

HOPE SCHMIDT WAS IMPOSTER

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Is Questioned as to Kellner
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By Associated Press.
New York, Sept. 15.—In the hope of branding an imposter and pseudo priest the Rev. Hans Schmidt, the alleged self-confessed slayer of Anna Amuller, victim of New York's river murder mystery, church authorities began today a sweeping investigation of Schmidt's record and his pretensions to ordination.

"We hope, of course, to be able to prove that this unspeakable monster was an imposter and that he had been using forged papers," declared Monsignor Lavello, vicar general of the archdiocese of New York. "That is something which we are trying to clear up now. He came to this diocese with credentials which were apparently every way authentic and genuine, but we know practically nothing of him. His crime is too horrible to conceive. We can only hope that he may prove to have been a pseudo priest."

Schmidt Well.
In his cell in the Tombs, with his coat as his pillow, Schmidt slept soundly through the night and arose this morning to partake of a hearty breakfast. He had little to add to his alleged confession of last night in which he is said to have told the police that he killed his victim as she lay in bed, cut up her body in the bathtub of the apartment where he had established her, wrapped it in five bundles and dropped the bundles in the Hudson river. To the Rev. L. J. Evers, the Tombs' chaplain, Schmidt was said to have made the following declaration:

"I was directed to kill her by St. Elizabeth, who is my patron, as a sacrifice, to be consummated as was the sacrifice of Abraham in blood."

To the police Schmidt is alleged to have said:

"I killed her because I loved her." The police believe, however, that he killed her because she was soon to be a mother. They believe that the girl accepted as genuine the marriage ceremony through which she went with her alleged slayer last February and in which he was both priest and bridegroom.

Kellner Murder Recalled.
With a view to clearing the mystery surrounding the murder of eight years old Alma Kellner, whose mutilated body was found in quicklime in the basement of St. John's Catholic church in Louisville, Ky., two and one-half years ago, the police sought today to obtain from Schmidt some statement of what he might know of this crime. From August, 1909, till March, 1910, Schmidt was a visitor in Louisville, not officially connected with any church there, but a guest in the home of the Rev. Henry R. Westermann, rector of the Church of Immaculate Conception. Alma Kellner disappeared on December 2, 1909. Her body was found nine months after, Joseph Wendling, janitor at St. John's church, is now serving a life term in prison at Frankfurt, Ky., for the crime. Wendling stoutly denied his guilt, and the jury did not consider the evidence sufficient to lodge against him a verdict of first degree murder.

His Story.
Of Schmidt's ancestors little is known here, save his own word. He was born in Germany in 1881, was educated there, ordained by Bishop Kestrin in St. Augustine's seminary in Mainz and came to New York in 1906. In 1909 he went to Trenton, N. J., and in December, 1910, was appointed assistant rector of St. Boniface's church in this city. There he met the Amuller girl, who he said had come to this country from Germany a few months before.

"I was attracted by her beauty," reads Schmidt's alleged confession. "I became infatuated with her. I loved her. I killed her. She was so beautiful, so good, I could not let her live without me. I had made up my mind that she and I should not live together. I was a priest and must remain with my church. I could not let her go away from me. So I opened the door of the flat. I awakened her. I told her I had come to fulfill my threat. Then I drew the knife across her throat."

Knowledge of Surgery.
The skill with which the young woman's body had been dismembered caused the police to believe at first that the work had been done by a surgeon. In the flat occupied for five days by Schmidt and the girl, detectives found 500 printed cards which indicated that Schmidt had masqueraded as a surgeon and was possessed of more than an ordinary layman's knowledge of surgery. These cards read as follows:

"Dr. Emil Tellers, formerly assistant surgeon of the Municipal Women's hospital, Paris, France. Representative of the Chemical Hygiene Manufacturing company."

