

Young Man Kills 4 Women, Boy and Turns Gun on Self

Separation From Wife Drives Husband Into Murderous Frenzy—Wife, Her Sister and Mother Victims.

By Associated Press.
Coopers Mills, Me., Dec. 22.—Six lives were sacrificed today to the murderous frenzy of John Snow, a young man who came from Poland a few years ago, according to the definite assertions of county authorities. The authorities said they had unquestionable proof that after shooting his wife, who was a Maine woman; three other women and a 15-year-old boy, Snow turned the revolver on himself, inflicting a fatal wound.

The dead:
John Snow, his wife,
Mrs. Ruth Brann, 58 years old,
Mrs. Snow's mother,
Mrs. Eva Eaton, Mrs. Snow's sister,
Mrs. Frank Jewett, wife of Deputy Sheriff Jewett,
Kenneth Jewett, the deputy's son,
Mrs. Jewett and her son were killed in their home at White Field, seven miles from here, while Deputy Jewett and other members of the household were doing some Christmas shopping in Gardiner. The others were shot in the little cottage which they occupied on a road a mile from the center of Coopers Mills, which is in the town of Jefferson.

Mr. Snow's 5-weeks-old baby was found unharmed in a crib in the cottage when the murder was discovered by Mrs. Eaton's 7-year-old son, who had been playing in the yard.
Terrorized at the sight of the three women lying dead and Snow dying, the boy ran to the home of a neighbor. Others living nearby were horrified and their first thought was to call for Deputy Sheriff Jewett. A messenger was dispatched to White Field. When he reached the deputy's home there was no response to his ring at the doorbell and he entered the house. There he found Mrs. Jewett and her son dead on the floor.
Meanwhile Deputy Jewett had been located in Gardiner. When he started for the scene of the murder in Coopers Mills he was unaware that his own wife and boy had been killed. Sheriff John P. Kelley of Booth Bay Harbor was notified of the murders and took charge of the investigation.
Employed by Jewett.
It was learned that Snow had been employed recently by Jewett, working in the woods. Members of the Jewett household said that they talked with Snow early today and that he spoke of wanting his wife and boy, from whom he had been separated for some time, to go to Gardiner to live with him.

Deputy Jewett left home at 10:30. Within an hour Snow was believed to have shot Mrs. Jewett and Kenneth Jewett and had started for Coopers Mills in the deputy's automobile. Two hours later, according to the authorities, he had killed the three women there, and later in the afternoon succumbed to his self-inflicted wounds. Snow was about 25 years old, and his wife was a year older. Mrs. Snow's mother, Mrs. Brann, several times had provided money to try to establish Snow in various lines of business, all of which proved unsuccessful.

6 Firemen Smoke Victims in Frisco

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—After a spectacular battle during which the major portion of the city's fire fighting equipment was called into action, flames that swept a six-story building and threatened the entire wholesale district were brought under control today. Six firemen were overcome from smoke and Captain Windstorm and Hoseman Durham had narrow escapes. The damage was estimated at \$500,000.
Laboratories of the National Analytical company and the Owl Drug company adjoining the building presented grave dangers to the fire fighters because of the stocks of explosive chemicals. These were speedily water-soaked.

Chadron Woman Loses Her Damage Suit Against Road

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 22.—After nine hours' deliberation in the district court, a jury found that the Northwestern railroad was not responsible for an accident in which Mrs. Irma Douglas of Lusk, Wyo., employe of the road, is said to have been permanently injured. Mrs. Douglas filed suit claiming she was permanently injured in an accident and that her health was impaired. She asked damages of \$40,000.
Mrs. Douglas, who is a telegraph operator, fell from a station platform which according to the defense attorneys was in poor condition because of the negligence of the road. No persons are said to have witnessed the accident.

Man Who Jumped From Train Held by Police

Elleworth, Neb., Dec. 22.—Owing to his mental condition, Sam Evans, who jumped from a Burlington train Thursday morning on his way to Corbin, Ky., is being held by the authorities awaiting either a betterment of mind or the arrival of relatives.
Aside from scratches and bruises Evans is fit physically after his wild jump. While employed in the Salt Creek oil field of Wyoming he recently developed an hallucination that enemies were threatening his life. Those were his fears when found at Alliance and it was felt by the sheriff that he had been sufficiently allayed to make his homeward trip a safe one.
Railroad Halts Cut Fares.
Lincoln, Dec. 22.—Conductors and ticket agents employed by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha were instructed to charge clergymen traveling to points in Nebraska full fare. The instruction follows the injunction against a state law that permits clergymen to travel at reduced rates.
The order does not apply to tickets purchased to or from points outside the state, according to G. H. MacIntae, general passenger agent of the railroad.

