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## PETER MORTENSEN SAID TO HAVE MADE A CONFESSION

### Told to Cellmate in County Jail How and Why He Murdered James R. Hay.

#### Claimed That He Tried to induce a Fellow Prisoner to Secure and Make Away With Missing Pistol.

THERE is a flurry of excitement among the county officers over a confession said to have been made by Peter Mortensen to a cellmate. The details are now in the possession of the prosecution. The accused murderer of James R. Hay is alleged to have made a clean breast of the whole affair to his companion, admitting that he murdered his neighbor, but declaring he had not intended to commit the crime until he was forced to do so by the turn of circumstances.

Further than this a diagram claimed to have been made by Mortensen's own hand, and showing the exact spot where a missing revolver is said to be hidden, is in the hands of the officers. Mortensen, it is claimed, made the confession and gave his cellmate the clue to the location of having him search for the revolver.

### How Alleged Confession Was Made.

The alleged confession was made, it is claimed, to James Kelly, who for some time was kept in Mortensen's cell as a "stool pigeon." Kelly, who is serving time for larceny, it is said, became quite friendly with the accused murderer. He was then removed from the cell and, it is said, declared to the officers that he learned nothing from Mortensen about the murder. He confessed, it is claimed, in Sam Grice, a jail clerk, who is serving time for stealing harness, and it is said told him the whole story, and showed him the diagram.

### Said to Have Admitted Murder.

The story of the alleged confession, as secured from Kelly, is that Mortensen admitted he murdered his neighbor, but had not intended to do until circumstances developed making it necessary to protect himself. As Mortensen went home on the night of the murder, as the story of the alleged confession goes, Kelly, it is said, was going away the following day and asked Mortensen to come over that night to get the money for the bill. When Hay came over, Mortensen is said to have informed Kelly that he had changed his mind about going away and asked Kelly to come over to get the money until the next morning.

### To Get the Receipt.

It was Mortensen's purpose to take the receipt for the \$3,000 from Hay, destroy the receipt and secure a mortgage on his home, then swear that he had paid the amount to Hay and the latter had been robbed of it. In the presence of the receipt in his possession would be strengthened his claim, and the absence of any promissory note would have canceled the mortgage on the home.

### Had the Pistol.

Mortensen then, it is claimed, told Kelly that he had hidden his pistol in a nearby spring just below Ninth East and Twelfth South streets, on the morning after the shooting. He took a pencil and piece of paper and drew a diagram showing just where the pistol was and the course he went over in going to hide the gun.

### Search for the Revolver.

After this diagram was secured by the private officer, it was turned over to District Attorney Eichnor and the chief of police, who went to Forest Dale to look into the matter. They found the diagram to be as correct in relation to the location of the pistol as every other detail as though it had been made by someone walking over the ground at the time it was drawn. The large spring, indicated as the place where the revolver is hidden, was found to be full of mess and debris, so full that it would be impossible to find the revolver without draining it and digging out the growth of plants. The map is so accurate, though, that the officers are convinced that no one drew it but a person who was familiar with the country. Kelly, it is declared, has never been in that portion of the city, and Grice, it is claimed, is unfamiliar with it, so that neither could have drawn it.

### Mortensen's Talk in His Sleep.

He also, Kelly said, talked of another witness, a girl, stating that if she were out of the way he would be all right, but the name he called her by does not tally with that of any of the witnesses in his case. Kelly pointed out that there is no fire-fighting apparatus in the town, the flames made rapid headway, and in a short while the entire store was ablaze. The flames spread south along the block, destroying the big barn of the Meeker stage line and adjoining meat market and restaurant, and damaged the Rifle hotel to the extent of \$500.

### Eichnor Is Suspicious.

Independent of the question of the worth of a purported confession to a cellmate, it is claimed that the statements disclosed are lacking of substantial corroboration in some essential detail. District Attorney Eichnor is known to be a little suspicious of the story that Mortensen's gun is hidden in the marsh indicated by Kelly in the diagram furnished him by Mortensen.