Schmidt Under Suspicion.
Maine, Germany, Sept. 15.—The (Continued on page 3)

GRAND ARMY MEN ARE IN REUNION

First Business Meeting of Encampment at Chattanooga Is Held.

By Associated Press.
Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 15.—Assembled for the first time in a southern city, more than 14,000 union veterans were here today for the opening of the 47th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Several thousand representatives of allied organizations, meeting in this city simultaneously with the annual encampment, also are in the city.

Incoming trains throughout the day swelled the attendance and a record crowd is predicted during encampment week, which ends Saturday. Today was designated as "Lookout Mountain day." Despite a light continuous rain, which began early today, hundreds visited the famous battlefield along the side and on the point of Lookout mountain.

Commander-in-Chief Alfred B. Beers and National officers of the G. A. R. and allied organizations, were guests of the local committee this morning at a breakfast on board a steamer in the Tennessee river. The first business meeting of the encampment was held this morning when the executive council of administration convened.

WRECKS DECREASED BY HURRICANE WARNINGS

Report of Agricultural Department Declares Weather Work Is Very Important.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Sept. 15.—Hurricane warnings issued by the United States weather bureau have resulted in a marked decrease in ship wrecks in recent years, despite the great increase in shipping. This is the declaration of the department of agriculture, which today called the attention of mariners to the fact that the season now is at hand during which hurricanes might be expected on the eastern coast of the United States.

The bureau's most recent efforts to provide ample warning of the approach of tropical storms have been through wireless reports of wind, weather and pressure conditions from vessels plying in the gulf and Caribbean waters, and from a number of land stations of the bureau in the West Indies.

"The work thus being done," it is declared, "is of greater importance than ever before, in view of the increase of ocean traffic that is destined to follow the opening of the Panama canal in the near future."

"During the last 35 years, the statement adds, 'about 88 per cent of these storms have occurred during the months of August, September and October—September showing a slightly greater number than any of the others.'"

HIGH POINT POLICEMAN IS DEAD FROM WOUND

J. W. Witcher Expires from Bullet Received Attempting to Arrest Negro.

Gazette-News Bureau.
Daily News Building.
Greensboro, Sept. 15.—Policeman Witcher, who was shot at High Point Saturday night, died this morning at 5:30 o'clock. Witcher was shot through the side and Chief of Police Ridge through the hand at High Point shortly before midnight while attempting to arrest a negro whose name could not be learned. The trouble at High Point was telephoned to the Greensboro police, the message stating that Mr. Witcher had been taken to the hospital at High Point for treatment.

It seems that the trouble started when Officer McGee attempted to arrest a negro, the negro resisting and ultimately breaking away from McGee and starting on the run. Chief of Police Ridge and Officer Witcher, who was the trouble Officer McGee was having with his man, started to the house about the time the negro got loose. The negro ran toward Ridge and Witcher and was nabbed. A crowd of negroes, estimated at approximately 200, gathered and some one in the crowd fired the bullet striking Chief Ridge in the hand and passing on through Officer Witcher's arm and then penetrated the side.

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WESTERN MEXICO IS IN TATE OF ANARCHY

Refugees Tells of Anarchy in Rebel-Controlled Districts—Report of 100 Refugees in Desert.

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 15.—News of the murder of Morris P. Root, American superintendent of the El Tigre mines at Tepic, Mex., was brought here yesterday by the steamer Peru, which had nearly 100 refugees from Mexico aboard. The mining engineer was intercepted by a few bandits as he was on his way to join employees of the company who were preparing to defend the mine property. He was disarmed and cut to pieces. Root was 50 years old and had been in Mexico about 16 years.

Max Lambert, another American engineer, who arrived on the Peru, was left for dead by bandits who attacked his home in the state of Tepic. Lambert's wife and child escaped by crawling through a rear window, and he remained to greet the bandits whose approach was noticed when they were a mile away. They fractured his skull and left him for dead. When they departed Mrs. Lambert returned and secured aid.

