

Mrs. Jane Gibson Said To Have Witnessed Hall-Mills Murder

Witness Who Claims To Have Seen Murder Of Rector And Woman.

HAD STORE NEARBY.

Lady Told Investigators That She Saw Crime Committed.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The name of the woman reputed to have witnessed the double murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, today became known.

She is Mrs. Jane Gibson, a widow, who with her son, conducts a sixty-acre farm on Hamilton road in a sparsely settled section several miles from here.

Before harvest time her fields were frequently entered at night and robbed, shortly before the double murder she decided to end this thievery.

The night of the murder, she was said to have told investigators, she was riding down De Brussy's lane through the Phillips farm when she saw in a field the dim outlines of two men and two women.

She became curious, halted her mule, and watched. There was a moment of loud talking, the sound of a pistol shot, a streak of flame and one of the men fell, then a moment later four more shots and one of the women dropped.

The man and the woman stood over the slain couple, the story continues, and the name of the man was spoken in honor by the woman.

Mrs. Gibson then was said to have become frightened and to have turned her mule toward home.

HOPE FOR SOLUTION OF HALL-MILLS MYSTERY

Newark Lawyer Has Been Designated As Special Deputy Attorney General To Take Over Case In Behalf Of The State.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 24.—Hope was felt today that the Hall-Mills murder mystery may be solved eventually as Wilbur A. Mott, Newark lawyer and former Essex county prosecutor, who has been designated a special deputy attorney general, took over the reins of the inquiry on behalf of the state.

He went into conference at once with Prosecutors Bebekman, of Somerset, and Stricker, of Middlesex counties, who have conducted the investigation since the discovery on September 16 of the bodies of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, rector of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, choir leader.

Both county prosecutors, relieved through intervention of Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Parker, after working ineffectually on the case for more than a month, expressed willingness to co-operate in every way with the newly appointed state official.

With Deputy Attorney General Mott here today was James A. Mason, Essex county detective. Mr. Mott announced also that he had called Ellis H. Parker, Burlington county detective, who has won convictions in 91 of 99 murder cases in Burlington county in the last 25 years, into the case.

Bonar Law And Lloyd George To Speak In Glasgow 48 Hours Apart Outlining Their Policies

Scotland City Will Be Chief Center Of Interest In Britain.

SITUATION IS CRITICAL.

Communist Party Is Said To Be Strong In Vicinity Of Glasgow.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Glasgow will be the chief center of interest in the political situation for the rest of the week.

The new prime minister, Andrew Bonar Law, on Thursday will announce the details of his policy there, and 48 hours later former Premier Lloyd George will address a meeting, being accompanied by Scotland by Sir Robert Horne, who was his chancellor of the exchequer.

The Times' political correspondent emphasizes the importance of the situation in Glasgow, which it says is due to the strength of the communist party among the industrial workers, adding that this is largely on account of the reluctance of the Glasgow members of parliament to abandon the coalition.

The writer suggests that this position is likely to give impetus to the Scottish home rule movement.

It is hinted elsewhere that Bonar Law's re-election as member of the central division of Glasgow is in no way certain, and that he will be opposed by Sir George Pais as a free liberal, in

Negro ould Bar Ku Klux From Massachusetts

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—Matthew W. Bullock, negro republican candidate for the Massachusetts house of representatives, has filed with the clerk of the house a bill to prohibit the organization of the Ku Klux Klan in this state.

ALLIES AND TURKS ARE STILL DISPUTING AS TO ROUTE OF TURKISH ARMY

American Forces Must Maintain Complete Neutrality In Zone.

REFUGEE PROBLEM IS BAD Refugees Do Not Trust Turks And Are Anxious To Go Quickly.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allied generals and the Turkish nationalists are still at loggerheads over the route to be taken by the Turkish gendarmes in their occupation of Eastern Thrace.

Rafet Pasha, the new military governor of Thrace, at a lengthy conference with the allied chiefs yesterday, urged that the gendarmes be permitted to go through Constantinople, but was told that the bulk of these forces must enter by way of Rostosa.

Rafet Pasha is being entertained by the allied high commissioners during his stay here. He plans to leave for Thrace on Saturday.

With Shukur Bey, the new civil governor of Thrace, he is considering numerous applications for employment from Turks desiring to participate in the government of the province.

While all the most important offices will be filled by men appointed by the Anglo government, the subordinate positions will be largely occupied by Turks from Constantinople.

