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LANSFORD MURDERER CONFESSES CRIME

MYLO ADMITS KILLING BOTH KARST AND SEISEL NEAR LANSFORD—MEN STONED TO DEATH FOR ROBBERY.

Lansford, N. D., Oct. 19.—Joe Mylo and John Miller have confessed to the murders of J. N. Karst of Breckenridge, Minn., and H. Seisel of Calgary, Canada, in this city ten days ago, the confession being made public by the police officials today.

In a statement which Mylo has sworn to before a notary public, he admits that he, himself, killed Karst, claiming that Miller dispatched Seisel, when they set on the two victims for the purpose of robbery.

Miller, the police say, has made no formal confession, but maintains that Mylo killed both men—and that he had his hand in the actual murders.

Rapid Police Action.

The confession brings to a climax one of the most rapid fire police actions of the year in this state. Karst and Seisel were pounded to death with rocks in the hands of robbers who, their deed complete, set out across country to Granville, on the main line of the Great Northern. There they boarded a train for Minot, subsequently going to Fargo. An express package which they had previously sent from Lansford to Fargo, furnished the means for their capture, the men calling for the package at Fargo and being immediately arrested.

Story of Crimes.

In Mylo's formal statement of the murders, he says he and Miller went down the Soo track from Lansford, about 9:30 on the night of the murders. They accosted Karst and Seisel some distance from the depot, and both showed signs of fight. Armed with rocks, Mylo says he and Miller jumped on their victims, pounding them unmercifully and leaving, as they supposed, both of the men dead. Mylo says he obtained \$55 from Karst's clothing and some jewelry. He says he does not know what Miller obtained.

A negro working on a farm near Granville has identified the prisoners as the men who sold him a watch which was taken from Karst's body. There also is other strong evidence against the pair in addition to Mylo's own statement of the crimes.

The body of Karst was sent to Breckenridge for burial, while the body of Seisel is still being held here.

The four men had been working on the same threshing outfit near Hurd and the murderers knew that their victims had money.

JUDGE GALLAGHER OF SAWYER IS DEAD

John Sylvester Gallagher of Sawyer, having suffered for the past year with complications of diseases, passed away Oct. 17, 1914. All that could be accomplished by medical aid was done for him.

He was born in Rochester, N. Y., May 23, 1842; married to Mary A. Anderson at Helena, Wisconsin, March 14, 1873, of whom were born fourteen children, nine living and five departed, leaving to mourn his loss Robert Gallagher, Fairwood, Virginia; Mrs. Florence Browning, Minot, N. D.; Mrs. J. A. Grell, Ray, N. D.; Mrs. D. Osborn, Winona, Minn.; John H. Gallagher, Canada; Mrs. Walter Hollingsworth, Moosejaw, Sask.; Verla, Mary and Clay, Sawyer. One brother and three sisters of Madison, Wisconsin also survive him.

Mr. Gallagher's early days were spent in attending various schools, he was a scholar of Professor George's College and of the state university of Wisconsin; taught in the public schools of that state fifteen years;

justice of the peace in Dane County, Wisconsin, for eight years; notary public in the state of Iowa for eight years and justice of Ward county, N. D. six years, having been elected for the fourth term of two years. Moved his family to Wesley, Iowa, in 1882 and to North Dakota in 1900.

His last moments were very peaceful for he rested in Jesus.

The funeral services were held Oct. 19th in the Congregational church at Sawyer, Rev. Norris, pastor of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene at Plaza, N. D., officiating. After a touching service his body was laid to rest in the Sawyer cemetery.

Seven of the nine surviving children were able to attend the funeral. Mr. Gallagher's brother from Minnesota was in attendance but hurried east as a sister lies at the point of death.

