

LIKELY END OF LUTZ MURDER MYSTERY

NOW GENERALLY THOUGHT DECEASED LADY TOOK DOSE OF LYE POISON.

ALL CLUES IN THE CASE FAIL

Surroundings Point to Fact that the First Stories Were Improbable On Thoro Investigation.

From Saturday's Daily.

Louisville, July 21.—It is generally believed that the poisoning of Mrs. George Lutz, information from those who conducted the autopsy coupled with evidence or lack of evidence uncovered by officials, indicates that death resulted from lye poisoning. It is believed that Mrs. Lutz, while despondent, drank the poison solution.

A neighbor living near the Lutz home told the officers that Mr. and Mrs. Lutz had quarreled on the morning of the day of the tragedy. It did not require an autopsy, however, to convince state and county officials that the alleged attack was a made-up story. The first account, generally circulated, was that a large man entered the house while Mrs. Lutz was counting out money for the purpose of making payment on a piece of property. From the length of time the supposed assailant was presumably in the house, a long struggle occurred. This struggle probably covered two hours with the principals going from room to room and from basement to top floor. This is the substance of the original story.

But when the officers first arrived on the scene, the house was in order. There was little or nothing to indicate a struggle. In an upstairs bedroom, a dresser drawer had been pulled out and on the basement or lower floor, a basket of apples had been overturned but the apples were neatly piled on the floor.

The story of the alleged attack was flimsy. The neighbors, out in the shade of trees on that hot afternoon, saw nothing to indicate that a struggle was impending or in progress in the Lutz home. A stranger, according to the original story based on Mrs. Lutz's statement, visited the home and forced entrance. But apparently this stranger did not make any inquiry of anyone as to the location of the Lutz home.

The autopsy failed to reveal any marks on the body. This in itself is taken as proof that Mrs. Lutz took the poison. It is believed that the case is ended for the reason that there's probably nothing to develop.

But regardless of the autopsy, the life of an Omaha traveling man is being made anything but pleasant. Because he happens to resemble the description furnished by Mrs. Lutz of the man who, she claimed, assaulted her this man has been detained in several places. He was first

held at Plattsmouth, then at Nebraska City and on Thursday, Sheriff Quinton received a telegram from a small town official in Kansas that the Omaha traveler is there.—Lincoln Journal.

OMAHA FIRM IS AWARDED BIG CAPITAL CONTRACT

J. H. Wiese Co. Given General Contract For First Section on a Bid of \$1,982,847.

Lincoln, July 21.—The J. H. Wiese company, Omaha, was awarded the general contract for the first section of the new capitol, the cost of which will be approximately \$2,300,000, the capitol commission announced today, following the opening of sixty-eight bids yesterday.

The Wiese company, before the contract was let, amended its yesterday's bid of \$1,431,000, which did not include cut stone, plumbing, heating, electrical work and elevators, to \$1,982,847.

The accepted figure includes the furnishing of cut stone by the Henry Struble Cut Stone company of Chicago, for \$633,739, but does not include the following items, which were let separately:

Elevator—Otis Elevator company, Omaha, \$4,000.

Plumbing, heating and ventilating—Robert Parks Lumber & Heating company, Omaha, \$211,497.

Electrical work—W. G. Cornell company, Chicago, \$48,419.

The total cost of the contracts let is \$2,246,763, including supervision of all work except on the items let separately, but this does not include dressed granite in place, for which no bids have been accepted. The commission estimates this item alone will bring the total to \$50,000, or a grand total of \$2,300,000.

The contract covers the north and south wings of the new building, slightly less than a third of the cubic measurement of the entire structure.

Work on the foundation, let several weeks ago for \$235,000, is now well along.

A HUMAN FLY

We have often seen or read of the daring "human fly" that crawls up the face of buildings without the use of ladders or other assistance, but few knew that Plattsmouth had one of these right in their midst. This morning a number of the union strikers were desirous of gaining entrance to the lower part of the Labor temple building but all of the party were without the key necessary to secure admission. But Harold Plockhart, one of the strikers, solved the problem. A window was open on the second floor of the building and Mr. Plockhart proceeded to skin up the side of the building without the assistance of a ladder or any device and by getting a few footholds managed to reach the window, come on down through the building and open it up.

Mrs. W. R. Egenberger departed this afternoon for Omaha to accompany her sister, Mrs. Rene Fisher and daughter that far on their way to Lexington, Neb.

