

Man Near Death From Mysterious Shooting in Bluffs

Shot by Highwaymen Who Came to Door Is Story Son-in-Law Says He Told Before Unconsciousness.

Sam Christianson, 927 Avenue I, Council Bluffs, was mysteriously shot near the heart Tuesday night in his home and now lies near death in the Mercy hospital.

Bluffs police and county attorney yesterday probed the circumstances surrounding the shooting in an effort to determine the identity of the assailants.

Christianson is divorced and has been keeping bachelor quarters at 927 Avenue I with a youth, Willard Lavenburg.

Christianson was at home alone Tuesday night. Shortly after 11 he called his son-in-law, George A. Wright, 214 Fleming avenue, by telephone and told him:

"I'm shot. Come quick!"

Find Man on Floor.

Wright and Grover Home, 1506 South Seventh street, hastened to the Christianson home, where they found the man lying semi-conscious on the floor with a wound in his chest.

He was alone in the house and the door was locked. On the table lay a Colt automatic revolver with all chambers filled.

Roused by the appearance of Wright and Home, the wounded man struggled to regain consciousness and told his son-in-law this story, according to the police:

"I was alone in the house and suddenly heard a knock at the door.

Seizes Revolver.

"When I opened the door I was met by two masked men, one of them covering me with a revolver.

"I had \$90 in my pockets, and as one of the men told me to put up my hands, I seized his revolver.

"He pulled the trigger. The bullet hit me. They turned and ran and I slammed the door and bolted it."

Christianson then gasped and fell back into semi-consciousness, his son-in-law told the police, who arrived at this juncture and bore the wounded man to Mercy hospital.

Say He Will Die.

Christianson told the police he suspected James Jensen, foreman of the coach cleaners in the Northwestern railroad yards, as one of the masked men and Jensen was arrested but later released in \$1,000 bail.

Christianson still had his \$90 in his pockets when the son-in-law arrived.

Young Lavenburg, who lives with the wounded man, denied all knowledge of the shooting but told the officers Christianson had purchased the revolver they found on the table but a few days ago.

Attendants at Mercy hospital say the wounded man will die.

New Management Granted

Dance Permit for Marigold

The Marigold cabaret on Harney street has been transferred from Joseph Miller and L. Bernstein to Jack Atkinson and the Board of

Welfare has allowed the dance hall permit for this year.

The new manager is well known as an aviator. He was aerial chief of police in Denver, holding the first position of this kind in this country. He also served as an aviator in the forest reserve in Colorado, flying over the timber tracts to discover fires.

During recent months Mr. Atkinson has been the head of a local aviation company which bears his name.

League Girls Act As Models

Style Show Most Successful in Omaha Merchants' Week Annals.

The style show put on by the M. E. Smith company yesterday, with Junior League girls as fashion models, will go down in Merchants' Market Week annals as the most successful event of its kind ever held in Omaha.

More than 1,500 visiting retailers packed the large roof garden auditorium to witness the modeling of latest spring fashions in women's apparel and the newest in gingham frocks.

A storm of approval greeted the kitchen tableau, showing Mrs. Ray Low, Mrs. Ralph Peters and Mrs. Marion Towle, attired in the Mina Taylor dresses, in the act of boiling water without burning.

Equally popular was the sickroom scene with a bevy of attractive nurses, including Mrs. Allen Tukey, who performed that mission in France; Mrs. John Caldwell, Mrs. Barton Millard and Miss Regina Connell, tenderly ministering to a "mere man."

Mrs. Jack Summers, Claire Daugherty, Mrs. Tukey and Miss Connell excel professional models, the audience voted. Three house employees, Mrs. Charles L. Martin, Mrs. Harry R. Jones and Mrs. Frances Jacobs, modeling "stylish stunts" dresses, made a decided hit with the vast audience.

Character songs and dances by Charlotte Braut, the Apollo quartet and orchestra music completed the revue.

Money earned by the Junior League girls will be used for the children's ward at the University hospital.

May Recover Piano Player

By Paying Storage Charge

Margaret Johnson, 712 North Twentieth street, must pay Sadie Burke, 1248 South Sixteenth street, \$10 for taking care of her piano player given her by her husband as a birthday present prior to the filing of a divorce suit against him, according to an opinion given by Municipal Judge Holmes yesterday.

Sadie took the piano at the suggestion of her sister, a friend of Mrs. Johnson, to safeguard it from threatened seizure by Johnson, according to testimony adduced during the trial Tuesday.

But when Margaret sent for it last week Sadie refused to part with it, asking \$3 a month storage for a period of 11 months. Then Margaret instituted a replevin action.

Four Women Driven Out

Of House by Morning Blaze

Smoke from flames of undetermined origin in the furnace room in the basement of the home of Mrs. E. W. Nash, 3806 Burt street, at 7 yesterday morning, routed Mrs. Nash and three women guests, Mrs. Ella McGee of New York, Miss Catherine Cartan, her granddaughter, and Miss N. L. Trounx, a niece, from their beds onto the front porch in scanty attire. The fire was extinguished after \$200 damage had been done. The four women sought refuge at the home of Mrs. Nash's son, Louis Nash of the Burgess-Nash company, across the street, 3807 Burt street.

Alienist Called In Lawson Trial

Dr. Young Declares Defendant Not Insane When He Shot Wife.

When, after asking a 10,000 word hypothetical question of County Alienist Alexander Young yesterday afternoon, Eugene O'Sullivan, attorney for Burnell Lawson, began going into an extended scientific questioning of the doctor on all the kinds of insanity, District Judge Troup protested.

"Get some real facts to this jury and don't attempt to review all the material of science and medicine," he told the attorney.

Adjournment had to be taken finally in the midst of the questioning of the alienist, although it had been expected to finish testimony yesterday in the trial of Lawson for the murder of his wife.

The first hypothetical question was asked yesterday afternoon by County Attorney Shotwell. It contained about 14,000 words and Dr. Young answered it by declaring Lawson, in his opinion, was not insane when he shot his wife.

Few of the eager, inquisitive and curious spectators at the Burnell Lawson murder trial knew that the youthful wife-slayer's coal-black hair was once a fiery red, until late in the

trial when the persistent red hair began to show, growing out during his weeks in jail.

Burnell had an ambition and that caused him to dye his hair, Eulalia Wortsmit, sister of his dead wife, testified at the trial. And that was to look like Wallace Reid, pretty movie actor.

But dyeing his hair didn't make the resemblance complete, as Burnell's nose is hopelessly of the "snub" variety.



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