Victim Kicked Down 60-foot Shaft Attempting to Escape Porter

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., April 20.—Murder between floors was charged against a fiendish elevator man, James Hughes, 26, today. He is accused of having kicked his trapped victim, Mrs. Stephanie Werner, 22, a telephone operator out of an elevator to her death in the Telephone Company's Stillwell exchange building here late last night because she repulsed his advances.

Mrs. Werner, an attractive mother of two children, and a friend, Barbara Westlake, also a telephone girl, rushed into the exchange building at Long Island City, bound for work shortly before 11 o'clock last night. The regular elevator operator was away from his post. Hughes, a porter, offered to run them up.

FALLS DOWN SHAFT

At a point between the third and fourth floors he halted the car. Without a word he attempting to throw his arms about Mrs. Werner. She screamed and broke loose. In the ensuing battle she managed to get the elevator door open intending to leap to the third floor and safety. Enraged at her attempt to escape him, Hughes gave the screaming girl a vicious kick. She plunged out of the car, struck the third floor ledge and fell on downward sixty feet to the bottom of the elevator shaft. She died soon after being taken to St. John's Hospital.

Seemingly without a thought for the girl he just had hurled to her death, Hughes turned his attention to the Westlake girl. Deaf to her screams, he undertook to force his attentions upon her until male employes of the exchange, led by Everett Etchels, another porter, climbed into the lift and rescued her—but not without a struggle.

FIGHTS OFF RESCUERS

Confronted by Etchels, clambering up the shaft and into the elevator, Hughes turned on him. He made a vicious effort to kick the rescuer down the shaft atop the crushed Mrs. Werner. But reinforced by other arrivals, Etchels finally overpowered the crazed man.

The young woman in the shaft pit was found unconscious with a broken nose, broken legs and internal injuries.

Hughes was arrested, protesting his innocence. He was held on a homicide charge for a hearing on Friday. He is unmarried and had worked three weeks at the exchange.

RADIO TALK SET

Don G. Gilman, vice president and Pacific Coast manager of the National Broadcasting Company, will address the luncheon of the Progress Club tomorrow at the Palace Hotel on "Progress and Radio," it was announced yesterday by Frank H. Walker, president. J. B. Rothschild will be chairman.

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...while Bucher was cleaning the ... of a new car. The car was destroyed. Damage to the garage at 205 Main street, Redwood City, was ...

cording to Simon J. Lubin, president of the council. Guatemala is the latest to notify Lubin it will have representatives at the conference. Frederick Waller will represent Guatemala.

trial and J. M. McMahon, the district attorney, had been his defense attorney. Judge Ragland Tuttle and District Attorney W. E. Wright of Nevada county were called in and the charge was dismissed.

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Governor Under Banner of Party

By EARL C. BEHRENS

Democratic State central committee leaders are hard put to fin a satisfactory candidate for th party's nomination for Governor the coming August 26 primary elec tion.

Chairman Henry H. McPike the State organization hoped to ir duce Phil Dodson, a former Stat commander of the American Legio to agree to enter the primary whe Dodson was here last week. Bu McPike reported no decision w reached. Dodson was billed as o of the speakers at the recent L Angeles campaign rally for Distri Attorney Fitts, Republican cand date. He has told a number his friends he would support Fit

NONE WANTS HONORS

The names of numerous Dem crats have been mentioned as po sible candidates, but none of tho on the list of the party leaders w agree to make the race. Carl Ale ander Johnson, San Diego, a dr has already started his campaig ing in the South for the Democrat nomination, but he is not satisfa tory to the Al Smith wing of th party. Johnson was defeated f the party nomination by Justus Wardell of San Francisco in 1926.

S. F. GROUP SPLIT

While the Democratic leaders a searching for a gubernatorial ca didate the wrangling between th two factions of the San Francis Democratic group goes on. Ja Ehrlich representing the young Bourbons, is going ahead with pla to put a ticket for the county con mittee in the field at the prima election.

"We are not worried and we a not going to waste any time think ing about his threats," Chairma Martin J. Tierney of the loc county organization, declares in an swer to Ehrlich's demands Th Reardon and Tierney give th younger Democrats control of th San Francisco organization.

MRS. KAHN IN RACE

Congresswoman Florence P. Kah will send on her declaration of can didacy for re-election from th Fourth district from Washington in time to reach Registrar of Vote Collins about May 28, the first da for nominations. Bert Kahn, U. S appraiser and a brother-in-law o Congresswoman Kahn, paid a vis to the City Hall Saturday and se cured the necessary documents fo forwarding to Washington. Th Fourth district representative w be unopposed, according to prese indications.

C. Ray Robinson, Merced attor ney, is a candidate for the Assem bly from the district consisting o Merced, Mariposa and Madera coun ties. B. A. Wilson, Los Banos edi tor, may be a candidate for th same position.

Mayor Rolph will get the jum on the other candidates for Gov ernor as far as a hand-shakin excursion is concerned when h leaves San Francisco this mornin on the special six-day tour of Cen tral and Southern California wi the Pacific Coast Crusaders. Th tour by train and motor coach wi give the Mayor an opportunity t meet many voters.

Mexico Papers Strike Continues

MEXICO CITY, April 20 (AP)—The Mexico City newspapers Excelsior and El Universal continued today to be without foreign news and English pages because of the strike of their cable and English editors. The strike was called by the newspaper union because the two papers refused to cancel their membership in The Associated Press.

It had been called by the union because the Associated Press declined to continue in its employ two Mexican translators, no longer needed because news to Mexico was to be transmitted in Spanish instead of English. Salary for three months was offered these employees, but refused.

The Mexican Board of Conciliation and Arbitration meets tomorrow for the first time since the holidays began and within a day or two it is expected to take some action to end the situation.

Fire Kills Five Trapped in Beds