

Indiana Youth Admits Murder Of Companion

Memories of His Early Religion, Combined With Influence of Sheriff's Wife Cause Confession.

By the Associated Press. Warsaw, Ind., March 19.—Memories of his early religion, combined with a letter urging him to confess his sins and seek forgiveness, combined with the softening influence of motherly advice given by Mrs. C. B. Moon, wife of the sheriff of Kosciusko county, has resulted in a confession from Virgil Decker, 18, in which he declares that he alone was responsible for the death of his youth, Leroy Lovett, a 19-year-old youth of Elkhart, Ind.

Yields to Appeal. Yesterday he received in a letter from Mrs. George Walker of Nappanee, a woman wholly unknown to him, a deeply religious appeal that he "confess everything to the man you have harmed" and imploring him to "lean on Jesus."

Had No Motive. The boy's confession states that he had no motive for the murder. He was in the room where Lovett was asleep on a couch, he said, and he suddenly impelled to attack his companion. He struck him on the head with a heavy iron bar, and fled from the home. Later he returned and found Lovett sitting on the floor in a dazed condition.

Decker dressed Lovett in his own clothes, placed him in a buggy, and drove to an isolated railroad crossing beyond the town. As a train approached he unhitched the horse, leaving the buggy containing Lovett directly in its path, and returned to the house to burn the clothes of his victim.

Japan to Stand Firmly on Mandate Over Isle of Yap. Tokyo, March 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—Japan will stand firmly on its mandate over the island of Yap, Viscount Uchida, foreign minister, declared at a meeting of a Diet committee today.

Democrats and Republicans In Schuyler Name Tickets. Schuyler, Neb., March 19.—(Special.)—Republicans in a caucus here nominated Thomas Wach, mayor; Amos Svoboda, clerk; Joseph Rogers, treasurer; George H. Wells, councilman; August Kondele, Albert Smith, Claude Hurley, councilmen; W. H. Fletcher, Mrs. F. Schrader, school board.

Masonic Lodge at Schuyler Confers Apprentice Degree. Schuyler, Neb., March 19.—(Special.)—Acacia Lodge No. 34, A. F. & A. M., conferred the entered apprentice degree on nine candidates. Members of North Bend, Columbus, Clarkson and Leigh lodges attended. More than 150 Masons were present.

Civil War Veteran Aged 94 Dies at His Home in Schuyler. Schuyler, Neb., March 19.—(Special.)—William Shaw, 94, pioneer resident of Colfax county and a Civil War veteran, died at his home here. He homesteaded two miles south of Schuyler in 1869. Members of the American Legion were active pallbearers and the local G. A. R. members were honorary pallbearers at a military funeral.

Jap House Refuses Vote to Discredit Hara Ministry. Honolulu, March 19.—The Japanese House of Representatives defeated overwhelmingly today a motion declaring a want of confidence in the Hara ministry, based on six charges connected with the alleged South Manchuria railway scandal. A Tokyo cable to Nippu Jiji, Japanese language newspaper, here,

Omaha Boy Draws Eyes on Tennis Courts at Oxford

Ralph T. Wilson Rated as Likely Winner in Tourney—Says Golf Inexpensive in England

Ralph T. Wilson, formerly of Creighton university and now a student in Lincoln college of Oxford university, England, is winning recognition in athletics at the famous English university.



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Wilson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wilson, 3822 Marcy street, after being awarded a Rhodes scholarship. While at Creighton he ranked high as a student and was a star athlete. He was one of the best tennis players in the city.

Wilson served seven and one-half months in the balloon service at Camp Wise, Ind.

Wilson played tennis yesterday. "Started playing tennis yesterday. Today the college tennis trials started. They held them in the form of a regular tournament to see who will represent the college against the other colleges."

Wilson played golf yesterday. "I have been improving in my golf, too. I believe I will learn to play it in time. I certainly like it. It is a pity it is such an expensive game in America. Here I can play at Westward Ho, the best course in England, for a month, get a locker there and have my clothes cleaned daily all for £2 and 10 shillings. Can you beat it? No wonder England turns out so many good golfers."

Wilson visited the continent. "Since he went to England, Ralph has also spent two vacations on the continent and has sent home vivid descriptions of his travels there. In a letter from Italy he described his visits in various Italian cities."

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British M. P. Says He Cannot Live On His Salary

Members of Parliament Get \$1,600 a Year—One Declares He Has to Get Along on \$14 a Week.

London, March 19.—Interesting evidence on how inadequate the average member of Parliament's salary is if he is without a private income was put before the select committee set up to inquire into members' expenses by Mr. Dan Irving, M. P., for Burnley.

