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Suicide of Girl Leads to Priest

Investigation Into Death of Mabel Bessler Brings Out Name of Rev. Julius Hettwer.

Letters Found in Rooms

Investigation into the suicide of Mabel Bessler, 26, stenographer, in the Chandler apartments Wednesday led the police yesterday to Rev. Julius J. Hettwer, superintendent of St. James orphanage, whose letters, signed 'Jule,' were found among the girl's effects.

"She suffered from mental distress," said the priest, declaring that the girl's father would bear out his statement that she was mentally unbalanced.

"I suppose those 'Jule' letters are mine," he added.

Says Girl Was Cousin.

He explained that the Bessler girl was his cousin and was his housekeeper when they lived at a cottage at 536 South Forty-first street.

"I was a poor man at the time," he said. "Miss Bessler contributed $400 toward furniture for the cottage and when I was transferred to St. James orphanage I had no further need for a housekeeper and we parted.

"She was very disappointed, and had to go to work as a stenographer. If she really said I ruined her life, she must have meant my accepting the transfer to the orphanage."

Father Sides With Priest.

Father Hettwer stated that the girl threatened to kill herself many times.

Charles Bessler, father of the girl held a conference with Father Hettwer yesterday afternoon.

As far back as three years ago the girl was despondent, threatening to kill herself and led her family to believe she was mentally deranged, he said.

The family did not know what to do until the members thought of Father Hettwer, he declared, and sent the girl to him in the hope he might be able to straighten her out.

"Father Hettwer accepted the trust we placed in him," said Mr. Bessler, "and did everything in his power to correct her condition. I am sure there were no illegitimate relations between them."

Girl Divorced.

Miss Bessler married a Detroit man, he said, but later was divorced. There were no children. The body will be taken back to Detroit for burial, he declared, and he intends not to ask for an examination of the body.

Father Hettwer is the son of Mrs. Bessler's sister.

Only a week ago last Sunday, the father related, Mabel Bessler went out to their home at 1647 Victor avenue and acted despondently.

Suicide Threat.

They sent her home, he said, but he declined to reveal the present address of his home and family.

He declared he has information that his daughter told A. Grotte the night before she killed herself that she was going to go downtown, hire a rented automobile and let some other car collide with her.

Grotte went with her, he said, to prevent her from carrying out her threat.

According to Mrs. Mrytle Meldrum, 2505 Farnam street, at whose home Miss Bessler formerly lived, Father Hettwer visited the girl a number of times.

In searching the girl's apartment yesterday, Paul Steinwender, corner, found a document signed by Father Hettwer, which would have left part of his estate to Mabel Bessler, faithful servant for the past years.

Find Signed Release.

Among the girl's effects also was a release which read: "I hereby agree for the consideration of $400 in hand, paid, to relinquish all claims and demands of whatever nature on the Rev. Julius Hettwer." This, according to Rev. Mr. Hettwer, referred to the furniture she bought for him.

"She led me to believe that she was married for a short time when she was quite young," said Mrs. Meldrum. "She had some case over some man, but I don't know who it was. She had a number of friends, one of them Arthur Grotte of Omaha."

Miss Bessler was despondent and often threatened to kill herself, according to Viggo Lyngby, attorney, who also lived at 2505 Farnam street. At one time she stated that Father Hettwer had ruined her life, he said.

Was Asked to Leave.

Miss Bessler was asked to leave the apartment because she repeatedly threatened suicide, Mrs. Meldrum said. The girl's parents, Mr. and

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Temperature Touches 96, New High Record Mark

Although weather reports yesterday morning indicated cooler weather for the day, thermometers registered 96 at 2 p. m., the highest point reached this summer. This was 13 degrees above the highest temperature a year ago, when the thermometer registered 84 at 3 p. m.

No cases of sun stroke or heat prostrations have been reported.

