

Teachers Scout Theory That Boy Took Own Life

Lad Found Hanging by Rope Tried to Imitate Trapeze Performance, Teachers Believe.

Class school kiddies were silent at their play at recess yesterday. Awe over the news that their cheerful little playmate, Sammie Grant, was found dead in his room Sunday night, hanging by a rope, cast its spell over the mournful youngsters.

Why Sammie hanged himself, if by intent or accident, is a secret forever locked in his little breast.

Police Say Suicide.

Police say it is a case of premeditated suicide. No inquest will be held.

His mother, only six months from the horrors of Russia, sat in their humble rooms at 119 1/2 North Fifteenth street, crooning over her dead boy, at a total loss to account for the deed.

Neighbors second her testimony that the child was in good spirits Sunday night and no scolding or ill will could have influenced the act.

Heard Him Call.

"I heard him call out, 'Goodnight, mamma, wake me early so I won't be late for school,'" said Mrs. Mary Rogers, a neighbor across the hall with whose son, Loren, Sammie was playing ball before he went to bed at 7 o'clock.

Two hours later his brother Nathan, 13, found him dead.

Cass teachers are indignant over the police theory.

Trying Trapeze Stunt.

"We think he was trying to imitate a trapeze performer or some feat he saw in the movies," said Miss Martha Homelius and Miss Grace Lillie. "No child as bright, cheerful, eager and normal as our Sammie would do such a thing."

"Anyone who understands child psychology can see how the child might have tried some trick and been caught in the noose," said the principal, Miss Josephine Grant.

Sammie topped even his 13-year-old brother, Nathan, in school, having finished the third grade since his arrival in this country six months ago.

Bright in School.

"He was so eager and ambitious in school we were going to promote him to the next grade before the end of the year," said his last teacher, Mrs. Mulick.

His playmates will take a collection to send flowers for Sammie's funeral, Miss Grant said. Two other children, Ben, 11, and Anna, 8, go to Cass. Their father, H. Getnick, who runs the Mann hotel, 1406 Cass street, has been in this country eight years. He brought his family from Impol, Russia, as soon as he could after the war.

Two Sets of Twins Are Born In Same House Within Day

Los Angeles, May 8.—The birth of two sets of twins in the same house within 24 hours, in which one pair was left with one family and the other pair with other parents, was the unusual achievement of the stork in a recent visit he made at Los Angeles.

Cabaret Character Arrested as "Lure" For Gambling House

Chicago, May 9.—Jed A. Flanagan, familiar cabaret character, was arrested Saturday, charged with being a "lure" for a fashionable gambling house. Detectives who made the arrest declared that Flanagan received 10 per cent of \$1,200, the sum lost several nights ago in John Barry's gambling place by Lock Davidson, a banker of Wichita, Kas.

Flanagan, according to the police, admitted having taken Davidson to the place, but denied that he had received a "rake-off." The gambling house was raided and a roulette wheel confiscated.

Flanagan figured in the shooting of Herbert P. Ziegler by Mrs. Cora Orthwein. He was the man who escorted Mrs. Orthwein to her home from the Green Mills Garden after she had shot Ziegler.

The police declare they have received two complaints against Flanagan. One man is said to have lost \$1,750 and another \$1,900.

France Opposes German Army in Upper Silesia

Ambassador Informs Country All Incursions of Troops Will Be Regarded as Treaty Violation.

Paris, May 9.—A Berlin dispatch to the *Matin* says that the French ambassador has informed the German foreign office that all incursions of German government troops into upper Silesia would be considered by France as a violation of the Versailles treaty.

Advices from Beuthen state that an offensive against Poles who have virtually taken over most of upper Silesia, is being planned by German civilian guards, which are being concentrated along the Oder river.

The interallied commission at Oppeln is reported to have issued an appeal to the people of that city, exhorting them to be calm and declaring that Oppeln will be defended against all attacks.

\$4,500 Worth of Alcohol Found in Potato Shipment

Salem, Mass., May 9.—Four barrels of pure alcohol were found hidden in a carload of potatoes from Canada and consigned to the Quebec Products company of Salem, which was seized by United States custom inspectors. The alcohol is estimated to be worth about \$4,500. The Quebec Products company is said by the officials to be a fictitious name, but Deputy Collector of Customs William J. Sullivan announced he hoped to obtain indictments charging violation of the Volstead act against local men he believes responsible for the shipment.

About 600 Invalid Soldiers in England Have Been Taught the Art of Diamond Cutting.

Divorce Court.

Alma Yates against George Yates, cruelty; Wright against Robert Wright, cruelty; Roberta Hans against Fred M. Hans, desertion.

Landis Takes Slap at Cotton Mill Owners While Sentencing Boy

Chicago, May 9.—For stealing a jeweled bag sent by parcel post, and

entrusted to him for delivery, Herbert Schultheis, 15, was sentenced to 30 days in jail by Judge Landis. The judge displayed leniency because Herbert already had spent 56 days in jail waiting for trial.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge Landis took an indirect slap at southern cotton mill owners. He asked

why the postal officials had hired Schultheis when he was only 15, knowing the law specifies employees shall be at least 18.

