

HELD IN KILLING OF SILK MERCHANT



George Flanard, 21-year-old weaver, is pictured here as a policeman showed him the gun with which he is alleged to have killed Otto Ziegler, New Jersey silk merchant, at Park Ridge, N. J. He was reported to have confessed the crime to police, saying that he shot Ziegler at the instigation of Ziegler's wife, who was jealous of her husband's attentions to another woman. Both Flanard and Mrs. Ziegler were held at Hackensack, N. J., charged with first degree murder.

NEA New York Bureau Alleged to have conspired in the killing of her husband, Mrs. Otto Ziegler, above, was held at Hackensack, N. J., on a charge of first degree murder. George Flanard, 21-year-old weaver, was reported to have confessed the actual killing of the wealthy silk merchant, accusing Mrs. Ziegler of instigating the crime. She is the mother of two children.

Wife of Wealthy Farmer On Trial For Poisoning Children

Defendant Sits Unmoved as State Begins Attempt to Prove She Put Strychnine in Picnic Sandwiches

LEBANON, Ind., Sept. 29.—A middle-aged housewife sat unmoved in circuit court today while prosecutors continued their attempt to send her to the electric chair on charges of poisoning her two daughters.

Hazard from three months imprisonment, Mrs. Carrie Simmons walked calmly into the courtroom beside her husband, who has insisted that his wife did not put poison capsules in chicken sandwiches she served at a family reunion last June. Her daughters, Alice Jean, 10, and Virginia, 14, died of convulsions after eating the sandwiches. Several other persons, including Simmons, wealthy farmer of Greensfield, became violently ill. A score of blackbirds, which ate crumbs of the sandwiches after the picnic, died.

From her Empress Eugenie hat to her new black oxfords, Mrs. Simmons was clothed in the height of fashion. Her husband bought the clothes in Greensfield and brought them to her in jail here.

She said but the slightest attention, apparently, to the skirts of attorneys in attempting to select a jury. Judge John W. Hornaday rebuked opposing counsel frequently, in emphasizing that the state had the right to question witnesses as to their feeling toward the dead.

Mrs. Simmons has made no statements beyond her categorical denial of guilt. The state has not disclosed what evidence it holds against her, other than the knowledge that she prepared the sandwiches.

Many of Mrs. Simmons' friends were in court. Others gathered in Greensfield's Christian church to pray that she be freed. They said she was an excellent mother, in love with her husband, proud of her children, and the victim of a diabolical plot, or of tragically twisted circumstances.

Mrs. Simmons made the sandwiches in her kitchen for the annual reunion at the Lebanon picnic grove.

Soon after the merry group began to eat, several became ill. Alice Jean and Virginia died almost before the rest of the picnickers realized what had happened.

Others were rushed to hospitals. After they were recovered, authorities confiscated the remainder of the sandwiches, found capsules of strychnine imbedded in the meat. Investigators said strychnine also had been sprinkled over a dish of sweet pickled beets.

Mrs. Simmons answered all questions put to her by officers and seemed almost prostrated by grief over the deaths of her children. Friends were attempting to console her when authorities visited the pretentious Simmons home at Simmons' Corners, and arrested her on murder charges.

Macon, Ga., Jurist Expires on Bench

Macon, Ga., Sept. 29.—Judge Henry Asbury Mathews asked a temporary halt in the proceedings in circuit court here yesterday and slumped over dead on his desk.

The courtroom was crowded with spectators attracted by the trial of Ross Hatcher and Charles Hayden, charged with attacking a girl companion of James Stratton.

Preliminaries were over and defense counsel had begun a motion for continuance when the judge suddenly halted him and said: "The attorney will discontinue arguments for a moment." He died immediately afterward, while being carried to his chamber adjoining the courtroom. He had been on the circuit bench since the fall of 1912.

ATTITUDE OF BIG NAVY MEN ROLLS HOOVER

President Delivers Stinging Rebuke to Opponents of Budget Cuts

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Under surface opposition of navy men to cuts in next year's appropriation has brought them perhaps the severest rebuke President Hoover has administered to anyone during his two and a half years in office.

