

WEATHER.
(U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast.)
Cloudy, with local showers tonight or tomorrow; slightly cooler tonight.
Temperatures—highest, 75, at noon today; lowest, 52, at 7 a.m. today.
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SLAYER OF MISS BAKER BELIEVED NEAR ARREST AS HUNT IS NARROWED

Mystery of Motive Puzzles Police Probing Death.

SCRATCHED HANDS MAY INVOLVE MAN

New Clothes Seen as Possible Clue—Several Heard Shots.

Identification of the man responsible for the brutal murder of Miss Mary Baker, 28-year-old Navy Department clerk, whose bruised and bullet-riddled body was found under a culvert near Arlington Cemetery Saturday, appeared just beyond reach of police today.

Of one thing investigators are convinced—that the young woman was slain after she had been criminally assaulted by a man she knew and trusted.

They have established through nearly a dozen witnesses that she was shot and her body disposed of on a road at a time when it was traversed by five cars a minute, according to a count made by a watchman the following night.

Motive Still Is Mystery. Inability to establish a definite motive for the crime has hampered investigators, but many of them believe the slayer was a married man actuated by fear of exposure. They do not believe, however, that the crime was planned in advance, pointing out that a murderer would normally choose a more secluded spot in which to commit such a crime.

Police are puzzled by a report from a night watchman on the Arlington Memorial Bridge that he heard three shots and a woman screaming near the culvert shortly after 2 o'clock Saturday morning. This was nearly four hours after other witnesses reported hearing shots and screams.

Scratches on the hands of a married man with whom Miss Baker is believed to have associated during the last two years were among the clues police were running down today.

Miss Baker and the man were seen Thursday afternoon standing under a tree near the Navy Department by Park Policeman Oren Spears, who said they were conversing amicably at that time.

The police also asked this man to explain a new suit, new hat and new shoes which he wore yesterday. He also is understood to have told investigators he "couldn't be sure whether he had a date with Miss Baker last Tuesday."

Policeman Knew Girl. Policeman Spears occupies an apartment adjoining the one at Eleventh and K streets where Miss Baker formerly lived. He knew the girl well and frequently would drive her to and from work, he said, until she started meeting the other man about two years ago.

Investigators are still trying to piece together fragments of a letter found near the young woman's abandoned automobile and turned over to them by the Star. So much of the letter was missing that the pieces found were virtually unintelligible, but police hope other fragments may be turned up later.

Another angle of the case which the police are running down are reports from residents of Rosslyn, Va., that they heard shots and a man and woman quarreling in an automobile.

A woman living near Alexandria avenue and Albemarle street, told of hearing a man and woman quarreling in a machine parked near her house. She went to the window, she said, just in time to see a young woman leap from the car and run down the road.

Not at any time did she see the man in the car, but his language, she said, was extremely profane. He started the car in pursuit of the girl and a few seconds later the two pistol shots were fired. The shots were heard by at least the residents of that vicinity.

Search for the slayer seemed definitely centered in Washington today when Lieut. Edward J. Kelly, chief of the homicide squad, Commonwealth's Attorney William C. Gloth of Arlington County and two Department of Justice Agents went to the Bureau of Aeronautics at the Department, where the slain girl worked, and again questioned friends there.

Question Baltimore Man. A headquarters detective also is expected to go to Baltimore this afternoon in quest of a man named L. Earl Owen, who yesterday was seen at 4250 Nichols avenue, who yesterday was seen at the Baker home questioning bystanders as to the manner in which the girl met her death.

Questioned by newspapermen at Baltimore today, Harrell said that he had known Miss Baker and that during the years of 1920, 1921 and 1922 he called on her frequently.

On learning of her death, he said he borrowed an automobile yesterday and with his wife and baby left Baltimore (Continued on Page 5, Column 1.)

DIES SEEKING TRUCE

Man Falls to Death in Call on Estranged Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14 (P).—Seeking reconciliation with his estranged wife, George Owen, 30, rang the doorbell of her apartment here yesterday. Mrs. Owen refused to answer. He started to climb up the front of the building to her quarters.

At the fifth floor he slipped and fell to his death.

