

TWO FRIENDS OF WAC SOUGHT HERE

Police Check Movements Before Slaying; Hunt 'Pint-Size' Man.

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ported statement by Marie Simpson, 27, of 1936 Broadway, who was said to have shouted upon being arrested this morning that, "I killed Cpl. Ridings."

The woman was jailed on a drunkenness charge. Questioned this morning, she said she had no recollection of such a statement. She professed to be an acquaintance of Wolfington.

Wolfington said he knew the woman by the name of Marie but had never known her last name.

Continues Inquest

Continuing his inquest into the murder, Coroner Roy Storms today heard evidence from Capt. Leslie Gwaltney of Stout field, a resident of the hotel. Gwaltney testified only that he had been standing by the clerk's desk when news of the body's discovery came from the seventh floor and that he had accompanied the hotel executive and policemen who first entered the room.

Police today were intensifying their search for a "pint-size" mystery man who moved into the investigation spotlight yesterday when it was learned that he had checked in a bloody shirt at an E. Washington st. laundry Monday afternoon.

For a time last night, the investigation switched back to the mysterious angle involving the "woman-in-black" and police actually did question a woman in a black dress who figured in the confusion Saturday night immediately following the discovery of Cpl. Ridings' body.

Recurring rumors that Cpl. Ridings had been escorted about the city's night spots by a civilian male directed the investigation to the Union Bus Terminal at Market and Illinois sts.

Lieut. Jones conferred for more than an hour with Herbert Grooms, dispatcher for the Hoosier Bus Lines, in an effort to locate a driver who might have remembered bringing Cpl. Ridings to the city around 4:30 last Saturday.

If that driver is located, he will be asked at least one important question:

Did She Meet Friend?

Upon leaving the bus, did Cpl. Ridings greet a male companion? According to the records, she checked in at the Claypool hotel between 4:30 and 4:45.

The interlude between Cpl. Ridings' arrival at the hotel and 8 o'clock, holds the key to her death. Bellboy Bayne was questioned more than an hour yesterday in connection with the mystery woman in black he said he saw in Cpl. Ridings' room.

Police doubted that she is the same woman in black whom they discovered in the hotel Saturday evening, questioned, released and requested last night.

On surface appearances, this woman's connection with the investigation came about only through accidental circumstances. A few minutes before the plain WAC's body was found, an executive of the hotel received a complaint from the fifth floor that there was a brawl going on in one of the rooms on that floor. Before the complaint could be investigated, Mrs. McMenar called the same executive to say that she had found Cpl. Ridings' body. The executive notified police and waited for them.

Two patrolmen arrived in a squad car, joining the hotel executive and a military official from Stout field who resided in the hotel and had heard the news of the body's discovery.

Trouble Reported

The hotel executive, the military official and the two patrolmen got on the service elevator to go to the seventh floor and the manager stopped at the fifth floor to investigate.

HULL SAYS DANES ENCOURAGE OTHERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that the resistance of people in Denmark to Germany "will give new heart and encouragement to the subjugated peoples of Europe."

He told a press and radio conference that the recent events in Denmark "are an eloquent reminder that German rule in any circumstances is intolerable to a free and democratic people."

STUDY EMPLOYMENT PLAN
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—Government officials seeking a solution to the near-leveelling off of aircraft production today studied a proposal to establish a controlled hiring plan in Pacific coast states which would give airplane plants a top priority on available manpower.

CHURCH SEEKS MORGAN HOME

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—The United Lutheran Church in America is negotiating for the purchase of the Madison avenue home of the late financier, J. P. Morgan, it was disclosed today.

BOMB JAP BURMA BASES

NEW DELHI, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—American heavy and medium bombers attacked Japanese railway and communications at Mandalay and other places in central Burma yesterday, a communiqué reported today.

ELWOOD MAN HURT FATALY

ANDERSON, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—Howell Zell, 41, died today at a local hospital of injuries received in an automobile accident Aug. 17. Zell was a native of Elwood and is survived by three daughters and two sons.

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tigate the complaint about the disturbance there.

A woman in a black dress and wearing a chie black hat with a suggestion of a veil was quarreling with a soldier.

Assuming that it would be necessary to eject the woman, the hotel executive suggested that she accompany the police to the seventh floor and stand by while they investigated the trouble in 728.

"That 'trouble' turned out to be the murder of Cpl. Ridings, believed at first to be a suicide.

As the hotel executive, the military official and the policemen diverted their attention to Cpl. Ridings' body, they brushed aside the woman in black who had accompanied them from the first floor.

