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KNAPP CONFESSES TO HAVING TAKEN LIVES OF FIVE WIVES

Hamilton, Ohio, Bluebeard Gives Details of the Taking Off of His Many Spouses in Succession.

Hamilton, Ohio, Feb. 26.—Alfred Knapp, the Indianapolis man arrested yesterday, who confessed to the murder of his third wife, today made a full confession of five murders. Among them is that of Ida Gilhart, the West Indianapolis girl, who was found murdered in a stable July 3, 1895. Knapp's confession, which was sworn to

before Mayor Bosch, is as follows: "On January 21, 1894, I killed Emma Littleman in a lumber yard in Gest street, Cincinnati; on August 1, 1894, I killed May Eckert in Walnut street, opposite the Y. M. C. A. in Cincinnati; August 7, 1894, I killed my wife, Jennie Conners Knapp, under the Calan bridge, in Liberty street,

Cincinnati, and threw her body in the canal. In Indianapolis, in July, 1893, I killed Ida Gilhart; on December 22, 1902, I killed my wife, Anna Knapp, at No. 339 South Fourth street, in Hamilton, and threw her body into the river out by Lindenwald. This is the truth.
 "I make this statement by my own free will and not by the request of any officer or anyone else.
 (Signed) "ALBERT KNAPP."
 Sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 1903.
 (Signed) C. E. BOSCH, Mayor.

MOTT OBJECTS TO THE DEFENSE

Alleged Missoula Murderer Leaps to His Feet in Court: "What Are You Trying to Do, Prove Me Crazy?" He Yells at His Attorney--Statement of Wife.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
 Missoula, Feb. 26.—The state today concluded its direct case against H. Mott, charged with the murder of his wife, and the defense began the introduction of evidence in support of the theory that the man was insane when he fired the fatal bullet. The state made out a strong case in the ante-mortem statement of his wife, charging him with committing the deed, as well as the testimony of his little daughter, who laid the crime at her father's door.

Mrs. Sibly Lockhart, who was in the laundry at the time of the shooting, gave very damaging evidence against the accused, telling of hearing the couple quarreling and later of hearing shots. She hurried to the scene and saw Mott with a pistol in his hand and the wounded woman lying at the bottom of the stairs. Mott said something about finishing the job and later laughed when told he had killed his wife.

Dr. Buckley testified as to the positions of the wounds in the body. The following is the statement made by the woman upon her deathbed:

Deathbed Confession.

"My name is Leah H. Mott. My husband had been drinking some today, and had been talking very rough to me. To get rid of him and the rough talk, I went into the kitchen and was helping the cook, when Mr. Mott, my husband, came into the room. He took the children to another room to play cards. I walked out on the back porch and I think I closed the door after me. The next I knew I heard a shot. I did not realize I was shot until the third report when I turned around and walked downstairs and set down on the steps. My back was turned to him when the shots were fired. I did not see him and did not know he was near me until after the shots were fired. When I turned he was about five or six feet from me. I make this statement with the full knowledge and understanding that I am fatally wounded and am liable to die at any moment and with the full knowledge that death is impending and that I have but a short time

to live, as I have been informed and truly believe.

"Signed—Leah Mott. Witnesses: William Hayes, C. A. Shootswood and J. J. Buckles."

A pathetic incident was presented when Alice Mott, the 9-year-old daughter of the accused, was called to the stand and allowed to testify over the objection of the accused's counsel. She was in the front room playing when she heard the shots, she said, and running back she found her father lying wounded. She heard her father saying it was coming sooner or later. Harry Hutchinson, an employee of the laundry, told of Mott returning from Helena and saying there would be a change in his house. Temple Whitman, who was in jail when Mott was arrested, testified that Mott told him he got the pistol in Helena and took a shot at his wife. Sheriff Thompson related what Mott had said to him in jail about accusing the dead woman of being intimate with an engineer and her admitting it, after which he shot her. Mott became excited while the sheriff was on the stand and cried out that the sheriff was mistaken.

State Closes Case.

