

TELLS WHY SHE SHOT GARLAND

Mrs. McRea on Witness Stand Admits the Killing of Young Man in Her Southern Home.

DEFENDING HER HONOR

Argued to the Jurors and Left Witness Stand With Triumphant Air When Excused.

OPELOUSAS, La., Oct. 31.—Mrs. Zoe Runge McRea, member of one of the oldest families in the state, faced her accusers and told why she killed Allan Garland, member of a family equally as prominent as her own.

She said she shot "to protect her honor," but her only explanation of why each bullet took effect in the young Tulane student's back was that she was so excited she did not know whether Garland turned to flee as she shot.

Mrs. McRea denied absolutely any undue friendship between herself and Garland, and explained the circumstances under which he spent three or four nights at her home.

She admitted that Garland and herself were together often, adding that her children were always with them.

She was asked if she thought Garland intended to attack her in her home at 10 o'clock in the morning, with all the doors open and with her children and two servants in the yard.

Mrs. McRea replied she did not know what Garland would do, as he had said he was not afraid of her and was advancing toward her.

"Did you think he was going to attack you then and there?" "Yes, sir. A man who makes such a proposal to a woman—I do not know what he would do to a woman."

"Now, you are positive that was why you shot him?" "Yes, sir; to defend my honor. I shot him to defend my honor," she said, emphatically.

"Why did Allan come to your home and spend three nights?" "His uncle was visiting the Garlands and Allan had had some trouble with a young lady and he ordered Allan out of the house.

Allan asked me if I wouldn't let him come to my house and stay for the next few nights. I didn't want to do anything that would cause friction between the two families, so I went to Mrs. Garland and asked her whether there would be any objections to Allan's staying there until his uncle went home.

She said no, and that was why Allan stayed at my house." After admitting she was a good shot and that she and Garland had been shooting at targets together, she was asked:

"Aren't you stronger than Allan and didn't you say that you were?" "I said I was fiesher and bigger, but I don't know what is the strength of a man as compared to that of a woman," Mrs. McRea replied.

"Now, tell me, couldn't you have picked this boy up by the arms and pushed him out of the house?" "I might have if I had had that much time, Mr. Veasey. Do you think a woman is going to get into a fist fight with a man who has insulted her? Why, I don't think so, and I don't think the wives of any of these jurors would have done it," declared the accused woman, with a rising inflection in her voice.

Attorney Veasey objected to the witness arguing before the jury. When Mrs. McRea was excused she walked triumphantly from the little platform which serves as a witness stand.

A half dozen character witnesses were called, all testifying that Mrs. McRea bore a good reputation.

MR. TAFT ATE EVERYTHING UP

Dining Car on Train Was Lost in the Shuffle and Rest of the Party Had to Wait for Breakfast.

MINES AND STEAMERS

Replica of First Boat, Built One Hundred Years Ago Is Christened Today.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 31.—President Taft had a good breakfast today even if the other members of his party had to go hungry. The presidential train was split up coming from Chicago last night and the dining car was lost in the shuffle. Therefore it took all the food on board the train to appease the presidential appetite this morning and the rest of the party had to go to hotels for their breakfast.

The president arrived here at 5:30 this morning and was met by a committee at 8:30 and transported to Forbes Field where the demonstration of the National Safety Mine was in progress.

The president closely watched the "first aid" Red Cross teams demonstrate the uses of the different kinds of life saving devices used in connection with the rescue of miners after accident and at noon presented medals to the teams which a committee selected as being the most perfect in the world.

President Taft was then escorted to the Hotel Shirley where he attended a luncheon. From there he went direct to the wharf where he spoke from the deck of the steamer Virginia, the flag ship for the naval parade.

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth christened the little New Orleans, a replica of the steamboat of the same name which was the first to navigate the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. The original steamer was built in 1811 by Nicholas J. Roosevelt, uncle of the former president.

Tonight a banquet will be given to the president after which he will leave for Morgantown, W. Va.