All the gendarmes, with the exception of a small force here, are now gathered at Mudania and Ismid, awaiting word from the allies to embark for Thrace.

Rear Admiral Mark Bristol conferred yesterday with the commanders of the twelve newly arrived American destroyers, outlining the near eastern situation and advising them of the position of the navy therein.

He explained the American forces must maintain complete neutrality and devote their energies to humanitarian work and the protection of American property.

The allied high commissioners and Admiral Bristol discussed the evacuation of eastern Thrace and the refugee problem at a two hour meeting yesterday.

They dealt largely with plans for evacuation through the Black Sea and Marmora ports of some 70,000 persons.

Colonel Treloar, representing the League of Nations, who has just returned from Robosto, reported the situation was seriously affected by the lack of shipping.

The exodus has assumed enormous proportions. No allied proclamations or exhortations can induce the refugees to addition to the labor candidate.

Former Premier Asquith is to speak in Glasgow next week.

In parts of Great Britain, notably the Lowlands, manufacturing towns, and Glasgow, there are large resident Irish communities.

How they will cast their votes is arousing interest both here and in Ireland. The Freeman's Journal, Dublin newspaper, crystallizes its advice to them in the sentence:

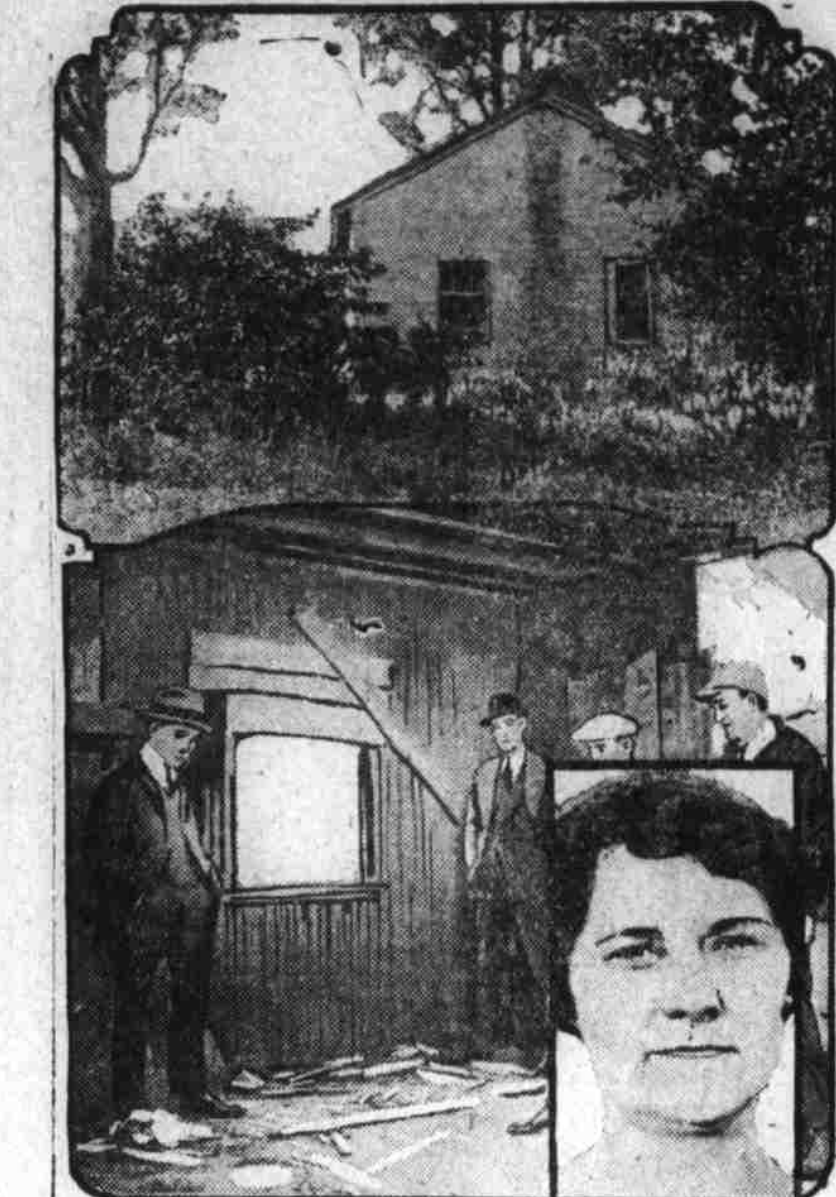
"Whenever you see a die-hard head, hit it."

