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BENJAMIN HILL HELD FOR HIS WIFE'S MURDER

Coroner's Jury Hears Evidence in Shooting Case. SLAIN IN A CROWDED ROOM

"Hello, Carrie," He Said as She Sat at Dinner Table, and Then Fired Three Shots.

Benjamin G. Hill was held by the coroner's jury today for the murder of his wife, Carrie Marsden Hill, who died last night from the effects of wounds received on November 8. The shooting occurred at the home of the Hills, 315 Missouri avenue northwest, where Mrs. Hill and several boarders were at dinner. Dr. Grafton Pailer, who had been Mrs. Hill's physician for the past few years, testified that when he was called to attend her Saturday evening he found her hysterical and suffering from shock. One shot was in the fleshy part of the right part of the neck, one in the left breast and one entered the back. Witness said the pistol shot in the back caused death.

Dr. J. R. Wellington and Dr. Edgar Y. Glechrist, of the hospital, also testified. Harry C. Wilson, a boarder in the Hill house since last July, who witnessed shooting, said that Hill came into the dining room and said, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen," and then turned to his wife, and said, "Hello, Carrie." At the same time he fired at Mrs. Hill at very close range. Mrs. Hill started out toward the parlor. Hill ordered all the people in the dining room out. Mrs. Hill came back to the dining room hall, saying, "Let him finish me." Hill also shot at his wife's daughter, Miss Marsden.

Policeman Bean, who made the arrest, testified that Hill said it was the mistake of his life if he fired three shots at Mrs. Hill and failed to kill her. Several witnesses substantiated this.

Jealousy is ascribed as the reason for the shooting. Hill has so far failed to express any regret over the death of his wife.

The jury was out only half an hour. When the autopsy was concluded, Hill was taken to the morgue by a policeman. He looked steadily on the corpse for a few seconds, but did not make any expression, except for a slight twitching of the mouth.

STRIKE COMMISSION WILL MEET TOMORROW

First Session Will Be Held at Scranton, Pa.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 12.—The first session of the coal strike commission appointed by President Roosevelt will be held tomorrow morning. All arrangements for the accommodation of the commission members have been perfected, under the direction of T. H. Watkins, one of the members, whose home is in this city.

Fourteen rooms and a private dining room have been engaged in the Jernyn Hotel. The sessions will be held in the superior court room, and will last from 10 to 12:30 and 2:30 to 4:30 each day until the work of getting evidence is finished.

Least night Commissioner of Labor Carroll D. Wright, who will act as recorder of the commission, accompanied by Assistant Recorders Niell and Moseley, arrived here. A great array of local talent from all parts of the country will represent the various interests which will appear before the commission, no less than twenty leading lawyers being already identified with the parties to the controversy.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELEGATES IN THE CITY

Secretary Shaw to Deliver Address to Distinguished Foreigners at Banquet Tonight.

The foreign guests of the New York Chamber of Commerce are in the city today visiting the places of interest in the National Capital. They arrived this morning in a special car from New York as the guests of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

A banquet will be given the foreigners at the Arlington Hotel, at which Secretary Shaw of the Treasury Department will deliver an address.

SUFFOCATED BY WINE FUMES.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—A vinegrower, named Gress, in the village of Blubelshelm, his wife, daughter, and grandchild, were suffocated by the fumes of fermentation while examining their wine cellars today.

CONFESSED SON'S MURDER.

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 13.—Carroll D. Webster, who in July killed his eldest son, Rutolph, in a dispute over the boy's wages, yesterday retracted his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree. Torno was sentenced to life imprisonment.

PRESIDENT GIVES HIS GUARDS HOT CHASE

The Secret Service Men Kept Busy Watching Him. Hunting Party Will Reach Mississippi Bears Late This Afternoon.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 12.—President Roosevelt will be among the bears this evening at 4:30, when he reaches Smeads, Miss. A guide employed by President Fish, of the Illinois Central Railway, will escort the President into the most likely fastnesses of the canyons, and the slaughter will begin, if bruin appears.