AGED MAN RUN DOWN BY TRAIN

Struck By Engine and Lost His Life After Reaching 85 Years of Age.

CHARITON, Oct. 31.—Attempting to cross the tracks on which Burlington passenger train No. 3 was pulling into the station, David Fluke, an aged and highly respected citizen of this place was struck by the engine and killed.

The accident occurred as Mr. Fluke, who is 85 years of age and somewhat deaf, attempted to cross from one side of the track to the other. He was about to leave for Osceola to visit one of his sons for the day. His object in crossing the track was to board the train from the opposite side and in doing so was struck by the approaching train which he failed to see or hear.

He was struck on the head and thrown out of the right of way, and killed. The engine or train did not run over him. Mr. Fluke would be 85 years of age next month and has been one of the pioneers about this section, having retired as a farmer and came into Chariton many years ago. He is survived by four sons and as many daughters, and was prominent in the Methodist church here.

MAYBE GIRL HAS WOODEN LEG

\$5,000 in Jewels Taken From Her Stocking and She Didn't Know It.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 31.—How can a thief in a public place get his hand inside a woman's stocking and take therefrom a big purse full of valuable gems without the owner knowing it?

This question baffles Pittsburg detectives who are searching for the \$5,000 worth of jewels stolen mysteriously from Miss Elizabeth Gilles of Hazelwood.

Miss Gilles left her home to visit friends. She placed her diamonds in a purse and stuck the purse in her stocking. On her way home after the visit she sat in a street car. Both eyed her strangely, and when she arrived home her gems were missing.

Miss Gilles has offered a substantial reward for the return of the valuables. She promises not to ask any questions.

Strangled by a Door. ARLINGTON, Ill., Oct. 31.—Willie, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mintzen of Arlington, was caught in the sliding doors of an oats bin and strangled.

LITTERED WITH CHINESE CORPSES

River Front at Hankow Looks Like an Outdoor Morgue After the Bloodiest of Battles.

CITY IS AN ASH PILE

Blackened Heaps of Ruins Mark What Was Once a Row of Chop Suey Joints and Laundries.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 31.—The rebels recaptured Hankow Sunday after the bloodiest battle since the revolution broke out according to native information brought here today. Wireless dispatches from foreign warships off the city refer to fighting today but it is not clear whether they mean Sunday's engagement or that fighting has been resumed.

Since Friday the rebel's death roll is placed at 1,000, the imperialists at 300. The battle raged along the river front, which was littered with corpses. The greater part of the city is said to be a series of blackened heaps of ruins. Much uneasiness is felt for foreigners who may have neglected to take refuge aboard the warships in time.

Late reports by wireless from the foreign warships off Hankow state that the rebels have driven the imperialists from the city but that the battle is still raging in the outskirts. It is believed the dead will run into the thousands.

It appears the rebels drove the imperial warships from their position by a devastating fire from their forts. The flotilla, compelled to drop down the river out of range of the rebel's guns, left the way open for the revolutionists to make their crossing without suffering from the cross fire which drove them from Hankow on the day of its capture by the imperial forces.

ITALY OUTLOOK IS ALARMING

King Victor is Up Against it in Several Ways Just at Present.

VIENNA, Oct. 31.—The outlook in Italy today is most alarming. King Victor's forces in Tripoli are threatened with worse than the disaster which has already overtaken them. There is danger of a clash with Austria.

African news is still meagre, owing to the Italian control of the cables but it seems certain that the Turks have re-occupied the outskirts of the city of Tripoli and are likely to drive the Italians out entirely. Reports that the later lost 5,000 killed and had 7,000 taken prisoner are accepted here as true.

Whether it is true that the Rome government is mobilizing 100,000 troops as the reports from Rome claim, information here leaves no doubt that troops are being quietly collected for a fresh expedition into Africa, but there will be a great deal of trouble with the soldiers themselves, who in some cases are decidedly mutinous.

