

SUPPOSED SLAYER OF GIRL KILLS SELF

Police Say Evidence Indicates Rich Pittsburgh Man Killed Beautiful Model.

BULLET THROUGH HEAD

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 5.—Circumstantial evidence which the police say convinces them that Bernard W. Lewis, son of a wealthy retired Pittsburgh coal operator, who ended his life in an Atlantic City hotel last night, was the slayer of Maizie Colbert, the artist's model, was revealed today by an examination of the young man's body.

Lewis was identified by Elwood Powell, the chauffeur who drove him and the Misses Ethel and Mabel Kyle to their home in Germantown last Thursday night, as the man he later took to Miss Colbert's apartment. Philadelphia detectives who went to Atlantic City last night say that Lewis' hair matches that found clutched in the dead girl's hand and that Lewis was found to be wearing a woman's undershirt which corresponds to garments worn by Miss Colbert. A blood stained handkerchief was found in his pocketbook. Lewis left no written statement, however, as far as could be learned.

Mystery Virtually Solved. In view of these developments the authorities say they feel that the mystery virtually has been solved. At the same time it was declared several men who were friends of Miss Colbert and were suspected of having knowledge of the crime will be kept under surveillance until there is no doubt regarding their connection with the case. In their efforts to solve the mystery the police had questioned many young men prominent in the social and business life of Pittsburgh. Several of them admitted they had known the girl and some said they had been among her admirers. Except two or three the explanations were satisfactory to the detectives and their names were not made public.

Friends Say He is Innocent. The Misses Kyle, school teachers, through whom the police learned of Lewis' identity, maintain that he is innocent of the murder and that he committed suicide because he believed his reputation had been ruined. "Mr. Lewis was the victim of a ghastly blunder," one of the teachers said, "I still believe he was innocent. I know he was an honorable man. He read that he had been drawn into a mystery and ended his life because he had lost hope of extricating himself and because he thought his reputation had been ruined. He had telephoned us every day since the murder occurred, but it was not until late yesterday that he showed any signs of being worried about the affair.

He called us three times yesterday and at 4 o'clock, the hour of his last call, he seemed excited, but protested his innocence. 'Isn't this horrible,' he said. 'I don't know what to do to stop this notoriety.' He said that he placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer and that everything would be all right."

Suicide Prevents Arrest. Less than five hours after this conversation Lewis had shot himself as he was about to be arrested. That he had anticipated arrest and had made preparations to end his life was indicated by the fact that the 22 caliber rifle that he used for the deed was new. He had pinned a towel over the transom of his bed room door and on the bureau was a box of cartridges and an extra cartridge lay on the window ledge within his reach in the bath room. Several newspapers containing accounts of the Colbert murder were found in his room. He had little luggage and only about \$6 in cash was found in his pockets. According to the owners of the hotel he arrived there at 10 o'clock Wednesday night and had appeared rather morose and uncommunicative.

Evidence Apparently Conclusive. The police declared today that they had built up a remarkable circumstantial case against Lewis. They had issued a warrant against him charging him with defrauding Powell, the taxicab chauffeur who waited eight hours outside of the Colbert apartments, out of \$19 fare and had planned when they located him to accuse him of being the owner of the wilted and blood-stained collar found in the girl's room. They believed they had identified this collar as one worn by Lewis the night before the murder was discovered.

With the dramatic announcement that Lewis had committed suicide the reception which has excited at the detective bureau seemed to relax and Captain Tate announced today that he felt his work on the case virtually was at an end.

Mrs. Axtell Offered Place on Federal Board

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Frances C. Axtell of Bellingham, former member of the Washington legislature and democratic candidate recently for congress from the Second Washington district, announced today she had received from Secretary of Labor Wilson a telegraphic offer of appointment as one of the three members of the federal compensation board, which is to administer government compensation of workers injured while engaged in interstate commerce. The position carries a salary of \$4,000 a year. Mrs. Axtell early today said she had not decided upon the offer.

W. A. McAlman, Foot Ball Star, Dies Suddenly

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 5.—William A. McAlman, former University of Minnesota foot ball star and for the last two years coach of the Grinnell (Ia.) college foot ball team, died here late last night after a brief illness. Death was due to diabetes. Since his graduation in 1914 McAlman has practiced law here, except for the time spent in coaching. He was 27 years old. His mother of Los Angeles, Cal., and four sisters and three brothers survive.

BEAUTIFUL MODEL IN MURDER MYSTERY

Philadelphia case which baffled police may be cleared up by suicide of wealthy Pittsburgh man, B. W. Lewis. She was known in Philadelphia as Miss Roberts as well as Miss Colbert.



MISS GRACE ROBERTS

South Dakota Pioneer Is Dead in Minnesota

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 5.—William Miner, aged 77, a real Dakota pioneer, died at St. Cloud, Minn., yesterday. He moved from Dubuque, Ia., to Yankton, in 1860, and made the first survey of the town. He was first postmaster, first sheriff and first mayor of Yankton. He was chosen to verify the survey made between the United States and Mexico after the Gadsden purchase.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAXO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blood, bleeding or protruding piles. First Application gives relief. 50c.—Advertisement.

