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MRS. GIBSON'S PAST IS BEING PROBED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE

Reported That Her Husband Is Still Living And Comes Home Daily.

SAYS SHE DOESN'T CARE.

Reported That She Fired Shotgun At Three Newspaper Reporters.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 31.—The credibility of Mrs. Jane Gibson, who says she was an eye witness of the murders of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, rector of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, and his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, was subjected to criticism again today. Authorities continued their investigation into her past, following reports that instead of being the widow of a clergyman, she is the wife of William H. Easton, who works in New Brunswick, and drives to and from her farm in a small automobile.

Mrs. Gibson insisted that the reports were untrue. She denied she has a husband or that she is the Mrs. Gibson whose husband, John, a railroad worker, died some years ago in Kentucky. Easton said he had "nothing to say" when asked if she was his wife. "It's an amazing story," he said, commenting on her eye witness statement. "She has a brilliant mind."

"You tell me the officials are investigating the story of my life," Mrs. Gibson said. "Well, I don't care. I know I am here in New Brunswick and I witnessed the murder of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills, what difference does it make whether I have a past or not."

Special Attorney General Wilbur A. Mott has made no move to present Mrs. Gibson's story to the grand jury. He said, however, that he had found nothing which would tend to discredit her account of the murders.

Mrs. Gibson was reported today to have fired a shotgun at three newspaper photographers who appeared at her home.

GOV. ALLEN CONTINUES ATTACK ON KU KLUX

GREAT BEND, KAN., Oct. 31.—Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas, in an election campaign address, continued his attack on the Ku Klux Klan here last night with a plea for tranquility and tolerance so that the state might be spared the "horrors of a civil war."

His speech was a scathing denunciation of religious bigotry and community hatred and denounced certain types of Catholics and members of the Klan in the same breath.

"You are both to blame," he asserted. "You Catholics who go out and say: 'I don't vote for a man who is not a Catholic. I am going to put my political activity behind my religion.' You ought to be ashamed of yourselves. And you men who join this Klan and say: 'There is an order that exists for the protection of white supremacy and to save us from the Catholic church.' You ought to be ashamed; honestly, you ought to be ashamed."

"I appear here in this beautiful town which is the best expression of the courage of Americanism that you could find anywhere, and I find men hating one another, this man being hated because he is a Catholic and that man because he is a Klansman, and your community is torn with the thing our fathers gave their lives to get rid of—religious bigotry, together with the quarrels about religious activities."

"Now, as a fellow American, having the same impulses that you have, I am opposed to the Klan because it suggests terrorism and outlawry. I am not against the organization because it don't like the Catholic church. I am not a Catholic. I am a Methodist."

After drawing a comparison between conditions in Kansas and Ireland, and telling of requests his office has received from men that they be allowed to arm themselves. "Because they were frightened," the Governor asked: "Do you want turned loose in this state the horrors of a civil war?" "God forbid such a war. And yet what can you suggest to the negroes of the state, in some communities of which there are thousands, when the old Ku Klux Klan that terrified them fifty five years ago, is again rising at night? Can you expect them not to protect themselves?"

"Ireland is fighting over a matter that is 800 years old but we curb it in America when we wrote into the constitution that all men should have the right to worship God according to their own ideas."

"You Catholics should quit saying no man may hold office by your suzerainty until he is a Catholic. It isn't worthy of you. It isn't worthy of an American or the American history. Let's get on the basis of honor, love and decency."

Lloyd George May Wage Bitter Fight To Finish With Men Who Brought About His Downfall

Co-operative Pact Between Conservatives And Liberals May Be Broken.

MAY SPREAD THE WAR.

Lloyd George Is Said To Be Indignant And Ready To Bolt.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—(By The Associated Press.)—The so-called co-operative pact between Government conservatives and the Lloyd George national liberals, which yesterday appeared to be gaining strength, today seemed near a smash-up that may force Lloyd George to really carry out his threat to "spread the war" and wage a bitter fight to the finish with the men who brought about his downfall.