P. O'Connor, whose Irish constituents in the Scotland division of Liverpool are dissatisfied with him because he remained a national, and because, although a home ruler, he supported neither Eamon de Valera nor Michael Collins in the house of commons, will probably be opposed by a Sinn Fein candidate.

The question of Lady Astor's position in the Sutton division of Plymouth, has been settled by the central conservatives declaring the official conservative candidate, but it is understood that Dr. Bayly will oppose her, as well as a large candidate.

A striking intervention in the political conflict was made today from Manchester in the form of a manifesto issued by the local liberal candidates and the executive of the Manchester liberal federation.

Hall-Mills Murder Scene?



New evidence reaching New Brunswick (N. J.) authorities leads them to believe the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills took place in a deserted schoolhouse four miles from where the bodies were found.

GASTON COUNTY LAYMEN TAKE STEPS TO ORGANIZE

Presbyterian Men Of The County Hear Spillman, Trotter And Brown — Will Effect Organization In Near Future.

Seventy men representative of the Presbyterian laity of Gaston, Lowell, Belmont, New Hope, Olney and Cherryville churches held an enthusiastic meeting in the First Presbyterian church Monday night.

Gastonia First church led the delegations with 26 men present, Olney with 14 carrying off second honors, West Avenue and Armstrong Memorial churches also had a number of representatives in attendance.

Mr. P. Woods Garland acted as chairman and Rev. T. G. Tate, as chairman of Kings Mountain Presbytery committee stated that the purpose of the meeting was to effect an organization of Presbyterian laymen for more efficient and active work in the churches of the Presbytery.

Mr. J. B. Spillman, manager of Synod's stewardship committee, the first speaker, told in a very interesting and convincing manner how other organizations of this kind were functioning in the upbuilding of the church and the kingdom.

Stating that the most hopeful thing in the church today is that the men are getting on the job and becoming interested in and more actively engaged in religious work, the speaker urged upon the men the value of personal work, family altars in their homes and vision of their proper relations to their possessions.

Mr. Morris Trotter, real estate dealer of Charlotte, told in a sincere and earnest way of his own new vision of the work to be done, gained at Montreal last summer during a laymen's conference, how he had surrendered his will to God and how since that time he had been actively engaged, with other laymen of Mecklenburg Presbytery, in holding evangelistic meetings, organizing Sunday schools and winning souls for Christ.

Mr. Parks Brown, of Steele Creek, and secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery laymen, told of the great conference of laymen held recently in Chattanooga and the great amount of good that had resulted from the work done by the men of Mecklenburg.

Mr. John Mayes, of the Armstrong Memorial church, told of cottage prayer meetings conducted by laymen of that church last week in which there were six conversions.

After hearing from a number of other laymen present a committee was appointed to work out plans for organization and a laymen's movement in Kings Mountain Presbytery was launched.

Mr. Spillman and Rev. T. G. Tate conducted a similar meeting in Shiloh Monday afternoon and launched the movement for the upper counties of the Presbytery.

The division of the lower counties will comprise Gaston and Lincoln. Those in attendance at the Monday night meeting were the representative business and professional men of Gaston Presbyterians churches.

CURTIS BIPLANES TO BE FURTHER DEVELOPED

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Oct. 24.—The Curtis army biplanes which finished in the first four positions in the Pulitzer trophy race are to be developed by the army as the standard pursuit plane, according to officers of the first pursuit group stationed at Selfridge field, near here.

The racers which broke all speed records during the recent meet, are being parked for shipment to Dayton, Ohio, for further tests at the army engineering field.

SECRETARY WEEKS ASKS FOR MORE ARMY SERGEANTS

Says Too Many Are Out On Duty With National Guards, Reserve Training Camps And R. O. T. C. Units.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Amendment of the national defense act to increase the number of sergeants in the army has been asked by Secretary Weeks, it was announced today, in order that about 1600 non-commissioned officers assigned as instructors to the national guard, organized reserves and training corps units will not have to be cut in rank and pay due to progressive reductions in the army.

"In limiting the enlisted strength of the army first to 175,000 men, then to 150,000 and again to 125,000," the statement said, "consideration was not given to the non-commissioned officers and the important work which he is expected to do in the scheme for national defense.

