

Nebraska—Possibly snow; slowly rising temperature.

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Ideals are like the stars; you will not succeed in teaching them with your hands—but following them you reach your destiny.—Carl Schurz.

TRAIN SMASHES WICKHAM AUTO

Hight and Woman Are Convicted

Pastor Given Life Term and Mrs. Sweetin Must Serve 35 Years for Poisoning Mates.

Jury Ballots All Night

By SONIA LEE, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 24.—Lawrence Hight and Elsie Sweetin, the woman he had loved, were today sentenced for the murder of Wilford Sweetin. The preacher will lead the rest of his years behind prison bars. His accomplice will leave her youth behind when she has served her sentence of 35 years.

On the edge of Christmas, 12 men came in at 8:45 o'clock this morning after an all-night deliberation and returned a finding of guilty. H. H. Thurness, the foreman, read the verdict to a small audience which had hastily gathered from the streets of Mount Vernon. The defendants were brought from the jail. Elsie Sweetin leaned against the railing, speaking low to her brother, Earlson. Hight was sitting alone. His children had gone back home, not waiting for the jury to determine the fate of their father.

Victim's Father in Court. The old father, who had burned his hair into the hearts of the jury when he had testified against the wife of his dead son—Columbus Sweetin, waited. Bertha Bumpus, the dead man's sister checked her tears. Only a flicker of interest marked the two accused as Judge J. C. Kern called upon the jury to deliver their verdict.

"We, the jury, find Lawrence M. Hight guilty of murder of Wilford Sweetin, as charged in the indictment, and sentence him to life imprisonment.

"We, the jury, find Elsie Sweetin, guilty of the murder of Wilford Sweetin, as charged in the indictment, and sentence her to 35 years imprisonment."

Woman Falters. It was Elsie Sweetin who faltered. Lawrence Hight's swinging of his legs was only accentuated. "There was a pause—that invariable one which follows the deliverance of a sentence of portent.

"My own father is sending me to prison," were the compressed words of the woman who had been found guilty. "It is his testimony which is taking me away from my children and leaving them motherless; but I don't blame him. He did what he thought was right. He told what he thought was the truth. They all misunderstood me and I am the one to pay the penalty. What can I say but that I am innocent."

"But I don't look forward to the years before me with fear. I am not afraid. I am going through that, too, as I have gone through other things."

Whatever one may say of Elsie Sweetin, it can never be charged that she lacked courage.

Pastor at Peace. The preacher, unfringed, dishonored, convicted, too, has made peace with himself. "There is no punishment here," he said before the verdict was read. "No man can punish us for our sins. We have to wait until we are dead."

But now, found a way to inflict punishment and Lawrence Hight accounts for it only with the trite phrase that "man is man."

"Lum" Sweetin, the one most beloved, turned to page nine, column one.

DECISION READY ON SUGAR TARIFF

Washington, Dec. 23.—After months of study, President Coolidge has completed a statement announcing his decision on the question of increasing the sugar tariff.

White House officials would not say today whether the announcement would be made before Christmas, but said it would not be much longer delayed.

The tariff commission after a two-year study of the sugar rates, presented a divided report, and it became necessary for the president to conduct his own inquiry.

We Have With Us Today

H. F. Joesting, President Joesting & Schilling, Hotel Outfitters, St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Joesting and Mrs. Joesting are stopping a few days in Omaha en route from California to their home in St. Paul. As president of the Joesting & Schilling company, outfitters for hotels throughout the country, Mr. Joesting is interested in everything from hotels from the smallest dinky to hundreds of yards of rugs.

Mr. Joesting's company when a new hotel is completed takes charge of all the furnishings for the hotel. After the hotel is completely outfitted the company replaces without furnishings. Mr. Joesting has been in the business many years.

\$1,000,000 BLAZE DESTROYS STORES

New York, Dec. 24.—A cheerless Christmas eve for many of the small merchants in the block opposite the new Albee theater in the heart of Brooklyn's shopping district was ushered in today with a fire whose loss totaled \$1,000,000.

One-half of this sum was an actual damage by fire and water. The remainder was an estimate of the loss of Christmas trade to the little department stores, jewelry shops and other small stores which burned.

