

ARRESTED HERE, CONFESSES MURDER

Servian Makes Confession to Chief Kenney Following Arrest by Le Feber Yesterday Morning.

QUARREL OVER WOMAN

Letter in Two Languages From Sweetheart Aids Police in Apprehension of Slayer Here.

Louis Scarvitz, a Servian, arrested yesterday morning at 212 South Third street, confessed to Chief Kenney this morning that he is the man sought by the St. Louis police for the murder of Mike Mesha, a countryman, whom he admits he shot and killed in a boarding house 3137 North Broadway, St. Louis, a month ago.

The arrest of Scarvitz and the securing of information from a letter written in two languages, that caused him to confess the crime, followed some of the most interesting work of criminal detection that has been done by the local police for months.

The arrest of Scarvitz followed the receipt of a telegram Monday night from Chief of Police William Young, of St. Louis. The telegram read: "Arrest, charge murder, Louis Scarvitz, 30 years, ave foot, seven, 130 pounds, small droopy mustache, left eye-tooth missing, scar upper lip covered by mustache, wearing dark clothes, said to be at number 2 Water street, your city."

How Scarvitz Was Found.

The same evening Chief Kenney went to the place mentioned in the telegram. After an investigation there he found a man who admitted he knew Scarvitz and admitted that a letter for Scarvitz had been addressed to himself. The man, Frank Nash, a Bohemian, who has lived here for about three years, said he did not know where Scarvitz was at the time, but said he might meet him the next day on the street.

The following morning, yesterday, at 6 o'clock, Chief Kenney directed Officer LeFeber to go to Nash, wake him up, and have him go with LeFeber to several places on South Third street that are occupied by foreigners and where he believed Scarvitz might be found. At 212 South Third street, in a house where a number of foreigners are living, Scarvitz was found. He was placed under arrest and taken to the police station.

Denied Guilt When Arrested.

When first questioned at the police station by Chief Kenney, the man denied any knowledge of the crime. He gave his name as "Melen Papo," said he had been in this city above two weeks, and that he came here from St. David, Ill., where he had been working in the coal mines. He answered the description, however, of the man wanted by the St. Louis police, with the exception of the fact that he had shaved off his mustache and had about a two weeks growth of beard on his face.

Among the personal effects taken from the Servian when he was placed in jail was one of the letters that had been addressed to Frank Nash in English but intended for Scarvitz. The letter was written in a foreign language. Nash said he and Scarvitz had been rooming at the same place and that Scarvitz had asked to have letters addressed to him (Nash) because the postoffice authorities would be unable to read a letter addressed to himself in his own language. Nash had agreed to this, not knowing Scarvitz was a criminal.

Letter in Two Languages.

Chief Kenney had the letter examined by a Greek who lives here and who reads and writes two languages. Upon examining the letter the Greek found that a part of the letter was written in Austrian, a language he could read, but the rest of it was written in a language he was unable to read. There were first written a few words in Austrian and then a few words in the other tongue.

WED IN KEOKUK: NOW SEEK DIVORCE

Wife Charges Drunkenness and Adultery in Her Petition Which Was Filed in Quincy Court.

Quincy Journal: In the office of Circuit Clerk Erdo W. Beatty yesterday a divorce suit filed by Ella Brock Schmidt against Oscar Brock Schmidt charging drunkenness and adultery, naming 216 Broadway, Quincy, as the place, though the name of the respondent is not known. The couple was married in Keokuk, Iowa, June 14, 1906, and separated here on June 14, 1914, four months after the commission of the alleged adultery offense.

Kansas Is Labeled.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 10.—Kansas has been labeled by the liquor interests. So declared the senate in a concurrent resolution, copies of which will be sent to every legislature in the union.

It stated that the liquor interests have published statements that prohibition in Kansas has caused an increase in crime, death rate, homicide, suicides, divorces and juvenile delinquencies. The resolution states that the reverse is true of prohibition and adds: "All such charges are libelous and false, and do but represent the sentiments of men who when this state exited the saloon, were content to leave Kansas for her good."

