

JILTS GIRL HE RUINED; SEES HER DIE

Wisconsin University Student Is
Implicated in Lake Forest
Tragedy.

SAYS WOMAN TOOK DEADLY POISON

Police Are Working on Murder
Theory and Probe Alibi
Ruse.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—William H. Opet, university of Wisconsin junior, who is said to have left Marion Francis Lambert, whom he jilted, to die of poison in their woods at Lake Forest, a suburb, was charged with murder today and held in the Waukegan jail without bail.

Opet, who is 20 years old, is said by Ralph J. Dady, state's attorney at Waukegan, to have admitted to him that he had been intimate with the girl, who was but 15 years old. He is said to have stated further that Miss Lambert had feared for four months that she was to become a mother, despite drugs which Opet purchased for her and which made her ill.

Saw Her Die.
Opet, it is charged, made a secret trip from Madison to Lake Forest last Tuesday night. It is said he called the girl on the telephone and made an appointment which was kept in the woods next morning.

At an interview, Opet said that he told her he was to marry a Miss Celestia Youker. It is said that she then took a quick acting poison and that Opet saw her die. Frightened, he rushed away and caught a train back to Madison. The next day, Thursday, the body was found.

Tried Alibi.
Before leaving Madison, Opet is said to have tried to arrange an alibi. He wrote a letter to Miss Lambert and left it in the hands of a friend to be mailed Wednesday afternoon. At that time he was on his way back to the university. He had left his room at a boarding house in a condition to suggest that he had occupied it Tuesday night.

Miss Youker is said to be an instructor in chemistry at a normal college at DeKalb, Ill. It is said that she was a schoolmate of Opet's at Lake Forest before he went to the university. The prisoner is an athletic looking young man dressed in college garb. To a reporter he said:

Met By Appointment.
"I met her by appointment in the woods. I told her not to tell anyone I was coming. I missed up my bed at my boarding place in Madison so my landlady would think I had been there. I arrived at Lake Forest late Tuesday night and called her by telephone at her home on the Jonas Kupfenheimer farm. I told her I would be waiting the next morning at the Sacred Heart station of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric line. I saw her when she passed toward the station with her chum, Josephine Davis. I was hiding behind a tree and beckoned to her. Soon, she came back.

Cried And Begged.
"We started walking. I told her I was through with her. She cried and begged me not to give her up. We walked and talked in the woods about two hours.

"Finally I told her there was no use talking any longer—that I had made up my mind. I was going to marry Miss Youker. I started away.

Did Not Need Call.
"I heard her cry out for me to come back. I kept on walking.

"I was quite a distance away when I turned again. I saw her fall to the ground. I ran back. I saw she was dying.

"I remained with her until I was sure she was dead. Then I hurried to the station and took an electric car and came to Chicago. I caught a train at Chicago right out for Madison. Then I sent a letter to her. I didn't tell anyone about what had happened because I feared it might reflect on her good name."

Retains Attorney.
O. E. Opet, father of the prisoner, and superintendent of the Cyrus McCormick estate at Lake Forest, retained James H. Wilkerson, former United States attorney here, to defend his son.

Probing Crime.
State's Attorney Dady at Waukegan said tonight:

"We had to charge Opet with murder, because it was the only way we could hold him. He is the man who was with the girl, but there are other things to be cleared up. We haven't found where the poison came from; we have not fathomed why Opet was so careful to frame an alibi; we can't find the container in which the poison was kept."

THE WEATHER.
North Dakota: Fair, Sunday and probably Monday; rising temperature.

Why Go to Unnecessary Expense to Please Land Men of New Rockford

(PETERSBURG RECORD)

New Rockford, a town south of Devils Lake, on the Great Northern, is making a move to have the State Capital changed from Bismarck to that place. Petitions are being circulated to submit the matter at next fall's election. We doubt much, if the people of this county will be interested enough to take the plan seriously. Bismarck has one perfectly good capital, none the worse for wear, tear and red paint, and there is no need of the people spending from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 making a change. What New Rockford should have is a resort for its feeble minded.

GOLD SNAP NEARS END OF ITS REIGN

Weather Observer Roberts Says
the February Thaw in Sight
Soon.

After taking a last downward plunge to 20 below or more, the mercury is scheduled to ascend rapidly this week, according to O. W. Roberts, local weather observer. He believes after today the backbone of the cold snap will be broken. By the middle of the week, a thaw is expected and then, Mr. Roberts believes, Bismarck and vicinity will have a spell of warm weather. He does not look for any more continued cold.

