

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest, but the blessing of earth is toil.—Henry Van Dyke.

WEATHER-ORPHAN'S DEATH PROBABLE

Penalty of Death Asked for Slayers

Counsel for Elsie Sweetin Says She Will Meet Death With Innocent Smile; Pleads for Mercy.

Denies Her Confession

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 23.—The state demanded the death penalty in argument late today before the jury trying Lawrence M. Hight, former Ina (Miss) Sweetin, and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin for the murder, by poison, of her husband, Wilford Sweetin.

Counsel for Mrs. Sweetin, on the other hand, appealed to the jurors to send her to cheer children, but added, "whatever your verdict is, she will take it with a smile, for innocence meets death with a smile."

State's Attorney Joe Frank Allen, opening for the state, urged the jurors not to let the fact that one of the defendants is a woman sway them in their decision.

"The state is asking you to do your full duty," he said.

Robert E. Smith, attorney for Mrs. Sweetin, emphasized that the testimony showed Hight had been with Wilford Sweetin frequently before his death and had opportunity to administer poison to him. Mrs. Sweetin's alleged confessions, he said, were simply what Hight had told her to tell.

"I am not prosecuting Lawrence M. Hight, neither am I defending Hight," said Attorney Smith in his opening argument.

"If Sweetin did die from poison, there is no testimony that Elsie had anything to do with it."

"As to those confessions Elsie Sweetin was supposed to have made at Salem, I'll say to you that the testimony of Mrs. Sweetin herself tells you that she was trying to tell what Hight had told her to tell and not what she did."

The attorney then reminded the jury that it was under instructions of the court not to take into consideration Hight's statements in judging the woman.

Speaking of the testimony of Mrs. Francis Fisher, aunt of Mrs. Sweetin, who had testified she had warned Elsie Sweeting of the gossip about "her and the preacher," Smith said: "If there were more women like Mrs. Francis Fisher in Ina, then Ina would be better off. Mrs. Fisher didn't go up the alley and talk. She went to Mrs. Sweetin and told her what she had heard."

"She said Elsie cried the first time and said Mrs. Fisher didn't know what troubles she had. No, not troubles with Wilford, as the old lady thought she meant, but troubles as she told you herself, with this preacher who was trying to make love to her."

"Next time Mrs. Fisher went there, she said she didn't cry. Well, they want to hang her for that. She did not cry, but pass that cried all she was going to about that and she wasn't going to cry any more."

Concerning the visit to the Bonnie camp meeting after the death of Wilford Sweetin, Smith said: "The state would have you believe she went there for a big time with Hight and yet she took her three boys along. Is that reasonable?"

Smith reviewed the testimony about Mrs. Sweetin's efforts to avoid Hight, how she turned off the street and went around the block to avoid a meeting with him.

BLAZE DESTROYS COLUMBUS STORE

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 23.—More than \$30,000 damage was inflicted early this morning when fire destroyed the Butts-Spicer company drug store, together with several offices, and badly damaged the Swan theater. The fire started in the basement of the drug store.

Car Stolen at Humboldt.

Humboldt, Dec. 23.—The new coupe belonging to Frank M. Ross, poultry and produce dealer, was stolen from in front of the Methodist church this city, where Mrs. Ross had parked it while she was assisting in the Christmas rehearsals.

"White Christmas" Is Prediction of Weather Man

Washington, Dec. 23.—A "white Christmas" for most of the United States was forecast today by the weather bureau.

"Cold weather will prevail almost general over the United States on Christmas day," said Forecaster C. L. Mitchell, "and there will be snow on the ground over most of the middle and northern sections from the plateau region eastward to the Atlantic coast."

Snow is expected to begin falling tonight or Wednesday.

Christmas Party for 2,500 Kiddies to Be Held Today

Doors Will Open at 9:30 A. M.; Be There Early and Get a Good Seat.

This is the morning, children! The big free Christmas show given by The Omaha Bee and World theater owners for "kiddies" will begin at 9:30 a. m. at the World theater.

Have you your tickets? If not, come right to The Omaha Bee office, Seventeenth and Farnam streets, and ask for them. You may have as many as you need and they don't cost a cent.

It's Christmas and this is the way The Omaha Bee and the World theater are helping to make it a merry Christmas for 2,500 children.

Doors will open at 9:30 this morning.

First on the program will be two grand moving pictures: "Never Say Die," with Douglas MacLean as the star, and "Our Gang," a rip-roaring comedy.

Full of Action.

The MacLean picture is stuffed full of action, wild rides in taxicabs and there's a laugh every few seconds. It is said to be his best picture.