The President fervently hopes that the Mississippi bears will not be as shy as the Virginia turkeys. If they are, he will return to Washington empty handed. The President is getting plenty of rest on this trip. His speeches have been widely separated and short at that. Most of the time he has lounged in an easy chair in the Mayflower and talked with Secretary Cortelyou or Dr. Lung. As usual he has driven the Secret Service men half wild by his disregard of personal danger.

Receives Warning.

Before he started on the trip the President received a letter from a business man in one of the cities that he has visited, warning him that an attempt would be made to assassinate him. The President has never paid any attention to these warnings in the past, and paid none to this.

At every stopping place he got off his car and walked up and down the station platform, and at two or three towns slipped away from the Secret Service men and took his constitutional alone. He did this at Pittsburg, getting about three blocks up in the railroad yards before the anxious-faced service men caught up with him.

Shook Trainmen's Hands.

At Columbus he shook hands with the train to shake hands with the engineer and fireman, and to do so, pushed his way through a crowd of a hundred persons, all of whom were pushing forward in an effort to shake hands with him, or get a closer view. If someone had been waiting in that crowd to do the President harm, no power on earth could have prevented an attack.

"If anyone really intends to get me, I cannot do anything to keep him from it," the President has often said when urged to be more careful by Secretary Cortelyou or others about him. "I do not intend to make myself miserable by dodging imaginary enemies. If any comes I'll do the best I can at the time to defend myself."

MOLINEUX TO WORK IN AGED FATHER'S PLACE

The Acquitted Man Will Take Position in the Devote Paint Factory.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Gen. Edward L. Molineux announced this morning that his son Roland was going to work in the factory of the Devote Paint Works—his own concern on Plymouth Street, Brooklyn. The general also made a statement regarding his daughter-in-law.

When the general left his home at 117 Fort Green place, Brooklyn, in answer to inquiries as to the future of his son, he said:

"I shall take the boy to work in my factory. I am rather an old man now, and of late have been obliged to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning to attend to business. I intend that Roland shall get up in the morning after he begins to work, in order to let me sleep. Just now the boy feels like a bird whose wings have been clipped.

Business Affected.

"The business has been greatly affected and injured by the notoriety and the circumstances connected with the case. It will have to be built up again."

When asked if it were true that the case cost him \$100,000, the general said: "It cost a great deal more than that. I never shall be able to say exactly how much. At the present time I am not worth \$300,000 or even \$200,000."

In talking of the slurs cast upon Mrs. Roland Molineux, his daughter-in-law, the general became quite indignant. He said:

"I believe my daughter-in-law to be one of the most upright and honest women that ever lived. The nervous strain she has been under has told on her and it is a wonder to me the poor girl is not crazy."

"Now that the trial is over I want it published to the world that I believe that she has been one of the most bitterly persecuted women that I ever heard of. Scandalous stories have reached my ears about her and I have spent thousands of dollars running them down. In each case they were found to originate in people's imaginations only. In one case several of them were traced to a minister, who said he had heard them from his wife, and when she was contradicted she acknowledged that they bore no truth, that there was no truth to them on.

A Damaging Picture.

"In another case a police official told me that there was a picture in existence which was very damaging. He said that he had seen it. I offered him \$1,000 in cash if he would let me see a copy of that picture. He said: 'General, I want your money very much, but I can't have it. There really is not such a picture in existence.'"

"He told me that he had searched the whole city for it, and in each case they sent him on a chase for somebody else."

"Now this woman is my child, on the same footing as my boy, and I am going to look out for her."

Roland Molineux, accompanied by his brother Cecil, paid a visit to his former keepers in the Tombs this morning. Some time was spent there in gathering together some of his effects. For the first time Molineux saw an automobile in motion and seemed deeply interested in the machine. He refused to make any statement bearing upon his plans.

HANNA NOT TO RETIRE FROM POLITICAL LIFE

Says He Will Remain in Public Service. DENIES ALL SUCH RUMORS

Reports Said to Have Emanated From General Grosvenor Also Contradicted—Gives Up Washington Home.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 12.—Senator Hanna said this morning that there was not the slightest truth in the report that he was about to retire from public life or that he has any intention of retiring in the near future.