The state closed its case today with the introduction of the evidence of Mary Johnson, S. G. Murray, Mott's attorney, then made his opening statement to the jury for the defense. The attorney said it would be established that Mott had been of unsound mind for a number of years and that he was not responsible for his actions when aroused.

"What are you trying to do, prove me crazy?" cried Mott, partially rising and glaring towards his attorney. The latter paid no attention to Mott and proceeded with his statement. Frank Thomas, who has known Mott for many years, testified to the effect that the man was not right mentally, especially when drinking as he had been at the time of the killing. The witnesses' evidence related to circumstances so remote from the time of the tragedy that the state objected and the court excusing the jury heard extended arguments upon the admissibility of the evidence.

GAME BILLS UP IN THE HOUSE

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meanor to deal in futures by telegraph. The other, House Bill 338, by Farmer, provides for the payment of mileage to the junketing committees which visited state institutions.

Bills Recommended.

In committee of the whole house, with Allen in the chair, these bills were recommended for concurrence:

Senate Bill No. 33. "Tewey's" Compulsory education bill providing for the establishment of an industrial school in Butte.

Senate Bill No. 50.—Creating the new textbook commission to make the contract for school books for the ensuing two years.

Senate Bill No. 66.—Making it a felony to maliciously remove waste packing or brass from journal boxes; amended by the committee of the whole making it only a misdemeanor.

Senate Joint Memorial, No. 3.—Praying that settlers be allowed to remove dead and fallen timbers from the Lewis & Clarke forest reserve.

The house took a recess at noon to 2:30 o'clock.

In the Senate.

Reports from committees occupied all the time of the senate this morning. In those reports was one recommending for indefinite postponement House Bill 92 to compel street car companies to provide protection for their employes against inclemency of the weather. The report, however, was rejected and the bill goes to the general file. House Bill 87, fixing the periods for the sessions of the board of county commissioners, the bill which caused such lengthy debate in the house, was killed on recommendation of the committee on counties and towns. A similar sad fate met House Bill 156 on recommendation of the committee on privileges and elections. This bill was Schwend's measure to keep ballots after election in a steel box. The committee on finance and claims reported for indefinite postponement on House Bill 6 providing for the consolidation of the clerkships in the state house. Cullen presented a minority report recommending concurrence in the measure. After a lengthy and somewhat acrimonious debate both reports were rejected and the bill sent to the general file for further consideration in committee of the whole. A number of favorable reports on house bills were received. The senate took a recess at noon to 2 o'clock.

On resuming its session this afternoon the house at once went into committee of the whole and started a hot discussion on the proposed new bounty law. The senate took things easy on the other hand and occupied itself in drowsing over dull committee reports.

Great Northern Awards Contract.

Great Falls, Feb. 26.—The Great Northern Railway company has awarded the contract for the construction of the Columbia Falls-Jennings cut-off and will commence work at once building this important piece of railroad work. The contract has been awarded to Seims & Shields of St. Paul.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS BY ERUPTION

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severe as to destroy a number of buildings at Tuxpan and in the city of Colima.

It is reported that towns more remotely situated have also suffered severe damage. So far as is known there has been no loss of life. The people are flocking to Manzanillo and more distant points by hundreds. A tidal wave is feared at Manzanillo should the seismic disturbances continue. There are many thriving villages situated close to the base of Mount Colima, and all these are being deserted rapidly.

Construction work on the Manzanillo branch of the Mexican Central railroad has been suspended on account of the volcanic and earthquake shocks.

It is reported that the earthquake shocks have done much damage to the tunnels in course of construction.

A party of Mexican Central directors accompanied by President A. A. Robinson is making an inspection of the system, and it is reported they were at Tuxpan when the most violent eruptions of the volcano took place. Nothing has been heard here from the party, but no uneasiness is felt.

President Diaz has been officially notified of the volcanic disturbance, and it is announced that the government will take care of the homeless people who are fleeing from their dwellings, according to directions sent by President Diaz to the region of the disasters. Much fear is felt at the Mexican capital that the disturbances will increase and prove more fatal and disastrous, as it has been visited by volcanic movements before.

