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## E. C. CROWELL GIVEN FIFTEEN YEARS

### Normal School Student Who Shot Sam Dazell to Death Found Guilty of Manslaughter in First Degree.

E. C. Crowell, the young Normal school student, charged with the murder of Sam Dazell, employed by the Reed Transfer Co., was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree by the jury in district court Saturday afternoon about four o'clock. The case went to the jury about 11 o'clock that morning. Crowell's punishment was fixed at fifteen years at hard labor in the state penitentiary.

Crowell, who is 21 years of age, left home when he was 18 years of age and came to northwestern North Dakota. He taught school in McKenzie county and near Niobe and attended the Minot Normal school for two years, paying his own expenses. He was regarded as a model young man who neither drank nor swore and he always kept the very best company. It was while employed as parcel post carrier by the government in the city of Minot that he got into an altercation with Sam Dazell, which led to the killing of the drayman. Crowell always asserted that he fired because he was afraid of his life, but the state dwelt upon the fact that during the afternoon Crowell had purchased the revolver which he later used on Dazell. Crowell was placed on the stand, testifying in his own behalf. He admitted on cross examination by the state that he had a gun at the time Dazell ran into his rig on Central avenue near the New York store, he probably would have used it.

Crowell's attorneys are preparing to appeal the case to the supreme court, asking for a new trial. Upon just what grounds they will ask for a new trial is not known, but the attorneys inform the Independent that something in the nature of a surprise is to be sprung.

Crowell's father, who has been a rural mail carrier at Pulaski, Va., for many years, visited Minot recently, after his son's arrest, but had to return home before the case came to trial. The parents of the young man are very highly respected people.

While Crowell's jury have pledged themselves to secrecy, concerning the way the vote went, it is said that on the first ballot there was one vote for not guilty, the juror explaining that he did not believe that the young man should go Scott free, but he realized that this would have a tendency to reduce the sentence.

### F. C. Upton Goes to France.

F. C. Upton of the Minot Motor Sales Co. is either in New York at present or enroute to France, where he will have charge of the work of assembling tractors for the LaCrosse people along the battle front. Mr. Upton for years was in the employ of the Case company and is thoroughly familiar with tractors. This will be a very unique experience for him.

Mr. Upton gained considerable prominence in Minot by twice becoming a candidate for President of the City Commission against W. S. Shaw.

## WARD COUNTY SOLDIER DIES AT FORT DODGE

### John C. Engen, Young Des Laes Farmer, Succumbed to Pneumonia —Remains Buried at Braham, Minnesota.

It will be sad news to the many friends of John C. Engen, prominent young Des Laes farmer, to learn of his death at Fort Dodge, Ia. Mr. Engen left with the Ward county contingent several weeks ago. During his residence of a year in Ward county he had made a host of friends who sincerely sympathize with the bereaved members of his family. The following from the Braham, Minn., Journal, gives an account of his death:

The sad intelligence reached here last Saturday of the death that day at Camp Dodge, Iowa, of Johnnie Engen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Engen of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Engen received word of his illness and left for Camp Dodge last Friday, arriving shortly after his death.

John C. Engen was born in Renville county September 28th, 1892, and consequently was but a month and 19 days past his 25th birthday. He came to Braham with his parents in 1910 and settled on a farm at Rice Lake. In 1916 he went to Ward county, N. Dak., and farmed some land owned by his father. He had been there just a year when he joined the army and went to the training camp. Death resulted from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Johnnie was a bright, ambitious young man and his death comes as a heavy blow to his family and friends. The remains were sent from Camp Dodge by the Government and arrived here Tuesday afternoon, when they

were taken in charge by Undertaker N. E. Anderson.

The entire countryside joined in doing honor to his memory at funeral services held at the Lutheran church yesterday afternoon, after which the remains were interred in the Rice Lake cemetery.

The pall bearers were Berthard Malmlsten, Elmer Hegstrom, Gust Sundberg, Oscar Stensvold, Conrad Warnberg and Victor Beckstrom.

