

YOUTH IS ACCUSED OF GIRL'S MURDER

Former Lover of Miss Marion Lambert Admits Telling Her He Was to Marry Another.

MUST CONFRONT WITNESS

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Will H. Orpet, a student at the University of Wisconsin, was formally charged today with the murder of Miss Marion Frances Lambert of Lake Forest, whose body was found in the snow Thursday morning in the woods near her home.

Chemical analysis showed death due to poison. Orpet admitted that he had been with the girl in the woods and had then told her that he intended to marry another. He declared he was innocent of her death.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Solemn denial was made today by Will H. Orpet, student at the University of Wisconsin, that he saw Marion Lambert take the poison which ended her life in the woods near her home in Lake Forest, where her half frozen body was found Thursday morning.

"If I had only looked back, do you think I would have let her lie there?" he asked, pointing to the dark woods where the body was found. Orpet arrived in Lake Forest today from Madison, Wis., in the custody of detectives and State's Attorney R. J. Dady of Lake county.

Part of the mystery which surrounded the death of Miss Lambert was solved by the confession of Orpet, who admitted that he had met the girl in the lonely woods on a secret tryst and that he had told her he intended to marry another.

Orpet is reported to have given the following account of his tryst with the girl: "I got to Lake Forest Tuesday night and called to make an appointment with Marion for that evening, so I made one for the next morning. We had our talk in the woods, and I then told her I was figuring on marrying another girl.

"I told her plainly that it was all off between us. Then we arranged that I should leave the woods first and take a car in Chicago, where I could get a train for Madison. I did that. She was to follow me in a few minutes after I had time to catch my car and get out of her way. But she didn't do that."

The police planned to confront Orpet with David James, a deaf mute, who said he saw the man press a bottle to the young woman's lips.

Orpet was taken to the woods where the body was found. With officers he walked over the route which he said he and Miss Lambert followed last Wednesday. Crossing a little ravine Orpet stopped. There, he said, was where he had a sharp quarrel with the girl when he told her of his engagement to another. Reaching three trees under which the body was found the party searched unsuccessfully for a bottle or paper which might have contained the poison.

Miners Try to Save Companion, but Fail

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Johnston county relatives of Frank Reed, who was killed in an accident in a mine, have returned from Blue Rapids, Kan., where they attended the funeral. Mr. Reed and family formerly lived in the western part of this county. While engaged in blasting, a huge rock, weighing perhaps three tons, rolled upon Mr. Reed and pinned his legs down. Fellow workmen rushed to his help, but could not save him. A second large rock hung in the balance over the men's heads while they worked to free their companion, liable to drop at any moment and kill them all. But they were courageous fellows and worked on. Finally it was agreed that they could not liberate Mr. Reed and that there was great danger in remaining at work. It was decided to amputate Mr. Reed's leg, that he might be freed, and William Taylor, a fellow miner, using the only available instrument, his pocket knife, cut Mr. Reed's leg off between the ankle and the hip, the stone having crushed the bone so that this work was possible. The miners closed the wound by tying a string tightly about the leg, and rushed Mr. Reed to the office of a surgeon. However, an operation was not performed as the unfortunate man, three hours after the accident, died from the shock. He is survived by a family.

The Day's War News

THE CHAMPAGNE REGION in France, where comparative quiet has prevailed recently while unsuccessful battles have been in progress in the Artois and south of the Somme, again has been the scene of bitter fighting, of which the French have had the advantage.

FOLLOWING A VIOLENT bombardment by French artillery along a great part of the Champagne front the French launched an infantry attack on the German lines to the northeast of Massiges, penetrating the German positions over a front of approximately 200 yards. The allied gain is admitted in today's official bulletin from Berlin.

LATEST REPORTS from the western battle front indicate a withdrawal by the French in winning back some of the positions they lost in the recent shelling of the Germans at their lines in the Artois and south of the Somme.

FROM SOUTH RUSSIA and Galicia come announcements that the Russian offensive there is assuming considerable proportions, but without striking results having been so far achieved.