The funeral was attended by a very large crowd of the old time friends of the deceased. Rev. Mr. Norris of Ryder, enroute to Sawyer, was delayed on his auto trip and Rev. W. W. Irwin preached a very strong funeral address. Upon the arrival of Rev. Mr. Norris that pastor concluded the services with a very touching sermon. Rev. Earl Pounds of Sawyer assisted in the service with prayer.

Judge Gallagher, as he was familiarly known among his many friends in Minot, was a splendid type of a citizen. Upright in all of his dealings, he was a power in his community and his words of counsel will be remembered by hundreds. Sawyer has lost one of her very best citizens. Mr. Gallagher took a great deal of interest in county and state politics until he became ill and his acquaintance over the county became large.

KIDNAPPER AND YOUNG GIRL FOUND

"Baldy" Slavens, aged 19, who ran away with pretty fourteen-year-old Della Westgard, daughter of A. K. Westgard, owner of the City Cafe, was captured at Linton, N. D., not far from the South Dakota line, Monday and returned to this city. With him was the girl, who evidently was a very willing companion.

Slavens left Minot Wednesday night of last week, driving away with a horse and buggy from the Scofield livery barn. He met the girl near the G. N. viaduct, who was there with a bundle of clothing, prepared for a sensational get-away. The couple drove to Bismarck, where the horse was placed in a livery barn. The horse was leg weary and Slavens "hired" another horse from the Bismarck livery man, traveling south. The Bismarck officials learned thru Sheriff Kelley of the missing horse, and thus effected the capture. Slavens will face several serious charges, one for kidnaping and two for horse stealing.

He was employed by the girl's father and after his discharge swore that he'd get even with the employer. He is a bad pill and is said to be a user of "happy dust."

Former Surrey Farmer Dies in Minot. L. Monroe Hopkins, who formerly resided four miles north of Surrey, died at St. Joseph's hospital in this city Oct. 20, from an affection of the heart. The funeral was held from the Baptist church north of Surrey, burial taking place in the cemetery there. Mr. Hopkins was 60 years of age. Of late years he has been living in California, but returned some time ago, ill. A number of relatives reside in the vicinity of Surrey.

Republican Rallies.

A republican rally will be held at Surrey Tuesday night of next week and at Drady Saturday night of this week. Rallies are to be held at Ryder, Des Lacs, Berthold, Carpio, Donnybrook, Sawyer and Burlington soon. Good speakers will appear at each place.

U. L. Burdick will open the corn show at Kenmare Oct. 23 with a political address. Mr. Burdick, who opposed Mr. Hanna in the primaries, is speaking in behalf of him now.

NOTED LANDSCAPE ARTIST AT LELAND

PAINTER WILL DO WORK IN DISPLAY WINDOW — CUSTOMERS TO GET BEAUTIFUL OIL PAINTINGS.

Prof. Engelhardt, a noted landscape and marine artist, is in the city and Friday of this week will begin painting on canvas in the display window of the Leland Department Store. The customers are to be given an opportunity to buy these pictures for what the canvas is worth. The innovation will attract great attention. Wherever Prof. Engelhardt has worked, thousands of pictures have been disposed of. If you want to see some interesting work done, watch the display window.

MINOT ENTHUSIASTS ATTEND BIG BALL GAME

"Doc" Spillane, Justin Vandenoever, Wm. O'Leary and Geo. Ingebrand, base ball enthusiasts, drove to Mandan from this city Monday morning to see the big ball game between the All Star Nationals and the All Americans, returning that night. This was a strenuous trip but worth the effort.

Mr. Spillane reports a thirteen inning game, which resulted in a victory for the National 2 to 1.

A great many of the world renowned stars played in the game. Such men as Clark, Alexander, Tesreau, Snodgrass, Killifer, James, Dolan, Fletcher and Bryne played with the Nationals and Murphy, Walsh, Lewis, Hohlziel, Chapman, Moriarity, Doone, McAvoy and Cole with the Americans. Some mighty clever work was done and the comedy stunts before the game were side-splitting.

