

# WAS FOUND DEAD IN BED WITH HIS THROAT CUT

### Body of Lemuel J. Boyer Discovered by Daughter Sunday Morning—Dead Some Time.

### POCKET KNIFE WAS USED

### Mr. Boyer Was Last Seen by Neighbors on Friday Evening—May Have Died That Night.

Lemuel J. Boyer, 51 years old was found lying across a bed in his home at 511 Exchange street, with his throat cut, Sunday morning. A small pen knife had been used.

The jugular vein was not severed but punctured, the knife being driven in point first. There are five cuts on the neck. The first four, evidently were unsuccessful, the fifth striking the vein.

The body was discovered by Mr. Boyer's daughter, Miss Mary Boyer. Mr. Boyer had been dead since Friday night it is believed. Decomposition had set in. Despondency over family affairs is said to have been the cause of the suicide.

Mr. Boyer had been living in Keokuk for ten years and was well known here. He drove the night mail wagon at the post office for some time and was formerly a bartender for George Lock.

Mr. Boyer had been living alone for several weeks. His daughter came over from Blandinsville, Ill., on Saturday night to see him and found the body on Sunday morning. The daughter spent Saturday night with Mrs. Clarence Clark who lives in the other side of a double house, one half of which was occupied by Mr. Boyer. She had a presentiment that something had happened to her father, and early on Sunday morning tried to get into his side of the house.

Found Sunday Morning.

The front door was locked from the inside, so she went in a rear door, accompanied by Mrs. Clark. As she went up the steps to the second floor she called out to her father but received no answer. When she looked into his room she saw him lying across the bed, the covers and floor covered with clotted blood.

She called out to Mrs. Clark, "Papa's dead" and both women screamed. The police were notified and James S. Burrows, acting coroner called. The body was taken to the morgue of J. J. Crimmins & Son.

When found, Mr. Boyer was lying across the bed, completely clothed with the exception of his shoes and socks. The knife which he used, was lying on the bed. It is only a small pen knife, more of an ornament than a weapon that would be used for suicidal purposes.

Covered With Blood.

A lamp was sitting on the floor. It was splattered with blood. Because of this it is believed that he cut his throat while sitting up in bed or standing up, falling back as the life stream spurting from the gash he made in his throat punctured the jugular vein. The body, bed and floor was covered with blood. It was clotted and dried, the man evidently having been dead for a number of hours.

Mr. Boyer was last seen on Friday night. He came home in the evening and after sitting on the porch for a short time retired. He had just had a shave and hair cut. He talked for a while with his next door neighbors and seemed to be in a rather jolly mood.

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# WOMAN KNOCKED DOWN AND ROBBED

### Miss Clara Carlson, Victim of Attack on the Porch of Swanson Home on Friday Night.

# MAN MADE HIS ESCAPE

### Thought to Have Been a Negro—Also Took Bracelet, But Threw It Away in the Yard.

Clara Carlson, a domestic at the home of Arthur Swanson, 1425 Blondeau street, was knocked down twice by an unknown man, thought to be a negro, and robbed of a pocketbook containing \$1.25 and a bracelet, on Friday evening at 10:30 o'clock on the rear porch of the Swanson home.

Miss Carlson had just returned home from town, where she had taken in the fall celebration. As she was about to enter the kitchen she was confronted by a man. In the struggle that ensued she was knocked down twice and her pocketbook and bracelet taken. Later the bracelet was found in the yard, where it had been thrown away by the robber.

The family at the Swanson home had retired about fifteen minutes before and by the time the girl's cries had aroused the household, the miscreant has escaped.

Miss Carlson has been in bed since the attack occurred and has been suffering severely from the shock. She told friends that the man who robbed her was very dark and it is thought he is a negro. The young woman is a daughter of Gust Carlson of Summitville.

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until January 11, 1913, when the defendant deserted her home. Hartzell and Cavanagh file the bill for said Henry Williams.

