

MAN IS TAKEN TO THE CITY JAIL LATE TODAY

Dublin Attacked By Irish Revolutionists—The German Squadron Fires on the English Coast

FIND DEAD GIRL

Edna Dinsmore, 9 Years Old, Discovered in Easement.

Bound, Gagged, Dead and Vacant House Was Burning.

LOVELY PLACE ON WEST FIFTH

After Assault Place Was Set Fire in Six Places.

Sensational Discovery by Firemen in Morning Blaze.

SAW TWO MEN TALKING TO HER

Girl Seen Conversing With Strangers at 8 O'clock Today.

First Clue to Identity of Murderer of Edna Dinsmore.

Questions a Man.

Fred Bissell was taken to police headquarters at 5:30 this evening and questioned closely by the police in connection with the Dinsmore girl's assault.

At the public "sweating" nothing could be learned from the young man. At 5:45 Chief Parsons and Sheriff Kiene took him into the basement of the jail and continued their questioning.

Bissell was released at 6 o'clock but Chief Parsons said he would be under watch.

Nothing could be proven on him this evening.

"I don't want to lock him up in this jail," said Parsons. "We fear that it would be unsafe owing to the feeling over the city."

B. A. Matthews of 1113 Central avenue, called at the police station at 5:45 this evening and said Bissell was the man he saw talking with the Dinsmore girl across from the Throop hotel. Matthews' interview is quoted elsewhere.

Seven hours after the discovery of the crime against little Edna Dinsmore the police have one slender thread in the form of a clue. It may develop into nothing but every effort is being made to follow it up.

B. A. Matthews of North Topeka looked at the body and at the clothing at Shellbargers and declared positively that he saw the girl early this morning cross the street from the Throop hotel and watched her leave that vicinity in company with a man around twenty years of age.

"I am positive it was the same girl," said Matthews, after looking at the body and at the clothing. "I came over from North Topeka this morning to do some work at the Throop hotel. I was standing on the corner and noticed a little girl with a lunch bag standing across the street, almost in front of McClintock's."

"I paid no attention to her until I noticed two young fellows standing in the stairway just back of her. They were talking together. One of them finally walked out to the curb talked to the girl for a moment and they walked off south together. My impression is that they turned west at the first corner."

Mr. Matthews' recollection of the young men is somewhat hazy but he gave the police the all the information he had.

As I remember," he said, "the boy who walked away with her wore a dark colored suit. He wore a dark soft hat and I noticed as he walked he was somewhat stoop-shouldered. That may have been due to the fact he was walking up hill."

"The other boy or man wore a coat about the color of the brown suits the soldiers wear. He also

HOUSE WHERE CRIME WAS COMMITTED AGAINST GIRL TODAY.



This large vacant house is located on a high terrace on West Fifth street between Taylor street and Western avenue, south side. It was in the basement that Edna Dinsmore, 9 years old, was found dead this morning. Full particulars on page 1.

wore a cap but I do not remember what color it was. After the couple turned west I paid no further attention to them."

Outraged, lying in filthy water, strangled, dead—this is the spectacle that confronted city firemen who found the body of a beautiful 9-year-old girl in the dark basement of a burning house on West Fifth street between Taylor and Western avenue, at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

With hands and feet tied, clothing torn, body attacked, the girl, to all evidence, was choked to death. The unknown assailant then threw her body to the bottom of a dismal stairway in the cellar of the deserted house and set fire to the building in six places. It was after the fire had been checked that the firemen discovered the dead child—warm but in death's grasp.

While the body lay in this water soaked cellar and the city police officers were hunting for the coroner it was found that the child's face was warm. The pulmonologist was called for but life was extinct.

Mrs. May Milvern of 235 Jefferson street, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon identified the body in Shellbarger's undertaking parlors as that of Edna Dinsmore, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Dinsmore of 418 East Third street. Immediately after the body was recognized Mrs. Dinsmore was notified of her daughter's death.

Edna Dinsmore is a pupil in the Lincoln school, and probably was on her way to school when attacked. She apparently had been taken at least 12 blocks.

With her mother the girl has resided at 418 East Third street for six weeks, prior to that time she lived a block north.

At 3:15 o'clock this afternoon Coroner J. H. Reinhart announced that the girl definitely had been identified as Edna Dinsmore.

