

MUST DIE IN THE CHAIR

STRANGLER KNAPP IS FOUND TO BE GUILTY OF MURDER.

Hamilton, O., July 17.—Alfred A. Knapp was convicted in the first degree for the murder of his wife, Hannah Goddard Knapp by a jury in Judge Belden's court yesterday. The verdict was reached at 7:30 o'clock, the jury having been out since 5 o'clock last night. To the surprise of everybody there was no recommendation of mercy, and Knapp must go to the electric chair. The jury stood ten for conviction, without mercy and two for conviction with mercy, being unanimously for guilt. Repeated balloting was taken and at 7:30 o'clock it was found that an agreement had been reached.

Judge Belden had been sent for and Knapp was brought into court by Sheriff Bisdorf. There were but a few spectators present and there was no excitement. Knapp took his seat quietly and when the verdict was returned he did not show any sign of emotion or make any comment. He seemed to have steeled himself for the ordeal. Knapp was taken back to jail and the sheriff will allow no outsiders to see him.

The result of the trial is accepted with great satisfaction by the public. Knapp's mother and sister were very much affected when they heard the verdict.

The case will be carried higher on the usual appeals, but it is generally believed that Knapp will now be electrocuted.

A motion for a new trial will be filed by Knapp's counsel. Knapp's relatives visited him today at the jail. The meeting was pathetic as he tried to comfort his mother.

Pleads For Bank Robber.

New York, July 17.—Before Judge McMahon in the court of general sessions appeared today for sentence Charles Stern, who in 1896, while engaged in a banking business in this city, disappeared with \$12,000 of the bank's money. He told the court today that he had travelled all over the world, but misfortune had followed him everywhere and he could not stand disgrace any longer. He had been arrested in Halifax six years ago, but never tried. At this time the funds he had stolen were placed in the hands of a trustee, and later some of the claims against him were paid. Today one of five original claimants who could be found appeared in court and asked for clemency for Stern. The court granted the request and paroled Stern in the custody of an agent of the Prison Aid association.

Heirs of Man They Murdered

Kinderhook, N. Y., July 17.—It is probable that the three Vermer boys, Willis, Burton and Frederick, now waiting death at Dannemora, will come in for a share of the estate of their uncle, Peter A. Haerbeck, whom they were convicted of having murdered a year ago last Christmas. Haerbeck died testate. Beside considerable real estate he left about \$5,000 in personal property.

Mrs. Haerbeck, the widow, died last week and it has been found, she left no will. The Van Vermer boys as nephews, still have a claim on the estate. They are likely to secure an appeal if the funds are at hand.

Girl Assaulted By a Tramp

Indiana, Pa., July 17.—Margaret Barkley, aged eleven years, daughter of John M. Barkley, a farmer, was assaulted last night by Frank Will, a tramp, while she was returning from the postoffice. The child's father, accompanied by a number of others, found the tramp secreted in a house nearby and attempting to escape was probably fatally shot by Barkley. To prevent a lynching by indignant farmers who came in from the surrounding country for miles around, the wounded man was brought to Indiana and placed in the county jail. The girl's condition is serious.

Fight Until One is Dead

New York, July 17.—In the presence of their twelve-year old daughter, Enrico Canapa and his wife, Emma, fought and slashed each other with a chisel in their apartments today, the duel finally ending in the death of the woman who was stabbed in the right temple with the chisel by her husband. The man received several stab wounds on the chest before he gained possession of the instrument and was found staggering in the streets, his clothes covered with blood.

Package of Diamonds Lost.

New York, July 17.—A report is current in custom circles here that a package of diamonds valued at \$3,000, had disappeared from the public stores, where the jewels were being appraised.

The examiner, it is said, did not complete his work, and the packages was left in the cage over night. When business was resumed in the morning the package is said to have been found missing.

RUSSIAN PRISON

George McCamish of San Rafael California and Two Others are Held

SUSPECTED OF SEALING

Sailed From Yokohama to Hunt Animals

THEY ARE HALF STARVED

THEY WENT ASHORE ON THE RUSSIAN ISLANDS WHERE THEY HAVE SINCE BEEN HALF FED

San Rafael, Cal., July 18.—George McCamish, whose relatives live here, has written them from a Russian prison at Vladivostok, appealing for help. Although the letter was written and mailed six weeks ago it has just reached here.