"Our Gang" is a comedy that will make you "lust your buttons." If they aren't sewed on pretty tight, it'll have a knockout effect on you.

There will be a knockout vaudeville show, too. Those wonderful actors, Loretta Dennison, Eleanor Wolf, Eloise Segl, Martha Doty and Eleanor Segl will present "Tiny Hits and Bits." These children were the headliners of the "Omaha Kidnight Follies," produced by H. H. Frudenschild last spring, which made such a hit that it was held over for an extra week.

Funny Three-Foot Man.

Little Lord Roberts is only three feet all but he's about the funniest three feet of man you ever saw.

Bob, Bob and Bobby will put on a juggling act. Bobby is a beautiful white dog that will amuse and delight the kiddies.

"Putting It Over" is the title of a comedy act by Chester Spencer and Lola Williams. And the two stonewards will play snappy tunes on their giant xylophone.

The show will be over about noon, in time for the regular World show to start.

So be at the theater at 9:30 this morning and get a good seat.

TEMPLE ISRAEL CHANUKA RITES

The service Friday evening at Temple Israel will be a chanukka service, in celebration of the feast of lights, commemorating the victory of the Maccabees over the tyrant, Antiochus, Rabbi Dr. Frederick Scheraga will preach a chanukka sermon on the subject of "The Conquering Jew." There will be special festival music by the Temple Israel quartet, under the direction of V. C. Bennett, organist.

At 10:30 a. m. Saturday, Rabbi Cohn's subject will be "The Lean Cows Swallowing the Fat."

Rural Mail Men Complete Pig Census in Pawnee County

Pawnee City, Dec. 23.—Pawnee county pig census has been completed and the figures compiled by the mail carriers have been sent to Washington. No information was divulged as to the totals. Complete registration of farm stock is also being made by a proportionate number of farmers on each rural mail route.

Missionary Comes Home From India on Furlough

Broken Bow, Dec. 23.—Miss Carrie Hesselstine, formerly a teacher in the Broken Bow high school, but for the past seven years engaged in missionary work in India, is home on furlough. She has been lecturing at various churches in this county and visiting friends. She will spend the holidays with her parents in Colorado.

Warrant Is Issued in Poison Plot

Mississippi Woman Charged With Attempt on Lives of Husband's First Mate and Her Son.

Innocent Girl Is Victim

Olean, N. Y., Dec. 23.—A warrant was issued here today, charging attempted murder in the case of Miss Harriet Mosier, who is in a critical condition because of having eaten poisoned candy sent in the mails. The warrant charges Mrs. Hilma Ensminger of Columbia, Miss., with the crime. Police Chief John C. Dempsey tonight wired the sheriff of Marion county, Mississippi, asking him to make the arrest.

No Reconciliation.

The warrant was issued on information furnished by police and the county prosecutor, Hilma Ensminger, the second wife of George E. Ensminger, a professional golfer, Ensminger's first wife, Marjorie, from whom he was divorced last June, lives at the Mosier home with her 6-year-old son, to whom the candy was sent in a Christmas package.

Ensminger, according to relatives here, returned to Olean last Christmas after he had been absent for several months and at that time tried to bring about a reconciliation with his wife, asking her to leave the city with him. She refused and word was received last June of Ensminger's divorce and remarriage. His second wife, Mrs. Hilma Ensminger, is in the city. Ensminger had been contributing to the support of his first wife and son, relatives said.

Some Intoxicated.

"We have received reports that liquor was being sold to children, but never before were we able to catch them with the goods. Some of the boys and girls were intoxicated. We did not arrest any of them, but sent them home with a warning."

"They were all found in the house occupied by James, Anna and Pearl Heitkam, situated in the center of the city."

The Heitkams were arrested. The following, taken in other houses, were also arrested: Jacob Trined, Frank and Mary Micek, James Griffin and Paul Kissel.

Brought to Omaha.

Micek, police say, pleaded guilty and was fined before on a charge of selling liquor to children. Kissel and Griffin are out on bond now on previous similar charges.

Elmer Thomas, prohibition director for Nebraska, was in Columbus, though he did not participate in the raids.

Those arrested were brought to federal court in Omaha.

DECISION READY ON SUGAR TARIFF

Washington, Dec. 23.—After months of study, President Coolidge has completed a statement announcing his decision on the question of increasing the sugar tariff.

White House officials would not say today whether the announcement would be made before Christmas, but said it would not be much longer delayed.

The tariff commission after a two-year study of the sugar rates, presented a divided report, and it became necessary for the president to conduct his own inquiry.