Mother Hysterical. By the time Mrs. Dinsmore had reached the undertaking parlors and the sordid story of the attack and death of her daughter had been unfolded, she was hysterical. It was impossible for the officers to take her into the undertaking parlors and she remained in the automobile while attendants were made to calm and prepare the mother for the ordeal of looking upon the girl who left home in the morning for school.

Hardly half an hour had elapsed before the morbidly curious gathered in hundreds around the house and pushed their way into the damp, dark basement where the child breathed her last. Most of those who entered the house were women.

Anxious mothers, in mourning frocks, covered with coats, rushed to various school buildings and demanded of teachers to see their children to assure themselves that none of their loved ones had been the victim of the tragedy.

Smoke From House. When the firemen arrived they found huge volumes of black smoke belching forth from the vacant house and Fire Chief Hanson ordered his men to attack the old building from front and rear.

In Six Different Places. When the firemen entered the building they found the interior on fire in six different places and after a hard ten minutes' work succeeded in controlling the flames.

In fighting the fire it was necessary for them to cut away the flooring and part of the interior walls and in so doing they discovered the body of the child crumpled up in the basement.

Chief of Police Harvey Parsons said after making a partial investigation, while waiting for the coroner to arrive: "While I have made no careful examination it looks to me, judging from the general appearance of the child and the condition of her clothing that it is a case of assault."

One of the neighbors who entered the cellar with the authorities and viewed the body said: "The poor little child lay all crumpled up and I would judge from the general appearance of things that she had been dead for hours. The smell of tar was strong in the old burned building and I am sure that her body was either brought to the house and deposited in the cellar after the assault had been committed and the house then set on fire in order to hide the crime, or that the body had been there some time early this morning or last night."

No one, according to neighbors, had been seen loitering about the place last night or before the fire was discovered but it is known that on several occasions boys and girls had been seen entering and leaving the deserted house at late hours of the night.

GERMANY LABOR LEADERS TRY TO PREVENT BREAK

Strong Influences Working to Prevent Rupture With U. S.

Gerard Holds Conference With Kaiser's Chief of Navy.

WOULD MAKE CONCESSIONS

But Question Remains, Will These Prove Satisfactory?

Expect Another Report From U. S. Ambassador Today.

Washington, April 25.—A report from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, outlining the results of his conference yesterday with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, over the American note was expected at the state department today. It was expected that the ambassador would shed further light on the attitude of the German government regarding America's demand in the submarine controversy.

Mr. Gerard is understood to have already represented that strong political influences are at work in Germany to prevent a rupture between the two nations. Labor leaders and Socialists were represented as being particularly adverse to a severance of diplomatic relations. The ambassador is said also to have reported that there were strong indications of Germany's willingness to make some concessions.

Whether the concessions will be broad enough to meet the American demand is problematical.

Long Conference Held. The fact that the ambassador and the chancellor conferred at some length was pointed to here as a hopeful sign. If Germany was not disposed to meet the demands of the United States, it was believed that there would have been no lengthy discussion.

her knees and when found it was pulled over her head.

Her stockings were of a coarse grey material such as the child of a laboring man might wear.

Her button shoes were well worn. Coroner Rheinart viewed the body and ordered it removed to Shellbarger & Son's undertaking establishment, where it remained until identified.

Resided at Valley Falls. Seven years ago Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore lived at Valley Falls, where he was employed as a cigar maker. At that time Edna, the girl murdered today, was a child of three years of age. Employment was offered to Dinsmore and they moved to Topeka.

TOAST TO WILSON

Associated Press Head Asks for Support of President.

New York, April 25.—In a toast offered to President Wilson at the annual meeting of The Associated Press, here today Frank B. Noyes of Washington, D. C., president of the organization, tendered "Our affectionate sympathy and our loyal support to the man who, by virtue of his great office as our spokesman to the world and who speaks for our right and our honor as God gives him to see our rights and our honor."

Mr. Noyes' audience included newspaper publishers and editors from all parts of the country. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, made the principal address at the meeting. Mr. Noyes in his toast to President Wilson said:

"On similar occasions in past years, character of the membership of the Associated Press mainly for the purpose of emphasizing the fact that varied as are our opinions on one subject we all agree that each and every one is a loyal American."

"The 900 who compose our membership exercise their inalienable right of holding an opinion on every conceivable subject including the relations of this government with foreign powers, and this right they hold and exercise in common with the rest of the hundred million Americans."

Baseball tickets for the opening game tomorrow between Denver and Topeka will be sold at the business office of the State Journal.

