

## MRS. JANE GIBSON HAS MORE INFORMATION FOR AUTHORITIES ON MURDER

### Says She Heard One Of The Women Under Tree Talking About Letters - This Information Came From Neighbors.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—In her eye witness account of the Hall-Mills murder on September 14 Mrs. Jane Gibson, farmer, told the authorities, it was learned today that a few moments before the fatal shooting she heard one of the women under the crab apple tree exclaim indignantly:

"Then explain these letters." This part of Mrs. Gibson's story came to light through a conversation she had with a neighbor after making her statements to investigators. There was a moment or two of heated argument; it was said, after the explanation was demanded, then, without warning, the shooting.

Notes that were said to have passed between the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, the murder victims, were found strewn about their bodies under the tree. Movements of the investigators today, though veiled in secrecy, appeared to be centered for the most part in keeping under surveillance three men answering descriptions given by Mrs. Gibson. It was reported that Special Deputy Attorney General Mott intended at an opportune moment to bring the three before Mrs. Gibson.

Maintaining that he felt confident that the eye-witness story told by Mrs. Jane Gibson would "stand up," Special Deputy Attorney General Willbur A. Mott continued today his efforts to identify the man Mrs. Gibson described as being the murderer.

According to Mrs. Gibson witnesses have been found to corroborate her statement that a woman wearing a long "gray coat" was on the Phillips farm on the night of the murder.

Two sisters of the murdered clergyman, Mrs. Paul Bonner, of New York, and Mrs. Frank Voorhees, of Jersey City, told newspaper men that their knowledge of the circumstances made them believe implicitly in the innocence of the rector's widow. It was Mrs. Voorhees' ten year old daughter, Frances, who was in the Hall home on the night of the murder and who says that Mrs. Hall was at home on the night at least until 9 p. m.

Detective James F. Mason, chief investigator for Mr. Mott, coincided with his chief's view, declaring he has "very confidence in Mrs. Gibson's story of the murder, and believes it will stand the strictest examination.

Detective Schwartz, of Newark, finger print expert; his assistant, Detective Derivaux, and the official police photographer of Newark were on their way here today to make photographs and diagrams of the scene of the murders and to examine clothing of the victims.

A detective employed by the investigators said today that the day after Mrs. Gibson's story was made public, she had been approached by a man who said to her:

"Keep quiet. If you don't talk you can make more from the defense." Mrs. Hall was expected this afternoon to receive newspaper men at the rector and permit them to question her at will.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—"There will be an indictment in the Hall-Mills murder case within the next three days," declared Prosecutor Beckman of Somerset county late today. He declined to amplify his statement.

Mr. Beckman's statement came at the close of a day of maneuvers which gave little indication that the denouement was approaching in the investigation of the double slaying of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Blinhardt Mills, a member of his choir, on the Phillips farm September 14.

Mrs. Gibson is irritated. Mrs. Jane Gibson, ex-tricard rider, pursuer of corn thieves and self-styled eye witness to the murders, has been absent absorbing public interest in the drama the last five days, today being came irritated at the repeated efforts of reporters to interview her and shoot them off her farm by the simple expedient of firing a charge of birdshot over their heads. Thereafter interviews were conducted by telephone, whenever Mrs. Gibson could be induced to answer the bell.

"You reporters come here destroying my peace all the time," said the woman of action, who explained her presence near the scene of the murder by stating that on that night she was riding her mule Jenny bareback in quest of corn robbers.

"You are liable to get into a lot of trouble if you persist and the papers are liable to suit for things they are printing about me.

"I have told the truth as I saw it and my past has nothing to do with it."

Mrs. Gibson insisted that William Easton, New Brunswick mechanic, who has been appearing at her farm where she lives with her son, Willie, was not her husband, but "only a relative."

Detective Totten, who has been checking up her story of the shooting in which she claimed to have identified the slayer and his companion, said this afternoon, however, that Easton was her husband and that the couple were in Trenton, N. J., running a furniture business, until Mrs. Gibson pulled up stakes and turned farmer. Easton has occasionally reappeared at the farm.

Mrs. Gibson declared that Easton was merely a relative. Her husband, she said, died 17 years ago from pneumonia. She declined to say where he had died, after having previously denied that it was in Kentucky.

## Peabody College Girls Are Playing Football

NASHVILLE, TENN., Nov. 1.—Flying tackles, long end runs, line bucks and forward passes no longer belong solely to male football heroes, for women now have entered the gridiron to claim conquests.