THREE BANKS CLOSE

Illinois State Institution Fails

Now Number Six in Fortnight.

MARION, Ill., April 14 (P).—The Marion Trust & Savings Bank, the Carterville Trust & Savings Bank and the First State Bank at Pittsburg, in Williamson County, failed to open their doors today. This followed the closing of three other State banks in this county within the last two weeks. All were affiliated.

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LETTER CLUE IN BAKER MURDER

Scrap of a letter found near the spot where the body of Mary Baker was discovered Saturday, which the police are attempting to piece together. Below: Fred Wilson, an architect and friend of Miss Baker, who was questioned by the police yesterday concerning the identity of other friends who might throw some light on her movements last Friday night.

Star Staff Photos.

PITTS IS RELEASED ON \$100,000 BOND

Former F. H. Smith Co. Chairman to Answer Embezzlement Charge Here.

By the Associated Press. PALM BEACH, Fla., April 14.—G. Bryan Pitts of Washington, former chairman of the board of the F. H. Smith Co., a bond firm, was at liberty under \$100,000 bond today following his arraignment before United States Commissioner Robert L. Earnest, Jr., here on a Federal indictment charging him with embezzlement of \$1,556,000 of the firm's funds. The bond was made returnable in Washington.

ARRESTED BOARDING TRAIN

Pitts Taken Into Custody in Florida on Embezzlement Charge.

G. Bryan Pitts, former chairman of the board of directors of the F. H. Smith Co., was indicted Friday for the alleged embezzlement of \$1,556,000 of the funds of the company, was taken into custody yesterday at West Palm Beach as he was about to board a train for Washington.

Assistant United States Attorney Nugent Dodds stated that he had been informed of the arrest and declared that the reservations which Pitts had made on the train had been issued in the name of his butler, United States Attorney Rover said he had been advised of the arrest, but that the matter was in the hands of Mr. Dodds.

Pitts was taken into custody at the station at 11 o'clock yesterday morning to board a train which would have brought him here at 11 this morning in time to give him a hearing. He was not allowed to leave the train until he had been taken to the Federal House of Detention.

Pitts informed the lawyer that he had been treated with courtesy by the Florida officials, a deputy marshal staying at his home with him. He complained to his lawyer that he was prevented from carrying out his intention to reach here today.

30 PLANES HUNT STUDENT MISSING IN HEAVY FOG

Fear Is Expressed Amateur Flyer May Have Been Forced Down in Atlantic.

By the Associated Press. VALLEY STREAM, N. Y., April 14.—Thirty planes were ordered out from Curtiss field today to search for a student pilot, J. White, 29, of New York City, student flyer, who disappeared in a foggy sky last yesterday.

White went up solo after only 10 hours flying experience, just before a thick fog settled over Long Island. Frank Ambrose, Curtis Field manager, said he feared the student had come down on the Atlantic or the woods of Long Island. White's plane was supplied with only enough gasoline to fly for four hours.

Vatican to Free Last Prisoner.

VATICAN CITY, April 14 (P).—The one remaining "prisoner of the Vatican," Giuseppe de Paolis, condemned by the Papal State tribunal to serve three months in prison for sacrilegious theft from a poor box in St. Peter's Basilica, will be released tomorrow.

TOSS BY HOOVER LIFTS BASE BALL LD AT 3 TODAY

Marberry Assigned to Mound for Opening Game, With MacFayden for Red Sox.

PLAYERS EXPECTING TO UPSET PREDICTIONS

Band Provides Program for the Early Arrivals at Griffith Stadium.

THE LINE-UP.
Boston. Barrett, rf. Washington. West, cf.
Narlesky, ss. Rice, rf.
Oliver, cf. Goslin, lf.
Scarritt, 1b. Meyer, 2b.
Regan, 2b. Cronin, ss.
Sweeney, 1b. Judge, 1b.
Reeves, 3b. Bluege, 3b.
Hevins, c. Ruel, c.
MacFayden, p. Marberry, p.

With a triple play, "Hoover to Connolly to Ruel," which won't go down in the official score's book, Washington's Nationals and Boston's Red Sox this afternoon will lift the lid off the 1930 base ball season, a day in advance of the official openings of other teams in both the American and National Leagues.