WARSHIPS ZEPPELINS IN RAID ON ENGLAND

Bombard Lowestoft in Naval Dash Across North Sea.

Encounter British Cruisers in 20-Minute Battle.

FIVE ZEPS DROP 70 BOMBS

Norfolk, Suffolk Coast, Suffer From German Airmen.

English Aviators Destroy Enemy Camp on Suez Canal.

GERMAN REPULSE AT VERDUN

More Russian Troops Arrive to Reinforce French.

Kaiser's Navy Raid First Since December 16, 1914.

London, April 25.—A German battle cruiser squadron raided Lowestoft, on the English east coast, this morning. The warships remained in the vicinity for about 20 minutes, getting away clear, after bombarding the shore and landing hits on two British light cruisers and a destroyer which engaged them.

According to the British officials statement on the raid the material damage was probably insignificant.

The casualties reported are two men, one woman and a child killed. The British warships, it was stated, were struck by German shells that were not sunk, the press bureau announcement declares.

The Verdun Front. The Germans after heavily bombarding the position drove home three successive assaults last night in the region of Verdun. The complete repulse of the first two attacks is claimed by Paris, which declares that the third attack, although assisted by the use of gas, also broke down, the Germans suffering severe losses in their sustained, but fruitless, effort to advance.

Further to the west on the line another German effort, an attempt to carry an advanced post at the Avocourt redoubt, also resulted in failure.

Air Raid on Dunkirk. The German bombardment of Dunkirk was resumed this morning, six bombs being dropped. A woman was killed and three men wounded.

Russia has sent additional troops to the western front. Another contingent arrived at Marseilles this morning.

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Paper So High Editor Appeals for Smaller Ads

Findlay Republican Has Mailed Letters to all its Advertisers Asking Them to Reduce the Size of their Advertising Space.

The action was taken, it was stated, because of the scarcity of printing paper, which has advanced a hundred per cent in price during the last year. It is now about four cents a pound in large quantities.

DOWN TOWN FRAY

Two Killed, One May Die, Following Hold-up.

Policeman Who Went to Aid of Victim, Shot Dead.

Cincinnati, April 25.—In a revolver battle in the heart of the business district today, Patrolman Samuel Robbins was shot and killed, a pawnbroker, named Louis Katz, was probably fatally shot while an unidentified man, accused by the police of causing the shooting, was in turn shot and probably fatally wounded by Detective Albert Wegener.

The police assert Katz was shot when the unidentified man attempted to hold up the pawnbroker in his shop. The man opened fire when Robbins hurried to Katz's assistance and was seen by his fellow officer fall immediately shot the man.

GAME CALLED OFF

Rain Causes Postponement of Opening at Ball Park.

Parade and Features Scheduled for Tomorrow.

On account of the weather, the opening game of the Western league baseball season here today between the Savages and the Denver club was called off shortly before noon.

The Santa Fe, the banks, mortgage companies and all the local firms that had agreed to close for this afternoon announced that they would do the same thing tomorrow.

Tomorrow's game will be called promptly at 2 o'clock and every feature of the program planned for today will be carried out, including the parade.

Make Crowd Bigger. The announcement of the postponement came just in time to allow the business houses and the Santa Fe to make their arrangements so that they would allow their forces to be away tomorrow afternoon instead of today.

And, in as much as the Savages were rained into financial losses at St. Joseph, a movement was started early this afternoon to make tomorrow's crowd bigger than today's would have been under the most favorable circumstances.

By tonight it will be known just how large the crowds were in Wichita and Omaha if the opening games were played in these two cities, and there is a determination to do the same thing here.

Some of the players were allowed on the diamond this afternoon and cleared up, as it was thought more essential to keep the playing field in good condition for tomorrow than to give the men what little practice they could get.

All tickets that were bought for today's game will be good for tomorrow, and all guesses on the attendance to season pass offered by the State Journal will apply on the attendance tomorrow.

COURTS TO BLAME

"Meddling of Kansas Judiciary Ruined Gas Company."

Attorney Atwood Makes Charge in Court Argument.

Kansas City, April 25.—Attorneys for the receivers of the Kansas Natural Gas company began their argument today in the federal court at Kansas City, Kan., today, in support of their contention that the court has jurisdiction in the suit brought by the utilities commission, a temporary injunction to prevent the utilities commission from regulating gas rates is sought.