The refugees were from points along the west coast of Mexico, and they brought repetitions of stories of refugees who preceded them. Western Mexico is in a state of anarchy, they said. Rebel chiefs do not recognize each other, and when they are not looting and committing murder they are fighting among themselves. American consuls in the state of Durango asserted conditions there are beyond description. They said the country is overrun with bands of drunken peons who commit unspeakable crimes.

Fugitives in Desert.
Washington, Sept. 15.—One hundred Americans, fugitives on the Mexican desert between Torreon and Saltillo, harassed by bandit bands, according to unconfirmed reports, were mentioned in the early official dispatches today, and the state department had no other information of them.

Officials here were inclined to believe the Americans were in no grave danger. Agents of the constitutionalist movement stoutly maintained the Americans were in no danger at all and would be protected by constitutional forces against any roving marauding bands.

Officials of the consular service pointed out that the Americans passed Parais on September 11. That town is in the hands of constitutionalist troops, having been taken last May. An American consular agent recently took 12 days with a fast automobile to make the run between Torreon and Saltillo. The fugitives hampered by women and children and more primitive means of transportation are expected to require much longer.

The territory through which the Americans are traveling is controlled entirely by the constitutionalists and their agents have been given to understand that the United States looks to them for their protection of the fugitives.

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Matteawan Fugitive to Be Taken before Federal Judge Aldrich at Littletown Tomorrow.

THAW LAWYERS WISH TO DEFER ARGUMENTS

If Hearing Is Had Thaw May Be Freed; Then What Might Happen?

By Associated Press.
Cohasset, N. H., Sept. 15.—Harry Kendall Thaw, fugitive from the New York State hospital for the insane at Matteawan, awaited anxiously today the arrival of United States Marshall E. P. Nute, bearing notice to Sheriff Drew, of Coos county, that the fugitive must be produced on a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Aldrich in the United States District court at Littleton tomorrow morning.

The notification to Sheriff Drew places Thaw under the protection of the United States, pending disposition of the writ, and this guarantee of safety in the face of so many kidnapping stories was a source of relief to him.

"Thaw probably will not be taken to Littleton until tomorrow morning," said Sheriff Drew today. "There is a train leaving here shortly after six which would bring us there in plenty of time to be in court at 11."

William Travers Jerome, New York's special deputy in the Thaw matter, planned to accompany Thaw to Littleton, as did Franklin Kennedy, deputy attorney general, and Sheriff Hornbeck, of Dutchess county. Thaw lawyers desired to have argument continued in order that the writ may be available at a later date, should it be found necessary to block extradition.

If Judge Aldrich should insist that argument proceed tomorrow, it might result in the freeing of their client at once, prior to the extradition hearing which Governor Feltner has set for Wednesday.

With Thaw free again serious complications are possible. His lawyers would be acting within their rights if they attempted to rush him from the state. Jerome and his forces would of course seek to hold him. A physical struggle between factions is not out of the question, and both sides will have a lot of private detectives on hand.

Thaw retired early last night after a Sunday spent entirely within doors. Most of the day he conferred with the family representative, former Governor Stone of Pennsylvania.

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CARTER SCORES "HIGH LIVING"

Judge Declares the Reckless Extravagance of the Age Is One Great Cause of Crime.

AUTOMOBILE SPEEDERS HAD BETTER LOOK OUT

Some May Even Get Road Sentences—Judge's Charge to Grand Jury Brilliant Lawyers Say.

Extravagance was the main theme of an extraordinary charge which Judge Frank Carter delivered today to the grand jury sitting with Superior court. Judge Carter considered extravagance as a cause of crime, and private extravagance as leading to public extravagance. In passing on to debt he said that it is a wonder that people who are carrying a load of debt do not commit more crimes than they do. He also had something to say of the telephone, declaring that one of the most deplorable conditions of modern society was the flirting done by boys and girls over the telephone; that they would say things over the telephone that they would not think of saying in the sanctity of the home; further, that the telephone has caused bills to run up 30 or 40 per cent. Another interesting statement made by Judge Carter, in commenting on extravagance, was that he had been told by the secretary of state that many of the checks sent to him for state automobile licenses were returned to him marked "no good" by the banks.

