

SUICIDE THEORY SCOUTED IN LAST DAY DODDER CASE

Intimate Relations Between Undertaker and Mrs. Moran Are Pointed at With Grave Suspicion.

That Edward L. Dodder was murdered and was not a suicide, was the contention of Attorney Churchill in the plaintiff's final argument to the jury in the Dodder insurance case yesterday.

Mrs. Loretta Moran of Omaha and Minneapolis, a hair dresser, who testified to the relations between herself and Dodder Tuesday, was pointed at with grave suspicion by Attorney Churchill in his review of the evidence. "If she were on trial for his murder we need not offer in evidence more than her own statements," he said.

"Where need we go for a better motive?" he demanded.

"In the note dated January 4, 8 p. m., the endearing term, 'My only sweetheart,' has disappeared. Dodder wrote that, when he thought the Moran woman was going to remain in Minneapolis. She did not remain in Minneapolis. She testified that the letter induced her to come back to Omaha. She received it January 3 in Minneapolis, about noon. She could have arrived in Omaha by the morning of the 4th. It was on the night of that fatal day when Dodder was found shot to death in his coupe.

Sent Letters Back.

"The letter which Mrs. Moran received, as she says, in Minneapolis the morning of January 5 was addressed to her by Dodder at her Omaha residence. Why did she address it to her in Minneapolis, where the letter of January 2 was sent by Dodder?"

"This letter addressed to the Moran woman in Omaha contained an insurance policy and \$150 in bills. It was not headed by 'My Only Sweetheart.' It read: 'My Dear Friend—I return those letters I promised to. This ends it all. You will understand.'"

"Where do we need to go for a better motive?"

Attorney Churchill rehearsed the evidence in regard to the revolver shot which killed Dodder. A piece of his skin was displayed to the jury. A .38 caliber long had been fired into the skin, which was blackened with powder marks. Witnesses testified that no powder marks were visible around the wound in Dodder's forehead.

To Jury Today.

Witnesses also testified that no mark, hole or sign of the passage of a bullet of any kind could be found in the closed coupe in which the body was found. The car was securely closed and the lights were turned out when the body was found inside.

Some bits of weed were found in the blood on the floor of the car. Detectives dug up a bullet in the road near the car some time after the shooting. The revolver found at the dead man's feet had no blood spattered on it.

Italian Armored Motors Hold the Bridges for Troops

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lieutenant and the German car were captured and brought back.

Held for 32 Hours.

At the Sacile bridge the cars had orders to hold for three hours, but they held for 32 hours. At Santa Lucia the commander ordered one of his machines to advance against an enemy patrol, which was dangerously sweeping the enemy from its double turrets, but when this mission was accomplished and the car was turned back, it was found that the bridge was on fire. The only way was to cross this burning bridge. The cars were steered straight over the smoking structure while the burning planks creaked under its huge weight. It crossed safely and is one of the cars brought back.

Ammunition Exhausted.

The ammunition of one of the other cars was exhausted after it had fired 30 rounds. Each quick firer has a capacity of 15,000 shots.

The commander and his men are receiving congratulations for the effectiveness of their resistance in the face of the enemy and their complete success in bringing the rear guards across and burning the bridges behind them.

President Will Appeal to Labor To Defer Strike

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measures to operate the railways, and I have so much confidence that the men you are dealing with will appreciate the patriotic motives underlying your efforts that I shall look forward with assurance to your success.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,
"WOODROW WILSON."

Will Confer November 26.

Arrangements have been made for the chiefs of the four railway brotherhoods to see President Wilson on Monday, November 26, in connection with the workers' proposals for wage increases for conductors and brakemen on all the railroads of the country.

Chairman Chambers, of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, returned today from Cleveland, where he conferred with the brotherhood chiefs regarding the wage increases demanded by the men. The new demands, the railway managements say, will amount to \$109,000,000 a year and are more serious than the eight-hour demand of a year ago, which threatened to tie up the country's railway systems.

The White House conference will consider the arbitration features of an agreement proposed in Cleveland Thursday by Judge Chambers. It is understood that the labor executives are unwilling to commit their organizations unconditionally to arbitration, but an adjustment is hoped for which will at least for the duration of the war prevent any interruption of railroad transportation.

BERLIN FRIENDLY TO PEACE MANIFESTO

Newspapers Raise Question Whether Bolsheviks Will Retain Power and Socialists Approve the Offer.