Working Overtime.

Omaha Bee: It's a tossup which man works faster, the Krupp gun factory or the iron cross factory.

CUT THIS OUT

Old English Recipe for Catarrhal Deafness and Head Noises.

If you know someone who is troubled with catarrhal deafness or head noises, cut out this formula and hand it to them and you will have been the means of saving some poor sufferer perhaps from total deafness. Experiments conducted in England some time ago seem to prove conclusively that catarrhal deafness, head noises, etc., were directly caused by constitutional trouble. It was further brought out that salves, sprays, inhalers, etc., merely temporize with the complaint, and seldom, if ever, effect a permanent cure. This being so, much time and money were spent in perfecting a pure, gentle, yet effective tonic that would quickly dispel all traces of the catarrhal poison from the system. The prescription which was eventually formulated and which has aroused the belief that catarrhal deafness and head noises will soon be extinct is given below in understandable form so that anyone can treat themselves in their own home at little expense.

Secure from your druggist 1 oz. Parmitin (Double Strength) about 75c worth. Take this home and add to it 1/4 pint of hot water and 4 oz. of granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful four times a day.

Parmitin is used in this way not only to reduce by tonic action, the inflammation and swelling in the Eustachian Tubes, and thus to equalize the air pressure on the drum, but to correct any excess of secretions in the middle ear.

Every person who has catarrh in any form should give this recipe a trial and free themselves from this destructive disease.

A Bulgarian, who reads and writes six languages, but does not speak English. The Bulgarian was able to translate the rest of the letter. He wrote his translation in Bulgarian, from which it was translated into English for Chief Kenney by the Greek.

Remainder of Letter.

The remainder of the letter, which was written from Alton, Ill., February 3, follows:

"John sells boarding house out. I am in bad shape right now. I can't help you out. I will try and do the best I can. Will write you a Saturday. Six policemen were looking for you here. I told them you was not here. They found out nothing from me. You don't have to be afraid, they are all your people here. I know everything is fixed up."

The translators told Chief Kenney the letter was written as if it had come from a man but that the writer was a woman, evidently the sweetheart of Scarvitz. When first asked about the letter, Scarvitz said that it was written by a man, a "pal" of his.

After Scarvitz was arrested, Chief Kenney wired to the St. Louis police to send an officer for him. He received in answer a wire this morning, stating that an officer would be sent to arrive some time today.

This morning Scarvitz was questioned closely by Chief Kenney. Kenney told the man that a St. Louis officer was coming for him today and that he would be returned to St. Louis. He told him that he might as well confess the whole affair.

Scarvitz Tells of Murder.

Scarvitz then told Chief Kenney the following story: About a month ago he was rooming over a saloon at 3137 North Broadway, St. Louis, in a house kept by Max Kroegler. While in the saloon one night he and Mike Mesha, a countryman, became engaged in a fist fight over a girl. Mesha, Scarvitz says, started the fight. When Scarvitz left the saloon shortly afterward he went to his room above the saloon. Just a few minutes later, according to his story, Mesha knocked at his door and when he opened it he saw Mesha standing there in the dimly lit hallway with a large knife in his hand. Mesha screamed at him, "I'll cut your head off." Scarvitz grabbed his revolver and shot Mesha, killing him. Before the police could arrive Scarvitz had escaped. He had been evading the officers from that time until Monday when he was arrested here.

Evicted from Home.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 10.—Eviction from their little apartment after seven years of toil by the wife to keep her husband from an insane asylum was the reward of Mrs. John Love and her husband, 60 and 73 years old. They sought refuge last night in a police station. Mrs. Love said her husband's mind was weakened five years ago by the sight of their son

Cause for Divorce.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] JOLIET, Ill., Feb. 10.—Bath tub parties and a "rapture party" in Cleveland which Marvin Beadle says were detailed in letters he found in his wife's trunk caused him to sue for divorce today. Beadle says he found the letters tied with lavender ribbon in his wife's trunk. The Beadles have two children.