IN PREPARATION for eventualities around Salonika the allies are strengthening their positions and extending their lines. The French have advanced across the Varde, northwest of the city.

IN ALBANIA the Austrians are reported marching on Durazzo with a force not larger than 20,000 men.

DEMOCRATS FUSS OVER INVITATIONS

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that harmony on the rocks of democratic discord in Omaha. Here were two democratic factions contending for the privilege of entertaining them. And all because United States history contains the names of two great men—Andrew Jackson and Jim Dahlgren. All but seven members of the committee were present either in person or in proxy.

Dr. P. L. Hall of Lincoln, national committee president, in the absence of W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, who is wintering in Miami, Fla. Electors selected.

Democratic electors were decided upon for five congressional districts, but the first district was not ready to report. For the second district (Sophus Nebel, Omaha, was named; Third, B. M. Sanders, Niobrara; Fourth, J. M. Woodard, Aurora; Fifth, J. M. Teelitz, Hastings; Sixth, J. A. Donahue, O'Neill).

Electors-at-large are to be chosen by a committee headed by George Rogers of Omaha. These will be reported to the chairman probably within a few weeks. Other members of this committee are G. W. Tibbets of Hastings and Mark Murray of Pender.

Hastings was selected as the place for holding the democratic state convention without opposition. The date is Tuesday, July 5.

H. E. Gooch of Lincoln was elected to the state committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge A. S. Tibbets.

Resolutions Adopted. The following resolutions were adopted: "Resolved, That the Nebraska democratic state committee send greetings to Woodrow Wilson.

"We gratefully acknowledge the distinguished service he has rendered to the cause of peace. We heartily endorse his practical, sensible administration of national affairs generally. In the name of the democrats of Nebraska we commend his unflinching devotion to the principle of democracy and pledge him our enthusiastic support for his patriotic policies.

"We further endorse the record of Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, especially commending his fearless, far-seeing and patriotic statesmanship.

"We further endorse the record of our congressmen, Lobeck, Stephens and Shallenberger, and we commend the democratic state administration, headed by our able governor, John H. Morehead."

Hitchcock Happens In. Senator Hitchcock attended the meeting. He got into Omaha from Washington in the morning—just by way of looking after some details with regard to his new building—so it was said, and "just happened to stumble into town on the day of the democratic state committee meeting."

Of course, he spoke. He reviewed the work of the democratic congress and democratic administration generally and declared it greater than that of any two congresses in past history. He praised President Wilson, and said: "When the test comes in November and the people have to decide whether to repledge him in favor of another, unknown, perhaps, or too well known, I believe the American people will stand by the man that kept the nation at peace during the stormiest time in history."

Richard L. Metcalfe spoke briefly, praising the president and denouncing what he called "copperheadism" rising up against him.

FIRST DELEGATES TO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Feb. 12.—F. L. Morse and Ezra H. Frisbee were elected delegates to the republican national convention today by the Third congressional district convention. They were not instructed, but were elected with the understanding that they were in favor of the nomination of Senator Weeks of Massachusetts for president.

HYMENEAL

Walter Berner, TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—County Judge Livingston married Mr. Berner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walter of Tecumseh, and Miss Augusta Berner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Berner, who live west of the city, were married at the German Lutheran church, near Elk Creek, today. Rev. H. F. Grupe officiated. They will live on a farm west of Tecumseh.

Baty Hinges

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—County Judge Livingston married Mr. Edmer Baty, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Baty of Tecumseh, and Miss Ollie Higgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doane Higgins, who live east of the city, Thursday. Within a few weeks Mr. and Mrs. Baty will live at St. Joseph, Mo., where he has employment.

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POISON PUT INTO SOUP AT BANQUET

Charge Attempt Was Made to Kill Distinguished Guests at Feast in Honor of Archbishop.

CLUB EMPLOYE IS SUSPECTED

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Belief that the hundred guests made ill at the banquet to Archbishop Mundelein at the University club Thursday night were the victims of a deliberate attempt to poison was announced today by the manager of the club.

