

VIOLA KRAUS CLEARS SELF IN ELWELL MURDER

Assistant District Attorney
Convinced Woman Not Con-
nected With Killing of
N. Y. Sportsman.

New York, June 17.—The investigation of the mysterious murder last Friday of Joseph B. Elwell, a sportsman and whist expert, took a new turn tonight when Assistant District Attorney Dooling and Unger visited the home of Walter Lewishin, to question once more the members of his family, who were dinner guests of Elwell at the Ritz Carlton hotel the night before he was shot.

This followed a searching cross-examination for hours today by Victor von Schlegell, divorced husband of Miss Viola Kraus, Mrs. Lewishin's sister. Von Schlegell also had dinner Thursday night at the Ritz with a companion described as "the woman in black" whose identity he revealed to the district attorney.

On leaving the Lewishin home after a three-hour interview with Miss Kraus, Mr. Dooling completely cleared her name of any connection with the crime. He stated she had given him information that may prove of value in the investigation.

"It is only fair to Miss Kraus," said Mr. Dooling, "that the public be informed that she was not connected in the slightest way with any intrigue involving Elwell. She has answered all our questions fully, frankly and freely and is entirely vindicated of having anything to do with the affair."

District Attorney Swan announced tonight he would question Mrs. Elwell, the slain man's widow; Edwin Rhodes, his chauffeur; Mrs. Marie Larson, the housekeeper; and Frank Jeffries, a negro, said by the police to have been a valet employed by "Jack" De Saules, who was shot and killed by his wife in his Long Island home about three years ago. The police say Jeffries told them Elwell and De Saules had been close friends.

The story of Joseph Wagstaff, a chauffeur, that another taxicab driver had told him of having driven a man and a woman to Elwell's home at an early hour Friday morning was discredited tonight by Assistant District Attorney Joyce.

Progressive Wing Will Back Harding

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talk' upon the position the republican party should take in the campaign.

Although Mr. Strassburger was one of the most enthusiastic Johnson backers, he told Senator Harding today that the hatchet would be buried so far as he was concerned, and that all republicans, no matter what their complexion, should rally behind the candidate. Senator Moses is expected to swing not only disappointed Leonard Wood supporters into line, but also some of the progressives. On leaving Senator Harding's office today, he was all smiles.

Kenyon Message Significant. Senator Harding passed a resolution that Ohio and New Hampshire should go solidly republican this time," he said.

The message from Senator Kenyon was regarded as significant, for on Tuesday the senator was quoted as being disappointed with the republican selection of a nominee. Today he wired congratulations and the assurance of a 60,000 majority in Iowa for Harding.

Nicholas Murray Butler's stand was told in a telegram yesterday by H. Griffiths, which said Butler introduced a resolution at a meeting of the Hamilton republican club of New York "heartily endorsing and ratifying the ticket nominees at Chicago and pledging our best efforts to the election of Harding and Coolidge." The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Invitations have been sent out to practically every republican of consequence to confer with the senator on campaign policies.

Sunday School Caravan Spends Night in North Platte

North Platte, Neb., June 17.—(Special)—The Nebraska State Sunday School society caravan arrived in North Platte Wednesday on the way to Scottsbluff to its annual convention. There were cars from Lincoln, Omaha, Grand Island, Alma and Maxwell. North Platte High school band met the caravan one-half mile out of town and escorted it into the city. After a light lunch, the visitors went to the tabernacle where about 1,500 people welcomed them. The caravan spent the night in North Platte and left Thursday morning.

State Y. M. C. A. Camp Is Opened at Columbus

Columbus, Neb., June 17.—(Special)—Camp Shelton, the state boys camp of the Y. M. C. A., opened the 1920 camping season with a large enrollment of young boys throughout the state. No special exercises were scheduled for the opening, but July 4, Camp Shelton day, will be celebrated in a similar manner to the observance of the dedication at the inception of the camp last year.

Similar rules to those of last year will form the government of the camp. O. H. Dietz, state secretary of the Hi-Y department, will have charge of the camp this year.

Dodge County Farmers Ask For Men to Work by Month

Fremont, Neb., June 17.—(Special)—Dodge county farmers are asking for farm labor in preparation for the coming harvest, but they wish to hire men by the month at wages from \$70 to \$80 and board and room. They do not want day labor. Floater through the city are being sent to farms, but the labor that is coming in balks at steady jobs, preferring work by the day. Hay cutting is going on with cultivation of corn, and the wheat will be ready to harvest in about three weeks.

