

TRUSTY ON SPREE, TAKES JAIL KEYS

Martinsburg, W. Va., Prisoners Eagerly Await Return of Edward Kiter.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 20.—Prisoners unfortunate enough to have been locked up in the county jail at Martinsburg, W. Va., last Monday are probably still in durance vile and taking their daily exercise within the narrow confines of their cells.

This is due to a case of "wanderlust" suddenly developed by Edward Kiter, twenty-two years old, who, until Monday, was a trusty in the jail at Martinsburg, and was entrusted with the keys of the jail and out buildings. He was apprehended in this city yesterday, and will be turned over to the Martinsburg authorities tomorrow.

Kiter reached Baltimore deeply immersed in the dregs of whiskey. He was picked up in the southern police district by Patrolman Kessler and charged with drunkenness. He was about to be dismissed later in the day when the attention of Judge Lewis was called to the big bunch of keys.

When questioned about the keys, Kiter made conflicting statements and was held. On entering the court room today he informed Justice Lewis that he had

sobored up during the night and was now willing to tell the truth.

"Do you know where you are now?" questioned Justice Lewis.

"Yes, sir," replied Kiter. "I'm in Washington."

The prisoner was informed that he was in Baltimore. He seemed surprised at this information and stated that he did not know how he got here.

"How did you obtain these keys?" continued Justice Lewis, "and what do you use them for?"

Kiter gazed at the keys in the outstretched hands of the judge for a few moments before replying, "Oh, your honor," he said, "last Monday 'alt' Kitering, son of the jailer at Martinsburg, handed me the keys and told me to watch out for things while he went gunning."

"Were you a prisoner there?"

"No, sir, I'm a friend of the jailer's son."

Finally Kiter broke down under the cross-questioning and admitted that he was an escaped prisoner. The keys, many of which were of huge proportions, he admitted were the keys to the doors of the jail.

"I told the truth," said Kiter, "when I said that 'walt' Kitering gave me the keys. You see, Walt was going gunning, and as his father was also away, there was no one to take charge of the prisoners. He gave me the keys and told me to look out for the rest. I would have done so, too, but for an unknown man who passed the jail and gave me several drinks of whiskey from a jug. The 'beoze' got the best of me and I started away without knowing what I was doing."

Kiter further stated that he had been in the jail at Martinsburg since July 22 on a charge of horse stealing, but he claimed he was innocent of the charge and was being punished for another's wrongdoing.

Marshall Farman communicated with Sheriff Kettering, the jailer at Martinsburg, and learned that he was looking for Kiter who had "skipped" with the keys.

FUNERAL TUESDAY FOR LIEUT. CAFFEE

Services for Victim of Indian Head Gun Explosion.

The funeral of Lieut. A. G. Caffee, who with three members of his gun crew were killed by the explosion at Indian Head, Md., will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, at the residence of Dr. Dwight Dickinson, U. S. N., 1886 R street northwest, according to an announcement today.

By order of Commander Richard H. Jackson, a board of inquiry is today probing the circumstances surrounding the explosion, but doubt is expressed as to the probability of the cause ever being determined. There were only two witnesses to the explosion and they are able to give only vague and unimportant information. It is believed that the cause will remain a mystery.

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ring pin of the five-inch gun which exploded. The accident occurred on the firing of the third round, the premature explosion blowing out the breech block before it was locked in place.

The wife of Lieutenant Caffee, who is a daughter of Dr. Dickinson, is nearly prostrated with grief today. She hurried to the hospital at Indian Head soon after the accident and was at her husband's bedside when he died. She and her three-year-old daughter accompanied the body to Washington last night.

Lieutenant Caffee was twenty-eight years old. He graduated from the Naval Academy in February, 1904. He was born at Carthage, Mo., where his parents now reside. Both parents are expected in Washington to attend the funeral. Interment will be in Arlington Cemetery.

The body of James L. Brown, one of the other victims, arrived in Washington today.

MILTON J. WALLING FUNERAL TODAY

Milton J. Walling, a cabinetmaker, died at 5 o'clock this morning at his home, 1513 R street northwest. He was the son of Mrs. Mary E. Walling and died at the residence of his mother, 1513 R street northwest. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning from St. Paul's Catholic Church.

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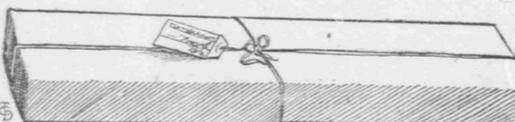
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