

SAVE THE TALK HEARD BY DIRECTORS

OFFICIALS STILL BALKED IN SEARCH FOR MISSING MURDERESS

DID SLAYER ESCAPE BY AEROPLANE?

Clara Phillips Still at Large But Officials Predict Her Capture

BY WILLIAM G. CAYCE STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 6.— Hunted by every officer of the law in southern California and federal authorities along the Mexican border, Clara Phillips convicted "hammer" murderer of Alberta Meadows, who escaped from the county jail yesterday morning by sawing through the bars of her cell, was still the "Tiger woman" today at the end of 24 hours search after her getaway.

The possibility that Mrs. Phillips' flight across the border might have been made in an airplane was not being overlooked by the authorities. Sheriff Trager said that while he had no evidence to cause such a belief, the possibility existed she might have "flown" from the city. It was expected a check would be made of the various flying fields to ascertain if any plane is missing or made a mysterious trip.

Although working without a single clue, Sheriff E. L. Trager and his deputies went at their task of finding Mrs. Phillips with renewed vigor today and confident that she would be found before nightfall.

Armour L. Phillips, for whose wife Mrs. Phillips is said to have been Mrs. Meadows' death, has been found but failed to throw any light on the sudden disappearance of his wife. After Phillips' explanation of his whereabouts on Monday night and Tuesday until he was found in the office of Bert Herrington, Mrs. Phillips' attorney was released and not held for further investigation.

Undr. Sheriff Eugene Briscoe, acting on a tip that Mrs. Phillips may be aboard a fast motor boat heading for Escondido, a lower California port, left Tijuana early today to that point to make a search for the escaped prisoner. Deputy Sheriff Nolan was left in charge of a border patrol at Tijuana.

Percy Caffery, rear witness for trial was reported to have been located by a local newspaper. She was quoted as telling their representative that early Tuesday morning she had a dream in which she saw Clara Phillips escaping. After learning of the escape she was said to have expressed belief that some one was moving in her room.

Officers were checking on a report today Armour L. Phillips had been seen at 4 A. M. Tuesday morning his previous story was to the effect he had been sleeping. It was learned today that two persons being sought in connection with Mrs. Phillips' escape are prominent figures in the Los Angeles underworld and that one of them as a trustee in the county jail conversed with Mrs. Phillips on a number of occasions. He is reported to have told other prisoners that when he got out he would aid her if possible.

This man it is believed, held long conversations Monday afternoon with Mrs. Phillips and it is believed was trying to arrange a refuge for her across the Mexican border.

It also was believed today Clara used a jail telephone to plan her escape. She is declared to have access to a direct line to an outside exchange from the jail and to have held a long conversation Monday afternoon. As this telephone was not connected with the jail exchange, there was no check on the conversation.

MORE SNOW FOR NORTHWEST (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) MINNEAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 6.—More snow but rising temperatures for Montana, North Dakota and Western Canada, according to the weather bureau here today will mark the end of the first general zero temperatures of the season in the northwest. Temperatures of 18 to 20 below were reported today from North Dakota and Western Canada. Montana averaged 8 below with Haver at 16, being the lowest point in the state last night.

Six Die In Aviator Collision

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Army aviators were killed at Langley Field, Va., today in a collision between a Fokker airplane and a Martin bomber, according to a report to the army air service. The report to the air service said Major Guy L. Gerhardt, Captain L. A. Doyle of San Francisco, and five other aviators were killed in the collision. The Fokker plane and Captain Benton A. Doyle and four enlisted men were in the bomber plane. The two ships came together with a crash in mid-air, killing all of the occupants. The dead: Major Guy L. Gerhardt, Captain L. A. Doyle of San Francisco, Sergeant Arthur Marlock of Cleveland, O., Private Leon Rolas of Philadelphia, Private Felix Blumka of Chicago, and Tom Jordan of Deep Sleep, Ga.

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COLORED GIRL FATALLY WOUNDED

Ruth Massey, 20 year old colored girl, was shot through the stomach and fatally wounded last night when she snatched the bronze Tarzan of the Black Belt, Harry Dixon, 23 year old clerk. The shooting took place in the saloon and Working Men's Club operated by Bill Johnson, colored, at the corner of State and Morton Court. The girl had entered the place to get a package of cigarettes for Johnson, the owner, who was visiting at Bill Darby's colored home in Plummer avenue. Johnson had sent her for the cigarettes. Dixon, according to William Craig, colored, in the saloon at the time, was shooting pool. The girl went behind the counter, got the cigarettes and was about to leave, when Dixon accosted her. She answered him sharply and Dixon is alleged to have pulled a pistol from his hip pocket. He fired once. The bullet tore through the girl's stomach. She was taken to St. Margaret's hospital. Physicians hold out little hope for her recovery. Dixon is held by the police.