Mystery of Wealthy Clubman's Death Deepens More Daily



Mrs. Joseph B. Elwell



Joseph B. Elwell

Joseph B. Elwell, wealthy club man and an international authority on bridge whist, and a favorite in New York, Newport and Palm Beach social circles, who was slain in his New York home, and Mrs. Helen Derby Elwell, his widow, from whom he was separated. The mystery of Elwell's death is one of the most sensational and baffling cases the New York police have known for years. Mr. Elwell's picture was taken when he was dressed for a costume call at Palm Beach. In his will the "bridge whist king," as he was known, left \$200,000 to his son, who has been living with his mother. Elwell was found unconscious the morning of June 11 in a reception room of his home, shot through the head. Failure to find a weapon in the room and no trace of anyone having been in the room with Elwell only deepened the mystery in the strange case. It is said that three women had keys to Elwell's home and the police are endeavoring to identify the women in the belief that one of them may throw some light on the mystery.

Railroad Commission Will Continue Hearing

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man element is not considered," said Attorney Bigelow, when asked whether the union would co-operate in the hearing.

"The union must find another tribunal to take up the dispute, although what body would act I cannot say at present. The scope of the hearing is now defined by the commission as such that I am unwilling to have my clients bound by the results."

The union moved that its complaint, asking for a 13-cent wage increase, be withdrawn and the hearing discontinued when the commission yesterday morning ruled the cost of living should not enter into the testimony.

President Short of the union, said a strike would be resorted to only as a last measure. "There are several other moves we can make before striking," said Short, "but whatever happens we've got to have more money."

To Continue Testimony. The commission will serve subpoenas on members of the union who will furnish the best evidence this morning, it was announced. Consideration of working hours will be taken in serving these subpoenas, the commission stated.

Evidence will be taken without regard to regular order as the hearing will assume the nature of an inquiry, Chairman Taylor of the commission said.

Counsel for the union said the men, summoned, would not refuse to answer questions of the commission.

How the Company Stands.

The company offered statistics during the hearing yesterday afternoon to show that a greater number of cars now are in service than ever before, that the car mileage is greater, that the number of men employed is larger, and that the number of accidents is smaller than ever before.

The company asserted its willingness "to leave the matter to the discretion of the commission," but reserved the right to challenge the jurisdiction of the commission.

Fate of Measure Before President Still Mystery

Washington, June 17.—The 10-day period afforded President Wilson under a ruling by Attorney General Palmer to approve or veto 10 measures enacted by congress during the closing days of the recent session expired tonight without announcement from the White House as to action taken.

White House officials said that the fate of the 10 measures, together with the action of the water power bill, the time limit on which expired Friday, might be revealed tomorrow.

U. S. Employees, 70 Years Old, Must Be Retired; Palmer

Washington, June 17.—Federal employees who have reached the age of retirement—70 years—although they have not given the minimum of 15 years' service required under the retirement law, must be dropped from the rolls, Attorney General Palmer ruled today. Such employees, he said, cannot draw retirement pen-

FIFTEEN PLANKS TO BE ASKED BY WOMEN'S BUREAU

Right of Collective Bargaining
Heads List Sent to Delegates
to San Francisco
Convention.

New York, June 17.—There were fifteen planks which the democratic national convention will be asked to include in its platform sent today to delegates to the convention by the women's bureau of the democratic national committee. The planks were prepared by the labor committee of the bureau, of which Mrs. Robert Bruere of New York is the chairman, after conferences with various bodies of workers.

The planks advocate the right of collective bargaining between employers and employees through representatives of their own choosing; government control of basic industries affecting the necessities of life, nationalization of the railroads and their administration by a corporation or commission on which the public, the management and labor shall be represented; operation of federal fuel and steel commissions and development of the present system of collective bargaining into national industrial councils of the industries.

The committee also urges abolition of labor of children under 14, general adoption of an eight-hour law; that wages be placed on the basis of service without regard to sex, and minimum wages "which will insure to all wage-earners a proper standard of health, comfort and efficiency."

Other planks recommended include: Development of a national system of employment offices under joint control of federal and state boards and organization of labor corps with transportation subsidies for harvesting; extension and development of the bureau of women's industrial and steel commissions and development of the present system of collective bargaining into national industrial councils of the industries.

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bor statistics to make public facts concerning investment, capitalization, earnings and wages also is urged.

Michigan Branch of Committee of 48 Did Not Ask Aid for Reds

Detroit, June 17.—The Michigan branch of the Committee of Forty-eight in its state convention here June 15 took no action on a resolution proposing recognition of the present Russian government, as was erroneously reported immediately after the convention, according to the state executive committee.