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases opened a two weeks' term this morning. The drawing of the grand jurors was the first work taken up and the following men were selected to serve on the grand jury: W. T. Weaver, foreman, E. F. Buckner, John Sarge, P. M. Lovins, J. S. Spivey, J. M. Crookshire, Arthur Chambers, J. E. Toms, J. L. Sluder, Gwyn W. Roberts, J. R. Murphy, W. B. Nixon, C. E. Brown, J. L. Williams, W. A. Bryson, P. U. Williams, A. E. Young and F. O. Edwards. Four men failed to respond to their names and the court ordered that intemperance be waived for them. They were Hall Sumner, H. E. McDaris, J. A. Wilson and G. L. Clay.

Judge Frank Carter began his charge at 10:20 o'clock and finished at 10:45. The charge was commented upon by many of the lawyers present as being one of the most brilliant and forcible delivered here in many years. Judge Carter confined most of his remarks to the high cost of living now prevailing in all parts of the country and especially did he pay his respects to extravagant living, saying that there are people living in Asheville today riding in automobiles who ought to be walking, and if put to the test to pay all their debts they would not have money enough to buy shoes for their feet.

He went on to say that it always seemed better to him to investigate causes of crime, along this line he considered extravagant living to be one great cause of crime, saying that it affected the middle class of society and did not reach the lowest strata of human society, for these people usually live within their incomes.

He said that it was the middle class—the people who come out of the churches, clubs, etc.—that forge the checks, embezzle money, cause breach of trust and do other crimes that are above the intelligence of the poorer criminal.

Judge Carter then turned his remarks to debt the causes of it and the great burden it is. He said that about the only difference between debt and hell, is that debt ends and hell does not. He said "the wonder of it is that more people of this kind do not commit crime. I am speaking of that debt that men make when living beyond their means. The embarrassment of debt is so intolerant that men sometimes fly to the ill they know for those of the unknown."

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He went on to say that more people were living on their wits in this country than any other; that the thical standards of business were lower here than in other countries.

Judge Carter then passed a few remarks about the speeder and the reckless driver of automobiles. Said the time had come to put a stop to reckless driving; that the Police judge must put on a little more pressure on school children contributing one penny a week until sufficient money has been subscribed to build the monument.

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Washington, Sept. 15.—Former Representative Ralph D. Cole of the eighth Ohio district told the house lobby committee today that Martin M. Mulhall's testimony and correspondence regarding his conduct as a member of the house was so full of half-truths and false statements that he would confine his own testimony to a general denial. He denied flatly that Mulhall helped him get his nomination to congress.

"I never received a contribution from the National Association of Manufacturers," declared Cole. "Mulhall once came to my office and started to tell me that I had to stop my fight on Speaker Cannon. He never got any further than that. I ordered Mulhall out of the room and I told him if he ever returned I'd throw him out of the window. From that day to this I've never seen Mulhall. That is the way I've served the National Association of Manufacturers. That is the first time and the last time I ever talked with anyone from that association about legislation."

Cole said that at the time he ordered Mulhall out of his office, C. R. Painter of Bowling Green, O., a friend, was there and heard it all. He produced an affidavit from Painter corroborating his own testimony.

THOUSANDS PAY HONOR TO BIG TIM SULLIVAN

Body of Politician Passes Through East Side Streets for Last Time.

By Associated Press.
New York, Sept. 15.—Timothy D. Sullivan, familiarly known as "Big Tim," passed through the streets of the east side for the last time today. His body was taken this morning to the old Cathedral of St. Patrick, a short quarter of a mile from the rooms of the association bearing his name, where it had lain in state since Saturday afternoon.