Leaves Hotel

A patrolman escorted her to the elevator and told her to leave. The operator took her to the first floor and she left the hotel by the Illinois st. entrance.

The elevator operator said today that the only remark the woman made to him on the way down was: "I want to get out of here. I'm so provoked."

Lt. Jones said today he hadn't the slightest belief that this "woman in black" was the same woman Bayne said he saw.

He refused to detail the questioning of Wolfington, except to say that his stories must be checked out.

When the hotel's entire staff of bellboys was summoned to the seventh floor, shortly after the murder, a hotel executive said to the group:

"Everybody step out of line who has been to this room."

Wolfington and Bayne stepped out of line.

Consulting the bell captain's record sheet, the executive said to Wolfington, according to police: "What's wrong here, Bob? The sheet doesn't show you made a trip to Cpl. Ridings' room."

Wolfington is said to have grinned sheepishly and replied:

Explains Actions
"Well—the captain wasn't around. I took the call myself and thought maybe I could chisel a dime." (The hotel would have received a dime from Cpl. Ridings for the ice if it had been recorded on the bell captain's sheet.)

In connection with this phase of Wolfington's story, the telephone switchboard records do not show a second call for ice which Wolfington said he received and answered surreptitiously.

Lt. Jones made it clear today that several clues, considered important momentarily, had washed out. They included the blood-stained men's slacks turned into the 4-Hour Laundry on North Illinois st., a WAC skirt found on Tibbs ave., and an ink stain noticed on Cpl. Ridings' right leg.

A young worker was brought to headquarters yesterday and questioned about the slacks. He said he had received a nosebleed in a friendly scuffle with his wife, discoloring the slacks.

He was released.

No one yet has come forward to claim the WAC skirt, but it is believed to have no connection with the case.

Lieut. Jones immediately discounted the importance of a note brought to headquarters yesterday by a boy who said he found it in Illinois st. south of the Claypool. The note read:

"Bob: Aug. 26
"Maoma Ridings will be at the hotel at the 28th. Make a early visit. Don't worry."

Jones attributed the note to a publicity seeker.

HOPKINS SEES WAR LASTING TWO YEARS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's closest adviser, predicted yesterday that the war will last two more years "at least" and emphatically added that "if we lost Russia" the conflict will drag out five years or longer.

Writing in the October issue of the American Magazine, Hopkins said the axis "still holds the military championship of the world" and still is an undefeated enemy, with industry still functioning and with submarine and airplane production "not yet diminished much."

SERGEANT EYES 1944 RODEO
SNYDER, Tex. (U. P.).—Sgt. Elmo Snyder, who is at present riding hard on Japs in the South Pacific, is confident that he will be back at his favorite sport in 1944. He cabled Snyder rodeo officials recently: "Enter me for wild cow milking contest in 1944."

FRENCH REVISE POLICY
ALGIERS, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—The French Committee of National Liberation met yesterday to revise foreign and domestic policies in view of united nations recognition of the committee.

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OPA ADJUSTS POINT VALUES

35 Meats, Some Vegetables Cut; Butter, 13 Foods Raised.

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sent above July. Lamb production is running ahead of earlier estimates and the peak production period has been entered.

Beef Supply Also Up

The beef situation, officials said, is tighter than that in lamb and pork. The amount of beef in retail stores available for civilian consumption in September will be only about two per cent above August supplies. At the same time, officials pointed out that beef production does not usually reach a seasonal peak until after Oct. 1.

Chart of new point values, OPA vegetable price ceilings, wartime living, Page Three.

No changes were made in the point value of lard, shortening, cheese and other rationed fats, oils and dairy products. Movement of these products was reported to be in line with civilian supplies allocated by the war food administration.

OPA officials made no effort to conceal their apprehension about the butter situation. For the first time, creamery butter and "farm" butter were listed separately and given different point values.

Farm Butter Six Points

Country butter was assigned a value of six points per pound, compared with the new creamery butter value of 12 points a pound.

The OPA hopes by placing a lower point value on "farm butter," which is sold mainly in rural areas, to increase its consumption by those who have expended points for creamery. Officials pointed out that butter production in August was about 5 per cent below previous estimates and predicted that the slump would be continued in September.

"The future increase in the point value of creamery butter is necessary because purchases near butter-producing areas have been so large at a 10-point value that shortages have developed in other parts of the country," OPA said.

Feach Values Up

The "blue point" changes shown in the new chart were:

1. Increases in value of four canned fruits—from 15 to 21 for No. 2 1/2 cans of pears; from 23 to 26 for No. 2 1/2 cans of peaches; from eight to 10 for 16-ounce cans of cranberries or cranberry sauce; from seven to 10 for No. 2 cans of apples. OPA said these products sold at too rapid a rate under the old values.

