



# KERENSKY DEFEATED; TROOPS IN RETREAT

## ENDEARING LOVE LETTERS FROM DODDER TO MRS. MORAN READ TO MOTHER AND BABY

Minneapolis Woman Who Gained Affection of Omaha Undertaker Acknowledges Intimate Relations Existed Between Them Before Dead Man's Body Was Found in Automobile North of Florence.

Mrs. Edward L. Dodder sat in court with her 2-year-old baby in her arms while her dead husband's love letters to another woman were read to the jury Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Loretta Moran, plump, black-eyed and a decided brunette, complacently acknowledged the intimate relations which existed between her and Mr. Dodder. She is the woman to whom the prominent Omaha undertaker addressed endearing terms as "dearest sweetheart," "darling," "the dearest girl in the world" and "I sure am glad someone is happy and would rather it would be you than anyone else."

### ONE ENDEARING LETTER.

A letter, postmarked "Omaha, Jan. 2, 1917," only three days before Dodder's supposed suicide, was sent to Mrs. Moran, 1725 North Third street, Minneapolis, Minn. It reads: "My Only Sweetheart: 'Time of departure Dec. 21, 1916. Arrival of first and only letter, Friday, Dec. 29.'

"According to your schedule, I should wait until the 4th before answering. Excuse the unseemly haste, but I am afraid I did not answer but I would not get a reply before fall."

"I sure am glad someone is happy. And would rather it would be you than anyone else."

"Thank God, Christmas and New Year's are over—the bluest Christmas and New Year I ever knew. I think I'll go jump in the river."

Buy Bats for Mabel. He said he would like to buy Mabel some "good eats." "Any time she wants to come to Omaha I'll buy her some steak and fried chicken," the letter runs.

"I hope Mabel will be happy," the letter continues, "with her husband. I want somebody to be happy in this world. True love never runs smooth; lots of stones in the way."

"Well, darling, your boy sure does love the ground you walk on. Life is almost unbearable living away from you. I hope the time will come when we can be together always."

"A big hug and a kiss and all the love there is in this boy's heart for the dearest girl in the world. Ed."

### To Show Motive for Suicide.

The letter was introduced by the defense in Mrs. Dodder's suit against the Aetna Insurance company to show the motive for suicide upon which recovery of the insurance by his widowed wife depends. The case is on one of several insurance policies amounting to nearly \$15,000, the recovery of which hinges on the jury's findings.

## Kelly Case Will Proceed; Begin To Examine Jurors

Red Oak, Ia., Nov. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—All hope of reaching an agreement of the attorneys and dismissing the Kelly case was abandoned today. The examination of the jurors was begun.

Rev. Mr. Kelly, accompanied by his wife, was brought into the court room at 10:30 o'clock as the first juror took the stand.

Kelly looks well and apparently has no fear of the result of the second hearing of the case in which he is accused of committing the Villisca ax murder of 1912. He has been in jail here since the last trial.

There were only a few spectators in the court room today. The audience was made up chiefly of the special panel of jurors. Sixty of the special panel of 100 were excused today until tomorrow morning.

Thirty-eight jurors were examined, 14 of whom were passed for cause. When court adjourned at 5:30 o'clock this evening it was predicted by the attorneys in the case that the jury would be completed by tomorrow evening.

## "Y" Fund in Nebraska Mounts to \$126,000

The Omaha Young Men's Christian Association war fund was swelled to the grand total of about \$61,790 during Tuesday when an aggregate sum of \$8,172.25 was obtained by local workers. The state total was \$126,000 were received by the association. Secretary Denison, of the Y. M. C. A., predicts the total sum of \$100,000 allotted to Omaha will be secured by the end of the week.

## Wounded Americans Among Canadian Troops in France

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—The names of the following Americans appear in today's Canadian casualty list: Wounded—D. E. Currie, Seattle, Wash.; Elmer Rivers, South Berkeley, Cal.

## LOCAL RIVER MEN ASK GOVERNMENT TO DRAG MISSOURI

Navigation League Would Buy Barges for Service Between Omaha and Decatur; Much Traffic Available.

The government has been asked to dredge the Missouri river at two points between Omaha and Decatur in order that an adequate channel for navigation might be assured at all periods of the navigation season.

