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"I DIDN'T DO IT! HE DID!" MISERABLE CRY OF LASKI IN COUNTY JAIL THIS MORNING

Now Turns Accusing Finger Towards His Accomplice In Attempted Murder of Latter's Wife

Night In County Jail Leaves Two Prisoners In Highly Wrought State

Not Yet Recovered from Bewilderment at Speed With Which Strong Arm of Law Descended Upon Them.

After a sleepless night in his cell at he county jail, Bartoni Laski, accomplice of Joseph Marock in the attempt to murder the latter's wife and obtain all her savings, made a startling declaration at the jail this morning that is the first word in the way of an admission the authorities have been able to extract from either man.

ANNIE MOSKIL

Young Bride of Marock Who Was Thrown Into Well.

"I didn't do it. He did it all!" are the words Sheriff Hawley recounted as having been uttered by Laski when he was subjected to a short inquisition

JOE MAROCK

Husband of Woman Who is Accused of Attempting Her Murder.

In the North avenue institution this morning. Laski, the authorities now believe, furnished Marock with all information as to the nature of the Fair-

BARTONI LASKI

Companion of Marock In Attempt to Murder Former's Wife.

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ALDERMEN BY VOTE OF 18 TO 6 REFUSE TO PROBE LIGHT MONOPOLY

"A Competent Engineer Could Prove to You that Company Was Not Only Overcharging Private Consumers, But City Also," Declares Day, Chairman of Former Committee of Investigation

"The Greatest Sorrow in Municipal Elections Comes When Candidates Do Not Stand By Their Promises," Says Alderman McMurray, "and They Should Stand Upon the Platform on Which They Were Elected"—Contract With United Illuminating Company Is Authorized for 625 Lamps at $73 Per Lamp

The aldermen by a vote of 19 to 5 accepted the prosposal of the United Illuminating Company to furnish 625 magnetite lamps to the city at $73 a lamp last night.

By a vote of 18 to 6 the aldermen voted not to continue the investigation of the United Illuminating Company, which furnishes the lights.

The matter came up on a report of the Council Committee on Miscellaneous affairs. The majority of the committee, Aldermen Paddock, Mahoney and Jackson, reported in favor of making the contract and against continuing the investigation.

The minority of the committee reported in favor of making the contract but also in favor of continuing the investigation, to secure a lower rate for private consumers.

The majority report simply recommends a contract for 18 months, the terms to be agreed upon between the company and the city attorney.

The minority report shows that the price per lamp which Bridgeport must pay is $13 higher than in Hartford, and that no good reason exists for the difference in price. It is printed in full in the Farmer.

The first vote was taken upon the question of continuing the investigation.

Those who voted to continue were Aldermen McMurray, Clampett, Conlin, J. P. O'Neil, O'Connell and Meyer.

Those who voted against investigation were Aldermen D. E. O'Neill, Mahoney, Cassidy, Near, Finlan, Brady, Lavery, Paddock, Primrose, Gould, Wilder, Berfilson, Fletcher, Bullard, Jackson, Stewart, Feyrer and Zink—18.

The second vote came on the question of making the contract.

The line up was the same as the first vote, except that Alderman O'Connell voted in the affirmative, while Meyer, McMurray, Conlin, O'Neill, and Clampett voted in the negative.

Alderman McMurray made a strong speech in favor of continuing the investigation. He said that the people had voted in favor of an ihvestigation, that the Democratic party was pledged to it, and closed by saying:

"The greatest sorrow in municipal elections come when candidates do not stand by their promises. If they stood upon the platform on which they were elected there could never be any regret for the election of any men to public office."

"I can get a competent engineer who could go into the plant of the United Illuminating Co., and prove to you that the company was not only over charging the private consumers but the city also," said Attorney David S. Day, late chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the United Illuminating Co.

Further Mr. Day said that the company was discriminating against both the private consumers and the public. He declared that an engineer could tell more in 15 minutes after going into the plant than an investigating committee could after several weeks of long hearings.

"But," he added "what are you going to do about it? After you find out all of these things what do you find out that you can do. You find that the United Illuminating Co., is chartered by the State of Connecticut, the same source from which the city ob-

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MINORITY REPORT FOR INVESTIGATION

Asserted that Company May Be Making Profit of $212,000 Per Year on Assessed Valuation of $305,000.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Bridgeport.

At its meeting in December the Council referred to the Miscellaneous Committee the report of the Committee raised by it in May, 1909, to investigate the cost of electricity furnished for public arc lights in Bridgeport.

The aforesaid Committee said in its report that it lacked the power necessary to an adequate investigation. While the investigation was in progress the United Illuminating Co., which furnishes the said public lights, made a proposal to furnish magnetite lamps at the rate of $73 a year provided the city will use 650 lamps. This rate is $5.47 less than the charge for the lamp at present in use, which is of an almost obsolete type. The new lamp will give more light.