"Well, the boy said he was 18," an inspector replied.

"Hub, don't you know that the cotton mill owners in the south hire girls 12 years old after they make

affidavits they are 22?" the judge asked.

Senator Dial of South Carolina, who censured Judge Landis for recent leniency to a young bank clerk, is a cotton mill owner.

Belgian diamond cutters work 44 hours a week, the same as in the United States.

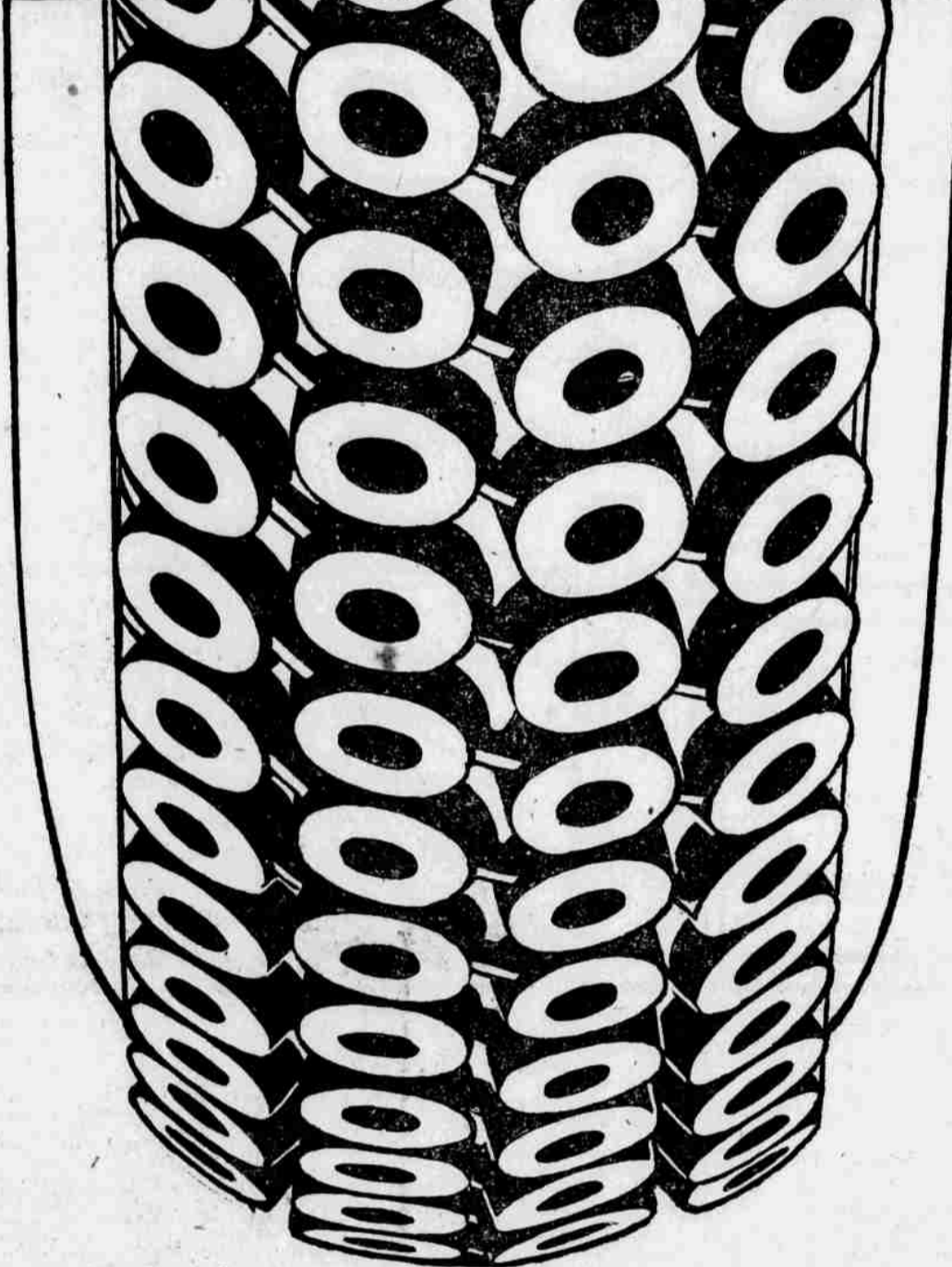
Coast Wrestler Kills Man Found Rifling His Home

San Francisco, May 9.—Louis H. Arduin of the Olympic club, who recently won the amateur heavy weight wrestling championship of the Pacific coast, early today killed with his bare hands, a man he found rifling

a bureau drawer in his home. The man later was identified as William E. Anderson.

Arduin told the police that after grappling with Anderson, who was unarmed, for five minutes, he applied a severe wrestling hold to detain him until Mrs. Arduin could telephone for help.

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