Rare Wood-Carved Scenes of Christ's Birth Done by Passion Players at Oberammergau in Omaha Church



Those who attend St. Mary Magdalene church on Christmas day will marvel at the group of statues representing scenes in the stable at Bethlehem at the birth of Christ. The figures, 21 in all, are products of the nimble and painstaking fingers of the Passion players at Oberammergau. With infinite patience, minute detail was put into the shaping of the original hard wood blocks. The proportions existing between the persons and animals in the set have been faithfully adhered to. Each figure has been painted with natural colors so that an air of reality is thrown around the scene.

Looking out of the rear of the stable one sees reproduced the town of Bethlehem nesting in the hills of Judea.
Julius Stock, Omaha painter, using a print in an encyclopedia, showing the reproductions of a photograph of the city, has enlarged the scene on a canvas. This is a background for the group. The stable is also the work of Mr. Stock.
The hay and straw used in connection with the crib has been imported from the Benedictine Fathers at Bethlehem, who have charge of all holy places in Palestine. Two small bales have arrived.
Rev. Bernard Sinne, pastor of the downtown Catholic church, stated no finer examples of the carving of these actors who have given their lives to the preparation of the famous Passion play, exist in America.

Army Loses Greatest Hero; Sergeant Woodfill Is Retired

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—The United States army today lost its greatest hero. Master Sergeant Samuel Woodfill, designated by Gen. J. J. Pershing as "the outstanding American soldier in the world war," and the possessor of 10 military decorations, was retired with full military honors at Fort Benjamin Harrison here.
Sergeant Woodfill stood at rigid attention in a dreary rain and heard himself mustered out of the army after 22 years and 5 months of service. A part of the 11th infantry, a battalion of the Third field artillery and the Fifth tank platoon, 600 men in all, presented company front when Brig. Gen. Dwight E. Aultman, commanding officer at Fort Harrison, read the citation which put an end to Sergeant Woodfill's military service.
By the sacrifice of Master Sergeant George T. Sewell, who was temporarily reduced on December 10, Sergeant Woodfill was permitted to be promoted to the highest noncommissioned rank in the army to be retired. The rank carries with it retirement pay of \$133.75 a month.
During the retirement ceremonies John R. Quinn, national commander of the American Legion, and officers of the fort congratulated Sergeant Woodfill, and also Sergeant Sewell, for his sacrifice. Sergeant Woodfill is a member of Bentley post of the American Legion at Cincinnati.

Rock Island Gets Des Moines Lease

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific was authorized today by the Interstate Commerce commission to renew its lease of 142 miles of the Keokuk & Des Moines Railroad company, located in Iowa. The Rock Island has a controlling interest in the Keokuk company, which is in receivership.
The new lease will run for an indefinite period and provides for a monthly rental of \$10,000.

Colorado Pilot for Coolidge

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Appointment of Charles W. Waterman of Denver, Colo., as manager of the Coolidge campaign in Colorado has been authorized by William M. Butler of Massachusetts, in charge of the Coolidge national campaign, it was announced here.

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Greeks Ask Venizelos to Come Back

Council of Ministers Decides to Request Return Without Any Conditions Attached.

By Associated Press.
Athens, Dec. 22.—The council of ministers has decided to instruct Colonel Plastiras of the revolutionary committee, to ask ex-Premier Venizelos, without any conditions and with complete liberty of initiative, to return to Greece and take the political situation in hand.
By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 22.—Former Premier Venizelos of Greece, informed through news sources today that a delegation bearing a letter from Colonel Plastiras, head of the Greek revolutionary committee inviting the ex-premier to return to Greece had left Athens for Paris yesterday on the steamer Andros, replied through his secretary that he would be glad to receive the delegation. He expressed doubt, however, whether the explanation caused him to alter his decision not to return to Greece for the present.
Nevertheless, close friends of the former premier say he is greatly impressed by the receipt of a telegram from the military group representing 1,500 army and navy officers also requesting his immediate departure for Greece. Although he replied in the negative his friends say he will be glad to meet his compatriots in Paris, discuss the situation with them and give them the benefit of his advice and long experience in Greek affairs.

