

Witmer Surrenders; Tells of Wife Slaying

Used Poison, Singletree, Hammer and Ax, He Relates—She Smoked, Nagged.

Neligh, Neb., Nov. 2.—Ernest Witmer is in jail at Neligh tonight after he had given himself up to police at Norfolk, admitting the slaying of his wife, Rosa, on September 26 at their farm home near Brunswick.

He arrived in Neligh about 8:30 o'clock in charge of Sheriff Sutton and Deputy Sheriff Harry Livingston. The young farmer, 26, had been sought in five states for the last week before he surrendered early Friday afternoon at the office of police Chief Frank Flynn at Norfolk.

To Hunt Grave Today. Sheriff Sutton plans to go to Brunswick Saturday in an effort to find the body. He was undecided whether he would take Witmer with him, although the latter offered to show the place where he buried his wife.

At Norfolk Witmer said Rosa had begun to smoke cigarettes and that he did not approve. He told Flynn also that Rosa nagged and quarreled, and that on the afternoon of September 15 he decided he could stand it no longer and would kill her.

Poison, Singletree, Hammer, Ax. He said he bought poison and put it in Rosa's beer at supper. When she became dizzy but did not die, he hit her on the head with a singletree, then with a hammer and finally crushed her skull with an ax.

In the moonlight that night he buried the body about five rods south of the house, he said. He slept in the house all night, he related, and left in the morning.

Not Sorry, He Says. "I hated her, I hate her yet," he said vehemently as he waited in the Norfolk jail.

"Not a darn bit," he said when asked if he was sorry. "She begged me not to kill her after I hit her with the singletree," he said. "But I drove the hammer into her head." He smiled as he told of the killing.

He dragged the body from a back porch for the burial, he said. Told Mother at Pender. Witmer had driven a rented car around Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois during the time he was gone, working near Fort Dodge, Ia., as a corn husker for a time. He returned to his mother's home at Pender last night, telling her and other members of the family of the deed.

Leaving his car there this morning, he took a train to Norfolk, having decided to surrender. At Pender late today John Witmer, 22, younger brother of Ernest, related the shocking visit of Thursday night.

"He said they quarreled about her having started to smoke," he said. "After a quarrel, he said he choked her, but didn't mean to kill her. But when he found he had gone too far, he just finished it up."—World-Herald.

NORTH PLATTE 'JEFFERSTOWN'

North Platte was "Bill Jeffers Town" Thursday night. "But Jeffers Town" appeared in big red letters on the Union Pacific depot, with no "North Platte" to be seen.

And former Locust street, the main artery connecting the north and south sides of town through the business district is Jeffers street for all time, "whereas it is the intention of the mayor and city council of North Platte that honor should be given them that honor bring."

Honor Ex-Call Boy. The appointment of William M. Jeffers, former general manager of the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha, as vice president in charge of operations of the Union Pacific system went into effect Thursday. The people of Jeffers old home town tendered him a banquet at the waiting room of the depot in honor of the occasion.

Just 525 were in attendance at the affair, because lack of space permitted no more. Seventy-five were men, whom Mr. Jeffers had awakened for their work when he entered the Union Pacific system as call-boy, 38 years ago.

Women's Reception Held. Fifty widows of railroad men objected to women being excluded from the banquet and won a reception for the ladies in the afternoon.

Mr. Jeffers was presented with a painting of the little frame house where he commenced his career as son of a Union Pacific shopman and which still stand at the north end of the street which now bears his name. Jeffers street joins a highway at both of its termini.

MAN GAGGED AND BRANDED

New York, Nov. 1.—A man identified by the police as Frank Kirkpatrick, of Germantown, Pa., was found tonight near an old reservoir in the Bronx, his arms and legs tied and with brandings on his chest, arms and legs. The police report described the brandings as representing the insignia "K.K.K."

Stuffed in Kirkpatrick's mouth, apparently as a gag, was a pamphlet ostensibly on the subject of Governor Smith and his connection with the Catholic church.

The injured man was taken to a hospital, where his condition was reported critical.

Deeds, Mortgages, Contracts and all kinds of legal blanks for sale at Journal office.

HOOVER BOUND FOR HOME; TO BE IN ST. LOUIS TONITE

Washington, Nov. 1.—Reaffirming his confidence in republican victory next Tuesday, Herbert Hoover headed his presidential offensive into the west today on the last lap of his first campaign for elective office.

After bidding adieu to the staff at republican national headquarters, Hoover paid his respects to President Coolidge and was to leave at 5 o'clock this evening for his home in Palo Alto, Cal., where he will cast his ballot November 6th.

En route to the Pacific coast, Mr. Hoover will deliver a prepared address in St. Louis tomorrow evening, and brief talks in at least three other cities—Cumberland, Md., tonight; Louisville, Ky., tomorrow, and Pueblo, Colo., Saturday evening.

