

CONFESSES KILLING YOUNG WOMAN CLERK AND ROBBIING STORE

Struck Down Victim With Hatchet and Stole Contents of Cash Register Because He Was "Broke."

AKRON, O., Sept. 30.—Sullenly refusing to add to his signed confession that he brutally murdered pretty 23-year-old Winnie Becker, mission worker, Harry Boomer, 25 years old, today prepared to tell his story to the Summit County Grand Jury.

Boomer with utter calm, police say, told how he entered the little Barges street tea store where Winnie Becker was the clerk, how he proposed to rob the store, and then finished the murder with a heavy steel hatchet; how he sunk the weapon to the handle in the victim's skull and fled with \$22, the contents of the cash register.

"I was broke," he said to the store to tell his confession. "How are you, Harry?" She stood over a barrel to get some oatmeal. I struck her. She said, "Oh, Harry! Then I killed her." The Becker and her brother, the proprietor, and County Prosecutor H. F. Castle and will be presented to the Summit County Grand Jury which is expected to convene tomorrow.

Boomer formerly worked in the tea store, and knew the routine of the establishment. He waited until Fred M. Becker, the proprietor and brother of the dead girl, left the place, then entered and carried out what police say is one of the most wanton murders in the history of Ohio criminal annals.

Boomer fashioned a rude tomahawk of wood that he found in a lumber yard. This weapon, the confession says, was abandoned when the murderer found a heavy steel hatchet hanging on the wall of the little back room where he attacked his victim.

The modern cash register proved the key of solution to the murder mystery. Three persons knew the combination to the electric apparatus. These were Boomer, Miss Becker and her brother, the proprietor. Suspicion naturally pointed to Boomer. He was found at his home last night, and after a brief struggle, in which he attempted suicide with a newly purchased revolver, he surrendered and confessed.

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COURT OF APPEALS UPHOLDS DISMISSAL OF MRS. PEIXOTTO

Teacher Was Absent From Duty to Give Birth to Child.

ALBANY, Sept. 30.—The action of the New York City Board of Education in dismissing Mrs. Bridget C. Peixotto because she had absented herself from duty as a teacher to give birth to a child was upheld yesterday by the Court of Appeals. Supreme Court Justice Searles had granted a writ of mandamus for the reinstatement of Mrs. Peixotto. That action was reversed by the Appellate Division. The latter decision is now affirmed by the highest court, with Chief Justice Bartlett and Judge Hogan dissenting.

Mrs. Peixotto, in January, 1913, gave notice to the Board of Education that she would be absent from duty, without asking or receiving formal leave of absence. On April 22, 1913, charges were made against her of neglect of duty "in having been absent from duty since February 3, 1913, for the purpose of bearing a child."

In the May following new charges were presented against her "for absence from duty without leave since or about February 3, 1913, for the purpose of bearing a child-bearing. The teacher was tried upon the charges and dismissed.

On trial of her suit her counsel argued that the Board of Education had not specified was not neglect of duty under section 1093 of the City Charter, even though she was absent without leave for almost three months.

The prevailing opinion of the Court of Appeals says: "In the proceedings under review the Board of Education discharged its duty fairly, and the courts cannot by mandamus reverse the conclusions reached, that no such absence shall be excused as a matter of course by the Board of Superintendents. Her dismissal is sustained under subdivision 4, section 44 of the by-laws of the Board of Education and also under section 1093 of the charter."

WILL EMPLOY 6000 MEN

Canadian Pacific Plans Better Labor Conditions in North.

MONTREAL, Sept. 30.—Labor conditions in Canada will be considerably improved by an announcement just made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to the effect that the operating department of Eastern and Western lines have been authorized to take on 6000 extra laborers for suitable work during the next two months at current rates and to furnish employment before winter and relieve possible distress occasioned by the temporary dislocation of business due to the war.

LOST TEXAS GIRL FOUND

Miss Keating, Who Left Railroad Train, Went to Sick Mother's Bedside.

