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THE PIG WOMAN TESTIFIED FROM A SICK BED AT THE HALL-MILLS MURDER TRIAL YESTERDAY

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Jane Gibson came to court here today on a hospital bed to testify that she saw Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers Henry and Willie Stevens, at and near the place the bodies of the Rev. Edward W. Hall, and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills were found on the night they were slain more than four years ago.

From her bed, made into a witness stand, the witness said that she saw Mrs. Hall and Willie Stevens standing in front of an automobile in De Russell's Lane, near Brunswick, before she heard shots fired. Later she saw Henry Stevens just before she heard shots and still later observed Mr. Hall kneeling near the place where the witness had heard voices uttering oaths. She pointed to the defendants in the court room and said they are the persons she saw.

Screams She Told Truth.

The dramatic appearance of the witness in the court room followed a ride in an ambulance from Jersey City, where she has been a patient in a hospital for ten days. Her three-hour stay in the court room bed was ended only after she had partly raised herself and screamed, "I told the truth, so help me God," and you know it," with a wave of her hand toward the three defendants.

She apparently suffered no ill-effects from her journey and court appearance.

Mrs. Gibson's story was in many particulars the recital she has given over a period of four years, but there were some additional details today and some changes. In previous testimony she had not identified Henry Stevens as a person she saw at the scene. She had before identified Henry Carpenter, cousin of the three defendants in the case on trial, which charges the murder of Mrs. Mills. Carpenter, a New York broker, is in jail here, under indictment on the same cases as the cousins face. He came to the court room today to have Mrs. Gibson say that she had previously pointed him out as a person present.

Examination Brief.

The direct examination was brief, less than twenty minutes, while the cross-examination required two hours and thirty minutes. The trend of the questioning by the defense attorneys after the witness had been led to repeat her story of what she saw on the night of the double killing, was to draw information as to her past life. She was vague as to many details and denied that she has had more than one husband. William Easton, she said is her only husband. She was called as a witness under the name of "Jane Easton," her explanation of the discrepancy being that she took the name "Gibson" when she purchased the Gibson farm.

To Attack Witness.

The defence clearly indicated in its examination that its effort to discount the identification of the defendants will be an attack on the creditability of the witness.

She was asked at length as to whether she had been divorced and if she had known men whose names were given her. Her reply to these questions was "No." She could not give the name of the town or city in which her marriage to Easton took place.

"I don't remember," was an answer appearing frequently in the testimony. During the cross-examination Mrs. Gibson was shown photographs and asked if they were likenesses of the defendants. She said they were not, and that she did not know who they represented. She was also asked as to conversations with detectives and investigators and asked if she had made statements that she could not identify any one she saw the night of the murder. She denied making such statements.

Her Story is Brief.

Mrs. Gibson's story of her observation of the events of the night of the slaying of the minister and choir singer was brief. She told of riding her mule in pursuit of a rattling wagon, suspected as a vehicle used by thieves to carry away corn, of passing an automobile in front of which stood a man and a woman. She said the woman was Mrs. Hall, and although she several times said that the man was "a colored man," she reiterated her identification of him as "Willie Stevens."

Her story continued that she tied her mule to a cedar tree and heard muzzling voices as if in argument, a reference of "explain these matters," sounds of a scuffle, oaths, shots and then she hurriedly rode her mule away. Discovering that she had lost a moccasin, she said, she returned to the place where she had tied her mule and then saw Mrs. Hall kneeling on the ground, making a "funny noise."

The calm of the three defendants survived again today. Not once during

Mrs. Gibson's declaration that she saw all of them the night of the killing did it falter, and they remained with unchanged expressions as she repeated her oath as a witness before being carried away. Mrs. Hall and Henry Stevens seemed slightly less interested than Willie Stevens.

Crowd Waits Witness.

Arrival of the ambulance bearing the witness from the Jersey City hospital found a court room packed to its doors, waiting for a glimpse of the sick witness.