Despite its greater efficiency the magnetite light is much cheaper to produce. It requires only occasional attention and it costs $8 or $10 a year less to maintain it.

But the price of $73 a year is $13 higher than the rate at which the magnetite lamp has been offered to Hartford, by the Hartford Electric Light company. The rate made to Hartford is upon the basis of 550 lamps, and the price is $60 for lamps on overhead circuits and $64 for lamps on underground circuits.

Because of the great efficiency of the magnetite lamp Hartford has felt justified in reducing its number of arc lights from 800 to 550.

If the lamps were judiciously located Bridgeport would probably not need more than 550, being territorially more compact, and there is no reason why these should not be furnished at the rate offered to Hartford.

It is quite true that some of the current used by the Hartford Co., is purchase of another company which owns a waterpower, but nevertheless the cost of producing the light furnished to Hartford under the conditions of the contract entered into will certainly be greater than the cost in Bridgeport.

Although the price proposed by the United Illuminating company is much more than the city should pay, and although 650 lamps is more than the city should require, yet as the fiscal year is nearly at an end, and as appropriations are soon to be made, it is perhaps advisable for the city to accept the arrangement purely as a makeshift, and close a bargain for 18 months.

But the investigation of the

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AGED WOMAN DIES IN HOUSE WHERE SHE WAS BORN

Mrs. James Staples Was Widow of Prominent Banker Who Founded House of James Staples & Co.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Staples, widow of James Staples, founder of the banking house of James Staples & Co., died this morning at 319 East Main street, in the same roomy and quaint old house in which she was born 81 years ago last October. Mrs. Staples had the respect and love of all who knew her and felt her kindly disposition. She possessed all of her faculties up to the time of her death, and knowing Bridgeport and its history for almost three-quarters of a century she took a keen interest in public affairs.

The deceased survived her husband by about seven years, and outside of a number of cousins she has only one near relative living, her son, Frank T. Staples, who is at present at the head of the institution founded by his father. Before her marriage Mrs. Staples was Miss Sarah Elizabeth Trubee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Trubee, one of the city's oldest families. Her mother was a Miss Turney, a member of another old time Bridgeport family.

For over 30 years Mrs. Staples was prominently identified with the work of the Bridgeport Charitable Society. She personally performed much charitable work but all was without ostentation. She was one of the oldest members of the Universalist church.

About a week ago Mrs. Staples was attacked with bronchial pneumonia and despite all efforts to save her life the end came this morning at 7:45 o'clock.

MAYOR BUCKINGHAM KEPT FROM COUNCIL BY ATTACK OF GRIP

Mayor Buckingham was seized with an attack of the grip, Sunday night, and was unable to attend the session of the Common Council last evening. The deliberations of that body were presided over by its president, Dennis E. O'Neill who handled the business in good style considering it was his first experience presiding over the body. He referred the big batch of resolutions and petitions to the proper committees without a single hitch.

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RAYNOR IS ARRESTED

Identified by Danbury City Hall Janitor on Streets

Apprehended by Policeman and Turned Over to Detective Cronan—Will Be Here This Evening.

Fred Raynor was arrested on the street in Danbury this afternoon for the murder of James H. Mullen on the strength of the story told to the local police by Carrie Sprague, the woman with whom he lived in this city.

Raynor was seen on White street, Danbury, by Thomas Kenny, janitor of the City Hall. Kenny recognized him as the man who had called at police headquarters yesterday a little while after the arrest of the Sprague woman. He sought information as to why she was held.

Raynor, unsuspecting the activities of the police, remained in Danbury. Kenny espied him on the street, teleponed to police headquarters and kept him under surveillance. Policeman Baker took Raynor into custody. He was not asked to make any statement.

Detective Cronan of this city and Danbury policemen were searching the railroad yards in Danbury when the arrest was made. Raynor is expected to reach Bridgeport with Detective Cronan early this evening.

LASKI DUG WELL WHERE WOMAN FROZE

Authorities Issue Warrants for Arrest of His Two Brothers

Laski Homes in Fairfield and Westport Entered by Sheriffs This Afternoon

Bartoni Laski, held in $10,000 bail for attempted murder of the wife of Joseph Marock in Fairfield, Saturday night, helped to build the well on the William Ferris farm into which he tossed the woman last Saturday night. This fact has just come to the notice of the authorities.

That Laski, rather than Marock, is the instigator of the attempt upon the woman's life, is the belief of the authorities today. This afternoon search warrants were issued giving authority to Sheriffs Richards and Burr to break into the homes, if necessary, of Andrew Laski, who runs the "duck farm" so called, near the scene of the attempted murder, and of John Laski, in Westport, just east of the village.