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MURDERED BY HIS VICTIM

Mere Boy Shoots a Man Who Had Been Maltreating Him.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
 Chicago, Feb. 26.—After torturing a man he had already wounded three times, Henry Carr, 32 years old, was shot and killed last night by James Fletcher, 19 years old, his victim. The struggle, which preceded the killing, took place in the kitchen of Carr's home, the only witness being a 12-year-old boy, a brother of Carr's wife. Carr was intent on murder because he believed Fletcher had broken up his home. In his pocket was found a letter from his wife in which she begged forgiveness, and announced her intention of committing suicide. Fletcher will recover.

Named by Roosevelt.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
 Washington, Feb. 26.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Michael T. Nolan, register of the land office at The Dalles, Oregon, and Miss Annie M. Long, receiver of public moneys at The Dalles, Oregon.

Without Comment.

London, Feb. 26.—The address in reply to the king's speech at the opening of parliament was adopted by the house of commons without amendment.

DAVID H. CLEMENT AFTER A DIVORCE

SAYS GRACE DESERTED HIM WITHOUT CAUSE AND HE WISHES A SEPARATION.

After a little over a year of married life David H. Clement found himself a grass widower, or deserted husband.

In a complaint filed in the district court today in which he asks a divorce from Grace Clement, Mr. Clement recites that on Christmas day, 1901, his spouse, disregarding her marriage vows, which had been taken in Helena, in November, 1900, and without cause, packed up her things and deserted him. Since then he alleges she has continued to live separate and apart from him.

Because of these facts Clement asks the court to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between them.

Since she left him, Mr. Clement, in an affidavit, states that he has had no positive knowledge of her whereabouts, but is informed and believes that she is now a resident of the city of Seattle, in the state of Washington. Under this affidavit an order declaring that summons be served upon Mrs. Clement by publication was issued.

HEART OF CINCINNATI IS BURNED

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his night clothes. He lost all the records of his office. Nothing was saved from the upper floors.

As there are over 400 different losers it is impossible at present to estimate the total loss. The fire was still burning at 9 o'clock, with little prospects of control in the territory bounded by Vine, Walnut, Fourth and Baker streets, and the loss was then estimated at over \$1,000,000.

John Keenan, night watchman of the American Book company, was caught by falling walls and fatally injured.

The escape of Will Jones, the well known Cincinnati actor, just before the fire of the burning building fell, and his rescue, half dead, from the top of the building, was a thrilling one. Jones' presence of mind, which led him to throw his cuff into the street below and thus make his whereabouts known, saved his life.

When the fire broke out Jones was asleep in the studio of an artist friend on the fourth floor. Awakening suddenly, he was blinded and suffocated by the smoke. Out side in the great air shaft the flames were shooting up. How he made his way he does not know, but by some instinct he found the stairway leading to the roof. Upon reaching the roof he fell over something and was stunned. When he recovered the flames were shooting through the roof. He crawled to the edge, but the firemen in the street did not notice him. He shouted himself hoarse. He took his cuff and wrote on it: "I am on the roof, nearly dead from gas, Jones."

He threw it to the ground and a reporter picked it up and located the figure of a man standing on the edge of the roof. Jones crept along the edge of the roof of the building and waited for the firemen, who placed a ladder across the alley from the telephone exchange building. Jones was carried down and taken to the hospital.

The eight girls in the telephone exchange building across the alley from the burning Pike building were badly frightened, as the clouds of smoke rolled about the building. The exchange rooms are on the top floor of a six-story building. For two hours they pluckily stuck to their posts. When the flames were blazing in their windows they were ordered out by the firemen. Later, however, they returned to their calls and when the large day force of girls came on duty they fearlessly went to the sixth floor duty, although the fire raged all around them.