Irving said the \$1,600 salary is now his only regular income. He had to give up his regular occupation when he became an M. P. Out of this he pays \$420 a year for his third class railroad fare.

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Earned \$20 Day—Go Home in Box Car

Erstwhile Plutocratic Coast Shipyards Workers Debate on "Hocking Silk Shirts for 'Eats' as They Pass Through—Omaha.

A long freight train rattled into Omaha during the stilly hours just before dawn yesterday and came to a creaking halt. There was a silence, broken only by the occasional panting of the huge locomotive.

The quiet was interrupted by a scraping sound from a box car well to the rear of the train. A door was being pushed open on its rusty slide. "Wonder what burg this is?" came a cautious voice from the murky darkness. "If it's anything like Grand Island we might as well keep on sleeping."

"Nothin' doin'," said another voice. "We got to eat. My hundred dollar Waldbaum says it's almost time to see a little sunlight."

"You sure was a fool to stick yer money in that millionaire's tinpiece, Bill," muttered the first voice bitterly. "You might have known the ocean didn't have room for all the ships we could build."

"Why Those Shirts. 'I didn't see you saltin' any of yer easy dough away in the family stockin' Ed. If you was such a bloomin' ouija and all that, why'd you buy that last dozen silk shirts at twenty bucks per?"

"Well, anyway, I'll have the time to flash on the hicks back in Macedonia, Ohio. Intend to take the Stutz back and make 'em all think I was a second Morgan. Prod-

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Telephone Girl Sounds Alarm of Holdup of Store

Switchboard Operator Hears Threats Made by Bandits Over Wire and Calls Police.

Attleboro, Mass., March 19.—Answering the drop on the switchboard at 2:30 a. m., Miss Emma Jamieson, night operator at the telephone exchange, heard the words: "Hold up your hands and deliver your money before we blow your brains out."

She at once connected the police station with the call and Patrolman Fournier heard enough conversation to know that a hold-up was being committed. After a few commands, the robber said: "Cut those telephone wires."

The call came from the store of Philip St. Germaine, in Philips street, Germantown district, and with Patrolmen Norwood, Paradis and O'Donnell, Fournier hurried to the store.

In the meantime, the robbers, both of whom were masked, demanded that St. Germaine, who is a cripple with no legs, delivered all his money.

St. Germaine insisted that he had no more than \$30 in the cash-drawer, which the thieves took. They gave back a ring and watch, declaring they were of no value.

After threatening St. Germaine's life they warned him that if he told the police or the newspapers they would come back.

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Fabrics of Known Quality In the Silk Shop

Heavy Tricolette (36-inch), \$2 a Yard
Navy, sand, gray, brown, open, black and white.

Figured Georgette and Indestructible Voiles, \$2.50 a Yard

Silk Gingham
In shepherd checks of rose and white, green and white, tan and white, blue and white and black and white.

Lustrous Taffetas (36-inch), \$2.95 a Yard
A very dependable quality in navy, sand, gray, open, black and brown.

Silk Gloves for Your Easter
—Two-clasp Fowne's and Kayser's silk gloves that are washable. In gray, mastic and white, \$1.75, \$2.25 and \$2.75.
—Kayser's silk gauntlets in mastic, beaver and white are \$2.50 and \$3.25.

Kerchiefs for Milady
That fineness is not costly is shown by the newest handkerchiefs. Fine linens with hemstitching are 50c, 60c and 75c each.
White embroideries on fine linen are 50c to \$15. Colored linens, 60c.
Hand-made linens in colors are very beautiful and are but \$2.25.

Sewing Needs
Belting, both black and white, is offered in feathered or plain styles from 1½ to 3 inches wide.
Snaps in all sizes are either black or white.
Elastic, both plain and frilled, comes in a variety of widths.
Dress shields are varied in size and style.
Machine needles, machine belts, and many other small necessities may be found in the notion section.

Plaid Skirtings
Scores of delightful styles that are equally attractive plain or pleated.
Combinations of henna and tan, blue and tan and blue with brown are especially favored. Choice qualities from \$3.75 to \$6.50 a yard.

New Materials for Spring Capes
Tans and polo mixtures, besides rich plain shades in duvetyn, veldyne, velour, Poiret twills and tricotines.

Unusual Quality of Crepe de Chine (36-inch), \$2 a Yard
Shown in all colors.

Spring Foulards (36-inch), \$3 a Yard
That they are very distinctive you will agree, and now the selection is complete.

Heavy Charmeuse (40-inch), \$3.50 a Yard
A quality that does not wear rough. In navy, brown and black.

You are cordially invited to view the new silks and to really appreciate the low prices.