Mr McCamish and two other Americans sailed from Yokohama with permission from the government of Japan to hunt for animals in the Kurile islands. They were caught in a gale and swept toward the Russian islands, where they eventually went ashore to get water and other supplies. The Russians suspected them of sealing and put them in jail. There they have remained, half starved and shut off from any appeal to the representative of their government, doomed to long terms of imprisonment.

An effort will be made to have the authorities at Washington act in the matter.

Miraculously Escaped

Nebraska City, Neb., July 18.—Robert Spencer, a young farmer residing west of this city had a thrilling experience. He was running a mowing machine cutting hay and drove into a nest of bumble bees. They attacked him and the team. The team ran away and while trying to stop them Mr. Spencer was thrown from the machine and alighted in front of the sickle bar and both limbs were caught under the sickle bar. The knife was in full motion and the team was running their best to get away from the bees which were swarming about and stinging them on every side. Mr. Spencer was being dragged along with both legs over the fast moving knife, but the burbs or guards held his limbs away from the knife. He held onto the lines all of the time, not losing his presence of mind and finally released one leg and managed to step the team. Both legs were badly bruised and the flesh torn in a number of places, but how he managed to escape having both limbs cut off no one can tell. He was dragged nearly a half mile in that perilous position.

Think Tobacco Killed Him

Kalamazoo Mich., July 18.—William Patterson of this city is dead in his eighty-ninth year as the result of excessive use of tobacco. His tobaccoist, from whom he bought exclusively, gave out the statement that after his death had been made public, that in twelve years Mr. Patterson had smoked more than 48,000 cigars, which cost him \$4,800. In early life he was an even more constant smoker than in his declining years, and local cigar men estimate that in the last twenty years of his life he had smoked 100,000 of his favorite brand, which would cost him \$10,000.

Mr. Patterson was a pioneer stage coach man of the middle west, having established the first stage line between St. Paul and St. Anthony, Minn., along the bank of the Mississippi river. He also established the first stage line between Grand Rapids, Mich., and this city.

Found With Throats Cut

Salinas, Cal., July 18.—Charles Craven, the son of a local rancher, killed Sadie Block, a young woman, and committed suicide. Their bodies were found in a disreputable house with their throats cut.

It is said that the girl was the daughter of the president of the Block Manufacturing company of Virginia. Craven, in a letter, said the girl's refusal to live respectably caused his death.

Woman Hanged For Murder

South M'Alister, I. T., July 18.—Dora Wright was hanged here for the murder of Annie Williams, a seven-year-old girl. She mounted the scaffold without a tremor. Charles Barrett was hanged today for the murder of John Hennessey, an aged man, whom he shot from ambush. Robbery was the motive. Dora Wright was the first woman ever hung in this section, was convicted of whipping a seven-year-old girl, Annie Williams, until she died of her injuries.

DICK BERLIN DEAD

HE WAS A POPULAR MAN IN OMAHA AND KNOWN IN LINCOLN.

DEATH CAUSED BY GAS

THE DEADLY FUMES ESCAPED FROM A SMALL STOVE.

AN ACCIDENTAL DEMISE

Body Was Found Lying in the Dead Man's Office and His Death Had Come Sunday Afternoon—He Was Formerly Legislator.

(From Lincoln Star.)

Omaha, Neb., July 15.—Richard S. Berlin, who was one of the best known and most popular men about town, was found dead in his office at 9 o'clock this morning. Death was due to illuminating gas, which escaped from the open cock of a small gas stove in an adjoining apartment. Life evidently had been extinct since about 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The discovery of the tragedy was made by Dr. H. R. Foster, an intimate friend, who has an adjoining office, and Robert W. Patrick, a cousin, who had called on a business errand.

Berlin was seated in his arm chair at his desk, where he had written two letters. His pen was held firmly in his hand and his chin rested on his breast. The attitude was one of ease, as though he had fallen asleep. The body was cold and stiff and the physicians say death had come at least from eight to ten hours previous.

There is no evidence to show that the cause of Mr. Berlin's death was other than accidental. His financial affairs were in good condition, while his personal and family connections were all of a happy character. All the windows were closed, save the door from the small room containing a gas stove. Not the slightest sign could be found that he was tired of life. He had planned to leave for Colorado yesterday afternoon to transact some business connected with the sale of a gold mine, which eastern parties had agreed to purchase for a sum approximating \$5,000. In front of him on his desk was a letter written to his sister, Alda, which closed:

"My head is hurting, so will close in hurry to Happy Hollow. Always the same—Dick."