According to his statement a considerable amount of acidic poison was placed in the soup served at the banquet by an employe in the club kitchen.

Analysis Discloses Poison. The man was described to the police as a female whose mentality possibly was disordered. The name of the suspected person was not divulged by Harry J. Doherty, manager of the club, who said that analysis of the soup had disclosed the presence of mineral poison.

According to his statement the suspected man did not return to his rooms after the banquet, and search of his apartments by the police disclosed a carefully equipped laboratory and several vials of poison, one of which corresponded to poison found by analysis of the soup.

Archbishop Mundelein was not affected, though many of the prelates and distinguished guests at his table suffered severely.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Poison, apparently purposely placed in the soup served at the banquet Thursday night in honor of Archbishop Mundelein, caused the sudden illness which attacked more than 100 distinguished guests and threatened serious consequences, according to city officials today.

The symptoms were first diagnosed as evidencing the presence of ptomaines, but today chemical analysis by city physicians revealed the presence of mineral or metallic poison in the samples of the offending soup.

Harry J. Doherty, manager of the University club, where the banquet was held, conducted an independent investigation and with police assistance investigated the apartments of an employe in the club kitchen, who left the day of the banquet. In the man's room the police say they found a chemical laboratory with flasks of various poisons, one identical with the poison revealed by the chemists' analysis.

The employe sought, according to Doherty, is Jean Cronos, 23 years old, who was hired by the club as an assistant to the chef last September. The club manager said this man had charge of preparing the soup. A description of the man sought was sent to outside cities.

The police asserted that among the effects found in the room of the suspected employe were many pamphlets touching on economic subjects together with a number of industrial workers of the World songs and similar literature.

The man was described as being a fluent speaker of German, English, Italian, French and apparently well educated.

A number of the banquets are still suffering from the effects of the poison.

Austrians Are Now Marching On Durazzo

PARIS, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Rome says that according to the Durazzo correspondence of the Idee Nazionale the strength of the Austrian force now marching on Durazzo is estimated at 20,000 men. It is supposed the rest of the invading army, the correspondent says, is engaged in guarding the country behind the advancing troops. He adds that the disarmament of Montenegro is not yet completed and parts of the little kingdom have not been occupied, as a result of the vigorous resistance of the followers of General Martinivich.

Historic Bell is Rung at Boston

BOSTON, Feb. 12.—The bell in King's chapel, cast by Paul Revere, which has been rung under the stars for the first time in ten years today in memory of Lincoln's birthday. While not a legal holiday in Massachusetts the day was generally observed by patriotic societies and a display from business houses and homes of the national colors.

Ford Delegates in Switzerland Are Refused Passports

BERNE, Feb. 12.—(Via Paris)—The American legation here maintains its refusal to issue passports to traverse belligerent countries to Louis Lechner, secretary of the Ford peace expedition, and H. C. Evans of Des Moines, Ia., one of the delegates who came to Switzerland in an endeavor to obtain the appointment of Swiss delegates to the peace committee organized at Stockholm.

Mears, Evans and Lechner desire to travel from Switzerland to Spain. The two representatives for the members are organizing for Monday next a great public meeting in Berne and other meetings in Geneva, Lausanne and Zurich.

Favorable comment upon their mission is appearing in Swiss newspapers.

DEATH RECORD

Mrs. Amelia E. Robb, TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Amelia E. Robb, wife of Washington Robb, died at the family home here Thursday. She had been in failing health for many years. Her maiden name was Amelia Elizabeth Gaul, she was reared in Dekalb county, Illinois, and was married to Mr. Robb, January 1, 1898. The family has lived in Johnson county for forty-nine years. The husband and five children survive, the children being Dr. J. W. Robb of Auburn, Earl G. Robb, Russell Robb and Laura Goodman of Tecumseh, and Fred L. Robb of Danton, S. D.