Eight Burned to Death in British Passenger Plane

Flying Machine Headed for Paris Crashes Near Crocyden, Bursts Into Flames; Pilot an Expert.

By ROBERT J. PREW, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. London, Dec. 24.—The worst disaster in the history of British commercial aviation occurred near Crocyden today when a machine headed for Paris crashed and burst into flames, burning eight persons to death.

The record of highly efficient passenger service operated between the two capitals by British companies was marred during the Christmas festivities under the most distressing circumstances.

The airplane, a DeHavilland, arose from the famous Crocyden airfield at noon carrying seven passengers and a pilot, Dr. A. Stewart, who won fame as a war flyer, and was regarded as one of the finest airmen in the London-Paris service.

Failed to Climb. The machine, flying against a strong wind for seven minutes, failed to climb and Stewart swung her back toward Crocyden, almost grazing the slope of a hill. Then the machine side-slipped and nose-dived to the ground from a height of 100 feet. The engines sank two feet into the ground and immediately flames burst forth and the gas tanks exploded. From that moment all on board were doomed to a horrible death.

Within a few minutes dozens of people were on the scene but were unable to approach the fiercely burning heap of human beings tangled in the wreckage. One family was obliterated by the disaster. A. J. Sproston, a noted motorist, perishing with his father and mother. This party, like all the others, were rushing to the continent for the Christmas festivities.

Other Victims. The other victims were Mrs. W. Bailey, 50, who intended to visit relatives in Paris; Maurice Luxemburg, son of a London merchant who was going to visit his sister in the same city; Dr. Barbosa Lima, a Chilean doctor who was passing his vacation in Europe; and Edric Trudgett, a Chinese newspaper correspondent.

Twelve passengers were booked for seats in the machine but five had to wait for a second plane and although news of the disaster reached the airfield immediately, all persisted in making the air journey.

PRINTERS PLAN FOR OLD TIMERS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—Printers in more than 50 cities have arranged Santa Claus visitations for old timers in the Union Printers' home at Colorado Springs, Colo. It was said today by J. W. Hays, secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical union, Turkey dinner, a long established custom, will be served to-morrow. Candy, hosiery and warm clothing constitute the bulk of Christmas cheer sent by local unions to home residents from their sections.

New York Typographical union, No. 6, sent \$5 in addition to the regular weekly allowance, to each New York resident in the home.

Kiwanis Club Takes Lead in McCook Civic Movements

McCook, Dec. 24.—McCook Kiwanis club, which now has 53 members, elected the following officers at its regular luncheon this week: President, J. G. Colgan; vice president, C. D. Ritchie; district trustee, Roland Scott; treasurer, F. E. Dillman; board of directors: G. A. Bash, John Burtless, Frank Colfer, C. M. Matson, H. C. Clapp, C. B. Stephens and Dr. J. M. Mills.

Although the club has been organized little over a year, it has taken the lead in McCook club circles and is figuring in practically every civic movement.

Name of Man Dead Nearly Two Years on List of Jurors

Falls City, Dec. 24.—When the roll of 50 petit jurors drawn for the federal grand jury at Lincoln is called at least one name will be unanswered. Among the 50 names drawn was that of J. Rock Williamson of Humboldt, former sheriff of Richardson county, who died February 1, 1922.

Truck Ditched; Driver Hurt.

York, Dec. 24.—George Reisbeck, driver of one of the Sleds Mercantile cars, was hurt in an auto accident Monday when his car went into a ditch near Waco, Neb., and he was thrown out. He had about \$2,000 worth of goods in the truck which escaped injury.

Both men were employed on the Burlington section here.

McCook Taken From Grave

Chemical and Medical Analysis Will Be Made to Determine Cause of Millionaire Orphan's Death.

Foul Play Is Suspected

By A. J. LORENZ, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Chicago, Dec. 24.—The darkness of doubt hovered over the broken tomb of William Nelson McClintock today. It was cited by the sudden action of the authorities who ordered the body of the youthful millionaire orphan exhumed today.