The sheriffs were also given warrants charging Laski's two brothers with being accomplices in the attempt upon Mrs. Marock's life, and they will be served, and the men taken into custody this afternoon if the sheriffs find the evidence they are seeking in the two homes.

They expect that the suit case carried by Laski and Marock will be found in one of the houses, and that the woman's missing garments, including furs, will also be found in the homes. The sheriffs left Bridgeport armed with the writs and warrants, in an automobile just before press hour.

GOVERNORS GATHER AT NATION'S CAPITAL

Uniformity In State Laws Is Important Questions to Be Discussed.

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Jan. 18.—Having for their object the furtherance of uniformity in state laws, the executives of thirty odd commonwealths met here today for a three days conference which may exert a tremendous effect on future legislation in the states.

After effecting an organization and a brief speech by Governor Wilson of Kentucky outlining the object of the convention, the meeting adjourned to attend a luncheon in their honor at the Metropolitan Club and later to call on the President. This evening the governors will be the guests of John Hayes Hammond at dinner and later in the evening will attend the reception at the White House which President Taft is giving tonight to the Judiciary.

Among the governors who have already arrived for the conferences are: Draper, Massachusetts; Quinby, New Hampshire; Prouty, Vermont; Fernold, Maine; Potheir, Rhode Island and Weeks, Connecticut.

Millionaire Banker Succumbs; Noted For Eccentric Attire

Chicago, Jan. 18.—John Farson, millionaire, and one of the best known bankers in the country, died early today at his Oak Park home after an illness of three days. A spectacular feature was added to the scene about the bedside when three hours after the banker's demise. John Farson, the banker's son, arrived after a 70 hour race with death. As soon as young Farson heard in New York that his father was critically ill he chartered the special train and rushed to Chicago. John Farson was well known all over the country because of his eccentricities in dress. For years he wore red neckties invariably and a few years ago emulated the example of Mark Twain by appearing at a lawn fete clad in snow white evening clothes.

LOST—Ayredale Terrier, female dog, answering to name of Montie. Thick coat of brownish yellow, marked with black. Reward if returned to 195 Washington Ave. a*p

UNDER POWERFUL SPELL OF THIRD DEGREE, WOMAN TELLS STORY OF MULLEN MURDER

Discovery Today of Blood Stains on Secret Stairway Sheds New Light on Brutal Crime

Mullen and Woman's Lover In Fierce Fight, Starting, She Says, Over Trade Unionism

When He Staggered Out, Exhausted, They Fled from Rooms, Locking Up Evidences of Murderous Affray

Police Seek Raynor—He Is Said to Have Been in Danbury Last Night, When Woman Was Turned Over to Sergeant Cronan

Under the mysterious spell of the "third degree" administered by Detective Captain Arnold in his private office at police headquarters this morning, Carrie Sprague, the dissolute woman arrested in Danbury yesterday in the policial investigation of the murder of James H. Mullen, broke down and told what she declared were the true circumstances attending the fatal beating of the well known driver.

When she entered Captain Arnold's office she was bold, defiant, and while willing to talk, was eager to protest her indifference to her arrest, because she said she would soon be at liberty. She declared she had left the city on Tuesday, the day before the murder. She protested she knew no such person as Raynor. She added that she never heard of Mullen, and had not been in Bridgeport on Wednesday when the police held she was seen with him on the street Wednesday night.

But before she left the office she confessed that Fred Raynor, with whom she was living, had had a fearful battle with Mullen; that she and Raynor fled from their apartment Wednesday night taking a room at the Arlington Hotel until the following morning, when they fled to South Norwalk. She admitted she had met Mullen in front of the City Hall, State street, and had taken him to her room, 52 Union Square, in the block at the corner of Main street and Union Square.

The police are not yet satisfied that she has told the whole truth. No explanation has yet been made of what became of Mullen's money, variously estimated at from $10 to $50. Nor do they take much stock in her explanation of how the fight started. She says it was because the two men differed about the question of trade unions. The police are more inclined to believe Mullen was fighting to prevent being robbed. The woman still mantains Mullen, bleeding and exhausted, walked out out of their apartments and down stairs.

New light was shed on the mystery of Mullen's reaching the ground from the top floor of the tenement when inmates of the block discovered today in a sort of secret stairway, an inside rear entrance to the block, a large number of blood stains. The stairway runs parallel to Main street, but is in the extreme rear of the block. From the landing at the second floor there are two flights, one leading to Union Square, No. 52, and the other to the court in the rear of the Main street buildings. An alley runs parallel to Main street, leading north from Union Square into the court.

The stairway descending into the alley, the occupants of the building say, is rarely used. The door is within a yard of the door leading from the rear of Broch's restaurant, both opening on the north side of the block. It was across the foot of the steps leading from Broch's door that the body of the victim was found. A cursory examination of the rather mysterious rear stairways was made the night of the murder under the feeble glare of a candle, but this did not disclose the blood stains, very apparent under the light of day.