WHOLESALE EXECUTIONS BY CARRANZA'S ARMY

Former Villa Bugler and Four Civilians to Face Firing Squad
Today.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 12.—Sergeant Manuel Rojas, former Villa soldier and bugler in the Carranza army, together with four civilians, is to face a firing squad shortly before noon tomorrow, according to orders issued tonight by General Gabriel Gavra, commandant at Juarez.

Rojas was sentenced to death for stealing ammunition and a civilian named Sanchez is to pay the death penalty for buying it. The other three civilians are merely to experience the sensation of facing the firing squad as an "object lesson," but will not be killed. They are to be ignorant of their fate until Rojas and Sanchez have been executed, according to the general, who is said to have conceived this form of punishment. Two of the three were charged with having stolen a quantity of logs and beans from an American owned ranch in western Chihuahua. The charge against the third, buying stolen ammunition, is said to have been not entirely proven.

Have "Death List."
Passengers arriving here tonight on a train from Mexico reported they had met and talked with members of a firing squad of the Carranza army, who were carrying a "death list" containing the names of persons to be arrested and executed as enemies of the de facto government. A number of former adherents of Villa and Materna, former Villa governor of the state of Sonora, already have been killed. It was learned, according to Francisca Mayotoral, at one time a captain in Materna's forces.

Garrison Threatened.
Indications that rebel bands are moving on Tuxpam, Mexico, in such force as to endanger the Carranza garrison there reached the state department today in consular dispatches. The Mexican gunboat, Machias, has been ordered to Tuxpam from Tampico. Details are lacking, but previous dispatches have told of a revival of rebel activity in the oil fields about Tuxpam, where large American properties are located.

MYSTERIOUS FIRES IN SHIP'S HOLD

New York, Feb. 12.—The British freighter, Miner, which sailed from this port this morning for Vladivostok, with railroad supplies for the Russian government, put back to port this afternoon. The reason was reported to be engine trouble. Three weeks ago the freighter, Sygna, also bound to Vladivostok, with railroad supplies, was forced to return here on account of a fire, which broke out aboard.

At the same time, it was said that the fire was accidental, and the Sygna resumed her voyage three days later.

WERNER HORN IS DECLARED SANE
Boston, Feb. 12.—It was learned today that Werner Horn, an officer of the German Landwehr, who is accused of having attempted to wreck a railroad bridge across the international boundary at Vanceboro, Maine, has been declared sane by three physicians who recently examined him. Horn is in the East Cambridge jail.

REVENUE STAMP ROBBER CONFESSES

Robbery of \$650,000 From the St. Paul Customs Building Is Being Probed.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—After obtaining a confession from one of the seven persons under arrest for complicity in the safe blowing in the government building at St. Paul, from which \$650,000 worth of United States internal revenue stamps and \$3,000 were stolen, January 6, federal officials today continued the questioning of the prisoners in the belief that others may be involved.

Details Lacking.
The name of the persons who confessed and the details of the prisoner's story were carefully guarded by the United States secret service men. In addition to the seven under arrest, Frank Blisset remained in custody, Michael J. Flanagan and his wife, Catherine, were the first of the prisoners arraigned before United States Commissioner Foote, charged with failure to reveal knowledge of a felony against the government. Both were released on bail, the bonds of Flanagan being fixed at \$50,000, and those of his wife at \$10,000. Their hearing was set for February 23.

Fix Bonds at \$100,000.
George E. and Edward Leonard, charged with the robbery, were later arraigned and their cases continued until February 21. They were unable to furnish the bonds of \$100,000 demanded, and were taken to the Cook county jail. The cases against Mrs. Nellie Leonard, John J. Zeck and Mrs. Florence Zeck were continued to the same date. Mrs. Leonard and Zeck, in default of bail, were sent to the county jail at Wheaton, Ill., where Mrs. Zeck was released on a \$500 bond.

DAKOTANS INDORSE MILITARY TRAINING

Land Grant Institutions Would Welcome Departments Proposed by Washington.

Proposed federal legislation to make military instruction compulsory in all educational institutions having land grants is not likely to be opposed in North Dakota. There are seven educational institutions with land grants, but only two have military departments. At the Agricultural college in Fargo military instruction is featured and the commandant is a regular army officer. Three or four well drilled companies are maintained. At the Normal-Industrial at Ellendale there is military instruction. Prior to the Spanish-American war the state university conducted military courses but at that time the equipment was called in by the government and it has not been renewed.