W. A. Ellis, assistant commissioner of the Commercial club and member of the Missouri River Navigation league, has written the government engineers asking for this service at the hands of the government.

A snagboat makes trips up and down the Missouri many times during the navigation season and pulls many snags such as old drift wood, stumps, etc., but it is pointed out that this snagboat works up and down the river far above points where any navigation is even attempted. It is held that this is useless and that if the government would devote its attention merely to putting into navigable shape the part of the channel upon which a regular navigation line is maintained along this line would be of more practicable value. The two points in the channel which are said to need dredging the worst are Blenco crossing and the point at the mouth of the Little Sioux.

### To Purchase Barges.

Every effort is being made to increase the shipping facilities on the Missouri between Omaha and Decatur for next summer. Mr. Ellis has also written some letters out in search of some available barges which the company here would like to purchase. The United States engineers' office at St. Louis has replied to a letter, offering some of the government barges, but they of 600-ton capacity each, and the company here wants barges of not over 150 tons capacity.

### Farmers Elated.

The farmers in the vicinity of Decatur are growing more and more enthusiastic over the river navigation facilities for marketing their grain direct to Omaha. The Decatur Elevator company, with Hugh Gallup at the head, is now constructing a new elevator at Decatur of 25,000 bushels capacity in order to store the grain which the farmers will haul in there faster than it can be shipped out, and which will accumulate especially during the winter months while the river is frozen over. This elevator full of grain in the spring will assure a lot of hauling for the boats and barges on this line as soon as the ice breaks.

## Liberty Loan Bonds Reach New Low Level at \$99.90

New York, Nov. 13.—Liberty loan 4 per cent bonds made a new low record on the stock exchange here today, a lot of \$10,000 selling at \$99.90.

## Eagle Spreads Protecting Wings Over Parachute Leapers at Fort

An omen of early peace has come to Omaha, a sign of luck for the American army.

During the last few days a great American eagle—coming from no one knows where—wheeling and circling in great sweeps across the sky, has daily visited the balloon fields where 2,000 busy young soldiers are practicing balloon observation.

The eagle is particularly attached to the Florence field, a large bare plot of ground recently leased by the balloon school because parachute leaps might be made there unhampered by trees and telephone poles.

Only in the last week have parachute leaps been permitted the eager students, who have long clamored for opportunity to take this most daring of chances, which will give training useful "over there" when the German army gets busy and attack the United States balloons.

Last Sunday three daring young



## "MY GOD! I'VE FOUND HER," WEIRD CRY OF NETHAWAY ON STAND IN SMITH MURDER CASE

Bloody Garments Are Exhibited in Crowded Court Room To Assist State in Laying Tangled Skein of Evidence, Gathered in the Lonesome Moor Of Florence Lowlands.

"I saw what I thought was the dead branch of a tree. It was my wife's leg with her stocking on, and the next step I took I met my wife!"

"My God! I yelled, 'I've found her!'"

Nethaway half rose from his seat on the witness stand and froze the blood in the veins of his listeners in the crowded court room with the unexpectedness of his weird cry. He sank back in his seat immediately and gave the rest of his testimony in his natural high-tension delivery.

### HUSBAND ON STAND.

Claud L. Nethaway, husband of the murdered woman, was called to the stand at 4 p. m. Tuesday after a tangled skein of evidence, including the bloody undergarments, an unidentified man's handkerchief and a mysterious piece of underclothing, had been placed before the jury.

### EVIDENCE IMPORTANT.

A small oblong piece of underclothing was identified by Judge Ben S. Baker, who arrived at the court shortly after Nethaway found his wife's body. Judge Baker testified to finding the piece of a woman's undergarment hanging to a weed between the shelf on which the body was found and the level of the railroad right-of-way. He found a path where someone had climbed through the weeds up the steep bank. Near it was the piece of undergarment; a little farther on a woman's hair switch, and farther still, spread out on top of a weed, a woman's handkerchief, which Nethaway identified as belonging to his wife.

### Scissors Were Used.

The remarkable fact is that the piece of woman's undergarment found

by Judge Baker is white and clean and has jagged, rather than torn notches along the edge. It appears to have been cut out with scissors. This piece of undergarment does not match the bloody pieces of undergarment found on the murdered woman. It is of different material. The blood stained garments were heavily ribbed. The oblong piece is soft and of fine-ribbed material.