Carrie Sprague was arrested at the home of her mother yesterday at the instance of the local police. On a search of the blood bespattered room yesterday clues were found indicating the name of the woman and her former residence in Danbury, these being among photographs and letters. She was as silent as a clam when the Danbury police questioned her, and was only a little more communicative when Detective Cronan took her in charge. She talked, but denied everything.

Leaving the police station in Danbury, the woman was met outside by her aged mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Taylor, the latter her sister. Taylor is a hatter employed with Belletaire Bros. in Danbury.

"Don't you say a word," warned Taylor, as she passed. "Keep your mouth shut. I've got a lawyer for you."

The woman took his advice well enough until she went through the "third degree."

Sergeant Cronan and the woman reached the station by way of South Norwalk just before midnight, and the automobile patrol rushed her to police headquarters. Matron Hill subjected the woman to a minute search, but not so much as a scrap of paper or a penny was found on her.

Sh arose about 7 this morning, saying she had enjoyed a sound sleep, and a little later her sister and brother-in-law arrived from Danbury with money to procure her food.

At 9 o'clock Captain Arnold escorted her from the private room assigned her by Matron Hills into his private

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LIBERALS ARE WINNING; NO HOPE FOR THE TORIES

John Burns' Victory Big Surprise and Disappointment to Conservatives—Laborites Gaining

(Special from United Press.)

London, Jan. 18.—Unless the Conservatives take a decided brace from the demoralization that yesterday's voting indicated had taken possession of their ranks, the best political forecasters in England are to-day predicting that the Liberals, with the aid of the Laborites, will control the next parliament without calling upon the Irish Nationalists for a single vote. The Conservative rate of gain is decreasing and there are many today who believe that the total gain will not exceed 80 seats. This estimate is on the basis of practically a solid Liberal representation from Scotland and Wales. If the Liberals do not lose more than this number of seats they will be able to control parliament with their own and Laborite votes.

As the Laborites themselves are making slight gains, the Liberals may be able to lose as many as 90 seats and still retain control. The situation is significant in that it indicates that the Irish Nationalists will probably not be able to make too sweeping demands upon the new parliament.

While the Liberal leaders expect to work in harmony with the Irish members, there is no disputing the fact that harmony would be a doubtful quantity if the Nationalists clearly held the balance of power. Premier Asquith and other big Liberals are now hoping that they may escape the necessity of going to the Nationalists with their "hats in hand."

Forty-two constituencies, entitled to 46 members, are voting today. Such prominent men as T. P. O'Connor, of the Scottish division of Liverpool; Attorney General Robson of South Shields; Minister Runciaman of Dewsbury; Postmaster General Buxton and President of the Board of Trade Churchill of Dundee, are being voted on today.

Today's voting lacked the exciting features of that of Saturday and Monday for it is now generally accepted as a foregone conclusion that the Liberals will win without any serious setback.

John Burns, Labor member from Battersea, is the recipient of hundreds of congratulatory messages today as the result of his re-election after one of the hardest fights ever made against a leading candidate. But Burns won by more than 500 votes, double the normal majority in his district, but far below his landslide majority in 1906. Burns was picked by the Conservatives for defeat and the fight centered against him. Several weeks ago Burns figured in a number of daring rescues at a department store fire near his home and the popularity gained at this time no doubt stood him in good stead yesterday.

Miss Christobal Pankhurst, of the militant suffragettes, said today that "the reduction of the Liberal majorities shows the success of our experiment and the influence of our legislation."

PLAN TO WIPE OUT COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

A committee of the state bar association is now considering a plan, which, though it is not backed by many attorneys in this county, has a big backing in the other counties of the state, especially in New Haven county, to abolish the Court of Common Pleas, and to distribute the work of that court to the City courts and the Superior court.

It is stated that the bar association will consider the plan at its next meeting. Should the attitude of the lawyers be favorable, a bill to that effect will be presented in the next legislature. The main object of the movement is to do away with the local judges. The judges in the Common Pleas courts under the present system are stationary, not moving from court to court as do the judges of the Superior Court. When the movement was first broached it was mentioned that the Common Pleas be made a circuit court, but this idea was given up because of the immense added expense it would incur.

If carried out this measure would cut off the salaries of all, the clerks and court officials connected with the Common Pleas court, although added officials will be needed in the Superior and the City courts. The proposed measure provides for the increasing of the power of the City courts.

Sidney N. Lockwood, clerk of the Fairfield County Common Pleas court stated this morning that the project was news to him. He stated that there had often been suggestions advanced by a number of the attorneys, that the number of the judges be increased at least by one, so that there would be a judge for both jury and non-jury cases.

Fairfield County he added was not over burdened with work during its sessions, the courts being through in due time.

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