SAYS HE KILLED DR. KNABE

Sailor at Portsmouth Confesses Murder of Indiana Woman.

HIS STORY IS NOT CREDITED

Indianapolis Police Point Out Number of Discrepancies in Story —His Sister Says He is Undependable.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., April 2.—A photograph of Seth Nichols, the sailor, who, according to the police, has confessed that he murdered Dr. Helen Knabe in Indianapolis last October for $1,500, and a copy of the alleged confession were mailed to the authorities of that city early today. Nichols will be held here until the Indianapolis authorities have time to act.

Nichols, who is said to be a deserter from the United States cruiser Dixie, came here last week and was arrested on Saturday, charged with carrying a loaded revolver. The police say that yesterday he confessed to the murder of Dr. Knabe, telling them he would go insane if he did not get it off his mind.

Nichols has a sister living in Indianapolis. While in New York, according to the story he told the police, he met a stranger who offered him $1,500 if he would commit the murder. He accepted the offer and went to Indianapolis, where he was joined by the man. On the night of October 22 they went to Dr. Knabe's apartment. There, Nichols said, the unknown man handed him a knife with which to cut Dr. Knabe's throat while she was asleep. He fled from Indianapolis the next day.

The Knabe murder case was one of the most mysterious that the Indianapolis police ever have investigated. Dr. Knabe, who was at one time state bacteriologist, had no enemies so far as was known. At first it was thought she committed suicide, but the coroner's report was that she "was murdered by some person or persons unknown."

Story is Not Credited.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 2.—While the police today awaited with lively interest a copy of the alleged confession of Seth Nichols at Portsmouth, N. H., that he murdered Dr. Helen Knabe in this city on the night of October 22 last, they said information as to the man's statements so far received did not warrant much credence in his story.

"In our investigation we have never heard mention of a man named Nichols or Knight, who, Nichols says, employed him to kill Dr. Knabe," said Captain of Detectives William Holtz. "We understand Nichols says he killed the woman while she slept. When the body was found, though it was clothed in night dress, it was on top of the bed covers and we have believed if Dr. Knabe did not commit suicide, but was murdered, she was attacked while she was preparing for bed and not while she slept."

Nichols' sister, Mrs. Robert L. Blakeman, said today she had reliable information that her brother was aboard the United State Steamer Dixie at the time of the death of Dr. Knabe.

"He always had been undependable," she added. "I can't imagine his motives in this alleged confession. It may be some wild dream."

Mrs. William Knight, an aunt of Nichols, declared today that the sailor is insane and that her name suggested the one he applied to the alleged instigator of the crime. His "confession" is a complete fabrication, she said.

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HARTINGTON WITHOUT MAIL FOR ALMOST ENTIRE WEEK

HARTINGTON, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—This city received mail Monday for the first time since Wednesday night, having been effectually cut off from the outside world for that length of time by floods which swept away bridges and submerged miles of track. Trains from this city could reach no farther than Concord. Last Saturday afternoon the Missouri river rose several feet in two hours at Brooke's Bottom. People in that vicinity were compelled to move to higher ground. It is the first flood in the history of the county. A party of hunters from this city who were camped on the river Saturday narrowly escaped being caught by the rising water and had to leave their tents behind them. Hartington's representative at the Northeast Nebraska Oratorical association last week was unable to reach Norfolk on account of the washouts.

FLEGE MURDER CASE WILL BE TAKEN TO THURSTON COUNTY

PONCA, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The Flege case will be retried in Thurston county. It came up again last evening before Judge Graves after a week's recess, granted the state in which to secure affidavits in rebuttal of affidavits submitted by the defense in support of its plea for a change of venue. The defense asked for time in which to secure evidence to offset the affidavits submitted. A stormy debate followed, after which Judge Graves overruled the plea. J. J. McCarthy and Berry & Berry argued for the defense and County Attorney Kingsbury spoke for the state.

The court granted a change of venue to Thurston county, court to be held at Pender following the present session here.

FRANK BAYERS IS RELEASED ON THOUSAND DOLAR BOND

BROKEN BOW, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Bayers, the young man who shot and killed Joe Teahon last week near Anselmo, waived examination before County Judge Holcomb on a charge of murder in the first degree and was bound over in the sum of $1,000. Several prominent people in the neighborhood of Anselmo signed the bond and Bayers was released pending his appearance before Judge Hostetler at the coming term of district court.

HARVESTER TRUST WILLING TO DIVIDE INTO TWO PARTS

WASHINGTON, April 2. The plan of dissolution which the International Harvester company has submitted to the Department of Justice proposes dividing the big corporation into two new ones, between which the manufacture of the company's harvesting machines would be equally divided.

With this as the basis negotiations for a friendly settlement of the government's anti-trust suit were resumed today between Attorney General Wickersham and Edgar A. Bancroft, general counsel for the company. It is not known whether the two-company plan will be accepted or further disintegration will be insisted upon.

