

LAYER OF FAMILY ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

George C. Tompkins Breaks Down After Confessing Triple Murder

"SEES THINGS" IN CELL "Killed Nine Germans," Says Prisoner—Gives Details of Shooting

EBENSBURG, Pa., July 20.—Five hours after making a voluntary confession that he killed Edmund I. Humphries, Mrs. Caroline Peters Humphries and their son, Edmund I. Humphries, Jr., near Carrolltown, early Sunday morning, George C. Tompkins, of 6043 Race street, Philadelphia, attempted to batter his brains out in his cell in the county jail here.

The remarkable fortitude of the prisoner gave way almost immediately after he confessed that it was he who had slain the Humphries family.

Tompkins' father, his wife and their little boy were admitted to the jail in the forenoon to see the prisoner. They sat in the warden's office for fully an hour conversing about various matters.

As the conversation progressed, showed great agitation. He kept watching his wife and son. Finally the boy went from the room to get a drink of water. As the lad passed through the doorway of the office into the corridor outside Tompkins turned an agonized face to Warden E. H. Kneel and said:

"I had been crucified for three nights. I can't stand this any longer. I killed the Humphries family."

Tompkins repeated his brief confession later to the Rev. Brainerd F. Haney, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Ebensburg, and Edgar Evans, of the law firm of Evans & Evans, retained as counsel by Tompkins. While Tompkins did not go into details of the crime, he told voluntarily that he had chased the elder Humphries through the corn field after wounding him, and that he had finally killed him at the fence near the woods.

"The bullet that struck Humphries when I fired at him in the car must have killed Mrs. Humphries, too," Tompkins said.

He would say nothing about the killing of the boy and his hearers did not question him. Tompkins intimated that he had pondered over his business relations with the Humphries until he had finally decided to kill the three. The authorities believe that Tompkins, after killing the Humphries, had determined to kill himself, but found the automatic revolver empty.

Dr. E. F. Arble, of Carrolltown, one of the partners in the Newcorn coal company, came to the jail this afternoon to obtain Tompkins' resignation as treasurer of the company, because of business matters needing attention. Doctor Arble did not know that Tompkins had confessed until he was about to leave the jail, when the warden told him. When Doctor Arble went into the jail he noted a great change in the defendant. He was nervous and restless. "How are you, George?" the doctor said.

"I had a terrible time in my cell with the Germans last night," Tompkins answered. "I killed nine of 'em." He put his hand to the back of his neck and said:

"Doctor, I wish you'd examine these big carbuncles on the back of my neck. My neck is just full of 'em. It feels as if my brains are coming through."

CALLS FOE'S DRIVE FAILURE

The great Anglo-French spring offensive has been shattered," the Chancellor continued. "Our counter-attacks show unbroken power and superior ability."

The Chancellor repeated the usual German arguments that Germany was forced into the war and he devoted considerable time to denying the accusation that the submarine warfare was contrary to international law and humanity. He claimed the war was forced by England's illegal blockade.

In view of England's economic situation and the increasing toll of the submarines, the Chancellor said, Britain would not be able to hold out much longer.

The Chancellor admitted that food conditions throughout the empire were the most serious with which the nation had yet been confronted, but he expressed confidence that relief would come soon.

The wheat harvest, he added, would probably be better than usual, and there would also be a good potato crop.

"It has already been proved even in the event of a bad harvest, like that of 1915, that Germany cannot be starved," he asserted.

At one juncture the Chancellor digressed to declare eloquently:

"We long to attain a new and splendid Germany; wishing not, as our enemies believe, to terrorize the world by armed might, but a morally purified God-fearing, loyal, peaceful, mighty Germany, which we all love. For this we will fight and endure despite all."

This concluding peroration was received with cheers from all parts of the Reichstag.

Doctor Arble made an examination, but could find nothing on Tompkins' neck.

Tompkins declared that the revolver with which the Humphries were killed was purchased by him personally from the Swank Hardware Company, of Johnstown, on Tuesday, July 3. He had been in Johnstown that day to buy a mule for the mine.

The jail authorities would permit no one to interview Tompkins.

APPEALS TO WOMEN TO AID IN CANNING FACTORIES

Mrs. Julian Heath Sends Out Call for Recruits to Prevent Food Loss

NEW YORK, July 20.—An appeal to American women to aid the country's commercial canners by working in factories preserving foodstuffs so that sufficient supplies may be furnished to the nation's soldiers and sailors has been issued by Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Housewives' League. The message to affiliated organizations follows:

"The canning industry in some parts of the country is seriously in need of help to pack the food of this year's harvest. There will be serious food losses unless extra workers are secured. No greater patriotic service can be rendered than for housewives to supply the need of labor. Our Government and our allies are going to need great quantities of canned food. Get in touch with canners and packers in your locality and do your bit. If desired, money received for wages can be used for Red Cross work or for any other patriotic movement."