ASHES OF MACNIDER BURIED AT MASON CITY

Mason City, Nov. 2.—Ashes of C. H. MacNider, banker, business man and politician, were laid to rest here Friday in Elmwood cemetery.

The utmost simplicity marked the funeral services at the family residence Thursday. There was neither eulogy nor music. Rev. C. Burnett Whitehead, pastor of St. John church, officiated.

Messages of condolence were received by the widow and the son, Col. Hanford MacNider, former assistant secretary of war, from President Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Gen. John J. Pershing and members of the Coolidge cabinet.

The body was taken to Des Moines for cremation immediately after the rites.

Frank Bishop, Tekamah, New Teacher Chief

Blair Superintendent Wins as Vice President; Benson Principal Named Secretary.

Frank E. Bishop, for eight years superintendent of Tekamah (Neb.) schools, Friday was elected president of District No. 2 of the Nebraska State Teachers' association in annual convention at Omaha. He succeeds Leon O. Smith, assistant superintendent of Omaha schools.

Mary McNamera, Benson high school principal, Omaha, was elected secretary-treasurer over Bess Rose Fitt, Fremont, 909 to 343.

Mabel Marsh, county superintendent at Blair, was chosen vice president over P. A. Oberhauser, superintendent of Louisville schools, 698 to 543.

Delegates Elected. The following were elected members of the delegate assembly: J. I. Ray, Fremont; E. E. McMullan, Omaha; Superintendent R. E. Bailey, Plattsmouth; Ferne W. Neill, David City; Daisy Spickard, Fremont; Superintendent K. T. Brunsvold, North Bend; Margaret Kelley Blair.

P. A. Oberhauser, Louisville; J. R. Bitner, Fullerton; Norma Palmer, Peru; J. E. Marsh, Fremont; H. M. Eaton, Omaha; Dr. C. X. Hansen,

Blair; E. A. Odman, Wahoo; Jeanette McDonald, Omaha; Lulu B. Matthews, Omaha; Mary McNamera, Omaha; W. R. Pate, Peru; Bertha Bishop, Papillion; Bess Rose Fitt, Fremont; I. D. Huston, Osceola; G. W. Hildreth, Oakland; J. A. Jimereson, Auburn.

Emma Grogan, Schuyler; Floyd F. Shack, Blair; J. H. Beveridge, Omaha; Charlotte Meadows, Ralston; H. W. Glasgow, Lyons; Belle M. Ryan, Omaha; John Ludwickson, Walthill. Alternates; Ina Shea, Omaha; Dewey Ganzell, Rosalie; Elsie Smith, Omaha.

At Tech high Friday afternoon, picked debating teams from the University of Nebraska, debated the question, "Resolved, That the English cabinet form of government is preferable to the presidential form of the United States," before a sectional meeting on argumentation.

The intermediate grades and the high school sections also drew large crowds. Twenty-two other sectional meetings were held.

Double Banquet Held. Friday evening the teachers made merry at separate banquets for men and women at Ad-Sell restaurant and Hotel Fontenelle, respectively.

A travesty on Paul Spor, Aiviera stage band leader, entitled "Paula Sport and the Spice Box Revue," featured the entertainment of the women's banquet. More than 600 attended.

At the men's stag dinner, attended by 150, many articles, wfrom live puppies to a large phonograph, presented by Omaha merchants, were given away. A harmonica quartet of women teachers serenaded the men.

A reception at Hotel Fontenelle ballroom climaxed the evening's entertainment. Art Randall and his Royal Fontenelle orchestra provided music.

The convention will close Saturday morning with a general session at Technical high school auditorium. Many of the visitors will spend the week-end in Omaha.

FLAG DIPS TO WALES HOODOO

London, Nov. 1.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from El Doret, Kenya Colony, Africa, today said that the colors of the Irish Free State failed to bring luck to the Prince of Wales in a horse race held there.

The colors were presented to the prince by tiny Sheila O'Shea, daughter of Thomas O'Shea, who was a leading Sinn Feiner in Ireland in 1913. She also gave him a shamrock.

The prince stooped and kissed her, and then rode to the post. He made a bad start and did not place at the finish.

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Treasury Able to Meet All Demands

Balance Gives Assurance Low Point Can Be Passed Without "Going Into Red"

Lincoln, Nov. 2.—There was a balance of \$299,500 in the state general fund October 31 and as a consequence there is no doubt that the state treasury will get past the low point of the year on December 1 without going "into the red," Deputy Treasurer Erickson announced Friday.

Within another month receipts of 1928 personal and corporation taxes will be coming in, he said, and the cash reserve is large enough at this time to meet all demands on the treasury.

Receipts Exceed Anticipation. October receipts for the general fund were somewhat larger than anticipated, the amount being \$419,556. Payments from the fund totaled \$568,283. The excess of disbursements over receipts reduced the previous general balance of -44,231 on September 30 to \$299,500 at the close of business for October.