Mrs. Drake Awarded $10,000 Damages in Alienation Suit

Mrs. Lola Drake, wife of Frank M. Drake, Omaha real estate man, was awarded $10,000 damages by a jury after an hour's deliberation in District Judge Stauffer's court yesterday in a suit against Mrs. Nelice S. Harris, widow, for alleged alienation of her husband's affections. The verdict is for the full amount asked for in the suit.

Young Woman Who Ended Her Life by Asphyxiation

Mabel Bessler.

No Competition, McKelvie Says, of Capitol Bids

Governor Asserts Rejection of Offer Based Also on Exorbitant Prices for Cut Stone.

Lincoln, June 15.—(Special.)—The camel will have to jump through the eye of a needle before the state capitol commission will award contracts for the new statehouse at such prices as were read when bids were opened yesterday.

The above, in effect, were the words of Governor McKelvie today in discussing action of the commission in rejection of all statehouse superstructure bids.

"Competition seemed to be almost entirely lacking on cut stone and some of the other items bid on," the governor said. "We have reason to believe that much better figures will be offered next time."

George E. Johnson, state engineer, declared that out of the 120 firms asking for specifications on superstructure work only 70 entered bids. He asserted some of the stone companies which had representatives here when bids were opened didn't put in bids.

Governor McKelvie announced that specifications would be altered for the next bidding so that contractors could meet them easier and thus reduce their prices. The governor also announced that a change will be made in readvertising next time so bids of the following classifications may be entered:

Separate bid on each of the 26 separate jobs.

For the entire job.

For service of a general contractor to oversee all details of the work, if the commission should decide to award it to lowest individual bidders on the 26 items.

Yesterday, specifications did not call for bids for a general contractor.

Demand for Probe of Vice in St. Louis School Renewed

St. Louis, June 15.—Victor Miller, a member of the board of police commissioners, has renewed his demand that the board of education investigate moral conditions in the public schools here. Mr. Miller was deposed as president of the police board following his failure to substantiate charges he made last March that vice clubs existed at Soldan High school.

Cattle Being Tested

Lincoln, June 15.—(Special.)—Leo Stuhr, secretary of agriculture, announced today that Clay county was the first county in Nebraska to complete cattle tuberculosis tests of every animal in the county. Washington county will be next to complete the test and then Douglas county, Stuhr stated.

Japan Pledged to Arms Reduction by Premier Kato

Foreign Policy Will Be to Co-Operate With Powers in Spirit as Well as Letter of Arms Pact.

Tokio, June 15.—(By A. P.)—Admiral Temosaburo Kato, Japan's new premier, today pledged the faith of Japan to co-operate with the other world powers for a further reduction of armaments and the maintenance of the new era or peace which, he said, had been ushered in by the Washington conference.

"In brief, Japan's foreign policy, from which this cabinet will not depart, is to co-operate with the powers in the spirit as well as to the letter of the covenant of the league of nations and the treaties and resolutions signed at Washington, with the view that concord and friendships may continue and develop among the nations and that reduction of armaments may steadily progress to relieve the difficulties and burdens of mankind," Premier Kato said.

The newly appointed director of Japanese state craft declared that "with the successful conclusion of the Washington conference, a new era of peace dawned on the world. It is the intention of this government to fulfill the terms agreed upon by the powers, and to this end to take the appropriate steps in accord and co-operate with them.

Referring to the problems of Russia and Siberia, Premier Kato said:

"We deeply sympathize with the Russians in their sufferings and privations, and we hope they may speedily realize much needed relief.

"The Japanese cabinet will endeavor to bring about an expeditious and amicable adjustment of the problems relating to Siberia."

Man Slain 3 Hours Before Was to Be Wed

Graham, Tex., June 15.—Jack Sumners, 28, died last night at a local hospital just three hours before he was to have been married. Sumners, accompanied by his fiancee, went to Oil City today and he is said to have accosted a party of men who are alleged to have been using profane language. Later in the day, it is said, one of the party attacked Sumners with a knife, wounding him fatally. One suspect has been arrested.

Former Sub Chaser Burned.

