

HUNTER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT DEAD IN WOODS BACK OF CALLICOON

Charles Wahl, While Turning Automobile Around to Go Home, Hit in Abdomen by Bullet from Companion's Rifle

Callicoon, Nov. 7 (Special)—Charles Wahl, 38, for several years employed by the Standard Oil Co., here as a chauffeur, was instantly killed at 9:30 this morning following the accidental discharge of a .35 calibre automatic rifle, while it was being emptied by John J. Meehan, a member of the New York city police department, in the forest a mile west of this village.

The accident occurred after the party, which included three New York policemen, the father of one and Wahl, had decided to quit hunting for the morning, and while Wahl was turning his machine around preparatory to returning to Callicoon.

The bullet, which entered Wahl's body above the right pelvic bone, mushroomed and smashed its way through the abdominal organs, and emerged above the left pelvic bone but did not penetrate his clothing. Death was instantaneous.

The party, which was headed by Wahl, included Officers Harry Hodgins, John J. Meehan, Elwood LeForge and John LeForge, the latter's father. They arrived here Thursday afternoon by automobile from New York, and stopped at the home of John Mitterwager, where Wahl was a boarder. Mrs. Mitterwager is a sister of Mrs. John LeForge.

This morning they left the place shortly after 7 o'clock, enroute to the woods west of the Erie Railroad tower a mile west of Callicoon. In the car with Wahl were two of the party, the others following in another machine. After hunting for a time they abandoned the idea and decided to return home.

Wahl started his car and was turning around while Meehan and the others emptied their weapons as a precautionary measure. As the car came in line with Meehan his rifle was discharged, the bullet striking Wahl. Elwood LeForge immediately took the wheel and drove here, taking Wahl to the office of Dr. Augustus Mayer, who, after a brief examination said Wahl had been instantly killed. His body was removed to the establishment of Edward F. Kelly.

District Attorney Henry F. Gardner who was in Monticello, was notified as was Sheriff Fletcher E. Rhodes and Dr. J. Cameron Gain of Jeffersonville, the coroner in that section of Sullivan county. They arrived shortly before noon and conducted an inquest which ended at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Following the inquest Dr. Gain gave a verdict of death caused by accidental shooting. Meehan was not held.

BOYS SENT TO JAIL FOR STEALING AUTO

Goshen, Nov. 7 (By a staff reporter)—Walter Avery and Wendell Conkling both of Middletown, who pleaded guilty in Supreme Court to the indictment of having stolen a car to go to a dance in Port Jervis several months ago were sentenced by Justice Tompkins to serve short terms in county jail. Avery received a sentence of 60 days while Conkling was given 30 days, the difference in time being due to the fact that he had already served more time in custody than did Avery. The youths were allowed to change their plea. The district attorney's office accepting a plea of petit larceny.

The car broke down on the road to Port Jervis and was abandoned at Howells.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN PIKE COUNTY

The following real estate transfers in Pike County have been entered for record for the week ending Nov. 5:

Robert Goller to Fritz Lindoff, 2 acres 66 perches in Lackawaxen Twp. Dated Oct. 6, 1924.

William E. Labar et ux. to Ralph E. Cummings of Port Jervis, lot 86 in Matamoras. Dated Oct. 30, 1921.

Samuel Caskey et ux. et al. to Thomas Merritt of Port Jervis, lots 144, 145 and 146 in Matamoras. Dated Oct. 27, 1924.

D. N. Raynor et ux. to Thomas Merritt, 1 acre in Westfall township. Dated Oct. 16, 1924.

ROGER WILLIAMS CLUB MEET

The Roger Williams Club will meet at 8 p. m. on Monday, November 10 in the chapel of the First Baptist church. A full attendance is desired as important business will be transacted.

SENTENCES PASSED BY JUDGE TOMPKINS

Goshen, Nov. 7 (By a staff reporter)—Justice Arthur S. Tompkins in session of Supreme Court today sentenced all prisoners who had pleaded guilty to the indictments against them.

Harold Kelly, Andrew Kelly and Harold Lester, indicted for burglary in Newburgh, received suspended sentences and were placed in charge of County Probation Officer William A. Handerson for a year.

Peter Finland, alias George Evans, who escaped from the New York City Reformatory at New Hampton, was returned there for three months' sentence. The same action was taken in the case of Arthur Sanchers' and sentence was suspended on Edward Grant, who also escaped.

