

### Theories Clash Over Slaying of Girl Bride

#### Colorado Springs Authorities Split on Search for Murderer—Police Scout "Inside Job" Hypothesis.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 29.—Friction between Sheriff Berkley on the one side and the police department and District Attorney Willis L. Strachan on the other was the outstanding development of the fifth day of the Mrs. Elsie Suttle murder mystery. As a result of their differences the sheriff is understood to have withdrawn in a large measure from the case and left the task of hunting down the perpetrator of the crime to Chief Hugh D. Harper and the district attorney's office.

Chief Harper last night said he attached no importance to the finding of a blood-stained kimono in the dead girl's room and said that chemical analysis of the blood would be made today which he thought would show that this had no connection with the girl's death.

Sheriff Berkley let it be known last night that his theory was that the crime was an "inside job."

Chief Scouts Theory. Chief Harper asserted that he was convinced no member of the family had any information connected with the crime. His opinion, it was said, is shared by Charles S. Rallsback and Timothy O'Leary, special agents of the Santa Fe railroad, who have been assisting the local police.

On the sixth day after the murder, officials confess they have no tangible clue to the assailant who beat the child-wife on the head, as she lay in bed at the home of her parents-in-law, so brutally that she died in a hospital six hours later.

Asks for Chief. A boy believed to be employed at the merry-go-round, where Elsie Suttle and the mysterious "Jack," writer of four letters found under her pillow, are supposed to have passed part of the afternoon before the murder, called at police headquarters yesterday and asked to see the chief. Chief Harper was not in, and the boy left the station without telling the purpose of his visit.

Ship Hits Rock. Los Angeles, Aug. 29.—The steel screw steamer Hoven, was on the way back to Los Angeles harbor today for repairs made necessary when at 12:02 a. m. the ship, bound for New York from Los Angeles with a cargo of 70,000 barrels of crude oil, struck a submerged rock off San Benito Island, 400 miles south of here off the coast of Lower California.

First messages from the ship were that the damage was serious and could not be definitely ascertained for several hours, but it was later stated that it was not in need of assistance and was making its way back to Los Angeles.

Animal Trainer Whips Hippopotamus in Circus; Pays \$10 Fine in Court. Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 29.—For assaulting a hippopotamus with a bull whip, Robert McClain, an animal trainer in a circus here, was fined \$10 in police court today.

McClain, Agent F. M. Ferguson of the Western Humane society testified, struck the hippopotamus in the face with a heavy whip several times, finally hitting it in the eyes. An officer of the circus company testified the animal was worth \$11,500.

### EDDIE'S FRIENDS



### Trade Balance Is Against U. S.

#### Preponderance of Imports Over Exports Amounts to \$150,000,000.

Washington, Aug. 29.—American industry is facing an unfavorable world trade balance of approximately \$150,000,000, the Department of Commerce revealed today in a report of the foreign trade commission.

The preponderance of imports over exports, chiefly to South American countries, resulted in the unfavorable total, it was said. The figures, however, were taken to indicate a healthy condition in American industry because the increased imports were comprised chiefly of raw materials to be used in manufacturing finished products for foreign as well as home consumption.

Increased importation of raw materials also were reported to indicate an increased activity and enlargement in American manufacturing.

Losses in exports were accredited principally to the decreased buying power of several European nations.

European Balance Favorable. Although the world trade balance was against American merchants, commerce with Europe was heavily in favor of the United States. The unfavorable total was caused by negligible exports to nations outside Europe.

The United States won against all European competitors, it was shown, because of the poor condition of their local industries and the better grade of goods offered by American merchants.

The balance of European trade was won, too, by American industry despite the millions of dollars spent abroad by American tourists without return.

Imports Decrease. American trade with Europe from January to August, this year, totalled almost \$1,800,000,000, it was estimated. Of this amount more than \$1,000,000,000 represented American exports shipped to markets abroad.

The remainder—about \$750,000,000—totalled the amount of European

### Bank Circular Is Encouraging

#### Report Shows Only 50 Per Cent of Nebraska Land Encumbered.

Agricultural Nebraska's financial soundness has been broadcast by the Lincoln Joint Stock Land bank to all parts of the world. The bank has compiled a circular setting forth the debits and credits of the farmers of the state.

The circular was written in an effort to repair damage done by reports that have been circulated in the eastern financial centers, it was said. These reports are unfounded, bank officials declare, but they have done much harm to credit.

There are only 50 per cent of the farms in Nebraska and 54 per cent of those in Iowa that are mortgaged at all, the circular states. These farms average about \$29,400 each and are mortgaged for an average of \$7,025, making the mortgage indebtedness something less than one-fourth of the value of the land.

The chief basis for optimism is the striking reduction in delinquent interest on loans made by the bank.