The bank below the shelf upon which the body was found is 35 feet high. It is eaten out by gulches and water gulleys, making ascent very difficult.

### Nethaway on Stand.

Claud L. Nethaway, husband of the murdered woman, took the stand at 4 p. m. at the call of the prosecution. He walked to the witness chair briskly and took the oath in quick, nervous manner and sat down facing his interrogators. Throughout his testimony he remained comparatively collected but talked in a rapid, jerky manner so swiftly that at times his words were indistinguishable and the court had to request him to speak slower and with greater distinctness.

Nethaway is a rather small, well built man with iron-gray hair, thinning at the back and running to points in front where it curls up from its parting in the middle, giving his face a peculiarly keen and intellectual expression. A thin, pointed nose contributes to the general appearance commonly called "hatchet faced." His small, deeply sunken eyes are continually covered by his small eyelids which are raised only occasionally as he glances sharply about the room.

The thought of his dead wife, constantly before him, has evidently had its effect upon his mind and nervous system.

### Testifies Fully.

He testified in the minutest detail at every opportunity. He rehearsed his movements from the time he left home at 1:30 Sunday afternoon until he was taken from his wife's body and carried home.

At 1:30 he drove to his office in Florence, where he had a date to take a man to see some real estate. He said Henry Moore called him in the morning to be at the office in the afternoon. He called up Mr. Wickstrom, 1519 North Thirty-eighth street, in Omaha, among other things, and had some sort of dealings with a Mr. Tucker. His testimony became definite when he called up Mr. Wickstrom's home and took Mr. Wickstrom up to the Al Close's house.

He had an engagement to meet Myron L. Learned at 3 p. m. at the Briggs station. He said he met him a little after 3 o'clock. He said he did not go home before that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Herdman testified (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

## STREETS RUN RED AS FACTIONS FIGHT FOR PETROGRAD

Handful of Loyal Military Cadets Slaughtered After Desperate Struggle Before Cathedral of St. Isaac.

Petrograd, Monday, Nov. 12.—There are conflicting reports from Moscow and other large cities. The Bolshevik report officially that Moscow is still in their hands, although a telegram to the committee of public safety on Sunday said that the Kerensky adherents there had driven the Bolsheviks into the Kremlin, where they were besieged.

Among the reports heard is one indicating that Lenin and Trotsky are aboard the cruiser Aurora and are directing operations from that place of safety.

At the corner of the Grand Moskva and the Gorkovskaya, near the telephone exchange, during the long battle on Sunday, in which the Bolsheviks regained possession of the exchange from the military cadets, there were intermittent fusillades from rifles and machine guns during the morning and the afternoon as the Bolsheviks, stationed 100 yards down the Morskaya, made spasmodic sorties toward the exchange. A curious crowd peered around the corners, huddled buildings and crouched in doorways to escape the bullets.

### Slaughter of Cadets.

An armored car manned by military cadets and stationed in the square around the Cathedral of St. Isaac cleared the streets there with a fusillade in reply to occasional firing from Bolshevik infantrymen hiding behind the marble columns in front of the great cathedral. Some time later the fuel supply of the car became exhausted and the car was captured by Bolshevik sailors, who killed two of the occupants by firing through the portholes. They then broke in the steel door and dragged the third occupant, who was wounded, to the streets. He was killed by the sailors while a crowd of spectators within the Hotel Astoria cried out in protest. The bodies lay in the street for half an hour until hospital

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## Creighton Student Said to Have Passed Highest Grade in Air Corps

Ralph T. Wilson, sophomore at the Creighton College of Arts, has been accepted for service in the aviation corps of Uncle Sam's army.

It is said that Wilson passed the rigorous mental test of the aviation examinations with the highest grade of any recruit who has entered this branch of the service. His physical examination also was perfect. Wilson has been sworn in and expects to be summoned within a week.

Wilson was in his sixth year at Creighton. He has been prominent in athletics at the blue and white institution, playing tennis, base ball, basketball and track. He has won five class medals and a number of elocutionary and oratorical prizes. He was a captain in the Creighton cadet regiment until his enlistment.