Sentence was suspended on Clarence Elston and Henry Green of Middletown, who pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct. They were represented by Attorney Ivan A. Gardner, of that city.

Sentence was suspended on Samuel Purman, who escaped from the New York City Reformatory at New Hampton.

FOREST FIRES NEAR HARRIMAN

Harriman, Nov. 7.—New and dangerous fires have developed near Sterling, Forest making it necessary to call on all the surrounding towns for assistance. The fires were brought under control Wednesday night about midnight by forces from Arden and Harriman but started again Thursday and gained such headway that a general call was sent out for help. One of the Sterling fires started by the burning off and dropping of a high power electric wire but was promptly brought under control by a force of men from Tuxedo under direction of Charles S. Patterson. The fires in Town of Woodbury are all apparently under control at this time, but strict watch is being kept to prevent further outbreaks.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN BEAR MOUNTAIN

Newburgh, Nov. 7.—Wearied after several days fight against fires in the Bear Mountain park section, hundreds of men of the vicinity including soldiers from West Point and U. S. Marines from Iona Island late last night succeeded in putting out the blaze which threatened the park, only to be called out again early today when a new blaze broke out in the section known as Doodletown. The men in the government service and residents of the vicinity were all turned out for a new battle. It is expected that this will be controlled without serious damage. Chief Gee of the Bear Mountain police, who has been with the fire fighters night and day estimated today that 4,000 acres in the Bear Mountain park were included in the fire swept territory.

Illustrated Lecture

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York city, which will be the third largest cathedral in the world, will be described in an illustrated lecture to be delivered by Rev. Charles F. Cannedy D D at Mechanics Hall, Port Jervis, Friday evening, November 14th. The colored views to be used by the speaker show the progress of construction on the Cathedral and the plans for its completion.

The meeting will be open and the public is invited. No collection. No solicitation.

To Test Sanity

Beacon, Nov. 7.—Vincent O'Erlen, 15, alleged to have confessed to setting afire the chapel and main building of the Marist Brothers' School here—where he is a student, has been released on \$2,000 bail in custody of his father. The boy will be taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for observation.

W. D. McCombs agent for the estate of George J. Hubbard, turned over to Max and Sam Kornish, the new owners of the Hubbard block, which passed title on November 6.

De Valera, Released From Prison, Escorted by Constabulary As He Returns to Irish Free State



This photograph, just received from London, was taken as Eamonn De Valera, Irish Republican leader, was about to board a train at Anaroy station to return to the Free State. Following his release from prison, members of the constabulary escorted him for his own protection. He seems to have been in a joyous mood.

"MA" FERGUSON TO BE GOVERNOR EXPECT CLASH WITH HUNTERS

Temple, Texas, Nov. 7.—(The Associated Press)—The advice of her husband will be taken by Mrs. Miriam Amanda Ferguson, governor-elect of Texas, "just as I will take the advice of any citizen of Texas, interested in the welfare of the State," she said at her home here.

Her happiness unconfined, unfurled by the round of gaieties and congratulatory celebrations of which she has been the centre, yet cognizant of the responsibility that will be hers for two years, Mrs. Ferguson is looking forward to her inauguration day.

"I expect to be governor, just as any man," Mrs. Ferguson said.

Her title, she continued, would be "just governor, I guess, for no other title would do. The title 'Madam Governor' would be out of place."

With Mrs. Ferguson will go to Austin her daughter, Dorrace, and her husband.

"I guess Dorrace will be the 'first lady of the state' and will be supervisor of the mansion and Jim will be an interested spectator," Mrs. Ferguson said.

There will be no material change in the family routine, she said. There will be entertaining, but Dorrace will be hostess.

WRECK ON ERIE IS NEARLY CLEARED

Erie wrecking crews have made rapid progress in the clearing of the wreck on the Erie, five miles east of this city yesterday morning. Three freight engines and eight freight cars were derailed in a rear end collision and a caboose smashed. The wreck occurred near Shin Hollow Bridge, loaded with beef and the other seven cars were strewn along the rails, which were torn up for some distance. The seven cars were piled up, telescoping one another.