A crowd of more than 3,000 saw the game. The ferryman at Mandan did a rushing business, no less than 150 autos being taken across at \$1.50 per.

SURREY WOMAN LOSES MOTHER

The Grand Forks Herald contained the following account of the death of Mrs. C. L. Wehe, mother of Mrs. E. H. Ray of Surrey. Mrs. Ray returned from Grand Forks Monday where she was called by the sad death. Mrs. Wehe was a highly respected woman, and leaves many friends in this section of the state.

Mrs. C. L. Wehe, a resident of Grand Forks since 1896, died last night at 10:30 o'clock at her home at 217 Walnut street. Typhoid fever, which it is supposed, she contracted at Lakota, while visiting at the home of her son, C. L. Wehe, was the cause of death. Mrs. Wehe returned from Lakota a little over four weeks ago, and was ill ever since.

Deceased was born in May, 1843, at Saxony, Germany, and was 71 years old at the time of death. When a little girl, her family came to this country and settled in Milwaukee. Later they moved to Chicago. In 1883 deceased came to Grand Forks from Chicago. She resided here for a number of years, after which the family moved to Bartlett, N. D., where they resided for several years. They then returned to Grand Forks in 1896.

Owing to the fact that a number of the sons and daughters live so far away, funeral arrangements will not be made until they can be heard from.

Besides Mr. Wehe, deceased is survived by the following sons and daughters: C. L. Wehe, Jr., Lakota, N. D.; C. L. Wehe, Jr., Medford, Sask.; L. Wehe and Alice Wehe, Devils Lake, N. D.; Mrs. Blanche Ray, Surrey, N. D.; Mrs. Maude L. Stansberry, Portland, N. D.; Sebela Wehe, Dansville, N. Y.; and Elida Wehe, Della Wehe and Herbert Wehe of Grand Forks.

WAR NEWS IN NUT SHELL.

The Germans have advanced to Ostend, the famous Belgian summer resort. Here they were met by the Allies in a fierce engagement. It is reported that the British navy at Ostend is assisting the Allies. The Germans are undoubtedly planning on attacking England, and hoped to reach Nieuport, but were driven back. Four German submarine destroyers were sunk by an English cruiser.

Italy still remains neutral, but it is reported she will take up arms against Germany about Nov. 1.

R. B. Griffith, of Grand Forks, who was elected president of the Baptist state association which met in Minot last week, predicts that our city will be the largest in the state within a few years.

The Grand Forks high school football team defeated the local players in Minot Saturday 34 to 0.

ALBERT TAYLOR DIES AT LOS ANGELES

WELL KNOWN MINOT YOUNG MAN PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING FROM TUBERCU- THE WEST.

Albert, the 25-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor of this city, died at 4 o'clock this morning at Los Angeles, Cal., of tuberculosis. The funeral will be held Saturday, the remains to be buried at Los Angeles.

Albert left Minot three years ago and about a year ago was married. He was employed at the Blakey drug store here for several years. He leaves besides his parents, a brother Hugh, residing here, and two sisters, Mary and Nellie.

GRONNA TO SUE SERUMGARD \$50,000

United States Senator Asle J. Gronna announced that he would bring suit against Sever Serumgard of Devils Lake, Bull Moose candidate for the U. S. Senate, for alleged libelous statements made about him in an address at Devils Lake Friday night. The Senator declares he will make a demand upon Col. Bloom of the Devils Lake Journal to retract certain alleged libelous matter and this is believed to be the forerunner of a suit against Mr. Bloom.

It is said that Mr. Serumgard charged Gronna with the propagation of McKenziesism in North Dakota, with petty graft as a U. S. Senator and with being in league with the interests.

Serumgard was seen at Jamestown Tuesday. He declares that he does not believe that Gronna will bring this suit against him, but believes that Mr. Gronna is doing some bluffing for political effect. He states that the McVilie Journal and several other papers made the same charges during the primary campaign and that they were not asked to make a retraction.