Key West, Fla., June 15.—Former submarine chaser No. 205, owned by E. T. Sulzer of Brooklyn, N. Y., was burned to the water's edge and sank today off Sand Key. Mrs. Sulzer, who was aboard with her husband and a party of friends, was slightly burned.

"Follow Your Dollar Through"

Advertising Talk No. 8

For almost a year past the circulation growth of The Omaha Bee has been approximately double that of any other paper. The daily average gain in May over a year ago was 13,625, Sunday average gain 22,202 over a year ago.

Yet The Omaha Bee has not increased its charge for advertising one cent over a year ago. This is one of the reasons why on the "rate per 1,000 circulation" basis The Omaha Bee is such a good "buy."

You can buy advertising in The Omaha Bee as cheaply as anywhere on week days and more cheaply than anywhere on Sundays. Then the extra buying power "per 1,000 circulation" of The Omaha Bee circulation is your "good measure," your "oversize."

"A better paper right along" is the verdict of the reader regarding The Omaha Bee—"a better advertising medium right along" is the verdict of the advertiser.

Coal Strike Approved by Unions

Cheers Greet Statement That No Attempt Will Be Made to Stop Walkout of Rail Men.

Criticise High Court

Cincinnati, O., June 15.—(By A. P.)—By the vote of every delegate, The American Federation of Labor convention here today endorsed the nation-wide coal strike that, since April 1, has kept a half million miners from work, and also indicated, by a demonstration, its approval of the threatened walkout of more than 1,000,000 railroad workers.

There were loud cheers from all parts of the convention hall when B. M. Jewell, president of the railway employes department of the federation, told the convention that the rail union chiefs would not interfere to stop a strike.

"It is believed," declared Mr. Jewell, "that the membership is prepared to meet the test, and if they so decide, their decisions will be complied with."

Cheer Miners' Strike.

The endorsement of the miners' strike was given by a rising vote, cast by the delegates amid their own cheers, and afterward William Green, secretary treasurer of the miners' union, declared the miners were in the fight to the finish, and he said it might be necessary to ask other unions for financial assistance.

The convention session was cut short so delegates might attend a barbecue staged on a river island 20 miles from this city.

The executive council of the federation gave its final consideration to the recent decision of the supreme court in the Coronado coal case and prepared its report, criticising the decision. The council decided not to propose any means for overcoming the decision on account of the convention having ordered a special policy committee to outline a program centering on the Coronado and other decisions.

Oppose Taft Ruling.

The executive council, it was learned, decided to find fault with Chief Justice Taft in the Coronado decision, on the ground that the decision went beyond the case, and also on the ground that the court ventured to decide an "imaginary case," resulting in the destruction of principles of unions which the council held are fundamental to unions.

The council also declared that the decision applied the law of liabilities to unincorporated unions to a greater extent than to corporations organized for profit. The council also decided to voice its complaint in the report that the supreme court disregarded the Clayton act, which was interpreted by the council to exempt labor unions from prosecution under the anti-trust laws. The council also held that the Sherman act was not intended by congress to apply to labor organizations.

The railroad strike threat came before the convention by an impromptu speech of Mr. Jewell, who said that the rail employes were "convinced that certain sinister interests" had been endeavoring for more than two years to maneuver the men into a position, "where there might be a hope of crushing the organizations."

Shanghai Entertains 3,000 Yankee Sailors

Shanghai, China, June 15.—(By A. P.)—The Asiatic squadron of the American navy, with the exception of the cruiser New Orleans, which is at Vladivostok, and three lesser craft at Hongkong and Manila, is concentrated at Shanghai.

The city is entertaining more than 3,000 American sailors, which is believed to be the largest gathering of Uncle Sam's naval fighters ever based in any far Eastern port, exclusive of Manila. Extensive plans have been made for their amusement, including a series of baseball games and Shanghai's greatest Fourth of July celebration, prior to their departure July 5.

On leaving here, the squadron including the flagship Huron, 18 destroyers and the mother ship, Buffalo, will proceed to Chefoo for summer target practice.

