

Death Penalty to Be Asked for Siefkens' Slayer

Widow and Mother of Slain Pair Doubts If Rich Is "Right Man"—Police Sure He Is.

"I don't believe he is the man," Mrs. Charles Siefkens, 4909 Dodge street, told detectives yesterday. "A slayer so brutal would confess to his crime."

William Gunnert, city detective, and Henry Beal, county attorney, left last night, however, for Cleveland, O., to bring back William A. Rich, alias Dewey Mallory, 22, confessed slayer of Mrs. Siefkens' husband and her son, Robert, who were fatally shot in the Nicholas oil station, Thirty-eighth and Farnam streets, May 20, last.

Detective Gunnert told Mrs. Siefkens no doubt existed in his mind that Rich has told the truth about the killing.

To Ask Death Penalty.

"He double-crossed a woman," the detective said, "and the woman has turned him up to the Ohio police. I believe he was the man when he had him under arrest eight days after the shooting, because he answered the description of the slayer, was just out of prison, admitted he had been planning the murder, had a gun like the one used to kill the Siefkens, and had no alibi for that night. But no one was able to identify him and we were forced by circumstances to let him pass with only prosecution for carrying concealed weapons."

Charles H. Van Deussen, chief of detectives, said details were lacking, but that he was inclined to the belief, "We have, the right man." He is depending on the judgment of Gunnert and Beal, who will investigate

Man Who Claims He Slew Omahan and Son



William Albert Rich.

Gun Taken From Rich Was Same Make Used by Slayer of Siefkens

William Albert Rich, confessed murderer of Charles E. and Robert Siefkens, was in the Douglas county jail serving a sentence for carrying concealed weapons one month after he had murdered the man and boy in an attempted holdup.

The man was arrested in the Missouri Pacific railroad yards June 1, 1922, by Lieutenant Samuel A. Gurnett, who found the railroad had found Rich and a companion, Vern (Ruck) Turner having target practice with pistols in the yards near Locust street.

Rich and Turner were held in the city jail for several days after their arrest but, although the search for the murderer was at its height at that time, the man was not identified. He was tried in district court and fined \$200 and costs. Unable to pay the fine, both men were held in the county jail to serve out the sentence.

County Attorney Henry Beal, then a deputy county attorney, declared that the gun Rich had in his possession at that time was a German make. The weapon used by the murderer of the Siefkens was a German type, and the gun carried by Mr. Siefkens was of the same make.

When Rich was arrested at that time he gave his name as Al Rich.

Rich's story after reaching Cleveland and decide whether to bring him back or to leave him there as a tricker trying to evade two Ohio charges of burglary.

County Attorney Beal announced yesterday morning that Rich would be prosecuted vigorously if he is brought back and that the death penalty would be asked.

Couldn't Identify Him.

"If he is the man nothing is too bad in punishment," Mrs. Siefkens sobbed from the shoulder of a friend in her modest little apartment, her new home.

"But I couldn't identify him," she added.

Mrs. Siefkens saw both her husband and her son shot down. She did not see Rich when he was in jail here. Miss Sylvia Kulakofsky, since married and now a resident of Des Moines, failed to identify Rich.

Mrs. Siefkens declined yesterday to go to the office of County Attorney Beal to swear to an affidavit that a man of Rich's description did the killing and gave grief as a reason.

While she was quietly observing the 17th birth anniversary of her dead son Monday, she received news of the death of a brother-in-law, C. O. Shepard, New York, whose body is now on its way here for burial.

"I've had so much to stand," she pleaded yesterday morning.

Gertrude Siefkens, 14, her daughter, left Dundee school to make the affidavit, and was praised by sleuths as having "given us more valuable information than all other persons combined."

Rewards Reduced.

Rewards totaling \$2,500 have been reduced to \$2,000 for the capture of the Siefkens' slayer by the withdrawal of a \$500 offer by H. J. Gorden of Chicago, Siefkens' brother-in-law. It was rescinded after several months of search for the murderer.

One thousand dollars is offered by the Firemen's Fund Insurance company of Nebraska, \$500 by the Douglas county commissioners and \$500 by the Nicholas Oil company.

Rich's last home in Omaha is believed to have been with Joe Turner, Twenty-fourth and Emmet streets. Neighbors said yesterday that Turner left several months ago for California. He will be sought as a witness.

Bluffs Man and Woman Indicted in Check Deal

W. E. Savage, 127 South Thirty-fifth street, Council Bluffs, and Mrs. Fay Clark, wife of George Clark, 2911 West Broadway, were indicted jointly for conspiracy by the district court grand jury yesterday, and Savage was indicted on two other counts charging forgery and cheating by false pretences.

The indictment is based on the manipulation of a \$21,000 check, purporting to be signed by Mrs. Clark, which Savage deposited in the new defunct Central State Bank of Council Bluffs. It was drawn on a Texas bank. Before it came back, Savage liquidated notes and drew checks totaling thousands of dollars.

Loot Only Small Part of \$50,000 Plunder, Belief

About \$2,000 loot from Omaha robberies recovered by police in a raid Thursday on the home of Sam Mangano, 531 South Twenty-eighth street, is the only insignificant remainder of loot from these and other robberies totalling more than \$50,000, police said yesterday.

