

EASTLAKE-KNOX DEFENSE TRYING TO PROVE EVIDENCE "PLANTED"

LAWYERS HAVE NEW THEORIES

Latest One Is That Mrs. Eastlake Committed Suicide. Nurses Aid Miss Knox.

By KIRK C. MILLER, Times Staff Correspondent. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Oct. 26.—Protest will be made by counsel for the defense against the admission of certain circumstantial evidence composed of blood-stained weapons, wearing apparel and articles said to be incriminating finger-

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prints when the Eastlake-Knox trial starts at Montross, Westmoreland county, December 13.

Weapons Not Guilty.
On the grounds that much or all of this evidence was handled and handled about among curious spectators at the time of the crime and for days afterward before professional investigators from Richmond arrived on the scene, lawyers will argue with Judge Chinn that it is not available for use against their clients.

This step has been definitely decided upon as one of the main threads of defense for both Eastlake and Miss Knox. It is recalled that as late as last Sunday a cap and cape said to have been the property of Eastlake was "found" by Detective Boulwer, a Colonial Beach detective. These were declared to be crimson-stained and were said to have been found packed in the bottom of a pasteboard carton holding children's playthings.

Because as late as a week of time elapsing in the discovery of these particular things, a fight will ensue to have them barred from court. Hordes of morbid and curious spectators have roamed through the Eastlake home, picking up this and that, and it is said that these new bits of supposed evidence, the cap and cape, could not have been missed by the many hands which have been picking over things.

Articles Planted, Belief.
Feeling in Colonial Beach has been so intense over the Eastlake murder that it is believed not improbable that these things could have been "planted" by persons desiring to hurriedly place the blame on the husband of the dead woman.

Much the same may be said of the other things in the hands of county authorities, many of which were "dug up" as late as one week after the indictment were placed under arrest.

A question which has been on the lips of all who have watched the preliminary legal jockeying and the actual selection of counsel for the defense and prosecution in the Eastlake case was answered in Fredericksburg today when it was learned that the money to retain the services of counsel for Miss Knox is being collected by a nurses' alumnae association which covers the United States.

Nurses Contribute.
The plight of Miss Knox has been made known to every nurse's organization in the country coming under the franchise of this national order, and it is said that practically every member of her profession in America has been given an opportunity to contribute some mite to aid in clearing her of alleged complicity with Eastlake for the death of Eastlake's wife on September 30.

It is recalled that not until last Thursday at Richmond did Miss Knox actually secure the interest of Harry M. Smith, Jr., defending counsel in the famous Henry Clay Beatty trial of eleven years ago. It is further recounted that Smith interviewed the prisoner in the Richmond city jail immediately after her

PHONE WIZARD AGAIN IS SIGNALLY HONORED



Col. J. J. Carty, "Wizard" of the Telephone Lines, Who Has Just Been Elected Head of the Telephone Pioneers of America at the Tenth Annual Meeting at St. Louis. He is Shown Here Being Decorated During War With French Legion of Honor.

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Incarceration there October 4, but that he was not then engaged to defend Miss Knox as was anticipated.

Time wore on toward the meeting of the grand jury and it appeared though the State would have to assign counsel to the now indicted women, but meanwhile the nurses of America were apprised of the plight of one of their sisters and donated substantially to her case until enough monetary backing was secured to engage the interest of one of Virginia's foremost criminal lawyers.

Two new theories concerning the veritable assassination of Mrs. Margaret K. Eastlake in her humble Colonial Beach home while her two children slept in an adjoining room have been advanced by attorneys for the two indicted people since true bills were returned against them by a Westmoreland county grand jury last Monday.

One of these involves the mental condition of Miss Knox, toward whom it is said the greater amount of circumstantial evidence points, and the other audaciously suggests the possibility of Mrs. Eastlake having committed suicide—a theory that on its face seems preposterous. The new trend of thought has been developed entirely by the nature of questions propounded certain residents of Colonial Beach by counsel for the defense, the entire staff of defending legal talent having spent all of yesterday at the beach resort seeking facts which might offset any statements made to the grand jury.

The news of these speculations, that of suicide, is the sole result of cross-examinations under which two town officials of Colonial Beach were subjected by Attorneys Butzner, Smith and Coleman, Town Sergeant, Thomas Hall and Detective Thomas Boulwer were asked point-blank and in the presence of each other if "it does not look like a plain case of suicide?" The inquisitor was Harry M. Smith, Jr., of Richmond, Miss Knox's counsel and the man who is expected to be the leading legal figure in the defense of either accused person.

WORKERS' AGENT BETRAYS MINERS AT SENATE QUIZ

Bought High-Powered Rifles at \$40 Apiece, Confidential Man Says.

By International News Service. A. E. Hester, former confidential and secret agent of the miners of West Virginia, turned against his one-time comrades when he appeared before the Senate committee investigating the West Virginia mine troubles today as a witness for the coal operators.