He had struggled to address the envelope, but succeeded in making only an illegible scrawl.

The letter is written in a light, cheerful vein and begins by saying that the writer had had breakfast, a shave, read the morning papers and would write as he had just time before going to "Happy Hollow," the home of Mr. Patrick in Dundee, for dinner. There he said he would enjoy the dinner, as he had a headache, but he surmised, to sleeping too long.

The last seen of Berlin alive was just before noon Sunday, when he stepped into the office of Dr. Foster to telephone Mr. Patrick that he would be out for dinner. So far is known he had no visitors after returning to the office. He had removed his hat, coat and vest, but otherwise was fully dressed. If there had been water in the vessel on the gas stove it must have evaporated before the flame was blown out, as none was left this morning.

"Dick" Berlin was about 40 years old. For years he had been engaged in the real estate business and was president of the Berlin company, which dealt in securities and financial obligations. During the last twenty-five years he has been a familiar and well-known personage in local politics, and at various times held several elective and appointive offices. He was the son of the late Jonathan Berlin, a successful farmer near Irvington, and came to Omaha with his family when he was 9 years old, having been born in Pittsburg.

Army Officer.

Washington, July 15.—General Corbin has approved the recommendation of General Bates in the case of Lieut. William K. McCue, First Infantry, and the officer is now on his way to Elizabeth's hospital for the insane in this city. The papers in the case have been received at the war department and show that the surgeon who examined McCue pronounced him insane. Among the papers is one tendering his resignation as an officer while in the Philippines and another written about the same time saying that he was insane. McCue is the officer who was married in San Francisco although having a wife in Cincinnati.

New King May Not Last Long

Bucharest, Roumania, July 15.—It is told that the Serbian authorities have unearthed a conspiracy to avenge the late King Alexander. A lieutenant of a frontier garrison has been arrested and charged with making threats against Colonel Maschin. A search of the lieutenant's quarters disclosed evidences that twelve officers had formed a league to take vengeance upon the regicides.

MUST BE A REMEDY.

LYNCHING OF NEGROES BECOMING TOO PREVALENT.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 1.—"Every man who participates in the lynching or the burning of a negro is a murderer pure and simple."

This opinion was given by Associate Justice David G. Brewer of the United States supreme court, who is in the city on private business. "Of course," explained Judge Brewer, "there may be extenuating circumstances which would vary the degree of the crime, but the principal participants in the crime can be held by any court in the land for murder in the same degree as if the crime was committed by an individual."

"There is going to be a reaction against the atrocious crimes with which the papers have been filled. The fact that the people are now interesting themselves in the discussion of this problem makes manifest the fact that there is a tendency toward a change. I expect that it will soon come. I cannot say what form it will take, but there will be an uprising of popular feeling in legislation or a remedy of some other form."

Mechanics Return to Work.

New York, July 14.—Some 20,000 skilled mechanics in the skilled trades went to work today under the modified plans of the employers' association.

This number will be increased to 50,000 by Wednesday, unions with that membership having voted to accept the terms of the employers, one of the effects of which is to do away with walking delegates and refer all disputes to a joint board of arbitration.

With the mechanics a large number of laborers returned to work and operations were resumed by material supply men.

The united board of building trades held a long and stormy meeting today. The four unions that accepted the plan of arbitration offered by the building trades employers as in, and which placed their men back at work today were expelled from the board. These four unions are: The Mosaic and Encaustic tile layers' union, the Hexogen labor club, the tile layer's helpers, the electrical workers' union, and the united cement masons' union.

Jump from Burning Car.

New York, July 14.—Fifteen persons have been hurt by falling into the subway excavation at Lenox avenue and One hundred and Twenty-fifth street, after jumping from a burning trolley car on which they had a thrilling ride of several blocks, while the motorman was making desperate efforts to reach a fire engine house. The car was filled with about eighty passengers, mostly women and children. When they discovered the fire many tried to jump, but the motorman put on full power. He had not gone two blocks before the car was enveloped in flames. The conductor saw there was danger of burning the whole carload of passengers and rang the bell.

The car came to a stop right over the excavation for the subway. The passengers piled off on top of one another. The planking over the hole collapsed and about twenty-five persons were carried down. Those at the bottom were severely bruised, but only one was in a serious condition.

Books Indicate Shortage.

