

# Barton Held on Murder Charge

Walter Stiles, miner operating in the Searchlight district, died Monday night as the result of a gunshot wound received Sunday during an altercation over the title to mining property near the town. It is alleged by witnesses that the shot was fired by Willett Barton, Searchlight pioneer and former justice of the peace of that township.

According to Fred Colton and William Douglas, other parties to the dispute, Stiles had nothing whatever to do with the mining claim in question, but was an innocent spectator who was standing near. This statement is concurred in by Mrs. Frances B. Roller, mother of the deceased, and Mrs. William Douglas, mother of William Douglas.

"Douglas and I were doing some assessment work for various parties in Searchlight prior to the passage of the new moratorium act, and had occasion to check up on the records of the district in the recorder's office," Colton said.

"We found no record of any kind on the disputed claim since 1933, and felt we had a legal right to relocate it," Colton said, exhibiting a letter to that effect from the recorder's office.

"Barton disputed that right and we have had several arguments with him about it. Stiles, however, had nothing whatever to do with it. He was just an innocent victim. He and Douglas were together on some other properties, but not this one.

"Stiles went out with us Sunday morning as a friend, nothing more. He was not down in the hole with us as has been said, but was sitting on top. He was acting as sort of an intermediary between us and Barton.

"I'll admit there was a dispute over the property. All that will come out in the trial. But if there was any claim jumping, Stiles had nothing whatever to do with it," declared Colton.

The property involved in the dispute, Colton said, was called the Ruth Elder by Barton, but they renamed it the Green Quartz, he said.

Stiles was shot through the hips, it is reported, and was rushed to Las Vegas by ambulance for hospitalization shortly after 10 o'clock Sunday morning, when the tragedy occurred.

Barton stated that he had held his claim for the past 11 years and was doing his assessment work on the property on June 20, when he first ordered the men to leave.

"I fired two shots around in their direction for the purpose of scaring them off Sunday. I didn't intend to hurt anyone, and there was no one in sight at that time.

"Stiles was standing near the hole when I fired the third shot, and the other two men were in the hole, still digging. The shot I fired was not within 10 feet of him, and I was about 300 feet away," Barton said.

Mrs. Douglas said that Stiles was not in Searchlight on June 20.

Both Barton and Stiles were prominent mining men in southern Nevada. Barton is 61 years old and had resided in Searchlight for the past 25 or 30 years.

Barton is being held in the coun-

## BISHOP GORMAN PLANS TO CONSTRUCT MAUSOLEUM

A Reno news item states that responding to suggestions urged by a number of residents in this section of the state, Bishop Thomas Gorman recently has submitted to him plans for a mausoleum, the first of its kind in Nevada, to be erected in Mater Dolorosa cemetery.

ty jail without bond pending his hearing on the charge of murder, which has been set for 10 o'clock, Thursday, September 8, at the justice courtroom.

The design was prepared by Architect Henry Minton, well-known as the designer of San Francisco's Holy Cross cemetery mausoleum and of several others in California.

"The mausoleum," declared Bishop Gorman, "purposes to meet in this section a need long felt and expressed. Many Catholics and non-Catholics of this and neighboring towns have voiced their approval of it as a more fit resting place for their beloved dead, and as a lasting credit to our state. In beauty of design, the plans being contemplated leave nothing to be de-

sired."