BOSTON, Sept. 30.—Katherine Keating, 17 years old, the Texas girl who disappeared from a train near Worcester Saturday night while she was on her father's way to Boston, was found at Peckskill, N. Y., was found at the summer home of her parents at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, which she had left on Saturday with her father.

Her friends say the girl left the train because she wanted to return to her mother, who was ill. At the Keating appearance had resulted in a great improvement in her mother's condition. Mrs. Keating recently was operated on for appendicitis.

Following the finding of the girl the police have a new mystery to solve because of the dropping of a note from a passing auto in Worcester. The note was picked up by a policeman and read: "Am being taken away by force. Don't know where. Kindly catch auto before."

POLITICS HOLDING CENTRE OF STAGE TODAY IN MICHIGAN

Fall Convention of Democrats, Republicans and Progressives Assemble to Make Nominations.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 30.—Politics held the centre of the stage in Michigan today when the fall conventions of the three big political parties—Democratic, Republican and Progressive—were held.

The Democrats held their sessions here, the G. O. P. forces met in Kalamazoo, while the Bull Mooseers held forth at Bay City. Each party was to make its nominations for the offices of Secretary of State, Auditor General, Attorney General, State Treasurer and State Land Commissioner.

Interest centered in the Democratic conventions, where the long standing feud between the "Wilson-Democrats" and the Wood-Shields faction threatened trouble. State Chairman Shields declared early today that the "organization" wing would be in complete control, although the "Progressives" promised to make a last-ditch fight for the seating of their contesting delegation from Wayne (Detroit), Calhoun and Delta Counties.

There was every indication that the Republican gathering in Kalamazoo late yesterday afternoon was peaceful. The one chance of a serious clash apparently rested in the possibility that Chase S. Osborn, the nominee for Governor, and the party leaders might not agree on platform planks. Osborn several months ago went on record as favoring the recall of judicial decisions, but when this issue threatened to stir up internal strife in the party, he announced that he would make no effort to dictate his radical views into the party platform.

Contents for places on the various party tickets were comparatively few and mostly unimportant. Judge Johnson Dismisses Delaware County Grand Jury's Information.

MEDIA, Pa., Sept. 30.—Judge Johnson late yesterday afternoon refused to permit the Delaware County Grand Jury to probe alleged election frauds in the Sixth Ward, Chester. The Grand Jury came before the courts with information that it had been furnished affidavits that a chain system had been worked in the Sixth Ward, Chester. That is to say, the first voter would go to a booth and a blank ballot which he would deposit in the ballot box. The legal ballot he would take away and this would be marked for the next voter. In this way ballots of many voters could be illegally marked.

In refusing to allow the Grand Jury to investigate, Judge Johnson said: "Under the law members consider only such matters as are regularly brought before it or which come within the personal knowledge of the members. The Grand Jury then submitted its report and was discharged for the term."

DELaware DEMOCRATS IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES Their Votes Causing a Flurry Among Politicians as to Intent.

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 30.—Did the Democrats who voted in the Republican primaries and assisted in nominating the legislative candidates in a number of districts intend to vote for them in the election, or was there a trick in it? This is the question which is now agitating some of the Republicans, and they have not found an answer. It is known that in this city a large number of Democrats either voted or attempted to vote at the primaries in certain districts. In one district the vote of one Democrat was challenged, and there came near being trouble.

DICTAGRAPH INVENTOR SUED FOR \$100,000

Former Employee Charges Alienation of Wife's Affections.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Kelly M. Turner, inventor of the dictagraph, is a defendant today in a suit for \$100,000 for alienation of the affections of Mrs. Anna Merrill Harvey, brought by her husband, Newton O. Harvey, a former agent in a large Canadian city for the company that makes the instruments.

The complaint sets forth that the Harveys were married in 1904, that they have two children, and that the couple lived happily together until last August, when Turner, through flattery and other means, induced Mrs. Harvey to leave her husband.

Counsel for Harvey says Turner not only won her affections, but discharged Harvey from the agency and gave the job to Mrs. Harvey.