Close friends of Senator Hanna scout the possibility of his retirement. In proof of this they point to the fact that preparations are already going on for the Senator's campaign for re-election to the Senate next fall.

The Washington reports state that a communication had been received there from General Grosvenor in which the Congressman said:

"Senator Hanna's retirement from public life upon the expiration of his present term has been definitely decided upon and nothing can induce him to change his mind."

So far as can be learned, the report that Senator Hanna was to quit politics is based merely on the fact that Mr. Hanna does not intend to renew the lease of his house in Lafayette Square. This is the house formerly occupied by the late Vice President Hobart, and the annual rental is \$8,000. The Senator explained some time ago that he did not care to pay this large amount in view of the fact that his family will not be in Washington more than two months of the next year.

In regard to the resignation rumor, Postmaster General Payne who, as vice chairman of the Republican National Committee and a close political associate of Senator Hanna, said this morning that he knew nothing about it. His expectation is that Mr. Hanna will continue in the chairmanship.

SMOKE NUISANCE LAW WILL NOT BE ENFORCED

Scarcity of Coal Frustrates Mayor Low's Plans.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Health Commissioner Lederle will communicate this afternoon or tomorrow with Mayor Low in regard to the enforcement after November 15 of the ordinance prohibiting the use of soft coal in the city.

Some time ago Mayor Low set November 15 as the limit of time when persons would be allowed to burn bituminous coal, declaring that he had received assurances that by that time plenty of hard coal would be available.

In the last few days Commissioner Lederle has had agents investigating. It was said this morning on good authority that the health commissioner would tell the mayor that it will be impossible to enforce the ordinance.

The retail coal dealers and practically everyone else identified with the coal trade today admitted that hard coal was just about as scarce now as at any time during the strike. In the open market domestic sizes of anthracite were selling for \$8 a ton today.

WAR VETERANS TO HAVE PREFERENCE IN FUTURE

Recommendations of Chief Dutton Regarding Appointments to the Fire Department.

Robert W. Dutton, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, has forwarded to the District Commissioners a report on the first civil service examination of applicants for appointment in the fire service. Under date of July 18 the Commissioners issued an order that men seeking appointment in the department should hereafter pass a physical examination conducted by the board of surgeons, and should pass above 70 per cent in an examination to be held by the Civil Service Commission.

The first examination was held October 17. According to Chief Dutton's report there were forty-two applicants, only nine of whom passed the required 70 per cent. J. G. Bennett Key, having the highest standing, 80.30, was yesterday appointed watchman in the service.

Chief Dutton has suggested, and Commissioner Macfarland has offered a motion to the effect that applicants in the future who have served in the army or navy of the United States, and who have been honorably discharged, shall be credited with five points in the civil service examination, on the ground that they are from experience amenable to discipline, and the allowance is a slight recognition of their services to their country.

DEATH OF MRS. BENJAMIN.

Mrs. Ruth L. Benjamin, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 2808 N Street northwest, at the advanced age of eighty-three. Death was due to cancer of the stomach. Her four daughters, Mrs. R. I. Collins, Mrs. Sophia Galt, Mrs. R. F. Frenia Mills, and Mrs. Mollie Galtwood, were all at her bedside. Mrs. Benjamin was the widow of John Benjamin, who died sixteen years ago. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

FRENCH MINERS VIOLENT.

PARIS, Nov. 12.—Striking miners today blew up the house of a mine overseer at St. Etienne with dynamite. One man was injured. The strikers are today parading the streets of the town carrying red flags. Great excitement prevails.

CORONER NOT TO ACT IN HOGE CASE

Issues Certificate of Death From Pneumonia—Attended Only by Christian Science Reader.