The total cash balance in all funds increased by about \$68,000 last month, \$3,468,426 to \$3,536,135. This gain is accounted for by large receipts for the state university cash fund, mainly fees collected in Sep-

tember and turned into the state treasury in October. Road Balance \$317,888. From the gasoline tax fund \$371,707 was paid out for highway construction and service incident thereto, compared with \$355,207, which came in, leaving a balance of \$318,888 at the end of the month, while the federal aid road fund was credited with \$338,182.

The temporary school fund was augmented in October by receipts of \$55,293. Nothing was paid out of it. There is now on hand \$348,039, to be increased by November and December income, so that the entire amount credited to that fund on January 1 will be distributed as the first semi-annual school apportionment for 1929.

Treasury receipts from all sources aggregated \$1,492,601 during October, while the payments amounted to \$1,424,892.—Omaha Bee-News.

DRILLING FOR OIL TO BE RESUMED

Hastings, Nov. 2.—The U. S. Drilling company which has been drilling for oil near Campbell since October, 1923, has reorganized and will start a new well near Campbell in about three weeks.

The former well was abandoned September 1 on account of water difficulties after reaching a depth of 3,240 feet. Showings of oil are reported to have been found at three different depths. Approximately \$130,000 was spent on the former well.

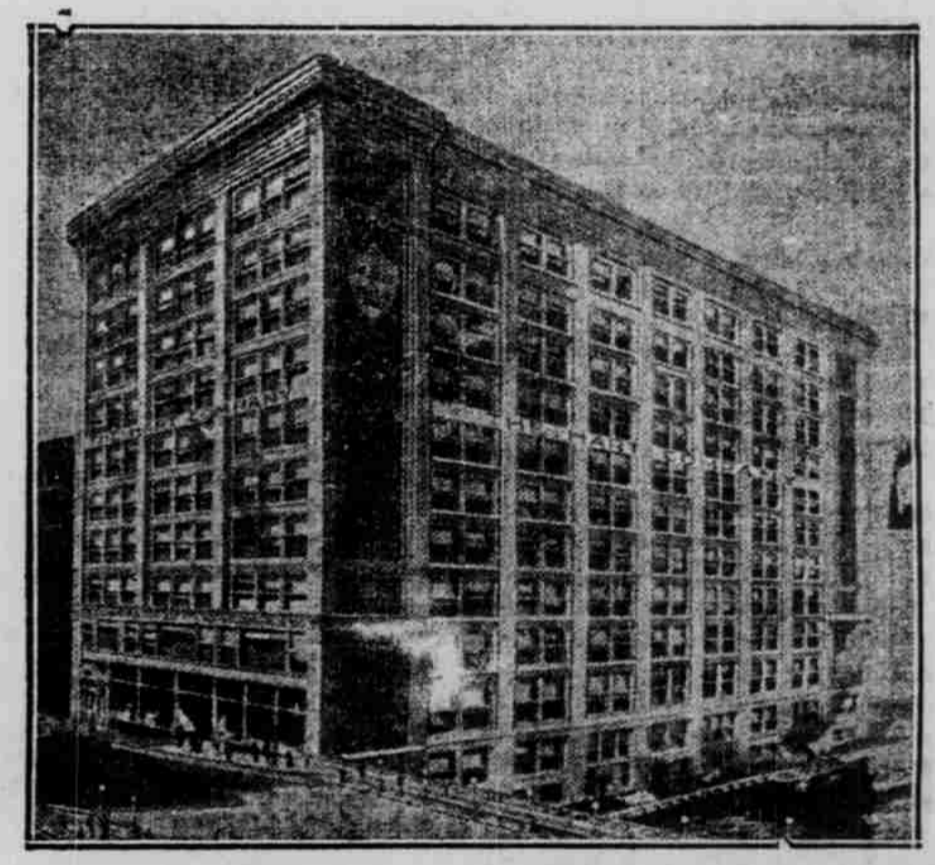
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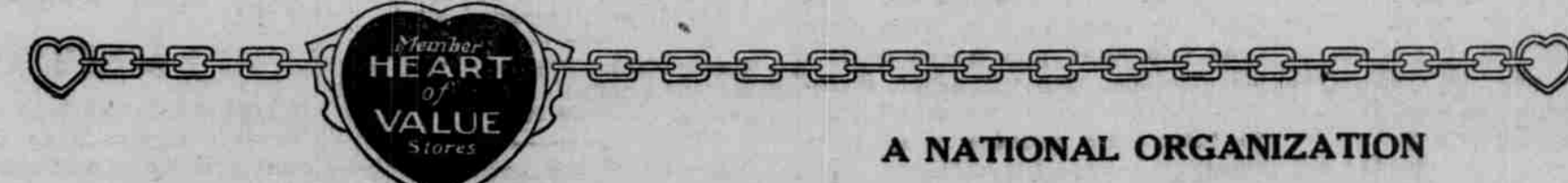
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