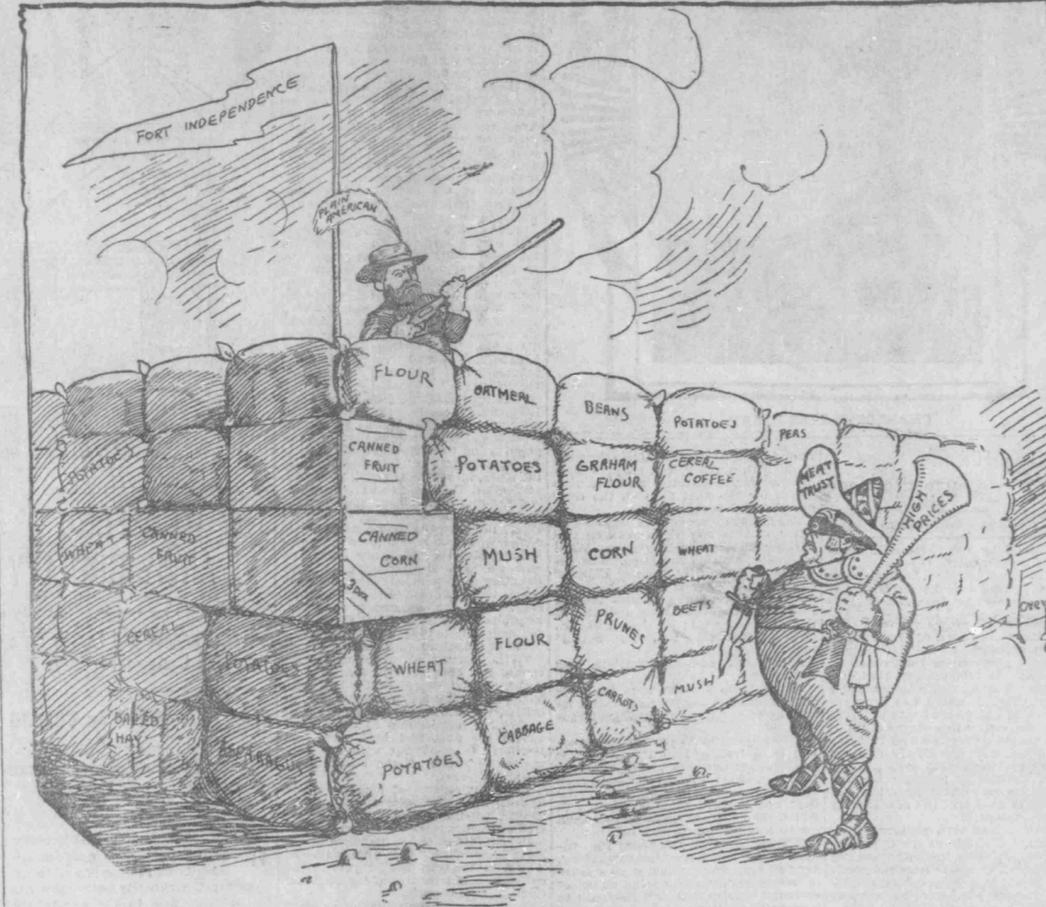
### When the public prosecutor was asked why he did not have the bog hole searched more thoroughly for the gun, he replied that he was not convinced that it would be prudent for the prosecution to find a weapon of forty-four-caliber at the place indicated, and then not be able to prove that it was Mortensen's gun, with which the murder was committed.

### The defense, Judge Powers suggested, continued, would say nothing until the proper time came at the trial, and then it would be shown by trustworthy witnesses that the gun had been purchased after the accused had been arrested, and thrown just where the prosecution expected to find it.