Deputy Coroner Glazebrook Held an autopsy this morning at 421 G Street northwest, upon the body of Louise Hoge, the young girl who, after an illness of nearly three weeks without medical attention, died at 8:30 o'clock last night. Miss Hoge was a belle of the Christian Science, and though her friends urged her to accept the services of a physician, she steadfastly refused. Death was due to pneumonia in the opinion of four physicians who were present at the autopsy this morning. These included Coroner Nevitt, Dr. Bogan, Dr. Charles Ball, Dr. D. T. Kemp. Unmistakable evidences of death from hermetostatic pneumonia were found, both lungs having been affected. The disease had progressed about nine days' duration. No evidence of typhoid fever was found.

Guest of Dr. Bogan.

Miss Hoge was a guest in the home of Dr. S. A. Bogan, having come to Washington from Chicago to act as the bridesmaid of her friend, Miss Ethel Bogan. She complained of suffering from headache and exhaustion when she arrived, on October 17, on the 25th. Dr. Bogan states, she did not appear at breakfast. He went at once to her room and was about to take the pulse when she declared his services, saying:

"Doctor, I am a Christian Scientist, and do not believe in the physicians or medicine."

She steadfastly refused to see a physician and Dr. Bogan did not again see her alive.

On October 23 Miss Hoge telegraphed her parents that she was ill, and the next day sent two messages. Dr. and Mrs. Bogan also sent messages, having failed to persuade their guest to allow a physician to prescribe for her. She insisted she was being telegraphed from Chicago October 25. "If Louise prefers medicine, have it. If not, call in Mrs. Ellen B. Linscott, at the Sherman in Washington, at once. Mother leaves on Pennsylvania Limited."

To this the following reply was sent: "Louise prefers science; Mrs. Linscott is treating; condition same."

Mrs. Hoge, who arrived shortly afterward, did not, it appears, attempt to influence her daughter to change her determination to have no physician. It was claimed on November 1 that the disease was following to the treatment of Mrs. Linscott, the Christian Science reader, who, it was stated, had been called in to attend the girl, according to her father's instructions.

Mrs. Linscott's Statement.

Miss Hoge's father arrived in Washington October 29. Two days later he gave out a statement in which he said that his daughter was a woman grown, and that no coercion or even advice was given to induce her to accept science treatment instead of medicine. He said Miss Hoge had never united with the Christian Science Church, but was in sympathy with its teachings.

Body to Be Taken Home Tonight.

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CUNNEEN ELECTION OF DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT

Cunneen Wins, Says New York Attorney General. WILL NOT CONTEST VOTE

In Doubt Until Yesterday, But Now Is Convinced a Substantial Plurality Was Polled

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 13.—Deputy Attorney General Henry B. Coman today announced that he conceded the election of Mr. Cunneen, the Democratic candidate, as attorney general.

"Until last night," said Mr. Coman today, "I was in doubt as to the result of the election for the office of attorney general. I am now in possession of information which convinces me that Mr. Cunneen has received a substantial plurality of the votes cast for that office."

"Being so convinced I desire to set at rest certain rumors which have lately been given currency, to the effect that I intended to contest the election of Mr. Cunneen, upon the ground that the votes cast for him upon the Prohibition ticket were illegal."

"I have never entertained a thought of making a contest upon that ground and have never made such a suggestion to any person. So far as I have any knowledge, this has also been the attitude of the Republican organization. We have simply been awaiting the announcement of the result."

PLATT A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION TO SENATE

New Yorker Makes Formal Announcement.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Senator Platt said this morning:

"I am a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate, and I know of no opposition to my re-election."

Governor Odell spent a part of the day in his rooms at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He talked with Henry J. Coggeshall, George W. Aldridge, and other politicians.

The governor said: "I am in favor of the re-election of Senator Platt. I thought I had made that clear, but I see today certain stories that report me as giving evasive answers to the question. That is not true."

"I have said all along that I favored the re-election of the Senator, and I do not know why I should be expected to repeat the statement every fifteen minutes."