WASHINGTON HOPEFUL

Bryan Thinks Prospects for Settlement Better Than Ever.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Advices from Mexico City and Chihuahua, General Villa's headquarters, brought assurances to the Washington Administration that the conference at Tucson today between Villa and representatives of Provisional President Carranza would avert the upheaval in Mexico threatened by Villa's declaration of independence and bring peace at last to the republic.

Dispatches from Mexico carried the news that Villa, on his way to meet the envoys of Carranza, had declared that "everything is working satisfactorily" and that peace soon would be established. This information caused Secretary Bryan and other administration officials to declare the prospects for the end of strife in Mexico were brighter than ever.

It was expected by the Washington Government that the conference would agree on a Provisional President—probably Fernando Iglesias Calderon—so that the peace could go into effect. The convention soon to be held in Mexico City to set up a new Government for the country.

FISHERIES BODY MEETS

Society Opens Its Sessions in Capital City.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—The 44th annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society was opened here today, and will remain in session until October 2. Washington was selected as the site for the convention because it had been originally planned to hold the meetings.

The committee of arrangements consisted of the following: H. M. Smith, chief of the Bureau of Fisheries, chairman; Major Richard Sylvester, Irving H. Dunlap, Walter S. Harlan; Robert S. Johnson, Theodore S. Johnson, Theodore S. Plamer and W. C. Ravenel, who have accomplished all that was possible to make the stay in the capital of the visiting delegates a pleasant one and the meeting a success.

BETTING BIGGERS RICH MAN

Street Car Conductor Who Won \$250,000 Now Poor Again.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Arraigned in court today on a charge of robbing a house, Frank England, a former street car conductor, who ran up 75 cents to \$250,000, told how he had squandered his riches.

SENATE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS CHANGES IN HOUSE WAR TAX

Reduction in Levy on Bank Capital and Revision of Gasoline Clause Among Proposals.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—The Senate Finance Committee, when it met today, had before it proposals for several important amendments to the administration emergency revenue bill, recently passed by the House.

It has been proposed to reduce the tax of 2 per cent on bank capital and surplus to 1.5. Some members believe it would be unwise to place a heavy burden on bank capital at this time because of disturbed financial conditions due to the European war.

Advocates of this change would revise the gasoline clause and place a tax on automobiles based on horsepower instead of the levy of two cents a gallon on gasoline. They say this would make up the loss of revenue due to the cut in the bankers' tax.

The levy on accident insurance imposed by the House also may be eliminated and the committee is considering readjusting the proposed tax on insurance policies.

Subcommittees of the Finance Committee were appointed to consider the various sections. They are: Tax on Gasoline, Banks and Brokers, Senators Stone, Hughes and Williams; Stamp Tax, Senators Hoke Smith, Shively and James; on a proposal to add two more classes of cigarettes to those already taxed in the bill, Senators Simmons, Williams and Johnson. Senator Simmons, chairman of

the full committee, is an ex-officio member of all the subcommittees. All the appointees to the subcommittees are Democrats, as it is planned to frame the bill with only the Democrats present and then to call in the Republican members before the bill is reported to the Senate.

NO WORD FROM DR. POEBEL

U. of P. Professor May Have Fallen in Europe's Great Carnage.

A letter has been received at the University Museum from Doctor Ungnad, who last year held the chair of Assyriology in the University of Pennsylvania. While here he translated many tablets from the Nippur collection. It had been reported he had fallen in the war, but he declared he was in good health.

On the other hand no word has come from Dr. Arno Poebel whose book on the creation and flood tablets and other subjects is in press. He went to Breslau early in the summer and is reported to have joined a reserve regiment there. As many letters have been sent him and it was certain that he would have replied if possible, there is a fear that he has fallen, as the Breslau corps has been in many battles both east and west and has suffered heavily.

Museum authorities say that if Dr. Poebel has fallen it will be a great loss to archeology as he was one of the most distinguished of Sumerian scholars. Although born in Germany he got his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania in 1907. For two years he was at the University Museum translating and preparing his large volumes which are soon to appear.