Austria is very much exercised over the report apparently confirmed, that Italy today seized the Turkish islands of Lesbos and Rhodes as part of their demonstration in Turkish waters. Austria will probably demand that these islands be returned to Turkey immediately and this may precipitate a clash between Austria and Italy.

\$2,000 REWARD TO SOLVE MYSTERY

State of Indiana Adds to Reward Announced by City in Knabe Case.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 31.—Governor Marshall today announced that the state will supplement the offer made by the city of Indianapolis of \$1,000 to the persons who solve the mystery of the death of Dr. Helen Knabe, by an additional \$1,000.

Despite the fact that almost every detective in the city has been working on the case the police have yet to discover a single clue to the mystery. It is thought, however, that something will be discovered before long, and the police have practically discarded the suicide theory and are now looking for a possible suspect to support the murder idea. As yet they have no theory as to who committed the crime.

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PRESIDENT TAFT'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

"The people of this land having by long sanction and practice set apart toward the close of each passing year a day on which to cease from their labors and assemble for the purpose of giving praise to Him who is the author of the blessings they have enjoyed, it is my duty as chief executive to designate this time the day for the fulfillment of this devout purpose."

"Our country has been favored in many ways by the round of the seasons has brought rich harvests. Our industries have thriven far beyond our domestic needs, the production of our labor are daily finding enlarged markets abroad. We have been free from the curses of pestilence, of famine and of war. Our national councils have furthered the cause of peace in other lands and the spirit of benevolence has brought us into closer touch with other peoples, to the strengthening of the bonds of fellowship and good will that link us to our comrades in the universal brotherhood of nations."

"Strong in the sense of our own right and inspired by as strong a sense of the rights of others, we live in peace and harmony with the world. Rich in the priceless possession and abundant resources, wherewith the unstinted bounty of God has endowed us, we are unselfishly glad when other peoples pass onward to prosperity and peace. That the great privileges we enjoy may continue and that each coming year may see our country more firmly established in regard and esteem of our fellow nations, is the prayer that should arise in every thankful heart."

"Wherefore, I, William Howard Taft, president of the United States of America, designate Thursday, the 30th of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and I earnestly call upon my countrymen and upon all who dwell under the flag of our beloved country, then to meet in their accustomed places of worship to join in offering praise to Almighty God and devout thanks for living mercy He has given to us."

Shot Wife and Self. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 31.—Hugo Brown, aged 46, agent for a barber's supply company, shot and killed his wife, Margaret, aged 32, then shot himself to death. The tragedy took place in the parlor of the Brown home where the couple were found a few minutes after the shooting, locked in each other's arms. No cause for Brown's deed is known.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Clear night and Wednesday. Colder tonight with frost.

For Illinois: Generally fair, but with some cloudiness, tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight, with frost.

For Iowa: Generally fair, but with some cloudiness tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight, with frost.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight, with frost.

Weather Conditions. A depression, passing through the Lower Lake Region has caused warmer weather east of the Mississippi, Lower Missouri and Ohio Valleys and in the Lake Region.

Heavy rains on the Gulf Coast have attended a depression in Florida. A field of high pressure in the Northern Mountain and Plateau Regions, is causing fair, colder weather over the Western Plains, the cold extending southward to Texas.

Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Wednesday, and colder tonight, with frost.

Daily River Bulletin. Stage, Height, Change, Weather. St. Paul ... 14 ... Clear La Crosse ... 12 6.4 ... Clear Dubuque ... 18 12.2 ... Clear Davenport ... 15 10.0 x0.1 Cldy Galland ... 8 4.9 ... Clear Keokuk ... 15 9.9 ... Clear St. Louis ... 30 13.7 ... Cldy

River Forecast. The river will remain nearly stationary from Davenport to Keokuk during the next thirty-six hours.

Local Observations. Oct. 30. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 30, 7 p.m. ... 30.00 44 NW Ltr 31, 7 a.m. ... 30.16 35 NW Clear

Rainfall for past 24 hours, .28 hundredths. Mean temperature, Oct. 30, 42. Highest temperature, 45. Lowest temperature, 40. Lowest temperature last night, 35.

