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STATE RESTS CASE AGAINST HONOR KILLER

Defense Summation Brings Tears to Allen Murder Jurors' Eyes.

ROSE SNUBBED BY DEBS Slain Man's Brutality to Her Father Charged by Attorney.

BY PAUL COMLY FRENCH
United Press Staff Correspondent
NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 5.—Eddie Allen's two-point defense, maintaining that he killed Francis A. Donaldson III, his sister's lover, to vindicate her honor and to protect himself and his feeble father from violence, got under way today after the state had rested its case against him.

His counsel, William T. Connor, emotionally summed up his defense, sparing neither the reputation of the beautiful 19-year-old debutante, Rose Allen, nor the memory of her father. He brought many members of the jury to tears.

Rose sat quietly, serene as Connor's sonorous voice rolled on. To all appearances, she did not hear him. Eddie sat at the counsel table, holding his hands together in his lap, squirming and twisting.

Horace Allen, the father, was slumped over, obviously tortured by the recitation. He was prepared to add to Rose's shame in order to defend Eddie. He awaited a call to describe the alleged dishonoring of his daughter by Donaldson that preceded the slaying.

Tells of Discovery

Connor told of Eddie pleading with his sister after he learned that the elder Allen found Donaldson in her bedroom late at night. She had slapped her father's face, and, according to Connor's story, Donaldson had pushed the father into his own bedroom and shoved him over a bed. Eddie told Rose it would have to stop.

"Who do you think you are, God Almighty?" Connor quoted Rose. "I'm good enough to protect my father," Eddie replied. "We won't have him long."

As Connor talked, there was an uneasy stirring among the spectators, made up largely of members of Philadelphia exclusive society, cronies and friends of the Allens and the Donaldsons. The debutante who snubbed Rose when she entered the courtroom this morning, listened breathlessly.

Puts Arm Around Eddie

Connor raced over and threw a protective arm around the shoulders of his client. He shouted: "And this poor boy, with his mother dead, his father rapidly becoming a nervous, broken old man, his sister betrayed and his own life in peril at the hands of this vicious amateur boxer, was confronted on the night of the tragedy by Donaldson and Lucas.

"They had forced their way into the apartment, into this man's home, where he but sought to have peace and calmness for the declining years of his aged father's life." At this point Rose buried her face in her hands. The elder Allen looked up for a moment. His face glistened wetly with tears. Throughout the courtroom women were sobbing.

Judge Harold G. Knight hastily recessed court and left for his chamber, his head bowed.

Rose's betrayal was placed in the records of the court yesterday over the strenuous opposition of District Attorney Stewart Nase by Detective Captain E. L. Mullin of the lower Marion township police.

He read Eddie's signed statement given shortly after the shooting.

Policeman Reads Statement

Rose, a lone figure seated near the wall in the court room, lowered her eyes toward the floor as Mullin, in a lifeless monotone, revealed her betrayal.

Allen sat with head bowed in his hands.

As Mullin droned on the effort of police to gain an admission from Eddie that he had gone after the gun on the night of the slaying to kill Donaldson was revealed.

But not once, Captain Mullin admitted under examination by Nase, did Allen tell them he had any idea of killing the betrayer of his younger sister.

"I didn't think of that," Eddie told police, according to Mullin. "I only wanted a weapon to scare Skinny (Donaldson) and Gal (Albert G. H. Lucas), friend of Donaldson, who accompanied the dead social registerite to the Allen apartment, his statement said.

M-2 DEAD ARE HONORED

Buglers Sound Last Post Call at Plymouth Services.

PLYMOUTH, England, Feb. 5.—Buglers sounded the last post call at the conclusion of church services here today for the sixty men lost aboard the submarine M-2.

Naval and air force officers, civic officials and representatives of all warships in port attended. All flags in the city and at the dockyard were at half-staff mast.

An impressive memorial service was held at Portsmouth in the dockyard church known as the "Cathedral." Numerous weeping widows, orphans and relatives of the lost men were present. Representatives of all the fighting services attended.

Thinks First of Wife as He Triumphs Over Death

THIS is a story of the accompanying photograph and how it is acting as an ambassador of mercy for a man who lives despite three lead slugs in his brain.

The photo is a greeting of hope and a caress from a husband to a wife as he wins a battle against death.

It is the only means whereby J. R. Gardner, 3236 North Illinois street, the man in the photo, can visit his invalid wife at his North Illinois street home.

Physicians today forecast that Gardner, despite three bullet slugs in his brain, will get well.

Gardner, former state highway purchasing agent, was shot and dangerously wounded in battling with a hitch-hiking bandit on Jan. 28 at Seventy-first street and Keystone avenue.

