

HICKEY CONFESSES MURDER

Man Under Arrest at Buffalo Admits Two Crimes.

HE MAKES SIGNED STATEMENT

Joseph Joseph Was Killed in Buffalo Last Month and Michael Kruck in New York City Ten Years Ago.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 29.—The body of Michael Kruck, one of the boys Hickey confessed having murdered, was found in an excavation in Central park on the night of December 10, 1902. Death had been due to strangulation. His father, who is a tailor, and his mother are still living in this city. Suspicion was directed toward Hickey at the time and he was picked up in Buffalo in a maudlin condition. In a semi-delirious state he confessed to the murder, but when the effects of the liquor wore off he repudiated the confession and was subsequently released owing to lack of evidence.

Both the Josephs boy, whose dismembered body was found in a cesspool back of a saloon in Lackawanna November 16, and the Kruck boy, were strangled to death. Hickey attributed his crimes to the excessive use of liquor. When drunk, he said, he was possessed of an irresistible mania for killing boys. He denied that he had committed other similar crimes, and said he was repentant for his deeds and expected to pay the penalty.

Young Joseph disappeared the afternoon of October 12, 1911. His father, George Joseph, a prominent merchant of Lackawanna, insisted from the start that the boy had been kidnaped and a country wide search was instituted.

Hickey's Arrest. Hickey was arrested at a colony for inebriates at Whiting, N. J., November 19. His fondness for writing postal cards to the police proved his undoing. He mailed cards from Boston and New York and their reproductions in a newspaper led a friend of Hickey's to inform the police of his suspicious. The order for arrest followed.

In one postal from Boston the then unknown writer wrote of the Kruck murder as follows: "Wednesday night, December 10, I noticed Michael Kruck Kruck, a newsboy at Eighty-sixth street and Central Park west, New York City, into the park opposite the entrance to the Arsenal police station. I saw him strangled him and just escaped the officer who found him as I came back, (few words here illegible). Three times I have taken life; twelve times have tried, and cannot help it."

Another card from Boston told of the murder of the Josephs boy and where the body would be found. The police followed the minute instructions on the card and recovered the body in decomposed fragments.

Hickey will be formally arraigned Monday on the charge of murder in the first degree.

President Taft Will Not Make Temporary Treaty with Russia

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The Taft administration it was made known today does not intend to make any agreement or enter into a modus vivendi to supplant the treaty with Russia which expires January 1. The question of a new treaty and the subject of the treatment of American Jews traveling in Russia, which raised a storm all over the United States last spring, will be one of the heritages that President Taft will leave to Mr. Wilson, according to a letter from the president to Simon Wolf, Washington representative of the United Hebrew congregation and the order of B'nai B'rith, made public today.

Boy Clerk Who Stole Fifty-Five Thousand Is Given Two Years

PENSACOLA, Fla., Nov. 28.—William Bell, aged 18 years, until a few weeks ago a trusted clerk in the First National bank of Pensacola, today pleaded guilty to the theft of \$55,000 from the bank on September 18. He was sentenced to two years in the federal reform school at Washington. Last September Bell engineered one of the shrewdest robberies in recent bank history and was not under suspicion when, conscience stricken, he returned the money. In the presence of a score of other employees in the bank young Bell exchanged a bogus package for one containing \$55,000 which has been prepared for express shipment. He hid the package in the bank then removed it to his home. Nearly a week later Bell placed the money at a rear door of the bank building, where it was found by a janitor. Bell confessed the next day.

ARMY POPULATION OF FRANCE DECREASES

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The number of recruits available for the French army was reduced from 235,000 in 1908 to 215,000 in 1911 through the diminution of the birth rate in France, was the startling assertion made by Joseph Reinach in the debate in the Chamber of Deputies today on the bill relating to infantry enrollment.