MAN QUILTS FARM TO JOIN CARNIVAL

Broken Bow, Dec. 23.—J. E. Paxton, a farmer who has been residing near Sargent recently held a farm sale and in the future will travel with a carnival company.

Mr. Paxton, better known as "Babe Paxton," weighs about 560 pounds and he found farming a difficult manner of making a livelihood.

BANDITS RAID JEWELRY SHOP

Chicago, Dec. 23.—While Christmas shoppers thronged the streets below, five bandits raided the offices of Boas Hatowski and Sons, diamond importers in the loop, and escaped with \$25,000 worth of gems.

Pawnee Breeders Striving to Improve Stock on Farms

Pawnee City, Dec. 23.—Plans to increase the membership and further the work of the Pawnee County Breeders' association will be taken up at the meeting of the society in this city soon. The meeting was scheduled for Saturday, but weather conditions necessitated postponement. The association has a good membership now and is active in effort to raise the quality of stock owned by farmers. A. J. Niles of the city is secretary.

Hams Given as Christmas Gifts to 125 Employees

Superior, Dec. 23.—Superintendent B. J. Lattner of the Nebraska Cement company at this city has arranged through a local butcher to supply a Swift premium ham to each of the 125 employees of the cement company as a Christmas gift. The hams will average about 15 pounds each, and the total gift will amount to \$450.

ENGINE EXPLODES; TWO NEAR DEATH

Pawhuska, Okla., Dec. 23.—Ernest Lasley and A. J. Davis, firemen were fatally injured when Osage Railway company engine exploded Monday while standing on a switch at Shidler, Okla.

Bob Suttusch, a mechanic, and J. B. Sharpe, who were standing near by were injured but are expected to recover.

21 Columbus High School Boys, Girls Caught by Raiders

Children of prominent families sent home after warning from prohibition officers.

Twenty-one boys and girls, 14 to 15 years old, were found in an alleged bootlegging house in Columbus, Neb., when it was raided last Saturday night by federal officers led by Robert Samardick, aided by Columbus police.

"Several of the girls and boys are members of prominent Columbus families," said a member of the police department over the telephone Tuesday to The Omaha Bee.

Manuring and Keyser lived in Norfolk and Gavin's home was in Schenectady, N. Y. The bodies of the four men were recovered.

The accident was the first of serious consequence since the aerial hospital service for the isolated regions of the Virginia and North Carolina coasts was inaugurated at the Hampton Roads air station more than a year ago. Many patients from coast guard stations and villages near Cape Hatteras have been brought to Norfolk hospitals in that time by naval seaplanes.

The plane's nose dive was witnessed from the shore. A motorboat which was waiting at a pier to assist in landing the sick man and the crew, sped to the scene of the accident and rescued the four men who managed to dive clear of the propellers.

HAYSTACK SLAYER SEEKS NEW TRIAL

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—James Griffin convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Henry McArdle, whose body, partly burned, was found several months ago in a haystack on the outskirts of Omaha filed a brief in supreme court, Monday, for a new trial on the ground that he was unfairly convicted.

Discussing the legal phases of the case, the petition asserts he was deprived of an impartial hearing by reason of what he declares to have been false and malicious articles printed in Omaha newspapers during the progress of his trial.

INAUGURAL BALL PLAN IS RAPPED

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge definitely put his foot down on plans projected for holding an official inaugural ball in connection with his inauguration next March.

The president, it was said at the White House, has no objection to any one staging a ball, but he will not attend, and so far as he is concerned it will have no official aspect.

TIRANA REPORTED HELD BY REBELS

London, Dec. 23.—A column of Albanian rebels entered Tirana, the capital, yesterday and captured Scutari, according to a dispatch from Belgrade which reached here today.

Mrs. Johanna Bednar, 87, Gage County Pioneer, Dead

Wymore, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Johanna Bednar, 87, one of the early settlers of Southern Gage county, died at her home eight miles southeast of Wymore Saturday. She had lived in this county for the past 55 years, residing at Wymore, Barneston and Odell, and reared a large family. The children surviving are James Bednar, attorney, Omaha, and former worthy grand patron of the Eastern Star for Nebraska; Pete, farmer near Barneston; Mrs. Mary Doyle, near Barneston; Pyed, farmer near Wymore, and Lyman and Mrs. John Froy, on farms near Odell. Burial will be at Odell beside the husband.

John Purdy, 77, Dies

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 23.—John Purdy died at his home here Sunday at the age of 77. He came from England with his wife in 1871 and in 1875 settled on a homestead two and one-half miles south of the present site of Cedar Rapids. He leaves his widow, three daughters and two sons, and a number of grandchildren.