Seven persons appeared at the police station yesterday morning and identified various articles as having been stolen from them. This established the minimum number of burglaries at seven, and detectives believe there were many more.

Manerbo, who speaks English with difficulty, pretends not to understand, detectives said.

Woman Gave Tip on Rich's Crime

Cleveland Officers Aided in Capturing Criminals by Telephone Informant.

Cleveland, O., March 9.—(Special.)—It is to a mysterious woman, whose identity police have been unable to learn, that detectives are giving credit for the capture of William A. Rich, confessed murderer of C. E. Siefkens of Omaha and his son, Robert.

The unidentified informant has given police numerous tips in recent weeks that have resulted in the capture of crooks of all descriptions. The list of criminals ranges from whisky runners to burglars and murderers wanted in all sections of the country.

Several days ago the woman telephoned that a murderer wanted in a western state could be found in an east side saloon. Detectives surrounded the place and started to search the gangsters congregated there. Several were well known to police and submitted to search without resistance. A stranger in the crowd thrust his hand in his overcoat pocket and fired without drawing his revolver.

Gangster Shoots Officer.

The range was pointblank and one of the officers fell shot in the groin. The other officers were forced to beat the man with the butts of their revolvers before subduing him. At the police station, he admitted that he was wanted in New York for robbery but denied being wanted in the west for murder.

Two days later, the mysterious informant telephoned police that a man wanted for murder had rented an apartment and was living with three other men wanted by local police. A flying squad captured Rich and three other gangsters. Rich and the three others were bound over for trial on charges of burglary and larceny in connection with the robbery of the grocery store of Catherine Myers.

Since the confession of Rich, police are of the opinion that their informant was some person who was

anxious to have them arrest the Omaha slayer.

It was while searching for the record of the New York bandit, that police had their attention focused on the missing slayer of the two Omahan men, due to the information that a murderer was wanted in a western state. When Rich was arrested he was immediately questioned on this point.

Rich at first denied being implicated in the shooting. When detectives confronted him with the circular issued by the Omaha police he retracted his denial and admitted the double crime. He refused to say whether he obtained any money in the Omaha affair nor would he tell where he went after the double murder.

Municipal Judge Samuel H. Silberner ordered Rich held on \$10,000 bail on two burglary and two larceny charges.

Too Nervous to Work in Summer, Winter Too Cold, Is His Plea

In the summer, Max Caspe, 1912 South Twelfth street, is too nervous to work; and in the winter it's too cold he told District Judge Day yesterday morning.

Caspe has been in jail for the last eight days for failure to support his infant son, Jake, 1½ years old.

He told the judge he has a wagon, but that it has been too cold recently for him to do any hauling.

"You feed your horse, don't you?" the judge asked.

"Oh, yes."

"Well, why don't you feed your son?"

"Well, you see, the horse would starve."

Judge Day gave him seven days in which to find a job.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL (Episcopal) 18th and Capitol Avenue (in the Heart of Downtown) Sun., March 11, 4:30 p. m. ORGAN RECITAL Ben Stanley, Organist Assisted by Miss Irma Clow, Harpist

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Dope Invades Omaha Society

Many Prominent Citizens Are Drug Addicts, According to Chief of Detectives.

A number of Omaha's most prominent citizens, who live in the most exclusive residential districts, are users of "dope," according to revelations made by Chief of Detectives Charles Van Deussen yesterday.

"It is wrong to emphasize or even

imply that high school youths of the city are the chief offenders when it comes to the use of narcotics," said Chief Van Deussen, referring to a recent alleged expose from a church pulpit regarding the use of dope at an Omaha high school.

Would Shake Society.

"If I were to give you the names of some older persons who are 'dope' addicts and you were to print them, it would shake the highest social circles of the city. My list of 'dope' users includes some of the oldest families in the city, and some of the wealthiest.

Touching again on the recent charges made by a minister, which since has brought down the disfavor of many

of the conservative ministers of the city, Chief Van Deussen declared police and federal officers are not getting the credit due to them for their efforts to put down the "dope" traffic.

"Omaha is tighter than any other city in the country, in my opinion," said Van Deussen. "I recently have been told by 'dope' fiends that they often have gone as long as a week without being able to procure narcotics in Omaha.

Few Sources Left.

"There are very few sources left, and only a few of the select can get 'dope' with any regularity. What we need is a little more co-operation from other cities. 'Dope' is selling in several cities within 300 miles of Omaha

for one-fifth what addicts must pay for it here. It is being brought into Omaha from these cities and sold here at enormous profits.

"Although 'dope' fiends are to be pitied, I think that keeping them in jail is the only solution to petty thievery. Every 'dope' fiend is a thief. They never deny it. They must steal to get 'dope,' and they must have 'dope.'"

Slayer of Cop Hanged.

Salem, Ore., March 9.—Husted A. Walters, convicted of the murder of Jerome Palmer, Portland policeman, was hanged at the state penitentiary here today.

One-Minute Store Talk

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