With an enlisted strength authorized at only 125,000 the original percentages fixed in law for the various grades of non-commissioned officers are found totally inadequate. Hundreds of such non-commissioned officers are scheduled for duty with organizations of the national guard, the organized reserves and at reserve officer training corps units.

Under the original terms of the national defense act these men would have been available and could have gone to their duty with sufficient rank and pay to enable them to live in civilian communities in a way creditable to themselves and the work in which engaged, but now these men will find themselves forced into a lower grade with much lower pay.

For all its activities the war department should have about 7,800 non-commissioned officers in the three voided grades but based on a strength of 125,000 and the terms of existing law only 5,500 can be kept in these grades.

"After a careful study of this situation it has been found that about 1,000 of the senior non-commissioned officers of the army are to be demoted unless some increase in authorized numbers is made. Of course, this demotion will carry with it such a loss of pay and prestige as to make it impossible for many of them to continue the work now planned for them.

This situation is so serious not only on account of the work on which they are to be employed but is such an injustice to the men themselves who as a class have long years of service to their credit and are nearly all veterans, that the secretary of war has asked Congress to amend the national defense act and to authorize numbers in the higher grades so that the requirements for non-commissioned officers can be more nearly met."

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight, cooler on northeast coast, probably light frost tonight; Wednesday fair and warmer.

Dies For Three Murders With Red Roses In Hand

WETHERSFIELD, Conn., Oct. 24.—Emil Schutte, convicted of three murders, was hanged at the state prison today clutching two red roses. He entered the death chamber carrying the roses and his grip on them did not relax even after death.

NINE TRAGEDIES IN WHICH WOMEN PLAY LEADING ROLES STAND OUT AS DRAMATIC SPECTACLES TODAY

PEGGY BEAL FREED OF CHARGE OF SHOOTING HER LOVER, ANDERSON

Says He Boasted Of The Fact That He Had Broken The Hearts Of Fifty Other Women — Coming To Kansas City To Live.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 24.—Marie L. "Peggy" Beal faced life with reserved determination today, free after a brief trial of the charge of having murdered her lover, Frank Warren Anderson, who, she said, boasted he had broken the hearts of fifty other women.

Leaping to her feet as the verdict was read last night, Mrs. Beal thanked the jury and asserted, "Now I am going to stay right here in Kansas City and make good. I'm going to send for my little boys in Terre Haute and make a good home for them."

The court ordeal was comparatively brief. There were few witnesses and the testimony was added speedily. She took the witness stand, pallid and nervous, and the story of the shooting was drawn from her by the attorneys.

From the first meeting in Dayton, O., Mrs. Beal, a young divorcee, related in chronological order incidents of their association which terminated in her fatally shooting Anderson and seriously wounding herself in a room which they occupied in a local hotel June 3. He lured her there, she said, with a promise of marriage.

She had been reading a passage in a romantic novel in which a woman killed her lover. She shot Anderson as he lay upon the bed and turned the revolver upon herself, sending a bullet into her breast.

"I met Anderson in a restaurant in Dayton, O.," she testified. "He asked me to marry him before he left Dayton and I told him I would give him my answer in June."

Twice she visited him in Kansas City. They moved to the hotel where the tragedy occurred, she asked him to marry her, she said. "I was nearly stunned when he told me he could find no grounds for divorce," she said. "I asked him what I was going to do," she told the court, "and he said 'Do as you please.'"

She asked him why he had sought her love and he answered, she declared, "Because I am a devil."

She said that she could not recall shooting him, but remembered shooting herself.

WILL ASK SYNOD FOR \$150,000 FOR ORPHANAGE

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 24.—The Synod of North Carolina of the Southern Presbyterian church, which convenes Wednesday night at Lincolnton, will be asked to appropriate \$150,000 to the Barium Springs orphanage, it was decided at a meeting of its board of directors here.

The money would be used to cover maintenance and aid in new work which the regents desire to undertake. The report made at the regents' meeting last night, presided over by the Rev. R. Murphree Williams, of Greensboro, showed that \$140,000 had been spent during the last fiscal year on new buildings for the orphanage and that plans for the coming year call for construction of a babies' cottage, boys' dormitory and teachers' home.

The greatest achievement of the last year was reported as the erection of the woman's building at the orphanage which was dedicated a few weeks ago, while the remodeling of Rumble Hall and the addition of a dining room to it and other improvements made it possible to care for more children.