A coal train in charge of Conductor C. G. Shafer, Engineer E. Culver, with engine 3191 was being pushed up the mountain by engines 3181 and 3161 Engineers William Werching and Thomas Dickerman. This train was not making very good headway. A mixed train in charge of Conductor Milton Hanners and Engineer George Pantley also traveling up the mountain was making much better time. Engineer Pantley claimed that he did not see the train ahead until his engine was into the caboose, on account of the dense fog. The second train simply ran up to the rear of the train ahead and then crashed into the pushers.

When the train crew heard the crash, they at once knew that something was wrong and jumped to safety. The caboose was demolished and a section of it remained on the pilot of the engine which demolished it, the 3181 which was pushing next to the caboose. This engine was derailed as was the 3161.

Cars in both the head and rear trains were demolished and pieces scattered about the vicinity. Considerable of the meat and grain were saved. Damages, however, will amount to several thousands of dollars.

Get Your Orders In

If there are Port Jervis merchants who desire the American Legion flags, they must notify Fred Weigle, West Main street, before noon Monday. Otherwise, they will have to do their own drilling.

FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS FIND BODY OF MAN HANGING TO TREE

Discovery Made in Bear Mountain Park—Clothes Contained No Papers Nor Letters—Believed to Be New York Tailor

MISSING BOY WAS SHOT BY ONE OF HIS COMRADES

Body Was Then Hid in Ashes—Playmates Finally Confess

Newburgh, Nov. 7.—Fire fighters in the Bear Mountain Park area Thursday discovered the body of an unidentified man, apparently about 60 years old, hanging from a tree while enroute to one section of the park to combat the flames which in the past few days have burned over 4,000 acres of timber in addition to that outside the park area.

The only mark by which the body may be identified, is that of a tailor in New York city. In the man's clothing was \$3 in money and a silver watch. His clothing contained no papers or letters. The body was suspended by a half inch rope from the limb of a tree and is thought to have been in the woods for some time.

The firefighters who discovered the body notified authorities but were unable for a time to locate the body when they returned to the scene. The body was placed in charge of a Highland Park undertaker.

A new fire has broken out in the vicinity of Doodletown, near the Rockland county line, it was learned today. Thursday 18 families removed their household furnishings from dwellings in this village but returned later when the blaze which threatened them for a time was extinguished. Marines from the naval arsenal at Iona Island, south of Fort Montgomery, were added to the fire-fighting crews Thursday afternoon and a large body of men is still engaged today in attempting to check the spread of the blaze.

ORANGE COUNTY TEACHERS MEET

The Orange county teachers held a discussion in the Goshen High school Friday morning. The secondary group which discussed High school matters was in charge of Supt. of Schools E. H. Burdick. The program was as follows: Speeches by A. J. Stoddard, superintendent of schools at Bronxville; Principal George L. Bennett, of Yonkers, and Principal William Lyon Hoeseaman of White Plains.

Miss Dorothy Giddings of the New Paltz Normal school, and Supt. Stoddard will be the speakers at the meeting of the elementary group under the direction of Prof. E. B. Zimmerman.

The afternoon meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church preceded by an organ recital by Howard S. Dayton. The afternoon program consisted of invocation by Rev. G. H. Scofield, addresses by Arvie Eldred, of Troy, president of the New York State Teachers' Association, and Miss Olive M. Jones past president of the National Educational Association. The program was followed by a business session and election of officers.

MOORE SENT TO SING SING FOR FORGERY

Goshen, Nov. 7.—J. J. Moore, a railroad man, who was indicted for third degree forgery, pleaded guilty to the charge of having passed worthless checks in Middletown and Port Jervis. He acknowledged having served a term of two years in Sing Sing and was sent back there by Justice Tompkins in Supreme Court today for two more years. Henry B. Merritt appeared for Moore on the request of Moore's father.

BUSINESS PLACES WILL CLOSE TUESDAY

At a special meeting of the Merchant's Bureau held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Friday morning, it was unanimously decided that all merchant members would close their stores at 1 p. m. on Tuesday, November 11, Armistice day, and remain closed the remainder of the day.

This action was taken in order that the merchants and their employes might participate with the American Legion in the observance of Armistice Day.

Facts and Figures

The vote on three candidates at the last election was as follows:

Smith, Davis, Gregg	3954	2526	4030
Newburgh	2126	1833	2211
Middletown	1673	1270	1860
Port Jervis	1032	1417	1117
Total Orange Co.	13,987	10,382	14,117