New York, Frank S. Pittitch, for eighteen years New York manager of the Wardow Steel company of Sheffield, England, was arrested on two indictments charging grand larceny and subsequently released in \$5,000 bail. Marmaduke Wardow of the firm came to this country last April to look into the company's affairs. He found Pittitch had disappeared a day or two before his arrival and the books with him. The books were found later, and it is said showed a shortage of more than \$70,000. Through counsel Pittitch offered to return and pay up the alleged shortage in order to avoid arrest. He was arrested yesterday at the office of his counsel.

Sites Are Chosen.

Washington, July 14.—Secretary Shaw today approved selections of property for public building sites at Grand Island and York, Neb. At Grand Island the government accepted the site offered by Emma Jaus, located at the southwest corner of Locust and Second streets, 132 by 132 feet, priced \$9,500. At York the site offered by George W. Post, at the corner of Grant avenue and Seventh street, 120 by 125 feet, purchased for \$9,000.

Comet Growing in Magnitude

San Jose, Cal., July 14.—Prof. W. W. Campbell, of Lick observatory, gave out the following: "The comet discovered by Borely at Marseilles three weeks ago has been under observation by various members of the Lick observatory staff. It promises to be an unusually interesting object. Its brightness has increased very rapidly until it is now very visible as a fourth magnitude star."

MOB LAW REIGNS

NORTH WYOMING SCENE OF LAWLESSNESS AND TERROR.

Butte, Mont., July 20.—A special to the Miner from Red Lodge, Mont., says:

Jim Gorman who killed his brother about a year ago and ran off with his brothers wife, and a man named Walters, who killed a widow named Hoover at the Hot Springs two years ago because she refused to marry him, were killed by a mob at Basin, Wyo., Sunday. C. E. Pierce, deputy sheriff was killed during the attack on the jail.

A state of lawlessness now prevails in northwestern Wyoming. From President Moffett of the Montana and Wyoming Telephone company, who is now making a tour of inspection of his company's lines, comes the news of the lynching and of an appeal for help from Sheriff Fenton of Big Horn county, who has arrested a number of prominent cattlemen near Thermopolis and has appealed to the governor of Wyoming for assistance of the militia in getting his prisoners to the Basin.

It was reported to Sheriff Fenton last Wednesday morning that a mob was coming up to Basin from Harts-ville and Tonship, for the purpose of lynching Gorman and Walters. As a measure of precaution the sheriff took these two men and a horse thief out of the jail and secreted them in a gully near town under guard of Deputy Sheriffs Felix Alston and C. E. Pierce.

Gorman managed to slip his handcuffs and make his escape. He swam the Big Horn river, an unprecedented feat, and started for the mountains. A posse of seven men was quickly organized and Gorman was recaptured early Saturday morning about fifty miles from Basin.

Last night a mob of about fifty men rode up the east bank of the Big Horn and compelled the ferryman to carry them across the river. They made no demonstration until they entered Basin when five shots were fired as a warning. The mob proceeded at once to the county jail and fired a volley into the jail. Deputy Pierce and Special Deputy Meade were guarding the prisoners at the time. One bullet grazed Meade's shoulder and entered Pierce's heart.

Members of the mob then tore up telephone poles and battered the jail doors down. They first came to Walters who was crouched in his cell piteously begging for mercy. No needless torture was resorted to. Walters was shot instantly.

The mob next found Gorman, whose body was pierced by five bullets, and he was left presumably dead. He lingered, however, until Sunday forenoon. A still more alarming state of affairs is reported from the vicinity of Thermopolis. About six months ago as a result of the range feud that has been so bitterly waged, a sheep man, Ben Mankik, was killed by cattlemen. The sheriff, it is asserted, has captured the murderers, who are all prominent cattlemen, and whose names have been withheld owing to the threats made against him. Sheriff Fenton is unable to get his prisoners to Basin.

It is said the same mob that lynched Gorman and Walters are sympathizers and have declared that Sheriff Fenton will never get out of the locality alive with his prisoners. Sheriff Fenton has wired the governor of Wyoming for permission to use the state militia at Lander, and has also sent telephoned messages to Basin and other towns asking for volunteers to assist him in upholding the law. Everywhere hardy westerners are responding to the calls, arming themselves and hastening toward Thermopolis.

Are Bloodhounds Reliable.