ESCAPED WOMAN SLAYER MISSING

Close Watch Kept on the Border for Clara Phillips. CALEXICO, Calif., Dec. 6.—Complete and thorough search of Calexico, Mexico, fails to reveal any information regarding Clara Phillips. City and federal officers are guarding the border here closely and it will be almost impossible for her to cross the border in this vicinity. On account of the close watch kept on this border, escaping criminals seldom if ever slip through. The chief of police in Mexicali has detailed special officers to aid in watching the border and he will return here to Calexico officers if she should be located in this vicinity.

RUMOR OF COLORED INFILUX BOTHERS 'EM

City council last night was introduced to two alleged social evils that threaten the peace and harmony of Hammond. In a petition signed by more than 75 property holders the council was called upon to restrict a wide territory in the city prohibiting within its bounds the establishment of soft drink parlors and colored residents. The district stretches from Calumet avenue to State Line street and from Conkey avenue south to the city limits. There was a lot of discussion by the councilmen. Much of the talk was based on baseless rumor of an impending influx of colored laborers and their families. East Hammond is worried up about all they can do, they decided. The petition offered by the property holders was read and filed. No action was taken. But Mayor Brown thinks something more than "moral support" is needed to solve the problem. He believes a tangible and practical solution can be worked out. Together Sam Skafakiss, R. H. Wolf, Morton avenue druggist, J. S. Gilmore, banker, and Reverend Harry Chism, colored pastor of East Hammond, the mayor is holding a conference this week to determine what is to be done. Council spent the rest of the time in allowing bills, granting a short time bond issue, and listening to reports.

COLD SPELL SHIFTS TO CHICAGO REGION

Near Zero Weather Comes For First Time This Fall. CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The cold spell which has held the northwest in its grip or nearly a week shifted to Chicago and the Great Lakes region today. The mercury fell steadily early this morning. A sixty-mile an hour blizzard is lashing Lake Superior and has tied up vessel traffic, according to reports received here today. The wind caused heavy damage at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., piling snow four feet deep. Three vessels are reported missing. Near zero temperatures have prevailed in Minnesota and the northwest the last few days.

ISLAND PARK IN COURT AGAIN

VALPARAISO, IND., Dec. 6.—The much-mooted case of Lester B. Reiff, a Jockey living in San Francisco, Calif., against Louis A. Bryan, prominent resident of Gary, in which several thousand dollars is involved, has again entered the courts. Attorneys representing the defendant were notified to appear in the court of Judge Harry Crumpler today to answer to a writ of assistance filed by counsel for Reiff. The original suit was for a foreclosure of a mortgage on "Island Park," the Bryan estate near Gary. The plaintiff was given the decision in the superior court of Porter county two years ago and the supreme court sustained the verdict. The writ of assistance is asked in an effort to remove Bryan from possession of the premises.

E. CHICAGO DAMAGE SUIT

VALPARAISO, IND., Dec. 6.—An echo to an accident in East Chicago, Indiana, on Oct. 26, 1920, was sounded yesterday when Shea and company, a corporation with headquarters in Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Railway company. The case was venued to the Porter superior court. Damages of twelve hundred dollars are asked as a result of destruction of an automobile truck owned by the plaintiffs and because of the loss of such truck in their business. The vehicle was struck by a car owned and operated by the defendant company. At the time of the accident the car was "negligently" run, according to the allegations in the bill. Provincetown and Nantucket, Mass., have clung to the Pilgrim fathers' plan of having a town crier.

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BROWN TO WATCH JITNEY DRIVERS

Mayor Brown this morning promised to take official cognizance of continued and flagrant violations of the traffic laws of the city by jitney operators. Cases were cited to him where the same jitney man had been arrested four and five times for speeding, for failure to stop at railroad crossings and for other traffic violations. The ordinance under which the jitneys operate make it compulsory for the mayor to revoke the license of any jitney operator convicted three times of violating city and state traffic laws. Some have been arrested and convicted four and five times. But only one license has been revoked. There is now a popular demand on foot among the jitney men to have the city use the fines collected from jitney men convicted of speeding and for other offenses for the repayment of Kenwood avenue. They say fines already paid into the court will provide ample funds for improving Kenwood avenue.