### Mortensen will appear before the court for final trial at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. One hundred and ninety jurors have been summoned, and it is expected that a week will be consumed in selecting a satisfactory jury, as they will be examined upon several points very closely. One of these points, and the most important one, it is said, is that of belief in revelation. Mortensen's attorneys decline to discuss their line of defense, but it is understood that they will attempt to prove Mortensen had the money to pay the bill, and will try to establish an alibi for the night of the murder.

### When seen in his cell yesterday, was whistling and smiling as though he had no care on earth, and seemed to be perfectly confident that he would soon be free again.

### "I am glad it is here and will soon be settled up." This is all he would say about his case.



## MUST FIGHT OR SURRENDER FOREVER.

### PART OF RIFLE DESTROYED GREENE TO EDIT TESTIMONY

#### Colorado Town Suffers From a Fire Which Wiped Out a Large Portion of the Business District—Losses Not Covered by Insurance.

(Special to The Herald.)  
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., May 3.—Fire this morning destroyed a considerable portion of the business district of Rifle, twenty-six miles west of this place. The fire started in the dry goods department of the Hagus general store, but how it originated is not known. Owing to the fact that there is no fire-fighting apparatus in the town, the flames made rapid headway, and in a short while the entire store was ablaze. The flames spread south along the block, destroying the big barn of the Meeker stage line and adjoining meat market and restaurant, and damaged the Rifle hotel to the extent of \$500.

The barn and adjoining frame buildings were valued at \$3,000, and are a complete loss, and yet... The livestock in the stable was rescued. The fire also spread across the street from the Hagus store, burning the new Leyner building, occupied as a drug store and dwelling. This was burned to the ground. Adjoining the Leyner building was the jewelry store of A. Glover. It is a total loss, and was valued at \$3,000. Adjoining this was a livery stable and a blacksmith shop, which were burned to the ground, the loss being, respectively, \$2,000 and \$2,500.

### MAY ADMIT STOCK FROM WYOMING

(Special to The Herald.)  
WASHINGTON, May 3.—Senator Clark of Wyoming will propose an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill to require the interior department, in granting permits for grazing on forest reservations, to place the right to dispose of such permits only with accredited agents of the department.

Under the present regulations of the department, the disposition of the permits, in some instances, is placed in the control of the local stock associations, which are disposed to act arbitrarily with non-members who desire grazing privileges. It is asserted that Utah stock owners in control of the Utah forest reserve permits will not issue permits to stockmen not belonging to the association, and refuse also to issue permits to Wyoming stock owners.

### STOPS THE "WATER CURE."

Washington, May 3.—The war department is advised that General Smith, upon the receipt of a message from General Chaffee, has issued orders that the "water cure" shall not be practiced any more under any pretext. L. E. Hallock of Boston, formerly of the Twenty-sixth volunteer infantry, testified today before the senate committee on the Philippines concerning the practice of water cure in the Philippine archipelago. Mr. Hallock told of the infliction of the cure upon a dozen natives at the town of Leon, province of Panay, on Aug. 21 and 23, 1900. They were captured and tortured in order to secure information of the murder of Private O'Hearne of company I, who had been not only killed, but roasted and otherwise tortured before death ensued. Captain Glenn, in charge of a scouting party, had first secured a confession of participation in this crime, by one native, who had implicated twelve others. These were, the witness said, taken to Leon, where his company, under command of Captain Gregg, was stationed, and there the cure was administered.

### YOUNG IS THE NEW EDITOR.

(Special to The Herald.)  
Stanford University, Pa., Alto, May 3.—The second election for the positions of editor and business manager of "The Sequoia," made necessary by the death of Wednesday, resulted in the election of Waldemar Young, '04, to the editorship, and M. H. Farrar to the place of business manager. The former had no opponent this time. Farrar defeated G. B. Gildersleeve, '02, by a vote of 217 to 271. The new editor is from Salt Lake, and a member of the staff of "The Chaparral." "The Sequoia" and "The Daily Palo Alto." He is at present news editor of "The Daily Palo Alto." Before coming to Stanford he was sporting editor of the Salt Lake Herald. Farrar is a student in the law department from Tulare, and a member of the Phi-Kappa Literary society.