2. Decreases in value of six canned vegetables—from 11 to 10 for No. 2 cans of fresh shell peas; from 11 to 10 for No. 2 cans of fresh soy beans; from 10 to eight for No. 3 cans of beets and carrots; and from 24 to 21 for No. 2 1/2 cans of tomatoes. "Of the tomatoes, OPA said that particular size can was not moving rapidly as desired under the old value. Other sizes of canned tomatoes were not changed.

3. An increase from three to four points for tomato sauce in eight-ounce packages in combination with cheese; but the one red point heretofore required for the cheese in such packages no longer will be required.

Two Vegetables Up

4. Increases for two types of canned vegetables—from 15 to 18 points for No. 2 cans of all other canned and bottled varieties of beans, and 19 to 21 for No. 2 1/2 cans of pumpkin or squash.

5. Three-point increase for six frozen products—from nine to 12 for a pound of all fruits or berries and 14 ounces of spinach; and from six to nine points for 12 ounces of peas, green or wax beans, and lima beans and for 10 ounces of cut corn. OPA explained that supply has not been able to keep up with demand under old values.

6. Decreases for two dried vegetables—from four to one point for a pound of dried peas or lentils, and from four to two points for a pound of dried beans (except soy beans and black-eyed peas).

Raisins Restored

Dried prunes, raisins and currants were restored to a value of four points a pound. Originally set at a 30-point-per-pound value when rationing first was instituted in March, the value of these products was lowered successively and finally set at zero during the summer months when they were regarded as highly perishable.

The new tables changed the value assigned to "home processed foods," listed at eight points a quart in the August table. The new chart carried these products at "eight points per quart or the point value of the item shown elsewhere on the chart, whichever is lower."

The new chart for the first time grouped vegetable and fruit juices under a single heading, but their value was not changed. Likewise, for the first time it shows a "special products" heading, including canned and bottled soups, tomato or chili sauces, baby foods and the combination tomato sauce-cheese packages. The latter item is the only one whose value is changed, however.

DIVORCED 23 YEARS, THEY MARRY AGAIN

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 2 (U. P.).—A 62-year-old couple decided to take another try at marriage yesterday after being divorced for 23 years.

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Survivors besides his mother and sister are his wife, Mrs. Marian Milholland, and a two-month-old son, Larry David, both of St. Paul; another sister, Mrs. Robert Pike; two brothers, Paul Milholland of Indianapolis and Bernard Milholland of Santa Monica, Cal.

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SEEK PALESTINE AS HOMELAND

Jewish Conference Asks Opening of Holy City As Refuge.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—The American Jewish conference, with the solid support of Zionist elements, adopted a resolution last night calling for the opening of Palestine as the homeland for world Jewry.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the conference, announced that only four of the 502 delegates dissented to the resolution, which demanded reconstruction of Palestine as the Jewish commonwealth, immediate withdrawal of the British White Paper of 1939 which restricted Jewish immigration under control of a Jewish agency.

Former New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, leader of the dissenting now-Zionists, said that issuance of the proposals was "unwise" at this time "into the gravest and most delicate military and world-wide political questions are involved."

He also warned that the demands may "jeopardize the status of Jews and even prejudice the fullest development of the Jewish settlement in Palestine itself."

"At this time it is our duty to concentrate on victory for the united nations," Proskauer added. "We are convinced that it is inadvisable to bring to the foreground of public attention at this time political matters that may divide the peoples of the united nations and create added difficulties."

Downs 7 Zeros
SAVING 'CHUTISTS
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friends at I. U. or in his home town, Bloomington.

"It doesn't surprise me a bit for I have never seen a boy with as much determination and courage as Homer," said Billy Thom, his wrestling coach.

And Faucett took a direct punch at the Japs for Thom, too. The first bomb that his plane dropped on Jap-held Munda bore the name of the coach.

The lieutenant told Thom when on a leave at Bloomington several months ago that he would put his name on a bomb "for all the things you have done for me and giving me the training that enabled me to get my wings."

BERLIN AIRLINE REOPENED
BY UNITED PRESS
The Swedish Motels radio reported that commercial airplane traffic was resumed today between Copenhagen, Denmark, and Sweden and that a schedule of two planes each way a day would be maintained. The broadcast, reported to the OWI, said air traffic between Copenhagen and Berlin would be resumed tomorrow.

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He outlined two steps in such an organization: Continuation of the present allied co-operation and re-direction of our educational program to support the new order of nations. This would stress human relations which includes psychology, sociology, political science, economics and history.

