

MANY ARRESTS IN HILAIR CASE

Ten More Men Rounded Up in Hotel Martinique Strangling Mystery.

New York, March 22.—A police official engaged in the investigation of the murder of Mrs. Elsie Lee Hilair in the Hotel Martinique said this afternoon that it will be necessary to detain Benjamin Sternberg further because of the number of discrepancies which have been found in the account of his movements on Thursday, the day on which the woman met her death.

Sternberg is the "Benny" who surrendered to the police as the man for whom they were searching in connection with the mysterious murder. At the present time the police are holding him as a material witness.

Detectives took ten business acquaintances of Sternberg's to the second branch bureau for questioning by Assistant District Attorney Joyce. Sternberg was engaged in the fur business and the ten men at various times, it was said, sold him pieces of fur. A fur stole was seen by a maid in Mrs. Hilair's room in the Martinique.

In spite of Sternberg's assertion that he did not visit Manhattan at any time on Thursday, the police say they have a woman who knew Sternberg and who declares she saw him enter a Manhattan bound subway train at the Borough Hall station on Thursday.

They also have found a policeman attached to the Coney Island station who rode in a Brooklyn elevated train with Sternberg on Thursday. According to this policeman Sternberg got off the train at the Flatbush Avenue station, saying he "had a date with a woman." The policeman and the woman are to confront Sternberg.

The Coney Island policeman told the detectives Sternberg was on the elevated train when he entered it. He sets the time at which Sternberg left the train at Flatbush avenue at 11:45 Thursday morning.

The woman who knew Sternberg is Mrs. Hoelscher of 289 Macon street, Brooklyn. She is positive, the police say, that she saw Sternberg enter the Manhattan train at ten minutes after noon on Thursday.

In his original statement Sternberg said he left his home at 433 Miller avenue, Brooklyn, at fifteen minutes after noon on Thursday. He said he spent the afternoon in a cafe at Broadway and Ralph avenue in Brooklyn, and then went to his home about 8 o'clock in the evening. He went out again, he said, and did not return home until 9 o'clock. At no time on Thursday, Sternberg said, was he in Manhattan.

To offset this the police have learned that Sternberg pawned a ring at a shop on the Bowery on Thursday afternoon.

Explaining his failure to follow his usual custom of returning home for supper on Thursday, Sternberg said that he waited in the Ralph avenue cafe for a man who owed him money. The police questioned the man Sternberg said he was waiting for and he informed them that he was Sternberg on Thursday, though he had been in the cafe mentioned all that afternoon. Three men with whom Sternberg said he took drinks on Thursday told the police that they did not remember meeting Sternberg on that day.

Sternberg also informed the police that he remained for a few minutes in front of the Empire Theatre on Thursday, but the manager and several employees of the theatre do not remember seeing him.

The police have traced the rings which Sternberg pawned some days ago. They belonged to his wife and he pawned them to raise money for the purchase of furs to be used in his business.

Sternberg's father, Israel, visited the Second Branch Detective Bureau, but was unable to see his son. He was indignant at the police examination to which his son was subjected. Sternberg said that six months ago his son gave him a check for \$1,000.

SEATTLE-PRINCE ARTHUR.

[Christian Science Monitor.]
It is impossible to see how Seattle and Prince Rupert can enlist the undivided attention of the two English-speaking nations of North America at this particular time. Moreover, considering the present demand for fish, the number of fish there are still in the ocean, and how much better it is for people of common origin, common ties, common aspirations, and common ideals to fish together in unity, Seattle and Prince Rupert should adjust their little differences as best they can, and let the rest of the United States and Canada think of something more pressing and more serious.

Of course, when the economists say everybody should make a garden "who can possibly find a vacant spot?" they don't refer to vacant minds.

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British Cavalry Still Chasing German Enemy Toward Home

Philip Gibbs Tells How the British Get in Touch With the German Cavalry and Cyclists, With the Londoners Close Behind—A Trail of Fire.

War Correspondent's Headquarters, March 22.—Refusing to give battle the Germans retired still further over the open country east of Bapaume and British cavalry patrols are in touch with their mounted rearguard on a line west of Cambrai and St. Quentin. The exact location is vague as the movement continues and the British cavalry is in small units, moving cautiously among a large number of burning villages, which are everywhere alight.

Small parties of Germans were encountered last night in the open near Vitres and Bertincourt. Some snipers in Bus opened fire up a cavalry patrol and were scattered by air and machine gun bullets.