Tens of thousands of men and women from every section of New York had gazed on his features there and a throng such as only the east side can furnish followed it today to the Cathedral and to its last resting place in Calvary cemetery, Brooklyn.

A delegation of congressmen headed by Representative Kinard of New Jersey led the mourners. In this delegation marched the longest funeral train the east side has ever seen. The streets through which they passed were sombre with crepe on the shop windows.

The Timothy D. Sullivan association sent its thousands of marchers behind the body of its standard bearer, each man with a bit of crepe on his sleeve, over the long dusty road to the cemetery. Dozens of other east side organizations and the army of the bow-ers' poor were also in the line. Seldom has the east side mourned so eloquently. In the army that passed by his bier as the body lay in state men in silk hats rubbed shoulders with bowery tramps and women in silks and furs mingled with their poorly clad sisters from the tenement houses. Many wept as they passed the coffin.

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Mr. Mack complains that Hennessy has caused to be published "charges in effect that the plaintiff unlawfully appropriated to his own use moneys contributed by others as a campaign fund toward the election of John A. Dix as governor of the state of New York and said publication also charges in effect that the plaintiff blackmailed individuals and corporations in connection with the collection of campaign funds."

Following the publication of Mr. Hennessy's charges, Mr. Mack announced his willingness to appear before the investigator at any time and place he might designate. Mr. Hennessy then fixed the hearing at Albany this morning.

After waiting with stenographers for half an hour Mr. Hennessy announced that as neither Mack nor Arthur A. McLean, of Newburgh, treasurer of the democratic state committee, had appeared the session stood adjourned.

He added that Mr. McLean had been served with a subpoena and had accepted the usual fee in that connection, also that Mr. Mack had specifically agreed to his present promptly at the appointed time.

Mack's Secretary Appears.
Mr. Hennessy had hardly left the hearing chamber when Mack's secretary appeared, explaining that a delayed train was responsible for his failure to appear promptly. The service of the legal papers followed.

Mr. Hennessy in a statement today says he has personal knowledge that canal and highway contractors and others were blackmailed out of large sums.

"I said," the statement proceeds, "that \$150,000 had been collected through Mack, that had never been reported. It is my belief now that the figure is nearer \$300,000."

"Mr. Mack, instead of coming, sent his secretary to serve me in a libel suit. In the letter explaining this suit he announces that under instructions from his counsel he will answer the suit for libel they will guarantee me a speedy trial in the courts."

"I will make a speedy answer. I predict the case will never come to trial. Mack could not be drawn into the court even by his two bosom friends, Charley Murphy and Boss Fitzpatrick."

"I was ready today to ask him questions in relation to his operations in the year 1911 and 1912. I know the men who have been blackmailed, not only the canal barge men and the road contractors but others."

"Of course I am rather itching to make public the evidence which I have collected and I would have made public what I have because I trust that Governor Sulzer will be able, when relieved of the impeachment resolution, to call an extraordinary session of the grand jury in Albany county and there I will prove every thing that I have said respecting Mack and McLean."

Concerning Mr. McLean, treasurer of the democratic state committee, who also failed to appear today, the statement says:

"McLean, of course, does not dare to come in any event. His case is for the first grand jury we can take it to."

Charges of the gravest nature respecting the alleged misuse of campaign funds are included in Mr. Hennessy's statement.

ODD FELLOWS ARE AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

By Associated Press.
Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 15.—With addresses of welcome by Governor A. O. Elmhurst, and Mayor Wallace G. Oye, and a brief response by General A. R. Stocker of Minneapolis, O., the eighty-ninth sovereign grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, formally was opened here today. Delegates are present from every part of the United States as well as Canada, Europe, Philippines and Hawaii. An addition to the Odd Fellows order, representative of all Rebekah lodges, the woman's auxiliary of the order, are here.