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"The enormous losses in manpower and equipment compelled the German command to dispatch fresh forces southward," the Soviet high command said in the midnight communique.

Several Trains Wrecked

Red air force planes, aiding in the southern front offensive, were credited with wrecking several military trains loaded with troops bound for the front and with destroying more than 100 infantry-laden trucks. Twenty-five German planes were shot down.

More than 300 towns and villages were engulfed in Russian advances toward Smolensk, where the Germans threw an entire regiment of 3000 men and several dozen tanks into a vain counter-attack. Hundreds of German dead and a great many wrecked tanks remained on the battlefield following the rout of the enemy forces.

West and south of Yelnya, 56 miles southeast of Smolensk, the Russians killed 3000 Germans in a three-day fighting advance across bare fields into dense woods fronting Smolensk itself. Many Germans fell behind in the enemy retreat and were captured.

60 Towns Freed

Dorogobuzh, 56 miles due east of Smolensk, was captured yesterday following the occupation, 24 hours earlier, of the railway station of the same name 15 miles to the north.

Another 60 towns and villages were liberated by advancing Russian forces south of Bryansk at the hinge of the southern and central fronts.

Breaking stubborn enemy resistance, the Russians captured the railway station of Komarichi, 28 miles northeast of Sevsk on the Bryansk-Khar'kov railroad, while several other localities were seized west of Sevsk on the northeastern approaches to Kiev.

West and southwest of Khar'kov, the Russians overcame counter attacks and captured several villages in advances toward Poltava and the Dnieper river bend.

QUIZ PROWLER SUSPECT HERE

Man Caught Entering Home Believed to Be 'Ice Pick' Burglar.

Caught after he threatened a woman whose home he entered early today, a prowler held by police was suspected as being the one who has menaced a number of women on the North and East sides during recent months.

Shortly after 2 a. m., Mrs. Wilma Thomas, 30, of 849 N. East st., was awakened by the prowler in her room. When she screamed, he threatened her:

"If you scream I'll kill you." Just then an auto stopped nearby and the intruder fled through a rear door.

A shoeless Chinese arrested in the neighborhood a short time later was identified by Mrs. Thomas. He is held on a vagrancy charge for questioning.

Police found a flashlight and a razor blade in his pockets. Search of his room failed to reveal an ice pick, the instrument used by a prowler to enter many homes.

CROP BENEFIT SEEN AFTER DOWNPOUR

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drought as are those in southern portions of the Midwest and Southwest.

Shortly after 3 p. m. when the 96-degree heat broke a 30-year-old record for the date, the downpour suddenly struck the downtown area. A short time later it hit other sections.

In an hour and a half the mercury dropped 22 degrees.

Many streets were flooded and intersections were almost impassable until sewers carried off the water.

Lightning or wind levelled trees or broke off limbs on North side streets.

A tree fell on an automobile owned by Carl Klein, 3330 N. Meridian st. and parked in front of 3530 N. Meridian. A short distance away a huge tree was ripped loose almost at the base and covered more than half of Meridian st.

Another tree fell on an automobile owned by C. A. Pointers in the 2800 block of Carrollton ave. Trees were knocked down in the 1700 and 1800 blocks of N. Delaware; 1800 N. Carrollton; 1900 Central, 33d and Broadway and 33d and Park.

34 OF FREIGHTER CREW DIED IN FIRE

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—Burns or asphyxiation killed 34 crew members of a freighter that caught fire after colliding with another vessel 300 miles off the coast. It was established today by a coroner's jury, soon after the charred ship had been towed into port.

Thirty more men were listed as missing. Only three survivors are known.

FIND ESCAPED PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—The justice department announced today that the last three of 19 German war prisoners who escaped from a prison camp at Kingston, Ontario, Aug. 26, were captured last night by border patrol officers near Clayton, N. Y. They were found in an apple orchard six miles outside of Clayton, which is on the St. Lawrence river.

Eastern Hope for Gas Lowered

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (U. P.).—Hopes of Easterners for increased gasoline rations were blasted further today by the announcement of Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes that more coupons are now outstanding than there is gasoline available.

Adding to the recent gloomy predictions of other oil officials, who not so long ago were talking of equalizing Eastern and Midwestern rations, Ickes said last night in a radio address that Easterners were overdrawing their ration allowance by 35,000 barrels daily.

He declared that "we will be out of gasoline in a few days" if there is any appreciable increase in gasoline consumption in the East, and pointed out that although the legal ban against pleasure driving has been lifted, there isn't enough gas for nonessential motoring.

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