Bought Guns Himself.
Hester said the West Virginia miners used "scrip" to buy high-powered rifles and admitted that he was their agent in the purchase of the rifles. He bought and distributed many himself. These guns were worth from \$40 to \$50 each, and about 700 of them were in the hands of the miners.

Hester was jailed as one of the labor leaders during the recent trouble. He was released from jail Sunday. When the Federal troops went into West Virginia, the miners hid their guns, and he was one of the men who went among the camps giving the men the warning, Hester said. He alleged that union organizers instructed miners to drive away non-union men.

Says He Was Goad.
Hester explained his break with the miners by saying he learned they had planned to make him the goat by accusing him of misappropriating funds and this way hoped to balance their books and hide the fact of money spent for firearms. He said he had also protested against the tactics of the miners.

The witnesses described the alleged "shooting up" of towns by miners, and also the killing of Ans Hatfield, at Matewan. He said when Hatfield was shot a union official had told him Hatfield "had the trigger on him" two hours before he was shot.

It developed that Hester's arrest was at the instance of union officials who accused him of a \$1,000 forgery. He had been held in jail 113 days without a hearing he said. Under cross-examination by Frank P. Walsh for the miners, Hester described deportations of union men from Harley, Ky., which is just across the State line and adjoins the Mingo county coal fields.

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STILLMAN CASE PEEPERS' STORY BRANDED FALSE

New Witness for Banker's Wife to Contradict Canadians' Evidence.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman has made the dramatic discovery of a new witness whose testimony she believes will be of great aid in refuting charges brought by James A. Stillman against herself and baby Guy Stillman.

Raoul Dupere, a boss painter at La Tuque, Canada, is the new witness. He has offered, it was learned today, a sweeping contradiction of the testimony of peeping workmen at the Stillman camp near Grand Anse.

Dupere will be called before the special commission that is to take testimony in the case in Canada this coming winter. He is counted upon to offset the stories of Joe Page and other "ladder-and-keyhole" witnesses. Page and his father, both workmen, asserted they had mounted a scaffold commanding a view of Mrs. Stillman's room at Grand Anse and had seen Mrs. Stillman and Fred Beauvats together. The date fixed



by the Pages, it is said, was the summer of 1917. Dupere, a man of substance in La Tuque, told a representative of Mrs. Stillman within the last week that the scaffold had been removed two weeks before the Pages were employed on the Grand Anse property. His story was obtained through a chance meeting on a railroad train bound for La Tuque. "Everybody in the St. Maurice valley knows Mrs. Stillman has been a victim of false reports," he said. "I know that Joe Page and his father could not have seen anything from my scaffold, because that scaffold was removed a fortnight before they came around looking for jobs."

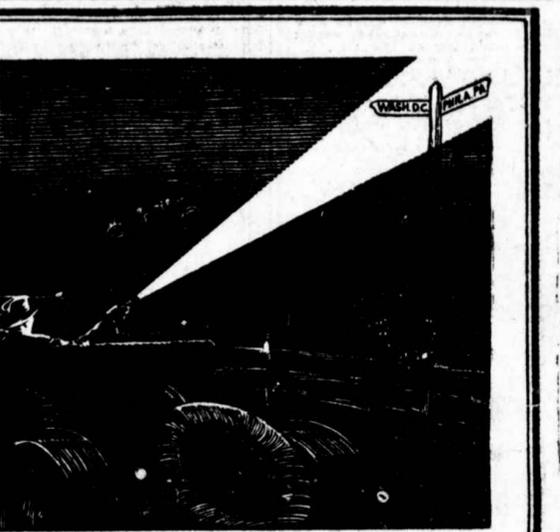
Suit has been filed in Canada against a Canadian representative of Stillman by a group of witnesses who appeared at one of the hearings. The witnesses say they have never received promised expense money, \$150 apiece. Also they assert they were assured their names would never be revealed and Mrs. Stillman would not be present when they testified.

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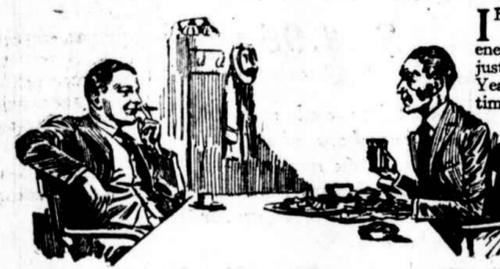
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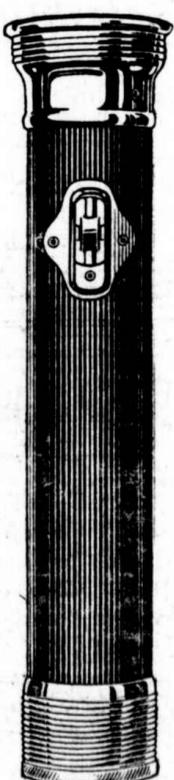
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