One trouble seems to be that conservative candidates have bobbed up against those running under the Lloyd George banner in certain constituencies where the latter had regarded themselves as safe from Tory attacks. Lloyd George is represented as being indignant and as contemplating the carrying out of his threat if the conservative party does not withdraw some of the candidates already entered against his followers. Others feel sure that he will really "spread the war" with vigor should the diehards put up any more candidates against the national liberals.

At this time the Lloyd Georgians have about 160 candidates in the field, and they are reported to have 250 others in reserve. It is said to be Lloyd George's intention to let loose the reserves against the conservatives unless his demands are met.

The co-operative pacts—a sort of "you leave me alone in this district and we won't bother you in that district" understanding—first attracted attention through the anger of the diehards at the prospect of a return to coalition rule under the egis of a new government.

To combat this dissatisfaction the central conservative association announced that in reality no pact had been reached but each constituency was at liberty to adopt whatever candidates it chooses. Since that announcement national liberals and conservatives have been opposing one another in districts where they were believed to have reached a noninterference understanding.

The Times says that Lloyd George is still trying to come to an understanding with unionist headquarters but that paper thinks the Unionists will find it impossible to make the arrangement Lloyd George desires even if they wished to do so, because the constituencies from which Lloyd George wants conservative candidates withdrawn are precisely those which are least likely to respond to an appeal from unionist chiefs. The newspaper thinks that a wide break between the two would affect party relationships on every front and would produce chaos in Scotland wherein many large areas the Unionists and national liberals are closely cooperating.

"Still," the Times contends, "the Lloyd George party, if it is to continue to live at all, has no alternative but to spread the war."

A clash between the conservatives and the Lloyd Georgians would likely result in an alliance between the national liberals and the Asquithian free liberals in several districts. The two groups of liberals are far from being in alliance now in some constituencies. Free liberals are attacking national liberals here and there and the cry "It isn't fair" is not infrequently heard. Day by day in every way the situation grows complicated and more complicated. Out of all the squabbles the laborites hope to have their cause benefited. Presenting a solidly united front themselves, they are enjoying the troubles of the parties whose aims embrace hostility to the labor program.

JOHN G. CARPENTER HEADS RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Mr. John G. Carpenter has accepted the appointment to the chairmanship of the Sixth Roll Call of the American Red Cross in Gastonia county, to be held between Armistice Day and Thanksgiving. Active plans for the organization of the Roll Call are already under way, the following sub-committee having been appointed: Mrs. Joe S. Wray, in charge of women solicitors; Mr. A. A. Armstrong for county organization; Rev. H. G. Morris, of the A. M. E. church in Gastonia, will direct the Roll Call for colored citizens in the county.

Mr. Cameron Williams will act as chairman of a special committee selected from the American Legion, the support of the Legion throughout the country having been pledged to the Red Cross as a part of the continued need of home care work for disabled soldiers.

Mr. Chris Lovett has accepted the chairmanship of a like committee of Greek citizens whose interest in the Roll Call at this time is especially keen on account of his relief work of the American Red Cross among those who are the latest victims of war in their country.

The Belmont branch of the Gastonia county chapter will organize its own Roll Call this year, their branch having recently secured the services of a Red Cross public health nurse for work in the town of Belmont.

ROME, Oct. 31.—Twelve persons were reported dead today as the result of attacks yesterday in which fascists were involved.

Back In Prison After 19 Years Of Freedom

MEMPHIS, TENN., Oct. 31.—Jesse Sanderson, Caruthersville, Mo., farmer, is on his way back to the Louisiana state penitentiary at Baton Rouge today to complete the serving of a life sentence, after enjoying 19 years of freedom, following his escape from prison in 1903.

Sanderson was turned over to the authorities by his daughter, who, officers stated, was angered when her father drove away a young man who was paying attention to her. She notified the Louisiana prison authorities that her father was an escaped prisoner, and Sanderson was arrested at his home at Caruthersville yesterday.

Sanderson was convicted in 1901 of having killed a man named Kinsey, whom he accused of stealing a plow from him. He was sentenced to life imprisonment but two years later escaped. After roaming all over the country, Sanderson went to Caruthersville, married, and has raised a family.

MINISTER'S DEFENSE IN TRIAL TO BE SERMON ON SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

Padrick, Young Minister, Of Georgia, On Trial For Double Murder.