His "salary wing" well limbered by many months of medicine ball tossing, President Hoover is not expected to strain himself tossing out the first ball of the base ball season at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The ball, provided the Chief Executive is not too wild, will go to Tom Connolly, dean of American League umpires, thence to Harold Ruel, Washington's little catcher, and then be put in play as Umpire Connolly gives the words, "Play ball," for the first official time this year.

Senate Quits Work.

There was such a prevalence of Senators mourning "dead grandmothers" this afternoon that the Senate quit work at 1:40 o'clock, just in time to allow those who were unable to suppress the boy that remains within them to go to the opening ball game at Griffith Stadium.

Senator McNary succumbed first to the 10th of the base hit and the swing strike. He moved adjournment, this afternoon, stating that "certain members were not prepared to go ahead with the discussion of immigration."

The adjournment motion was met with a roar of "ayes." Senator Cope land, amid the uproar that accompanied the adjournment, should he be "suspicious of that statement."

Fred Marberry, Washington's leading moundman last year, has been assigned the pitching duty for the Nationals' opening game. Opposing him will be the bespectacled Danny MacFayden, youthful ace of the Red Sox mound corps.

Washington will present a veteran team this year with not a single man in the line-up who had not at least a year's work with the Nationals. Consigned by sport writers generally to a place in the second division, the Washington club opens the American League season with a record of 17 wins and 2 losses in exhibition games played along the tank town circuit from Mississippi to Washington, and with new hope that the predictions of the diagnosticians may be knocked into a cocked hat. Included in their list of victories during the Spring exhibition season is a string of 11 straight wins against major and minor league opposition.

The Eastern circuit is closed and the Washington club enters the 1930 pennant race hopeful that the pace set by the team during the closing days of the 1929 season may be maintained and carried through the entire season of 1930. Manager Walter Johnson and his ball hawks believe the team will start this year where they left off last October, when they staged a late-season rally that brought them from seventh to fifth place and promised, at a time, to put them in one of the first division "money" positions.

Tradition decrees that the President of the United States shall toss out the first ball of the season when the club opens in Washington. During the day word came from the White House that it rained severely probable the President might not attend the game. The sun shone during the morning, but a gradual thickening haze gave promise of an overcast afternoon.

Fans in Line Early.

Grouped in boxes, in the grandstands and on the bleachers surrounding the (Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

The Star Supreme

This is attested by the large volume of classified advertising published Sunday and daily in The Star. Frequently The Star publishes more classified than all the other local papers combined.

An outstanding example is yesterday, when the number of lines of classified advertising appearing in the Washington papers was as follows:

Classified Advertising Yesterday
The Star....23,234 lines
2d Paper....5,683 lines
3d Paper....5,609 lines
Star's excess..11,942 lines

The Star leads so overwhelmingly because its classified advertisements produce results.

Your classified advertisement in The Star is also in good company, since every effort is made to exclude undesirable as well as fraudulent and misleading advertising.



PERSISTENT PATRIOTIC PICKETERS.

APRIL 22 NOW SET FOR FACT SIGNING

Americans Probably Will Be Ready to Sail at 6 A.M. April 23.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, April 14.—One week from tomorrow, barring mishaps, representatives of the five great naval powers will affix their signatures to the historic pact which has evolved from the London Naval Conference, after long weeks of difficult negotiations.

Announcement of this effect was made at a 24-minute plenary session of the conference in Queen Anne's drawing room in old St. James Palace this noon. Prime Minister MacDonald officiating as general chairman of the conference.

His announcement was the principal development in the whirlwind session, the first complete meeting of the conference since February 11. It originally has planned to try to get the treaty drawn up so it could be signed next Thursday, but the prime minister announced that this was impossible of achievement, and there will be a clause against time for the drafters to get the document ready for the meeting Thursday, so that the Americans may catch the Leviathan immediately afterwards for New York and home.

Differences Remain.