With medical men, attorneys and detectives watching every step the concrete vault in Oakwoods cemetery was opened this afternoon. Young McClintock's body was disinterred and the vital organs removed for the most minute chemical and medical analysis.

While the first tests will be for poison, said Chief Justice Olson of the Municipal court who ordered the investigation into the death, negative results will not halt the examination. "Negative results will not be at all sufficient," Justice Olson declared.

Suspicion Still Clings. "They will not remove the suspicion that has arisen in this case. It is probable that the autopsy will confirm the physicians' diagnosis of typhoid."

State's Attorney Robert F. Crowe indicated that three theories of violent death will be weighed. They are: 1. Death by some baffling, subtle poison.

2. Death by typhoid fever as a result of the administration of disease germs.

3. Death as a result of improper treatment of typhoid fever by permitting young McClintock to partake of the food of the attending specialists, that the patient be given only a liquid diet during the crisis of the malady.

Two specialists who attended McClintock while he was ill in the home of his foster-parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Shepherd, who also fell sick to the major part of his \$2,000,000 estate, ascribed the young millionaire's death to typhoid fever.

Shepherds Represented. The Shepherds, who were reported as hastening back to Albuquerque, N. M., where they had gone immediately after their ward died three weeks ago, were represented at the exhumation and the autopsy by their own physicians and attorneys.

The first steps, beside the chemical analysis, in the case were taken late today by detectives of the state's attorney's office, checked up prescriptions filled in Kenilworth, where the Shepherds lived while McClintock was ill.

A Kenilworth druggist was requested to deliver full information on all prescriptions issued by him for McClintock.

The first prescription was one for the treatment of influenza which it was believed the youth contracted while attending the Dartmouth-Harvard football game. Diagnosed first as "intestinal influenza," McClintock developed a severe case of typhoid from which he was said to have died.

Life Was Insured. It was also learned, investigators of the state's attorney's office declared that young McClintock's life was insured by the Equitable Life Assurance company shortly before his death. The amount of the policy was \$100,000. The insurance company, it was declared, started an independent investigation immediately after McClintock's death and it now is expected to be merged with the official examination ordered by Chief Justice Olson.

Leo Wilson to Join The Omaha Bee Staff

The Omaha Bee announces an extension in its organization through the establishment of the position of advertising director.

The duties of this position will be taken over on December 29 by Mr. Leo Wilson. Mr. Wilson has been active for many years in newspaper work.

For the last seven years he has been an advertising manager of the Omaha World-Herald.

This enlargement in its advertising organization will enable The Omaha Bee to extend a wider service to advertisers and make possible the taking of advantage of anticipated improvement in business conditions.

The present advertising organization and the present advertising staff will be continued without change.

Spilled Beans Lead to Arrest of Pair at Kimball

Bridgeport, Dec. 24.—Ole Olson and Joe Lacey are in jail at Kimball, charged with theft of a truck load of beans from the warehouse of the Kimball Mill and Elevator company. Officers tracked the men to a house where one of them lived, by means of a trail of beans in the highway, that had leaked from a torn sack, through a hole in the truck bed.

Merry Christmas

Old Scrooge didn't know how to be happy until he experienced the awakening joy of making others happy.

That, after all, is the sum total of human happiness—making others happy. "A Merry Christmas" sounds good as a salutation. A Merry Christmas for you because you have made Christmas merry for others is the real kind of Christmas. Making others happy costs so little. The returns in happiness are so big. We should all invest more heavily.

The real secret of happiness is revealed in a song number in the popular comic opera, "No, No, Nanette." Perhaps the author did not realize fully when he wrote it that he was offering a poetic key to unlock the door of the heart to let genuine happiness come in and dwell:

"I want to be happy but I won't be happy Till I make you happy, too. Life's really worth living When we are mirth-giving, When skies are gray and you say you are blue. I'll send the sun smiling through. I want to be happy but I won't be happy Till I make you happy, too!"

The Rotarians sing it the day before Christmas. They will continue to sing it. So will other service clubs, until its wholesome sentiment is woven into the woof and warp of everyday life.

"Till I make you happy, too!" Worth singing, isn't it? And more so into every hour of the workaday world. "I'll send the sun smiling through." Yes, worth singing, isn't it? But bet it yet is the doing. Fraught with wonderful potentialities for human betterment is that little sentiment.

