

YOUTH WEEPS AT NOTE WRITTEN BY DEAD GIRL LOVE

Bitterly Deplores Failure To Take Seriously Her Threats of Suicide.

Silently weeping beside the bier of his sweetheart, Laura Kenny, 19-year-old beauty, who swallowed poison Tuesday noon following a threat of her lover that he was going away, Jesse Cook, 17 years old, 1211 Pierce street, clutched a soulful note left him by the dead girl.

The note was found pressed against the heart of the dead girl Tuesday night at the undertaking parlors of Korisko Brothers, 1230 South Thirteenth street.

When the youthful lover of the Kenny girl visited the undertaking parlors yesterday to view the remains of his sweetheart, he was handed the note. He read it, then burst into tears as he clutched it.

"A Broken Heart."

The note read:

"Dear Jesse: I told you that no other man will love me but you, and I am going to make my word good and try to break your heart forever."

"And, Dearie, you said that no one could part us, but I have found out different, so you can love, then, and you can sit down and think of what I told you when I am gone."

"Dearie, you let my sister know and she will take care of me. Remember that I died with a broken heart. You have my sister's address in your book, and let her know."

"So goodby, love."

"And I guess you and all the rest of the dead are satisfied. Your love wife Laura to my true love man."

Sister on Way Here.

Mrs. Martha Sage, 909 Easton street, Chillicothe, Mo., a sister of the suicide victim, has been notified and is on her way to Omaha to take charge of the body.

The Kenny girl bought a vial of carbolic acid the day before with money given her by her lover, Jesse Cook.

The girl and young Cook met four months ago at the Star hotel, Thirteenth and Leavenworth streets, Cook said.

"I fell in love with her," he stated, "and, as mother is dead, I asked pa if Laura could live with us. He consented."

The Kenny girl had been making her home with him since.

Only Joking, He Says.

Two days ago, Cook told his sweetheart that he was going to Atchison, Kan., with his uncle. The girl grew despondent over the threat. Cook said, and Tuesday morning began to tell him about his going away.

"I joked with her," the boy said. "I told her I wouldn't be gone long and would come back to her."

At this, the girl cried and ran into the bedroom, Cook told police. She was seen to come into the kitchen again and got some writing paper and a pencil. Several moments later Cook heard her call from the bedroom: "Jesse, you'd better come to me or you'll never come again."

Cook Is Heartbroken.

"I thought she was joking," Cook said.

A scream from the girl, and Cook ran into the room only to find his sweetheart in agony after having swallowed a vial of poison. Police were notified, and the girl was carried to the drug store of Emil Cernak, 1204 South Thirteenth street. Here she died in the arms of her lover who was administering antidotes to her.

"Goodby, Jess," were the dying girl's last words. Cook is heartbroken over the affair.

Aged Man and Wife Found Dead; Children Did Not Know of Need

Weymouth, Mass., Dec. 17.—Henry and Louise G. Nutting, aged, respectively, 87 and 82 years, were found dead in their home, victims of cold and privation.

These two lifelong companions, who during a long and arduous married life had faced together the happiness and sadness of life, had accepted proudly and without finching the tragic hardships that marked their end, and died together without any appeal to the outer world for aid.

Although a married daughter, Mrs. Aline Humphreys, lived at near as Braintree, the aged parents had refrained from making known their need, even to one so near and dear.

With practically no food in the house and no fuel, the cause of the deaths was only too apparent. The old people even had but scanty clothing. The woman was found sitting in a rocking chair, wrapped in a comforter. Her husband lay on the floor, one arm outstretched in the direction of the door, as though the end had come while he was endeavoring to summon aid.

Christmas Divorce Rush Is Under Way in Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The Christmas rush for divorces is on in Chicago. Court attaches say they can't explain this Christmas divorce rush, but say that the number of divorce applications invariably increases around the Yuletide holidays.

Close to 100 divorces were issued one day by Judge McDonald and, court attaches say, indications are that the demand this year will be heavier than usual.

Farmers to Kill Stock Because of Cost of Feed

Lakeview, Mich., Dec. 17.—Farmers in this section are killing their horses and selling the hides on account of the high cost of feed for stock. Scores of work animals used in cultivating crops during the past summer have been bought by hide dealers, the farmers, rather than see the faithful servants starve, prefer to kill or sell them. Horses valued at \$250 a year ago are selling for from \$50 to \$75 now.

Omaha Women Vote \$1000 to National Suffrage Fund

Draft for Largest Amount Ever Submitted by Nebraska Society to Be Sent Carrie Chapman Catt Immediately—Present Board to Be Retained.

A draft of \$1,000 will be sent at once to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National Suffrage association, as a gift from the Omaha Equal Franchise society, to help win adoption of the federal suffrage amendment.