This information yesterday was accompanied by the news that the president would welcome an open fight with big navy men on the issue of ship or savings, the nation's taxpayers to be the gladiators.

Mr. Hoover was understood to be exceedingly resentful of what he feels is an attempt by navy men to dictate how much shall be spent for armaments. If necessary, it was said, he would be ready to carry the issue to the country at large.

Soon after the revelation of the fight came word that the navy's original appropriation, which this year was \$360,000,000, is to be cut next year, if possible, to \$340,000,000.

Of the five of eleven destroyers authorized by congress will be placed under construction this year.

The navy's original estimate of needs for next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1932, was \$401,000,000. This reduction to \$340,000,000 means a bold slash of \$61,000,000, new vessels are to be made where possible in lines other than construction. Where this year's construction of \$61,000,000, new vessels are to be made where possible in lines other than construction. Where this year's construction of \$61,000,000, new vessels are to be made where possible in lines other than construction.

FLORIDA PLANT BULBS IN FALL FOR BEST SPRING FLOWERS

Plant Bulbs in Fall for Best Spring Flowers

Flowering bulbs which make the garden beautiful in spring do best when planted in October in North Carolina and must have a fertile, loamy soil for their plant.

Money Can Thus Be Doubled, A. C. Kimrey Declares

When the price of dairy feeds and butterfat is favorable and bids fair to remain so through the coming winter, receipts kept over in present market conditions show that if \$14 worth of feed is fed to good average cows, it will produce 100 pounds of butterfat at present prices and will leave \$5.60 worth of skim-milk on the farm to say nothing of the manure.

HOGS SHOW BIG GAIN

From June 8 to September 8, a 92-day feeding period, 26 head of stags growing on a 11-acre pasture of carpet grass and lespedeza belonging to E. E. Bell of Pollockville in Jones county, gained 2,960 pounds.

TOMATOES VALUABLE IN DIET; CAN MORE BEFORE SEASON ENDS, HER ADVICE

If every member of the family does not have a minimum of nine quarts of ripe tomatoes for food this winter, more should be canned before the season closes.

DEMOCRAT IS EASY VICTOR IN MISSOURI

Landslide in 7th District Gives Party 213 in the Congress

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Sept. 30.—A landslide carried Robert D. Johnson, Democrat, to victory last night in the general election in the seventh Missouri congressional district to select a successor to the late Representative Samuel C. Major, Democrat.

BORAH ALONE IS OBSTACLE TO PRESIDENT

Coolidge Statement Likely to Assure Hoover's Renomination

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—A statement by former President Calvin Coolidge yesterday that he would not be a candidate in 1932 and would support President Hoover, leaves but one visible obstruction, and that not a big one, in Mr. Hoover's path toward renomination to succeed himself.

This obstacle is Senator William B. Borah of Idaho, who is believed not to be a candidate. Borah is on his way to Washington from Idaho, and is expected to make a statement upon his arrival.

Mr. Coolidge's statement was made in a copyrighted article in the Saturday Evening Post. Unlike his puzzling "I do not choose to run" statement in 1928, which left the country guessing for months regarding his real intentions, his present statement is clear and specific, and of ample length, though it did not mention Mr. Hoover by name.

"When I announced my determination not to run for president in 1928, my decision had been made a long time. Why would it be supposed that I was then seeking to escape I am now seeking to acquire?"

"A retired president ought to be an example of loyal support to his successor."

"It has long been the practice to give a president in office a second nomination. It is a practice that has been beneficial to the country. It is open to grave objections and in danger of being attacked by serious consequences. The great safeguards of order and precedent, or respect for the former president, do not duly constituted authority, ought not to be weakened. In emergency like the present the responsible elements of our party should offer a solid front in their support of the president. That is the course I propose to pursue."

Mr. Coolidge made no predictions. His idea was that a president should not be given the chance at a second term even if it meant defeat for the party. Party solidarity, loyalty, he said, was essential.



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