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INQUEST FAILS TO FIX HEIR DEATH BLAME

Reynolds Killing Still Is Mystery; Officials Not to Drop Probe.

LIBBY TO CINCINNATI

She Will Go Back to Old Home After Ordeal in Baring Love Story.

BY MORRIS DE HAVEN TRACY

United Press Staff Correspondent

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., July 12.—The Smith Reynolds death mystery investigation has not been closed by Monday night's verdict of the coroner's jury, which found that the young Reynolds died from a gunshot wound inflicted by persons or a person unknown. Sheriff Transou Scott said today.

"No case is closed as long as it is a mystery," he said, "as far as my office is concerned. And this case certainly is a mystery."

Later today, a conference of officials may decide just what direction the subsequent investigation will follow.

In the meantime, Libby Holman, widow of the 20-year-old heir to the Reynolds tobacco fortune, prepared to leave late this afternoon for Cincinnati, the family home.

Monday night she was released from custody after having been held under guard since Saturday as a material witness in the death of her husband.

Coroner's Jury Gives Verdict

Young Reynolds had been killed by a gunshot wound Wednesday morning.

The coroner's jury, near midnight, returned a verdict of death from a shot fired by a person or persons unknown.

Both Libby and Albert Walker, who also was held as a material witness, immediately were released.

The inquest testimony records with amazing frankness Mrs. Reynolds' story of her youthful husband's courtship, their love, and the growing inferiority complex of Smith.

To show a possible motive for suicide, the girl had told the coroner's jury Monday of her husband's discouragement over physical inadequacies, and had pictured him as so moody that he had threatened several times to kill himself.

The verdict came at the end of a day so packed with drama that those who followed it closely were left blinking and bewildered. Libby Holman, exotic as ever, for one hour poured out her heart to the jury.

She confessed that Smith Reynolds suffered from fear that he could not make her happy or return the love she bestowed upon him.

He had urged her, she said, to seek companionship of other men.

Reveals Drinking Contest

Probably the most amazing bit of testimony to come from the inquest was that of the nurse at the hospital where Smith Reynolds died, where Libby Holman and Albert Walker had hurried last Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Reynolds, clad in negligee, was assigned to a private room.

Walker later went in with her.

The nurse entered and found both on the floor, struggling to rise.

"Oh, my baby," Libby cried, according to the nurse.

And in answer to Walker's question, continued, "don't you know I'm going to take a baby?"

Walker testified that he had fainted while seated on the edge of the bed.

And Charles G. Hill, for whom the party was given Tuesday night, told the jurors that Mrs. William Vaughn, a guest, and Mrs. Reynolds had engaged in a drinking contest, after the former's boast that she could drink as much whisky as any man.

Interest on Child

By United Press

BALTIMORE, July 12.—In this city, where R. J. Reynolds, the elder, left the many millions of his tobacco fortune in trust for eventual distribution to his four children, all interest in the mysterious death of Smith Reynolds, the youngest of the heirs, centered today in whether or not his beautiful widow is to bear him a posthumous child.

If Libby Holman Reynolds, one-time Broadway favorite, is to become a mother, her child will be born heir to \$7,500,000 of the Reynolds fortune.

Legal authorities cited the North Carolina code as governing beyond which that the actress' unborn child would inherit.

At the coroner's inquest a nurse testified she had heard Mrs. Reynolds tell Albert Walker, her husband's friend, that she expected to become a mother. The Reynolds family physician said he knew nothing about it.

The North Carolina law is implicit concerning posthumous births. Leonard Weinberg, local attorney said. He cited the part of the code which says that if a child is born within ten months of the death of the father it is considered as "in being, for the purpose of taking any estate from the deceased to which such child is entitled."

MINERS OPPOSE SCALE

Demand Reconsideration of \$5-a-Day Agreement.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 12.—Four hundred union coal miners protesting a proposed \$5-a-day wage scale, mobilized at the offices of the Illinois state union today, demanding recall of the ballots on the scale and that a miners' conference reconsider its ratification of the wage agreement.

147-Day Coma

Rare Serum Developed From Own Blood May Save Sleeping Beauty.

By United Press

OAK PARK, Ill., July 12.—A suburban physician today pitted a rare serum taken from the blood of pretty Patricia Maguire, 27, who has been in coma 147 days, against the creeping death that threatens her.

Like the sleeping princess in the fairy tale, the slender, dark-haired girl virtually has been a "living corpse" since last February.

A conference of physicians decided months ago that she could not live.

But the spark of life burned on, and that fact has made it possible for Dr. Eugene Traut to isolate, for the first time from a living human, the germ that causes American "sleeping sickness."