TEUTONS THREATEN BRAILA AND GALATA

Russians Apparently About to Lose Last Two Important Cities On Danube.

TWO BRIDGEHEADS TAKEN

Berlin, Jan. 5.—(Wireless to Sayville)—Braila, Roumania's chief commercial city, has been captured by the Germans and Bulgarians, according to the official announcement made this evening.

The announcement says: "It is reported that in Great Wallachia the main commercial city of the Roumanians, Braila, has been captured by German and Bulgarian troops. "Dobrudja has been entirely cleared of the enemy."

(Associated Press War Summary.)

The Roumanian Danube port of Braila, Iptasa, granary and oil storage depot, apparently is in imminent danger from the converging attacks of Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces on both sides of the Danube, where Braila lies, the bridgehead position protecting it has been pierced by the Austro-German forces, according to today's German army headquarters statement.

To the east, across the river in Dobrudja, the German and Bulgarian forces which captured the Matchin bridgehead are continuing their advance toward the town. The forward movement, moreover, threatens not only Braila, but the town of Galata, twelve miles to the north, the capture of which would deprive the Roumanians of virtually their last hold on the shores of the Danube west of the Bessarabian boundary. Von Mackensen's attacks on the frontal line of the Sereth, running northward from Braila, to which line the Russo-Roumanian forces have retired, are progressing successfully, according to Berlin, which reports the

capture of two additional towns in the Rinnik Sarat sector.

On the northern end of the front in Russia the German lines have been subjected to attacks in the Riga-Drinsk district. The Russian offensive here, centering in the vicinity of Friedrichslad, is apparently of an important nature, Berlin reporting the fighting still in progress.

Flipping Tourney is Off. Holdrege, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The Southwestern Nebraska basketball tournament, which was to have been held here in February, has been called off. Seventeen teams had made conditional promises.

OFFICERS TAKE CLOTHING FROM MEN OF FOURTH

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that it might be able to use the clothes for the National Guard some time. "When we left for the border," said another soldier, "we were told that Nebraska would take care of her soldiers. That's the way they take care of us. Take our clothing away which we paid for." Governor Keith Neville is expected

at Fort Crook tomorrow and will be appealed to to help the soldiers out of the dilemma.

Major W. E. Steels of Omaha was appointed assistant adjutant general of the Nebraska National Guard Wednesday by Governor Keith Neville. He replaces A. R. Haysel, who was transferred to the quartermaster's department.

The work of mustering out the troops is progressing at a rapid rate and it is probable that all the work will be completed at a much earlier date than January 15. However, the men will not be mustered out before that time, as the muster and pay rolls have already been made out for that

date. Last evening the officers of the Fourth Nebraska regiment were entertained by the Elks club.

Harman and Reutenbeck Go Into Business Together

Lincoln, Jan. 5. (Special)—Two state officers who lost their jobs in the shuffle of the new state administration will tie up together and enter the automobile business in Lincoln. Retiring Food Commissioner Harmon announced Friday morning that he was joining with Gus Reutenbeck, retiring state game warden, in a business which will be located in the Lincoln Commercial club building.

January Clearance Sales

Toilet Goods Specials THOMPSON, BELDEN & COMPANY Women's Vests

Linens During This Sale Are Priced Lower Than the Present Wholesale Prices

- Table Cloths Bleached, Turkish Towels, Fine Napkins, Wash Cloths

Blouse Sale Extraordinary The Best of the Whole Year

450 Blouses, Georgette & Crepe de Chine Blouses are also on sale. All sales final.

Stamped Center Pieces, Scarfs, and Pillows One-Half Price

FURS Our Entire Stock Is Reduced

Silks and Woolens at Money-Saving Prices. Many specials not advertised...

Women's Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Blouses Are Selling at Lowest Prices

Trefousse Gloves Are Correct For Wear on Every Occasion

- First Quality, \$2.75, One-Clasp Glace, \$2.00, Trefousse, finest French Kid Gloves...

Children's Dresses Must Go Saturday

White and colored dresses—lawns, dimities, percales, gingham; well made, fashionable little garments for two to ten-year-olds.

THE STORE OF THE TOWN Browning King & Co. OUR January Clearance Sale OF Men's Exclusive Furnishings NOW ON THE DISCOUNTS will appeal to you—Look them over and come early.

SPECIAL PRE-INVENTORY Prices at Beaton's SATURDAY

Fancy Silk Hosiery at a Very Special Price

A small quantity of odd numbers left from holiday selling, all desirable and exceptional values, as follows: \$1.29 a Pair

SOROSIS January Clearing Sale

A New Record in Values No Sacrifice in Quality—No Undesirable Styles Sorosis shoes never sold for so little in the height of the season.