It was explained today that the misunderstanding apparently grew out of the debate on a resolution declaring against interference in the domestic affairs of foreign nations.

"The Committee of Forty-eight platform is a domestic platform, on American economic affairs and has not yet concerned itself with international affairs in any way," the executive committee statement said.

The committee certified 42 delegates to the national convention.

National Business Being 'Pared Down,' Cushing Says

Washington, June 17.—National business is being "pared down" through embargoes and priorities to fit the capacity of the country's railroads, George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal association, declared in an address before the City club of Washington, Mr. Cushing, who is shippers' representative on the local terminal committee appointed by the Interstate Commerce commission, said his remarks should not be construed as a criticism of the agencies now working to overcome freight congestion.

Mr. Cushing said coal production since April 1, has increased on an average of 855,800 tons per week over last year, giving a total increase in that period of 7,700,000 tons.

No Intention of Scrapping Turkish Pact by England

London, June 17.—There is no intention of scrapping the Turkish treaty, as has been reported, so far as the British government is concerned, it was learned today. But, it was intimated, Great Britain is willing to make important modifications in the hope of stabilizing the Near East situation.

Conditions in that part of the world are rapidly becoming worse from a British standpoint and the British ministers are declared to be willing to change some clauses of the treaty most objectionable to the Turks if steps to relieve the situation are promised.

INSURGENTS IN W. O. W. BLAMED FOR RATE SUIT

Sovereign Commander on
Stand Reads Official Re-
ports—Says Salary Is
\$25,000 a Year.

Nebraska City, Neb., June 17.—(Special Telegram)—That the insurgents in the Woodmen of the World among the various lodges of the order, the men who are behind the present litigation, are spreading propaganda for the purpose of which is to disrupt the organization, was the statement of W. A. Fraser, head of the order, in his cross-examination given in the district court here.

It was brought out during the trial that Mr. Fraser is paid \$25,000 a year for his services as sovereign commander of the order. The witness also stated that the order had 800,000 members of which 200,000 are in the state of Nebraska.

Much of the testimony had to do with the last grand lodge meeting and extracts from the official report were read into the record.

Mr. Fraser stated: "The men behind this suit have visited states throughout the country and spread their propaganda in the local lodges and have caused thousands to drop out." He also stated that a slush fund of \$1,000,000 had been raised by assessing members \$1 each, with which to carry on this suit, which is an effort of the insurgents to defeat the proposed rate increase.

Court adjourned this afternoon and the arguments will be made before Judge Button, presiding over

the hearing, at Fremont, Neb., probably the early part of next week.

Nebraska Manager For Wood to Support Entire G. O. P. Ticket

Lincoln, June 17.—(Special)—"I am for the republican ticket from top to bottom." This is the statement of Frank P. Corrick, who has just returned from Chicago, where he was one of the supporters of Leonard Wood during the convention. Mr. Corrick was state manager of the Wood campaign in Nebraska and had a very deep interest in the winning of the nomination for his favorite candidate.

"Of course I am considerably disappointed," said Mr. Corrick, "but we put up a good fight and while the other fellows beat us to it, I am not going to lay back and kick about it. I expect to get into the fight and do my part for the whole ticket from the president down through the entire state ticket."

Fremont, Neb., June 17.—(Special)—Fremont's famous diamond ring controversy ended when Mrs. Belle Roth, from whom by two jury verdicts Mrs. Christine Dunkel won a diamond valued at \$1,000, formally announced she would not appeal to the supreme court. Mrs. Pearl Wilds, under of a second diamond at the rear of one of Mrs. Roth's houses, was given this ring by the court.

Mrs. Dunkel, tenant of Mrs. Roth, claimed her diamond disappeared on the occasion of a visit by the latter and the jury supported that claim. A second trial was granted, when Mrs. Wilds produced the second ring, but a second jury decided that Mrs. Dunkel was entitled to the original gem.

Mrs. Wilds declared that she wished to sell the ring now given to her by the court.