The cruiser Albany sailed June 5 for home, where she will be thrown on the naval scrap heap provided by the Washington conference.

Nebraska Congressman Opposes Reserve Governor

Washington, June 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Andrews of Nebraska today sent a letter to President Harding protesting against the appointment of W. P. G. Harding as governor of the Federal Reserve Board system. Representative Andrews said in his letter that most of the farmers in Nebraksa believe that the ills from which they have been suffering during the past few years are due to the policy of the federal reserve board, as sponsored by Governor Harding.

Country Facing Severe Coal Shortage, Says Lewis

Springfield, Ill., June 15.—The country is facing a coal shortage of unparalleled intensity, President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America said in a statement issued here today.

The public interest demands a conference of miners and operators in the very near future, he said, adding that only the summer weather kept the nation from the realization of an acute situation.

The European Vamps

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Another Railway Wage Cut Decision Expected Today

Over 325,000 Affected by Proposed $30,000,000 Slash—Shopmen's Ballot Favors Walkout.

Chicago, June 15.—(By A. P.)—Delay in the preparation of the minority opinion of the railroad labor board's newest wage reduction order prevented the expected announcement of the decision tonight. It was said the board hoped to have the decision ready for the public by tomorrow.

Following the completion of a lengthy majority opinion, said to cut around $30,000,000 from the payroll of 325,000 employes, labor members of the board began work on a lengthy protest. Arthur O. Wharton, an organized labor appointee on the board and formerly president of the railway employes department of the American Federation of Labor, is writing the opinion and will probably complete it early tomorrow.

325,000 Affected.

The new cut will affect nearly 300,000 clerks and station employes, 12,000 signalmen, 10,000 stationary firemen and oilers and 5,000 train dispatchers. The latter class, however, will not come under the new slash, which becomes effective July 1, and other supervisory forces will also escape a cut, in line with the board's policy of making no reduction for minor officials and supervisors.

Strike ballots continued to roll into headquarters of the six railway shop crafts, whose triple-barrelled vote on the question of striking against the wage cut and other unsatisfactory conditions was ordered last week. The men have 10 days left in which to get their pink, blue and white slips into Chicago.

Expect Complete Vote.

"We are expecting nearly a 100 per cent vote this time," said John Scott, secretary of the crafts. "This is the most serious situation that has come up in recent years and the men are thoroughly dissatisfied with the situation. The ballots show a distinct attitude in favor of a walkout."

Union leaders of the clerks, signalmen, firemen and oilers are all in Cincinnati attending the convention of the American Federation of Labor and are expected to issue orders for a strike vote of their memberships as soon as the new decision is announced by the board. Intention of taking the vote was announced following a conference of union leaders in Cincinnati last week.

Sioux City Man Is Found Starving in New York

New York, June 15.—Literally starving on the streets of New York, John Keane, 62, of Sioux City, Ia., collapsed and was taken to Bellevue hospital.

After he had tasted his first food in several days, Keane recovered sufficiently to give his name and to explain that he had been wandering here, homeless and friendless, for "a long time." Just how long he could not say.

Industrial Improvement

Chicago, June 15.—A greater industrial improvement was shown in Illinois in May than during any month the past year, the general advisory board of the Illinois department of labor stated in a report.

Ward Indicted by Grand Jury for Killing of Sailor

Deputy Sheriffs Sent to Arrest Young Millionaire, at Liberty on $50,000 Bonds.

New York, June 15.—Walter S. Ward, wealthy baker's son, indicted by the grand jury at White Plains today for the slaying of Clarence Peters, former sailor, was arrested here late today.

White Plains, N. Y., June 15.—Walter S. Ward, millionaire baker's son, today was indicted by the Westchester grand jury on a charge of killing Clarence Peters, ex-sailor, in May.

Soon after the indictment was returned deputy sheriffs were sent to Ward's home in New Rochelle to arrest him. He has been at liberty on $50,000 bonds.