Key to the Situation—Bee Advertising.

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MEASURE PLATTE CURRENT

State Board of Irrigation Gathers Statistics of the River.

IMMENSE PRESSURE ON BRIDGES

Stae Officials Recent Stories Told About Nebraska Prison Management by Prof. Graham Taylor of Chicago University.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Engineers for the State Board of Irrigation started to make some experiments on the flowage of the Platte during the height of the flood and were getting along finely until the strong current washed away their current meter.

The farthest out the test was made was about half way to the main channel and the current there indicated about twelve miles per hour. From that they estimated it was at least fifteen miles an hour in the center of the channel. Burlington engineers who made tests estimated it at twenty-two miles per hour in the channel.

The average current of the river is about two and a half miles per hour and when to the speed during the flood is added th eimmense ice floes some idea can be formed of the tremendous pressure on the bridges which span the stream. The average flow of the Platte river is about 3,500 cubic feet per second and the state ngineers estimate that at the heigth of the flood it was carrying 80,000 cubic feet per second. Prof. Stout of the University of Nebraska, who has large experience in measurement of the Platte and other rivers of the state corroborates the estimates of the state engineers.

Stories Told About Prison.

Since coming to Lincoln, Prof. Graham Taylor of Chicago university has relivered a number of addresses in each of which he is quoted as indulging severe strictures on the management of the Nebraska penitentiary. Among other things he is quoted as saying that prisoners confined there were better men than the late Warden Delahunty and he also indulged in unsparing criticism of conditions which now prevail. Officials assert that all Prof. Taylor knows about conditions at the prison he obtained during a forty-minute visit to the institution, during which he walked through and talked a few minutes with Morley and a few other convicts.

Warden Melick and the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, which has charge of the prison, assert that such intemperate language, founded on little or no information and no opportunity to ascertain the truth or falsity of stories on which they are predicated, are the most baleful influence they have to combat at present. All such stories find their way back to the convicts and produce a spirit of resentment and insubordination which renders the task of getting matters back to th enormal just than much more difficult.

Just as long as such agitation is kept up it will be necessary to enforce restrictions on the convicts which would not be required if agitation did not render them dissatisfied, according to officials, and instead of bettering the condition of the convicts some who doubtless mean well are standing in the way of betterment.

As to former Warden Delahunty, it is pointed out that when Warden Smith was in charge all the convicts except one petitioned Governor Shallenberger to have Delahunty retained as deputy warden.

Lee Refuses Prisoners.

Manager Lee of the Lee Broom and Duster company, which has the contract for prison labor, is being prodded to find work for more men. This morning he was offered 294 and took only 169. The board will insist that he pay for the excess whether he uses them or not, as his contract calls for 225 men, and it is none of the business of the board if the company is overstocked with goods. Warden Melick proposes to find employment for the more trusty of the convicts as soon as conditions permit, working on the roads ni the vicinity of the prison, particularly the one leading to the city. It is also suggested that men be used to build a cement dining room in the prison yard. Such a building is badly needed and it is figured that by using convict labor it could be erected for $500.

Clerks Having Trouble.

County clerks are having trouble making up the primary ballot, if letters coming to the office of the secretary of state are any criterion. Every mail brings in some question, but none of them of importance.

Contracts Are Let.

The board of purchase and supplies completed its labors today. Armour & Co. obtained the big end of the meat contracts, being the low bidder at the three insane hospitals, the Feeble Minded Institute, the Girls' Industrial school and the Nebraska Industrial Home and the penitentiary. Cudahy got the fresh meat and the Grand Island Soldiers' Home and Swift & Co. the cured meats and the contract at the Milford home. Robinson & Miller were successful at the Boys' Industrial Home. Flour and feed contracts went as follows:

Lincoln asylum, Gooch Milling company; Norfolk asylum, sugar, City Cereal mills; Ingleside asylum, Hastings Milling company; Feeble Minded Institute, Crete mills; Burkett Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Hastings Milling company; Milford Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Seward City mills; Boys' Industrial school, Kearney mills; Girls' Industrial school, flour, Southwestern Mills company; Girls' Industrial school feed, J. E. Guthrie; Nebraska Industrial Home, Seward City mills; penitentiary, Crete mills.

Lapley Ends in Prison.

Lloyd Lapsley of Beatrice today made the last station of his wedding journey, which was the penitentiary. Lapsley is an electrical engineer who lived at Beatrice until the district judge and a jury transferred his address to the prison. He forged a check for $200 and with the proceeds started on a wedding journey. Sheriff J. L. Schiek of Gage county overhauled him at Denison, Tex. He was given an indeterminate sentence of from two to ten years.

New Accident Association.

Auditor Barton has approved the plans of the Workman Accident association, organized at Aurora, and it is authorized to commence business. J. H. Grosvenor is the president.