HOOPER CALLED TO WASHINGTON TODAY

HARDING SEEKS BASIS FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN TALK WITH CHAIRMAN

BOTH SIDES ARE UNSHAKEN

Attorney General Daugherty Considers Possibility of Legal Action in Both Strikes.

Chicago, July 21.—Chairman Ben W. Hooper of the railroad labor board was on his way to Washington tonight for a conference with President Harding which administration officials hoped would be the basis for peace negotiations in the national railway shutdown strike.

The third week of the walkout ended tonight with rail executives and union heads firm in their respective positions, described by Mr. Hooper at the conclusion of unsuccessful peace conferences here as "antipodal."

With the newest peace activities centered at Washington, Attorney General Daugherty held conferences at which the possibility of legal action in both coal and rail strikes was discussed, although it was said no immediate proceedings were contemplated. Mr. Daugherty said, however, that the government had full power to see that neither transportation nor the production of materials essential to it is broken down.

While the administration was preparing to exercise its influence to bring peace, additional carriers today followed the lead of the Baltimore & Ohio road and announced that separate peace agreements with their men would be sought. It was learned today that the feasibility of seeking separate agreements was one of the matters discussed at conferences between Chairman Hooper and rail executives here a few days ago, when conciliation efforts were halted.

"No Separate Agreements"

While B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts employees, previously stated that any agreement must be on a national basis, he has not commented on recent moves of the carriers for separate negotiations. He indicated definitely tonight, however, that separate agreements would not be considered when he wired R. A. Henning of St. Paul, general chairman, denying statements that he had asserted he was ready to negotiate with individual roads.

Chairman Hooper was summoned to Washington after conferences between eastern rail executives and members of the senate interstate commerce commission had failed to smooth out the situation.

Senators Cummins, Watson and Kellogg, during their visit to the White House today told the president they had found the seniority issue the chief obstacle to settlement of the railroad strike, but also indicated that the leaders of the striking shopmen were also demanding that a new federal board of mediation be set up to consider transportation labor controversies. Railroad executives, the senators reported, would not renege on returning shopmen to the services positions they formerly held, even should the strike be called off, because they claimed that a total of nearly 240,000 men had been employed to fill the places of 400,000 strikers. These new men, it was said, had been promised permanent employment if they developed efficiency.

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STATE CANDIDATES BEGIN FILING CAMPAIGN COSTS

Lincoln, July 21.—Candidates for state and legislative offices began filing the cost of their campaigns. Those listed to date follow:

R. H. Thorpe, Auburn, republican candidate for congress First district, \$791.97; James Pearson, democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, \$38.40; Frank Mills, democratic candidate for congress First district, \$80; P. A. Barrows, republican candidate First, \$79.29; Nathan Bernstein, republican candidate Second district, \$365.50; W. L. Gaston, republican for secretary of state, \$248.50; Edgar Howard, democratic and progressive candidate for congress, Third district, nothing; W. C. Parriott, democratic for congress, short term, nothing.

Lost anything—found anything? Try a Journal ad. "They satisfy."

TAKEN TO OMAHA HOSPITAL

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. Lawrence Sprecher, who was injured so severely in the auto wreck near Wyoming, Thursday night, was brought to this city from the hospital at Nebraska City, where she was taken immediately after the accident. On the arrival of the patient here it was found that her jaw was evidently broken in two places and owing to the swollen condition had not been set. She was hurried on to Omaha and placed in the Immanuel hospital where she will be cared for and the injured jaw set as soon as possible. It was not possible to fully determine how seriously otherwise she might be injured as the attending surgeons did not desire to disturb the patient more than necessary until the jaw had been set.

The other members of the party who were injured are all reported as doing very nicely.

SPLENDID SERVICE RENDERED BY THE TELEPHONE GIRLS

Few of Us Know the Amount of Patience Required—Yet They're Always on the Job.

While anyone will readily say, when questioned, that they appreciate the efforts of the local telephone operator in rendering service, yet it is a fact that few realize the amount of patience required day after day and night after night on the part of "central" to get your connections.

You may storm and snort and swear, but when you call for central the inquiry comes back, "Number, please," in so even a tone of voice that you at once become calm. This is not always the case, however, for sometimes you are so much out of sorts that you attempt to take your spite out on central.

It is not all sunshine in a telephone office. When storms cross the wires and put some of them out of commission the local telephone girls must take the blame for it. The "trouble" man is slow in finding and adjusting a poor connection and central gets called down for his neglect. Yet there are compensations after all. Most people are kind and considerate and some go so far as to say "Thank you" for some special service.

