

Germans Launch Crime Career to Avenge War Loss

Discarded Key Trifle on Which Sheriff Worked to Get Confession of Robbery Plans.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—How he and his partner, Herman J. Kusel, set out to rob the United States government and every possible person and institution in this country in order to get revenge for the part America played in the world war; how he and Kusel, enraged because the latter's property at Sterling, Colo., was confiscated during the war on account of his pro-German proclivities, decided to "get even" by holding up the first bank they came to—all this was related to officers here by Adolf Pfänder, alias Hans Martin, arrested on a charge of complicity in the attempted bank robbery Friday afternoon at Chugwater, Wyo.

In a signed confession Pfänder told, haltingly at first, and always in his broken accent, an astounding story of his hatred for America and all things American and of his determination to get hold of some easy money and skip the country which he so much despises.

Holds Dye Secret. Born in Baden, Germany, he became an expert chemist in the world's greatest dye plant, situated in the fatherland under an essential factor in the former kaiser's scheme to place Deutschland under alles. In that position he got hold of Germany's secret formula for the manufacture of indigo.

Along came the world conflict, Kusel, born in Switzerland, but at one time a resident of Germany, had journeyed to America prior to the outbreak of hostilities. While the carnage raged the hottest he sent Pfänder \$200 with which to come to this country and, presumably, join him in spying against the United States government. Officials of the dye plant got wind of the transaction, however, and in an effort to betray Germany by giving to the United States the indigo recipe, and placed Pfänder under arrest. The accused man escaped from prison, crossed over into Holland, from there made his way to England, then to Mexico, over the line into the United States, up north to Denver, and finally to Cheyenne and Bushnell, Neb.

Kusel, a former Cheyenne tailor, admitted most of the story, but has not yet made a complete confession. Trifle Causes Arrest. The entire story came out after Pfänder, unaware, apparently, of his right to light extradition, had been brought to this city from Bushnell, following his spectacular arrest in that town.

There is an age-old story of how for the want of a nail the shoe was lost, for the want of the shoe the horse was lost, for the want of the horse the rider was lost, for the want of the rider the battle was lost, for the want of the battle the kingdom was lost. It went to show, of course, how trifles may bring mighty changes in the world's history.

This time it was again a trifle. When Pfänder entered the bushes near Chugwater after Cashier Robert R. Jollifer of the bank had outwitted the two outlaws he discarded his overalls in order to enhance the speed of his getaway. He also rid himself of other excess baggage, and in doing so carelessly let go of a file and a key to the front door of his store at Bushnell. Friday afternoon both articles were picked up by Sheriff Homer Paine of Wheatland. Meanwhile Kusel had been shot down, captured, and brought to Cheyenne. On his person was found a key identical in shape to the other.

Key Causes Arrest. Saturday morning Sheriff George J. Carroll of Cheyenne confronted Kusel with Pfänder's key, intimating that the man still at large had been captured, and demanded that Kusel come through with the story. The prisoner stalled around until he was convinced that he could not protect himself by lying. Then he told everything.

Camp Brewster Girls See "Cave Man" House Dug Up



Under the direction of Dr. R. F. Gilder, field archeologist for the University of Nebraska, the remains of an ancient aboriginal dwelling near Camp Brewster were unearthed yesterday, while 75 girls from the camp looked on. Flints, fragments of pottery, and a quantity of charcoal and wood ashes which marked an old fireplace were found.

The dwelling, while originally 20 feet long, was only four feet high. Its former occupants used to crawl in, Dr. Gilder explained. Col. W. Lyster and Maj. O. S. McCleary of Fort Crook helped to examine the discoveries.

The top picture shows Camp Brewster girls who watched the excavations. Below, from left to right, are Dr. R. F. Gilder, who superintended the work, Col. W. Lyster of Fort Crook, Clara M. Brewster, for whom Camp Brewster was named and Maj. O. S. McCleary.

His wife stated that "Fred would even be satisfied to live in Blair if he could obtain work at even \$30 a month."