## Bolsheviki Are Defeated In Sanguinary Fighting

Stockholm, Nov. 13.—There was sanguinary fighting on the Nevsky Prospekt, says a dispatch, and the Bolsheviks failed to hold even the workmen's quarter of the city.

The foreign ambassadors, the message reports, are now in communication with General Korniloff.

## RED REVOLT WINS IN BLOODY BATTLE AT TSARSKOE-SELO

Mauravieff, Bolshevik Commander-in-Chief, Announces Utter Rout of Provisional Government Forces and Steps Are Taken to Cause the Arrest of Both Kerensky and Korniloff.

London, Nov. 13.—The complete defeat of Premier Kerensky and General Korniloff is announced in a Russian communication received here by wireless.

After bitter fighting near Tsarskoe-Selo, the revolutionary army completely defeated the counter revolutionary forces of Kerensky and Korniloff yesterday. The soldiers and workmen's deputies have ordered that all measures necessary be taken for the capture of Kerensky, who is retiring, according to the communication.

## Chaos Reigns in Russia Capital; Food Scarce

Copenhagen, Nov. 13.—A dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende says that Eric Hjorth, a Swedish director who left Petrograd Saturday and arrived at Haparanda, declares that the situation in the Russian capital is terrible.

Virtually all administration has ceased, authorities having given up all attempts to continue work. Bolshevik soldiers and sailors were sweeping through the streets like robber bands, committing all sorts of crimes and excesses.

Food was exceedingly scarce and prices were so high that it was impossible to pay them. Nearly the entire population was awaiting the arrival of Kerensky troops to be relieved of the terrorism.

## I.W.W. RAIDED; 64 MEN TAKEN IN BY POLICE

Assisted by Federal Authorities Local Detectives Swoop Down on Headquarters, With Good Result.

Acting under secret orders, and led by United States Marshal Flynn and a large corps of deputies the local police Tuesday raided the Industrial Workers of the World headquarters, Thirtieth and Douglas streets, and arrested 64 men and one woman, who gave the name of Mrs. Elmer Buse when booked at the station.

The raid came as a complete surprise and the police seized a large quantity of literature, said to be of a seditious character, which was turned over to the federal authorities. The police will investigate thoroughly the records of those arrested. They believe that they have some men who are wanted here and elsewhere. The police have definite knowledge of only one of the prisoners, T. A. Jenkins, one of the leaders of the organization. He was not in the hall at the time of the raid, but came in the hall shortly afterward and was placed under arrest.

No resistance was offered and only one man tried to escape. While loading up the emergency car at the hall, he took advantage of the confusion and slipped out the opposite door of the car. He was quickly overtaken and went peacefully to the station. The general temper of the men was, in fact, quite happy. They sang, laughed and joked (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Petrograd, Nov. 13.—The American consul general at Moscow, telegraphing to Ambassador Francis under Sunday's date, confirms reports of fighting there between the Bolsheviks and the provisional government forces. The consul general says: "It seems the government troops are winning. John F. Stevens is here, but cannot get in touch with him, as consulate is center of fighting. All Americans safe. Rumor Cossacks already arrived."

Ambassador Francis, who says he will remain here to look after the interests of his government and the safety of American citizens, has received no offers from the Bolshevik government or any word from Washington since November 3.

Mr. Stevens, as chairman of the American railway commission, went to Moscow to act as special adviser to the government in connection with the operation of the Russian railways. The employees of the official Russian telegraph agency have gone on strike. They refuse to transmit Bolshevik propaganda.

The seizure of the central telephone exchange by the military cadets was made possible by deceiving the Bolshevik guard, to whom the cadets presented forged credentials from the Lenin government. Two Americans spent Sunday with the cadets who defended the building—Miss Bessie Beatty of the San Francisco Bulletin and Albert Rhyes Williams of Boston.

The military cadets were prompted to undertake the venture in the belief that Premier Kerensky and his army were soon to retake the city. They numbered not more than 60 and had only little ammunition. Early in the afternoon the cadets realized their (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Orders for Knitting and War Cook Books were filled during the one week ending Friday, November 2, all on coupons cut from The Bee.

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