for three additional engineers at \$8 a day to relieve the present staff of fifteen.

The members of the board looked startled for a minute. Then Winters continued:

"I'm not referring to you, Mr. Mayor, but to the city officials."

Winters said lives of patients in Bellevue had been endangered through leaks

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WHITNEY SAYS GIRL WAS A SAILOR'S WIFE

Married, Is Contented, When She Says He Promised to Wed Her.

Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 4.—The defense of Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, son of Harry Payne Whitney, who is the defendant in a million dollar breach of promise suit instituted by Evan Burrows Fontaine, a dancer, was indicated when the case was called before Justice Borst in the Supreme Court here to-day.

Counsel for Mr. Whitney declared there was no basis for action inasmuch as Miss Fontaine was married at the time the defendant is alleged to have promised to make her his wife.

It was stated that Miss Fontaine had been married to Sterling E. Adair, a sailor, and that the marriage had been annulled. Mr. Whitney's counsel contended that the annulment was not binding because it had been obtained through false and fraudulent representations. In seeking to have her marriage to Adair annulled, Miss Fontaine is alleged to have declared that they parted immediately after the wedding ceremony and had never lived together.

James A. Leary of Mr. Whitney's counsel introduced an evidence letter alleged to have been written to Adair by Miss Fontaine. The missives were produced for the purpose of showing that Miss Fontaine's allegations that she had never lived with the sailor were false. Mr. Leary also presented affidavits to show that Adair and Miss Fontaine had lived as husband and wife at hotels in New York, Newport News and Hoboken.

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