Deceased is survived by the following relatives: His parents; two brothers, Martin C. and Theodore of Braham and eight sisters, Mrs. Mork and Miss Selma, of Des Laes, N. D., Mrs. N. C. Briggs, of Glasgow, Mont., Mrs. E. E. Arngquist and Nellie of Milaca, and Minnie, Inga and Judith of Braham.

## CLARK & CROCKARD CASE AT BISMARCK

Twenty criminal cases, including the famous case against Clark & Crockard, the authors of a publication at Bismarck, are to be heard at the session of United States district court that will be held at Bismarck beginning December 5. The publishers mentioned are indicted on two counts under each of two sections of the United States statutes. One is under the section making obscene matter unailable and the other under the section which provides against importing and transporting of obscene books.

Another case of unusual interest that will be tried at Bismarck is that of Mrs. Kate O'Hare, socialist lecturer, who is accused of talking against enlistments in an address at Beach, N. D.

Judge Amidon has called in Judge B. T. Wade of the district court of Iowa, to preside at this session. Judge Amidon will be busy on circuit court of appeals work.

## SAM HARRIS DREW THREE YEARS

### Man Who Stole Valuable Coat Pleads Guilty—His Pal, Ben Stone, Forfeits Bail.

Sam Harris who was arrested in Minot recently, charged with stealing a \$275 Hudson seal coat from a local store, pleaded guilty before Judge Leighton Saturday and was sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary. Harris' pal, Ben Stone, who was arrested on the same charge, put up a bond, but did not show up when his case came up in court, and the bondsman will have to pay the amount of the bond. After their arrest, Harris and Stone tried to make a deal with the Justice, offering to put up \$300 cash bail which they intended to forfeit, but there was nothing doing.

Harris and Stone wrapped the coat and addressed it to a young woman in Superior, Wis., but the officers located the coat in an express office before it could be sent.

Harris, it will be remembered, escaped from the bailiff as he was being returned to jail from the court room where he had been arraigned. He ran to the Rogers Lumber Co. yard and hid under a pile of lumber, wrapping himself in a bundle of old paper and tumbling weeds. He was so well secreted that the bailiff could not locate him, tho the lumber yard was searched for several hours. In the afternoon, Harris was discovered by one of the yard employes, who ran into the office breathless and notified H. S. Johnson, the manager. Before the sheriff could arrive, Harris had hiked out of the yard to a barn across the street, where he was found in the hay.

State's Attorney Herigstad and Harris had practically agreed on Harris' pleading guilty and the sentence was to have been recommended at a year and three months. Later Harris made his dash for liberty and this cost him just one year and nine months.

## THE GARDEN OF ALLAH.

In Selig's superb photo production, The Garden of Allah, theatre-goers are treated to the unusual combination of vital, modern action upon dreamy age-old background.

The Desert—that potent, limitless, unfathomable space of a million secrets—some blood curdling and breathing of dark and mysterious deeds, others whispering of romance and love that will never die—is the scene and background of this immense drama—and it has been most faithfully, most vividly reproduced.

The hot, burning sands of time, that whisper secrets of a forgotten past—the whirling dervishes, the head hunters, the terrific sand storms, the picturesque oriental camps; the mosques, the oasis, the queer ancient cities, all as the great caravans of camels, the rites, religions and customs of the people—are all living, moving realities of the master photography.

And yet all this costly grandeur may be caught only with the corner of the eye, as it were, for the soul-stirring dramatic action rivets all the direct attention.

The Garden of Allah will be presented at the Hippodrome Friday and Saturday. To miss it is to miss the acme of high class art in this particular line.

## ALVIN WALLACE WEDS MISS SARAH OLIVER

### Well Known Burlington Mine Owner Weds Winsome Scotch Lassie Last Evening

The marriage of Alvin E. Wallace, a well known Burlington mine owner, to Miss Sarah Oliver occurred last evening at nine o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Devol, the Rev. Mr. Dade, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Burlington, officiating.

