

"Black Fingers" Boy Runs Away; Taunts Blamed

Principal in Dietz "Black-mail" Plot Rides Bicycle To Sunday School— Seen No More.

George Schwaibold, 14, 6626 Evans street, worried because he was taken into custody of juvenile officers three weeks ago when a boyish "blackmailing" plot, concocted by his friend, James Wilson, 16, to get \$300 from Gould and C. N. Dietz, was discovered.

Most folks looked on it all as little more than a joke. But George worried. He has the odd sensitiveness of lads of his age. His friends at school taunted him thoughtlessly.

"Ah, George's been arrested!" they yelled at him. And to be arrested was the most disgraceful thing in the world. So little George thought. He went home and cried out his woes to his mother. He cried alone in bed. He brooded.

Last Sunday he went away. Nobody knows where the little chap has gone. His mother is frantic with grief and worry over him. Neighbors have searched the surrounding country in vain since Sunday.

A fear which they don't like to put into words haunts the hearts of those who love the lad who was a Sunday school boy and a good boy in every way.

Even James Wilson, writer of the "Three Black Fingers" letters, demanding money from the Dietz brothers, testified in juvenile court that George had not a thing to do with it.

George's mother is praying that he will return. His little friends say they will never, never tease him again if he will only come back alive and safe and sound.

He rode his bicycle to Sunday school last Sunday and that was the last seen of him by his friends. He wore blue trousers, white shirt with black stripes, a blue tie and a cap.

Lad Who Couldn't Bear Chides of Playmates



George Schwaibold.

War Tax Causes Grief for Dealer

Customers Believe Duty Repealed, Object to Paying Extra Amount.

The gentleman from "up state" entered a downtown shoe store here. "Lemme see that black pair of shoes in the northwest corner of your window," he requested of a clerk.

"How much?" he inquired, after trying on numerous pairs. "Just \$15 and 50 cents war tax," beamed the clerk.

"War tax!" The customer leaped to his feet, one of which was shoeless. "Why they've repealed that tax. Do I look easy or something?"

The clerk sighed and the manager wiped his brow as the angry customer departed.

"It happens every day or so," mourned the manager. "Some way or other people have an idea that war tax measure has been repealed, when it really hasn't."

Managers and clerks in other stores report that a general impression seems to exist that the war tax law is now null and void, while in fact it is as rigidly enforced as on the day it became effective.

Tack burlap on an old bag on the lowest cellar stair and save tracking so much dirt upstairs.

More Than 300 Here for Meeting Of Church Synod

Out-of-Town Speakers to Address Presbyterian Missionary Society—Organ Recital in Afternoon.

More than 300 delegates from Nebraska are attending the annual meeting of the Presbyterian synod of Nebraska and the Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church, which opened in Omaha Tuesday.

A large part of yesterday's program was given over to business sessions and the reports of committees. The joint meeting was opened by devotional exercises by Rev. Edwin H. Jenks, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Omaha, the newly elected moderator of the Presbyterian synod of Nebraska. Following the exercises the two societies went into separate sessions.

Bible Hour Conducted. After the morning business session the synod had a Bible hour, conducted by Rev. Mr. Boyer, professor in Hastings college, with communion services at 11.

The Woman's society held a morning study class under direction of Dr. Charles E. Bradt, Kansas City, district secretary of the assembly's board of foreign missions.

Speakers at the woman's meeting today were Miss Margaret Hedge, New York, president of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; Miss Marie Preston, New York, field secretary of the Woman's board of

home missions, and Miss Ruth Paxton, returned missionary from China.

Dinner for the delegates was served in the church at noon. An organ recital at 4:30 by Mrs. Louise Zabriske, organist of the First Presbyterian church of Omaha, was a feature of the day's program.

Dinner will be served at 6 this evening for the young people of the Presbyterian churches of Omaha, following which the meeting will adjourn in a body to the Auditorium to attend the Gipsy Smith revival. The convention will close Friday.

Kin of Hubby's Friend Blamed By Mrs. Mudge

Amended petition in the \$150,000 alienation of affections suit brought in July, 1920, by Mrs. Edith M. Mudge, against Mrs. Carrie B. Reeme of McPherson, Kan., mother of her husband's asserted affinity, and others, charging conspiracy to steal her husband, Clifford C. Mudge, was filed yesterday in district court.

Mudge, a traveling salesman, who his wife testified had an income of \$25,000 a year, has been missing since Mrs. Mudge dropped into Omaha unexpectedly two years ago and found him living in luxury at the St. Regis, an exclusive apartment house, with Francis Reeme, former hotel waitress at McPherson, Kan., whom he met, loved, wooed and won on his trips.

Now she claims that certain of the girl's relatives are aiding the pair in remaining fugitives from justice by sheltering them in their homes, receiving and forwarding mail, and covering property, principally \$10,000 worth of household goods, alleged to belong to Clifford Mudge.

Wife Appears to Get Man Caught With Girl Here

Bright Lights Lured Him From Home in Blair, She Charged—Hubby Unmoved by Youngsters.

Edith Hearst, deserted wife of Elmer Hearst, appeared at Central police station yesterday and asked to see her husband who was arrested a few days ago with a girl, Alice Johnson, at 1533 North Twen-

tieth street, for investigation in connection with the Council Bluffs box car robbers.

Hearst was taken into the office of Chief of Detectives Van Deusen, but did not even greet his wife and their two children, Edward, 2, and James, 7 months.

Longing for the bright lights of the great city spelled ruin for Elmer, according to his wife. They lived in Blair, Neb., and Elmer deserted her there and came to the big town, she said. He threatened to kill her if she interfered with his going, she declared. She now lives with her mother at 1701 Avenue C, Council Bluffs.

Investigations have failed to connect Hearst with the Council Bluffs robber gang. He will be turned over to the county attorney's office and efforts will be made to force him to support his family.

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Fingerprint Murder Case Goes to Jury

Case of John Latier, negro, accused of the murder of Carl Rubens in his grocery store at Seventeenth street and Capitol avenue the night of March 26, went to the jury at 10:25 a. m. yesterday.

The case of the prosecution is based on a bloody thumbprint on razor blade found near the scene of the crime, and which fingerprint experts testified was identical with the thumbprint of Latier.

Attorneys for the defense sought to establish an alibi, claiming Latier was in another part of the city playing cards at the time of the murder.

It was Latier's second trial on the charge. The first jury disagreed.

Omahans Made Officers of Victrola Dealers' Body A dinner, dance and entertainment at the Fontenelle hotel Tuesday night closed the annual two-day convention of Victrola dealers of Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado and Wyoming.

Omaha was selected for the 1922 convention and these officers were elected: H. S. Thome, Newark, president; E. H. Ridour, McCook, vice president; Hugo Heyn, Omaha secretary; Joe Pavlik, Omaha, treasurer.

State I. O. O. F. Meet Lincoln, Oct. 19.—(Special)—Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, numbering 3,000, are attending the thirty-eighth annual session of Rebekahs and the sixty-eighth annual session of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows here.

Held on Check Charge. Paul Fine, 24, was arrested Tuesday by Detective Edward Vanouso on a charge of passing spurious checks on Omaha merchants. Fine is wanted also in Des Moines.

Steamships Arrivals. San Francisco, Oct. 18.—Korea Maru, Yokohama, Hong Kong, Southampton, Oct. 18.—Oropesa, New York for Hamburg. New York, Oct. 18.—Cretio, Genoa via Boston.

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