

# WENDLING RUN DOWN IN LOCAL LODGING HOUSE

## Nationwide Man Hunt Ends in Capture of Accused Girl Slayer

### Slueth Who Trailed Fugitive Over Continent Gets Here Too Late

sought to conceal in the basement of the church, as Theodore Durrant murdered two grown women in the Emmanuel Baptist church in this city and concealed the body of one in the beifry.

Wendling does not seem nervous over his arrest. His brown eyes are a bit shifty and his smile is weak, but those signs could be explained by his low moral character aside from the fact that he is suspected of a terrible murder.

He does not talk clear English, but still speaks well and intelligibly. He is glad when it comes to telling why he left Louisville. With what he probably intends as a play for cunning, he throws an atmosphere of mystery about a man whose name he does not remember who was his predecessor as janitor at St. John's, and hints that that man has access to the basement of the church where the girl's mutilated body was found.

Explains Glibly "I told Father Shumann I thought somebody came in at night, and he told me to lock the door of the basement," said Wendling, slyly.

But he will not admit that he knew he was a hunted man until three weeks ago, when he read in a local newspaper that there was a reward of \$7,000 on his head. He laughed at the idea of the reward yesterday.

His explanation for leaving Louisville so precipitously in January, is that he had trouble with his wife and brother in law. His wife is 45 white haired, and she is a very strong, thrifty one of the family—she and her brother, Aloise Arnold. According to Wendling the woman took all his earnings. "I no get enough for cigar or mass beer," he said in broken English.

He even had a plausible story to tell when he was informed that his wife had told the police of Louisville that she had, on December 10, two days after the disappearance, washed his blood stained clothing. "Yes, I shot myself in the hand about that time, cleaning a revolver. There was a lot of blood," said the accused.

Accused of Burglary The police here and in Vallejo have why he was conclusively proved that Wendling robbed the house of Naval Constructor Saunders on three occasions, and gave the loot to a woman of the Vallejo underworld.

Wendling admitted to robbing the Robert woman, but blandly denied with his usual smile and shrug, that he had committed burglary.

"He is the coolest man we've had in a long time," said Captain Wall. The arrest of Wendling yesterday morning had a tinge of excitement to it. Two weeks ago Chief Carney arrived from Louisville and intermediate points, which were many, and started the local force on the chase. He chased around the bay. His movements in Vallejo were traced. There he had worked as a gardener for Charles Weidemann at 639 Virginia street from March 19 to May 27. He left suddenly, and went to Olema, where he drove a stage and carried the mail to and from Point Reyes. On June 4 he visited Vallejo and returned to Olema. On June 21 he returned to Vallejo, and came to this city. He had been promised a job in the Pacific Coast glass works by George Newman, president of the company, whom he met at Olema.

The job did not materialize at once. He had stayed at the lodging house at 262A Third street on his previous visits to this city, and returned there on July 24. He went around the streets at will.

CLEW FOUND IN EAST Detectives Burke and Ryan were working hard on the case. Chief Carney, who lost the accent at Rio Vista, having returned to Hume, Mo., where Mrs. Corinne Munse, a woman friend of the wanderer, lived and conducted a millinery store. At Hume Carney hoped to get a fresh line on the man. While there he heard that Wendling or Jacquemin, the name under which he traveled, was at Vallejo. Carney informed Captain Wall by telegraph, and Wall sent Burke to Vallejo to track him further. From the Miller woman Burke learned that Wendling might be in San Francisco. That was on last Saturday, July 23. Burke returned to the city and he and Ryan worked hard. They ran down many false clues, but finally, on Friday, learned that a man answering the description of Wendling was staying at the lodging house in Third street. All Friday afternoon the two detectives watched the place. They satisfied themselves that the man was there. Yesterday morning they set out to make the arrest.

When they presented themselves at the house, Burke at the front door and Ryan covering the rear of the place, Mrs. Moriarty refused at first to let them enter. She denied that there was

# Murder of Schoogir Revolting in Detail Body Found Under Floor of Classroom

On December 8, 1909, 8 year old Alma Kellner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Kellner and niece of Fred Fehr, a millionaire brewer, disappeared from her home in Louisville, Ky. When last seen she was on her way to St. John's Roman Catholic parochial school, five blocks from her home. It was thought at first that the child might have been kidnaped by members of her family, as there had been a family dispute over her education.