In a hair raising football battle here yesterday, the "Vikings" and "Danes"—twenty two girls recruited from the George Peabody College for Teachers—gave spectators all the thrills found at big games between men. The "Vikings" triumphed when Miss Virginia Berger crossed the goal line, dragging several tacklers with her, after getting away for a twenty two yard run.

The two games at Peabody are to be a weekly occurrence, played under official football rules, with the exception that dimensions of the field have been reduced a few yards and a round ball used. Claims to the football championship of the University among the fair sex already have been made by the Peabody girls.

## REPUBLICAN LEADERS PREDICT MAJORITY OF 44 IN NEXT CONGRESS

Expect Democrats to Gain 64 Seats in Election—Missouri Which is Now Strongly Republican is Conceded to Opposing Party.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The inside Republican estimate of the next house is 239 Republicans to 195 Democrats. The present house stands 298 Republicans to 131 Democrats. The expected majority of 44 will be better for all practical purposes than the present unwieldy preponderance.

In the following table which shows the majority of 44 there is a certain amount of guess work, especially in the case of Missouri, which is now 14 Republicans and two Democrats, and which is estimated as six Republicans and 10 Democrats in the next Congress. Political confusion in Missouri is so great that no one knows what will happen there but the Democrats are given the benefit of the doubt.

The new house will stand, if the Republican inside estimate is correct, as follows:

State	Rep.	Dem.
Alabama	0	10
Arkansas	0	7
Arizona	0	1
California	9	2
Colorado	2	2
Connecticut	3	2
Delaware	0	1
Florida	0	4
Georgia	0	12
Idaho	2	0
Illinois	21	6
Indiana	9	4
Iowa	11	0
Kansas	7	1
Kentucky	3	8
Louisiana	6	8
Maine	4	0
Massachusetts	13	3
Michigan	11	2
Minnesota	8	2
Mississippi	0	8
Missouri	6	10
Montana	1	1
Nebraska	4	2
Nevada	0	1
New Hampshire	2	0
New Jersey	8	4
New Mexico	1	0
New York	26	10
North Carolina	0	10
North Dakota	3	0
Ohio	14	8
Oklahoma	2	6
Oregon	3	0
Pennsylvania	29	7
Rhode Island	3	0
South Carolina	0	7
South Dakota	3	0
Tennessee	3	7
Texas	0	18
Utah	2	0
Vermont	2	0
Virginia	0	10
Washington	5	1
West Virginia	5	1
Wisconsin	11	0
Wyoming	1	0
Totals	239	195

In addition there will be a Socialist member from New York.

In the senate the Republicans campaign managers here feel that they have a chance to lose the following seats, those of France in Maryland; Frelinghuysen in New Jersey and McLean in Connecticut. They have a chance to win seats held by the Democrats as follows: Those of Reed in Missouri; Myers in Montana; Hitchcock in Nebraska; Jones in New Mexico; Pittman in Nevada; Pomeroy in Ohio; Gerry in Rhode Island; King in Utah and Kedrick in Wyoming. The prospects of gaining in Montana, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah and Wyoming are good. The expectation is that the next senate will have from two to four more Republican members than the present one.

## WEATHER DISTURBANCE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—A disturbance of considerable intensity has developed over the lower Missouri valley and has been attended by general rains in the Gulf states, the Mississippi valley and Oklahoma, the weather bureau announced today. The disturbance is moving north eastward.

## THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight; Thursday cloudy and warmer, probably rain in west.

## Persistence



Twenty years ago, Jerome Uhl, noted painter and opera singer, married Elizabeth Norris of Philadelphia. They were divorced in 1914, remarried in 1917, and divorced again in 1919. Now Uhl is sailing for Europe to marry his former wife for the third time.

## DOUBLE MURDER IN MONTANA IS UNEXPLAINED

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pyle Take Body Of Daughter, Mrs. Carleton To Helena For Second Funeral—Many Details Are Mysterious.

HAVRE, MONT., Nov. 1.—Unexplained details of the double killing of Rev. Leonard Jacob Christler, outstanding churchman and orator, and Mrs. Margaret Carleton, a member of his congregation, still puzzled authorities here today. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pyle, of Butte, Mont., today took the body of Mrs. Carleton, their daughter, to Helena, Montana, where a second funeral service will follow that held here last night. Mrs. Pyle before leaving said she did not have sufficient evidence to demand that the case be reopened, but said either she or Mr. Pyle would return here tomorrow to continue their investigation.