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TRAGEDY AT FISH MARKET

Woman Draws Revolver From Her Clothing and Shoots Husband Dead on the Spot.

IS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL

Unfaithful One Refused to Support Her and Their Child, so She Killed Him.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Oct. 31.—Frank Kilduff was shot and instantly killed last evening by his wife, Anna, because he had deserted and refused to support her. Kilduff is employed at the Barr fish market. His wife entered the market last evening and asked him if he was going to support her and their child. When he answered in the negative she drew a revolver which she had concealed in her clothing and shot him, the bullet of thirty-eight calibre entering his head above the right eye, and he fell to the floor dead. The wife walked to the police station, a block away, and gave herself up.

Kilduff's body was removed to the local morgue. The couple had lived here several years, the wife being remarkable for her beauty and much admired. Kilduff was a popular young man and the shooting created a sensation.

READ THIS AND LAUGH YOURSELF SICK

One Woman Died Laughing at This Joke and Another Had Epileptic Fit.

AURORA, Ill., Oct. 31.—Miss Margaret Higgins Milroy, forty-five years old, a Batavia woman, laughed so heartily at a comedy sketch in a theater that she went into a coughing spell that brought on a fatal hemorrhage. She died in the ambulance while being hurried to the St. Charles hospital.

Miss Ernestine Heldt, a pretty young woman who sat near, also fell a victim to the humor of the actors. She sank to the floor in an epileptic fit.

The joke to which the two were victims is in dispute. One version is this: Just after a young woman had attempted a high note a man suggested she make no further attempt to "take" a note on which she had no claims. He said he was a "pretty good singer himself," but he once tried to take a "note" and they put him in jail for it.

SIX YEAR OLD BOY KILLS GIRL

Pulled Trigger of Revolver and Little Girl Died Three Days After.

MONMOUTH, Ill., Oct. 21.—"See what I've got," said 6-year-old Harry Miller to Ogretta, Gaul, a girl of the same age, showing a .22-caliber revolver and pulling the trigger. A bullet crashed into the body of his companion. Blood poison followed, and after three days' suffering the child died.

The murderer of the Dawson family was indirectly responsible for the tragedy, as Harry Miller's father, with scores of Monmouth citizens, purchased revolvers for protection during the excitement incident to the Dawson murder.

CANADIANS HAVE THANKSGIVING DAY

They Are a Month Ahead of United States in the Observance of the Day.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 31.—The people of Canada yesterday observed the annual day of thanksgiving. Business halted throughout the Dominion, and a holiday aspect was generally in evidence. A leading feature of the day in this section was the extensive military maneuvers in the Dundas valley.

Miners' Strike Averted. OSKALOOSA, Iowa, Oct. 31.—An impending strike of coal miners in Missouri was averted at a conference of coal operatives and officers of the United Mine Workers of North America, headed by President John P. White. All differences between the Southwestern Coal Operators' Association and the mine workers of Missouri, District No. 25, in regard to the Novinger (Mo.) arbitration case were amicably settled.

GREATEST SIGHT EVER ENJOYED

Naval Display on the Hudson River Made Bizarre New Yorkers Gasp With Astonishment.

THE ILLUMINATIONS

Most Gorgeous Electric Show Ever Seen in America When All the Lights Were Blinking.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—New York, which effects to be barge, admitted today that it took Uncle Sam's great navy to furnish her a spectacle greater than the most spectacular theatre manager ever attempted to arrange.

Last night's illumination of the 100 battleships, cruisers, torpedo boats and miscellaneous war craft in the Hudson river was admitted on all sides today to have been one of the most gorgeous electrical displays ever seen in America. The display will be repeated tonight. Silhouetted in thousands of incandescent lamps which traced their keels and lattice work fighting tops as in a fiery scroll, the hundreds of great search search lights glaring straight into the air, the great armada on the Hudson river presented a scene that has never been duplicated in this country.