MOON'S MURDERERS MAY BELONG TO MOONSHINERS

Was Discussing Methods Employed by Illicit Distillers With Strangler When Bullet Struck Him.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 13.—Frank Moon, of Confluence, in the Alleghenies, died Tuesday in the hospital. He was shot in a most mysterious manner while standing in the barroom at the New Scotland House. United States Deputy Collector W. J. Dixon believes the man who shot him was sent down from the mountains by the moonshiners especially for the purpose.

Moon in his ante-mortem statement said he was drinking at the bar with several companions when a stranger entered and engaged him in conversation. The stranger resented Moon's remarks and drawing a revolver, placed it to the level of Moon's breast and fired. The crowd excitedly got around Moon and the stranger said: "Somebody from the outside shot him through the window." Notwithstanding smoke from the moon was wreathing in the room and contradicted the statement, he was allowed to walk out into the darkness and escape.

MT. PLEASANT TO HAVE A METHODIST CHURCH

Organization Formed With R. I. Hitt, Jr., President, and Frank S. Waring Secretary.

The Methodist Episcopal Society of Mount Pleasant has been organized by about fifty families residing at Mount Pleasant and Columbia Heights. The movement has been under consideration for some time and is the outgrowth of a Sunday school and weekly prayer meeting held for a year past in the hall over the postoffice in Mount Pleasant.

Trustees of the new church organization are: R. I. Hitt, Jr., president; Frank E. Waring, secretary, and C. L. Harding, treasurer; Dr. Benjamin F. Gibbs, George Simmons, R. D. Swingle, Dr. C. W. Scott, Frank B. Walker, and F. C. Heubner.

The women of the new society have organized into the Ladies' Guild, with Mrs. H. R. Naylor as president; Mrs. R. I. Hitt, Jr., as vice president; Mrs. F. B. Walker, secretary, and Mrs. Frank E. Waring, treasurer.

STEAMER RUN IN COLLISION.

BANGKOK, Siam, Nov. 13.—The Norddeutscher Lloyd's, Phraemkiao, and Ke-lantan, collided at the river mouth, twenty miles below this city today. The latter steamer was sunk, but the Phraemkiao was safely harbored.

ITALIANS GET EVEN FOR ARREST OF MASCAGNI

Express Joy Over False Report of Indignity to Ambassador Meyer.

ROME, Nov. 13.—The motor accident yesterday of George von L. Meyer, American ambassador to Italy, in which a child was reported to have been killed by being struck by the ambassador's automobile, occurred in Tuscany, where Pietro Mascagni, the composer, is greatly loved.

After the accident a false rumor was started to the effect that Meyer had been arrested; that the populace immediately gave expression to feelings of joy, saying: "It serves him right. They arrested Mascagni and we arrest their ambassador."

Ambassador Meyer was greatly upset by the occurrence. He has telegraphed the consulate at Florence, giving full details of the accident.

He says the striking of the boy by the machine was due to the fault of the boy, and that the chauffeur was not responsible. The boy, he says, was injured, but not seriously.

IRASCIBLE FRENCHMAN STARTLES DEPUTIES

Fires Pistol to Attract Door-keeper's Attention.

PARIS, Nov. 13.—The proceedings of the Chamber of Deputies were interrupted this afternoon, and considerable consternation caused by five pistol shots in rapid succession, somewhere in the building.

Investigation showed that an adjutant of the colonial infantry had become angry because he was kept waiting at the entrance to the gallery, and had fired the shots in the air to attract attention.

FRANZ JOSEF ILL.

VIENNA, Nov. 13.—The usual Thursday audience by Emperor Franz Josef, was countermanded today. The action gave rise to alarming rumors regarding the Emperor's health, but the fears of the people were allayed by the posting of an official notice that his majesty was suffering from a slight attack of lumbago.

KILLED HIS BROTHER.

RUTLAND, Vt., Nov. 13.—Oscar Berggren, ten years old, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his brother Gustave, fourteen years old, in Clearmont last night. The older boy, in cleaning his gun, forgot it was loaded. The trigger snapped, and the charge entered Oscar's head.

WILL LEAVE FOR NORFOLK.

Georgetown's football team will go to Norfolk tomorrow night and on Saturday will play the University of North Carolina etc.