The treaty to be signed will be a three-power agreement between Japan, America and Great Britain covering limitation and reduction of naval craft, and agreement between the five powers, France and Italy included, on such points as limitation of submarines and capital ship holiday. Important French-Italian limitation differences are left unsettled subject to subsequent negotiations, and there will be a clause allowing any of the three powers signing the limitation section to depart from its terms if the building of a non-signatory nation endangers it.

The American delegation tentatively notified the United States Lines they would be ready to sail for New York on the Leviathan by 6 a.m. April 23.

The liner is due to sail about noon, April 22, but it was indicated last week that if necessary she would be held 24 hours for the naval delegation.

It is understood that if the delegation cannot catch the Leviathan Secretary Stimson may take the Aquitania April 26.

Today's plenary session lasted only 24 minutes, and was merely for the purpose of getting final formal approval of committee reports, which constitute the "raw" material for the treaty itself. Mr. Stimson, who has been in the House that it rained severely probable the President might not attend the game. The sun shone during the morning, but a gradual thickening haze gave promise of an overcast afternoon.

U. S. Delegation Jubilant.

There was an interesting break when the prime minister asked Secretary Stimson to announce an element of the agreement between him and Rijnro Wakatsuki, head of the Japanese delegation. Secretary Stimson arose and said that he and the Japanese had agreed that exchanges might be made between the light cruiser and destroyer category not to exceed 10 per cent of the category, to which the Japanese had asked for a 15 per cent differential.

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The fleet limitation agreements are held by Secretary Stimson to have reached a lower level "than any of us on any delegation felt confident could be attained when we came here."

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CIVILIAN HONOR GUARD WATCHES TAFT GRAVE

On orders of the War Department, a civilian guard of honor is being maintained throughout the day in Arlington National Cemetery at the grave of the late Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

President the vigil has been kept since the body was committed to its final resting place. The guard is assigned from the civilian staff attached to the superintendent's office. He keeps his place at the grave from 7 a.m. until the gates to the cemetery are opened, until 8 p.m., an hour after the gates are closed.

Spring has paid its call at the cemetery. Bright green is showing on the great trees surrounding the eminence upon which the grave of Mr. Taft is situated and in a few weeks a profusion of leaves will make out the distant city, now visible from the rolling hills.

Autoist, Stalled On Rails, Saves 3 Sons, But Is Killed

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, April 14.—A freight train was bearing down on a suburban crossing yesterday when the motor of the automobile of Everett J. Dean stalled. Dean kicked open the car door and pushed his son Martin, 7, clear of the rails. Then he threw his son George, 3, safely. Picking up his son John, 9, Dean hurled him out of the car just as the crash came. John was hurt, but slightly. Death for Dean was instantaneous.

SENATE CAMPAIGN FUN PROBE BEGUN

Nye Calls Meeting Wednesday—McCormick-Deneen Race to Be Reviewed.

By the Associated Press. Accepting the chairmanship of the Senate campaign funds investigating committee, Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, today called a meeting for Wednesday and announced he meant to have the committee "go to the very bottom" of cases coming before it.

Nye said the recent Illinois senatorial primary contest between Mrs. Ruth McCormick and Senator Deneen "offers the first invitation" for the committee.

The Pennsylvania primary contest next month between Senator Grundy and Secretary Davis for the Republican senatorial nomination will be one of the campaigns the committee appears certain to investigate.

Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, author of the resolution ordering the Senate inquiry, has stated he has received complaints from Illinois, Pennsylvania and Nebraska. He is a candidate himself for renomination in Nebraska.

The North Dakotan, as chairman of the lands committee, headed the inquiry into the naval oil leases. He is associated with the Western Independent group in the Senate, thus making the committee composed of two regular Republicans, two Democrats, and an Independent.

Other members of the committee are Senators Goldsborough, Maryland, and Patterson, Missouri, Republicans, and Fitchman, Nevada, and Wagner, New York, Democrats.

NANCY BOWEN TO FACE MARCHAND DEATH TRIAL

Indian Squaw, Accused of Murdering Artist's Wife, Will Not Plead Guilty to Reduced Charge.

By the Associated Press. BUFFALO, N. Y., April 14.—Nancy Bowen, aged Indian woman, indicted for murder, first degree, in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Clothilde Marchand on March 6, will not plead guilty to a reduced charge, but will go on trial in the near future, it was announced today.