The police estimate that 750,000 persons passed along Riverside drive and through the park to witness the sight.

After today every man will be busy preparing the ships for the inspection of Secretary of Navy Meyer on Wednesday and the review of the fleet on Thursday by President Taft.

As the great fleet steams out to sea on Thursday, passing before the presidential yacht, Mayflower, the chief executive will witness the greatest gathering of warships ever seen in American waters. Mariners say, too, he will witness the greatest feat in seamanship ever accomplished. Admiral Osterhaus must take 100 warships out of the Hudson river through the narrows and the lower bay, always packed with shipping. To carry so great an armada out to safety will test of the ingenuity of the fleet commander.

IOWA MURDER IN LOG CABIN

Wood Chopper Found Dead With Part of His Head Blown Clear Off.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Oct. 31.—Sam Kramer, a wood-chopper, lying with Phil Everett in a log cabin in the timber five miles north of Buffalo, Iowa, was found dead on the floor of his home. Everett, who was found in a field nearby, is in jail pending investigation.

Conditions point to murder as Kramer's body was badly mutilated by the discharge from a shotgun which took off part of his head. A farmer passing the place Saturday night claims he heard some men quarreling and heard a shot fired. Kramer and Everett are said to have been seen together at Blue Grass late Saturday afternoon.

She Wants \$10,000. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Oct. 31.—Charging her husband's relatives alienated his affections and led to his desertion one week after marriage, Mrs. Grace Danison, formerly of Macomb, Ill., filed suit asking \$10,000 damage against Mrs. Fannie Danison, mother of the bridegroom, and sisters, Miss Louise Danison and Mrs. Dora Phelps, of Weldon, Ill. The couple were married in the depot of the Illinois Central at Clinton, Ill., after a ceremony arranged by correspondence.

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WILL BUILD DAM TO FIX RIVER

Will Cost \$6,000 to Put River Back Into Its Old Channel Since the Recent Flood.

USE CHURCH AS STORE

Business Men Open up Their Stocks in Residences and the City is Gradually Recovering.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., Oct. 31.—The committee chosen by Governor McGovern to manage the contributions for this city has been in session since yesterday. About \$15,000 in cash has been given and the unanimous decision of the committee is that the first thing to do is to get the river back into its old bed by means of a cofferdam. The estimated cost is \$6,000.

The powerhouse is being restored. The machinery is in good condition and will be operated by an engine until the dam is rebuilt.

The pontoon bridge built by the Omaha railroad, to connect the ruined section of the city with the east end, where the station is located has been completed and carloads of merchandise and produce shipped into the city to restock stores are being hauled across by teams and placed in temporary structures and residences which will serve for trading stands until new stores can be built.

Nearly all the merchants who lost their property in the flood have resumed business, in residences, temporary stores or other buildings. One of the big firms, the Jones company, has its stock of wares displayed in the Episcopal church.

Wreckage is still being recovered at different points down the river as far as five miles below the city, but much of it is of little value. A great deal of the timber, however, may be used in reconstructing buildings, and load after load is being hauled back to the city.

There are many peculiar instances of the action of the water found in looking for salvage. In one pile were found, without a nick or crack, eighteen Haviland china plates belonging to Mrs. H. H. Gebhardt, while close to them was a six-inch timber broken off.

GOATS MILK AS NEW DRINK CURE

Most People Would Rather Have a Drunk Around House Than a Goat.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 31.—Goat's milk is the latest remedy for the drink habit. Dr. Adelaide M. Abbott, superintendent of the department of health and heredity of the Woman's Temperance Union, declares that it is a specific and recommends that the city keep a herd of goats in Franklin park and distribute the milk once or twice a day to inebriates throughout the city.

"If an abundant supply of pure goat's milk could be provided, the cost of distribution to be borne by the city or state, it would be a great aid toward the suppression of intemperance, pauperism and all evils growing out of alcoholism," says Dr. Abbott. "I believe this is the solution of the greatest economical and sociological problem which confronts the country today."

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