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Specials Friday in Domestic

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Six Big Friday Bargains---Very Attractively Priced

<p>Fancy Printed Dress Voile Regular \$1 Quality In a beautiful collection of floral and various other patterns; suitable for dresses and blouses; special, at per yard 69c</p> <p>Organdy and Batiste Regular 75c Quality In assorted plain colors for blouses, dresses and underwear; 40 inches wide; while 2,000 yards last at, per yard 39c</p> <p>White Corduroy—36 Inches Wide Regular \$1.25 Quality A beautiful soft fabric for outing suits and skirts; 36 inches wide; a splendid quality at this low special price Friday, at per yard 79c</p>	<p>Chiffon Voile—40 Inches Wide Regular \$1 Quality In a beautiful soft finish; all the wanted plain shades, including white; 40 inches wide; special, at per yard 75c</p> <p>Beautiful Tissue-Gingham Exceptional Value Attractive woven stripes and plain colors; sheer and dainty for summer wear; an exceptionally good value; special, at per yard 48c</p> <p>Beach Suiting—36 Inches Wide Regular 69c Quality In a wonderful assortment of beautiful shades for wash dresses, suits, middie and blouses; 36 inches wide; special, at per yard 45c</p>
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Brandeis Stores—Basement—North

Buy, Friday, Your "Hot Weather Dressing" Needs!

Specials In Hardware For Friday

<p>Electric Fans 8-in. Special at 11.98 8-inch size; guaranteed motor; will cool off a good sized room. Special, each, 11.98</p> <p>Long Handled Dust Pan Dirt can't spill out—saves the back—no bending; special Friday, 23c</p> <p>Climax Wall Paper Cleaner In tin cans. It saves a lot of money. Special two cans for 21c</p>	<p>Extra! "Diamond C" Soap 10 Bars for 42c</p> <p>Special! Wash Boilers No. 8 Size Galvanized iron, stationary handles; fine value. 1.98</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</p>	<p>Aluminum Kettles Special Friday, at 1.59 6 and 8-quart size; some with lids, at 1.59</p> <p>Wall Clothes Dryer Made of hardwood; folds when not in use; has eight arms; special at 29c</p> <p>Oil of Wax Polish In quart bottles; keeps things bright around home; special, at 49c</p>
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Brandeis Stores—Basement—West

A Specially Priced Chance to Supply Your Home Needs

Napkins, Scarfs and Toweling

Five Special Prices on Curtains, Shades, Drapes and Hammocks

<p>Napkins, Worth 20c About 1,800 Mercerized Damask Napkins; an exceptionally good value; hemmed, and ready to use, special for Friday, each, at 10c</p> <p>Toweling, Worth 29c 2,500 yards of soft, absorbent, heavy quality cotton toweling; fancy borders; specially good for glassware; special, at, per yard, 19c</p> <p>Fancy Linen Scarfs Regular 59c Values Manufacturers' samples in lace-trimmed scarfs. The lot also includes odds and ends from our regular stock; specially priced for Friday in our basement linen section, each, at 39c</p> <p>Damask Remnants All damask remnants, consisting of mercerized, all linen and part linen (no seconds), at a saving of one-fourth off the regular price.</p>	<p>Scrim and Curtain Remnants In desirable curtain lengths, slightly soiled; specially priced, at per yard, 15c</p> <p>1,000 Window Shades, 6 Ft. Long Light and dark green; 27 to 33 inches wide; 6 feet long; a bargain, each, at 50c</p> <p>"Comfy" Hammocks, Values to \$2.98 For Summer comfort; a splendid assortment of colorings; special, at \$1.98</p> <p>Filet Curtain Nets, Values to 79c Attractive patterns for bungalow and Summer curtains; 36 to 40 inches wide; special, yard at 55c</p> <p>1,000 Linoleum Mats A useful mat for kitchen and pantries; size 18x36; all colors; special, each, at 29c</p>
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Brandeis Stores—Basement—South

Bargains in Men's and Boys' Underwear, Wash Ties and Shirts

<p>Men's Ribbed Athletic Union Suits Sizes 34, 36, 38 Only, at 69c</p> <p>These athletic union suits are made of checked knissock—sleeveless—knee length or short sleeves and ankle length; very special, at 69c</p>	<p>Men's Nainsook Shirts & Drawers Special, Garment, at 29c Made in a loose comfortable athletic style; every garment guaranteed; all sizes in the lot and very special, specially priced 29c</p> <p>Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers Of fine quality Balbriggan; short sleeves, ankle length; all sizes; special at 79c</p>	<p>Boys' Dandy Sport Shirts All Sizes, Special, at 59c</p> <p>In a variety of new Summer patterns, of plain blue chambray and fancy striped percales; made in sport collar style. 59c</p> <p>Men's Wash Ties Extra fine quality assorted striped materials on light grounds; special, while they last, each, at 15c</p>
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Another Wonderful Sale

—of 800—

Hart Schaffner & Marx

Suits for Men and Young Men

For Saturday

At **37⁷⁵** Suit

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\$2.50, \$3 to \$5 Values

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