Coast Field Doctors Ready to Serve

PARIS GREETS AMERICAN TROOPS IN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



First photographs, permitted by censor to pass for reproduction in the United States, showing great crowds in French capital cheering United States expeditionary force passing through the Place de la Concorde on their way to Picpus Cemetery, where Lafayette is buried. An airplane hovers over the multitude. The crowd had additional opportunity for enthusiasm as Marshal Joffre and General Pershing met in cordial conversation at the military grounds in Paris, as shown in the lower picture.



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U. S. ARMY STATION HERE STILL TAKING RECRUITS

Adjutant General's Opinion Interpreted as Permitting Enlistment During Draft

The army recruiting station, 1310 Arch street, is accepting men of registration ages today until official orders are received from the War Department. The notice received yesterday was merely an opinion of Adjutant General H. P. McCain. It stated that in the opinion of that officer men of registration ages, unless drafted, might enlist voluntarily before, during or after the draft.

But since all registrants are to be drafted, the recruiting officers are in doubt about enlistments. Official indorsement of yesterday's notice is awaited from Washington.

TODAY'S ENLISTMENTS

- FIRST PENNSYLVANIA INFANTRY
Paul V. Dreyer, 845 Locust st.
Harry Silverthorn, 619 Miller st.
William Morrison, 121 N. 12th st.
William Johns, 10 S. Brown st.
Herold Smith, 1016 Water st.
William Smith, 117 1/2 Locust st.
Albert Jackson, 3807 Mitchell st.
Charles G. Dwyer, 409 Locust st.
Harry Dittus, 1114 Post st.
Thomas W. Kelly, 462 Locust st.
William S. Lindsay, 321 Diamond st.
Walter Fenton, 492 S. Front st.
HEADQUARTERS TRAIN AND MILITARY POLICE
Harry Griffin, 2416 S. Clarion st.
Elmer Hummel, 2925 N. Longshore st.
William Morrison, 121 N. 12th st.
Zenas Penland, 621 N. 12th st.
Charles G. Dwyer, 409 Locust st.
John A. Clark, 8229 Nelson st.
Harvey W. Leidy, 6418 Limestone tike.
Ernest Holmes, motorcyclist.
George A. Brock, 2418 W. Thompson st.
Harry W. Stonecker, 5247 Poplar st.
Charles A. Brock, 2418 W. Thompson st.
Harry K. Bissel, 1728 N. Park ave.
Charles A. Brock, 2418 W. Thompson st.
Amos L. Pfeiffer, 10th District.
George C. Kerr, Cambridge, Md.
Joseph E. Conroy, 1019 Locust st.
Harry G. Holmes, New York.
Charles A. Brock, 2418 W. Thompson st.
Winfield Berges, New York.
Frank Culp, Trenton, N. J.
Thomas D. White, 5121 Ludlow st.
James E. Dwyer, New York.
Wilbur H. Keller, Sunbury.
Howard M. Sherman, Cambridge, Md.
John J. Dwyer, 118 N. William st.
Alfred M. Barras, 1747 1/2 Locust st.
Bernard E. Mckoy, 2003 Pott st.
Henry F. Abbott, Ardmore.
Nathaniel G. Schradler, 10th District.
Robert W. O'Connell, 10th District.
Attilio M. di Gioianno, 6125 Westminster ave.
James C. Sitawortz, New York.
John J. Dwyer, New York.
David F. Mernon, New York.
Joseph E. Conroy, New York.
Harry A. Coy, Wilmington.
Charles E. Pennington, Wilmington.
Noble H. Broadhead, Parkersburg.
Wilbert G. Chambers, 22 Franklin st.
Walter E. Barnes, 1117 1/2 Locust st.
William J. McNulty, 10th District.
Carl G. Heister, 124 Pott st.
Clarence Park, 824 N. 92d st.
Joseph E. Conroy, 1019 Locust st.
Hugh J. Quinn, 835 N. Hutten st.
Clarence Brookman, 1618 N. Norris st.
Edward G. Bowman, Jr., 124 N. Taney st.
Francis P. Mott, 1515 Frankford ave.
John A. Lewis, 848 N. 2d st.

THIRD PENNSYLVANIA INFANTRY

- Joseph Demerolo, 21 1915 Moore st.
Joseph E. Conroy, 1019 Locust st.
Walter E. Barnes, 1117 1/2 Locust st.
John J. Dwyer, 22 1/2 Locust st.
Bernard E. Mckoy, 2003 Pott st.
Joseph E. Conroy, 1019 Locust st.
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Stephen A. Hellner, 20, 120 Konilworth st.
Albert Sandler, 19, 230 2d st.
John J. Zurbach, 18, 716 S. Park ave.
Samuel S. Doyevko, 18, 1319 Bainbridge st.