INSANITY IS DEFENSE.

Will Preach On "Thou Shall Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Wife."

STATESBORO, Ga., Oct. 31.—When the Rev. Elliott Padrick, on trial for the alleged murder of his wife and her mother, Mrs. M. B. Dixon, took the stand in his own behalf here today, his first act was to lead the courtroom in prayer, after which he proceeded to deliver a sermon on the text, "Thou Shalt Not"—which probably was the most dramatic defense statement ever offered in a courtroom in this state.

During the presentation of his statement Padrick became so excited it was necessary for one of his attorneys to call a halt and when instructed to "sit down" the young minister walked defiantly over to a water cooler, drank a glass of water and returned to his attorney's table, where he sat down, closed his eyes and appeared to drop off in sleep.

In his prayer Padrick asked for Divine guidance for the court, the future of the church and the people of Statesboro. He then turned to the jury and delivered a short sermon.

He declared the women of today were causing the downfall of man by enticing them to their daily dress and playing to them through sex appeal. He said it was difficult for a young minister to enter the gospel because of the temptations of modern women.

The dramatic part of the minister's defense sermon was reached when he singled out his father-in-law, the father of his dead bride, pointed his finger at him and declared "You are responsible for me marrying your daughter." He told the jury that Mr. Dixon had insisted upon the wedding.

Padrick told of the alleged jealousy of his mother-in-law, whom he admits he killed.

"She would often beat her daughter because Willie Mae was admired by other men when she went to town," he said. The prosecution later in the day placed witnesses upon the stand to prove Padrick's sanity. James Quantelbaum, declared he considered him sane, having heard him preach. Tom Jones, another witness, said he had heard him preach, and considered him above the average in intelligence.

Mrs. E. L. Padrick, Sr., the defendant's mother, was the first witness to be placed upon the stand by the defense. Her evidence was counted upon by defense attorneys to prove the boy's peculiar attitude since early boyhood. She testified as to his many attacks and said his mental condition sometimes threw him into unconsciousness.

He would often get up in the night and study the Bible until daylight. He had queer ideas of religion. He thought other ministers' sincerity—in fact, he often declared Bishop Chandler was not a religious man."

Rev. E. L. Padrick, Sr., aged minister and father of the defendant, testified that his son "has always wept over a 'lost world.' The father went on to tell of sending his boy to Florida because of his mental condition. He admitted that a contributing reason for sending him there was the fact that he was wanted for forging the name of his employer on a check, and was about to be arrested for wife beating.

STATESBORO, Ga., Oct. 31.—Elliott Padrick, former minister, who declared that the hand of God directed him in the slaying of his pretty young wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. M. B. Dixon, and that in his defense statement to the jury he would attempt to preach a sermon on the commandment "Thou shalt not covet"—(Continued on page six.)

Sheriffette



Claire Scanlan, St. Paul, thinks she's the world's only official sheriffette. She's had that title conferred on her by Sheriff John Wagner and she wears a star to prove it. She cares for women prisoners.

A. O. WHARTON, OF U. S. LABOR BOARD, DISAGREES WITH MAJORITY MEMBERS

Declares That Majority Report On Wage Decisions Is Untrue.

FOR HIGHER WAGES.

Does Not Say How Laborer Can Live On \$51 A Month.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—A. O. Wharton, one of the three members of the United States Railroad Labor Board whose dissenting opinion on the wage decision for maintenance of way workers brought forth the "living wage" rejoinder by the majority members Sunday, in a statement published today declared the majority opinion was fallacious and contained untruths.

"I was not permitted to see the majority statement before writing my dissenting opinion," he said.

"Now that I have read it I find it is fallacious and contains untruths. In some places it presents alleged arguments which on their face are impossible.

"The majority statement speaks of \$290,000,000 increase it has given the maintenance of way men. On the same method of figuring it end their pay \$50,000,000 in the July 1 decision, so the railroads are still \$30,000,000 to the good.

"It speaks of the cost of living, but it does not explain how a laborer can support himself and family on \$61 a month."

"It does not explain that the inflation pay increase it granted means only 16 cents a day for each man."

"It says nothing of the poor men who live in shacks, box cars and boxes set up on four posts."