TONIGHT

Masonic Temple, Columbia vs. LaPorte Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8 o'clock. Admission: Adults 50c, children 25c. See Halladay and Huriburt, formerly of University of Chicago, and Shelton, Thompson, Smith, Scott and Cearing playing with the Colonials. Dancing at 9 o'clock.

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TO OPEN BIDS THIS WEEK

Attorney W. J. Whitney, representing the Bevelco Brothers, who are preparing to build the four-story hotel and business block at State and Hohman street, Hammond announced today that it was practically certain that the contract for construction would be let before the end of this week. Some contracting firms have submitted bids, but as being e- valuated and as soon as the comparison is completed the successful bidder will be named. It is specified in the contract that actual work is to start immediately. The old Main hotel building has been cleared away and the concrete block is rapidly being dismantled.

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Consternation was thrown into the ranks of West Hammond saloonkeepers and owners of saloon properties this morning when deputy marshals from Chicago began serving writs of injunction which may knock the saloon business gallew west and take the buildings out of the rental market for a year and a day. The boys don't know yet how hard the town has been hit. They haven't had time to compare notes and check up on early reports in the town that a clean sweep was in progress. Twelve of the saloon men felt sure that their places would be closed for a year since the writs were made permanent in the Federal court. They weren't sure which two of them would be because they hadn't both had to go into court when the final hearing was held. It was also known that a number of other saloons which had been raided by Federal men might be in jeopardy. The marshals this morning were serving writs for temporary injunctions in some cases and in others they were permanent so that it appears that every place which has been touched by the federal dry agents in the last year or more is to feel the blow. This means that every place engaged must lock up and remain locked until the injunction expires or is lifted by court order. The permanent writs are for the customary year and one day.

TO OPEN BIDS THIS WEEK

Attorney W. J. Whitney, representing the Bevelco Brothers, who are preparing to build the four-story hotel and business block at State and Hohman street, Hammond announced today that it was practically certain that the contract for construction would be let before the end of this week. Some contracting firms have submitted bids, but as being e- valuated and as soon as the comparison is completed the successful bidder will be named. It is specified in the contract that actual work is to start immediately. The old Main hotel building has been cleared away and the concrete block is rapidly being dismantled.

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JONES & Laughlin Steel Company is to Be Reorganized

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 6.—The Jones & Laughlin Steel Company is to be reorganized as the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation with capital stock issues of \$50,000,000 preferred and \$60,000,000 common. The present capitalization is \$30,000,000, all in common stock. A limited amount of the preferred stock will be offered to the public. The action will be taken by the board of directors the later part of the week. The present management will not be affected by the change, it is said. The company was founded in Pittsburgh in 1825 by the late B. F. Jones, and practically all of the stock has been owned by the two families represented in the firm name.

DEATH OF JAMES E. CLARK

James E. Clark, formerly of Whit- ing, died Tuesday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. F. Sullivan, 4514 Baring avenue, East Chicago. He is survived by Mrs. Sullivan, another sister, Mrs. Charles Layton of Boston, a son, Joe, of East Chicago and a daughter, Mrs. Annie Perry of Cleveland. The funeral will be held Thursday morning at a clock from St. Mary's church, East Chicago.

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The Royal Order of Dumb-bells, latest of modern social cliques, has made its appearance in Cleveland, Ohio. This charter members are eight girls who reveal in their alleged dumbness, the secret to the Purpose? No! "Whadda yuh mean, purpose," says Grand Chief Dumb-bell Alma Peterson. "We're just dumb-bells, that's all." The organizers hope to organize every state in the union. "There are plenty of 'em," says Miss Peterson.

DRY OFFICIAL WANTED TO WEAR WHITE PANTS

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Prohibition Commissioner Roy Haynes was subjected to heckling by "wet" members of the house appropriation committee when he appeared in support of an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to carry on enforcement work for the next fiscal year. It was disclosed today when the report of his appearance became public. Haynes told the committee of trips he made about the country for lectures. He said he was usually accompanied by Sherman A. Cuneo, publicity representative, who receives \$2,250 a year as general agent.

WANTED HIS PANTIES Representative Gallivan asked Haynes if he had knowledge that Cuneo had telegraphed at government expense from Miami, Fla., while President Harding was there, directing: "Please send me white pants. I want to make a front in front of high president." Haynes said he knew Cuneo was in Florida at the time, but did not know about the telegram. Haynes replied to Representative Gallivan's loss questioning by as