CARE OF NORTHERN NEGRO TRANSFERRED BY PRESBYTERIANS

Freedman's Aid Society Takes Charge of Work as in South—May Devote \$100,000 to Prohibition.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 30.—In the interest of uniformity, the Executive Commission of the Presbyterian General Assembly today voted to transfer the care of the Negro race in the North from the Board of Home Missions to the Freedman's Aid Society. The latter body has had charge of work among Negroes in the South, and its jurisdiction is to be extended over the North also, with largely increased powers and facilities.

An increase of one per cent in the budget for temperance, recommended by the subcommittee on finance yesterday, will make \$100,000 available, it was stated today, for aggressive church co-operation in States where prohibition amendments are pending.

The Rev. E. F. Steffens, of Dubuque Seminary, who is here to ask the Executive Commission for an increase of \$500,000 in his appropriation, today announced an unexpected gift of \$500 by a Philadelphian whom he was requested not to name.

Garrison Tries Army Camp Life WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Secretary of War Garrison was missing from his desk today. He is sharing the rigors of army camp life at Rouse Point, N. Y., where he is occupying a tent with Major General Leonard Wood, former chief of staff of the army, who is in command of three infantry regiments and a regiment of cavalry there, drawn from the Department of the East. The Secretary probably will remain in the camp until Saturday.

STORE OPENS 8.30 A. M. AND CLOSSES AT 5.30 P. M. HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE

Lit Brothers Market Eighth Filbert Seventh. Never Such Variety in New Medium-Priced Outer Apparel. The Choicest Autumn and Winter Fashions for Women and Misses Are Presented Here in Exceptional Materials and Workmanship at Singularly Low Prices.

\$20 Suits at \$15. Sketch Shows One of These Four Striking Styles. They are chevrot and diagonal serge, in brown, navy blue, black and green. Have the Ultra-Fashionable Redingote Coats With Newest Yoke—Top and Plaited Skirts.

Women's & Misses' \$18 Dresses, \$13.50. These are navy blue and black serge combined with black satin and finished with satin vests and sleeves, white bengaline collar, braid trimmings, tuxedo revers and tiny buttons. Waists are in basque and come effects with tulle skirts showing deep yokes, or in Redingote fashion.

Footwear of Quality. Latest Autumn Styles at Price Savings. We are always careful of both quality and style in our footwear, but we are particularly so in the special brands made to our own order and sold nowhere but here. They are—

Women's "Lit Brothers" Special at \$3.50. "Lenards" at \$3. "Stratfords" at \$4. These are shoes that we sell for a dollar less than their regular price would otherwise be.

Children's Sample Shoes. BIG GIRLS' \$2.50 to \$3.50 SHOES (sizes 2 1/2 to 6) \$1.65. MENS' \$1.75 to \$2.50 SHOES (sizes 1 1/2 to 2 1/2) \$1.39. CHILDREN'S \$1.75 to \$2.25 SHOES (sizes 3 1/2 to 11) \$1.29.

\$2 House Dresses, \$1.49. One Illustrated. Blue, black and brown plaid cotton serge, with plain collar and cuffs. Finished with contrasting piping.

Some Exceptionally Good Values In Autumn Coats for Young Folks. The choosing of the smart and warm coat is now uppermost in very many mothers' minds—here is a wide assortment of styles—all new, exceedingly smart and very attractively priced.

Coats for Girls of Intermediate Years \$7.98. Excellent \$10.50 Values. Picture Shows Jaunty Style in Imported Zibeline. Made in tunic effect with belt and trimmings of silk braid.

Coats for Girls of 6 to 14 Years. Regular \$7.50 \$4.98. Values \$3.98. Coats for Little Girls of 2 to 8 Years. Regular \$6.50 \$3.98. Kinds \$3.98.

Illustration Shows One in All-Wool American Cheviot. Made cape effect, with belt and collar of novelty check plaids, pickets and fancy patterns.