"I openly urge the majority to have an unbiased committee set into the sections where these laborers live to find out the truth about their living."

"The majority tries to make the public believe that I would have laborers given pay on which they could buy an automobile this year and an airplane next year."

"I ask only that a man be given pay that brings decency with it; that Americans be enabled to live as Americans and enabled to live in respectability in their own environment and according to their own lights, not in the environments of the wealthy."

"The majority says the average wage for these men on southern railroads is 25 cents an hour and 37 cents on other lines. Then it says that the 25 cents men get more than the 37 cent men who considered in relation to living condition in the respective territories."

"The 25 cent men are mostly negroes and Mexicans so the majority admits that it gives these Mexicans more than it gives native born Americans. How can the majority justify that?"

"The majority does not distinguish pauperism and opulence. It pretends that what labor terms a living wage means opulence. Labor doesn't ask opulence. It asks only American decency."

"The majority charges that the minority is a dissembling opinion and that it has advised the employers to strike against the decision of the board and had issued 'invidious arguments to the employees.'"

"When we wished to make our position clear publicly we were refused the right of official publication."

"The majority apparently wished to keep pushing wages forever downward with no thought of the consequence."

"It is only because of the decided stand taken by labor that any kind of halt at all has been called."

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy, possibly showers in extreme southwest; little change in temperature.

Princess Hermine Thinks She Will Be Happiest Woman In World When Wed To Ex-Kaiser

Thinks William Is One Of Most Generous, Kindhearted Men That Ever Lived—Is Not Marrying Him For His Money—Says Other Women Were Mad With Envy And Jealousy.

WITCHES WALK AS LOCAL CIVITANS ENTERTAIN AT FIRST LADIES' NIGHT

Recently Organized Club Gives Halloween Party To Their Wives.

DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

Women And Other Visitors Told What Civitan Means and What it Stands For.

Ladies' night of the Civitan Club, the first public dinner given by this club since its organization six months ago, was a decided success from every standpoint. It was held at the Country Club Monday evening, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. About seventy-five were gathered around the festal board and throughout the evening each and every one found enjoyment in the splendid orchestra music, the witty and wholesome remarks by the several speakers, the visit of the Halloween ghosts and, last but not least, in the most excellent dinner provided for them.

Carrying out the Halloween idea the banquet room was most attractively decorated with witches' lanterns and the variety of other things which are so closely connected with this occasion, such as black cats and pumpkins. The floor decorations on the tables were christening bouquets of which there was a profusion of large and beautiful specimens.

Roswell C. Long, pastor of West Avenue Presbyterian church, was toastmaster and he handled his job like a veteran in the business. At the beginning of the program he introduced Emory B. Denny, president of the club, in an address entitled "How I Love the Ladies," which proved to be unusually mirth-provoking. Following this the toastmaster read the annual club poem in which the members of the club were mentioned and briefly described.

"Why I Am a Civitan" was Dr. C. H. Pugh's subject. Adverting to the fact that the Civitan International Club is only five years old, the speaker called attention to the fact that its principles were as old as civilization and the Christian religion. Civitan, he said, means Citizenship and the club's motto is "Builders of Citizenship."

"The majority of Civitan particularly seeks to do, he said, namely to create a better educated citizenship and to make a more law-abiding citizenship. The several principal features of the Civitan creed were then briefly mentioned by the following:

Marshall Dilling: "My Hands"—to do the work of the world and to keep its market places clean.

Ernest R. Warren: "My Eyes"—to see the call of our fellowmen for help and companionship."

Frank C. Abernethy: "My Ears"—to search for good men and to look for ways in which to help them.

Kay Dixon: "My Mouth"—to speak the cheering word and to help my fellowman with warning and advice.

Jim Blair: "My Mind"—to think on the higher things of life with a view to being of benefit to my fellows.

C. Highsmith: "My Heart"—to send out a fellow feeling and to sympathize with those around me."

Major Whitesides: "My Soul"—to harbor those ambitions which will make me a better citizen.

C. J. McCombs: "My Hope"—to make myself and my fellowman better citizens."

Chas Rankin: "My Creed"—the golden rule.