The witness was promptly carried through the crowd, and placed on a bed in the court room. A doctor stood at her head and a nurse by her side as she began her testimony. Her voice was feeble as she heard the special prosecutor's first questions, but as the examination progress, she apparently grew stronger and the tones of her voice were much louder. At intervals the physician felt her pulse and the nurse administered nourishment.

Most of the testimony was given as Mrs. Gibson lay flat on her back. She was elevated slightly to take the oath, again to look at the defendants as she made her identification, and raised herself on her elbow to shout her declaration of truthfulness.

With the high spot of the drama of the state, a case reached with the presentation of Mrs. Gibson, the prosecution will be closed tomorrow in what promises to be an anti-climax.

REMARKABLE EXHIBITION OF HEROISM

North Shore Boy Loses Life in Effort to Save His Brother.

Campbellton, Nov. 18.—A remarkable exhibition of heroism merged with a tragic incident which occurred at Chandler on Saturday and in which Seaford McConnell, aged 6, and his brother, Glendon, aged 9, lost their lives by drowning was brought to light this morning when the first definite details regarding the sad affair were available. The older boy lost his life through a heroic effort to save his little brother, who had gone through thin ice. One of the most poignant incidents in the history of that community was witnessed by a breathless group on the shore, including the mother of the victims, forced to watch a dual tragedy they were helpless to prevent. The two lads were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes McConnell, of Chandler, former residents of Restigouche county. The bereaved mother is a former Dalhousie girl.

The two boys were at play with some other lads on the ice of a small lake, in that locality, when the sad affair took place. Presently they were aware that little Seaford McConnell had fallen through the ice about 50 feet from the shore. The boy's brother Glendon, perceiving the little fellow's peril, immediately ran towards him, calling as he went, "Are you drowned, Seaford? I'll save you." Thoughtless of his own danger in the moment of his brother's extremity the brave little fellow raced to the rescue, but the ice gave way beneath him before he had covered half the intervening distance and he, too, was plunged into the icy waters of the pond.

Still the little fellow was undaunted and he put up a brave struggle for his life, calling out anxiously to the others to ask if his brother was saved. Meanwhile a crowd had gathered on the short and frantic but unavailing efforts were made to rescue the unfortunate boys.

Mother Sees Tragedy.

The despairing mother of the two lads was also there and tried with others to get a rope to the oldest boy. This proved futile, and as there was no boat at hand and the ice could not be trusted with the weight of an adult nothing could be done during the brief space of the fateful affair. The older boy bore up bravely and tried to secure the end of the rope being thrown out to him, but before his numb fingers could grasp it he lost his precarious hold on the ice and disappeared.

Death at Forest Hill.

The death of Mrs. Helen V. O'Rourke occurred Thursday afternoon at her home, Forest Hill after a long illness. Four children survive. The funeral will take place Saturday morning with interment at the Hermitage. The funeral will leave the home at 8.15 and High Mass will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Church at nine o'clock by Very Rev. Dean Carney.

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REDUCTION OF AMOUNT IN BARKER HOUSE CASE

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This was a Saint John case in which the landlord of an hotel property appealed against an order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Tingley vs. Price Bros.

In Tingley vs Price Bros., Limited, Chief Justice Hazen delivered judgment. Appeal dismissed with costs.

This action concerned a shipment of lumber which was alleged to be below standard. The appellant Tingley won in the lower court and the verdict is sustained.

Barker House Case.

In Chauncey Coleman vs T. V. Monahan, Mr. Justice Grimmer delivered judgment. This case concerned the vacating of the Barker House premises by the lessee Monahan and the removal of certain fixtures. The judgment holds that a jacket-heater and boilers which were removed were the property of Monahan and for that reason the verdict in favor of Coleman must be reduced by \$775 with costs to the defendant Monahan.

Common Motions.

In the divorce action McIntosh vs McIntosh C. R. Hawkins moved in the matter of alimony for extension of time and leave to re-enter. J. J. F. Winslow, K. C., contra.

Leave to re-enter was granted the plaintiff on condition that plaintiff pay defendants' costs of appeal application with leave to enter cross-appeal.

In The King on the information of T. T. Goodwin vs Robert Ed, Ernest Doiron for the defendant asked for

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