WM. WEHMHOFER WEDS EVA HECHT

The home of Colonel and Mrs. H. J. Hecht, five miles north of the city, was the scene of a merry gathering Wednesday night when their daughter, Miss Eva Belle, became the bride of Wm. Wehmhofer, a promising young farmer from the north prairie.

Rev. T. A. Olson, pastor of the Methodist church of this city performed the ceremony, the impressive ring service being used.

Promptly at nine o'clock the couple entered the room to the strains of a wedding march played by Miss Mabel Bowker, and as the couple took their places before the minister, Miss Opal Hecht, sister of the bride, sang sweetly, "I Love You Truly."

The bride, who is an unusually attractive young woman, appeared beautifully attired in a gown of white silk crepe and silk meteor, trimmed in pearls. She wore a veil and carried large bouquets of carnations and ferns added cheerfulness to the pretty scheme.

After the ceremony, thirty-five guests, including only the relatives of the couple, sat down to a wedding supper. The following young ladies assisted in the service: Misses Gertrude, Regina and Frances Linnertz, Hazel and Grace Elsberry, Emma Wehmhofer, Mabel Bowker and Opal Hecht. They all wore red carnations. The couple have a host of friends who join the Independent in its best wishes.

A pre-nuptial shower was given for the bride at the home of Miss Mabel Bowker on Valley street in Minot last Saturday afternoon, a large number of the young woman's friends participating. A buffet luncheon was served. Another enjoyable function was the postal and recipe shower given by Miss Frances Linnertz, thirty recipes being received thru the mail, which have been placed in the bride's scrap book.

Woman Bound, Gagged and Robbed. Mrs. E. Mervin, housekeeper on the P. N. Horgan farm at Neche, was found lying on the kitchen floor, face down, unconscious, her hands tied in front of her and a gag in her mouth. A stranger had called and asked for something to eat. He entered the house and attacked the woman, tying and gagging her. He threatened her with a stove poker and she fainted. She was robbed of \$30.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a list of the Petit Jurors who have been drawn for the November term of District court, the jurors to appear Nov. 17th, at 2 o'clock P. M.:

E. A. Moore, Max; F. M. Galusha, Douglas; H. A. Myers, Minot; James L. Smith, Minot; E. W. Johnson, Vel-

va; John G. Larson, Carpio; J. A. Wilson, Velva; Alfred Haldi, Glenburn; L. G. Hanson, Kenmare; Chas. Ellis, Berthold; O. T. Simonson, Douglas; L. P. Lindgren, Makoti; Roy Larson, Drady; R. A. Tromblee, Minot; C. O. Norgard, Minot; Albert Tabler, Hartland; Andrew R. Sanden, Donnybrook; Emil Hanson, Donnybrook; Wm. Johnson, Douglas; Fred Miller, Burlington; J. W. Hussey, Des Lacs; Robert S. Gillespie, Minot; Thomas Roach, Minot; John Winters, Douglas; E. B. Sngretcon, Glenburn; J. A. Anderson, Douglas; John Blocher, Norwich; Frank Teets, Minot; E. G. Halliday, Berthold; John Fleckton, Niobe; J. R. Edwards, Ryder; John Cleven, Douglas; J. R. Hopkins, Plaza; A. G. Engdahl, Kenmare; R. A. Dix, Sawyer; A. A. Gwin, Benedict; Andrew Waters, Velva; Frank Boschart, Burlington; R. S. Senney, Sawyer; Iver K. Jensen, Kenmare.

HOLLENGA BRINGS BACK FAVORABLE REPORTS.

D. S. Hollenga, secretary of the Association of Commerce, who returned from an extended visit in the east, reports many Hollanders from the vicinity of Fulton, Ill., as preparing to come to North Dakota in the spring. Mr. Hollenga gave lectures in that vicinity, illustrated with moving pictures of Minot and Ward county.