Friends declare that no Washington county jury will convict Claridge. The Castetter bank will never be solvent, according to Fred E. Bodie, receiver for the defunct bank. Collections and the sale of real estate under mortgage by the bank will determine what obligations the bank can pay off, Mr. Bodie said.

So far, \$277,000 worth of notes have been collected, said Mr. Bodie yesterday. "And there remains \$740,000 in collections to be made, a good deal of that being worthless."

A Leader of Blair. Claridge's disappearance was a sensation in Blair. The entire community had faith in him and looked up to him as a leader. He was the Gibraltar of Blair. Even after his disappearance, there was hardly a man in the country but would not have backed him in reorganizing his financial affairs. At a special meeting the day after Claridge's disappearance, resolutions were drawn and spread throughout the country, requesting him to come back to Blair and to his friends.

Investigation of the bank's affairs by Attorney General Clarence A. Davis and J. E. Hart, secretary of the state department of trade and commerce, led to the issuance of circulars announcing a reward of \$500 for Claridge's apprehension.

Stork's Arrival "Greatest Moment" Mothers Declare

What Was the Big Thrill in Your Life? Write About It and Enter The Bee's Prize Contest.

Everyone at some time has had a real, thrilling, breath-taking "great moment." "When the doctor said it was a boy?" "When he cried and they put him in my arms?" "When the nurse so gently laid a little white bundle beside me on the bed?"

Just to do three women out of every five describe "the greatest moment" in their lives. And "dad," perhaps, confesses that the greatest moment in his life came when he first held the tiny, squirming tot in his arms.

Write a letter, less than 200 words, to "Gloria," in care of The Bee, and tell her what the "greatest moment" was in your life. It may win one of the following prizes: First Prize—\$25 cash. Second Prize—\$10 cash. Third Prize—Box party of 10 at the Strand theater during the showing of "The Greatest Moment."

Judges will be Myrtle Mason, editor of the women's section of The Bee; Harry Watts, manager of the Strand theater, and the motion picture editor of The Bee.

A notable "great moment" is the basis of a photoplay of that name, coming to the Strand theater for a week, beginning next Sunday. Gloria Swanson is the star and this is her first starring vehicle. The story was written especially for her by Elinor Glyn, the famous author of "Three Weeks."

Mr. Pugsley was recommended for the position by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace as possessing the qualifications needed in the department. His appointment also was recommended by republican leaders of Nebraska and by farm organizations.

Pugsley was born at Woodbine, Ia., August 12, 1878, and he graduated from the Woodbine Normal school at the age of 20, and received his B. S. degree in agriculture at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture in 1906.

Before leaving Woodbine, he was professor in the normal school there from 1899 to 1902. He became assistant professor of animal husbandry at the Nebraska college of agriculture in 1908 and served a year.

From 1914 to 1918 he was director of agriculture extension, and part of that time he was state statistical agent for the United States Department of Agriculture. From 1910 to 1914 he was state leader in demonstration and boys' and girls' work.

Acts "Biggest Thrill" On Cinema Screen



Tax-Exemption of Securities Costs U. S. \$160,000,000

Senator Smoot Will Urge Amendment Permitting Congress to Tax Classes Now Duty Free

Washington, Aug. 29.—Congress will give early attention to the question of checking the issuance of tax-exempt securities.

It is agreed that congress cannot get at the root of the tax exemption bill without a constitutional amendment. Hence it is held that the pending revision of tax laws cannot meet the issue more directly than by attempting to curb the tendency toward investment in tax-exempt securities by reducing surtaxes on large incomes.

It is estimated that the federal government is losing \$160,000,000 a year in possible revenue because of the inability to tax the income from certain classes of securities.

While a constitutional amendment could not be made retroactive on securities already issued, it would make it possible for congress to provide for the taxation of those issued by states, counties and municipalities in the future.

The tax exemption features of the various liberty bond issues are consolidated and simplified in the Fordney tax bill as passed by the house. In view of the fact that municipal and other securities are free from taxation, it is considered out of the question to tax income from government securities except on large holdings.