MRS. ROZIER IS FIGHTING DESPERATE LEGAL BATTLE

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—Cautioned with determination, never overlooking an opportunity to seize a technicality that might serve a point, the opposing lawyers in trial of Mrs. Catherine Rozier, charged with the murder of her husband, and his stenographer, are fighting one of the most bitter legal battles ever heard in this city's courts.

Arthur Rozier, brother of the slain man, who was subjected to a seething cross-examination yesterday by John R. K. Scott, attorney for Mrs. Rozier, was to be on the witness stand again today. The attorney for the defense is endeavoring to show that he was in a plot to estrange the Roziers so that Oscar could marry his stenographer. This he has denied.

Arthur Rozier is a dining car conductor and came to this country from Australia a little more than a year ago. He made his home with his brother and sister-in-law.

60-YEAR-OLD FARMER ATTACKED HIS DAUGHTER

GREENVILLE, S. C., Oct. 24.—Henry Rhodes, aged sixty, a Greenville county farmer, today was found guilty of attacking his young daughter and sentenced to fifteen years in prison or in the chain-gang. The verdict of the jury was reached without a trial, defense and prosecution agreeing on a verdict of guilty with recommendation of mercy due to Rhodes' age and mental condition.

Bonar Law Holds Conference With Irish

LONDON, Oct. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prime Minister Bonar Law held a conference today with William T. Cosgrave, head of the Irish provisional government, with regard to Irish affairs.

A colonial office announcement read: "In view of the change in the government, arrangements were made at the beginning of the week for a meeting between Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Cosgrave, head of the Irish government. The meeting took place this morning. Mr. Cosgrave was accompanied by K. O'Higgins, secretary of home affairs, and Hugh Kennedy, law officer."

GASTON'S 100TH MILL ORGANIZED YESTERDAY

Organization of Gaston county's one-hundredth textile mill was perfected Monday afternoon at Stanley when officers were elected by the stockholders of the Lora Gingham Mills, mention of the inauguration of which was made in The Gazette recently. John C. Rankin is president, J. A. Bangle, vice-president, R. P. Craig treasurer, and A. C. Taylor secretary. A charter has already been secured.

As yet the capital stock has not been fixed but it will be either \$250,000 or \$300,000. This plant will turn out print cloths and mercerized products.

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SENATOR DIAL ADDRESSES COTTON MANUFACTURERS

GREENVILLE, S. C., Oct. 24.—The South Carolina cotton manufacturers' association opened its annual session here today with United States Senator Nat B. Dial as the chief speaker. Senator Dial spoke on "relations of the government to the textile industry."

The senator assailed the recent cotton futures law as a handicap both to the grower and manufacturer. Futures trading he asserts sets a false basis of price for cotton.

The seller of futures is permitted to deliver any one of ten grades of cotton instead of having to specify certain grades.

Any of the grades allowed in futures trading, he asserted, is spinable cotton, but some mills can only use certain grades. For this reason the buying of cotton for mill use for future delivery through the cotton exchange method is impossible.

The interest of the grower and the purchaser of contracts is identical; that of the seller of the contract is the opposite," he said.

H. H. CHEATHAM IS OUT UNDER A \$7,000 BOND

SALISBURY, N. C., Oct. 24.—H. H. Cheatham federal prohibition officer, charged with the murder of Doug Dunham, a young white man of this city, was allowed a bond of \$7,000 in federal court here this morning. The bond was immediately given and Cheatham released.

Hayden Clement, solicitor for superior court in this district, announced that he will ask the grand jury in the federal court for a true bill against Cheatham charging first degree murder. This indictment will be made returnable in federal court at the April 1923 term.

Cheatham is alleged to have fatally shot Dunham on the night of October 14, while in making raid.

TWO DAVIE COUNTY CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

SALISBURY, N. C., Oct. 24.—Two small children of Mr. and Mrs. Granley McCullough, a boy four years of age, and a girl two years old were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home two miles from Cooleman, Davie county yesterday.

The father and mother had left the children alone in the home, it is said, while they were at work near the house. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

The house was enveloped in flames when the fire was discovered and all efforts to reach the children were futile. Their charred bodies were found in the ruins, cooked to a crisp with their feet and hands burned off.

Y. W. C. A. REGIONAL MEET OPENS IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 24.—With a number of officials of the national organization in attendance, the Southern regional conference of the Young Women's Christian Association, was scheduled to open here today. The object of the meeting is to put into effect plans for association work in this section of the country.