When a coroner's jury Saturday night returned a verdict to the effect that Mrs. Carleton did the shooting while under the influence of an overdose of sleeping powders, the matter appeared closed, but Mrs. Pyle was not satisfied and started a further investigation.

Within the past 24 hours it was shown that the bullet which killed Mrs. Carleton had been fired downward, not directly in or upward, as had been testified at the coroner's inquest.

The husband of the dead woman, former district judge Frank E. Carleton, issued in California a statement asserting that Mrs. Carleton had confessed to him her love for Rev. Mr. Christler, and had intimated that her love was returned. Mr. Carleton condemned what he characterized as an "attempt to whitewash" Mr. Christler's character.

Ownership of the pistol used in the killing is another mystery. It was not Mr. Carleton's as far as is known. Investigation thus far has failed to disclose that it was the property of the Christlers. Mrs. Pyle also has claimed that diamond rings which Mrs. Carleton was seen wearing Thursday evening have not been found and has suggested that if the rings were taken from Mrs. Carleton's hand after the shooting, the revolver might have been placed in the open palm at the same time.

The only story of the shooting told so far was that of Mrs. Christler, said to have been the only other person in the Christler house at the time. She had her back toward Mr. Christler and Mrs. Carleton when she heard two shots and turned to see Mrs. Carleton fall, she told the coroner's jury.

## BONES OF A DINOSAUR THOUGHT TO BE FOUND

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 31.—What are thought to be the bones of a dinosaur or other prehistoric animal have been uncovered by workmen excavating at Enfield in the western portion of North Carolina, President Laxton of the engineering firm of Tucker and Laxton, announced here today.

Mr. Laxton who is somewhat versed in geology, said he thought enough of the discovery to write the state geological department of the University of North Carolina asking if the department desired to investigate the matter and offering the use of his force of workmen.

The find was made at a depth of twenty-five feet, Mr. Laxton said, and was encrusted with what appeared to be the remains of sea shells. He pointed out that scientists believe the Atlantic ocean at one time covered the coastal plain of North Carolina and other seaboard states.

## D. F. KING, BANKER OF LEAKSVILLE, IS DEAD

LEAKSVILLE, N. C., Nov. 1.—While arrangements were being made today to close all business houses here during the funeral tomorrow of D. Franklin King, banker and business man, S. T. Neal, father of Mrs. D. Franklin King, Jr., died at his home at Reidsville, at the age of sixty-six.

## Winston-Salem Women To Honor Forsyth Soldiers

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Nov. 1.—The woman's club of this city, is having crepe myrtle and sugar maple trees planted on the highway between Winston-Salem and High Point, the same to be used in developing the memorial decoration in honor of the soldiers who went from Forsyth county into the world war. Not only for the heroes who gave their lives in the struggle to be memorialized but every man who responded to the call is to be remembered and his memory perpetuated with an ever-green tree along this highway. At the junction of the High Point and Greensboro roads, a granite marker, designating the memorial to the world war soldiers will also be erected by the civic department of the woman's club.

## KIWANIS TO HAVE FLOAT IN ARMISTICE DAY PARADE

At Meeting Yesterday Local Kiwanians Gave Hearty Support To American Legion For A Big Celebration—Interesting Program By Ministers.

Tuesday's meeting of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club was featured by an enthusiastic endorsement of the efforts of the local post of the American Legion to pull off a big celebration of Armistice Day, and by a program of most interesting talks. It was preachers' day, with Rev. J. W. Cautley Johnson, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, presiding. The other clerical members of the club, however, were absent from the city.

Present as a guest was Rev. Dr. James Henderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who made a most interesting talk on the relation of the ministry to the community.

Preceding the regular program, Kiwanian R. Grady Rankin, who was elected one of the lieutenant governors of the Carolina district at the annual district convention in Asheville, was called upon to make a report of the Asheville meeting. He made it clear that while the number of Gastonia Kiwanians attending the Asheville meeting was not large, that Gastonia took a prominent place. He urged all Kiwanians to make it a rule to attend the district conventions when possible. The suggestion was made that when the international convention is held in Atlanta next fall Gastonia Kiwanians should make arrangements to attend in large numbers, to get the inspirational benefit of this immense gathering of Kiwanians from Canada and the United States.