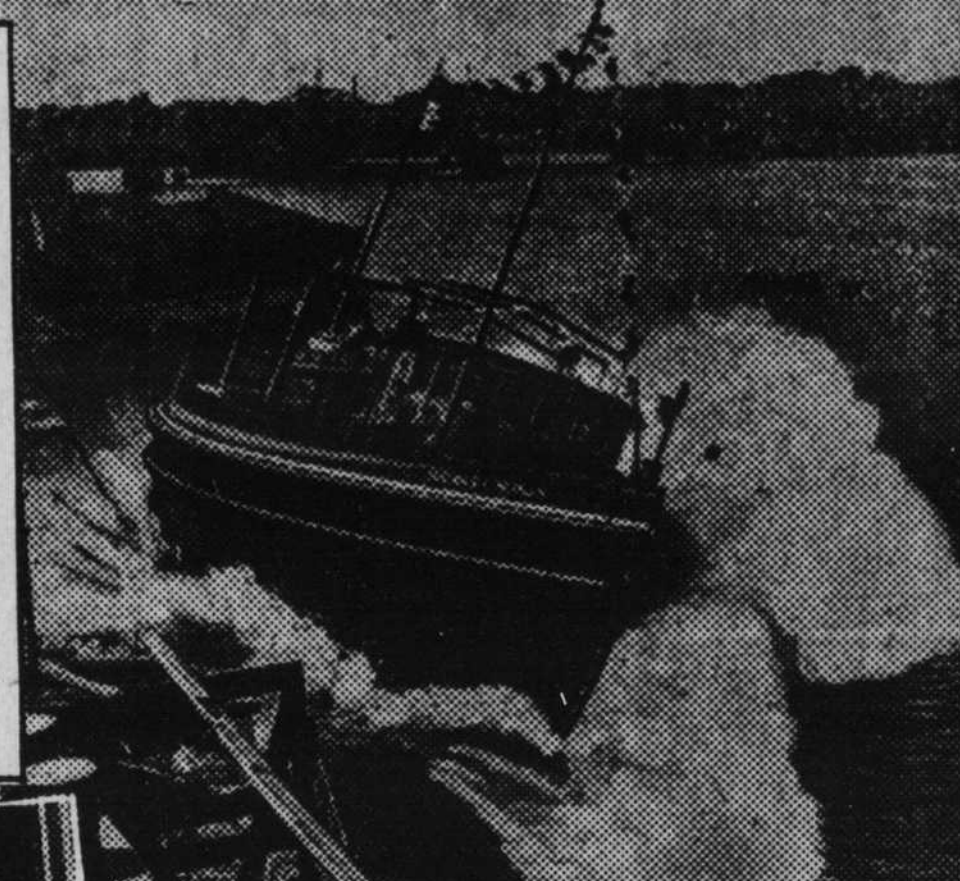
"If general opinion here," he added, "and this, it seems, will be the case, favors the construction of the building, work on it will begin in the spring."

The prelate emphasized that space in the proposed edifice will not be restricted to Catholics, but will be available to anyone.

Two and a half million dollars worth of Irish sweepstakes tickets were seized at Philadelphia the other day by customs men. But probably there wasn't a winning ticket among 'em.

# In the WEEK'S NEWS

**NEW AID FOR AMERICAN SHIPPING**—The "Thomas E. Moran," first of two new General Motors Diesel-powered tow boats, is launched at Bay City, Mich. The all welded steel hull vessel, which is powered by two 8-cylinder, 2 cycle GM Diesel engines developing a total of 1350 horsepower, was built for the Moran Towing and Transportation Company, N. Y.



**FATHER DIVINE GOES TO NEW "HEAVEN"**—Appropriately dressed for the excursion up the Hudson River to the new "Heaven" of his followers at Krum Elbow, across the river from the home of President Roosevelt, Father Divine looks through his binoculars in the Pilot House of "The City of New York."



**SHIRLEY TEMPLE BACK HOME**—Shirley Temple, whose triumphant "vacation" tour of the East was shortened by a slight attack of the Grippe, is pictured with her mother, Mrs. George F. Temple, and her father (background) as they arrived at Pasadena, California.



**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS**—This jolly picture was taken at the 5th American-Japan Student conference held in Tokyo and attended by fifty U. S. college students and 100 Japanese students as hosts. The conference is alternately held in the U. S. and Japan. The happy smiles belong to Miss Margaret Tracinski of the University of Washington and Ichiro Katsura of Kelo University, Tokyo.



**NATION'S BEST HIGH SCHOOL ARTIST**—Honore Sharrer of La Jolla, California, who has just been named the country's No. 1 high school artist by the Youth Forum of The American Magazine. She competed against high school boys and girls from coast to coast. Her prize is \$1,000 and a week in New York as a guest of the magazine.



**HEADS OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY**—Edward I. Noble (left), Chairman, and Clinton Hester, Administrator, of the new Civil Aeronautics Authority. The Authority takes over the regulation of commercial and private aviation.