

DEFENSE ATTACKS STARK TESTIMONY

Witness in Third-Degree Killing Case Sharply Quizzed by Policemen's Counsel.

By the Associated Press.

MINEOLA, N. Y., August 26.—Lawyers defending five policemen in Nassau County's third-degree killing fought today to show their clients were guilty of beating the life out of Hyman Stark, youthful prisoner accused of striking a detective's mother in a robbery.

An attack on prosecution testimony given by Assistant District Attorney Martin W. Littleton, jr., featured yesterday's session of the trial. Littleton said that Deputy Chief Frank J. Tappen, one of the five accused of manslaughter, came out of the police chamber where Stark was held and remarked:

"That's the toughest I ever saw. I put one foot on his neck and the other on his belly and kicked back and forth, and it didn't faze him."

"Did he say whom he was talking about?" demanded Defense Attorney Charles R. Weeks.

"No," Littleton said.

"Did he say when or where it had taken place?"

"He said it in a rather factious tone, didn't he?"

"Yes."

"And you attached no importance to it at the time?"

"No. I didn't know what it meant."

Questioned by another defense lawyer, Littleton said he had made no reference to the alleged statement by Tappen until his third appearance in the John Doe inquiry, which preceded the trial. It came back to his mind, he said, when he heard statements regarding injuries to Stark's throat and saw Tappen limping as the result of a turned ankle.

PRISONER'S DEATH PROBED.

Detroit Victim Shot Reaching for Gun, Say Officers.

DETROIT, August 26 (AP).—Combined agencies of the State police and the county prosecutor's office today were investigating the death of David Cantor, alias Yousenoff, from a gunshot wound received while he was a police prisoner.

Detective Vincent Hessel, who shot him, and the three other policemen who were present said Cantor reached for the gun of one of his captors as he was being taken to the scene of a recent burglary in an effort to elicit a confession.

Cantor was quoted as saying before he died that he was attempting to ward off a blow when the shot was fired.

In promising State police aid, Attorney General Paul W. Voorhies said last night he never had heard of police "being brutal enough to shoot a man who refused to respond to their demands for a confession."

Investigators said the prisoner, a bullet wound in his abdomen, was taken to a precinct police station and there forced to stand and undergo questioning before he was taken to a receiving hospital.

Hospital attaches said Cantor's shoulder had been grazed by a second bullet and that he had severe bruises on his head and abrasions on one leg and on his face.

BUS TERMINAL SITE BEING CONSIDERED

Northwest Corner of New York Avenue and Fourteenth Street Greyhound Prospect.

Negotiations for acquisition of a site on the northwest corner of New York avenue and Fourteenth street for an off-street bus terminal are under way between the Greyhound Lines, Interstate bus operators, and the trustees for the Walsh estate, it was revealed here today.

The site selected by the bus concern for a new terminal, however, is said to have met with the disapproval of the Public Utilities Commission, which was internally approached in connection with the suitability of the site. It is, however, just outside the area from which the commission has banned off-street terminals.

While negotiations are far from being complete, the fact that a deal is pending was confirmed at the office of Nelson Hartson, attorney for Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean. Mr. Hartson said the property involved includes the entire corner westward to the alley on New York avenue and extending several feet on Fourteenth street.

It is understood that the Greyhound Lines, should it be successful in acquiring the site for the downtown terminal, will spend approximately \$200,000 in that building and in another structure to be erected in another part of the city as a garage building for its buses. The headquarters of the line, now in Cleveland, would be moved to the Capital if these negotiations prove successful, it was said.

It has been reported in local business circles that in the event the Greyhound Lines is unsuccessful in acquiring a desirable location here it may move its headquarters to Baltimore.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS ELECT OKLAHOMA MAN

W. J. Otjen Named National Chief at Milwaukee—U. S. Defense and Pensions Stressed.

By the Associated Press.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., August 26.—William J. Otjen of Enid, Okla., yesterday was elected commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans at the thirty-fourth annual encampment here.

Resolutions adopted urged adequate military and naval protection for the United States and opposed any change in pension laws.

Other officers named include W. E. Lombard, Boston, junior vice commander, and Chester Nelson, Eau Claire, Fla., chaplain.

Officers elected by the Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. Anna C. Jesmier, Los Angeles, president; Mrs. Mamie B. Schmidt, Atlanta, senior vice president; Mrs. Anna C. Nagle, Allston, Mass., junior vice president; Mrs. Marie C. Williams, Indianapolis, judge advocate, and Miss Leones C. Barnette, Birmingham, Ala., historian.

Pittsburgh was chosen the 1934 encampment city.

JAPANESE ENVOY SAILS

Debuchi Denies Being Notified He Is to Be Replaced Here.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26 (AP).—Katsuji Debuchi, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, sailed for Japan from here yesterday aboard the liner Chichibu Maru, accompanied by his wife and two children.

Debuchi said he had received no official notification he was to be replaced as Ambassador by Natsuo Nagai, former foreign minister, as reported.

MRS. MCCORMICK, WHO RULED CHICAGO SOCIETY, IS DEAD

Reunited Family Gathered Around Bedside as End Comes. Life Marked by Activities in Amazing Variety of Projects.