On January 14, 1910, Joseph Wendling, janitor of St. John's church and school, disappeared from Louisville, leaving no trace behind. On May 30 the murdered and mutilated body of Alma Kellner was found under the flooring of one of the school buildings. Every bone in the body had been broken and it was evident that an attempt had been made to burn the body in the furnace under the church. Mrs. Madeline Wendling, wife of Joseph Wendling, was arrested as an accessory in the crime. Wendling was subsequently indicted for murder. Mrs. Wendling was discharged from custody.

On June 8 Chief of Detectives John P. Carney of Louisville started out on a hunt for Wendling, determined that he would not return to Louisville without him. Carney traced the man to New Orleans, then to Houston, Tex., where Wendling had courted a widow, Mrs. Corinne Munse of Hume, Mo. From there the trail led to Galveston; then to San Antonio. At San Antonio Carney secured a post card from Wendling, dated Rio Vista, Cal., May 9. Wendling was then traveling under cover of his mother's maiden name of Jacquemin. Carney came out to San Francisco and with local detectives went to Rio Vista. He found that his man had departed, leaving no trace of himself. He searched the railroad camps near Auburn for the fugitive.

Baffled but not discouraged, Carney rushed back to Hume, Mo., the home of Mrs. Munse, whom Wendling had met in Houston, Tex., and from her learned that in April Wendling had been employed in Vallejo at 639 Virginia street. He secured this information on Saturday, July 23. He wired his information to Chief of Police Martin. Detective Burke went to Vallejo and traced Wendling's movements through a woman of Vallejo. It was learned that Wendling had been driving a stage between Olema and Point Reyes.

After running down many false leads Detectives Burke and George Ryan located him Friday at 362A Third street, this city. They searched the place yesterday morning and found Wendling.

After sending his dispatch from Hume, Mo., Chief Carney started again for San Francisco. As he landed at the ferry yesterday noon he was greeted by newsboys offering him afternoon papers containing the report of the capture of Wendling.

There is \$7,000 reward offered for Wendling's capture.

any such lodger as Wendling, a Frenchman, in the house. Burke insisted and finally began a search of the place. Wendling was found behind a door in the lavatory, but denied later that he was hiding. He was unarmed, made no resistance and at once admitted his identity. He was readily identified by Wendling and Ryan from the photograph they carried, although the man had changed his appearance by shaving off his mustache.

Landlady Frightened The detectives were under the impression that Mrs. Moriarty was trying to hide Wendling and that possibly she knew that he was a fugitive. The woman denied that. She said that she thought he might have got into some little difficulty over "unmashing" gets at nickelodeon and wanted to protect him from the consequences. She said she had no idea that her tenant was wanted for a serious charge. The woman was badly frightened by her experience and was very contrite.

Wendling submitted to an extended interview at the city prison yesterday afternoon. The accused man is 26 years of age and says that he weighs 170 pounds. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall and has black hair and dark hazel eyes. He told his story readily enough, but when there came references to his alleged crime he would pretend for a moment not to understand English. The meaning of the word "truth" perplexed him. He did not seem to understand that he was supposed to be telling the truth, but after the French equivalent of the word had been explained he admitted that he was telling the whole truth. The frailest part of his story was when he told of the blood stained garments which his wife said she washed for him December 10.

"Yes, that was maybe when I shot myself in the hand," and he exhibited a scarred left hand. Later the interview came around again to that point of his story. "When did you get yourself in the hand?" he was asked. "Was it in December?" "Oh, no," replied the man; "that was two months before."

Biography of Amours Wendling's tale was less a narrative of flight than an Odyssey of amours. His full story follows: Wendling's tale was less a narrative of amours. His full story follows: "I was born in Genlis Cote d'Or, France, where my parents still live. My father's name is Eduard Wendling and my mother's maiden name was Harriette Jacquemin. My full name is Henri Joseph Wendling. I am 26 years of age. On my travels I used the name of Henri Jacquemin, but never did I use the name of Eugene Terrocone or Guilferre. I enlisted in the French army at Doujon and was in the marine corps. I served two years, but when I had to serve another year I deserted at Toulon and went to Alsace. There I met Madeline Arnold. She and I came to this country about three or four years ago and went to Louisville, where she had a brother, Aloise Arnold, living. We were married after we reached this country. My wife is now 25 years old.