Advertisement for Fur Lined Overcoats at Special Prices. Includes circulars for \$12 Suits and Overcoats now \$7.50, \$40 Suits and Overcoats now \$22.50, \$30 Suits and Overcoats now \$17.50, and \$15 Suits and Overcoats now \$8.50. Also mentions Men's \$1.50 Shirts 95c, Men's \$1 Shirts 69c, and Men's 25c Lisle Hose 15c pair.

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From Our Near Neighbors

Valley. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kennedy and children spent Thanksgiving in Waterloo. Miss Mary Doherty, who teaches near Elkhorn, spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Hazel Condon entertained the Kensington club at her home Tuesday evening. C. E. Byars and family went to Yutan, Sunday to visit Mrs. Byars' brother, Frank Standen. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byars and Earl Byars of Omaha, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Byars. Dr. Edward Hillon, district superintendent, conducted the services in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning. L. P. Larson, who went to an Omaha hospital for an operation some weeks ago, returned to his home the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald and baby of Norfolk, Neb., are visiting George's father, A. J. McDonald, this week. Mrs. W. G. Whitmore went to Omaha Monday to attend a meeting of the county Woman's Christian Temperance union. Union Thanksgiving services were held in the Presbyterian church Thursday evening. Rev. Mr. Taylor of the Methodist Episcopal church preached the sermon. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webster of Omaha, arrived Wednesday evening to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Webster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitmore. Misses Anna Pehlman, Martha Gleditsky and Pearl Hazen spent Thanksgiving at their respective homes. The rest of the teachers spent their Thanksgiving in Valley. B. A. Fye, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was ill and unable to preach at all Sunday. He was not able to get back to his seminary work in Omaha this week. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McNish are enjoying a visit from Mr. McNish's father, T. P. McNish of Hastings, Neb., and his sister and her husband of Lincoln this week. Mrs. Holdsworth and daughter, Mrs. J. Holdsworth of Canada, arrived Thursday evening on an extended visit with relatives. Mrs. Holdsworth is a sister of Mrs. Frank Whitmore and Alex Gardiner. Misses Joyce came out from Omaha Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with his wife and daughter, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gardiner a week. They returned to Omaha on Friday. The funeral services of Grant Burt, who died of Bright's disease in the Clarkson church in Hancock Wednesday, were held in the Valley opera house Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The services were in charge of the Woodmen of the World lodge at which he was an active member. Rev. A. Asten of Waterloo, preached the sermon and interment was made in Prospect Hill cemetery. Mr. Burt, who was 48 years of age had been a respected and prosperous farmer near Valley for about twenty years. He is survived by a widow, three sons and one daughter. Blair. Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Murdock were in Columbus, Neb., last Friday. L. A. Williams came up from Omaha and spent Thanksgiving at home. Mrs. Bert Haines is in Alton, Ia., to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Anna Murica. Misses Lucile and Geraldine Kemp were in Piskali, Ia., on Friday to furnish music for a dancing party. Rev. A. E. Marsh of the Episcopal church was in Hancock Wednesday, officiating at a funeral. Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maher will entertain the Blair High school foot ball team at the Blair this evening. Mrs. W. R. Moorhouse of Randolph, Neb., formerly Miss Lucy Hoffman, spent Sunday with Miss Lucy Russell. Theodore Weyand of Timber Lake, S. D., visited several days last week with his sister, Mrs. William E. Schmidt. Mrs. Theodore Haller went to Omaha on Thursday to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Guy Astell, and may remain this winter. Mr. W. H. Hansen of the Blair National bank was visited last Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hansen of Mapleton, Ia. Congressman and Mrs. C. O. Lobeck and several other Omaha parties were in attendance at the funeral of Miss Ada Jackson on last Sunday. Judge Leslie held a short session of the district court last Thursday and decreed a few minor matters. The regular term will begin December 2. Bert Miller, son of B. P. Miller, of this county, who is in the government forestry service has been transferred from Glenwood Springs, Colo., to Seattle, Wash. Express Agent E. C. Rauch and family entertained at a Thanksgiving dinner Misses Ruby Lucy of Omaha, Finnes