Regardless of their views on the general subject of preparedness many people in the state would like to see military instruction at the state educational institutions. They believe the drill is highly beneficial to the student.

In the event of war, many believe military instruction in these institutions would solve the problem of furnishing officers.

NO DECISION AS TO NEXT SECRETARY

Washington, Feb. 12.—No message reached the White House today from President Wilson, cruising in the Chesapeake bay on the Mayflower, and officials said that if he had reached any conclusion in his consideration of a successor to Secretary Garrison, they had no knowledge of it. It was said the president left the capitol last night with an open mind, expecting during his trip to give careful consideration to each of the long list of candidates suggested to him.

Offers His Aid.
Lindley Garrison, former secretary of war, said tonight that when his successor was appointed he would offer to go to Washington and help the new secretary become acquainted with his duties: "I shall not make myself vocal in any way," Mr. Garrison said. "I am out of politics and intend to make no further statement."

PREPAREDNESS PLANS INCLUDE STATE MILITIA

Federalization of National Guard Is Favored by Congressional Leaders.

ORGANIZATION BUSY FRAMING MEASURE

Increase of 70,000 Over Present Strength Is Proposed by Congress.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The proposal of the National Guard association for federalization of the state troops were before the military committees of congress today in the form of a bill drafted by representatives of the association, at the request of the senate committee. The regulations limit participation in the federal pay feature to officers, men or organizations complying with certain specified requirements.

Increase of 70,000.
The maximum number of troops provided for by the bill is 500 for each congressional district, or a total peace strength of approximately 200,000, an increase of 70,000 over the present strength of the National Guard. They would form a separate branch of the regular army in time of war, when called into the federal service. The act would take effect July 1, 1916.

The bill provides for organization of a junior guard, composed of boys between 12 and 15, available for active service only after every other class of militia has been called out.

Enlistment Contract.
An enlistment contract would be required, under which the soldier would bind himself to serve the federal government "within or without the continental limits of the United States" for a period of two years, or until discharged should the guards be called out during his three-year enlistment.

Members of both the senate and house committees who had looked over the measure said tonight it would require radical amendment, in their opinion, before it would be acceptable to congress. It will be discussed section by section next week by the house committee.

DEPUTY MARSHAL TO GUARD JUDGE

New York, Feb. 12.—Acting on orders from Washington, United States Marshal Thomas D. McCarthy today assigned one of his deputies to act as a special body guard for Federal Judge A. D. Bayard, who is expected to arrive here from Philadelphia, Pa., tomorrow morning to preside in the criminal branch of the February term of the United States district court. It is said that Judge Dayton's life has been threatened because of decisions in connection with the coal miners' strike in the south, and that as a precaution, the deputy marshal will remain with him during his stay here.

WILSON INSPECTS FORTRESS MONROE

Newport News, Va., Feb. 12.—Wilson visited Fortress Monroe today and inspected the great guns that guard the entrance to Chesapeake bay. Accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, he landed from the naval yacht, Mayflower, late in the afternoon and walked through the reservation. The president's party was invited to attend a ship launching at Newport News, but arrived too late. Mr. Wilson declined an invitation to attend a dinner given the launching party tonight.

FIRST VOLUNTEER DIES IN ST. PAUL

St. Paul, Feb. 12.—Colonel Josiah R. King, who was said to be the first volunteer to answer the original call of President Abraham Lincoln for 75,000 men for civil war service in April, 1861, is dead at his home, 277 West Seventh street, St. Paul. Colonel King died almost on the eve of the birthday anniversary of President Lincoln and on the 55th anniversary of the departure of the great commoner from his home in Springfield, Ill., for Washington to assume the presidency.

His Statue in Summit Park.
A statue of Colonel King in Summit park, St. Paul, will help preserve his memory to future generations. His last days were days of suffering and helplessness, due to an injury he experienced March 8, 1915, in a street-car accident. In modest quarters, ministered to by his wife, who alone survives him, the veteran answered the final call at 4:30 p. m., Thursday. Colonel King's pride was in his service to his country. He died a poor man, but friends who remembered what he had been and what he had done were not lacking when the last stressful months came.

NEW RULING WONT AFFECT ALL BOATS OWNED BY ALLIES

Law and Practices of All Nations Affected by Recent Order Differ.

FRENCH MERCHANTMEN CANNOT CARRY GUNS

British and French Ships Carry Guns for Use as Defensive Weapons.