Bernard Gerken, WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—News has reached the city of the death of Bernhard Gerken, of Ionia, Gerken, a former resident of this place and a native of Cuming county. Mr. Gerken was engaged in the drug business at Shoshone and contracted appendicitis about six weeks ago. He was operated upon, but did not rally from the shock. He leaves a widow and three small children. He was 38 years of age and the brother of the proprietor of the Gerken Drug company of this city.

Mrs. Christian Eberbacher, SEWARD, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Christian Eberbacher, long a resident of this county, died at her home near Seward last Wednesday. She was born in Germany August 28, 1825 and came to America in 1880. She leaves her aged husband and nine children and twenty-nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Steffin, SEWARD, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Steffin, aged 84 years, died at the family home near Uter last night. This makes the third death in one family in two weeks. The son, Ferdinand, was buried a week ago and Mrs. Ferdinand Steffin, Jr., was buried one week ago Saturday.

Edith Parsons, Edith Parsons, aged 71 years, for the last two years a resident of Omaha, died at a local hospital. She is survived by a niece living in Iowa. A request that her body be cremated and money to defray the expense were left by the woman. Stack & Falconer have the body and are awaiting word from the niece.

John Brinkley, 1-year-old son of W. E. Brinkley, 109 South Twenty-eighth street, died at the family residence. Funeral services will be held from the home on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in Forest Lawn cemetery.

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HALF MILLION IN STAMPS RECOVERED

Federal Officials in Chicago Say Big Robbery at St. Paul Was Planned by Women.

SIX SUSPECTS ARE ARRESTED

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—In addition to three men and three women arrested last night charged with complicity in the recent robbery of the St. Paul Federal building, when \$675,000 in internal revenue stamps was taken, several other suspects are under surveillance, the police said today. The police believe at least two of those arrested here are implicated in the robbery of a bank at New Westminster, B. C., in September, 1911, when \$272,000 was taken.

Edward Leonard, Julia Leonard, John J. Zeck, Mrs. Zeck, Michael Flanigan and Mrs. Catherine Flanigan are the six arrested last night. The officers are said to have recovered \$275,000 worth of the stamps.

According to the officers, Mrs. Flanigan is charged with having planned and directed the robbery. Leonard is said by the police to have led the men who did the actual work.

With Mr. and Mrs. Leonard when arrested was little 8-year-old Evelyn Zeck, who led detectives to the home of her father on the north side, where John Zeck and his wife were arrested. Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Zeck are said to be sisters.

The officers believe Flanigan and Leonard were implicated in the New Westminster, B. C., robbery.

One Man Confesses. Peter Dreutberg, an operative of the federal secret service, announced that one suspect had made a confession, but would not say from which of the prisoners it was obtained.

It was reported that John J. Zeck, a motorman, was the man who made the alleged admissions.

"The case is practically complete," said Michael L. Igoe, assistant United States district attorney.

Captain Thomas J. Porter, chief of the local secret service, kept his office locked against all save government officials.

Two more arrests were made by the federal officers in connection with the stamp robbery in St. Paul. George and Frank Blissett, brothers, were taken while in bed, the officers keeping the men covered with revolvers while they were dressing.

Some New Readings. Matrimony makes the care grow. It's a long lane that has no garage. An ounce of silence is worth a peck of trouble.

Do people and they will be done with you. It's a poor elevator that won't work both ways. One good turn is apt to make us expect another.

The way of the transgressor makes it soft for the lawyer. Make hay while the sun shines, but wild oats thrive best after it has gone down.—Boston Transcript.

ITALY PUTS BAN ON GERMAN GOODS

All Merchandise of Teutonic Origin Excluded from Country and from Transit Through Ports.

FIRST BLOW AIMED AT KAISER

ROME, Feb. 11.—(Via Paris, Feb. 12.)—A royal decree has been issued prohibiting from today importation into Italy or transit through Italy of all German and Austrian merchandise, as well as the exportation of all merchandise of German or Austrian origin through Italian ports.

The declaration of war by Italy on May 23, 1915, against Austria carried with it the prohibition of trading with Austro-Hungarian subjects and announcement has been made in the Italian press of prosecutions of persons in Italy on the charge of trading with the nation's enemy.

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