Two lay members, J. Young Todd and Van Covington, made splendid talks on the work of the ministry as viewed by laymen.

The club voted unanimously to have a float in the Armistice Day parade, and this matter will be handled by a committee to be appointed by President D. M. Jones.

## CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL OFF TO PLAY PEABODY HIGH

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 1.—Carrying two barrels of city water, two physicians an d accompanied by a delegation of rooters, the Charleston high school football team today left for Peabody, Miss., where on Saturday they will play the Peabody high school team on Saturday. The delegation of rooters includes among its members Mayor John P. Grace, of Charleston, and E. B. Jackson, of Wagner, S. C., an opposed Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

Last year's Peabody high school journeyed to Charleston and was defeated 13 to 6. The Charleston team has been defeated only once in two years, Duval high school of Jacksonville beating them last year.

The Bantams plan to stop in Boston, New York, and Washington en route home. They will call at the White House next Tuesday.

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## Younger Generation In Italy Overthrows Older Politicians

Tens Of Thousands Of Young, Vigorous Fascisti On Way Home Today After Thrilling Day In Rome—Flush Of Victory Gives Way To Drab Business Of To-Morrow.

## Not To Shave Until They Win A Game

BATON ROUGE, LA., Nov. 1.—Members of the Louisiana State University football team appeared on State field today with a three days beard in accordance with a written promise signed by all varsity members not to shave until they won a game.

The Tigers made desperate by their ill-success, are determined to make the fight of their lives to be able to take a shave either this or next week, their leaders announced.

## LIFE IMPRISONMENT IS PROBABLE JURY VERDICT

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

STATESBORO, Ga., Nov. 1.—The fate of Elliott Padrick, former minister, who confessed the slaying of his girl-wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. Mamie Lou Dixon, now rests with a superior court jury. Indications this morning were that a verdict would be reached during the day.

That the attorneys for Padrick expect and ask nothing more than a verdict of guilty with recommendation, was made clear by their closing arguments before the jury last night.

The attorneys plainly told the jury that they would be content with a verdict which provides for life imprisonment, but plead with the twelve men not to "hang a crazy man."

Padrick has been on trial for the alleged murder of Mrs. Dixon for the past two days and closed his defense with a dramatic sermon to the jury, declaring that he shot his wife because of her indiscretions. His text was based on the commandment "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

After opening with prayer, the former minister declared the temptations of modern woman made it difficult for a young man to enter the ministry. The women of today, he continued, are causing their downfall of men, enticing them by their daily dress and playing to them through sex appeal.

Defense attorneys introduced evidence tending to prove that Padrick not only was insane at the time of the double killings but has been of unsound mind since of his life. In completing his charge to the jury late last night, Judge J. B. Park gave instructions that if there was any doubt of Padrick's sanity at the time he committed the crime he should be acquitted, but if there was no doubt a guilty verdict, with or without a recommendation for mercy, should be returned.

Padrick shot his wife and mother-in-law while the three were in an automobile near here, on June 19. It has not yet stood trial on the indictment charging murder of his wife, who declared in a letter to a friend that she had left her husband because she found she "had married a crazy man."

## Guion And Withers Will Build New Schoolhouse

Guion and Withers, local contractors, secured the contract for the erection of the new graded school building in the Arlington section at a meeting of the building committee Tuesday afternoon. Their bid was \$63,232.

The new building will be erected on a plot of five acres donated by the Gray-Separk chain of mills. It will contain 15 class rooms and an auditorium and will be equipped with all modern conveniences. Work will begin at an early date.

## ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM IS FAST ROUNDING INTO SHAPE

County-Wide Co-operation Is Asked By American Legion—Local Civic And Fraternal Organizations Are Lining Up Floats For Big Parade—Fireworks In Evening Promise To Be One Of Biggest Attractions.

Enthusiastic co-operation from Kiwanis, Rotary and Civitan clubs, together with the Moose, Woodmen, Woman's Club and other civic organizations, already pledged, point to an elaborate display of floats in the Armistice Day parade, according to information from Legion headquarters today. Other organizations have promised to fall in line. Indications are that the parade will be one of the most spectacular ever held here.

In addition to the floats from all over the county, the Gaston Howitzers will form a big unit in the parade. The Lincoln troupe of cavalry has been invited to take part, and they will doubtless accept. Invitations have also been extended to all American Legion posts in this vicinity to be present and take part in the day's festivities.