The happy couple will go to house-keeping at once at Burlington, but owing to Mr. Wallace's activities at this time in the operation of the Wallace Coal Co., of which he is a member, they will postpone their wedding trip until later.

Mr. Wallace is one of the old-time residents of Burlington. He is the son of Mrs. J. S. Wallace, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of Burlington, and his father, the late J. S. Wallace, was one of the most capable coal mine operators the state has ever known. The groom has been engaged in the mining of coal practically all of his life, but for diversion has taken great interest in the Burlington baseball team and athletics in general. He is a young man well liked for his many excellent qualities.

The bride is a charming Scotch lassie. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Oliver, with whom she has made her home in Burlington for the past year. She was born in the "land of the heather and the thistle" and accompanied her parents to New York City several years ago.

A host of friends join the Independent in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wallace all the joys of life.

## PLAYS PART WITH ABANDON

### In "Camille," the Fox Superpicture, Theda Bara Reaches Apex of Success

Miss Theda Bara will be seen at the Arcade theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the William Fox superpicture, "Camille," depicting the life of the famous French grisette in Dumas' "Lady of the Camellias." Miss Bara has made a close study of the character, and it is announced that in this screen production the wonderful dramatic ability of the Fox star will establish a new regime of emotional expression.

Miss Bara plays the part with that abandon and enthusiasm that has made all her screen dramas a wonderful success. She is a particularly vivid and live-loving Camille. Her kisses seem more thrilling than in Carmen and Sapho, wherein the osculatory effusions are admittedly vivid. But then Miss Bara's screen kisses have ever been the soul of intensity.

## Simmons Case Is Up

The case of the State vs. R. W. Simmons, charged with embezzlement, went to trial Wednesday afternoon. Simmons, who has been living at Crosby, formerly managed the Fredeen garage at Ryder and is charged with a small shortage. There is no session of court today on account of Thanksgiving but work will be resumed Friday morning.

## WOULD CONTROL AGRICULTURAL WORK

### Company of 1,200 Ward County Farmers Being Organized to Control County Agricultural Agent Work

An organization is being perfected in Ward county, the purpose of which is to take over the work of the county agricultural agent, in conjunction with the State Agricultural college.

A committee of farmers recently took the matter up with the agricultural college, explaining that the Ward county commissioners were not anxious to continue the work along the old lines, and they were assured by President Ladd that providing they could form an organization of approximately 1,200 Ward county farmers, five of the number could be elected directors and the farmers themselves have charge of the work. Ward county received \$2,880 for the work from the federal government which provides for two men. Ward county appropriates a quarter of a mill tax for this purpose which amounts to 12 or 13 cents per quarter section of land.

Petitions have been circulated among the various townships, to be presented to the county commissioners and a membership list has been circulated in each township. A meeting was called for Tuesday, November 24, at the court house in Minot, but it appears that the meeting could not be held that day for some reason. Peter Nygard drove in forty miles from his farm near Plaza with a large list of names.

Among those behind this movement are August Krantz, Kenmare; Carl Larson, Coulee; Chas. E. Sherburn and Frank Schmidt, Foxholm; Nels Karmgard, L. C. Christensen and Carl Christensen, Kenmare; M. O. Ofthum, Surrey; Jos. Haider, Foxholm; Ed. Durbin, Burlington; John Bjorn, Surrey; S. R. Herzog, Drady; A. J. Anderson, Minot, and P. T. Berg, Burlington.

## LATE CAPT. JACK CRAWFORD LIVES AGAIN IN THE FILM

Those who knew Capt. Jack Crawford, the "Poet Scout," and he was known far and wide over the United States as a gifted and picturesque character, may easily recognize him as a life when they see "Womanhood, the Glory of the Nation," starring Alice Joyce and Harry Morey at the Arcade theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In the stupendous Vitagraph production he performs one of the bits of heroic daring such as he was associated with by reputation. He died at his home on Long Island last February but during the summer of 1916 was alive and vigorous, though aged. At the invitation of Commodore J. Stuart Blackton, who was a great friend to him, Capt. Jack took part in the filming of the battle scenes of "Womanhood, the Glory of a Nation," and was featured in one scene where, garbed in his own buckskin, he heads the last stand of a group of devoted Grand Army men who make a fight against the invaders of America. The whole group meets a dramatic end, Capt. Jack with his trusty Winchester being the last to fall.