"I want to be happy, but I won't be happy till I make you happy, too." Sing it, hum it, whistle it—but better than all, act it. No better prescription for the curing of human ills than to build for our own happiness upon the foundation of happiness for our fellows.

That is what makes Christmas really Christmas—Christmas that lasts the year around. A Merry Christmas to All!

Prices Take Swerve Upward on Market

Total Sales Exceed Million Shares—Trading Somewhat Slow.

New York, Dec. 24.—With Wall Street about to celebrate one of the most cheerful holidays in its history, the stock market today caught the yuletide spirit, and Christmas eve was ushered in with prices riding the crest of another buying wave.

Pre-holiday influences, however, continued to retard trading. Total sales barely exceeded a million shares, but the market closed with a buoyant tone which gained added significance by the fact that prices overcame decidedly reactionary tendencies which marked trading earlier in the day.

An accumulation of the copper issues, based on the resumption of the dividends by the Anaconda Copper company and the continued rise in the price of the red metal, was the outstanding feature of the market. Leadership of the upward movement was assumed by American Smelting, which mounted more than five points to 95 3/4, the highest since 1917. Others which broke into new high grade included Anaconda, Kennecott, Cerro de Pasco, Magma and United States Smelting.

A brisk demand also developed for General Motors and Dupont, which climbed three and four points, respectively. Powerful financial interests were said to be accumulating these stocks.

Declaration of an extra dividend of 11 a share by the Lackawanna railroad, although having little effect on the stock of the company, contributed to the more cheerful tone and the favorable trend of the weekly steel trade gave ground for added confidence. The wheat market was unusually buoyant, prices advancing 2 3/8 cents to 3 3/8 cents a bushel on buying. Inspired by the bullish interpretation of foreign markets.

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Nonagenarian Dies at York

York, Dec. 24.—Jacob Smith, 90, died at his home in York after brief illness. Mr. Smith was a civil war veteran, having served with an Indiana regiment, and was a member of the G. A. R. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Barn in Beatrice Burns.

Beatrice, Dec. 24.—The barn on the premises of Harry Martin, Fifteenth and Garfield streets, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. Two horses were taken out safely.

"Big Joe" Bleeds to Death After Fight With "Little Joe"

Beatrice, Dec. 24.—Joe Gomez, known here as "Big Joe," is dead, and Joe Mabry, known as "Little Joe," is in jail, charged with his murder. The two had a fight after being put out of a pool hall where they quarreled, and the smaller man used a knife with fatal result, Gomez bleeding to death from his wounds.

McKenna Is Expected to Quit Bench

Associate Justice of Supreme Court Decides to Resign, but Will Not Discuss Plans Publicly.

Eligible for Retirement

Washington, Dec. 24.—The New Year is expected to bring a vacancy in the supreme court, Associate Justice McKenna, the senior member of the bench, having decided to resign in the near future.

While this statement is authoritatively made, Justice McKenna, in view of the etiquette which prevails in such matters, will not publicly discuss his plans until his resignation is tendered to the president, and there is always the possibility, however remote, that something may develop to cause him to reconsider his decision.

Justice McKenna has been eligible for retirement for more than 11 years, since he had already served more than the 10 years' service on the federal bench necessary to qualify him to retire when he reached the age of 70, on August 19, 1913.

On January 26, he will have rounded out 27 years as a member of the supreme court, and prior to his appointment as an associate justice, he had served five years as a federal circuit judge.

Justice McKenna's friends, from time to time since he became eligible for retirement, have tried to influence him to lay down his arduous work and take a much needed rest, but his enthusiasm in the discharge of his court duties and his enjoyment of life upon the bench always overweighed such suggestions. Recently, however, he lost his wife, who for some years had been an invalid, and to this is attributed in large measure his present decision to retire.

Notwithstanding his advanced age of nearly 82, and the long service on the bench, Justice McKenna's health has caused him to miss few sessions of the court in recent years.

Eyes Troubled Him. For a time he was much troubled with his eyes and was compelled to wear a green shade while sitting on the bench, but he has fully recovered from that affliction.