Nemaha and Johnson County Fairs Exchange Courtesies

Thompson, Belden & Co.

Two More Days in Which to Buy Your Furs in the AUGUST SALE

You have two days in which to finally decide on your fur coat for next winter and two days in which to buy it at Thompson-Belden's August sale prices. Prices are one-half last year's. They will advance 20% to 33 1-3% on the morning of September First.

Five Reasons for Buying in August

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| <p>A Mole Coat Finest quality Scotch Mole, self-collared and cuffs— \$295 September Price, \$425</p> | <p>B Muskrat Dark, well matched skins— \$137.50 September Price, \$235</p> |  |
| <p>C Hudson Seal With collar and cuffs of natural skunk— \$295 September Price, \$425</p> | <p>D Marmot Glossy skins with reverse border, lined with satin— \$97.50 September Price, \$145</p> |  |
| <p>E Near Seal Wrap of finest quality, perfectly matched skins. A semi-tuxedo style— \$192.50 September Price, \$275</p> |  |  |

Prices will be advanced 20% to 33 1-3% Thursday Morning September First

Payment of 25% deposit insures free storage until November 1st. Balance payable on that date.

Only Three Days More of August Fur Savings

OUR SALE ENDS Saturday, September 3rd New Low Prices Suit and Extra Trousers \$45—\$55—\$65 and Upwards

The Very Choicest of Our Spring and Summer Woolens. Beautiful, Conservative, Medium-Weight Fabrics Suitable for Year 'Round Wear. Fall and Winter Fabrics for those who wish to anticipate their future requirements at these Remarkable Prices.

Our Entire Stock in This Offer New low prices have been placed on hundreds of beautiful patterns in order to strengthen our lower lines and balance our prices for this sale.

Overcoats and Evening Clothes at August Prices

NICOLL The Tailor WM JERREMS' SONS 209-211 South 15th Street Karbach Block

Many Iowans Victims of Stock Swindle

Chicago banks, a service for which he was to receive \$25,000. Bad Notes Show Up. The notes were drawn in sums from \$2,500 to \$5,000. French is alleged to have decamped and then the notes began to show up.

Iowa Stockholders Deny Swindle Loss

All court action in connection with the Farmers' Mortgage company of Council Bluffs was suspended today by order of District Judge Wheeler, pending decision on an application in voluntary bankruptcy filed by William, John and T. J. Gaul of Earlring, Ia., representing the stockholders.

C. W. French Not Known to Federal Officials Here

Federal officials here today stated they had no evidence to connect up the frauds of the Missouri Valley Cattle Loan company of Omaha, with that of the company mentioned in Chicago news dispatches as part of the machinations of Charles W. French and his "Bank Wreckers, Ltd."

Missing Denver Teller Believed to Be in South

Denver, Colo., Aug. 29.—Chief of Police H. Rugg Williams Sunday received a telegram from Sheriff R. E. Wilson of Rome, Ga., saying that he believed Edwin Morse, missing Denver bank teller, and Miss Mabel Penfold, who is believed by the police to have accompanied him, were in Rome. The sheriff's telegram said the two were under surveillance and asked the amount of reward offered for their apprehension.

Pugsley Is Appointed Assistant to Wallace

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Californian Is Killed By Mexicans Near Chivela

Washington, Aug. 29.—David I. Richards, an American, was killed by Mexicans at Chivela last Friday, according to consular advices from Salina Cruz, received today at the State department. Richards' home was at Niles, Cal.

Gothenburg Schools Buy Motion Picture Machine

Gothenburg, Neb., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The Gothenburg schools have purchased a motion picture projecting machine for \$350 for use in the gymnasium, club rooms and assembly. Educational films, travelogues and news reels will be shown regularly.

Lincoln Men Confer With Hoover on Russian Relief

Washington, Aug. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. H. P. Wekesser and J. J. Stroth of Lincoln are in Washington to confer with Secretary of Commerce Hoover over means for the relief of their friends and relatives in the valley of the Voga River, Russia.