EXETER STATES NAVY

Arta Adams Brittingham, 23, 2411 N. Healywood st.

UNITED STATES ARMY

- William C. Hurst, 24, Bridgeport, Pa.
George E. Knapp, 23, 1212 Porter st.
Louis Gordon, 22, 409 Wolf st.
William Wirth, 22, 2594 Locust st., Frankfort.
Thomas E. Cook, 21, 4282 Olive st.
John J. Hanlon, 21, 2223 N. 4th st.
Robert W. White, 21, 1230 Dickinson st.
Charles Steinberg, 19, 2928 Westmont st.
Lawrence Hill, 21, Chester st.
Thomas F. Read, 31, 2105 Vine st.
William J. Davis, 22, East Lansdowne, Pa.
Frank A. Irwin, 22, 229 Oak st.
Harry A. Smith, 22, 3122 W. Garden st.
Charles E. Hildreth, 22, 2218 S. Catherine st.
Charles H. Hummel, 22, Bridgeport, Pa.
Crestwell Potts, 22, Glenside, Pa.
Herbert H. Potts, 21, Glenside, Pa.
John S. Woods, 21, 1256 S. 49th st.
James F. Devlin, 21, Calverton Point, N. J.
Stanley Revers, 20, 4310 Milnor st., Frankfort.
Russell H. Yerkes, 20, Haverford, Pa.
Edward Evans, 19, 804 N. 19th st.
Stuart D. Patterson, 19, 19th st.
Thomas B. Bramley, 18, 816 E. Albert st.
Robert W. White, 18, 1319 Locust st.
George Snyder, 19, 219 Dickinson st.

DIES IN LEAP FROM TRAIN

Philadelphian Victim of Jump From an Express at Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, July 20.—Plunging from a Reading express a mile west of the Thoroughfare drawbridge late last night to avoid arrest upon the arrival of the train here for beating his way to the shore, Fred Riley thirty-six years old, a teamster, whose home is at 2607 Christian street, Philadelphia, was almost instantly killed.

Riley was on his way here with Raymond Holland, 2504 Webster street, Philadelphia, and James Mullen, 618 South Taney street, Philadelphia, to seek employment. They jumped the front end of the train just before it pulled out of the Camden station at 8:40 and were within a few minutes of their destination when Riley pulled himself to his feet, yelled "So long!" to his companions and leaped.

ARMY MEN NOW URGE DRIVE ON U-BOAT BASES

Join Naval Authorities in Advocating Joint Sea Attack. Situation Serious

WASHINGTON, July 20. Army men joined today with navy officers in urging that a big offensive be attempted against Germany's naval bases. They counseled sending a land force to back the air and naval expedition, inasmuch as military history proves land forces must co-operate.

"We might as well have peace now if we do not make this gamble," said one. "A deadlock is the only prospect in the east and west if this effort to curb the U-boat and turn the German flank goes unattempted."

All quarters agreed that the submarine tonnage toll is distressingly large and the situation serious. Secretary of Navy Daniels refused to answer this pointblank question, "Would it not be better to take a chance with the British and American navies against the bases than to continue pouring men into a trench deadlock?"

It was admitted that this idea of an offensive is no mere child's play. Germany's land defenses are powerful. Naval vessels, hammering at such protections, would be up against another Gallipoli unless land forces aided, said army men.

One of the highest Government officials said frankly: "If Germany's submarine toll keeps up and we merely use defensive means against the U-boats, then we are beaten. The gamble of an offensive would be in our favor and hasten either victory or defeat."

American inventors to curb U-boats were said not to have "panned out" yet—and some authorities were far more skeptical than recent optimistic predictions suggested.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Richard McCoy, 2046 Warrock st., and Alberta Hayes, 1203 10th st.
George C. Scholl, 2442 N. 10th st., and Clara V. Haines, 1034 St. Luke st.
George L. Daltymple, New York city, and Lottie B. Harring, Camden, N. J.
Harvey D. Donaldson, McLean, Va., and Ethel F. Sherwood, Riverdale, Md.
Truman J. Wall, Grampian, Pa., and Eva B. Mitchell, Lawrenceville, Pa.
Clarence P. Ross, 1323 Catharine st., and Marian Fields, 703 S. Mole st.
Ghilly H. Robinson, 1333 S. 22d st., and Bessie P. Gish, 3717 Warren st.
Clarence J. Ryan, 1430 Rittenhouse square, and Louise L. Atlee, Bala, Pa.
Harry Glanahan, 1929 S. 6th st., and Esther Bratsky, 415 Tasker st.
Steve Larson, 313 N. 6th st., and Isabella Cole, 1632 Spring Garden st.
George P. Heilmuth, 415 Dufford st., and Elizabeth Bittling, 2405 S. Front st.
Urban B. Link, Baltimore, Md., and Hattie Kinchel, Baltimore, Md.
Le Roy Draper, 1047 Lemon st., and Amanda Washington, 1047 Lemon st.
Alexander Sanders, 3800 Haverford ave., and Eva Sperlin, 710 Addison st.
Anthony York, 1814 S. 12th st., and Anna Atene, 1827 Jackson st.
Thomas J. McFadden, South Bethlehem, Pa., and Keena A. Purcell, 1625 Westoverland st.
Elmer A. Marks, Chester, Pa., and Anna M. Sullivan, Chester, Pa.
Joe Mandel, 768 S. 4th st., and Ethel Cooperman, 245 Queen st.
John White, Palmerston, Pa., and Amy Kiebas, Malvern, N. J.
Charles Miller, 2730 N. 7th st., and Mamie Smith, 1108 McKean st.
William J. Mitchell, 532 E. Haines st., and Florence G. Novinger, Millersburg, Pa.