20 Bandits Raid Rum Warehouse

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 22.—A truck of armed men and a fleet of trucks last night swooped down on the Gwynbrook distillery warehouses at Gwynbrook, near Owings Mills, shackled the three guards and broke into two of the three whiskey stocked buildings.
An army of state, county and city police and national guardsmen on motorcycles last night scoured the area and countryside for the fugitives who fled just in time to escape the enclosing net.
Four men were captured in a motor truck. Half a dozen others escaped amid a fusillade of shots, abandoning two trucks believed to have been stolen from the Manhattan Transportation company, Philadelphia.
More than 40 barrels of whiskey valued at \$60,000 was stolen.
Brothers Share Estate.
Fremont, Neb., Dec. 22.—Two poverty stricken brothers in Germany, Frederick and Heinrich Wahlen, brothers of John Wahlen, Scribner farmer and recluse, who dropped dead last spring, will have much to be grateful for this Christmas, when \$1,835.03 and 80 acres of Dodge county farm land, their dead brother's estate, falls into their hands by a decree in county court. County Attorney John Gumb today announced the money now is en route to the brothers.

Grocer Held Responsible

Lincoln, Dec. 22.—L. R. Whitney, found dead with his wife here yesterday morning, Friday was responsible for both deaths by a coroner's jury. Witnesses testified Whitney had brooded over a suit for damages filed against him, following an automobile accident.

21 Smuggled Aliens Jailed

Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 22.—Twenty-one aliens smuggled into this country at Cedar Keys, on the west coast, were in jail today awaiting disposition by federal authorities.

Youth, 18, Pastor of Nashville Church



Milton Elmer Wright, 18, ranks among the youngest ordained ministers in the United States. Wright is a sonhome in the Nashville (Tenn.) high school and has been filling various pulpits near Nashville, and since the death of the pastor of the West Nashville Cumberland Presbyterian church he has taken over the church's pastorate.

150 Persons Miraculously Escape Death

Derailed Northwestern Train Almost Plunges Into River—One Coach Hangs Over Bank.

By Associated Press.
Blue Earth, Minn., Dec. 22.—The lives of 150 passengers were endangered when Chicago & Northwestern passenger train No. 25, westbound between Sarnob and Chicago, derailed at the brink of the Blue Earth river here today. None was injured, however.
A broken rail caused the baggage car trucks to jump the tracks, which were torn up for more than 200 yards before the train could be brought to a halt. The baggage car, directly behind the engine, hung over a 25-foot embankment when the train stopped.
Trainmen said it was "miraculous" that the engine did not plunge from the bridge and drag the entire train into the river below.
Service on the line is expected to be tied up for about 12 hours, trainmen said.

Sentences After Christmas

Superior, Wis., Dec. 22.—Edward J. Sullstad and Dorothy Anderson will be brought before Judge Archibald McKay in circuit court for sentence December 28, according to Robert E. Kennedy, district attorney. Mr. Kennedy said he will prefer a straight arson charge against the pair, carrying a penalty of from three to 10 years.

Strawberries Ripen

Bald Knob, Ark., Dec. 22.—Unseasonably warm weather, together with continued rains, is causing premature growth of strawberries in fields in this section of the state. Thousands of blossoms decorate the fields and a few specimens of the ripened fruit have been found.

Poison Causes 2 Deaths, Due to Doctors' Error

Two Prominent Columbus Physicians Admit Mistake They Unknowingly Made—Women Victims.

By Associated Press.
Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—Admission by two prominent Columbus physicians, Dr. Jonathan Forman and Dr. E. J. Gordon, that they unknowingly administered poison to two women patients who died, and to a fellow physician, who became seriously ill, was made following completion of an investigation which the two doctors conducted, aided by a majority of the medical profession in the city.
The two women, Mrs. Minnie C. Davies, Columbus, and Mrs. Nellie Paul, Circleville, died last September, supposedly of diseases of the heart.
Dr. W. D. Murphy recovered from effects of the poison.

U. S. Prosecutor Quits

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 22.—Aubrey Boyles, United States district attorney, active in the investigations which led to grand jury indictments involving prominent Mobilians, has been temporarily relieved of duty at Mobile, following his own request to the United States attorney general.

Bryan Favors Chicago as Democratic Meeting City

Lincoln, Dec. 22.—Gov. Charles W. Bryan, who returned today from Chicago, declared he is in favor of the selection of that city as the site of the democratic national convention. The financial advantage of a centrally located city was given by the governor as the reason for his stand.

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Ladies' Writing Desks, \$20 value,	\$9.85
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