Berlin, Tuesday, Nov. 13 (Via London, Nov. 14).—The Berlin press generally gives a friendly reception to the peace manifesto of the Russian Maximalists. The Vorwaerts, the socialist organ, and the Germania, the Catholic organ, each raises the question whether the Bolsheviks will retain the power.

The question as to whether the belligerents are ready for a three months' armistice for the purpose of discussing peace, the Vorwaerts says, can be answered by the German government only affirmatively, declaring at the same time that it does not intend to annex or consent to annexation at Germany's cost. Whatever Germany has to say concerning annexations, it adds, is contained in the Reichstag resolution of July 19 and in the German reply to the pope. The Vorwaerts continues:

Recognize Bolsheviks.

"German socialists do not accept all the theories of the Bolsheviks, but recognizes them as socialists and comrades. Therefore, they gladly record the Bolshevik offer as worthy of socialism and most promising."

A temporary cessation of hostilities between Russia and the central powers, the Germania says, would bring peace nearer. It adds that Germany and Austria-Hungary would promptly agree to a limited armistice as proposed, and that Russia's allies could not escape the effects of such a step.

Difficulties in Way.

The difficulties of arranging such an armistice are pointed out by the National Zeitung, which asks how an armistice would be interpreted. It also asks what Great Britain will expect should the war be halted. While the allied blockade of Germany would be raised, the Zeitung objects to such a procedure on the ground that England could calmly restock itself while Germany would not enjoy any benefits, adding:

"For who would supply Germany; the overseas countries yet neutral would count for little."

German Socialists Approve.

Amsterdam, Nov. 14.—The German independent socialists, according to the Berlin Tageblatt, publish in the Volks Zeitung of Leipzig a manifesto calling upon the socialist proletariat in Germany to respond to the Russian peace offer as made by the Maximalist government in Petrograd. The manifesto suggests that meetings be held everywhere in favor of a general armistice for the purpose of obtaining a peace without annexations.

Bulgarians Demand Lower Danube.

Amsterdam, Nov. 14.—Aroused apparently by the Maximalist peace offer, the Mir, of Sofia, organ of the Bulgarian national party, says that the Bulgarians cannot permit themselves to be troubled by the declarations of Russian illusionists or the Dutch-Scandinavian committee. It adds:

"Bulgarians are completely unanimous that Bulgaria's future imperiously demands the possession of Dobruja to the mouth of the Danube river."

German Exchange Value Drops More Than One-Half in Holland

New York, Nov. 14.—Wall street bankers have received cable advices stating that the exchange value of the German mark in the Holland and Switzerland markets has recently dropped to the equivalent of about 10 1/2 cents. The mint valuation of one German mark is 23.8 cents. Last March, when German exchange was last traded in on the New York market, 4 marks were quoted at 69 1/2 cents, or about 17 cents a mark.

War Savings Stamps to Be Popular Xmas Gift

Washington, Nov. 14.—Newly appointed state directors of the war savings movement at their first conference tomorrow with treasury officials will formulate plans by which they expect to make war savings certificates or stamps the most popular Christmas gift throughout the entire country. It is planned to conduct an intensive campaign in every state, beginning with the holiday season, from which the government hopes to reap loans aggregating \$2,000,000,000 within a year.

The campaign will open formally December 3.

CASE AGAINST SMITH READY FOR ARGUMENT

Testimony Concluded in Trial Wherein Colored Man Is Charged With Murder of Mrs. Nethaway.

The introduction of testimony in the case on trial in district court, in which Charles Smith, colored, is charged with the murder of Mrs. C. L. Nethaway, was concluded yesterday, and this morning the attorneys will begin their arguments. It was brought out in the testimony that Smith was seen standing in the middle of the railroad track, a half mile north of the Nethaway house, when the northbound freight, from which he was taken to Blair, went through the south cut Sunday afternoon after the murder. This was testified to by the fireman, Clarence Neifert.

Neifert said that Smith was standing a little north of the end of the cut where there were trees running down to the railroad right-of-way.

Tuesday Herdman testified that Smith came down to the Nethaway house from the woods on the shelf or plateau above the south cut where Mrs. Nethaway's body was found. After drinking at Herdman's well, he went north on the railroad track, toward the place where he caught the train.

Myron L. Learned testified that he met Nethaway at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on the day of the murder and took him with him to look at a piece of land. He brought Nethaway back to Briggs station at about 3:45. At about 4 o'clock Nethaway arrived at his home in search of his wife who had failed to meet him at Briggs station at 3 o'clock to go with him to look at the Learned property.

Found Glove and Purse.

Mrs. Nethaway's glove and purse were found near her body by her sister, Mrs. Cashel. Her beads were found strewn along the railway track.