On Monday of last week when Sheriff Quinton and County Attorney Cole were anxious to notify officers in all the surrounding towns to be on the lookout for parties supposed to be connected with the murder of Mrs. George Lutz, it was found that the storm had broken down the wires and Miss Marjorie Twiss, the local manager and her assistant, Miss Lydia Pautsch, did most commendable work in getting the messages thru as early as possible by going around the storm center and having messages repeated over foreign lines. In fact, Miss Twiss worked the entire night in order to assist the officers. Too much praise cannot be given Miss Twiss for the effort she made in this case to render assistance. Yet she contends that all she did was merely her duty. How many of us perform our duty so faithfully?—Louisville Courier.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL

Deputy Grand Master Chas. Bailey of Elmwood came over last Monday night and installed the officers of the new Odd Fellows lodge. He was accompanied by Claude Breckenfeld. The officers installed were as follows:

Ralph Larson, noble grand; William Wirth, vice grand; F. H. Nichols, secretary; Frank Kiersey, warden; G. Mayfield, treasurer; Clarence Aches, chaplain; Mosier Nelson, inside guardian; noble grand's supporters, W. Conkley and Alfred Nelson; vice grand's supporters, Clyde Knutson and Frank Toy; past grand, Theo. Wilcox.—Louisville Courier.



Poultry Wanted!

THURSDAY, JULY 27.

A car load of live poultry wanted to be delivered at poultry car near the Burlington freight house, Plattsmouth on Thursday, July 27, one day only, for which we will pay the following—

Cash Prices

Hens, per lb	18c
Springs, per lb	21c
Old Cox, per lb	6c
Beef hides, per lb	10c
Horse hides, apiece	\$3.00

Remember the date. We come to buy and sell poultry advertised, prepared to take care of all poultry offered for sale.

W. E. KEENEY.

"LET'S GO" IS SLOGAN FOR SALES EVENT

EIGHTEEN MERCHANTS OF CITY UNITE IN STAGING COMMUNITY CLEARANCE.

BIGGEST THING EVER OFFERED

Special Features in Way of Attractive Bargains to Mark Summer Clean-Up in Plattsmouth

The community clearance sale that eighteen of the progressive merchants of the city are arranging for the week of July 25th to August 5th, promises to be one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in this part of the state and one that should be taken advantage of to the fullest extent.

This event is to be known as the "Let's Go" sale, although from the merchant's standpoint it might more properly be termed "LET GO," for that is what they propose to do. It is equipped with self-starters of the rarest bargains in the line of seasonable merchandise. The merchants are having their bills prepared for the sale and in the center of these bills will be found the self starters that will open the eyes of the prospective buyers. Among the starters are brooms for 29c, 20c hose for 8c, 15c handkerchiefs for a nickel, Ingersoll watches for 98c, and on Wednesday, August 2nd, there will be a special fresh meat offer that will prove a boon to the farmers who are buying supplies for the threshing days. On this day also there will be a band concert in the evening and the stores will be open until 9 p. m. Other self-starters to be featured are Winchester screwdrivers, 10c, window and wall brushes, 19c, ice cream sundae and sodas, 10c, and many other bargains that will make the eyes of the purchasers open with surprise.

It is not alone the "self starters" that will give the people their full money's worth, but each of the stores will have all of their summer merchandise on the block at prices that cannot fail to move them at once. This clearance sale is to be a semi-annual event, in July and January, and at which time the merchants of the city will make a real sacrifice of the goods that they have on hand, and which will give the public the fullest advantage of the saving in prices. There will be no entertainment features aside from the band concert, and every penny saved in this way will go into the bargains that will be offered the public and enable them to buy what they need at prices within the reach of everyone.

Special features will be the offers on farm produce and here it might be remarked that this city has become one of the best chicken markets in the state, as the prices offered each Thursday are 2c higher than the Omaha market and the chickens brought here have come from as far south as Auburn.

Saturday, August 5th will be Ford day when prizes will be offered to all Ford owners, the prizes being given for the largest number in a car coming the greatest distance, the largest number of ladies in a car, the greatest size of occupants of one car, the largest family, consisting of father, mother and children from out of the city, and the largest family in Plattsmouth.

This sale in any way be stated does not conflict in any way with the regular monthly Bargain Wednesday sales, which are events of selling merchandise especially purchased for the occasion, but this is the regular line of merchandise placed on sale.

Watch for the bills of the big "Let's Go" sale and get ready to be a winner by taking advantage of the offers made.