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SMALL BLAZE AT BOZEMAN

Residence of Dr. Patterson Visited by Fiery Demon.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
 Bozeman, Feb. 26.—The fire department was called out last night to extinguish a small blaze in the residence of Dr. Patterson on Black avenue. The fire was extinguished with the aid of the chemical engine and the damage was trifling. It caught from the heating plant.

Goes to Campbell.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
 London, Feb. 26.—The members of the City Temple have decided to offer the pastory to the Rev. C. J. Campbell, in succession to the Rev. Joseph Parker, who died on November 28 last.

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CUSICK IS OUT OF THE EAGLES
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not union made, and after stirring up a rumpus forgot all about the matter.

On cross-examination the witness was asked if Cusick was a member of the Eagles.

"I don't know," responded the witness. "I don't know what his standing is or whether his dues are paid."

"As a matter of fact you know that he is not a member?"

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"Why?"
 "Well, I'm just naturally broken down."
 "Physically and mentally?"
 "No, sir."

"What ails you? Are you mentally broken? Is your mind affected?"
 "No, sir. I might think less of some things than you do in your mind."

"You haven't worked in four years, then?"
 "Oh, yes I have—light work."

"What kind of light work?"
 "I tended bar once for Tom Barker."

"Are you addicted to the use of any drugs?"
 "No, sir; I've got a bad cold."

"You say you were afraid to stay with him alone?"
 "Yes, I had a gentleman friend with me."

"Were you afraid of him because he was, as you say, weak physically?"
 "No, no, no, no, I ought to have been brave then. It took a whole regiment of soldiers to fight him."

"You say once or twice Cusick took you for a woman?"
 "Yes; several times."

"Was he asleep then?"
 "No; he wasn't."

"Was the room dark?"
 "Three times the room was light because I was reading."

"He took you for a lady when you were reading?"
 "Yes."

"What did he call you?"
 "Bert."

"What did he say?"
 "He wanted to take me to a roadhouse and buy me a bottle of beer."

"Wasn't there a woman named Bert taking care of him?"
 "Why, yes, sometimes."

Puddington was put through the severest cross-examination of any witness yet examined. The sharp questions of Mr. Lynch and the replies repeatedly sent waves of laughter over the room full of spectators and even moved the jury to broad smiles.

Robert Atkinson was next called. Mr. Atkinson's business was described as a dealer in thurst cures. He was well acquainted with Cusick and visited him as a member of one of the sick committees. The witness stated Cusick's demeanor and mentality had changed within a year, and eventually he conceived the idea, particularly after the injuries received, that the defendant was mentally unsound. Cusick, he said, frequently failed to recognize him when the sick visits were made. After getting out of bed Cusick told him he was sentenced to 90 days and \$100 fine, when, as a matter of fact, no trial had occurred.

Sherman & Reed would be pleased to explain the merits of the Harrison Mutual Bural association.

In the case of E. A. Nichols, justice of the peace, who secured a judgment against D. C. Smith in the sum of \$17.50 for services rendered as justice, papers on appeal to the district court were filed by defendant's attorney this afternoon.

In Judge Clancy's court this afternoon Charles Petrig, a native of Switzerland, renounced allegiance to the president of that country and was enrolled as a citizen of the United States.

Lippincott & Darrow, 266 Pennsylvania block.

An appeal case from the justice court involving title to about \$500 worth of household furniture was discussed in Judge Clancy's court this afternoon. The action was entitled Josephine F. Grove against Mrs. M. T. Tscherner. The appellant failed to appear.

J. G. Bates, tuner, Montana Music company, 119 North Main.

At the United States district court today Judge Knowles put in the entire morning hearing the reading of the testimony in the Clark case. At noon today the federal grand jury had only two more cases to consider, and it was thought that the jury would report some time this afternoon.

The March Numbers of Smart Set, Ainslie's Argosy, Wide World, Pearson's, Toilettes, Harper's Bazar and all of the leading magazines today at P. O. News Stand.

Roosevelt Goes to New York.
 Washington, Feb. 26.—President Roosevelt left this morning to attend the bi-centennial anniversary of the birth of John Wesley to be held in Carnegie hall, New York, tonight.