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Stomach Sufferers! READ THIS

So many stomach sufferers have been benefited by a complete prescription of vegetable oils which cured a Chicago druggist of chronic stomach, liver and intestinal trouble of years' standing that we want you surely to try this remedy. It is known as Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. One dose will convince you. It usually gives complete and permanent results—even in the most stubborn cases. One dose will convince you. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy is sold by leading druggists everywhere with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.

SYSTEMATIC RELIEF IS BEING AFFORDED

Conditions Scarcely Dreamed Of were Told About in Letter and Remedy was Applied.

The following excerpts from a letter received some weeks ago tell of conditions hardly dreamed of in this city. The United Charities was able to render the much needed assistance and prevent further suffering. "Dear Gentlemen: I have been a very sick woman, having very little to eat and very little fire. The only fire I had was of light boxes. I would have starved in a few days more because I would not ask for help. I thought every day John would get work, but he could find none. This family is now on its feet and perhaps sharing its provisions with others less fortunate. If this is the kind of relief you wish to give, get in touch with the United Charities. Let them know you wish to be counted in on these things and they will put you in touch with some family to whom you can be a real friend."

MEAT PRICES ARE LOWER TO BUTCHERS

But the Consumer is Still Made to Pay the High Price of Last Fall.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 10.—Wholesale meat prices today are down lower on a general average than they have been in two or three years, but retail prices show little variation. The high mark was reached last October.

Large selling of live stock, and industrial conditions are assigned by the packers as the reason. Many doing without meat in the east, reducing the demand. Then the foot and mouth disease has frightened many cattle owners into selling their live stock, and the supply of hogs has been above the normal. Following are comparative wholesale prices quoted by the packers:

Beef ribs that sold for 21 cents a pound last October, now sell for 16 cents. Beef loin that sold for 24 cents a pound last October, now sells for 19 cents. Chuck steak that sold for 15 cents a pound last October, now sells for 11 1/2 cents. Round steak that sold for 15 cents a pound last October, now sells for 12 1/2 cents. Pork loins that sold for 17 1/2 cents a pound last October, now sells for 11 1/2 cents. Boneless shoulder butts (pork) that sold for 13 1/2 cents a pound last October, now sells for 11 1/2 cents.

COUNTY WARRANTS ARE GOING BEGGING

Citizens Not Anxious to Pick Them up. One Fort Madison Official Declares.

Fort Madison Gem City: A county warrant is usually considered a negotiable bit of paper. It is drawn up into a form, bearing the amount, allowed by the board of supervisors to the recipient and its negotiability is backed up by every citizen of the county. Still despite all of that, a Lee county warrant which in days gone by was considered as good as a government bond, today is considered by the majority of the residents of the county, as a "bad bit of paper to get mixed up with," at least that is the contention of one county official in this city.

As an evidence as to the correct qualities of his statements one points out the recent instance where the board of supervisors was criticised by a Keokuk newspaper for issuing warrants without placing a sufficient amount of county funds in the banks to meet the demands. "Some of the banks where the warrants were presented refused to cash them, stating that they could not dispose of the paper, as other citizens did not want it," stated the official.

"The interest paid on a county warrant is five per cent," he continued, "which is considered as good interest for an investment. The county is behind the piece of paper. A county can't go broke, that is as long as the tax rates can be raised to meet the expenditures. Why then, will 95 per cent of the citizens of the county sidestep a county warrant as an investment?"

The reporter who was the object of the answer, mumbled something and then gave up, he couldn't guess.

Kitchen for the Poor.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Two of the richest women in New York have established a public kitchen for the sale at cost of freshly cooked food to New York's poor and have agreed to finance it for a year. The kitchen is at Twenty-seventh street and Sixth avenue. Others are to be established if this proves successful.