Irvington. Mrs. Larson of Benson is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. August Pamp. S. R. Brewster spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. Carl Hibbard, in South Omaha. Judson Miller, who has been working in South Dakota for the last summer, is home for a few weeks' visit. Mr. and Mrs. Bundgaard and Mr. and Mrs. Clausen and children of Omaha were visitors at the Thompson home Sunday. Mrs. A. D. Knight, Mrs. S. R. Brewster and Miss Fannie Anderson went to Omaha Monday to visit Mrs. E. E. Brewster. Mrs. Gaylord of Burlington, Ia., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brewster for the last two weeks, returned home Monday. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brewster left on Wednesday for Crete, Neb., where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Thomas, for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hibbard of South Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Rabbit of Benson and Mrs. Gaylord visited at the S. R. Brewster home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Paulsen and son Adelbert and Pete Lund of Council Bluffs and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey of Omaha were visitors at the A. C. Dein home Sunday. Union Thanksgiving services were held in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. Dr. P. H. Lindington of Omaha was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson Sunday. Mrs. E. S. Nickerson entertained the Christian Endeavor society Tuesday evening. E. P. Barton went to Plattsmouth Sunday to visit Mrs. Sage, who is at the Masonic home there. Rev. Julius Schwartz, pastor at large, of Omaha, preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tower and son, Robin, left Wednesday for a few days' visit with Mr. Tower's parents at Laurel, Neb. The school closed for Thanksgiving and Friday. Miss Imler is spending her vacation at Schubert, Miss Johnson at Waterloo, Misses Hensel and Roberts at their homes in Omaha, Mrs. Johnson at Harlan, Ia. The Landwehr Verein gave a dance at the German Home last Thanksgiving afternoon and evening. There were many from Omaha and Scott's Omaha in attendance. The Papillon band furnished music for the occasion. Springfield. Eula Bates spent Thanksgiving with friends in Fremont. Albert Comte of Cherry county arrived home on Thanksgiving day. George McCamery from Dodge county is here visiting his brother Frank. The Dunbar basket ball team defeated Springfield High school team 20 to 18. Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Henzie of Vermillion, S. D., are visiting the T. N. Graham family. Robert Fuller of Mitchell, Neb., is visiting the home of his daughter, Mrs. Aron Hinckle. The People's Infirmary case against Ira Nutt was dismissed in district court at the request of Mr. People. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Zorrian left on Monday for California, where they will spend a part of the winter. Fred Bates, William Klock and Frank Bentley, students of the state university, are spending their vacation here. Thomas Nelson conducted a shooting match two days this week, giving ducks and geese to the best marksmen. Helen Christensen came home Wednesday from Cedar Falls, Ia., where she completed the course in the teachers' college. The boys' basket ball team won from the Louisville team at Louisville by a score of 14 to 8. The girls' team from Springfield lost to Louisville 24 to 4. A little son of Herman was found unconscious in his father's stable. It is thought that the horses stepped upon him. He was seriously hurt and is recovering. Waterloo. Rube Jordan came home Wednesday morning for Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beesley of Elk City went to Fremont Tuesday for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Moore, parents of Mrs. Otto Schneider, are visiting the latter and

Picture Magnate Sued for Breach of Promise. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Herbert L. Miles, president of a motion picture film company, was arrested today and gave bail to insure his appearance at the trial of a breach of promise suit brought against him by Miss Edith M. Moran of this city. Miss Moran is suing for \$25,000. She declares Miles is "wealthy and of high social standing" and charges that when she married him in Philadelphia in August, 1911, he had another wife living, of whom he told her nothing. Miss Moran in her bill asserts that Miles told her on their wedding eve that his real name was Herbert W. Bristol and that he lived at some place in Ohio. Miles is now living, Miss Moran charges, with his first wife, formerly Mrs. Katherine Westler, of Washington, D. C., whom he married in 1906.

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