Should Justice McKenna adhere to his present decision and resign, the resulting vacancy will be claimed by the Ninth or Pacific coast circuit. He was appointed from California, and that circuit now has no other representative in the court. The president, of course, will be free to select Justice McKenna's successor without reference to geographical location, but it has often been contended that it was desirable, as far as possible, to have each of the nine circuits represented by a justice. The court, however, has not been so constituted for years, Massachusetts and Tennessee each being represented at present with two justices and several of the circuits are assigned to justices who never resided within them.

VESEL AGROUND ON CANAL BANK

Panama, Dec. 24.—The steamship Anglo Egyptian, from Vancouver for Gibraltar with wheat, struck the east bank of the Panama canal at Lapita point yesterday and now is beached at Gamboa. It will be returned to Balboa for repairs.

Part of the cargo was ruined by water and the remainder is being unloaded into canal barges.

COAST GUARD IN LARGE RUM HAUL

New York, Dec. 24.—Coastguard officers tonight captured 19 prisoners, a British schooner, three motor boats and liquor valued at more than \$500,000 here. The British schooner Petara, with seven prisoners and 6,000 cases of alleged champagne, cigars and whiskies, was among the vessels brought to the large office.

Beatrice Kiddies Give Open-Air Yule Program

Beatrice, Dec. 24.—Fifteen hundred kiddies were made happy by receiving gifts from the community Christmas tree in Charles park. Christmas program was given by three children in the open, and with the decorations on the platform and a soft snow falling the scene was beautiful and realistic. Hundreds of Beatrice residents attended the affair.

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Skater Falls, Breaks Arm.

Beatrice, Dec. 24.—Leon Scharton of his city was the victim of the first skating accident of the season on the Blue river here when he slipped and fell on ice, breaking his right arm at the wrist joint.

ACCUSED BROKER IS FOUND GUILTY

New York, Dec. 23.—Louis Montgomery Kardos, Jr., former stock broker in the firm of Kardos & Burke which failed two years ago for \$5,000,000, was convicted by a jury today of trading against the account of a customer. The jury was out 12 minutes. Sentence will be imposed tomorrow.

Schuerman's Fate Is in Jury's Hands Christmas Eve

State Expresses Willingness to Leave Case to Judgment of Veniremen in Murder Trial.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 24.—The sensational murder case of the state against Edward Schuerman, De Witt farmer, went to the jury at 4:45 o'clock this afternoon after the attorneys had submitted their arguments and Judge Moss had read his instructions to the jury.

County Attorney H. F. Mattoon opened for the state in the morning reviewing the case in detail from beginning to end, stating that according to Schuerman's own confession and the testimony given by the state the murder of George Rheinmiller on October 19, was premeditated.

Tells of Crime. He told of how the defendant had placed a shotgun in his car and had driven from his home to the vicinity of the Rock Island bridge south of De Witt where he lay in wait for his victim, shooting his twice.

He stressed the fact that the state had produced competent evidence to show that the defendant was sane when the tragedy occurred. He charged that the defense counsel had trumped up the insanity plea in order to clear their name.

In closing he stated he was willing to leave the case to the judgment of the jury. Mr. Mattoon was followed by Attorney Stanley Bartos and F. A. Dutton of the defense who made brief, but strong pleas for their client whom they thought was insane when he shot and killed Rheinmiller.

Frank Bartos was heard to argue and he made one of the strongest and eloquent appeals on behalf of defendant ever heard in the courtroom. He emphasized the fact that Schuerman had been proven insane by the best of expert testimony from Lincoln and not less than 20 witnesses from the vicinity of De Witt.

Pleas for Defendant. He spoke of Schuerman's standing in the community where he had resided for so long and said that the frequent visits to the Schuerman home by Rheinmiller had driven him insane. Bartos quoted the Bible as authority on adultery and stated that punishment should be meted out to those who commit it or try to ruin a home where the family relations and surroundings have always been pleasant and congenial.

Walter A. Vasey, former county attorney who has been assisting County Attorney Mattoon in the prosecution of the case, closed for the state, covering much of the details of the case the killing of Rheinmiller as did Mr. Mattoon. He said he was willing to leave the fate of the case in the hands of the jury to decide.