Ellis M. Dye, by her attorney, E. W. Dunham, versus James M. Dye, the petition showing that the parties were married on December 18, 1914, in the city of Keokuk, Iowa, and lived together until May 3, 1915. The plaintiff charges drunkenness and cruelty.

Nancy J. Martin, by her attorneys, Berry & Naylor, versus Isaac D. Martin, the bill showing marriage on Dec. 31, 1885, and that parties separated on June 7, 1914, there having been born to this union six children: Mrs. Mary E. Mockbee, John W., Enoch P., Edward H., Pearl E., and Harry P. Martin, all of legal age, except P., whom the plaintiff asks the custody of, charging desertion.

Joseph Knight of Warsaw, by his attorneys, O'Hara, Wood & Walker, versus Maggie Knight, the petition showing that parties were twice married, the first marriage occurring about thirteen or fourteen years ago, the second in November, 1909, and that they continued to live together until Aug. 2, 1915, when the defendant left the home and located in Iowa. There had been born to this union two sons, Edward in 1904 and Harry in January, 1910; that litigation was brought about in the Iowa courts as to the custody of said two children, and the plaintiff was awarded the care of said Edward Knight, and the defendant the care and custody of Henry, but that at the present time both children are in the care of said defendant. A charge of adultery is made.

Clara A. Crossland versus Jacob S. Crossland, the bill showing that the defendant has been guilty of habitual drunkenness and plaintiff states that said parties were married on Jan. 31, 1893, at Quincy, Ill., living together until Feb. 23, 1915, there being one child, Russell L. Crossland, who has attained his majority.

Edna M. Stucker charges Edward J. Stucker with desertion, the bill showing that parties were united in marriage on July 9, 1905, and continued to live together until Oct. 7, 1911. That there were three children born to this union, two of whom have departed this life, Fay Mahone Stucker, aged 5 years, surviving.

Leslie Cludary files his bill by Clyde P. Johnson, his attorney, charging his wife, Ella Cludary, with adultery, the bill showing that parties were married October 1, 1911, at Quincy, Illinois, and continued to live together until Jan. 1, 1912.

Josie E. Tyner files her bill by Hartzell & Cavanagh, her attorneys, charging her husband, Clinton D. Tyner, with deserting the home, showing that marriage occurred on Feb. 12, 1896, and that the contracting parties continued to live together until Nov. 7, 1915. That one child was born to this union, Harold C. Tyner, who has not attained his majority.

Hazel Mabray charges her husband Early Mabray, with desertion, the bill showing that marriage occurred on Sept. 16, 1911, at Keokuk, and that the parties continued to live together until Feb. 27, 1913.

Elsie Snyder vs. George Ellis Snyder, a bill for separate maintenance was filed, the plaintiff showing that marriage occurred on Feb. 12, 1898, and that the parties have lived together until Sept. 6, 1916, but under very trying circumstances, as the defendant has been trying to release himself from the care and keeping of the petitioner for some time, having caused a petition to be filed in the county court of Hancock county, Illinois, looking into the sanity of the petitioner, the case being very hotly contested, many witnesses appearing for the plaintiff, the jury returning a verdict about midnight, finding that the plaintiff was sane. The parties

# MORE THAN ONE U BOAT OFF COAST

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ting the American flag and the U boat ducked as suddenly as she appeared when she had been shown the Kansan's papers and had them explained. Shipping men were surprised that German ships should have let the Kansan go free in as much as her cargo consisted of steel, hay and grain, New York for the French government, St. Nazaire. The Kansan will take 2,000 horses aboard here and sail again for the French port. She was chartered some time ago by the French government. She is of 15,000 tons.

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"Before we could get along, however, the submarine disappeared beneath the waves, diving out of sight as suddenly as she had appeared. We had hardly left this U boat until I heard the wireless call of the West Point, saying she was being attacked by a submarine. I put the Kansan about and started to her assistance. Before we had gone far we learned that the United States destroyers were within striking distance so I again changed my course and proceeded to Boston."

Captain Smith could not explain how the submarine commander happened to permit him to continue his voyage. He admitted the Kansan was carrying contraband and was under charter by the French government.

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