Leaders in the franchise society say this is the largest sum, so far as they know, ever sent the national suffrage organization from a Nebraska group. Mrs. Charles E. Johannes, president, conducted the short business session at the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday afternoon, at which the money was voted. Mrs. Irving F. Baxter, treasurer, will secure the draft.

To Aid Favorable Action.

This money, which goes to the national organization for use in gaining favorable action on the amendment in doubtful states, has been earned during the administration of four presidents, Messdames E. S. Rood, J. M. Metcalf, Charles E. Johannes and Miss Mona Cowell.

The greater part of it came through a series of lectures given by Dr. Fred Morrow Fling, head of the European history department, University of Nebraska. Memberships, bazars and parties also added to the fund.

The recommendation covering the expenditure was drawn by Mrs. W. B. Fonda, Miss Ruth Mills and Mrs. Halleck Rose. It reads in part: "Whereas, The Equal Franchise society went on record at the state suffrage convention in 1917 to support the federal amendment until such time as the amendment became a national act, and

Present Board Retained.

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Mrs. Charles E. Johannes

committee through the national president, Carrie Chapman Catt, has made a very urgent request for funds to continue the campaign for completing the ratification by the remaining states;

"We recommend that the equal franchise board send, with a brief letter to the national president, Carrie Chapman Catt, \$1,000 for campaign purposes."

Upon motion it was voted that the present board remain intact and transact the business of the organization until the society shall see fit to disband or reorganize.

My Heart and My Husband ADELE GARRISON'S New Phase of "Revelations of a Wife"

The Way Lillian Managed Katie and Jim.

Katie answered the summoning bell promptly. "You want something, Meesiss Graham?" she asked smiling at me. "No, I'm the one who wants something, Katie," Lillian said. "Is Jim anywhere around?"

"He down in kitchen helping me do dishes. We going to the movies soon as we get fixed."

"Her voice expressed the strong hope that no task of Lillian's would upset the plan for the "movies." My friend's eyes twinkled, but her voice was grave.

"I don't want Jim to do anything tonight that will keep you from the movies," she said. "But I've heard of a desk and drawing board that I want to buy. I need them while I'm here with Mrs. Graham, and I find I can get a bargain in them. But they won't deliver them, so I want Jim—"

"Oh, dot Jeem! He get anything like dot so easy," Katie interrupted with sublime ignorance of her impertinence. "I run, tell heem you want to see heem in dot shake of sheep's tail. I feenish dishes opp greeck, and we not be late by movies?" Her voice was wistful.

"I won't keep him five minutes," Lillian promised, and before a similar interval of time had elapsed, Jim, awkward but with honesty and eagerness to please written all over his face, knocked at the door and entered.

I confess I waited with curious interest to hear what Lillian would say to Jim. I had caught my breath with admiration at the clever manner in which she had forestalled Katie's possible curiosity by telling her the truth, which yet was not a truth. Jim would be able to go upon his errand without being annoyed by questions from his temperamental wife.

I could imagine the life Jim would lead if Katie got an idea that he was employed upon some mysterious errand which he must keep a secret from her. She would have the truth out of him in no time. But with Katie satisfied, I knew that Jim would volunteer no further information to her, and as for his betraying our confidence to anyone else I knew that wild horses could not draw a single syllable from him.

"Sit down, Jim," Lillian pushed forward a chair, and he sat down in it awkwardly. "Did Katie tell you what we wanted of you?"

"She said something about you wanting me to get a desk and a board from some place that wouldn't deliver them," he replied slowly, evidently anxious to get his message straight.

"That's what we want Katie to think, and you must not tell her otherwise," Lillian said impressively.

I saw a startled look flash into Jim's eyes, but he impressively kept silent, waiting for her next words.

"Mrs. Graham and I have a friend who is in serious trouble," Lillian went on slowly. "There is a way in which we can help her by keeping a desk which belongs to her until she is able to take care of it herself. But it must not be known to certain people that Mrs. Graham has the desk."

Lillian paused, evidently for the more careful framing of her words. But I was watching Jim's open face. At the pronoun, "her" which Lillian had used I had seen an incredulous look flash into his eyes, and suspected that Jim had recognized the fact that the friend we were trying to help and shield was Kenneth Stockbridge.

"I do not know just yet where you will be sent after the desk," Lillian went on. "But I want you to be ready all day tomorrow to go anywhere at a minute's notice, and above all things you must give Katie no inkling that your errand is other than she thinks. I am telling you this now so that you may realize the importance of this errand and be ready for it."

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The announcement stated that this report "had been repeated to the war office without comment by the officer commanding at Meshed three days after the alleged destruction of himself and his command." The dispatch from the Meshed commander was received at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

It is declared by officials here that the report was obviously bolshevik propaganda intended to stir up trouble in the east, particularly in India.

Many Italian Families Adopt Austrian Boys and Girls

Rome, Dec. 17.—Many Italian families have agreed to adopt or educate Austrian children being brought into Italy from Vienna to save them from starvation.

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