

Mrs. Mills would be the first to arrive. They then used to stand apart and talk until the others came up. The place being so near the Mills house Mrs. Mills was very often the first on the scene.

Mott to Seek Motive, Also the Love Note Spy

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 24.—The first move of Special Prosecutor Mott, it was learned to-night, is to fix the motive for the killing in the Hall-Mills case. To this end he will go over the ground again, questioning witnesses and eliminating improper theories. It also was learned that a resident here is now suspected of having been the person who discovered the secret post office in the church of St. John the Evangelist where Mrs. Mills hid her love missives and the pastor left his answers.

Speedy Work Looked For

Events to-day necessarily slowed up the work of investigation, but progress may be rapid from this on. In his work in Somerville, Mott showed ability to grasp the case with great speed.

Mrs. Gibson a Paradox

It has seemed from time to time since the murder that the case could not possibly develop many more uses by character but Mrs. Gibson is entitled to a niche of her own and her story is as weird as almost any part of this remarkable romantic tragedy.

Mott Quickly at Work

Wilbur A. Mott, Special Deputy Attorney-General, arrived in Somerville about 11 o'clock to-day accompanied by his special aid, James F. Mason, Newark detective lieutenant, who has been assigned to the case.

Her Talk Causes Surprise

The woman is stocky, her hair is brown, her eyes bright. She may be 50, but would probably look 40 or less if she were found in a different environment. Her speech is clear and she amazes those who talk to her for the first time by speaking English fluently and German rather better. Her grammar is all that could be expected and she evidently thinks, for at one point of her conversation to-day, talking of the murder case, she said:

Tale Credited to Mrs. Gibson

It is in effect this, as was learned to-day, that she had seen and had seen sufficiently to justify belief in it: "Of the five dogs that Mrs. Gibson owns one never barks but has an extraordinary sense of hearing, even for a dog."

No Other Statement by Mott

Mr. Mott handed the statement out to the newspapermen and refused to make any comment on it or to answer any questions that reporters wished to put to him. He would make no statement to the effect that his headquarters would be in Somerville.

Woman in Long, Light Coat

However, continuing her story Mrs. Gibson asserted that one of the women wore a long rather light colored coat; that she heard voices as of people quarreling, and that suddenly there was first one shot and then three more and two of the figures disappeared from her view, while the woman who remained standing cried, "Oh, why did you do that?"

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Then, says Mrs. Gibson, she turned her back and made for home. This story of running away is another doubtful point in the story, as Mrs. Gibson does not impress one as a woman to run from anything. She lives alone except for her son, Willie, aged 21. However, the story as given is the story the authorities have and was turned over to-day to Mr. Mott by Mr. Beekman with the other documents in the case.

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Mrs. Gibson is called the pig woman by her neighbors because presumably she lives so close to the house. She has 48 hens, 5 dogs and 5 mules. When she drives, which is seldom, she uses a buckboard that is neither new nor clean, and when she calls a taxi, for strangely she has a telephone in her home, she beats the driver down and makes him take her to town at a reduced

HENRY STEVENS PROVES FAR FROM SAVAGE HERMIT

Continued from First Page. how shocked some people would be when they saw Henry come in his old shooting clothes and stopping only to wash and pull off his boots, sit down for luncheon. That scandalized some people, but we like simple living. That's what we're down here for.

Tells of Night Visitor

"On the night we're speaking of," Mr. Stevens said, "I was in New York. Mother and my sister and I had gone to New York to buy clothes for the world trip we were planning. But our servant, Mrs. Emerson, and a summer neighbor, William Seger of Philadelphia, came into the house and found that Henry had undressed and was going to bed. Mr. Seger had to tell him about a big fish he'd caught the very last thing, and about 11 o'clock, just before he turns in, a woman neighbor saw Mr. Stevens and spoke to him for a minute. I don't care to say who she is just now."

Was Athlete in College

Mr. Carpenter came to Lavallette last Sunday and expects to return to New Brunswick tomorrow. Stanwick is a local hunter and lives on a houseboat. Mr. Stevens and his guests go to the marshes in his power boat and eat and sleep on a houseboat which he keeps at the Point. "My husband is a sportsman because the shooting is best late in the afternoon and in the very early morning. The impression here is that Mr. Stevens is a sportsman in all the sport he can before winter comes, but has left word at home that if the authorities want to question him further he is at their service at any time. He is 50 years old, five feet eight inches tall, solidly built, ruddy of face, has graying curly hair, lots of it, and a black moustache. He was an athlete when in the college and all his life has been an outdoor man. His face is pleasing and his hazel eyes never evade the questioner's glance.

Struggled After Shot

Senator Mackay asked whether Bergin continued to struggle after the shot was fired. "Yes," said Cline. "He still endeavored to twist the pistol in my direction. I said, 'For God's sake, Jack, get out of my house.' His grip was loosened then, and he went out of the room and downstairs."

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special Dispatch to The New York Herald. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Oct. 24. THE number of executive civil service employees on the Government rolls is now 559,662, the smallest number since the United States entered the world war. On June 30, 1915, the number was 438,057. At the time of the armistice, November 11, 1918, the number was 917,760. The total number of separations therefrom in the last four years has been 358,097. These figures, available to-day at the Civil Service Commission, placed the number of executive civil service employees in Washington at 68,718 on September 30 last. The reduction from June 30 last was 1,200, which means that separations in Washington are proceeding at the rate of 400 a month.

MASSACHUSETTS GIRL LEADS CONGRESS RACE

Miss Grace Darcy Ahead in a Special Primary. NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Oct. 24.—With fourteen towns yet to be heard from in the special primary to elect a successor to Joseph Walsh in the Sixteenth Congressional District, Miss Lily F. Darcy to-night was leading Charles L. Gifford of Cotuit, by 475 votes. The vote so far is Darcy, 2,393; Gifford, 4,124. Miss Darcy had a strong lead in this city, taking 2,936 votes to 1,296 for her opponent.

COOLIDGE HOPES ALLIES WILL PAY DEBTS TO U. S.

Vice-President Says That Should Precede War Spending. special Dispatch to The New York Herald. HARTFORD, Oct. 25.—Vice-President Calvin Coolidge, speaking to-night to an audience which packed Foot Guard Hall, expressed the hope that foreign Powers, "instead of building great armaments, of having large armies, of sailing ships and making expenditures for the purpose of war, will first liquidate their obligations to the United States Government."

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JAPANESE PREMIER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Ambassador Shidehara May Not Return to Washington. MONTELEONE, Oct. 24 (Associated Press).—Baron Kato, Premier of Japan, is seriously ill and an operation may be necessary, according to cable dispatch to the Nippon Jiji, a local vernacular newspaper. It is also stated that Kijuro Shidehara, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, has definitely decided not to return to Washington because of the condition of his health.

TO AD HOMELESS BABIES.

A rummage sale to last three days will begin on November 21 in the parlors of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, 3 East Forty-fifth street. The proceeds will be used for the homeless babies of the Church Mission of Help. Miss Martha L. Kobbe will be in charge, and assisting her will be Mrs. Herbert Shipman, Miss Isabelle Watts and Mrs. William H. La Boyteau.

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