And today, as search continues for his assailant, Gardner's sole aim at the city hospital is to recover so he can return to the bedside of his sick wife.

It is this desire that results in the above photo.

"YOU see my wife has been ill. When I was shot she couldn't come to see me," he said today. "So I'd appreciate it if you'd take her a copy of the photo you're taking."

"Of course I've a telephone by my bed and, Thursday, I talked to her for the first time since my illness, but I want her to see me and the photograph is the only way."

Two copies of the above photograph today are in the sickroom of Mrs. Gardner.



J. R. Gardner, living despite three bullet slugs in his brain, is shown in his city hospital bed, attended by his nurse, Miss Doris Aufderheid.

MELLON CHOICE UP TO SENATE

Confirmation Is Assured, Watson Tells Hoover.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Hoover today sent to the senate the nomination of Andrew W. Mellon to be ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Great Britain.

The nomination was dispatched from the White House with a group of other nominees for United States attorneys and marshals.

Earlier in the day the President had received assurances from Republican Floor Leader Watson of the senate that the nomination would be confirmed. Watson said he had canvassed senate sentiment and found little opposition to the transfer of the secretary of the treasury to the court of St. James.

As soon as Mellon's nomination is confirmed, Hoover will send to the Capitol the nomination of Ogden L. Mills to be his successor in the treasury post. The procedure is necessary to assure a continuous service of a secretary of treasury. Mellon will not relinquish his present post officially until confirmation is accomplished.

Suez Canal Hero Is Dead

TOULOUSE, France, Feb. 5.—Azo Petros Elouar, the Turk who saved the Suez Canal for the allies in the World war, died here today of cerebral hemorrhage. He was retired to wealth in a luxurious castle by England and France after he had led Syrian bands which defeated the Turkish-German maneuver to cut the canal.

Mine Operator Killed

SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 5.—Pleasant Jones, 67, Dugger business man, died in a hospital here of injuries suffered in a mine he operated near Sullivan. A mine age in which he was riding fell fifty-five feet.

Starting on The Times Woman's Page Monday

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The Big Ham!

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—John Blanchard liked ham and eggs at 3 a. m. so his wife got a divorce. In winning her decree she testified her husband came home nearly every night at 3 a. m. and made her get up and cook him some ham and eggs.

1,200 TO GET JOBS

Beech Grove Big 4 Shops to Resume Operations.

Twelve hundred men will go back to work in the locomotive shops of the Big Four railroad at Beech Grove on Feb. 15, it has been announced by D. J. Mullin, superintendent of motive power.

The 1,200 comprise the full force of the locomotive shops, and no additional help will be needed, Mullin said. The shops service the midwestern motive power department of the New York Central lines.

Resumption of activities will mark the first activity in the Beech Grove plant since the five-day temporary work period last December. Regular schedule has not been followed in the plant since last November.

The date for the resuming of work in the car repair and building shops has not been definitely decided, J. A. Brossart, superintendent of rolling stock, declared. He said some of the departments may resume work by March 1.

Western Senators Listened to This Argument with Apparent Interest.

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RELIEF BILL SUBSTITUTE TO MEET DEFEAT

Effort to Sidetrack Plan of La Follette and Costigan Appears Failure.

PUZZLE TO DEMOCRATS Issue Will Be Put Squarely Up to Party, Without Chance to Dodge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The barrier which senate Democrats have attempted to erect between themselves and a vote on the La Follette hunger relief bill was crumbling slowly today.

The Black-Walsh-Bulkeley substitute measure, which Democratic Leader Joseph Robinson and others in his party hoped would stand between them and the issue of direct help for the hungry has gained few friends in the two days it has been before the senate.

Today it was under heavy fire from senate liberals, who charge that the money it provides for road building would do little or nothing for immediate relief of suffering, and that the "loan" provision it attaches to the rest would prevent most states from benefiting under it.

Defeat Is Forecast

Senator Tydings of Maryland further complicated the situation Thursday by offering amendments which would require Governors to summon their legislatures and get consent from them to ask for loans, and also would provide for withholding future federal grants from states failing to repay money "borrowed" from the federal government inside of three years.

The substitute measure will, according to present indications, be defeated by a combination of Republican conservatives and liberals of both parties. If this takes place, the La Follette-Costigan bill will have a chance of final success, with responsibility resting squarely upon the Democratic party.

Labor Backs Measure

Meanwhile, organized labor is preparing an impressive appeal to Congress to support the bill. In voting, they must choose between the needs of their people at home, and the displeasure of Senator Robinson, their leader.