Lincoln, Neb., July 20.—The question of the reliability of the trailing abilities of a trained bloodhound in tracking men, is to be decided by the supreme court at its September session. The matter is brought to the attention of the court by the filing of a petition in error Friday in the office of the clerk of the court by George W. Brott against the state of Nebraska, and is a part of the error on which the case is carried up from the Nemaha district court. The plaintiff in error was convicted of entering the residence of one Frank Kirkbridge, near Auburn, Neb., on the morning of July 5, 1902, with intent to steal, and it is alleged that he did not have a bill of sale. He was sentenced to a term of three years in the penitentiary. The plaintiff in error made the petition in that the plaintiff in error was convicted of the crime solely on evidence furnished by the Fulton bloodhounds of Beatrice.

Run Over by a Trolley.

Louisville, Ky., July 20.—Maj. Edward Hughes, Louisville's veteran fire chief, was run over and instantly killed Sunday afternoon by a trolley car. Major Hughes was one of the best known fire chiefs in the country and had been at the head of the Louisville fire department for twenty-five years, until recently when he was retired. He was a picturesque character and had been a fire fighter for more than fifty years.

Nebraska Notes

The Elkhorn Valley Telephone company incorporated with \$10,000 capital.

Attorney General Prout has gone to Toulon, Ill., for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erb celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding a Dodge.

The Weirick Cigar company of Grand Island incorporates with a capital of \$10,000.

Governor Mickey delivered an address at the junior normal at North Platte.

A new pipe organ costing \$1,500, has been installed in the German Lutheran church at Hanover.

Crop reports from the vicinity of Geneva show that the outlook is unusually bright and favorable.

Fred Gang, of Mead, has been appointed regular mail carrier with Peter Larson substituting.

A new rural route will be established on August 1, at North Bend, covering thirty miles, and a population of 500.

The Woodman building association of North Loup has filed articles of incorporation with a capital of \$6,000.

Roy Harris 12 years old fell from a swing at Plattsmouth. He injured his spine and lockjaw developed from which he died.

Because non-union help was employed the girls in the packing department of the cereal mills at Nebraska City went on a strike.

The Lincoln Independent Telephone company has broken ground for its central office and expects to have its system in operation before the first of next year.

A hail storm passed over Antelope and Madison counties Sunday forenoon, devastating crops in a strip of country three miles wide and fifteen miles in length.

The foul play theory in the death of Levi Eddy of Norfolk, whose neck was broken in a livery barn, was exploded when the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

The annual meeting of the Methodist church will be held at Wauwata from July 30 to August 10 in charge of the Rev. S. B. Edmondson, of Liberty, Ill., and the Rev. P. C. Carlin, of Bridgeport, Ill.

The Hotel Riley block in Plattsmouth has been sold to E. L. Myers and J. A. Eike of Newport for \$71,000. The building was originally erected fifteen years ago by J. E. Riley of Omaha at an expense of \$115,000.

A copper fount for a soda fountain exploded while being charged at LeFeber's pop factory. Half the front struck Howard LeFeber a glancing blow and then shattered a 2x4 scantling near the ceiling. A square blow from the missile would have killed LeFeber.

The family of John Morgan who lives two miles north of Stella were all taken down very sick and a physician summoned, who found the cause to be some ice cream which they had made and ate. Miss Ollie Bain, from town was visiting them and she, with the parents and four children, where all affected. All recovered, however, without any serious results.

"SUMMER FOOD"

Has Other Advantages.

Many people have tried the food Grape-Nuts simply with the idea of avoiding the trouble of cooking food in the hot months.

All of these have found something beside the ready cooked food idea, for Grape-Nuts is a scientific food that tones up and restores a sick stomach as well as repairs the waste tissue in brain and nerve centers.

"For two years I had been a sufferer from catarrh of the stomach due to improper food, and to relieve this condition I had tried nearly every prepared food on the market without any success until six months ago my wife purchased a box of Grape-Nuts, thinking it would be a desirable cereal for the summer months."

"We soon made a discovery, we were delighted with the delightful flavor of the food, and to my surprise I began to get well. My breakfast now consists of a little fruit; four teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts; a cup of Postum, which I prefer to coffee; graham bread or toast and two boiled eggs. I never suffer the least distress after eating this and my stomach is perfect and general health fine. Grape-Nuts is a wonderful preparation. It was only a little time after starting on it that wife and I both felt stronger. This has been our experience."

P. S.—The addition of a little salt in place of sugar seems to me to improve the food. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Send for particulars by mail of extent of time on the \$7,500,000 cook's contest for 735 money prizes.