Frank Hagerman of Kansas City opened for the receivers. The federal court has jurisdiction because the gas company does an interstate business, he said, and because the rates established by the Kansas and Missouri utilities boards are confiscatory. Jno. H. Atwood of Kansas City followed Mr. Hagerman, reviewing the history of the gas litigation. If the Kansas natural was obliged to sue in Kansas it had no right to sue in any other state, he is bound to sue, said Mr. Atwood.

Mr. Atwood alleged the service of the company already had been ruined by the meddling of Kansas courts.

REBELS ATTACK DUBLIN

Irish Revolutionists Capture Stone Postoffice.

England Ser's Troops to Suppress New Uprising.

KILL CITIZENS AND SOLDIERS

Seize Telegraph Office, Cut Off Communication.

Germans Plot Uprising With Sir Roger Casement.

London, April 25.—Irish rebels are in possession of four or five parts of the city of Dublin after twenty-four hours of most serious rioting. Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, announced in the house of commons this afternoon.

Telegraphic communication with Dublin has been cut off, indicating that the principal portion of the city is held by the rebels.

Rioting broke out afresh after soldiers arriving from Curragh put down the first rebellion. Birrell first announced to commons that the riot had been quelled and that the soldiers had recaptured the Dublin postoffice which was taken by the rebels in their first outbreak yesterday. Twelve persons were killed in the first fight but because of the interruption of telegraphic communication the country has no estimation of the total number of casualties.

P. O. a Veritable Fort. Birrell announced that arrests have been made but he was unable at this time to give any names.

The Dublin general postoffice which was seized by the rioters in the first battle.

WICHITA OPENS TODAY

Willard and Gotch Fail to Show Up For the Game.

Wichita, Kan., April 25.—The paid attendance at the opening game of the Western league season here today was announced as 4,150. Rain cut down the attendance.

Wichita, Kan., April 25.—In spite of a rain that fell during the morning, a cold wind from the southeast and threatening clouds that hid the sun, the 1916 Western league baseball season here was opened today with a game between Wichita and St. Joseph.

An automobile parade preceded the game. Jess Willard and Frank Gotch, who were scheduled to form the battery for the first ball pitched, failed to arrive.

The batteries for the game were announced as follows: For St. Joe—Thomas and Gramson; for Wichita—Maitrey and Gray.

Both teams started out playing air-tight ball and neither was able to score in the first two innings.

Omaha, Neb., April 25.—The Western league season was opened here this afternoon before a large crowd of enthusiastic boosters. Fans in the Lincoln club being the opponents of the Omaha.

The batteries for the game were announced as follows: For Omaha—Gregory and Rohrer; for Lincoln—North and Krueger. Neither team was able to score in the first two innings.

In the fourth, Omaha stepped into the lead, putting across a total of four runs. Neither team scored in the fifth.

Paid attendance at Omaha 5,900. Game at Sioux City.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 25.—The Sioux City Western league club opened their season here today at the Des Moines club. At the end of the third inning the score stood 2 to 1 in favor of Sioux City.

BASEBALL TODAY. American League. At Cleveland—Score: R. H. E. Chicago 2 6 1. Cleveland 9 11 0. Batteries: Cleveland—Wolfgang, Russell, Benz, Williams and Lyant; Cleveland—Coulme and O'Neill. Philadelphia at Washington—game postponed; rain.

WHERE DEAD CHILD WAS FOUND TODAY

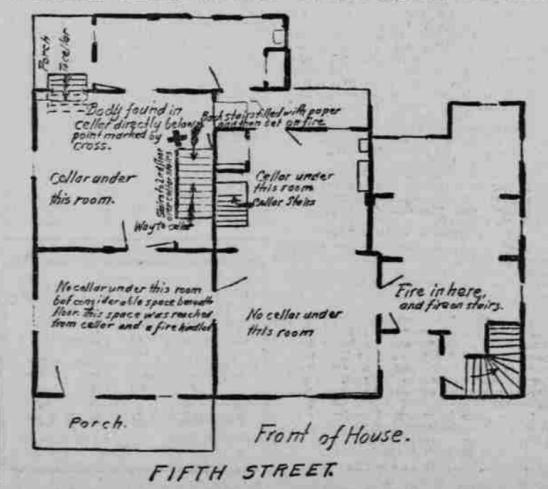


Diagram showing the location of the dead child in the basement, the fire in the cellar, and the positions of the body and the child's clothing.