PLAYING WITH HASTINGS

Eddie Gradoville of this city, who has been doing the backstop work for the Weeping Water fast amateur team, is now catching with the Hastings team in the State league and catching his former pitcher at Weeping Water, Buckmaster, who is now with the state circuit. Ed played his first game with the Hastings team yesterday and showed up well in the game. One of the clever young ball players of the state, Eddie should be able to be a great asset to the Hastings team in their race for the state flag this season.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RACE

The race for congress in the First district from all reports available show a three-cornered race, with John H. Morehead, democrat; Walter L. Anderson, republican, and A. L. Tidd, progressive, in the race. From all information available Mr. Tidd of this city seems to have nailed the progressive nomination for the congressional race. For the short term, W. C. Parriott, democrat, and R. H. Thorpe, republican, appear to be the winners.

"BILL" BRYAN TO CAMPAIGN FOR HIS BROTHER, "CHARLIE"

Lincoln, July 21.—William Jennings Bryan wired from Leavenworth, Kan., to his brother, Charles W. Bryan, democratic nominee for governor:

"Heartly congratulations. Will help in October."

That is understood to mean that the former secretary of state, now a resident of Miami, Fla., will campaign in Nebraska in behalf of "Brother Charles."

The democratic nominee wired a reply to Dan B. Butler, defeated candidate for governor.

SENATE LIMITS THE DUTY ON GLOVES

Washington, July 20.—In voting today, 38 to 17, to limit the duties on cotton gloves to a maximum of 75 per cent ad valorem, the senate administered to the finance committee majority the most decisive defeat it has sustained since it brought in the administrative tariff bill exactly three months ago. Twenty republicans, including Lodge of Massachusetts, the majority floor leader, voted against the committee. The other nineteen included Borah of Idaho, Capper, Kansas; Cummins, Iowa. One democrat, Broussard, Louisiana, voted with the committee majority.

Senator Lenroot led the fight for the maximum limitation. He declared congress should not impose a greater duty than 75 per cent ad valorem of any article of such general use as gloves in order to stimulate domestic production.

Senators Wadsworth and Calder, republicans, New York, led the opposition to the Lenroot maximum amendment.

Senators Pomerene, Ohio, and Simmons of North Carolina, Smith of South Carolina, and Hitchcock of Nebraska, democrats, argued that the facts showed the committee rates were too high.

RESULT OF NON-PARTISAN VOTE

Miss Alpha C. Peterson Will be Opposed in Fall Campaign—Matzen Leads County.

The result of the non-partisan offices in the county was not fully determined until yesterday when a check of the vote was made by the county clerk and in many of the precincts the boards had failed to tabulate the vote on the returns and made necessary the check from the poll books.

The result of the vote in Cass county was as follows:

State Superintendent
John M. Matzen.....586
E. Ruth Pyrtle.....571
Charles W. Taylor.....471
Martha L. Powell.....429
C. L. Westcott.....318
W. A. Dunbar.....117

County Superintendent
Alpha C. Peterson.....2,024

The fact that Miss Peterson was unopposed at the primary is an indication of the general feeling of satisfaction held by school patrons and voters over the conduct of the affairs of the schools of the county and is a justly deserved recognition of her work.

The superintendent not having to make a campaign for her re-election in November will be able to continue with her plans for the fall school work and have the same all ready for the opening of the schools in September as well as proceeding to outline her policy for the next term.

SPILLMAN IS NOW LEADING IN RACE FOR ATTY. GENERAL

Has Slight Majority Over William C. Dorsey With Number of Precincts Yet to Hear From

O. S. Spillman of Pierce and William C. Dorsey of Lincoln were still running neck and neck last night for the republican nomination for attorney general when returns from 1,527 precincts in seventy-nine of the state's ninety-three counties had been compiled by the Associated Press. Spillman was leading Dorsey by a narrow margin of 168 votes. The vote stood: Spillman, 26,929; Dorsey, 26,761.

In the democratic race for nomination for attorney general, Harry B. Fleharty of Omaha was leading Kenneth W. McDonald of Bridgeport by 439 votes on returns from 1,653 precincts of the state's 1,913. Eighty-three counties were reported in the returns. The vote stood: Fleharty, 15,884; McDonald, 15,445. Floyd L. Bollen of Lincoln was running third with 12,259.

In the republican race for nomination for state treasurer, Charles D. Robinson of Red Cloud was leading W. M. Stebbins of Gothenburg by 1,137 votes on returns from 1,505 precincts, representing seventy-nine counties. The vote was: Robinson, 22,945; Stebbins, 21,808. Robert Hutchinson of Albion was running third with 18,814 votes.