Parmele Acquitted of Bank Charges

Plattsmouth, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—William Deles Dernier, appointed as acting county judge to preside over the preliminary hearing of Charles C. Parmele, formerly president of the now defunct Bank of Cass County, has handed down a decision acquitting Parmele of all of the 17 counts preferred by the state, growing out of alleged indirect borrowing. The action was started following the failure of the bank here last December, although Mr. Parmele had not been an officer of the institution for nearly a year. Jackson Chase, assistant attorney general, represented the state's interest at the hearing, while John Wright and C. A. Rawls, Omaha, and Plattsmouth attorneys, appeared for Mr. Parmele. It was sought to prove that the firm of "Jean & Co." composed of Will Jean and C. C. Parmele, borrowed different amounts from the funds of the bank while the latter was president.

1,200 March in Beaumont Protest at Sheriff's Removal

Beaumont, Tex., June 15.—A parade, estimated at about 1,200 persons, marched through the streets tonight in a demonstration brought about by a recent instructed jury verdict ordering the removal of Tom Garner as sheriff for his alleged membership in the Ku Klux Klan. The 35-piece band led the procession, with Garner immediately behind on horseback. Garner's wife and children were also in line.

The matter of Garner's removal will be argued before the Ninth court of civil appeals here Friday, defense attorneys having filed an application for a stay of execution of the verdict.

Liquidation Is Started of Night and Day Bank

St. Louis, June 15.—Liquidation of accounts of the closed Night and Day bank, aggregating $2,500,000, began today. Discrepancies in the institution's accounts are said to exceed $1,000,000 and former Governor Major is among directors under indictment for allowing deposits to be accepted after the bank was in a failing condition.

Hitchcock Calls McCumber Tariff Attack Childish

Says Statements That Newspaper Opposition Is Paid for Betrays Ignorance of Business.

By GEORGE F. AUTHIER.
Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.

Washington, June 15. — (Special Telegram.)—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska today denounced in vigorous terms the arguments advanced yesterday by Senator McCumber, to the effect that the main reason for the opposition to the tariff bill by the newspapers was due to the fact they are subsidized by the large sums spent by importers and the department stores for advertising.

Senator Hitchcock characterized the attack as idiotic, childish, provincial and entirely out of date.

"If there is one thing fairly established in the newspaper world today," he said, "it is that advertising is placed upon the strictest business principles and there is not an advertiser of any importance who does not buy his publicity at the cheapest price at which he can get it. There is not one of them who spends a dollar if he can avoid spending it.

"Of the millions of dollars invested in New York city in the newspapers practically every dollar is put into newspaper advertising on the most cold-blooded business principle."

In concluding the argument, Senator Hitchcock said "the senator from North Dakota has betrayed his absolute ignorance of modern business methods when he argues that advertising is placed as a favor."

Move Made to Stop Rum Sales on U. S. Vessels

Washington, June 15.—Definite steps through legislation to stop the sale of liquor on American ships were started today through presentation by Representative Bankhead, democrat, Alabama, of an amendment to the merchant marine bill which would cut off the government aid provided in the measure from any ship carrying intoxicating liquors or beverages.

The Alabama representative offered his amendment at a meeting of the house merchant marine committee of which he is a member, called to take final action on the merchant marine bill.

Considerable doubt as expressed that the amendment would be accepted, as the indications were that the majority members of the committee would vote to report the bill as framed by a subcommittee.

The Weather

Forecast.

Friday fair; somewhat cooler.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	79	1 p. m.	94
6 a. m.	79	2 p. m.	96
7 a. m.	79	3 p. m.	96
8 a. m.	81	4 p. m.	95
9 a. m.	84	5 p. m.	93
10 a. m.	88	6 p. m.	91
11 a. m.	90	7 p. m.	89
12 noon	93	8 p. m.	87

Highest Thursday.