Red Oak Hotel Man Honored

Red Oak, Ia., Dec. 23.—Archer Payne, manager of the Hotel Johnson here, was elected vice president of the Iowa State Hotel association at its annual meeting held at Sioux City Saturday. B. C. Wagoner of the Blackhawk hotel in Davenport was chosen president.

Seaplane Is Swamped

Three Navy Men and Civilian Patient Lose Lives in Accident on Ambulance Plane at Norfolk. Four Other Men Escape

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—Three navy men and a civilian met death here today when a naval ambulance seaplane returning from off the North Carolina coast with a hospital patient was swamped at the Hampton Roads naval air station landing.

The dead are: E. M. Keyser and A. S. Manwaring, chief petty officers. P. S. Gavin, a hospital apprentice. Erish B. Williams, jr., of Buxton, N. C.

Williams was being brought to a Norfolk hospital for treatment for pneumonia.

U. B. Williams, sr., father of the civilian victim of the wreck and a retired naval enlisted man; Lieut. W. E. Gwin, pilot, and a radio operator and a mechanic escaped. The wreck was attributed to the probable existence of a hole in the bow for the water to rush into the forward part when it glided into the water. Two of the navy men were struck by the propellers and killed. The other victims were drowned.

All Bodies Recovered.

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MAN WHO SLEW 2 AMERICANS HANGS

Roston, Dec. 23.—Vesil Lam Hildi, convicted by the Albanian courts of the murder of Robert Lewis Coleman and George B. De Long, Americans, in Albania, last spring, was publicly hanged yesterday at Tirana, according to a radio message received here today by the Pan-Albanian Federation of America from the Albanian government.

Hildi was condemned to death last week after a trial lasting 52 days. Sentence of death was imposed also on four other defendants who are fugitives. Several others, including Ahmed Zogou, former premier, were sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

ACCUSED BROKER IS FOUND GUILTY

New York, Dec. 23.—Louis Montgomery Kardos, jr., former stock broker in the firm of Kardos & Burke which failed two years ago for \$5,000,000, was convicted by a jury today of trading against the account of a customer. The jury was out 12 minutes. Sentence will be imposed tomorrow.

Nashville Will Honor Young Globe Aviator

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Nashville will honor Lieut. John Hardin Ryer, one of the army world fliers, when he returns home tomorrow for the first time since the flight was completed. Civic clubs, members of the air service and many citizens will join in the welcome. He will be presented with a chest of silver, given by the people through the Nashville Banner.

Banks Ruled Illegal

Paris, Dec. 23.—Russian branch banks in France were declared to have no legal existence by a French court, which annulled the government's sequestration order against the Banque Generale Pour le Commerce avec l'etranger.

\$257,000 in Taxes

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 23.—The Chicago & Northwestern Railway company must pay \$257,000 in taxes assessed against it by the state of South Dakota for 1922. Federal Judge James D. Elliott ruled.

Fiance, in Whose Arms Youth Died



MISS ISABELLE POPE, fiancee of the young man who died in the airplane crash.

Schuerman Case Nears Completion

Arguments to Jury Begin Today; Blizzard Keeps Crowd Away From Court.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 23.—Rebuttal testimony offered by the state in the Schuerman murder trial consumed the entire day today. Relatives of George Reimiller, the slain man, and expert witnesses were called to the stand.

The snow storm which has raged here since last evening, almost reaching blizzard proportions, cut down the attendance at the hearing.

Orville Reimiller, brother of the murdered man, his sisters, Mrs. Tussay and Miss Mabel Reimiller took the stand this morning and testified as to the pleasant relations of the Schuerman and Reimiller families before the tragedy occurred. They stated in substance that they frequently visited each other. They believed Schuerman perfectly sane.

Dr. C. J. Reilly and two other witnesses testified regarding the confession of Schuerman, and in their opinion he was of sound mind when he attached his name to the confession. Dr. Reilly said that the defendant appeared to be perfectly rational when he met him after he had been brought to Beatrice after the shooting by Sheriff Salling.

Drs. Matthei and Finkle of Lincoln and Dr. Sidwell, superintendent of the feeble minded institute were called to the stand this afternoon. They stated that after exhaustive tests they were of the opinion that Schuerman was sane when he shot and killed Reimiller.

The opposing attorneys frequently cross-questioned the witnesses. The testimony of Dr. Sidwell brought the states case to a close. State rested at 3:30 this evening. Tomorrow morning arguments will start in the case.

I DEAD, 2 SHOT, IN LIQUOR RAID

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 23.—One man was dead today and two others lay wounded as the result of a search for distillers by four prohibitionists.

