

Girl-Bride Aids In Capture of Her Assailant

Wife of Des Moines Soldier
Held Prisoner in Home of
Ex-Convict for 40 Hours
Before Escape.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram).—After being held a prisoner for 40 hours by Archie Morris, ex-convict, pretty 17-year-old Lucile Flanagan, bride of three days of Private James Flanagan, Fort Des Moines, assisted today in the arrest of her assailant. A charge of attempted assault was filed against Morris and he was once more lodged behind the bars. Police assert that he has already spent over 20 years in prison for attempted assaults on young girls and women. According to the story told police by the girl-wife, Morris met her on the street corner near her home. They had met before and his home was only a short distance away. On a trivial excuse he persuaded her to come to his home a minute. Once there he imprisoned her and for 40 hours she fought off repeated attacks. A stranger who came to the house heard her story and assisted in her escape. Morris was discharged from Fort Madison prison only three weeks ago. He was at one time sentenced to life imprisonment and the decision was reversed by the supreme court.

Scandal Revealed In Coal Investigation

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tion, when Mr. Cushing proceeded to back up his charges with additional testimony. He charged that railroad officials

and labor leaders who had to do with the handling of coal also managed to get "a rake off" frequently. All these levies, he explained, helped to raise the price of coal up to the unprecedented heights which have prevailed during the past year.

Prosecutions Thwarted.

Another sensational feature of the investigation was the production of evidence showing how the American Wholesale Coal Dealers' association succeeding in thwarting the campaign instituted last summer by the Department of Justice against profiteering operators. Senator Calder of New York, chairman of the investigating committee, brought forth a telegram sent by Mr. Cushing to members of his organization advising them not to answer the questionnaire sent out by the Department of Justice for the purpose of obtaining information about the operators' prices. The department wanted the wholesale coal dealers to give names of the operators from whom they bought their coal and how much they paid.

Mr. Cushing admitted sending the telegram. "I didn't want members of our association to become informers on operators who supplied them with the coal that kept them in the business," he explained.

Mr. Cushing blamed the high coal prices on "A runaway market created by a paper of the buyers caused by alarmist statements issued by the interstate commerce commission, the railroad administration, the United States geological survey, the senate interstate commerce commission and the war industries board," to the effect that the country faced a serious fuel shortage. He declared the interstate commerce commission appeared to be "panic stricken" and issued unnecessary priority orders which made the situation worse.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Cushing said, there was no real coal shortage and buyers from now on could forget there was such a thing as a coal problem. Production of bituminous coal this year was breaking all records, he said.

Secretary Colby Reaches Brazil

Emissary of President Wilson
Makes First Stop in
Southland.

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 21.—Bainbridge Colby, the American secretary of state, arrived here this morning on board the battleship Florida from the United States. Mr. Colby, who is accompanied by General Cronkite and Admiral Bassett, representing the United States army and navy, respectively, came to Brazil to return the visit of President Pessoa to the United States. The Florida sailed from Newport News, Va., December 4.

Will Care for Needy.

Ord, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram).—The Knights of Pythias order will carry on its Christmas charity work here this year as in the past. There are several needy families in the city which will be cared for.

Wounded York Man Dies.

York Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram).—Elmer Klone, who was seriously wounded in the leg last Sunday, died at the Lutheran hospital this afternoon.

Teachers to Meet at Wayne.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram).—The executive committee of the North Nebraska Teachers' association has voted to hold its annual convention at Wayne, Neb.

According to Mr. George Petros, proprietor of the Henshaw Valley of Sweets, prices on candy have been reduced from 20 to 25 per cent, which makes it very timely and convenient for holiday shoppers.—Adv.

Dresden strains all of its sewage and disposes of the solid matter to farmers for fertilizer.

Son Witnesses Death of Men Who Killed Mother

Thomas Vogt Refuses to Recognize Grammer as He
Passes Cell Immediately
Before Execution.

While his sister, Elizabeth Grammer, was sitting in the cell vacated a few minutes prior by her husband, Allen Vincent Grammer, Thomas L. Vogt, 28-year-old son of Lulu Vogt, murdered by the two men, stood immediately in front of the door of the death chamber and watched his mother's slayer pay with his life for his crime.

Vogt passed the cell in which his sister and brother-in-law were spending their last minutes, shortly before the execution. There was a look of recognition on the part of the sister, grief-stricken, but none on the part of the brother.

Refusals to Recognize Grammer.

Vogt, without the slightest attempt at recognition, walked the length of the corridor and took an advantageous position near the door leading into the death chamber.

A few minutes after his entry Warden Fenton was summoned to the room occupied by Grammer, his father, his wife and her roommate and constant companion. There before the execution of her husband, she wept sobs, her very soul shaken by the enormity of the thoughts of pleaded with the warden not to permit her brother, from whom she estranged, to witness the execution of her husband.

Vogt, however, had obtained legally a place at the execution and remained immediately outside the door of the chamber of death during the execution of the two men, whom the courts of the land had declared

guilty of the crime of murdering his mother.

Makes No Comment.

As the bodies of the two men were removed from the chamber, Vogt turned and walked silently down the stairs and out of the building. He refused to make any comment.

An older brother, Edward, also estranged from his sister, and who served as administrator of the estate of his murdered mother, also was at the prison during the executions but likewise declined to comment after the mandate of the trial court had been carried out.

County Attorney Present.

Charles Dobry of St. Paul, county attorney of Howard county, who prosecuted the two men and obtained the sentence of death, was in the corridor of the hospital building

during the execution of Grammer, but did not remain for the electrocution of Cole.

Dobry refused to comment on the case other than to say that the men were guilty of the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt, early in the morning of July 5, 1917, had paid for their crime with their lives.

Two Slayers Disagree In Last Statements

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ers to get him to confess then follows in the statement.

"We went to the Paxton hotel (Omaha), where I told them a false story. . . . They said, 'That isn't true' and began to beat me. . . . I fainted. When I came to I was lying on the floor. I got up and

told them I would talk. I told them the truth."

Keep Him Awake.

This confession was written down and Cole signed it. The statement then alleges the officers demanded he sign further papers, but when he refused they denied him food and water.

"I wanted to lie on the bed and rest but they wouldn't let me, so I sat in the chair where they kept me awake by jerking the chair and slapping me and kicking me."

When papers were given him to sign, he refused to write his name to them without reading them first, the statement charges.

"They would not let me read them. They put the rope back on me and hung me up for about 10 minutes. Then they took the rope off and I said, 'I'll take the rest of it' and I sat in the chair. They

jerked me from the chair and hit me on the jaw and knocked me to the floor.

Signs Papers.

"I said, 'Guess I'll take it laying on the floor,' and turned on my face, putting up my arms to protect my head."

"Some of them. . . . jumped on my back with his feet. . . . That was so painful, I fainted."

"When I came to I said, 'I'll sign the papers,' and I did sign them."

The statement closes with a recital of the alleged promise of a sentence of life imprisonment if he pleaded guilty to the murder charge in district court.

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