Mrs. Edward M. Townsend, of New York, chairman of the post-continuation work of the national board of the Y. W. C. A., was on the program as chief speaker of the day. Other officers present were Mrs. Robert E. Spier, New York president; Mrs. J. Scott Parrish and Mrs. J. T. Crookford, Richmond, Va., and Miss Mable Cratty, and Miss Isabella Norton, of the national board with headquarters in New York.

SIX BIG SENSATIONAL MURDER CASES IN SIX SECTIONS OF COUNTRY

All Of Them Present Women As Figuring Largely.

LOS ANGELES HAS MANY.

Hall-Mills Murder Mystery In New Jersey Is One Of Biggest.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Nine tragedies stand out as dramatic spectacles in the news of America today, all of them presenting women in leading roles, and nearly all involving the "eternal triangle" in different twists and variations. Six sensational murder trials, five with women as defendants, are in various stages of trial, while one woman tried for murder won her freedom at a preliminary hearing last week and another last night from a jury, and a seventh faces her third trial on the same charge.

Presenting an unusual variant, it was announced today at Fresno, Cal., a man who killed his young wife when he found her with a youth of her age, would be tried for manslaughter.

Mrs. Hazel McNally, accused by her husband of having made away with twin babies, was freed at a preliminary hearing last week when the state failed to prove the infants were other than saved stuffed dolls made up to gratify the wild mother's husband, Frank McNally, to appear as a father.

Briefly the nine cases now attracting attention, with their stars, are: Kansas City—Marie E. "Peggy" Beal, young divorcee, stepped out to freedom, acquitted last night after a short trial on a charge of murdering her lover, Frank Warren Anderson, who, she said, promised marriage, then refused, and boasted of having broken hearts of fifty women.

Los Angeles—Arthur C. Burch, of Evanston, Ills., faces his third trial on a charge of killing J. Belmont Kennedy, in a conspiracy with Madeline Oberbaum, who awaits her third trial on the same charge. Eight women and four men constitute the jury.

Los Angeles—The jury to try Mrs. Clara Phillips, accused of beating Mrs. Alberta Meadows to death with a hammer, was tentatively completed. Mrs. Meadows, a young widow, was alleged to have been friendly with Mrs. Phillips' husband.

Philadelphia—Mrs. Catherine Rosier, accused of killing her husband, Oscar Rosier, and his stenographer, Mildred Geraldine Reckitt, faced trial for the murder of Miss Reckitt.

Hackensack, N. J.—George Cline, motion picture director; Alice Thornton, and Charles Scullion, brother-in-law of Cline, were on joint trial for the murder of John Bergen, motion picture actor, because of an alleged attack on Mrs. Cline.

Cleveland—The trial of Mrs. Mabel Champion, 22, alleged slayer of Thomas O'Connell, carnival promoter, was continuing with four jurors, three of whom are women, selected for service.

White Cloud, Mich.—Mrs. Meda Hodell, on trial for killing her father-in-law, David Hodell, with poison, repudiated her previous confession to police, declaring the confession was obtained by threats of being haunted by the spirits of her father-in-law and her husband, Rommie Hodell.

New Brunswick, N. J.—State officials took over the task of attempting to solve the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

Fresno, Cal.—George T. Harlow, acquitted by a coroner's jury after he clubbed his wife to death, will be tried for manslaughter, according to District Attorney Dailey. H. C. Blanchard, 19, found by Harlow in his home with Mrs. Harlow, was sentenced to ninety days in jail for disorderly conduct.

Indian Beauty Bobs Hair And Is Exiled

HATFIELD, Wis., Oct. 23.—Princess Newana Gayash, Winnebago Indian beauty of Hatfield, upset a thousand years of tradition when she bobbed her hair and introduced her fellow red men to flapperism.

Her father, Chief Running Wolf, and her husband, Dan Gayash, put on a war dance that made the silent forests sound like a reunion of boiler-makers.

After the storm had cleared Newana found herself an exile so fat as her relatives were concerned. But not being easily disturbed, she accepted her misfortune with a smile and that evening she and her baby son turned their backs on the old reservation and went to Nebraska where an uncle left her \$15,000 and a large tract of land. She will attempt to cultivate the land.

Newana is 18 years old and has been married three years.

GASTONIA COTTON. Receipts today 46 Bales Price 24 Cents