"It is the most amazing case I ever have seen or heard of," Dr. Traut said today. "Because of Miss Maguire's strange vitality, I have been able to isolate the germs and develop a serum."

"I have administered the serum—and I hope it will not only cure her, but will prove a valuable addition to the store of medical science."

FOR nearly six months the quiet-spoken, attractive private secretary has lain almost inert in the Oak Park home of her mother, Mrs. Sadie Miley.

At times her eyes have flickered, but neither her mother nor her sister, Mrs. Gladys Hansen, believe she recognized them.

Every two hours, two nurses give her liquid food through her nostrils. Daily, they massage her limbs so they will not waste away. "Strangely enough," the mother said, "Patricia has grown heavier. She weighed only 120 pounds when she was taken ill, and now she weighs almost 150."

ROMANCE apparently was given a tragic setback by the malady which struck her.

"Was Miss Maguire to have been married?" the mother was asked. The mother caught her breath. "Let's not talk about that," she pleaded.

The illness struck Miss Maguire as she was preparing for church. Everything has been a blank to her since, as far as her doctor and the nurses could determine.

Dr. Traut explained that the malady is a brain infection. He cautioned against confusing it with "sleeping sickness," prevalent in Africa, and caused by the bite of the tse-tse fly.

DENIES EUROPE 'GANGING' U. S.

MacDonald, However, Asks for American Debt Aid.

By United Press

LONDON, July 12.—Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald appealed indirectly to the United States today to act on war debts.

Defending the Lausanne reparations agreement before the crowded house of commons, he indicated his fervent hope that the United States would fulfill its promise of doing its share towards rescuing the world from economic peril.

Europe, he contended, has settled reparations, as suggested by the United States.

He denied any secret combination of European nations against the United States had been reached at Lausanne.

He also denied any private war debt understanding had been reached with the United States, but he clearly made a "hands across the sea" appeal for war debt readjustment.

The problem, he said, resolves itself into one of world trade movement. No American, he believed, would consider the mere putting of Britain on its financial feet enough.

"Our payments might be reduced," he said. "They might be excused or might be abolished, but that is not all we want. It would not solve the problem of trade and international exchange."

Andrew W. Mellon, United States ambassador, sat in a prominent seat in the center of the front row of the gallery.

'RIOT' OVER EVICTION

Four Police Squads Rushed to Quell Battle.

Four police squads were called to Thirteenth and Lafayette streets this afternoon after unemployed resisted efforts of constables to evict a family.

Police said furniture removed by constables had been replaced by unemployed and again removed by the constables.

Riot call was issued when it was said the unemployed were dismantling the house.

COP LOSES IN APPEAL

City Works Board Upheld in Rum Conspiracy Dismissal.

City officials received word today that Circuit Judge A. J. Stephenson, Danville, had upheld the city in the case of Thomas Gray, patrolman, discharged on conviction of conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition law, who asked for reinstatement and back pay.

The city legal staff now is perfecting an appeal from decision of Superior Judge William A. Pickens, who ruled recently that Martin J. O'Brien, discharged with Gray, should be reinstated and receive back pay from the time of his dismissal.

CITIES BATTLE FOR MOST OF AUTO, GAS TAX

Bitter Conflict Is Waged With Rural Districts in Legislature.

RELIEF FUNDS NEEDED

Breach Widens Following Hearing: Mayors Demand Bigger Share.

By United Press

With cities seeking a greater portion of the \$25,000,000 state gas tax and auto license fund to aid in relief work, a special session legislative battle was under way today, as rural communities voiced opposition to proposed redistribution of the fund.

For the first time since the special session opened to enact tax relief, cities fought openly with the country for a larger share of the fund.

That the breach may prove to be the greatest stumbling block in the path of tax relief action was brought to the surface at a public hearing Monday night before the house ways and means committee, on six bills providing for redistribution.

Shoving tax relief matters to the background, the house also wrangled over costs of the special session, and refused to concur with a senate amendment to the appropriation bill, allowing \$120,000 to defray costs of the session.

Fourteen bills, touching on all phases of government economy, were introduced at today's session.

After first concurring with the senate on the amended appropriation bill, house members moved to reconsider their action and voted to appoint committees from both houses to agree on the amount to be spent for the special session.

The house bill, providing for expenditure of \$50,000 for the session, was amended by the senate.

Commission Is Asked

Resolution calling for appointment of a commission by the Governor to study and devise means to cut government costs was referred to Judiciary A committee.

Five bills affecting operation of governmental units were reported for passage by the house ways and means committee.