He addressed the National convention of Commercial club executives at Cincinnati. He became ill in the east and submitted to an operation in Minneapolis, being confined to his bed for two weeks.

Gronna and Fraine Will Speak.

A big republican rally will be held at the Armory Friday evening, Oct. 23, at 8 o'clock. U. S. Senator Gronna and J. H. Fraine, candidate for lieutenant governor, will be the speakers.

WEINREBE BOUGHT IMMENSE STOCK OF GOODS

Julius H. Weinrebe returned from Fond du Lac, Wis., recently where he bought a \$50,000 stock of general merchandise, the output of a large department store that failed. Several cars of this merchandise have arrived and it is being placed in the new Jacobson block where it will be offered for sale about Nov. 1. Watch future issues of this paper for further announcement.

The stock includes hardware, groceries, paints and oils, crockery, men's and boys' clothing, ladies' ready-to-wear and other merchandise. Mr. Weinrebe considers the purchase very fortunate and he will offer it at a big reduction. He does not intend to remain in the general merchandise business, but will close out the stock as quickly as possible.

Young Cattle Bring Good Price.

E. O. Anderson of Ryder brot his three-year-old son to Minot Wednesday for surgical attention. The child has never been able to hear, an operation proving unsuccessful.

Mr. Anderson reports good crops out in the Ryder country. He recently sold five head of cattle a little over two years old, getting \$325 for the lot. These cost him but little to raise, as they were fattened on the native grass.

Will Address Surrey Grange.

Ray McKaig, of Fort Rice, N. D., state secretary of the Patrons of Husbandry, better known as the Grange, will speak at Surrey on the night of Oct. 28 on "The Granger in Politics."

Mr. McKaig is making a tour of inspection of the Grange locals in the state. He is a former minister in one of the large cities and is a fluent speaker.

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One farmer, across the lake, who had gone on a visit, lost a 14-room house and 31 stacks of grain. A vast amount of damage was done. Help was secured from Bowbells in fighting the flames.

SURREY BANK BURGLARIZED

MEN WHO ENTERED THE BUILDING BY BREAKING WINDOW, CAPTURED IN MINOT—COULD NOT WORK SAFE'S COMBINATION.

Paul Johnson and Joe Poyman, one white and the other colored, were arrested in Minot Monday by Officer Reed and held as suspects. It is quite certain that these are the men who entered the First State Bank at Surrey early Saturday morning by breaking one of the windows. Not much of value was taken from the bank, a search light, a pair of glasses, a bunch of keys and ninety cents in change being missed.

It appears that the theft of the keys led to the identification of the men by J. H. Burns, the Surrey blacksmith. Mr. Burns found the keys in his hen house, and wishing to learn who had been stealing his chickens, took the keys to the bank and advertised that a bunch of keys that were found could be recovered at the bank. The burglars took the keys and they were found in the white man's pockets in Minot. It is understood that the white man confessed to breaking into the bank. He is said to have declared that he worked on the combination to the safe containing a large sum of money for three hours, but could not open it.

The men appeared before Justice Burke and waived an examination. They were bound over to district court under \$1,000 each. Failing to furnish bail, they are in the county jail.

W. S. Young and G. L. Dix from the bank, Constable Wm. Horner and J. H. Burns attended the hearing Monday.

Minot Educators Attend State Meet.

A number of prominent Minot educators are at Bismarck this week attending the meeting of the State Educational Association. Those who are attending are President A. G. Crane of the Normal school, Miss Elsie J. Cook, Miss Miller and Miss McDonough, members of the faculty, and Supt. S. H. Wolfe of the Minot schools. One of the addresses given the opening day was that of Dr. Ralph L. Johnson, of Girard College, Philadelphia.

Because a sufficient number of passengers to Bismarck from this section of the state could not be secured, the plan for the special train from Minot had to be abandoned.

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