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THE ALIBI SET UP BY STEVENS IS BACKED UP BY EVIDENCE OF TWENTY-TWO WITNESSES

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 22—Bringing 22 witnesses from varied walks of life, the defense in the Hall-Mills case today completed its support of the alibi of Henry Stevens and turned to the case of Willie Stevens.

The brothers, with their sister, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, are charged with the murder of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, slain with the Rev. Edward W. Hall on the night of Sept. 14, 1922, a date coming up again and again in today's testimony as eight witnesses told of seeing Henry Stevens in LaVallette, N. J., his home that night.

Family Backs Alibi.

After a morning devoted to the story of a regular fisherman and his wife, an occasional fisherman, and the Stevens' cook, a family was put forward in the afternoon to close the Henry Stevens alibi. A mother and daughter told of a conversation with the defendant at 10.30 o'clock on the night of the double killing, another daughter heard Stevens' voice but did not see him, and the father told of meeting the family at Jersey City on September 15, the day after the conversation, when all three testified Stevens took them to the station. The state has fixed the hour of the slaying at 10.20 o'clock.

Dismissing the status of Henry Stevens for the moment, the defense took up his brother's case and offered witnesses to prove that he has not suffered from epilepsy, did not wear a derby hat, constantly used glasses and did not have a gold watch.

State witnesses testified on the opening day of the trial that they saw Willie Stevens at Plainfield, inquiring the way to the "Parker House," early on the evening of the killing. They said he wore a derby hat, no eye-glasses, had a gold watch and was suffering from epilepsy.

To Impeach Testimony.

Late in the day, a movement was started designed to impeach the testimony of Henry L. Dickman, former State Trooper, who testified that he was paid by the late Arariah Beekman, then prosecutor of this county, to leave the state after he had spent several months in investigating the Hall-Mills case. An attache of the office of the Adjutant-General of the

army came with records of Dickman's army service and that of "Bernard J. McLaughlin" which the defense will attempt to prove was a name used by Dickman. A fingerprint expert from the Navy followed the army man to testify that fingerprints on the enlistment record of Dickman and McLaughlin are the same.

The fingerprint expert's brief experience was the fore-runner of more extended testimony, tomorrow when he will be called as one of the defense experts in its efforts to combat persistent State contention that the print of Willie Stevens' finger appears on a calling-card of the Rev. Mr. Hall, found near his body.

Testimony Attended to.

Attention was turned to testimony of Mrs. Anna Hoag, State's witness that Henry Stevens was at the Phillips farm house about two hours after the slaying. Mrs. Emma Holzlohrer and her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Teggen testified that they were present when Mrs. Hoag saw the visitor. Henry Stevens stood up for inspection, and both witnesses said that he was not the man who appeared at the farm house enquiring the way to Raritan.

Dr. Lawrence Runyon, Willie Stevens' physician at New Brunswick, said that the defendant never suffered from epilepsy and does not stammer. The witness and Simpson crossed words several times. The physician said that he did not know what "epilepsy" is and added, "you don't either," to the prosecutor.

Answering a question as to Willie's intelligence, the physician said, "he is brighter than a lot of persons," and his reading has equipped him to "make a fool of a lot of people," although he does not attend school a great deal. Later the Somerville jail warden, James J. Major, said that the defendant has had no epileptic fits and had done no noticeable stammering since he had been in jail.

Mrs. Gibson Worse.

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 22—The condition of Mrs. James Gibson, picturesque witness in the Hall-Mills case, was "very serious," according to unofficial reports tonight from the Jersey City Hospital. Attaches said her fever was very high and that she was "quite weak."

U.S. RELATIONS WITH CANADA ARE UNIQUE

The Detroit News says:

Attempts are being made to reopen the old question whether a Canadian citizen, residing in Canada, can hold a daily job in the United States, or an American citizen, living in America, can cross the line every day to work in Canada.

