

New Paths Opened In Double Murder Case

Pearl Bahmer Has Been Held on Charge of Incurability

Conflicting Stories—Girl has Sought to Convey the Impression That Schneider Knows More About Slaying of Minister and Woman Than Does Hayes.

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 13.—Prison bars have closed on another important figure in the Hall-Mills murder mystery—but the incarceration, instead of helping clear the labyrinthine tangle of clues and counter clues, served only to emphasize the difficulties the authorities are encountering in their efforts to check up the evidence on which 19-year-old Clifford Hayes stands accused of the double-slaying.

The third to go to jail was Pearl Bahmer. She is the 15-year-old girl whom Raymond Schneider says Hayes thought he was slaying, with her father, when, according to Schneider's story, Hayes pumped four bullets into the bodies of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, on the night of September 14, beneath an apple tree on the deserted Phillips farm. Schneider is held as a material witness.

Pearl was not officially jailed in connection with the Hall-Mills case. The charge against her—which she calmly admitted—was incurability. Prosecutor Stricker, of Middlesex county, who has been active in the investigation of the Hall-Mills case, appeared personally against her, however. County Judge Daly, before whom the hearing

was held, departed from the rule of secrecy in juvenile cases and threw his court open because, he declared, the people "have a right to know why she is being put in jail."

At the end of the hearing, after she had testified to intimacy with Schneider and her father, she was officially committed for a week, pending a decision on the incurability charge. Unofficially, it was said that she was being given a chance to "think over" the conflicting stories she has told. An addition reason for her incarceration was said to be the fact that she was too difficult to find when she was wanted for questioning.

Father Arrested.

Nicholas Bahmer was arrested as a result of the charges preferred by his daughter and was lodged in jail after he had been held in \$10,000 bail following his arraignment.

Pearl, who was with Schneider when the bodies of Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills were found two days after the murders, on more than one occasion has given newspaper men working on the case reason to believe she knew more than she was telling. Incidentally, she has turned against Schneider, once admittedly her sweetheart, and has sought to convey the impression that he knows more about the murders than Hayes, whom he accused of the crime.

Schneider, it was disclosed, told four different stories about his knowledge of the slayings before he reached the story of Hayes' commission of the crime, on which the authorities acted.

After he had been trapped in previous statements, said a state trooper who was present throughout the long grilling, Schneider would say:

"Well, let's go back and start all over again. I'll tell the truth this time."

His final story fails still to agree with facts about the murder brought from other sources, notably his insistence that neither Hayes nor he had

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But when Hausler's first two wives met at a reception in the circle of society to which they had been elevated, it was discovered that they had a husband in common, title and all. It was their joint determination to be avenged that led to the downfall of the title magnate and the end of his career as the titular head of the title trust.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Edith H. Street.

There entered into rest at her late residence, 618 Huntington avenue, Boston (Mass.), Edith Herbert, widow of Warwick W. Street, and daughter of the late William Jack, K. C., advocate-general of the province of New Brunswick. She is survived by one son, Victor Herbert Street, of Aberdeen, Washington, and two daughters, Mrs. Geo. A. Davis and Mrs. Edwin H. Davis and one granddaughter, E. Jacqueline Davis, all of Boston; also three sisters and one brother, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. Roderick MacKenzie, Miss Helen Ramsay Jack, and William A. Jack, of St. John. The funeral will be held on Friday in Boston.

cut Mrs. Mills' throat after the shooting, although the autopsy showed the head had been almost severed. There are almost as broad discrepancies in his story of his whereabouts on the night of the murders, as in that told by Pearl Bahmer, Schneider said he was with Pearl for several hours that night, before he saw Pearl going out with her father and started trailing the pair with Hayes.

Pearl first said he was with her until about nine o'clock. Then she said he was not with her at all. Detectives say they have practically established that he was not with her, and they are trying to check up his movements between eight and eleven o'clock—the period in which the murders are known to have been committed. Schneider says it was about one o'clock when Hayes shot the minister and the choir singer "by mistake." All other witnesses have agreed that the screams and shots which must have written fire to the Hall-Mills romance, were heard at about 10:30 o'clock. Hayes, in the meantime, lay in the county jail at Somerville, awaiting action by the Somerville grand jury, and protesting his innocence of Schneider's charge. He adhered to his story that he and Schneider had come upon the bodies of the slain pair while hunting for Pearl and her father, that Schneider had stolen the minister's watch, and that they had both decided to say nothing about their find.

Attorneys Promise Surprise.
Somerville, N. J., Oct. 10.—Former State Senator Brown, T. H. Hayes, being held on a charge of first degree murder for the shooting of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. James Mills, held a four-hour conference with their client in the Somerset county jail. The attorneys said that they would prepare a statement based on this conference which would "surprise the world." They said they had questioned Hayes minutely on his movements for a week before the crime and a week afterward, and that throughout the examination he was quiet, composed and confident.

Hayes is Cleared.
New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 13.—Clifford Hayes, held in the Somerville, N. J., jail for four days on a charge of killing Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, was released yesterday when his accuser, Raymond Schneider, told the district prosecutor that he had made up the story against Hayes as a revenge for stories he thought Hayes had been telling about him.

"TITLE" MAGNATE COMES TO GRIEF

Arrested After Marrying Seventeen Would-be Countesses.

Berlin, Oct. 13.—A corner in the market for titles of nobility came crashing down with the arrest of Ewald von Hausler, who until a year ago was a mere office manager. As a result of the collapse of his title trust moths, who aspire to wed their daughters to the sons of noble families, are obliged to deal directly with the holders of the titles instead of getting the advantages of wholesale rates as promised by Hausler's well-organized business.

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Hausler, who comes from a genuine noble family, bestowed his name upon Hilda Kutner during the latter part of the war, receiving a dowry of several thousand marks. A short time later he married another girl, receiving an even larger price in exchange for his blue blood. Following such signal success, Hausler placed the title trade upon a business basis. His agents brought from far and wide the names of families whose daughters were seeking alliances with the nobility. How many he himself married the authorities do not know.

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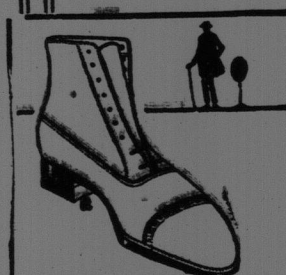
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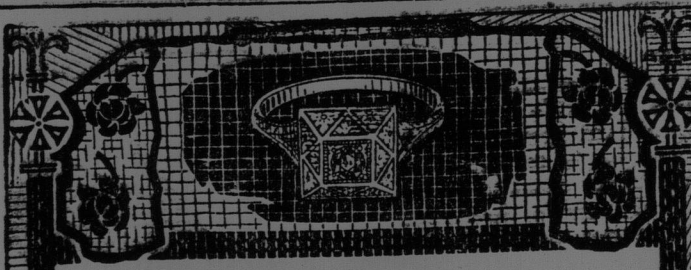
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