

Alliance Woman Has Hearing on Murder Charge

Testimony of Friends Damaging—Denies Confession Police Chief Alleges She Made After Shooting.

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram)—Mrs. Evelyn Preiss McElhaney, 25, and pretty, was held to the district court on a charge of first degree murder, in connection with the fatal shooting of Earl B. Anderson, barber, here last Tuesday morning, following a preliminary trial in county court here. Her trial in district court, which is in session here, has been set for next Wednesday. It will be the first case in the history of Box Butte county, and possibly in western Nebraska, in which a woman had been tried on a first degree murder charge.

Four witnesses were examined at the preliminary hearing, three of whom gave strong evidence against Mrs. McElhaney. Two of these were friends of the defendant. Earl B. Anderson was shot to death in an alley at the rear of the Joe Smith pool hall about 11 last Tuesday morning. Mrs. McElhaney is alleged to have told night Chief of Police Eugene Stillwell, who arrested her a few minutes after the shooting, "I shot Anderson." She denied making this statement.

Friends' Testimony Hurts. The most damaging testimony against Mrs. McElhaney at the preliminary hearing was given by her personal friend, Miss Myrtle Mike Verdie, who was Mrs. McElhaney's partner in conducting the Wilson rooming house here, which has borne a nonsensical reputation, and by Tom Gray. Miss Verdie testified that Mrs. McElhaney pulled a revolver out of her pocket while the two women were walking along the street a few minutes before the shooting and remarked that if she did not kill Anderson he would kill her. She said Mrs. McElhaney said that it was a case of one or the other getting killed.

Miss Verdie left Mrs. McElhaney near the scene of the shooting and went into a restaurant to get something to eat. Within a few minutes word came that Anderson had been shot. Miss Verdie then went to the alley at the rear of the pool hall and found Anderson lying on the ground in an unconscious condition. She said Mrs. McElhaney and several other persons were standing over him and that Mrs. McElhaney remarked that she had aimed at his heart. The bullet which killed Anderson pierced his abdomen and lodged in his spine. He died within half an hour after being carried into a pool hall.

Says Victim Drunk. Miss Verdie testified that Anderson came to the Wilson rooming house about 5 on the night of the murder in an intoxicated condition and later at 11. He demanded entrance to Mrs. McElhaney's room and said, and she refused to let him in. He then went to the door and opened it and went in. Later he left and went down the alley. Mrs. McElhaney and Miss Verdie then left the rooming house together and it was then that Mrs. McElhaney remarked that if she didn't kill Anderson he would kill her. She said she pulled a revolver out of her pocket and carried it in her hand, Miss Verdie testified.

She said Anderson had previously made threats against the woman and was very jealous of her. Tom Gray testified that he was passing the alley when the murder occurred and heard Mrs. McElhaney quarreling with some one a few minutes before the shooting. Persons standing in the alley with Mrs. McElhaney, just before the shooting, were Fred Melick, prominent business man of Alliance and Hemingford, and Earl Anderson, testimony showed.

When Gray heard the shooting he returned to the alley and said he heard Mrs. McElhaney say, "I shot that man and if he dies I suppose I will be tried for murder." After Anderson had been carried into the pool hall Gray said the woman called him across the street and inquired if Anderson was dead.

Cave Man Tactics. Miss Verdie on cross examination testified that Anderson had beaten Mrs. McElhaney on several previous occasions, but that she did not know whether or not he had struck her on the night of the murder. She said the two frequently quarreled. Earl B. Mallet, pool hall employee, testified that Mrs. McElhaney a short time before the shooting passed him on the street and inquired if he had seen Anderson. He said she was carrying something in her hand but he could not see whether it was a revolver or not. He said she told him that she was afraid Anderson would kill her if she didn't get him first.

Mallet testified that before the shooting he advised Mrs. McElhaney to go home and stop quarreling and that she replied that it was no use for her to go home as she was afraid Anderson would follow her there and kill her. Smile Wears Off. Mrs. McElhaney appeared in court stylishly dressed. She did not wear the smile that she did the day following the shooting and appeared nervous throughout the hearing. When the charge of murder was read to her by the county attorney and she was asked to plead, she replied in a voice scarcely audible, "not guilty." She sat with her face in her hands most of the time and did not once smile throughout the hearing, which lasted more than two hours.

Her husband, L. A. McElhaney, who operates a tailor shop at Edgemont, S. D., and who has not lived with his wife for some time, followed the hearing closely. At the close of the hearing they embraced each other. She laid her head on his shoulder and they stood for some minutes with their arms around each other. She dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief frequently. Mr. McElhaney has stated that he will do everything in his power to free his wife on the murder charge. The prosecution was conducted by county commissioners to assist County Attorney Lee Bayse. Mr. Bayse is the attorney who prosecuted Allen Cole and Vincent Grammer on a murder charge.