Chief of these was a measure of Representative Earl Crawford (Dem.), Milton, providing for abolition of the office of township assessor, placing duties on the trustee.

The office of assessor would be abolished in townships of less than 7,000 population, and auditors would assume duties of trustees in counties of less than 35,000 population.

Would Ban Road Bonds

Among bills introduced today is one by Representative Hardin S. Linke (Dem.), Columbus, prohibiting issuance of bonds for construction of county highways until September, 1935.

A second bill introduced by Linke would transfer jurisdiction of all township highways from trustees to county commissioners, the latter to maintain the roads.

Elimination of the office of county highway superintendent is provided in a bill by Representative Oran W. Cromer (Rep.), Middlebury. Under the measure, the superintendent's duties would be assumed by county surveyors.

Cities Ask for Funds

Mayors of several cities, headed by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan and James E. Deery, Indianapolis city attorney, appeared before the house committee to ask for a greater portion of gas tax and license funds to stave off threatened bankruptcy, because of mounting poor relief burdens.

It was evident today that a hopeless deadlock can be avoided only by increasing the cities' share of the revenue.

Bills under consideration propose to send half of each fund back to the state highway commission, which now receives three-fourths of the gas tax and all the license fund.

The remaining half, under two of the bills, three-fourths would go to counties, based upon road mileage, and the last fourth would go to cities and towns, distributed according to population.

Favored by Mayors

These measures, guaranteeing greater shares for cities, were favored by the mayor and city officials.

"The cities never have had a lobby to claim a just part of the revenue, but were organized this time to make a fight," Deery declared.

Sullivan and Deery argued that cities can adjust budgets to care for poor relief if shares of the two funds are increased to care for expense of city road maintenance.

Gary pointed out that the share of cities and towns in the two funds is about \$1,500,000, whereas the bulk of the revenue goes toward maintenance and building of roads in rural sections.

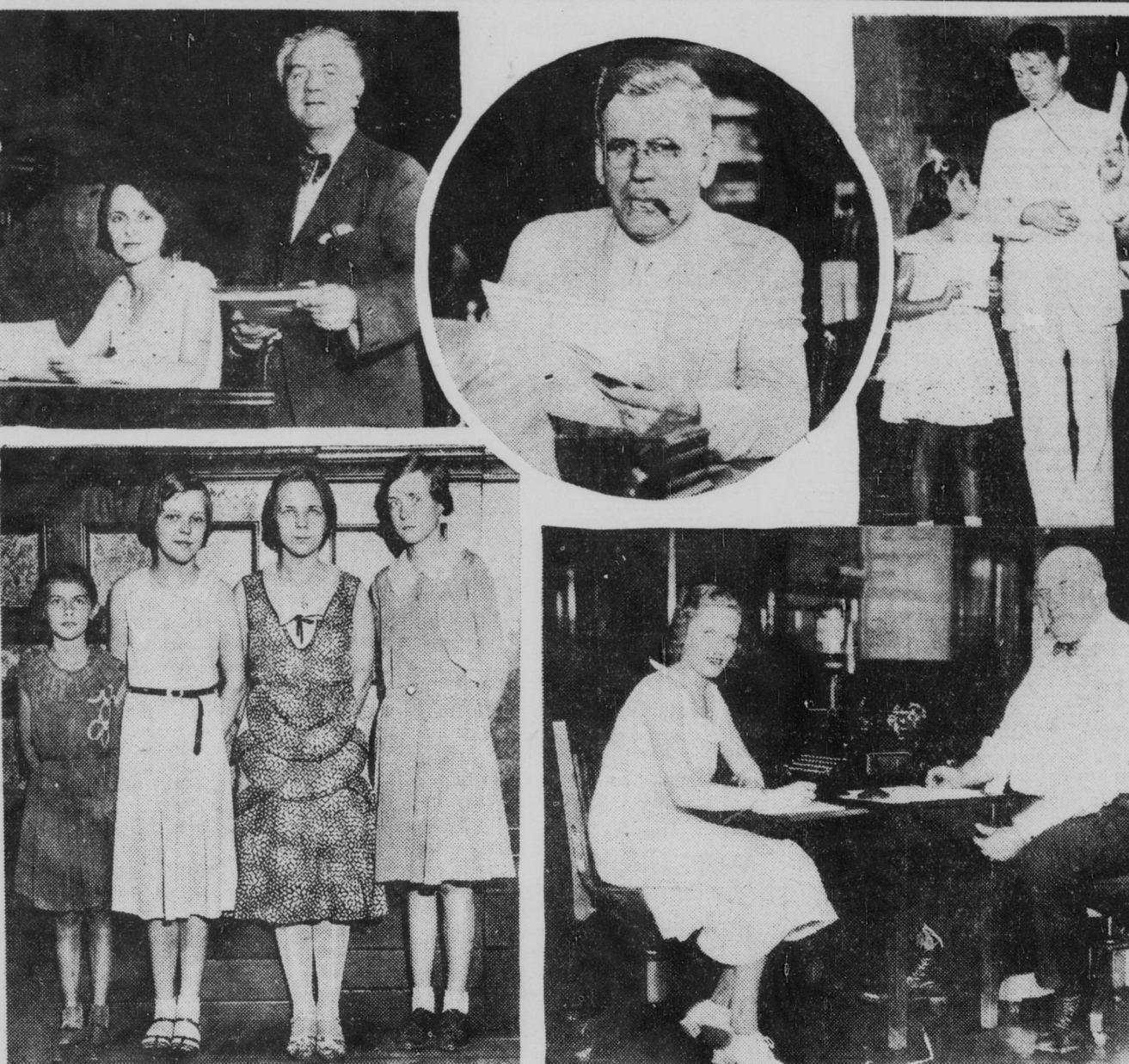
"When times were good we paid no attention to where this money was going, but now, nearly bankrupt and facing gigantic poor relief burdens, we come to ask our just share," Johnson said.