London, Feb. 12.—The belief strongly urged by the British press, that merchant ships of all the Allied nations would be similarly affected by any restrictions on their carrying armament or neutral passengers, have developed the fact that the law and practice of all the Allies is not uniform concerning the arming of merchant vessels. The British and Italian practice recognizes armament for defensive purposes and the prevailing view of the press is such that a recognized right under international law.

French Law Defiant.
But the French practice does not recognize the arming of merchant ships and French liners to New York are not permitted to carry any guns. The legal theory of which the French practice is based is an outgrowth of the principle that guns are the property of the King, and that to private individual or ship shall be permitted to use them. In case a French merchant ship mounts guns, it immediately becomes a naval auxiliary. This diversity in law and practice indicates that all the Allies would not be similarly affected by any action growing out of the recent proposition and warnings concerning the disarmament of merchantmen.

TREASURER SMITH RESIGNS OFFICE

Indicted Minnesota State Treasurer Has Clerk Deliver Note Toady.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 12.—State Treasurer Smith has resigned, following his indictment yesterday by the grand jury charging him with irregularities in handling \$28,000 of state funds. Smith is still at the Gallatin institute. He gave his resignation to George LaFond, a clerk in his office, last night, and LaFond gave the governor the resignation this morning.

DEADLOCK STILL HOLDS AT PIERRE

Conferees on Primary Law Differences Fail to Reach an Agreement.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 12.—The house today took up the senate resolution providing for a constitutional amendment for good roads, which had been tacked on to the rural credits resolution, and amended it by cutting it loose entirely from rural credits and submitting to the people an amendment to the constitution which allows the state to engage in road making and development of the coal on state lands. The severance of the rural credits proposition by the amendment assured its passage by the house; defeat was practically certain as long as they were tied together.

Going to the People.
The amended resolution has gone back to the senate for its action, and will probably be submitted to the people at the next election.

The conferees on the differences between the two houses on the primary bill, contrary to expectation, do not appear to be agreeing and are at deadlock at the present time.

Foes of "State" Protest.
Several house members held a conference last night, in which they expressed their disapproval of what they contend is an apparent attempt to frame up a slate for the coming primary election.

The State Irrigation congress has elected Doane Robinson of Pierre, president; C. A. Nystrom of Rapid City, secretary, and Charles L. Mellette of Fort Pierre, treasurer.

AUTHOR DIES.
Arlington, Mass., Feb. 12.—John Townsend Trowbridge, poet and author of stories for boys, died tonight. Death was caused by bronchitis which developed from a severe cold, contracted a few weeks ago.

New German Note Reaches Washington

Washington, Feb. 12.—Germany's formal note to the United States, announcing its intention to treat armed merchantmen of the Entente allies as warships after February 29, reached the state department today. The policy of the United States in regard to the declaration of the Central powers, probably, will be defined sometime next week, after a note similar to that issued by Germany is received from the Vienna foreign office.

It was pointed out today in high official quarters that the United States would have to reach a decision quickly, only 17 days remaining before the effective date of this declaration, after which commanders of German and Austrian submarines are expected to receive orders permitting the torpedoing without warning of any ship which is armed.

VIROLENT POISON FOUND IN SOUP; GUESTS ARE ILL

Chef at Club Is Missing and the Dope Is Found in His Room.

CHURCH DIGNITARY DID NOT PARTAKE HEAVILY

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Virulent poison was found today by city chemists in samples of the soup served at the banquet in honor of Archbishop Mundelein at the University club, Thursday night. The discovery, coupled with the disappearance of a kitchen employe of the club, and the finding of a similar poison in a private laboratory in his room, together with literature classed as anarchistic, led the police to believe that the illness which overcame more than 100 of the diners was the deliberate attempt to poison the guests.

The nature of the poison discovered and fear that perhaps a slow acting poison had also been mingled with the banquet's viands prompted the city health commissioner, Dr. John D. Robertson, to issue a warning to all who attended the banquet to place themselves immediately under the care of a physician.

Several of the distinguished guests were so affected that they have not yet recovered. Two are still confined to their beds, and a number of others today said that they still felt the effects of the poisonous soup. Archbishop Mundelein was not affected by the poison. He ate very sparingly of the soup and said today that he had not felt any ill effects.

The absence of Jean Crones, assistant chef at the club, was noted by the manager, H. J. Derty, and his suspicions were aroused. With a policeman, he went to Crones' room in Prairie avenue and there discovered the laboratory and found the poison glass.