Witnesses Tuesday testified to finding her handkerchief, her hat and her "switch," which had evidently been torn from her hair when her hat was scraped off. These were in the weeds leading from the railway track up to the shelf where the murder was committed.

M. O. Cunningham said he drove

PAINLEVE MINISTRY FALLS FROM POWER

Defeated by Direct Vote Because of Blunders in Bolo Pasha and Daudet-Malvey Affairs.

Paris, Nov. 13.—The Painleve ministry was defeated by a direct vote in the Chamber of Deputies today and later resigned. This is the first time such action has been taken by the chamber since the beginning of the war, as up to the present it has been a point of honor with many deputies not to vote against the government, but to express criticism by abstaining from recording their votes.

Strong dissatisfaction with the government's handling of the Bolo Pasha affair is believed to be the motive which changed the passive discontent to active opposition. Two other things thought to have had a part in the downfall of the Painleve cabinet were the premier's statement exonerating M. Malvy, former minister of the interior, and the fiasco attending the prosecution of L'Action Francaise, edited by Leon Daudet, the accuser of M. Malvy.

The ministerial crisis came on the eve of the interallied conference, and every effort will be made to settle it quickly. President Poincare will begin consultations with political leaders tomorrow morning.

WAR DECLARED ON RETAIL COAL MEN FOR HIGH PRICES

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Such coal may be placed on the market by jobbers and wholesalers at its cost to them, plus the usual jobber's commission. The jobber or

along the Calhoun road shortly after Mrs. Nethaway's body had been found and saw two men walking a mile down the track, talking together. He said he found two paths or rather the tracks of two persons walking separately and evidently not together from the direction of the Nethaway home, over the top of the hill and down to where the body lay. One track led out to where a witness picked up the knife that had been thrown away and the blade separated from the handle when it hit a tree.

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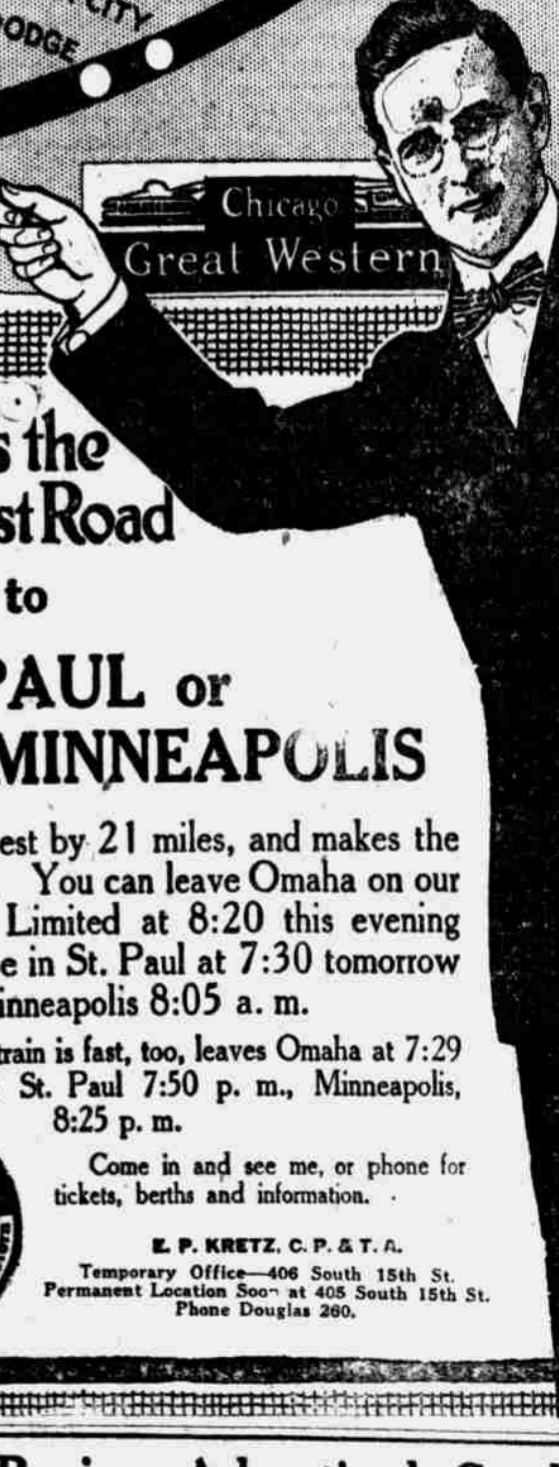
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