"First I worked for Smith & Nixon, piano manufacturers, but then a French priest got me a job at Father Shuman's church. I was janitor; my wife was cook. I got \$40 a month and board and my wife kept it all. She gave it to her brother, and I got no money for cigars to smoke or a glass of beer. I wanted to get money and put it in a bank. I put some in bank and had a row with my wife and her brother. He said to me, 'I didn't want to live with her any more, so I left Louisville on January 14.'

Knew About Girl "Before I went I knew the little Kellner girl was lost. I think she was kidnapped. When the girl was lost I helped look for her. The church was searched and Father Shuman took a lantern and looked through the church." "Did you take Father Shuman where the body was found?" he was asked. "I don't know where the body was found," replied the man quickly. "Some

lady saw the little girl near the church. I can prove I was at home on the night of December 8."

"How can you remember that you were at home that night?" "Oh, I was home every night," Wendling covered.

"Where were you on the afternoon of December 8?" he was asked. "This time he seemed more guarded. 'I don't know where I was, only I was working at the church every afternoon and never had but a little sleep. I was there every night, but why should I run away after girl was lost. I do not know.'"

"Maybe when I get back to Louisville I will say something," Wendling continued.

HINTS AT ANOTHER MAN When asked what he would have to say he was enigmatical. He hinted that another man had been in the basement in which he had been told the body lay. "There was one man who worked there before me. He was janitor and he slept in the little room under the church. He used to come in after I was there, and I would go to come into the basement. I spoke to Father Shumann about it and he told me to lock the door."

"But I just left Louisville because of trouble with my wife and her brother."

"When I went away I had \$100, \$40 for my wages, and the rest I had put in the bank without letting her know. I went to New Orleans, I left on January 14. I think it was one week in New Orleans and there was nothing to do there. Then I went to Houston, Tex., and worked in a general store kept by a man named Kaller. I cleared my head, and in an elevator, do anything that comes up. Then I went to San Antonio."

# VALLEJO CHIEF AIDED IN PURSUIT

## Head of Police Department Was Instrumental in Finding Clues

### Located Woman of Underworld With Whom Wendling Consorted

VALLEJO, July 30.—Chief of Police William T. Stanford of Vallejo gave valuable service to the Louisville and San Francisco authorities in tracing Joseph Wendling, the fugitive from Kentucky wanted for the murder of the little Kellner girl. It was through Stanford's efforts that Alice Miller, the woman of the Vallejo underworld, was located. It was from the Miller woman that the police learned that Wendling roomed in Third street when in San Francisco.

While here Wendling spent much time with the Miller woman, who was connected with the Belvedere dance hall. She gave the police pictures of the fellow, which were used by the San Francisco police. She also admitted that Wendling had given her silk dresses and articles of women's underwear which had been stolen from the home of Naval Constructor Coburn. Coburn at the time of the robbery was living in the house of Charles Weidemann, proprietor of the Solano brewery, for whom Wendling had worked as gardener.

Wendling worked here from March to May 21. When Detective Burke of San Francisco was in Vallejo he investigated to see if the man had enlisted in the navy. Wendling's actions while in Vallejo lead the police to believe that he is a degenerate.

# PATRIOT ROBBED OF RED AND BLUE COWS

## White Companion of Missing Bovines Chews Cud Alone

The police are searching for two cows, one red and the other blue, which were stolen from the barn of John Garibaldi, Ingersoll and Thirty-third avenues, Friday night. Garibaldi said the stolen cows were stabled with a white cow, which was left by the thief. He said he took pride in having the red, white and blue cows, as he was a patriotic citizen, and would give anything to have the colors restored.

A search is also being made for six hens and two roosters that were stolen from the chicken house of Mrs. H. J. Ellis, 322 Hale street, Friday night.

Eighteen hams valued at \$55 were stolen Friday night from the store of the Jacob Doid pork packing company, 805 Montgomery street.

# RIP VAN WINKLE'S DOUBLE IS DROWNED

## Famous Old Man of Catskills Wanders to Death

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