MRS. MCCORMICK.

CHICAGO, August 26 (AP).—Funeral services for Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick in the stately graystone mansion where she ruled so long over the society realm, will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. Burial will be private in Graceland Cemetery. Word had not come as to the plans of John D. Rockefeller, jr., or his father.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, August 26.—Death, near the close of her sixtieth year of life, has ended finally the career of Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick—social dictator, linguist, patron of the arts, who once was acclaimed the richest woman in the world.

She died peacefully after a lingering illness with cancer, the end coming in her Drake Hotel suite at 3:40 p.m. (C. S. T.) yesterday. About her were her reunited family and Edwin Krenn, her faithful friend and business associate.

She tossed her personal fortune of more than \$1,000,000 into the market in an attempt to bolster the dwindling fortune of John D. Rockefeller's younger daughter. A brief bulletin from the physicians

brought the word of her death, as serene as was her life, filled as it was with romance, social eminence, bitter personal disappointments, business successes, family unhappiness and, near the end, financial losses.

In the group as the end came was Harold F. McCormick, whose devotion to the dying woman attested the friendliness he has always shown since their divorce in 1921. There, too, was Mrs. McCormick's only son, Fowler, who alone had never completely broken the family ties. Present also were her older daughter, Muriel, now Mrs. Elsie Dyer Hubbard of Middletown, Conn.; her third and youngest child, Mrs. Max Oser, the former Mathilde McCormick; Mrs. Fowler McCormick, the former Fifi Stillman; Mrs. Stillman's son, Alexander Stillman, and Maj. Hubbard, Muriel's husband.

Arrangements for Mrs. McCormick's funeral had not been completed today and it was considered extremely unlikely that John D. Rockefeller, now in his 93d year, would be able to attend the last rites for his daughter because of his advanced age. His son, John D. Rockefeller, jr., who visited his sister recently, was notified immediately of her death and he is expected to come from his father's Summer estate, near Pocantico Hills, N. Y.

Had Mrs. McCormick lived until next Wednesday she would have been 60 years old.

For the last few years she had suffered from cancer, undergoing an operation two years ago. It was revealed at the time, however, that the surgery had not been resorted to in time to check the ravages of the disease. In addition, she had to bear the misfortune of bronchial complications, although that ailment, her doctors said, did not contribute directly to her demise.

Ruled With Firmness. Her death marked the close of a social dictatorship in which Mrs. McCormick held sway with a stern but queenly hand. Her position in the

social world of this Western metropolis was as definite and as absolute as was that of the first Mrs. Potter Palmer in her day. To the end it remained unchallenged. Patriotic to the tips of her fingers, this daughter of John D. Rockefeller met queens and princes on an equal footing.

Her social decisions were final. She could and did cancel a luncheon planned for 200 persons, at the last moment, without a word of explanation. But this was only a minor incident compared with the calm manner in which she met the barrage of rumors in the social world that she was planning to marry Krenn, the young Swiss architect whom she met during her long residence abroad.

But one of Chicago's most prominent citizens, whose name was unrevealed, was quoted today in the local press as saying he was positive Mrs. McCormick had never considered a second marriage.

Ever since divorce broke the matrimonial ties with Harold F. McCormick, even though she charged desertion, his room in her mansion on Lake Shore drive was kept in readiness for his return, and every year on her birthday anniversary there was delivered to her a perfect yellow rose—her favorite flower—with his card attached.

There were those in Chicago who thought it might be an awkward moment for Mrs. McCormick and her former husband when she met him for the first time after his marriage to the Polish singer, Ganna Walska, from whom he later was divorced. The meeting occurred at the John McCormick Institute for Infectious Diseases, where a session of the board of directors was under way. But without a word she went into the room.

"How do you do, Harold?" she greeted him. "I'm glad to see you."

"I'm glad to see you, too, Edith," he replied.

They were the only unruffled ones in the room.

Then there was the time Mrs. McCormick attended a brilliant ball at a downtown hotel, when the atmosphere was electric with the presence of Ganna

Walska. But Mrs. McCormick, neither by sign nor word, betrayed the slightest variation from her normal attitude.

It was the opinion of Krenn, Mrs. McCormick's business adviser, that financial worries contributed to her breakdown. Once Lasalle street estimated Mrs. McCormick's wealth exceeded \$40,000,000. That fortune, the gift of her father, is now but a fraction of that sum. Falling stock prices and decreased values of real estate were blamed for the decline. She was the organizer of vast Chicago and suburban real estate holdings, and with the decline in values she sacrificed much of her Standard Oil and other stocks to aid those who had purchased property from her.

Family Rifts Healed. The Drake Hotel, scene of her passing, overlooks the lake shore mansion from which she moved two months ago, partly because of financial reverses and partly because she felt it her duty to live as simply as possible at a time when so many persons were in dire need.

But the sadness of Mrs. McCormick's fatal illness was tempered by the knowledge before she died that family schisms had disappeared. Prior to her illness she and her daughter, Mrs. Oser, had been estranged because of the latter's marriage to the Swiss riding master, Mrs. Hubbard's marriage last year, followed by Fowler's marriage to the former Mrs. Stillman, brought further discord.