The question has slumbered for a long time. In 1898 a protocol was drawn up preliminary to the appointment of a joint commission to decide several points at issue between the United States and Great Britain. One was the application of the alien labor laws to citizens of this country and Canada. Another was the delimitation of the Alaska-Canadian boundary. The joint commission met in Quebec in August. Among the Americans were Charles W. Fairbanks, Nelson Dingley and John W. Foster; the British representatives included Baron Herschel, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Louis Davies. Everything went well until a difference having arisen as to the Alaskan boundary, the Americans proposed that the question be laid aside and the other matters settled; the British representatives declined this procedure, and the commission adjourned. The boundary question was settled in 1903, but the alien labor matter was never again taken up. Meanwhile there has been an exchange of labor between the United States and Canada, with no questions asked.

There seems to be no good reason why this exchange should not continue. It is mutual and fair. There are Canadians who live at home and work in America; there are Americans who live at home and work in Canada; there are Americans, many of them students, who follow the wheat harvest north into Canada, and return to the United States when the job is done. There are also Americans who live in Canada and work in the United States; and there are Canadians who live in America and draw their revenues from Canada. What difference does it make?

Our relations with Canada are unique in the world's history. Thousands cross the boundary every day without feeling they are entering a strange land, without doubting for a minute

FERGUSON HASTAKEN THREE SEATS

Windsor, Nov. 22—Conservatives are sure of three seats in Ontario as a result of the retirement today of Edward P. Teller, ex-M. L. A. for North Essex.

Mr. Teller dropped out of the provincial contest in favor of Dr. Paul Posson, M. C., his Conservative opponent giving the latter an acclamation. Ill-health was the cause of Mr. Teller's retirement.

Both nominees had been chosen as government control supporters. Mr. Teller as an independent, and Liberal representative in the last assembly, had been given Liberal support in the present campaign. W. C. Inch was nominated as a Conservative, but withdrew last Saturday.

LENINGRAD NOW LIGHTED BY ELECTRICITY

Leningrad, Russia, Nov. 22—Current from the Soviet Government's great \$49,000,000 hydroelectric plant on the Volkhov River today gave many parts of the old Czarist capital the first electric light they ever had.

The plant, just completed after eight years of difficult work, was begun largely on the initiative of the late Premier Lenin who favored electrification of the country.

The station is the largest in Russia, capable of developing 56,000 kilowatts and supplying all of Leningrad's needs for light, heat and power.

H. M. Snowball of Chatham is in the city today.

that they will be received as friends. Why interrupt that pleasant intercourse? Why put a government barrier in the way of spontaneous friendliness? Especially when the arrangement is so thoroughly fair and even.

THE AUTUMN FRESHET NOW ON IN RIVER

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weather was much as it is now. The river finally was sealed by ice on the 30th an unusually late date for freezing. In 1923 December 18 was one of latest dates in the history of the river for the formation of ice sufficiently heavy to close the river. The present season of navigation was unusually late in opening the ice running April 30 but leaving enough ice hanging on the bridge-piers for May poles to be put out. At a number of points above and below Fredericton Maypoles were placed on the ice. In 1925 there was an extremely long open season the river opening April 1 and closing November 30.

Washington, Nov. 23—The "old fashioned prayer meeting" is no longer the "spiritual barometer of the church," either in the army or out of it, Col. John T. Axton, chief chaplain, concludes in his annual report made public today.

Despite a drop in army church attendance as a whole from the high mark set the preceding year, he said, Sunday attendance increased, indicating the same trend away from week night meetings manifest outside the army.

REV. Z. L. FASH RETURNING TO NEW BRUNSWICK

Hantsport, N. S., Nov. 20—On Thursday afternoon, Nov. 18, Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Mellick gave a delightful "At Home" at their home in honor of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Fash, who are leaving in a few weeks for Lewisville, N. B., where Rev. Mr. Fash has taken the pastorate of the Baptist church. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Fash came to Hantsport a little over two years ago. They have filled a large place not only in the life and activity of the church but also of the town and community. They will be very much missed but the good wishes of their many friends will go with them to their new field of labor. Among the guests present were: Miss Robb, returned missionary from Korea; Mrs. (Dr.) Annand, who with her husband spent 43 years mission work in New Hebrides; Mrs. (Dr.) Dickie, Mrs. (Rev.) Gornell, Miss Lillian Bishop of Wolfville, formerly of India; Mrs. Nelson, from Tacoma, U. S. A.

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