CLEVELAND STANDARD TIRE CO. advertisement featuring a tire and text: "You'll adopt this tire after you have purchased the first one. Because they average better than 10,000 miles than any other. Five thousand miles guaranteed. The lowest tire cost per mile. Let us send you a list of great records for mileage made with Cleveland Standard tires—this will help you decide. CLEVELAND TIRE AND RUBBER CO 309 N. Fifteenth St."

EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY advertisement: "Live wire, experienced Installation Manager, with best character and ability, referable, desiring position in electrical contracting. Exclusive Jobbing Company being incorporated to distribute wholesale and retail, nationally advertised Talking Machines, and Records, completely manuevered (not assembled) by a corporation of international reputation. Also several persons desirous of investing \$2500 or more on the ground floor of this most profitable enterprise. Address 3 547, LEDGER CENTRAL."

WHOLESALE CLEARANCE advertisement: "All \$7, \$7.50 and \$8 Values MEN'S Master-Made \$4.25 OXFORDS \$4.75 All \$8.50, \$9, \$9.50 and \$10 Values -NOW- Including All Genuine Cordovans. Forced to make room for fall stocks, we have put these remarkable prices on our finest summer oxfords FOR QUICK CLEARANCE. The quality is the same—they are brand new, smart oxfords in all sizes. But this price has the distinction of being the lowest ever placed on oxfords of such quality in Philadelphia. 30 styles are on exhibition downstairs and On Sale Today, Friday and Saturday. Such values—such a rare opportunity is so absolutely without precedent that you are warned to act quickly. Step down and look them over. Obtain yours of this huge saving. Come in before they are sold out. This may be your last chance here to save \$3 to \$5 on 'Master-Made' Low Shoes. N. W. Corner Market and ROYAL BOOT SHOP | Downstairs Ent."

BELIEVE ALL RESCUED AS KANSAN WENT DOWN

First Details of Sinking Show American Steamship Was Victim of Mine, Not Submarine

PARIS, July 20.—The first details of the sinking of the United States steamship Kansan on July 9 were received here today from the French port to which she was bound.

Early on the morning of the 9th, the Kansan sent out wireless calls for help, saying she had struck a mine and was sinking. French and American patrol boats were rushed to her assistance.

The proximity of the vessel to land when she struck and the quick response of the patrol boats lead to the belief that all on the Kansan were saved.

It had previously been reported that the Kansan had been presumably sunk by a submarine. The vessel was formerly owned by the Pacific Mail Line, but was acting as a supply ship when sunk. She sailed from New York on June 26, with a big cargo of foodstuffs and stores.

Bull Dog Bunting FLAGS advertisement: "Bright Fast Colors. Strongest Materials. 2x3 ft. \$2.00. 3x5 ft. \$2.50. 4x6 ft. \$3.00. 5x7 ft. \$3.50. 6x8 ft. \$4.00. 8x10 ft. \$5.00. 10x12 ft. \$6.00. 12x15 ft. \$7.00. Cotton Bunting—3x5 ft. \$1.10. 4x6 ft. \$1.20. 5x7 ft. \$1.30. 6x8 ft. \$1.40. Wool Bunting—3x5 ft. \$1.50. 4x6 ft. \$1.60. 5x7 ft. \$1.70. 6x8 ft. \$1.80. Red Cross and Allies' Flags—All sizes on hand or made to order in 24 hours. Orders shipped via insured parcel post unless day as received. LOUIS FINK & SONS 56 North 7th Street, Philadelphia."

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Any Summer Diet advertisement: "Is made more strengthening and digestible by including Dr. VON'S HEALTH BISCUITS. A Natural Laxative Food. Relieve Constipation Without Taking Medicine. Recommended to adults and children to create normal, regular bowel action and to bring about and maintain good health. A trial is always convincing. 25c a package at all drug and grocery stores or direct from ER. VON'S HEALTH BISCUIT CO. 2218-20 Market Street Philadelphia, Pa."

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