L. E. Story, driving an automobile, was struck by a bullet from an agent's high-powered rifle while trying to escape, and instantly killed. Later the officers went to the home of E. R. Bishop, where they shot E. C. Blankenship, who fled after being ordered to halt. A third man, whose name was not learned, was shot in the leg with buckshot, but not seriously injured.

Egyptian Parliament Dissolved by King Fuad

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 23.—King Fuad issued a decree dissolving parliament. Dissolution was decided upon yesterday. Election for electoral delegates will be held January 20, and for deputies February 24. The new chamber will meet March 5.

Coolidge to Appoint New Judges Next Week

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge hopes to submit several judicial nominations to the senate next week, when congress reconvenes. There are nearly a dozen vacancies in the federal bench, including three in the circuit court of appeals.

Autopsy to be Made by Scientist

Chicago Judge Hears Secret Evidence and Orders Body of Billy McClintock Exhumed at Once.

Heir to "Fatal" Fortune

By A. J. LORENZ, Universal Service Staff Correspondent, Chicago, Dec. 23.—The "curse" which popular legend has attached to the McClintock fortune was riveted again today—a brief fortnight after the youthful millionaire scion was lowered into his grave.

Billy McClintock's death, ascribed to typhoid fever, came at the climax of a tragic romance—the eve of his marriage to the sweetheart of his childhood days. The "curse" intervened even at the moment of death. It cut short McClintock's wish to make Miss Isabelle Pope his bride and heiress to his fatal fortune.

An investigation into the death of McClintock at the home of his foster-parents, who were bequeathed the bulk of his \$2,000,000 estate, was ordered by Chief Justice Olson of the municipal court today. An immediate conference with State's Attorney Robert Crowe took place.

Evidence Not Revealed.

The evidence which was presented to Justice Olson and which prompted him to order the exhumation and arrange for the exhumation of McClintock's body was not revealed.

Dr. Ludwig Heikroen, noted pathologist and specialist in contagious diseases, has been retained for the autopsy.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Shepherd, foster-parents of the 26-year-old youth, and beneficiaries under his will, were reported to have gone to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for a two-month stay. Whether or not they were to be called to Chicago for the investigation was not disclosed by the state's attorney.

Orville J. Taylor, attorney for seven cousins who have planned to contest the will of the young millionaire, today announced that he would request Justice Olson for permission to "sit in" at the investigation.

Called Typhoid Fever.

The illness of young McClintock which resulted in his death on December 4, was ascribed to typhoid fever. Noted specialists attended him at the Shepherd home, where McClintock had been a ward since the death of his mother when he was 8 years old.

Billy's mother was Miss Emma Nelson of Lamar, Ia., herself a victim of the strange malady which is said to have pursued the "McClintock millions," which came to America with the death of an English nobleman, whose name has never been learned.

It was through the death of this Englishman, whose widow married William Hickling, a commoner, and emigrated with him to America, that the fortune came into the hands of the McClintock family.

On the death of Mrs. Hickling, soon after her arrival in Chicago, Hickling married Sarah Gensler. Hickling died childless and his widow married William McClintock, treasurer of Plymouth county, Iowa. Soon after that she died and McClintock married Emma Nelson. In the spring of 1903 "Billy" was born the first direct heir of the baneful fortune.

Death Halted Marriage.

McClintock was killed in an automobile accident and his widow died two years later.

"Billy" became the ward of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, who had come into the McClintock household soon after the boy's father was killed.

The 12 years "Billy" lived with the Shepherds, and was soon to attain his majority, when he planned to marry Miss Pope, his childhood sweetheart. In his will he provided Miss Pope with an annuity of \$8,000.

Then death stepped in—even at the last moment—for when Miss Pope, at her fiance's request, returned to the sickbed with a marriage license and a minister, "Billy" was unconscious and died in her arms a few minutes later.

Summary of the Day in Washington

A senate committee began hearings on the postal rate bill.

Hearings on the Boulder canyon dam bill were concluded by the senate reclamation committee.

The shipping board voted a degree of separation for the board and the Emergency Fleet corporation.

President Coolidge completed a statement announcing his decision on the sugar tariff, but the nature of which was not disclosed.

Appointment of a new secretary of agriculture is expected to be made before March 4, so that he may receive for a time assistant secretary.

Complete election returns gave President Coolidge 13,718,783 votes, John W. Davis, 8,378,982, and Robert M. La Follette, 4,822,818.

Investigation by the Justice department into charges that a senate committee wrongly accepted money to influence legislation disclosed that no law was violated.

The Weather

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