Cheyenne	68	Pueblo	86
Davenport	90	Rapid City	92
Denver	80	Salt Lake	86
Des Moines	94	Santa Fe	80
Dodge City	92	Sheridan	66
Lander	68	Sioux City	90
North Platte	88	Valentine	89

Rights Bill of Ireland Given Out

Draft Is Made Public on Eve of Election—Places State on Same Basis as Dominions.

Constitution Up-to-Date

London, June 15.—(By A. P.)—The draft of the new Irish constitution made public tonight, on the eve of the Irish election, gives as the document itself states, force of law to the Anglo-Irish treaty and expressly declares that any provision of the constitution or any amendment thereto or any law enacted under the constitution which is in any respect repugnant to the treaty shall be void and inoperative.

The constitution thus embodies connection with the British crown as already established in the treaty and generally places the relations between Ireland and the empire on the same basis as Canada and the other dominions.

The constitution requires every member of the free state parliament to subscribe faith and allegience to the constitution and swear to be faithful to the ing in virtue of the common ctizenship of Ireland and Britain.

Women Get Suffrage.

The document contains 79 articles and is considered an up-to-date instrument, not only granting female suffrage, proportional representation and a referendum to the people, but also empowering the people themseves to initiate legislation. t gives to the chamber great power with respect to money bills without control from the senate, thus duplicating the position as between the British house of commons and the house of lords.

It exempts the free state from active participation in war without the consent of parliament, except in cases of invasion, and gives the Irish supreme court the fullest power, only stipulating for the right of citizens to appeal to the king in council against the supreme court decision.

It provides for freedom of religion and conscience, gives free state citizens full protection against the arbitrary power of court-martial and extends to parliament exclusive control over the armed forces as stipulated in the treaty.

Oath of Allegiance.

The oath of allegiance is provided under Article 17 of the constitution in the following words:

"I do solemnly swear true faith and allegiance to the constitution of the Irish free state as by law established and that I will be faithful to his majesty, King George V, and his heirs and successors, by law and in virture of the common citizenship of Ireland and Great Britain, and her adherence to and membership of the group of nations forming the British commonwealth of nations."

Article 48 provides that "except in case of actual invasion, the Irish free state shall not be committed to active participation in any war without the assent of the free state parliament."

Court Jurisdiction.

Article 66 gives the Irish supreme court appealate jurisdiction. Its decisions shall in all cases be final and conclusive and shall not be reviewed or be capable of being reviewed by any other court, tribunal or authority whatsoever, provided that "nothing in this constitution shall impair the rights of any person to petition his majesty for special leave to appeal from the supreme court to his majesty in council or the right of his majesty to grant such leave.

"Article 67 provides that all judges, including those on the upreme court, shall be appointed by the representative of the crown on the advice of the executive council.

Courts Martil Powers.

Article 69 provides the jurisdiction of courts martial shall not be extended to or exercised over the civil population save in time of war or acts committed in time of war. Such jurisdiction can not be exercised in any area in which civil courts are open or capable of being held and no person shall be removed from one area to another for the purpose of creating such jurisdiction.

Article 72 declares laws not inconsistent with the constitution in force in the free state when the constitution becomes operative shall continue until repealed or amended by parliament.

After the constitution comes into operation the house of parliament elected in pursuance of the free state agreement act may for one year exercise all the powers conferred by the constitution in the chamber. The first election for the chamber shall be as soon as possible after the expiration of such period.

Mme-Schumann-Heink Given College Degree on Birthday

Los Angeles, Cal., June 15.—Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink celebrated her 51st birthday here as the guest of honor of the University of Southern California and recepient of a degree of doctor of music in the institution's commencement exercises. Augustine T. Wilhar, graduate of the Univeristy of San Marcos, Peru, who has been a director in Peru of educational institutions, received a degree of doctor of laws. A similar degree was to have been conferred on Ignace Jan Paderewiski, but owing to his inability to attend, it was postponed.

School Girls on Tour

New York, June 15.—Seventy-five school girls from Texas and the southwest sailed on the steamship Chicago for a summer tour of Europe. The party arrived from Waco, Tex., on a special train.