MONDELL ATTACKS PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, Feb. 12.—Debate on the postoffice bill in the house today was diverted for two hours into a rambling preparedness discussion, during which Representative Mondell, republican of Wyoming, attacked Representative Quinn of Mississippi, a democratic member of the committee and a former anti-preparedness advocate for his recent change of attitude.

Mr. Mondell declared President Wilson's preparedness arguments lacked facts to back them, and said the president had "simply tried to put a scare into timid folks." Mr. Quinn vigorously defended the president.

Hired Man Shot His Employer

New Rockford, Feb. 12.—At 6:30 o'clock this Thursday morning, George Riddle, who lives on the Neis K. Mattson farm, five miles north of this city, was fatally shot by Nick Chenos when he entered the sitting room approaching the kitchen where the hired man was making a fire in the kitchen range.

Not suspecting anything Mr. Riddle was caught wholly by surprise when Chenos wheeled around and fired three shots from a .38 calibre revolver into his body, one of the bullets entering his liver, one piercing his lungs and the third lodging in the upper portion of the left breast.

The wounded man's wife tried to get help from the neighbors but their telephone was out of working order, when after some time (nearly noon) she revealed upon Chenos to go to the Frank Anderson home and summon Dr. Crawford from this city, who hurried to the victim's relief.

OFFENSIVE ON VARIOUS FRONTS IS PROGRESSING

French Capture 300 Yards of German Trenches in Champagne.

TEUTONIC FORCES ON DEFENSIVE

Reported England Soon Will Summon All Single Men to Colors.

London, Feb. 12.—Somewhat increased activity is reported from several of the European war fronts, notably from the zone of hostilities in France and along the lines where Russians and Teutons are facing each other in Galicia.

The most important infantry operations on the western fronts occurred in the Champagne, where a French attack was carried through after prolonged artillery preparations and, according to Paris, some 300 yards of German trenches were taken. Berlin concedes a French gain in this territory, northeast of Massiges, placing the extent of the captured position at 200 yards.

Petrograd unofficially reports the Teutonic forces on the defensive on the three important streams along which much of the recent fighting in Galicia and nearby fronts has been conducted—the Sereth, the Pruth and the Diester. Several breaches are declared to have been made in the lines of the Teutonic allies.

A Rome dispatch brings statements attributed to both French and Italian political sources that complete accord has been reached between Premier Briand of France, who is now in Rome, and the Italian cabinet members with whom he has been consulting on steps to unify allied action in the war.

Sink Steamer.
Sinking of the Norwegian steamer, Alabama, of 891 tons, is reported from London. The crew was saved.

The Central News is authority for a report that all single men are to be called to enlist next week.

A Royal proclamation shortly to be issued notifying all single men to enlist, the Central News states, attributes the unexpected speedy summons to the many recent consultations between the minister of munitions and the war office.

MANDAN LODGE HOST TO PYTHIAN BROTHERS

Representatives From Practically Every Lodge in Slope at Meeting.

Mandan, Feb. 12.—Mandan Lodge No. 14 was last night host to representatives from lodges all over the Slope. While Bismarck had the largest delegation present, there were members of the order from Wilton, Washburn, Garrison, Center, Leith, Valley City, Fargo, Jamestown, Dickinson, Grand Forks, Clyde and other places.

The opera house building had been transformed and presented an appearance such as never before in the history of the old city shack. The hall was crowded for the lodge service.

Fred E. Wheaton, supreme keeper of records and seals, was here from Minneapolis, and with the assistance of the local officers obligated the 20 candidates, 18 from Mandan and two from Bismarck, in the first rank. Following this, he made a splendid talk on Pythianism, and gave a brief history of the Bible used, which, presented to Justice Rathbone by his mother, was used by the founder of the order at the institution of Washington Lodge No. 1, February 10, 1864. The class last night made a total of 12,241 to have received the obligation with the Rathbone Bible. Mr. Wheaton also told of how the order had grown in the 52 years to a membership of over 750,000.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT SERIOUSLY THREATENED

New York, Feb. 12.—Settlement of the strike of 40,000 workers in the waist and dressmakers union, which had been confidentially promised for Monday, was seriously threatened today by the insurrectionary attitude of the strikers themselves.

Workers employed in the shops of members of the Manufacturers' association, which had signed an agreement meeting most of the demands of their employees, protested against the order of their leaders that they return to their benches Monday morning.

Girls employed in independent shops, not affiliated with the association, declared several points in the agreement remain to be decided at a meeting of the board of mediation tomorrow.