### HE WAS BOUND TO DIE.

Chicago, May 3.—Thomas Gregor, a real estate dealer, committed suicide today in a sensational manner. He was one of a crowd at the Wrightwood avenue station of the Northwestern elevated road. When the train approached he jumped from the platform and fell across the rails. By a desperate effort the motor-man succeeded in stopping the train. Gregor was hoisted back to the platform, but no sooner were his limbs re-secured than he stabbed himself several times in the neck. The jugular vein was severed and he died within a few minutes. No cause for the act is known.

### Inspector Allows McCracken the Privilege of Having a Stenographer, But Announces His Intention to Revise the Notes to Suit Himself—May Exonerate Perrault.

(Special to The Herald.)  
BOISE, May 3.—At today's session of the Perrault investigation, Robert McCracken, the accused of Surveyor General Perrault, was again on the stand, and it developed, in the course of a brisk cross-examination, that Perrault had said that McCracken had, during the time he was engaged as an employee of the office, enacted the role of hawkshaw to obtain evidence on which to support in part the charges.

At the opening of the hearing a stenographer came in to act as stenographer for Mr. McCracken. Whether or not this nettled Inspector Greene did not appear plainly, but the inspector gave it out that while McCracken was permitted to have his own stenographer present, his notes of evidence, when transcribed, would have to be submitted to Greene before the copy could be forwarded to Washington bearing the stamp of authenticity.

In response to questioning, McCracken said he frequently examined correspondence that was lying around on desks in the office and also examined a letter copy book, reports and other data. He admitted that his duties did not require him to make such inspections, although he did not say directly why he turned sleuth. The witness was asked why he had not presented his charges through Perrault. "Because they would never have gotten to the civil service commission," replied McCracken, "and also examined a letter copy book, reports and other data. He admitted that his duties did not require him to make such inspections, although he did not say directly why he turned sleuth. The witness was asked why he had not presented his charges through Perrault.

"What are your politics?" asked Inspector Greene. "Democratic." The following telegram from the secretary of the interior is self-explanatory. Washington, May 2.—A. R. Greene, Inspector, Boise, Ida.: No appropriation out of which the witnesses named in your telegram of yesterday are to be paid by the government. Full opportunity to present evidence should be accorded to both sides, but they must arrange to produce their own witnesses. (Signed) E. A. HITCHCOCK, Secretary.

### MEAT DEALERS TO COMPETE WITH TRUST

CHICAGO, May 3.—Hundreds of retail meat dealers throughout the country have begun the organization of an independent packing company, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. It is proposed by the organizers to erect a modern packing plant in Chicago, large enough to supply all the beef products handled in their trade. A considerable amount of the capital necessary to carry through the project already has been subscribed. The largest subscription which will be accepted from any one firm or individual is \$5,000. This is to prevent the absorption of the company by the packers who now control the beef business. The promoters expect to interest between 15,000 and 20,000 retailers in the project.

Washington, May 3.—Senator Rawlins has received a petition from stockmen in the vicinity of Heber, who want the western part of the Utah forest reserve divided between the cattlemen and the sheepmen in order to prevent conflict and disturbance. Senator Rawlins has requested the interior department to comply with the request. Eugene Ware is to assume the duties Mr. Evans lays down within a very short time. The funeral of Mr. Osborne was held in London today, and within a seasonable time after the obsequies Mr. Evans will sail for England.

### EVANS TO GO TO LONDON.

President Has Found a Place For Pension Commissioner. Washington, May 3.—It is announced that H. Clay Evans is to be appointed to take the place of William McKinley Osborne, late consul in England. Eugene Ware is to assume the duties Mr. Evans lays down within a very short time. The funeral of Mr. Osborne was held in London today, and within a seasonable time after the obsequies Mr. Evans will sail for England.