W. G. Gaston: "My Pledge"—to uphold and propagate the ideals and teachings of Civitanism."

Several telegrams, received during the dinner and read by the secretary, Frank C. Abernethy, caused much merriment. Some of them were as follows:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 30, 1922. F. C. Abernethy, Civitan Club, Gastonia, N. C. The birds are singing sweetly, the flowers were never so beautiful. It's (Continued on page 5.)

BULWINKLE EXPOSES FAILURE OF DO-NOTHING REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

Congressman In Fine Speech At Lory Takes Up National Issues.

TAKES RAP AT SHUFORD.

Closes With Appeal For Support Of Judicial And County Ticket.

Dismissing the campaign issues in a calm and unimpassioned manner, and presenting the failures of the Republican Congress, Representative A. L. Bulwinkle addressed the largest crowd that has heard a political speech in Gaston this year at the Lory mill Monday evening. The meeting was held in the new Lory mill annex, which had been comfortably heated and seated for the occasion by the management.

Declaring that he intended no bitter partisan allusions, the Congressman stated in the outset that he did not mean to offend any Republicans but was simply going to give an inside view of the Republican party as "took by itself." In support of this statement he quoted from Secretary of War Weeks the assertion that Congress was at the lowest ebb it had reached in years and that it had almost become a habit with the public to disparage a Congress. Representative Wood, a Republican member of Congress from Indiana, was quoted as saying that everywhere people were giving Congress hell, that it had done nothing to restore business, had done nothing for the farmer and the price of farm products, etc.

In a brief and forceful manner, Congressman Bulwinkle discussed the tariff, the Newberry scandal and the bonus fiasco, touching at the last for a few minutes upon Congressional and county issues.

He explained how the tariff bill had relieved a great many wealthy men of excess profits taxes, and had placed the burden upon the common people by reason of the higher prices they must pay for all kinds of necessities. The Standard Oil Company itself was relieved of \$540,000,000 in taxes by the measure. It is true the tariff adds \$300,000,000 in revenue to Government funds, but it takes \$6,250,000,000 out of the pockets of American people and puts the money into the pockets of foreigners.

Taking up the Ford-Newberry senatorial scandal in Michigan, the congressman went into the history of this affair and thoroughly exposed it. He read the resolution which seated Newberry.

Charging that the Republican Congress had used the soldier as a political football, Major Bulwinkle exposed the real reason for the veto of the soldier bonus—its President—Harding. It was in answer to the dictates of the predatory Wall street interests. Harding said it was class legislation and a perversion of public funds. He forgot that the tariff bill was the worst sort of class legislation, and that three billion dollars had been given to war contractors for cancelled war contracts.

In conclusion he declared that not many of his Republican friends in the Ninth district knew the name of his opponent. The Major asked his audience at Lory if any one knew the name of his opponent. No one answered. He has failed to file notice of his candidacy with the State board of elections, had failed to file expense accounts, etc.

"Come over to us and help make it unanimous," concluded Major Bulwinkle, "and elect the whole ticket including Bob Elyne and all the county candidates."

At the conclusion of Major Bulwinkle's address, John G. Carpenter addressed the crowd for a few minutes. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Lory band.

COUNTY TEACHERS TO MEET HERE SATURDAY

A county-wide teachers meeting will be held in the Gaston county courthouse Saturday November 4. Every teacher in the county is expected to be present. This is the first general county teachers' meeting of the year. The following call has been issued from the office of County Superintendent F. P. Hall:

"On Saturday, November 4th, from 10 to 12, we expect to hold at the courthouse in Gastonia the most inspiring teacher's meeting ever held in the county. You are most cordially invited to attend. The proceedings will be important but short and snappy. No Gaston teacher can afford to miss this occasion. Come at all cost and come on time."

COTTON MARKET

GASTONIA COTTON.

Receipts today..... 95 bales  
Price..... 24 1-4 cents

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET  
NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Cotton futures closed steady.  
December 24.19; January 23.94; March 24.09; May 23.90; July 23.90; July 23.67; Spots closed steady and unchanged at 24.30.  
Tennessee men got shot because "It wasn't loaded." It was not a gun. It was a gun.