Judge Moss then gave his instructions to the jury, reviewing the case in all its phases. He charged that if the jury finds the defendant insane or suffering from a mental breakdown, he should be acquitted. On the other hand if the jury finds that the killing of Rheinmiller was premeditated and deliberate, then it is to bring a verdict of guilty.

The complaint charges Schuerman with first degree murder in the slaying of Rheinmiller, whom he charged, had for three years attempted to wreck his home. It is believed that the jury will acquit defendant or bring in a manslaughter charge.

Coolidge to Appoint New Judges Next Week

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge hopes to submit several judgeship nominations to the senate next week, when congress reconvenes. There are nearly a dozen vacancies on the federal bench, including three in the circuit court of appeals.

Phillips Taken to Prison.

Patience city, Dec. 24.—John N. Phillips, convicted here of attempted assault on a 14-year-old girl at Tahle Rock, was taken to Lincoln last week by Sheriff Avery to begin a sentence of three to 15 years. The case had been appealed and the sentence affirmed by the higher courts.

Midnight Carol Service.

A midnight carol service will be held Wednesday night at St. Martin Episcopal church in South Omaha. The service will begin at 11 p. m. A special Christmas service, with communion, will be held at St. Bridget Catholic church at midnight.

The Weather

Relative Humidity, Percentage. Precipitation, inches and hundredths. Total S. Total snow January 1, 25.75. Deficiency, 1.7.

Hours Temperatures.

Nurse Dies as Result of Accident

E. A. Wickham, Wife and Son, Bernard, Critically Injured When Rock Island Freight Train Hits Limousine.

Car Hurled Into Pole

E. A. Wickham, his wife, his son Bernard and his nurse, Miss Florence Brodahl, 22, were seriously injured Wednesday when their automobile was struck by an inbound Rock Island freight train at the South avenue crossing in Council Bluffs.

Miss Brodahl died as a result of her injuries a short time after reaching the hospital. Her brother had been called at Wahoo, her home, and was speeding to Council Bluffs in an automobile when she died.

Son Driving. Mr. Wickham is head of the E. A. Wickham Contracting company, president of the First National bank and the State Savings bank of Council Bluffs, an official of the Nebraska Power company, the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company and the Omaha and Council Bluffs Bridge company.

Bernard Wickham was driving the car at the time and did not see the train coming. The automobile was completely wrecked.

A passing motorist picked up the Wickhams and took them to the Mercy hospital. Miss Brodahl followed in the police ambulance.

Son Has Fractured Skull. At the hospital it was announced that Mr. Wickham had suffered severe cuts and bruises about the head and body. His condition is critical. Mrs. Wickham suffered possible internal injuries, a fractured arm and cuts and bruises. Her condition is also critical. Bernard Wickham suffered, in addition to severe cuts about the head, a possible fracture of the skull.

Wickham for months has been in the habit of walking from his home to the Iowa school for the deaf each afternoon. His wife and his nurse always accompanied him.

Usually some member of the family would drive out and get the trio and take them home after the walk.

Son's Birthday Today. Bernard, Wednesday afternoon, was home from school. As well as his being Christmas eve it was the day before his 16th birthday. Wishing to be with his parents he drove out to the school to bring them home.

None of the victims of the accident have been able to tell what happened as yet. The engineer of the train, A. Cox, told police that he had seen the car approaching the crossing and had blown the whistle of the engine.

The family were riding in a limousine and apparently did not hear the whistle nor see the train. The car was in the center of the crossing when the train struck it.

Three Conscious When Found. The force of the impact hurled the automobile off the track and against a telephone line pole. The heavy car was almost demolished.

All of the occupants of the car except Miss Brodahl were conscious when aid reached them. Bernard had been hurled clear of the machine. The others were half in and half out of the car.

Cox stopped his train as soon as possible and hurried back to aid the injured. Motorists passing along South avenue had stopped by then. The police were called and when they arrived ordered the family taken to the hospital at once. The private car was pressed into service.

Farmer Sells Out; Will Go Back to Old Kentucky Home