### To Divide Forest Reserve.

Washington, May 3.—Representative Sutherland has recommended the appointment of W. G. Edmand as postmaster at Green River, Utah. (Special to The Herald.)

## WILL ASK FOR HER EXPENSES

### Mrs. McMahon Believes Society Should be Reimbursed.

### MRS. JONES READS A PAPER

#### THESES ON THE CONSUMERS' LEAGUE INTERESTS.

(Special to The Herald.)  
LOS ANGELES, May 3.—Utah today was again conspicuous at the convention of women's clubs, but in manner not sensational like that of yesterday. Mrs. Elmer D. Jones of Salt Lake was one of the speakers at the morning session. Her subject was "The Consumers' League From a Western Woman's Standpoint." Her address was one of the ablest of the day; amply received marked approbation. Her statement that Utah was the first state in the west to take up the crusade against the products of the sweat shop was loudly applauded, and the speaker was warmly congratulated on her effort and work accomplished by Utah club women. Mrs. Jones, president of the Utah delegation, has quite recovered from her indisposition and was in attendance at all the sessions of the convention today. She felt chagrined over the Kirby incident, which occurred during her absence yesterday, but she does not consider it serious. The feeling among the delegates as to Utah's reputation has not suffered. Utah women are taking a lively interest in the federation, and are making a fight in behalf of Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker of Denver for president, and it will not be surprising if one of the Utah delegates places the name of the Denver woman before the convention as a candidate of the great west for the high honor. It is claimed that the west, from Ohio to the Pacific coast, is almost solid for Mrs. Decker, and will get up a ticket to defeat the Denison-Burdette combination. Utah aspires to one national office herself, but Mrs. Decker's delegation as yet refuses to divulge, neither will the members give a hint as to which one of the bright women composing the delegation has been selected as the prospective representative on the general federation board. Mrs. F. A. Vincent of Salt Lake has been selected as a member of the national committee. Mrs. McMahon, who has been denied a seat as delegate from the Salt Lake chapter of the P. E. O. society, has been selected as the entire Utah delegation in her demand on the general federation for payment of her traveling expenses. Mrs. McMahon claims her delegation officials entitling her to a seat, and believed herself to be eligible to all privileges of the convention, but was "turned down" by the credentials committee. The officers acknowledged their mistake, but claimed it was due to a misunderstanding. As a consolation, she was granted her privilege of a seat on the floor of the convention without the right of sharing in the deliberations. Mrs. McMahon would let the matter drop if she had come at her own expense, but the P. E. O. society appropriated \$200 to defray the cost of her trip, and she feels that the society ought to have its money refunded. The justice of her claim is generally conceded, but action in the matter is held in abeyance.

### LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 3.—After several sessions today the club women are prepared for a recess—

not a rest—on Sunday, for many are going on an excursion to Mount Lowe, dissenting sisters notwithstanding. There is also to be a garden party in honor of visiting press women, which some of the club women from upon, but which promises to be a large and successful affair.

### Mrs. Elmer Jones, Whose Address on the Consumers' League Was Enthusiastically Applauded.

representative gathering of writers. To offset this deficit, however, several supplies will be occupied by delegates. At the First Presbyterian church Mrs. May Alden Ward is to speak on "Voices of Today," while at the First Methodist church the general theme of "Modern Issues" will be presented by Mrs. Robert Burdette of Pasadena, prospective vice president; Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden of New York, president of the International Sunshine society; and Mrs. Florence Kelley of New York, promoter of consumers' leagues. There are two tight knots that will have to be untied by the convention Monday morning, when the committee on reorganization reports. A well known parliamentarian, Mrs. Urquhart Lee, who supports the individual club points out that any plan providing only for the representation of state federations will be illegal. "Under the guise of amendment," said Mrs. Lee, "you cannot rob members of an organization of their vested rights. In this case it would not be the many clubs which are members of the general federation but not of the

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