## GOVERNOR MORRISON EXPLAINS STATE SHIP PLAN IN WELDON SPEECH

Denies That It Would Necessitate The Burden Of An Ad Valorem Tax—Pleads With People To Rally To His Support And Strike Off The Commercial Handcuffs.

ROME, Nov. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—Italy was on the road back to normalcy today after a most exhilarating week that saw the younger generation rise to power and in a great triumph overthrow the older politicians.

Tens of thousands of the young vigorous fascisti and their enthusiastic admirers who accompanied them here from all over the land were on the way back to their homes today. Yesterday there was the thrill of a real Roman triumph in which a million people made the streets ring with plaudits for King and country after Dr. Benito Mussolini and his new fascist ministry had taken their oaths before the sovereign. As soon as this formal ceremony had ended, the black-shirted boys and men who brought about the rise of Mussolini, marched as victors through the ancient streets of the city, crowded with a vast concourse that for the day doubled the population of Rome.

Today the flush of triumph gave way to the drab business of toil, individual and national. Dr. Mussolini was on the job early, and he said he was going to see to it that everybody else engaged in the business of the nation followed suit. He made it plain he was going to rule with an iron hand that Italy might the sooner be restored to a better economic basis, and a more powerful place in international affairs.

For the moment at least, communism has no part in the life of Italy. The onslaught of the Fascisti has rendered all radicalism a paralyzing blow. Carrying their battle into the labor temples and the meeting places of their antagonists, the militant nationalists have seized the records and rosters and burned them.

Politically the chief topic in Italy today is what the fortune of the new cabinet will be when it goes before the chamber of deputies. One thing is certain. If Mussolini's government does not receive a majority in the chamber, he will have parliament dissolved and then the Fascisti will take their cause to the country. Mussolini made this clear last Monday when he built a new cabinet at the request of the King.

## Explains Steamship Plan

His remarks concerning the steamship proposal ran as follows: "I do not see that I cannot at this time present to the state the argument in favor of the ship corporation which I have proposed. In due time I expect to present the situation to the people of the state and to the general assembly. I do hope the people will withhold an adverse judgment until they are made acquainted with the exact condition which confronts the state."

"There need be no alarm about a great amount of money being expended. Ships are being sold by the United States government at prices never before heard of. I notice some gentlemen suggesting that it would take five millions of dollars. We would be unable to use five millions of dollars worth of ships and other equipment at present prices. I am satisfied the corporation can be organized and put in operation with an increased interest charge on the state of not in excess of \$70,000 a year. The ships can be operated not only at a profit, but at a great profit if the people will only patronize them. I am satisfied when the people know the facts and how vital to the future growth and prosperity of this state such a shipping company is, they will give the necessary patronage."

"It cannot fail if they will do so. If we want to do it, and if had to go down on our knees to get it, we could quit without much loss. We expect to organize the people of the state not only to construct and operate the company, but to patronize it sufficiently to make it a success, and if they will, it will save the people of the state more money and be worth more to the business of the state annually than the entire tax paid for purposes of state government."

"The great chain of inland waterways in eastern North Carolina constitutes the finest body of inland waterways in America. Under the present law, as interpreted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, they are of little value to us as freight rate basis points because they are not used for shipping purposes."

"Will Benefit Whole State." "There will be direct and immediate benefit to at least 35 of the 100 counties of the state, and incidentally, benefit will be radiated to all the other counties. Freight rates are based on rates to a few base points plus the local rates from such points to the destination of the freight. Our present freight rates are largely based on Virginia cities—rate plus the local and thereby we are commercial bondsmen to them. We want basic points in North Carolina, and from them we want to radiate the freight over the state. It certainly cannot hurt any part of North Carolina, and I am sure it will help the whole state by immediately and almost magically revolutionizing the commerce of the eastern section of our state."

"In due time the whole matter will be put before the state, and the people called upon to get behind it and strike off the commercial handcuffs by which North Carolina has been manacled so long."

"Of course, demagogues are already spreading it over the state that this will result in great increase in taxes on the value of property in the state. This is ridiculous because we will never have any more taxes on the value of property for any purposes if I can help it."

## COTTON MARKET

GASTONIA COTTON. Today Receipts..... 50 Bales Price..... 24 3/8 Cents

## CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Cotton futures closed steady. The freight over January 24-01; March 24-00; May 23-98; July 23-77; Spot 24-20.