Occupants of the fat below told the uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gile, that they had heard mysterious noises above Monday evening.

"Heavy footfalls shook the ceiling," said one, Miss Edith Spears. "They never could have been made by the girl. She was slim and light. Those footfalls must have come from a heavily built man."

Miss Broecker was seen for the last time Sunday night by her sweetheart, Charles Page.

Brother Sought. Harry Fapp, Salina, Kan., arrived in Omaha Wednesday to look for his brother, William, 24, a salesman who was last heard from in June, 1922, from Omaha. William's mother, Mrs. Ida Schmidt, Pearl, Kan., is worried about the disappearance of the son, Fapp says. The missing boy is described as weighing 160 pounds and light of complexion.

### Lawn Sprinkling Ban Is Removed

#### Howell Advises Continued Boiling of Drinking Water Until Further Notice.

General Manager R. B. Howell of the Metropolitan Utilities district Wednesday morning canceled the order issued a week ago last Monday, prohibiting the sprinkling of lawns.

Senator Howell explained that the water situation has cleared up sufficiently to warrant the normal use of water for other than drinking purposes.

"We are not ready to say that all of the water is fit to drink, so we are advising a continuance of boiling water for drinking," Senator Howell said.

The draining of outer mains is progressing and each day brings Omaha nearer to normal conditions, water officials announced.

Chief Engineer F. P. Larmon stated that 10 units of the filtration plant

are in operation, this being sufficient capacity to carry 40,000,000 gallons per day.

The water pumpage yesterday was 31,000,000 gallons, as compared with 23,000,000 gallons Wednesday.

City Commissioner Joseph Koutsky, chairman of a special committee of the city council, named to conduct an investigation of the recent water emergency, stated that if there is any political significance in promoting this hearing, it comes from friends of those who fear an investigation.

Maharaja Still Alive. London, Aug. 29.—A dispatch to Reuters from Fushing says it was not the Maharaja Gajekwar of Baroda, the richest prince in India, who died on board a train near Fushing last night, while on his way to the Holland city, but the Maharaja's son, Jaisingh Rao, who was educated at Harvard university.

The dispatch says the mistake in announcing the Maharaja's death evidently was due to the habit of his son traveling as the Maharaja.

Two Found Slain. Las Vegas, N. M., Aug. 29.—The bodies of Margarito Sena and Gerardo Cordero, each about 23, were found near railroad track at Maxwell, N. M., Tuesday. The men who were railroad workers returning to their New Mexico homes after working at Fritch, Kan., are believed to have been slugged and robbed and to have been thrown from a freight train by hoboes.

### Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

The independent will command  
Polite respect on every hand.  
—Jimmy Skunk.

True Independence. Having seen Bowser the Hound most respectful and polite to a young Skunk, the young Chuck living in the old stone wall on the edge of the Old Orchard became more interested than ever in the Skunk family. He could see that Bowser the Hound and that young Skunk were not



"Goo evening," said Reddy Fox in his smoothest voice.

friends, but that they treated each other with the utmost respect. He wondered what would happen if that young Skunk should meet Reddy Fox. He found out only a day or two later.

Reddy was trotting through the Old Orchard past where the young Chuck was peeping out from between the stones of the old wall. It was just as the Black Shadows came creeping out from the Purple Hills. The young Chuck should have been in bed, but he had found out that this was the hour when the members of Jimmy Skunk's family were most likely to come out, and he had formed the habit of watching for them. So it was that he saw Reddy Fox.

The same young Skunk he had seen before came out of the old house under the apple tree and started to amble along in the direction from which Reddy Fox was coming. The young Chuck saw that they were bound to meet. His eyes sparkled with excitement. He held his breath. Something was bound to happen.

Something did happen. Reddy Fox stopped very abruptly the instant he caught sight of the young Skunk. The young Skunk didn't stop. Could it be that he didn't see Reddy Fox? He kept right on just as if he didn't. Reddy waited until the young Skunk was almost to him. Then very politely he stepped aside.

"Good evening," said Reddy in his smoothest voice. "Good evening, my young friend. I hope your father, Jimmy Skunk, and your mother, Mrs. Skunk, are very well."

The young Skunk nodded. "Very well, thank you," he replied. "It's a fine evening, isn't it?"

Reddy agreed that it was. Then as soon as the young Skunk had passed, Reddy continued on his way. But his face was not a pleasant face. No, sir, the face of Reddy Fox was not a pleasant face, as he turned to look

back at the young Skunk, who didn't even look behind him.

no one interferes with them." Striped Chipmunk sighed. "I wish I could be as independent as that," said he. The young Chuck sighed. "I wish the same thing," he replied. (Copyright, 1923.) The next story: "An Unpleasant Rumor."

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