

MOON-INFLUENCED MURDERER CAUGHT Police Finally Arrest Mad Axman Hunted 3 Years!

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 29, 1915.

The mad axman, the moon-influenced murderer, is caught—the police think.

Loving Mitchell, a negro, arrested in St. Louis, it is estimated may be the slayer who in the space of three years left a bloody trail 3,000 miles long and 30 dead bodies in his wake across the Middle West.

In each instance the fiend, whoever he was, sent an ax blade crashing into the brain of his sleeping victim. In each instance the maniac's fearful crimes, which have stained the records of five states, have been enacted on Sunday nights, and when THE MOON WAS EMERGING FROM THE LAST QUARTER INTO THE DARK OR COMING INTO THE FIRST QUARTER.

In nearly every instance he killed a whole family. In nearly every instance he left no clue.

After a 3½-year search by police and private detectives, extending all over the nation, Chief Morrison and detectives from Monmouth, Ill., arrested Mitchell in St. Louis. He will be charged with the murder of William E. Dawson, his wife and 12-year-old daughter, all of whom were slain with an axe as they slept on the night of September 30, 1911.

Scores of suspects have been taken after each murder. Always lack of evidence has forced their release. But Morrison says he has the evidence in this case. The killer started his program of murder in Colorado Springs, Colo., on September 19, 1911, and by October 6, 1914, 30 persons had been slain in the same manner and under the same circumstances.

Struggle in Girl's Room. Harry C. Wayne, his wife and baby were found with their skulls crushed in, and Mrs. A. Burnham and her two babies, living next door, completed the Colorado Springs victims.

Then on September 30, two weeks later, the Dawson killing happened in Monmouth. Dawson and his wife died in their sleep, but in the daughter's room were signs of a terrific struggle.

The following month William Showman, his wife and three children, of Ellsworth, Kan., were victims of the axman's blade. Rollin Judson and wife, Paola, Kan., were next. They were killed in June, 1912.

Some days after the Judson killing J. B. Moore, his four children and two girl guests were victims at Villisca, Ia.

Mrs. Mary Wilson and Mrs. George Moore, Columbia, Mo., were victims in December of the same year.

80-Year-Old Woman Slain. Operations then ceased until July 16, 1914, when Jacob Mischel, 74 years of age, his wife, Margaret and Mansfield, their daughter, and her baby, were slain under like conditions at Blue Island, Ill., a south suburb of Chicago.

The last of the bloody program was enacted October 6, 1914, at Hartsburg, Mo., when Mrs. B. F. Matthews, 80 years of age, was murdered in bed.

In most cases the blood-smeared axes were left behind, and investigation proved, as a rule, that they were the property of the householders.

Mitchell has waived extradition and will be taken back to Monmouth to be tried for the murders. "The evidence against him is complete," declared the Monmouth police chief.

JANE CANNOT COME. A letter from Jane Adams, noted social worker of Hull House, Chicago, has been received by Malcolm Douglas, chairman of the program committee of the Municipal League, stating she will be unable to make a visit to Seattle and speak before the league next month, as had been expected.

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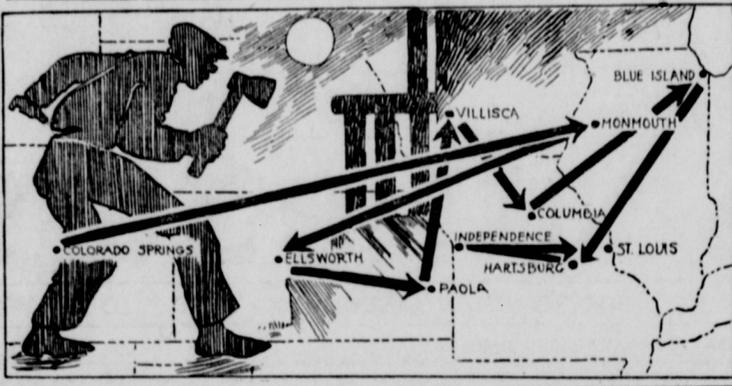
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PRESIDENT OF FILM COMPANY UNDER ARREST

J. L. Adams, president of the Washington Film Corporation which recently opened a "movie" studio at Kirksland, Fla., and the steamship Aquila, with the loss of 144 lives, changed to concern today for the safety of other big liners entering Germany's war zone about the British Isles.

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OPEN ATTACK ON THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE IN LAWS

On April 7 the supreme court will hear the arguments relative to the emergency clauses in the jitney bus and the Renick bills.

Mandamus suits were filed at Olympia Monday in behalf of Miss Luck R. Case, secretary of the Washington State Referendum league, against Secretary of State Howell, who refused to accept the referendum petitions against these two measures.

The jitney bus suit was filed by Hugh C. Todd, attorney for the Seattle Auto Transportation Co. The Renick bill suit was filed by Corporation Counsel Bradford of Seattle.

In each case the complaint alleges that the emergency clause in the bill, designed to prevent a referendum of the people, is a subterfuge, not coming within the spirit of the emergency cases intended by the constitution for "the immediate preservation of health, peace or safety" of the state.

In the meantime, the Referendum league is preparing to circulate the other petitions next week. Headquarters have been established in the Railway Exchange building, room 222. Contributions of money, as well as of services, are greatly needed. Dr. Carl Ewald is treasurer of the league, and contributions may be forwarded to him.

The league also desires the names of storekeepers and those who have offices where petitions may be left for the public to sign. Volunteers to circulate petitions should leave their names with Miss Case at the league's headquarters.

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Confessions of a Wife

DICK HEARS OF MOLLIE'S LOVERS (Copyright, 1915, by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.)

Dick did not refer to the party in any way on our way home. He seemed to feel that Mollie's explanation had settled matters to every one's satisfaction.

The ride home was very different from our ride to Mrs. Tenney's, which was made in perfect silence, with each of us on strictly a push-in-the-corner attitude. On the way back he held me up to him very closely and I blissfully went to sleep with my head snuggled in the fur collar of his overcoat.

He awakened me with a kiss when we arrived, and I entered the house perfectly happy and content. Strange, isn't it, little book, with what little things we can build happiness? A look, a caress, a softly spoken word and lovers enter heaven.

Some way Dick did not seem as content as I, for a long time after we got to bed he twisted and sighed and otherwise showed that he could not sleep.

At last I said, "What is the matter, Dick?" "I'm thinking about business, Margie."

"Has anything gone wrong?" "No, but this political muck we are getting into promises to get very sensational before we get through. The gang is certainly going to go for Hatton's paper, and everybody connected with it."

"I wish Mollie were not there." "So do I, Margie, but do you know that Mollie, clever girl, is doing some of the most effective work in the campaign, with those pungent little paragraphs of hers. I don't think any of those political rats can assail her in any way."

"Perhaps not, Dick, but did it ever strike you that both Hatton and Sullivan are in love with Mollie?"

"With Mollie?" he exclaimed. "Is Mollie old enough to have men fall in love with her?"

"She is nearly as old as I, dear, when we were married."

"Well, that's a bomb. Do you think that either of the men suspects the other is in love with her?"

"I think Mr. Hatton knows that Sullivan is interested in her, but for some reason I am sure Sullivan does not dream of such a thing."

"She must get out before things come to a showdown," said Dick. "Why, dear, don't you think either man would make her a good husband?"

"Sure, I do."

"No one can do that. She knows she is needed here."

"Has she ever talked to you, Margie? Which one of them does she like the best?"

"I don't think she knows—Hatton appeals to her because he has never paid her much attention, although he gives her to understand in many ways that he cares for

her—his rather mysterious love-making is very attractive to a young girl."

"Well, he had better