Don't waste six dollars worth of time on a ten cent deal.

## Stenvick Declares He's Out of Politics

E. H. Stenvick, former Minot postmaster, and well known democratic politician, has returned from the east where he spent several weeks on business. Mr. Stenvick informs the Independent that he is now strictly out of politics and he is now engaged in the wholesale lumber business. For a good many years Mr. Stenvick, who has been a close friend to U. S. Treasurer Burke, was one of the chief democratic politicians of North Dakota. He has had his hand in the appointment of many of the state's postmasters and those for other positions.

## Many Cases of Sore Throat.

There are a large number of cases of sore throat thruout the city, many of our residents being under the care of physicians. If you get a severe case of sore throat, be sure to have your physician attend to you, is a warning sent out by the city health officer.

## BERTHOLD'S SHARE \$248.50.

Berthold's addition to the Y. M. C. A. war fund is \$248.50, as reported Wednesday by Treasurer Rasmussen. These figures did not arrive in time to give them with the others which appear elsewhere in this issue. Berthold has come thru nobly.

## DON'T OVERHEAT YOUR HOME: KEEP IT AT 68 DE- GREES AND SAVE COAL

Washington, Nov. 27.—Declaring American homes are overheated, the fuel administration today urged all householders to maintain a temperature of not more than 68 degrees, recommended by eminent American physicians. With that temperature the saving in coal will go far toward meeting the enormous war demand for fuel, officials said.

## GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR NURSES

### There is an Alarming Shortage of Nurses for the Million Men in the Army Cantonnments

The American Red Cross Nursing Service, with headquarters at Washington, has recently sent out a most urgent call for a large number of nurses to serve in this country in the various army cantonnments. There are over a million men now in training in the United States. Naturally a large staff of doctors and nurses are required to look after the health of such a large number of men. The doctors have responded nobly, but it appears that there is an alarming shortage of nurses. Our soldiers are being trained for the most trying ordeal of history. Their physical welfare while in the process of training is all-important. There must be no repetition of our experience in the Spanish-American war. The history of illness among the soldiers while preparing for service in that war, and our inability to meet the situation, must serve as a warning now. The failure of trained nurses in this state to come forward promptly and tender their services is undoubtedly due to the fact that they have not understood the situation. Out of three hundred, but thirty have taken up army work. This is not enough. North Dakota must come forward and do her part in this branch of the national service as she has in others. The director in charge of this service expresses the views of the organization as follows:

"I am indeed distressed to hear of the lack of interest on the part of among three hundred nurses, there recognize their patriotic duty under the present circumstances."

The director of the Northern Division at Minneapolis writes to the same effect.

With the view of getting our nurses interested and of inducing them to register for this work promptly, the North Dakota branch has effected a reorganization. The state has been divided into four divisions, the Northern Division in charge of Miss Mae McCulloch of Grand Forks; Southern in charge of Miss Gudrin Bendhait of Fargo; the Northwestern in charge of Miss Argot Lian of Minot, and the Southwestern in charge of Miss Louise Herman of Bismarck. All Red Cross organizations in the state, and auxiliaries, are desired to co-operate with these ladies in the work, getting all qualified nurses interested and registered for service in the various cantonnments in this country. It is hoped that all nurses will speedily realize the necessity for offering their services to their country. That they will at once respond to the appeals that will be made to them direct by these women who have been placed in charge of the work. There will be little or no expense for equipment for this service, and the pay will be substantially that now received in private practice. We feel sure that our women who are qualified to do this work will be glad to do their part when once they appreciate the necessities of the army that is in training.