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Guess the identity of the moving picture star, a part of whose picture is shown below. Sixty pictures will be shown, two each day. The individual who guesses the largest number correctly wins \$100. Other prizes are: Second \$50, Fifth \$10, Third \$25, Twenty-five next \$5 each, Fourth \$15, Fifty next—Autographed pictures of the stars.



Movie Contest Coupon. No. 17 is... No. 18 is... (Your Name)...

Tarzan Feature is Hit of Singer Show at Gayety Theater

The much heralded "Jack" Singers' Show with Harry Lander and his brother, Willie, opened at the Gayety theater yesterday and it scored a complete triumph. The scenic and costume equipments must be seen to be fully appreciated. The show was again the laugh hit of the show, although his "Newly Way to Catch a Woman" novelty did not fall short of copping the honors. In his brother, Willie, he has an able assistant.

Mystery Surrounds Death of Wealthy Chicago Widow

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Mystery attaches to the death of Mrs. C. A. Reynolds, 33, widow of a wealthy coal dealer, who was found dead on her own premises last night. Her body was found in a luxurious appointed dining room. Two burglars of the kitchen range were wide open and the house was full of gas.

Mrs. Wilcox Elected Head of American War Mothers

Mrs. W. A. Wilcox was elected president of the Omaha chapter of American War Mothers at a meeting held in the memorial room of the Board of Public Health, officers elected are: Mrs. M. E. Lewis, first vice president; Mrs. L. Bullock, second vice president; Mrs. Weeks, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James Shields, record secretary; Mrs. Harmon, treasurer; Mrs. Leavertson, Mrs. Hinzie, historians; and Mrs. Neihart and Mrs. Wolfe, auditors.

Federal Judge Raises Car Fare in Des Moines

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram)—Judge Martin J. Wade of the United States federal court issued an order late Saturday granting the Des Moines Street Railway company an 8-cent fare, 10 tickets for 75 cents, five tickets for 38 cents. The court also orders an increase in the service of 40 per cent. The order will become effective Monday.

Harding to Seek Opinions of Many Men and Women

Conferences During Present Week to Include Some of Most Prominent Leaders in Country.

Marion, Dec. 12.—As he continued his consultations on an association of nations, President-elect Harding let it be known that he expected to seek opinions of more than 100 men and women before inaugurating day and that his conference during the coming week would include some of the most notable figures in both political parties.

W. J. Bryan, Elihu Root and Herbert Hoover are among those he will consult virtually at the outset of his effort to find a middle ground on which divergent schools of national thought may unite.

Mr. Hoover is to be here tomorrow, Mr. Root Monday and Mr. Bryan Friday. From each Mr. Harding expects to gather much of an informative nature as well as much advice on the practical problems of diplomacy.

Farmer-Labor Party Complete Plans for Aggressive Campaign

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The national committee of the farmer labor party completed plans for what it announced would be an aggressive campaign to organize the party in every state and place full national and state tickets in every election. The proposed organization would be effected largely through labor unions, according to an announcement. The statement invited all labor unions to join the effort for independent political action of the workers by sending delegates to the party labor conventions. The plans of the party will be placed before every labor union in the country.

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Three Holdups and Store Robbery Reported to Police

Four robberies were reported to police late Saturday night. H. B. Nelson, living at the Hamillon annex, Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets, was held up at Twenty-second and Davenport streets by two men who attacked him when they found no valuables in his pockets. Nelson resisted for a few moments and then broke away and fled.

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Watchman Suffers Concussion of Brain When Struck by Car

Henry Kopp, block night watchman for the Creighton university, Twenty-fifth and California streets, suffered concussion of the brain and several broken bones Saturday when he was struck by a west-bound Harney street car.

Kopp was crossing California street from the north, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh, when he was hit by a street car, said to have been traveling down the hill at a high rate of speed. The motorist was A. B. Cummings, 4231 Douglas street.

Plea for Erin Addressed to Head of League

Cablegram Sent by Representative Mason Asks That Truth About Conditions in Ireland Be Made Known.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 12.—A cablegram calling upon the league of nations to "permit America to know the truth as to conditions in Ireland" was sent to Paul Hymans, president of the council of the league of nations, by Representative William E. Mason, Illinois, in his capacity as a member of the house foreign affairs committee.

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Another Warm Debate Held at League Session

Cuban Representative Gets Applause by Asserting Assembly is Able to Decide Course of Procedure.

Geneva, Dec. 12.—The manner of choosing the four elective members of the league of nations council developed a long and earnest debate in the assembly in which Dr. Aristides Aguerre, Cuba; Dr. Wellington Koo, China; A. J. Balfour, England, and Edward D. Miller, Australia, were the principal participants.

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Caruso Bursts Blood Vessel in His Throat. New York, Dec. 12.—Enrico Caruso, tenor, burst a blood vessel in his throat while singing at the Brooklyn Academy of Music Saturday night. The performance was stopped.

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