While the exact date of the trial has not been set, it was expected that trial of the case would be started April 21.

Lila Jimerson, Indian woman, who pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of murder, second degree, in connection with the death of Mrs. Marchand, whose trial was halted suddenly by her collapse through illness, still is in City Hospital suffering from tuberculosis.

MEXICAN FLYER LANDS

Sidar at Nogales After Report of Disappearance on Way to U. S.

NOGALES, Ariz., April 14 (P).—Capt. Pablo Sidar, Mexican army aviator en route from Mexico City to Los Angeles, arrived at Nogales at 9 a.m. today after a flight from Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, where he spent last night.

SOVIETS SEIZE BOATS

MOSCOW, April 14 (P).—Under a new order issued by the central executive committee of the Soviet Union, all privately owned seagoing vessels above 50 tons, lake and river boats above 25 tons, and motor boats above 15 horsepower become the property of the state.

PARKER APPROVED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

Final Action on Report on Supreme Court Nominee Delayed to Monday.

By G. GOULD LINCOLN. The nomination of Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court was reported favorably by a subcommittee to the Senate committee on judiciary today. The vote of the subcommittee was 2 to 1, with Senators Overman of North Carolina and Hubert of Rhode Island voting for Judge Parker and Senator Borah of Idaho voting against him.

While the nomination was reported favorably by the subcommittee, it made no further progress today in the Senate. The full committee, on motion of Senator Overman, postponed action on the nomination until next Monday. The purpose is to give the members of the committee an opportunity to examine the printed record of the hearing before the subcommittee and if necessary make further testimony.

Norris Joins Opposition.

Serious opposition to the confirmation of Judge Parker's nomination was developed. In addition to Senator Borah, Senator Norris of Nebraska, chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, has declared his intentions of voting against confirmation.

Senator Dill of Washington and some other members of the judiciary committee also are expected to oppose confirmation.

Following the meeting of the committee today, it was intimated that action by the full committee was postponed because there was danger that if a vote had been pressed at this meeting, the majority of those present might have been recorded against Judge Parker.

Opposition to the appointment of Judge Parker to the Supreme Court has developed from two angles. The first is found among the leaders of organized labor through an attack on Judge Parker because of a decision he rendered in the case of the United Mine Workers of America versus the Red Jacket Consolidated Coal & Coke Co., in West Virginia. The case involved the so-called "yellow dog" contract, which companies had with their employees to prevent the employees from joining a union.

Race Question Raised.

The other attack has come from representatives of the colored race, who have charged that Judge Parker, when a candidate for Governor of North Carolina, had made disparaging remarks concerning the colored people.

Sensor Norris said today that he was opposed to confirmation of Judge Parker because of the decision he rendered against organized labor in the case already referred to. It is understood that Senator Borah's opposition is based on the same grounds.

When the nomination is reported to the Senate from the judiciary committee it is likely to lead to a hard fight on the floor of the Senate. This is the second nomination to the Supreme Court by President Hoover. The first was that of Chief Justice Hughes, which was opposed also by Senator Borah and Senator Norris and others because it was charged that Justice Hughes was not progressive enough. In the end the Hughes' nomination was confirmed by a 2-to-1 vote.

Administration Stands Pat.

The administration is standing squarely behind the nomination of Judge Parker in opposition to the objections of organized labor and growing antagonism in the Senate. The position of the President and (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

PAPAL PAPER MISSING

Document Intended for Commission on Russia Reported Stolen.

VATICAN CITY, April 14 (P).—An important document dealing with Soviet anti-religious activities today was reported to have been stolen either from the Vatican or en route.

The document was understood to have been intended for a commission on Russia headed by Bishop D'Herbigny which is under the direct supervision of the Pope with its seat at Vatican City.

\$950,000 Gem Theft Reported.

BOGOTA, Colombia, April 14 (P).—Jewelry valued at more than 1,000,000 pesos (about \$950,000) has been reported lost by an American named Foster in the town of Andagoya. Foster, who is cashier for a platinum company, was said to have been carrying the gems in a valise. The police are investigating the possibility of a robbery.