"In the name of God, where do those twenty-five millions go?"

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 67 10 a. m. 81
7 a. m. 71 11 a. m. 82
8 a. m. 75 12 (noon) 84
9 a. m. 79 1 p. m. 85

Variety Is the Spice of This Assembly



JOHN RINGLING CRITICALLY ILL

Amputate Both Legs of Last of Circus Family.

By United Press

NEW YORK, July 12.—John Ringling, last of the seven brothers of circus fame, is recuperating today from a serious illness which necessitated the amputation of both his legs.

At the Half Moon hotel, Coney Island, where he is convalescing from the amputation, Ringling is said to be "resting comfortably."

Ringling's illness was kept secret by his associates. It was learned, however, that it was a form of blood poisoning and that the amputations were performed several weeks ago.

Ringling is about 66. He was born near Baraboo, Wis., where his harness maker father, August Ringling—the correct family name—settled after emigrating from Hanover, Germany.

When John and his six brothers, Will, Otto, Alfred, Charles, Gus, and Henry, were youngsters, a minor showboat tied up at the dock of McGregor Island, a Mississippi river town where the family then lived.

The advent of this little show determined the career of the Ringling brothers. They began playing circus seriously from the start. From pins for admission they progressed to pennies and then to larger and more profitable coins.

All became a professional juggler, while Henry and Gus played the town halls and school houses of Wisconsin and Minnesota as the classic concert company. Later the brothers combined as "Yankee Robinson's Great Show, Ringling Brothers Carnival of Novelties, and Denar's Museum of Living Wonders." Yankee Robinson and Denar were happy nom de plumes.

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The special session of the legislature is crammed with variety. In order to function, the assembly finds itself the meeting place for a variety of ages, thoughts and purposes.

Upper Left—Miss Louella Foreman, Logansport, house clerk, and Charles A. Mitchell of Greenfield, reading clerk, whose purpose is to tell legislators of bills submitted.

Upper Center—Senator Earl Rowley (Rep.) La Porte, whose efforts of repeal of the Wright bone dry law has found many supporters.

Upper Right—Albert Ackerman, 12, Ladoga, talks it over with Barbara Jean Scheid, 8, of 3541 North Capitol avenue. They are house pages, there to do the bidding of representatives.

Lower Left—This quartet of girls is kept busy in the senate in performance of page duties. They are, left to right, Jean Mullin, Marjorie Coats, Josephine Lockhart and Anna Louise Hardy.

Lower Right—Miss Katherine Beaulieu, house typist, taking notes from Representative Albert F. Walsman (Dem.), Indianapolis.

NON-SERVICE DISABILITY PAYMENTS TO VETERANS REPUDIATED BY LEGION

20 Years for 18 Nickels Is Fate of Boys Measure Enacted in 1930 Is Costing Taxpayers \$104,000,000 a Year.

By United Press

NEW YORK, July 12.—The American Legion today denied responsibility for the disability allowance act, which allows veterans compensation for disability regardless of whether it was incurred in service or in a taxicab accident. The measure costs the taxpayers \$104,000,000 a year.

Since the disability allowance was enacted July 3, 1930, the cost has risen to over \$100,000,000 a year, the Legion statement said, with indications it will continue to rise.

"This measure," the statement went on, "was jammed through congress in the closing days of the session by the administration, after the President had vetoed an increase in compensation payments advocated by the Legion."