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Six days of search revealed the twisted skeleton of the plane on a 2,000-foot hillside four miles west of Ft. Tejon, not far from Lebec, and nine hours, Indian range rider, found the wreckage.

The plane had struck with terrific force. Pilot J. V. Sandblom had had no time to switch off the ignition.

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Japan Rushes New Army to Shanghai; Foe Plane Is Shot Down by Chinese

Wily Willie

PARK RAPIDS, Minn., Feb. 5.—A local restaurant owner today wished he could return a \$20 bill to a vagrant who begged a meal from him.

The hobo pulled a \$20 bill from his pocket while taking out a match. The proprietor saw the money and grabbed it. "Say, this was supposed to be a free meal," the hobo protested.

"That's all right, buddy," the proprietor said, "I'll just make change for this bill."

"Remember, I didn't ask you to," the tramp warned, as he left with \$19.65 change.

At the bank the restaurant owner learned the bill was counterfeit.

FIND 8 DEAD IN PLANE WRECK

Bodies Crushed, Charred in Terrific Crash.

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Great Powers to Confer Further on Peace Note to Japan.

TENSION IS RELIEVED

Situation in Shanghai Is Believed Less Perilous for Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Extended conversations among the western powers, it was indicated today, probably will precede presentation of new peace suggestions to Japan.

Secretary of State Stimson is being aided by the illness of Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain and the absence of Foreign Minister Sir John Simon from London in discussing with the British the new proposals invited by Japan.

There were indications that there might be a delay of a day or two before the suggestions are formulated.

Meanwhile, the state department feels that the situation at Shanghai, while still grave, has been less perilous to Americans because of Japanese withdrawal from vantage points in the international settlement. They were firing at Chinese from these points and a counter attack was feared.

Vessels Are Barred

Reports to the state department from the American consulate at Shanghai said the mayor there had announced a special martial law, preventing vessels from entering or passing out of the harbor between 5 p. m. and 7 a. m. daily. No objection will be made by the United States.

Chinese banks, the consulate said, have resumed business. Rice shops are conducting business through half-closed doors as a precaution against robbers. More than 162,000 workers are unemployed in Shanghai.

The consulate summarized recent developments at Shanghai as follows:

"The Wooning forts were not silenced last Wednesday as had been reported by Japanese.

"Shells Strike Oil Plant

"During the bombardment of the Wooning forts some fifty shells landed on the installation of the Texas Oil Company. One shell went through an empty tank belonging to the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

"The artillery duel between Japanese forces and the Chinese army continued all day Thursday, with more heavy gun fire than previously. Wednesday night was fairly quiet, with only short intervals of artillery, rifle and machine gun fire. It was reported that some Chinese troops were moving up to Chapel (native section).

"No definite information as to fire loss in the Chinese sector can be obtained. It has been estimated roughly that losses amount to \$30,000,000 (Mexican) or more, but these figures probably will cause double that damage."

Authoritative Japanese sources here today believed that the statement being prepared in Tokyo by the Japanese government for early issuance would reveal an intention on the part of Japan to send an army of perhaps as many as 10,000 soldiers to Shanghai.

General to Be in Command

It was expected by these sources that the statement would explain that the soldiers were sent in the belief that they would be effective in controlling the Shanghai situation.

An officer with the rank of general, it was believed, would be in command.

These sources did not believe the Japanese statement would contain any general exposition of the Japanese policy in the Orient. No copy nor abstract of the statement had reached the Japanese embassy up to noon today.

The destroyer Simpson at Nanjing advised the navy department

CHAPEL WRECKED, NAVY DEPARTMENT INFORMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Admiral M. M. Taylor, commanding United States naval forces at Shanghai, advised the navy department today that the Chapel district of Shanghai now is a total wreck, as a result of heavy gunfire between Japanese and Chinese forces.

Taylor, who sent his message from his flagship, the heavy cruiser Houston, reported the Japanese had attacked "with apparently little gain," and that the Japanese had bombarded near the international settlement boundary.

"Wooning forts," he said, "apparently are wrecked, by air or ship bombardment, but there is no evidence the Japanese have occupied them."

He said fires which broke out after the gunfire and bombing added to the ruin of the Chapel area.

Colonel R. S. Hooker, commanding American marines at Shanghai, advised that one Japanese airplane had been brought down by Chinese anti-aircraft guns, about a half mile from the northwest corner of

Faces Big Task

First Aerial Engagement in Orient Ends in Defeat for Invader.

FURIOUS BATTLE RAGES

American Infantry Arrives as Terrific Attack Is Staged in Chapel.

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