## Idaho Congressman Visits Minot.

Congressman French of Idaho was a visitor in Minot Monday night, enroute to Grand Forks, where he is spending a day or two with a brother, Dr. French, of the medical faculty of the University of North Dakota.

## SCHLECHT FOUND NOT GUILTY

### Atty. Sibbald Puts Up Hard Battle for Client—Some Interesting Side Lights on the Case.

The case of the State vs. Peter Schlecht, the young Sawyer farmer, charged with manslaughter in the first degree, went to the jury shortly after noon Wednesday. Schlecht is charged with striking a blow with a carburetor which caused the death of his brother-in-law, Martin Mitlider. The state's case was in the hands of Asst. State's Attorney Nestos while Atty. W. H. Sibbald appeared for the defense.

Martin Mitlider, aged 28 years and his wife's brother, Peter Schlecht, were Russian Germans living together on a farm near Sawyer. Schlecht owned a car which he permitted Mitlider to use and they got along all right until June 15, when they began to have trouble over the use of the car. At one time during the absence of Schlecht, Mitlider took the engine to pieces and hid the parts about the fields and the premises and consented to find them only when Schlecht promised to give him a box of snuff. Evidence was brot out to show that Mitlider had frequently threatened to do Schlecht bodily harm.

On the morning of Sunday, July 14, Schlecht got up to fix the car and took the engine to pieces and was sitting on a stoneboat working with the carburetor. Mitlider came up from behind him and asked why he had used the car the day before and Schlecht replied that he had gone into the hills to see about some hay. Mitlider threatened him, called him a vile name but Schlecht went on with the work. Mitlider grabbed Schlecht from behind and struck him on the head with his fist. Schlecht struck back at Mitlider over his left shoulder and landed on his forehead with the carburetor. Edward Schlecht, a brother of the defendant, parted the men and Mitlider left the premises for the day. A week later he entered a hospital but returned home and worked for two weeks. He became ill again and died in an epileptic fit. The warrant was sworn out by Mitlider's father.

Atty. Sibbald raised a legal point at the trial that brot out much discussion. He charged that the state when it had closed its case had merely shown the assault by Mitlider and the striking of the blow by the defendant. The state held that Schlecht was chargeable with the consequences of the blow but Atty. Sibbald held that he was not so charged, unless it could be shown that an unlawful act had been committed or that an undue amount of viciousness had been shown in the blow. He held that striking a blow in self defense is not only a legal act but a duty.

The Schlecht jury is as follows: Jim Cameron, Andrew J. Vedvig, A. O. Berge, H. C. Jewell, K. E. Stener, N. J. Demaree, W. E. Nicodemus, Glen J. Spees, Albert Lowe, Albert Reinke, H. J. Johnson and Frank F. Frank.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty about 4 o'clock.

## E. S. PERSON GIVEN CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION

### Minot Banker Completes Work at Fort Snelling—Other Minot Men Given Commissions.

E. S. Person, who recently completed his course in the officers' training camp at Fort Snelling, has been commissioned a captain in the army. Capt. and Mrs. Person and little daughter are expected to arrive in Minot in a few days to remain here for a short time until the Captain is assigned to his post.

Melvin Johnson and L. M. Bryne of this city, have been commissioned Lieutenants. Mr. Johnson is the son of C. A. Johnson, publisher of the Daily News, and Mr. Bryne gave up his position as court reporter for Judge Leighton to enter the training camp.

### Electric Signs Off at 11 O'clock.

A new order from Washington permits electric signs to be burned nights only from 7:45 to 11 o'clock. This is done to conserve coal used in making electricity. Naturally this will cut into the income of the Northern States Power Co. and other electrical concerns.

### Porter Sells to His Partners.

Archie Porter has disposed of his interests in the People's Meat and Grocery Co., to his partners, C. F. Nelson and Benj. Qualley. Mr. Porter will remain with the concern until the first of the year when he may engage in business for himself. The business was started five or six years ago and its growth has been rapid.