Never Advocated It

"This non-service disability cost, therefore, is not the responsibility of the American Legion, as the legion never has advocated such payments to World War veterans through action of its national convention."

"The added cost of more than \$100,000,000 a year is the responsibility of the administration—which drew the legislation, obtained its introduction and force digest passage in senate and house."

The bill permits a soldier, whose injury has been incurred since the war, to apply for and receive from \$12 to \$40 a month.

His Economy League

The statement also attacked the National Economy League, of which Archibald B. Roosevelt, son of the late President, is secretary. The organization proposes a cut of \$450,000,000 a year in the cost of veterans' relief.

The statement analyzes increase of relief cost, which it estimates at \$50,000,000. The factors resulting in the increase, it says, were:

Moving up the date to Jan. 1, 1925, for the period in which service connection is presumed in case of tuberculosis and mental disease; change in the rating schedule; cessation of vocational training; a statutory award of \$50 a month for arrested tuberculosis.

ORDER BEACH CLOSED

Morgan Fears Contamination of Twenty-sixth Street Resort.

Immediate closing of Twenty-sixth street beach was ordered today by Dr. Herman G. Morgan, secretary of the health board on receipt of information that the Meridian street sewage pumping equipment had broken down.

Failure of the pumps, reported by C. C. Calvert, sewage department superintendent, may deflect sewer waste into White river and contaminate the water at the beach, Dr. Morgan said. The beach probably will remain closed for four days after repair of the pumps.

CAPONE CUTS OVERALLS

"Scarface Al" Likes His Prison Work, Pals Are Told.

By United Press

CHICAGO, July 12.—Al Capone is cutting overalls in the Atlanta federal penitentiary—and liking it. This was the word received today by former associates of the ex-gang leader.

Capone, serving an eleven-year sentence for evading income tax on the huge profits amassed by his gang's control of liquor and vice interests, was kept in quarantine for two weeks, then assigned to the overall shop.

\$84,200 AUTO LICENSE DEAL IS UNDER FIRE

Printing-Contract Probe to Be Asked in House by Rep. Galloway.

U. S. AGENTS ON TRAIL

Details of Business With Illinois Firm Called 'Gravely Peculiar.'

By BEN STERN

Demand that the house of representatives investigate fully and fix the blame for the "gravely peculiar" \$82,400 drivers' license printing contract, now under investigation by federal authorities in Indiana and Illinois, is expected to be made Wednesday in a resolution presented by Fred Galloway (Dem.), Indianapolis.

Galloway announced today that he had asked the opinion of Attorney-General James M. Ogden on the power of a house probing committee to summon witnesses and take testimony on a contract entered into by Otto G. Fifield, Crown Point, former secretary of state.

"Details of this contract, now under federal investigation, are so gravely peculiar that the best interests of the state would be served if the house appoint a committee to summon and question witnesses and report its findings and recommendations to the legislature for further investigation," he asserted.

Probed by U. S. Agents

For more than a year federal authorities in both states have been seeking information regarding income tax evasions, linked with the contract. Information concerning cashing of state checks has been revealed, it was learned.

The Times also learned that one of the two checks and its voucher for \$42,400 have disappeared from the files of the auditor of state.

Records reveal that Fifield called for bids for auto drivers' licenses in 1929, following the legislative session which enacted the licensing law.

Contract for printing 2,000,000 license certificates and containers was awarded the firm of Ohlhauser & Burkhardt of Aurora, Ill., which claimed to have a patented certificate, for \$82,400.

It also was revealed that the Haywood Printing Company, Lafayette, one of the state printing contractors, had done the actual printing. At the second letting the company bid only \$20 for an additional million, because the company knew sufficient number was on hand to last three years.

Called \$4,000 Job

In fact, the secretary of state's department has in stock today approximately 1,000,000 surplus certificates, it was said.

A representative of the Haywood company told state officials, after the letting of the original contract to Ohlhauser & Burkhardt, that his firm could handle the printing job for \$4,000.

Federal investigators later learned that the Haywood company charged the Illinois firm \$10,000 for the printing work and that Ohlhauser & Burkhardt contributed only the license form.

The first contract check for \$40,000 was paid Ohlhauser & Burkhardt July 9, 1929, it is known.

Federal authorities are reported to have questioned the partners as to why they did not pay income tax on the \$82,400, and learned that they had not kept all the money, but stated that it had been given away among several persons.

Traced to City Trust

William A. Ohlhauser and C. L. Burkhardt took the \$40,000 check to the City Trust Company, which cashed it and cashed it at a Chicago bank and one Indiana national bank, records reveal.