Silk Hosiery With Pointex Heels
The Pointex heel is neater than the old style and besides the advantage of an improved appearance it is more serviceable.
Pure thread silk to the top hose in black, navy, cordovan and polo gray, all with the Pointex heel, are \$3.50 a pair.

Lily of France Corsets
A Correct Foundation for Spring Costumes
Your attention is directed to our fitting service—for, after all, comfort is the true measure of correctness in the choice of a corset. The right model may be selected without the assistance of an experienced fitter, but it is well to consider that by the following advice of a trained corsetier the right corset is certain to be obtained.
Lily of France Models for spring offer a degree of comfort unknown to the wearers of ordinary corsets.
Prices are moderate.

Center Aisle—Main Floor

Announcing --- MICKEL'S

The New Home of C. G. Conn

HIGH GRADE Band and Orchestra Instruments

Cornets, Trumpets, Altos, Tenors, Trombones, Mellophones, Baritones, Clarinets and SAXOPHONES

Musicians will welcome this announcement with enthusiasm.

The rich tonal qualities, ease of playing, superior mechanism and design, has placed Conn instruments ahead of comparison.

Used by the World's Greatest Musicians and recognized by all as THE BEST.

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"The House of Pleasant Dealings."

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Cunningham Heads Omaha Post T. P. A.

Organization for "Onward" Movement; Will Launch Membership Campaign.

C. J. Cunningham is the new president of Omaha post, Travelers' Protective association. He was elected to replace H. R. Baltzer, Saturday, at the annual meeting in the Paxton hotel.

George Lavidge, P. F. Powell and O. M. Erickson were the new vice presidents. C. L. Hopper was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

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Directors named for two years are W. L. Wheeler, Milton Watt, Harry Miller, C. R. Maxwell, Harry H. Close; for one year, J. G. Cromwell and F. C. Eckhardt.

A. A. Taylor heads the railroad committee; O. L. Wolford, press; J. T. Hogan, hotel; C. J. Lyons, legislative; H. G. Hoel, employment; W. W. Watt, good roads; A. W. Miller, relief; and A. L. Geisinger was named chaplain.

Twelve delegates to the national convention in Louisville, Ky., next June were named. They are: J. F. Harkelroad, Milton Watt, H. R. Baltzer, J. H. Rapier, W. W. Watt, Harry Miller, J. H. Stine, C. Roby Maxwell, W. H. Wheeler, H. G. Hoel, F. C. Eckhardt and Gus Miller.

John Wyburn, "Drunkard's Friend," to Lie in Mission

New York, March 19.—The body of John H. Wyburn, "the drunkard's friend," was expected to be brought back today from Clifton Springs to lie in state in the famous old Jerry McAuley mission, over which he presided for 15 years. Mr. Wyburn died last Thursday on his 62d birthday.

Himself an "ex-tank" as he expressed it, Mr. Wyburn achieved marked success in his work at the mission. Hundreds of "ex-tanks," now prosperous business men, are expected to visit the dingy little mission in Water street and pay final tribute to their friend.

New World Record Set for Receiving of Wireless

New York, March 19.—A world record for receiving radio messages, 483-5 words a minute, with two typographical errors, was established here last night by B. G. Seutter, an operator employed by the New York Times. He was victor in a receiving test held by the Second district amateur radio convention.

The former record, 47 words a minute, with three errors, was held by Tony Gerhart of San Francisco, a commercial operator.

Discovery of Flow of Gas in Saskatchewan Is Thriller

The Pas, Man., March 19.—The reported discovery of a flow of gas in the foothills near the Pasqua river, Saskatchewan, 100 miles west of The Pas, has resulted in a miniature stampede to that district. A dozen small syndicates have been formed and large blocks of land taken up.

The district is not easy of access, and is little known, and the discovery, with superior discretion, although for many years they have used tar gathered there for use in cementing their birch bark canoes.

Poles Sign Peace Treaty With Soviet Government

Warsaw, March 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—News that the treaty of peace between Poland and soviet Russia had been signed in Riga was received here late last night. It was immediately transmitted to President Pilsudski and the cabinet ministers, who were attending a gala performance in the opera house held in celebration of the adoption by the Diet of the new constitution of the republic.

Battle Is Raging Between Irish Forces and Regulars

Belfast, March 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—A great ambush by Irish republican forces near Kinsale, county Cork, this morning in which six crown soldiers were killed and five wounded, is reported. The attackers suffered heavy casualties and the battle still is in progress.

Probe Prisoner's Death

Stockton, Cal., March 19.—County officials today are investigating the death of Amos J. McOscar, a prisoner who was found dead in a cell at the San Joaquin county jail yesterday. The body was found in a mutilated condition. A fellow prisoner told officers he had been in a fight with McOscar.