A bill of fare will include soups at two cents, stews at four cents, dinner and supper at five cents each. Mrs. Jas. A. Burden and Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt Jr. are sponsors for the kitchen and will pay expenses. The Association for the Improvement of the Poor have the matter in hand.

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Bread Better than Meat

says Doctor Wiley

ZEPHYR FLOUR

bread costs 4c lb; meat 25c

WHAT CAUSES COLDS?

This question and "How to Prevent Colds" is asked a thousand times every day. A cold is really a fever, not always caused by the weather but due to a disordered condition of the blood or lack of important food-elements.

In changing seasons fat-foods are essential because they distribute heat by enriching the blood and so render the body better able to withstand the varying elements. This is the underlying reason why the medicinal fats in Scott's Emulsion quickly overcome colds and build strength to prevent more serious sickness. It contains nature's medicinal fats, so skillfully prepared that the blood profits from every drop, and it is free from harmful drugs or alcohol.

14-57 Scott & Downe, Bloomfield, N. J.

TRUANCY SLIGHT AT FT. MADISON

"Playing Hookey" Practically Unknown in Ft. Madison Schools.

Truancy in Ft. Madison schools is practically unknown and the few cases detected are not flagrant but easily disciplined, says a report from that city. It is a source of great satisfaction to know that the parents of the city recognize the value of an education sufficiently to desire to keep the children in school and not let youngsters remain away from school when they so desire. An education never meant so much to the American child as it does today when one can be trained intelligently in the schools of the nation with but little cost to the parents. Competition was never keener than it is now, between the members of the human race, and it behooves everyone to secure the best training obtainable, and to fit themselves to combat with their adversaries, successfully.

The intermittent attendant at school falls far short of getting benefit of the school course or the full benefit of the taxes contributed by the parent for the support of the school as an institution.

The local police officers assert; that the complaints during the past two years have been practically nil. Many communities are troubled with truancy to such an extent in the schools that it is necessary to employ an officer purposely for the work and pay him a substantial salary. The schools of the city are above the ordinary and compare more than favorably with any throughout this region of the country.

STATE ENCAMPMENT BEGINS AUGUST 23

Notice of Gathering of Soldiers is Given by National Guard Headquarters.

According to word received from Des Moines, Company L, together with the other companies of the Fifty-fourth regiment, will encamp August 23 to September 2, this year. No place has as yet been definitely decided upon for the Fifty-fourth's camp. The work of making the regular inspections of the national guard companies will commence on the fifteenth of this month in Iowa. Captain Ridenour, who succeeds Captain George E. Ball, has arrived at Des Moines, according to word received, and will assist in the annual inspections. Captain Ball will remain until after the inspections, however, and will inspect the local company.

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ELVASTON, ILL.

Fine weather prevails now since the ground hog was disappointed by the clouds on February 2.

Many farmers are taking advantage of the fine roads to deliver their oats and wheat while the prices are on the up grade. Wheat here is bringing \$1.50 per bushel and best oats 55c. Messrs. Jackson and Kerr loaded their household goods last week and moved to Burnside where they will go into the poultry business.

We cannot ship hay on account of the quarantine which is hampering some who have hay to sell.

John Poland, south of town, who suffered a loss by fire, has been paid \$125 insurance from the Wythe Mutual Ins. Co. His house was saved from total loss by his many good neighbors who responded to his call by telephone. About twenty men were on the scene in a few minutes after the call.

Mrs. Rey Collins and little son visited last week with her parents at Elvaston.

Miss Aurelia Martin visited last week with her friend, Miss Eva Yetter of Carthage.

There have been quite a number sick with bad colds. John Price has had the worst sickness of any and has been unable to be out of his room for over a week and when he gets so he can't talk, things are in bad shape around here. He is improving, and a little more sunshine will bring him out again.

On Friday evening Miss Emma Martin brought her scholars from the Brown school and held a box supper and entertainment at Heagy Dome. Dialogues, music and songs were appreciated by a large attendance. About twelve dollars was collected as receipts and all went home rejoicing over the pleasantness of the occasion.