On the democratic ticket, P. J. Mullin of Albion apparently is the nominee for lieutenant governor.

JACKIE COOGAN HAS GUARDIAN

Los Angeles, July 21.—Jackie Coogan, child screen actor, by acts of the probate department of the Los Angeles superior court, acquired a guardian in the person of his mother, Mrs. Lillian Coogan, and a business manager in the person of his father, Jack Coogan.

Mrs. Coogan's home was fixed at \$100,000 and her duties were stated as managing the estate of her son, which consists of his earnings before the motion picture camera.

BOY BASEBALL PLAPERS

The boys of the city who have been taking advantage of the baseball diamond and playing their games under the direction of Rev. John Calvert, will meet at the ball park on Monday morning at 9:45. All the boys from 9 to 14 are invited to be present.

Blank books at the Journal Office.

FEAR LAXITY IN HOME LIFE MAY BE DANGEROUS

Church Warning to Men and Women of America as to What to Expect, is Sounded.

New York, July 19.—Uttering a "solemn warning to the men and women of America" that "this nation will decay and finally perish when American homes cease to revere God," the report of the joint commission on home and family life, which will be presented to the triennial general convention of the Episcopal church meeting in Portland, Ore., September 6 next was made public today.

"Advanced culture did not save past civilizations, didn't prevent Germany plunging into a gulf of infamy. Upon America's consecration to God depends her fate," says the report, which contains an exhaustive study of social and industrial conditions in the United States with particular reference to home life.

The commission was appointed by the Episcopal general convention six years ago and includes in its personnel some of the most distinguished of the bishops, clerical and lay members of the church. Among other subjects which are frankly treated are those of marriage, divorce and birth control. The report contains a strong recommendation against the latter. Rev. Charles Noyes Tyndell, S. T. D., of Williamsport, Pa., secretary of the commission, in transmitting the report, says that the whole effort of the commission has been to present to the country a vital message in as concise form as possible.

Lack of Religion in Home

"Even a cursory glance at conditions in the average American home reveals evidence sufficient to warrant the most careful study of those influences now affecting these homes from the standpoint of morals and religion," the report continues. "The attitude toward youth, even more than the attitude of the youth, will scarcely bear severe scrutiny."

"We touch the root of our family problem when we point to the lack of religion in the home. It is paralyzing to think of the average American family going on from the rising to the retiring hour as if God had no existence. Sunday is a day for extra sleep, motorizing, comic supplements, if American children are not to be taught of God in the schools, and He is unexamined in the home, what can we expect but that at this moment the United States is actually developing into a non-Christian nation?"

"Touching upon the domestic life in America," the report says: "Where family life is dishonored, wedding unfaithfulness lightly regarded, parental responsibility neglected, filial respect and obedience slighted, there, we may be sure, society is rotten at the core. We tremble for the future of this state or nation where lax theories concerning domestic life gain ground. Even laxer practice will certainly prevail."

"The remedy for the frightful dissolution and its inevitable consequence of race suicide is to be found in Christian training alone. Remedial legislation in the way of annulment does not go to the root of the evil. It attacks many outward symptoms of the disease, but it does not destroy the germ of the evil or cure it at its source."

Teaching of Boys and Girls

"Boys and girls must be taught as early as possible that the chief purposes of marriage is the perpetuation of the race, involving the bearing and education of children for the work of the world. Marriage is a high and holy vocation because the married pair are co-operating with the Creator in the continuance of the human race."

"This commission heartily endorses the warning furnished by the great Lambeth conference of bishops, gathered from all over the world in London in 1920, against the practice of means for the avoidance of conception as involving grave dangers to physical health as well as moral innocence, and threatening the future of the human race. We make our own the words of the conference committee as applying in particular to the United States."

The report is signed by Rt. Rev. William H. Moreland, D. D., Bishop of Sacramento, who is chairman of the commission; Rt. Rev. Sidney Catlin Partridge, D. D., Bishop of West Missouri; Rt. Rev. David Lincoln Ferris, D. D., Bishop of Western New York; Rt. Rev. Walter Taylor Sumner, D. O., Bishop of Oregon; Rt. Rev. Charles Fiske, D. D., bishop coadjutor of central New York; Rt. Rev. John C. Ward, Bishop of Erie; Rev. J. H. Mellish of Brooklyn; Rev. Edwin S. Lane of Los Angeles; Rev. E. S. Travers D. D., of Pittsburgh; Robert A. Woods, Clinton Rogers Woodruff, James M. Bull and Frank Spittle.

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