The final illness found them at the stricken woman's bedside, Mrs. Oser coming 7,000 miles in a successful race against death.

Mrs. McCormick's interests were everywhere and in everything. They spanned two continents, ranged from the arts to the sciences, from her obligations as a social dictator to the active management of her vast properties.

Studied Astrology. Music, literature and art, the metaphysical borderland of astrology and reincarnation—all fell her influence.

Born in 1872 at Cleveland, Ohio, she

was educated under private tutors, specialized in foreign languages, and in her youth was an ardent sportswoman.

Her marriage in 1895 to Harold Fowler McCormick, scion of the wealthy and influential Chicago family, united two of the greatest fortunes in America. Mrs. McCormick ascended the throne of social arbiter and director of Chicago.

The routine of society she broke to become a patron of music. Sponsorship of the Chicago Grand Opera Co. was one of her most noteworthy achievements. She also supported the "opera-in-English" movement.

SALOONS HARD TO CLOSE

TIA JUANA, Mexico, August 26 (AP).—Gov. Arturo Elias' edict that all bars be closed at 11:30 p.m. has caused plenty of trouble here.

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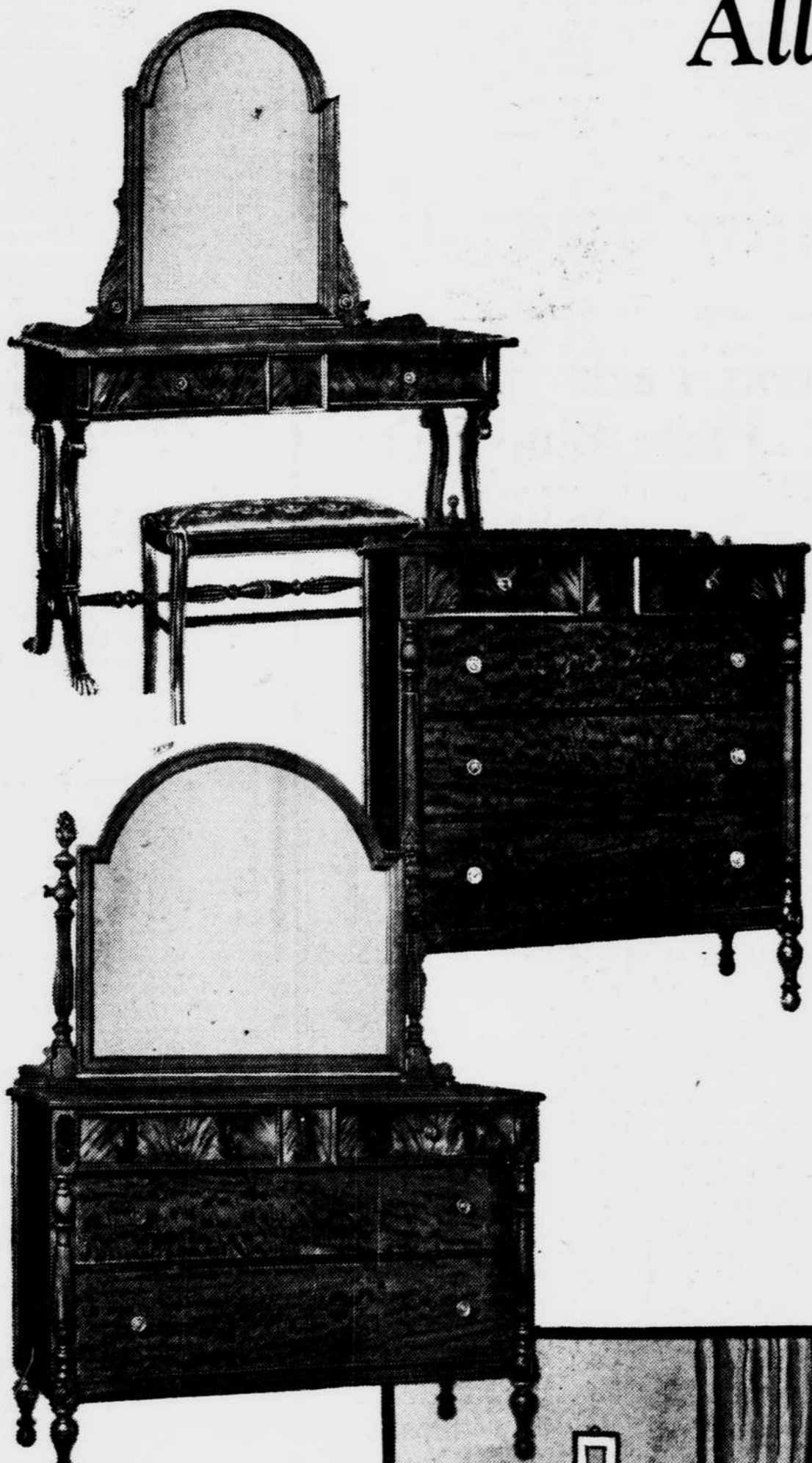
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