South of the Somme British cavalry got in touch with German cavalry at Roy and with German cyclists at Potes. At bridges have been destroyed to cover the German retreat, as at Roy and Breuil, and all wells have been filled with filth and rubbish, besides those more damnably poisoned.

It is the most extraordinary experience in life to follow up through this abandoned country from which the Germans have fled, as I have found today in tramping through the district of Brome and into that deserted and destroyed town. A few weeks ago I described the journey to the new lines we had taken over from the French south of the Somme. Then it was under the full blast of shell fire and not a day passed without the Germans flinging high explosives into the ruined villages of Hennecourt, Estrees, Plaucourt and Blaches.

Evil Spell Has Lifted.

From Mont St. Quentin, on the flank of the British ground, so that it was horrible to see that hill starting down on, and in daylight in the open country one moved always under the menace of death. Today that menace had gone, the evil spell had lifted, and we moved freely in sight of Mont St. Quentin, unafraid and with a strange sense of safety. The Germans had gone from there yesterday morning.

At the same time they had crept away from the trenches at Blaches and across their wooded bridges to Peronne and out of this town to the open country, hurrying through the night to escape from British pursuit.

U. S. NAVY AVIATOR MISSING ON FLIGHT

Portsmouth, N. H., March 22.—A letter received here late this afternoon by a seaman on the U. S. S. North Carolina from another on the U. S. S. Scott, "Somebody off Cuba," stated that Lieut. Godfrey De Chevalier, U. S. N., one of the best Navy aviators, had been missing after a scouting flight over the island. The letter was dated March 11.

Lieut. Chevalier started at 4.30 p. m. on the 7th on a scouting flight, and, failing to return, it is feared that he has been killed or taken prisoner. Flights of 100 miles were made daily from a camp ashore, the letter stated. Officers on board the ship refused tonight to give out any details, although they admitted that the letter had been received.

The Seattle is in the aviation department, as is the North Carolina, and Lieut. Chevalier was but lately transferred from the latter to the Seattle. He was one of the most daring and experienced aviators in the Navy. He is about 29 years of age, a native of Rhode Island and was appointed to the Naval Academy from Massachusetts in 1906.

Spring would be more welcome if she remembered that the entire 17th celebration is over.

Apparently, the Germans have found the curtain of fire inconvenient and retired behind the scenes.

China has a lively suffrage society, agitating for three great reforms—the abolition of opium traffic, of foot binding, and of child slavery.

The Pacifists Weaken

[The London Times.]
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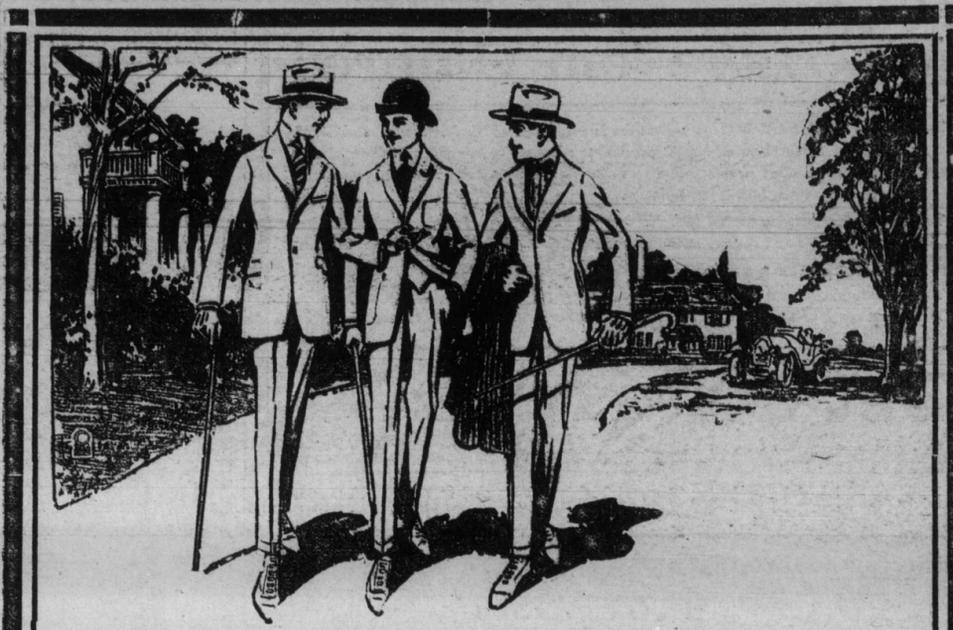
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