Heffner Charges Overtime.

J. C. Heffner, until recently engineer at the Boys' Industrial school at Kearney, has presented a bill to the Board of Public Lands and Buildings for $588. The amount he alleges is due him for overtime put in by him from 1909 to 1912. He alleges that ten hours constitutes a

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day's work and that he has put in 2,835 hours overtime, which he says amounts to the sum asked, his regular salary being $60 per month.

The board rejected the bill, as it has never paid overtime, the legislature being the only department of the Nebraska government which allows overtime to employes.

Forward Move Banquet.

The Men and Religion movement was given a big boost tonight at a banquet at the Auditorium, W. J. Bryan presiding as toastmaster. Eight hundred tickets were sold to the banquet and many came and took seats in the gallery after the banquet was concluded and listened to the speeches.

Norris Coming to Nebraska.

Unless the contest over the parcels post in the house prevents, Congressman Norris contemplates coming to Nebraska for the windup of the primary campaign. It had been understood that neither Norris nor Brown would personally take part in the campaign, but plans seemed to have been changed. There is speculation over what La Follette will do when he comes to the state. Some are advising the Wisconsin man that he should do a little missionary work for Norris, but others advise him to keep out and confine himself to boosing the La Follette game solely.

La Follette himself has not indicated what he intends to do in this request.

Money Paid Gilchrist.

Between August 2, 1910, and March 8, 1912, Insurance Examiner Gilchrist drew from the state treasury $6,540.41 and Examiner Wiggins has drawn $175.15. The money paid to Gilchrist has not all of it gone to himself, however, but a considerable amount has been paid by him for assistants. The money has all been collected from insurance companies which have been examined, the new law requiring it to be paid first to the state and then drawn out on warrant. Up to the passage of the new law the fees charged were just the same, but they were paid to the examiners and no accounting made by them of the money.

The law provides a fee of $10 per day for examiners and $5 per day for assistants. The auditor, who appoints the examiners, draws a salary of only $2,500 per year. How much of this money was actually paid to Gilchrist and how much he paid to assistants does not appear on the records at the capitol, but could be ascertained from the bills rendered the insurances companies for services.

Carrier Chosen Captain.

Sam Carrier, guard on the university basket ball team, has been chosen captain of the1913 team. He is the only man who played in every game the team engaged in this year.

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WOMAN CROSSES ENGLISH CHANNEL IN AEROPLANE

LONDON, April 2.—The first woman to cross the channel from England to France as a passenger in an aeroplane made the trip today. She accompanied Gustave Hamel, the avitor, who left Hendon at 9:28, passed over Dover at an altitude of 2,000 feet at 10:50 and landed at Saint Inglevert, to the southeast of Cape Grisnez, at noon, without incident.

PARIS, April 2.—Gustave Hamel, with his woman passenger, Miss Mary Davis, after a short stay at St. Inglevert, after the flight across the English channel, made another ascent and flew to Paris, where they arrived on the aviation ground at Issy-Les-Moulineaux at 5:55 this evening.

MASSACHUSETTS WIDOW WANTS WESTERN HUSBAND

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 2.—(Special.)—A woman giving her age as 28 and stating that she is a widow with one son 5 years of age writes from Williamsburg, Mass., to Secretary Schlosser of the Sioux Falls Commercial club that she would like to move west if she could find a husband. In her letter she states among other things:

"I have heard that 200 women were wanted in South Dakota. Now I am writing to you to ask you if you can place me in correspondence with a gentleman who has a good home and money, and resides far in the country. Must be fond of horses, hunting, boating and fishing; must not be less than 30 years old. He must be kind. I prefer dark hair, but will not object if he has light hair."

The eastern searcher for a husband gives her address as Postoffice Box No. 115, Williamsburg, Mass. It is believed that as the result of her letter she will be flooded with replies from South Dakota.

Fisher Will go to Honolulu.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Secretary Fisher of the Department of the Interior will go to Honolulu within a short time to investigate charges preferred against Walter F. Frear, governor of Hawaii, by Delegate Kalanianaole.

Three-inch Rifle Bursts.

SAUNDERSTOWN, R. I., April 2.—The bursting of a three-inch rifle at Fort Greble, one of the defenses of Narragansett bay, today resulted in the death of Corporal William W. Lee, 90th Coast Artillery company.

Don't forget the Oriental Rug Sale all this week at ORCHARD & WILHELM.

Rangers Scheduled to Play Sox Juniors

JOPLIN, Mo., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The faucets of the heavens having been turned off, Doc White and his Junior White Sox aggregation and Manager Arbogast's Omaha regulars are slated for a dual of games here Wednesday and Thursday. Weather conditions are now ideal.

The Regulars and Yannigans battled today for nine long, gruelling innings, the kids finally beating out the old boys by one point, 4 to 3. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
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