AMERICAN IDEALS DEFENDED AS D.A.R. CONGRESS OPENS

Mrs. Hobart, President General, Scores Foreign Attacks on Institutions.

6,000 DELEGATES MEET IN CONSTITUTION HALL

American People Declared Easy Victims of Shrewd Radical Leaders, Who Rule by "Sarcasm."

Calling for defense of the Republic and loyalty to its ideals, Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in convening the thirty-ninth Continental Congress, called upon the women of America to refuse endorsement of "will of the wisp doctrines" which she asserted are promulgated to lure them into the morass of doubt as to their country's past, present and future.

Assembled for the first congress in the great "temple of patriotism" newly dedicated to the Constitution, fully 6,000 delegates and alternates, representing the 170,000 members of the national society, heard Mrs. Hobart warn the country against the forces of radicalism from without.

"America Needs Americans."

"America needs Americans," she declared. "Defend it in your thinking, in your conversations, in your writing, in your daily living."

"No one has America faced the situation that exists today," she added. "Across the sea is a land comprising one-sixth of the world's surface, and this land has sworn defiance to God, has completely disorganized customary principles of family relations, and has brought about an upheaval in industrial conditions."

The congress will remain in session for the rest of the week to make out new fields of patriotic endeavor and review the accomplishments of the society during the past year.

At 10 o'clock the note of a trumpet, sounded by Arthur W. Witzky, marked the colorful entrance of the president general, vice presidents general and national officers. They were attended by nearly 300 young women pages, dressed in white, and the whole setting prepared a profusion of flowers and banners.

Amplifiers were installed in Memorial Continental Hall for the proceedings, a portion of which were broadcast by the National Broadcasting Co.

In the midst of the prayer by the chaplain general, Mrs. William Rock Painter, the radio went "out," and a delay and some confusion occurred for nearly 10 minutes before the apparatus was ready again.

The delegates, led by Mrs. Charles Brand, national chairman, demonstrated the correct salute to the flag, and then the note of the "Star Spangled Banner," led by Ruby Smith Stangle, filled the great hall.

The purpose of the patriotic gathering was expressed in the words of "The American Creed," which the author, William Tyler Page, clerk of the House of Representatives, led in repeating.

The presentation of the great ceiling flag in Constitution Hall by Mrs. J. Charles Linthicum, Maryland, presided over the greetings of Dr. Luther H. Reisdorfer, president of the Board of District Commissioners, and greetings also from the honorary presidents general, Mrs. William Cumming Story, George Thatcher Guernsey, Mrs. George Waynard Minor, Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook and Mrs. Alfred J. Brown.

Then followed greetings from Maj. Gist Blair on behalf of the advisory board and the national presidents of the various patriotic societies affiliated in the great work of the D. A. R., as follows:

Mrs. Percy Edwards Quin, Children of the American Revolution; Mrs. Henry T. Ken, Daughters of the Revolution; Howard C. Rowley, Sons of the American Revolution; and Brig. Gen. George Richards, U. S. M. C., Sons of the Revolution.

Reviews Volunteer Service.

In her annual message to the Daughters, which featured the opening of the "Indomitable Americanism," and reviewed the activities of the volunteer (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

TELEPHONES POLICE HE MURDERED WIFE

Jealousy Blamed in Alleged Confession of East Orange Realty and Theater Man.

By the Associated Press. EAST ORANGE, N. J., April 14.—Frank D. Crawford, 45, real estate operator and theater owner, was in jail today charged with murder, after he called police and told them he had strangled his wife, Louise.

Two policemen, who responded to a telephone call in which a man's voice said there was "plenty the matter" at 5 Harvard street, early yesterday, found Crawford waiting for them in the hallway.

He led them to a bed room in the apartment, where they found Mrs. Crawford's body lying across a bed.

"I choked her to death," the officers said he told them.

William O'Neill, chief of police, said Crawford signed a confession in which he blamed jealousy for his act. Crawford told the police the killing was the climax of a quarrel, which began at dinner time Saturday. He said he saved his wife with rumors he had heard that she was accepting the attentions of another man. Her replies infuriated him, he said, and so he choked her. A 15-year-old daughter slept throughout the tragedy.