Rev. J. L. Henry, of Miami, Mo., occupied the pulpit at the First Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

Willie Bensteln was the victim of a surprise on his fifteenth birthday anniversary, by receiving a post card shower and in the evening his many friends made a rush on him. Refreshments were served and partners were drawn by lot, which caused much merriment. All went home wishing Willie many more happy birthdays.

Rev. F. L. Enslow returned home Wednesday from Nebraska where he has been holding successful revival meetings. He went Saturday morning to resume work in southern Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Newman are visiting relatives at Ripley, Okla., where they were called by the serious illness of Mr. Newman's sister, Mrs. Ephraim Cox. She passed away before their arrival. They intend visiting relatives and friends in Kansas on their return trip.

News was received here last week of the serious illness of Mrs. Mary J. Felt, formerly Mary J. Hyndman, now living at Wellington, Kans.

Elvaston school district No. 128 is seriously considering the need of a new school building. Superintendent A. D. Farris met with about twenty of the patrons of the school and explained as to the needs and proper procedure. A committee was appointed to ascertain the probable cost of a new building and will call a meeting some time in February.

Rev. Perkenpaugh of Hamilton, will preach in the M. E. church here on next Sunday at 2 p. m.

Miss Nella Wedeling returned home last week from her sister's home, Mrs. Frank Estes, of Mt. Pleasant, where she has been taking treatment for appendicitis. She is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. White of Hamilton visited with Aunt Mary McGee the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Guthrie of Missouri is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. St. Caldwell.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a dime social at the parsonage next Friday evening, February 13.

SAYS HUBBY WAS CRUEL TO HIS WIFE

Marie Vick Asks Divorce From John A. Vick in Suit Filed Today in Court.

Claiming that her husband beat her and otherwise cruelly treated her, Marie Vick has filed suit in the district court, asking for divorce from John A. Vick.

The Fisk Rubber Co. has filed suit against J. S. Bullock for \$1,322 alleged to be due on two promissory notes. Marion Jordan, the young man who pleaded guilty yesterday to breaking and entering, will receive sentence next Monday at 2 o'clock.

The case of Fred Koppahefer vs. H. C. Henke was passed for settlement.

BOOSTERS BANQUET OCCURS TONIGHT

Affair Takes Place at 8 O'clock Sharp at Hotel Iowa and Good Crowd is Expected.

The boosters' banquet at the Hotel Iowa tonight, at which C. W. Kellogg, the new manager of the Mississippi River Power company, will be the guest of honor, promises to be quite an occasion. It will mean the gathering of over a hundred of the live wires of the city.

The banquet will be started at 8:00 o'clock sharp, and will be served in the main dining room of the Hotel Iowa. The dining room cannot be secured before this time. A special menu has been prepared by Manager Holmes for the event.

The program of after dinner talks will be a short one, and the speeches will be few, the boosters in charge, say.

NEW MILEAGE BOOKS ARE READY MARCH 1

Will be Used for Interstate Travel and Will Save Holders Quarter Cent Per Mile.

After March 1 a new set of mileage books will go into use in the territory of the Western Passenger association railroads and the present form books will be withdrawn. The present 2,000-mile books sell for \$40. The new books will sell for \$45 for 2,000 miles, and new regulations for their use will go into effect with their issuance.

The chief advantage in the use of the mileage book tickets will be for interstate travel, in which one-quarter of a cent a mile is saved over the regular fare in 2 1/2 cent fare states. Mileage books will be accepted in interstate trips in states having the 2 1/2 cent fare. They will not be honored in interstate trips when the fare within the state is 2 cents per mile. They will be honored, however, for interstate travel in states having the 2 1/2 cent or the 3 cent fare.

The old mileage books were of value merely as a convenience. The new books will save their owners one-fourth of a cent a mile in use under the conditions mentioned above.

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