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JULIUS NIELSEN, NIGHT POLICEMAN AT KENMARE, KILLED BY CHAS. WELLING

FOUR MEN ARE IN COUNTY JAIL

Julius A. Nielsen, night policeman at Kenmare, was shot and killed about 3 o'clock Sunday morning while attempting to arrest Charles Welling, 25 years old, a transient gun-man who with a companion, Harry Butler, 45, had held up eight men shortly before, who were playing poker in an upper room on the south side of the Irvin hotel.

The officer was shot to death by Welling, whom he was attempting to arrest, just as Welling came down out of the rear of the Park hotel. According to the story of an eye witness, John Monson, 17 year old Minneapolis youth, who had spent the day in company with Welling and his pal, Harry Butler, the two men came to the room which the three men had occupied in the Park hotel, Officer Nielsen appeared at the bottom of the stairs and attempted to place Welling under arrest. Welling pulled his .45 six shooter and began firing. After he had fired once or twice, he called to the officer: "Stick 'em up", but the officer had already been mortally wounded and fell. Welling then straddled the officer's prostrate form and continued firing into his body. Young Monson says he must have fired eight or nine times.

Jack Longre, who claims he had been engaged in a poker game in the Irvin hotel all night from 10 o'clock on, states that he heard the firing, but at first that the noise was made by the bumping of box cars, but when the firing continued he ran down to the street and saw Nielsen's body lying with the feet on the sidewalk and head in the ditch. Several men were standing around, and Longre states that he pulled off his coat and placed it under the dying man's head. Longre and Mayor Nelson started carrying the man to an auto but Officer Nielsen passed away before they could reach the car. Nielsen had been shot three times, one bullet passing thru his stomach, a second thru the left hand and the third thru the head, entering at the side of the nose.

Chief of Police Jack Kinser got sight of the murderer as he was running around the south side of the Irvin hotel, inflicting a flesh wound in the leg, but Welling kept on running. Chief Kinser later arrested Jack Longre, suspecting him of the murder, stating that he believed him to be the man he saw running. Longre claimed to have been engaged in the

poker game at the time and offered to prove his statement by the others engaged in the game, and was turned loose.

Chief Kinser went to the Lakeview hotel and secured two shotguns, and asked some of the 20 men in the hotel to accompany him into the railroad yards in search of the murderer. When no one responded, Longre states he offered to accompany Kinser, but the latter remarked that knowing Longre as he did, he did not care to take a chance with Longre walking back of him with a gun. Kinser finally declared he'd take one chance and let Longre accompany him. The Cunningham barn and jungles were searched. Some time later, he was located at the Fred Hiatt farm, five miles southeast of Kenmare. It is suspected that some pal hauled him to the farm in an auto. He was found at the farm by Deputy Iver Walstad, Percy Clark, Chief Kinser and others.

Jack Longre, who will be one of the witnesses in the affair, is now lying in the county jail, held by Judge Griffith under \$10,000.00, charged with highway robbery, as a result of Bill Calos of Kenmare losing his Buick car some weeks ago. To the writer Longre remarked: "I'm known to be a strong nonpartisan leaguer, and everything that goes wrong around Kenmare is laid to my door." Longre has been arrested a number of times, and was recently admitted to \$1,000.00 bail on a charge in connection with the theft of the Bill Calos car and was later arrested at Stanley charged with transporting whiskey.

Welling appeared before Judge Griffith and is in the county jail charged with murder in the first degree. He has secured Attorney Twiford for his defense. Welling claims Portland, Ore., as his home and says his parents are dead. A dope needle and some dope were found on his person.

Harry Butler, said to be the man who assisted Welling to hold up the poker players in the Irvin hotel, getting a haul of \$144.00, is held on that charge. He had a .45 calibre gun which was found in his room under a mattress where he had secreted the weapon when the officers came to arrest him. His money was found in a pillow, where he had hastily placed it.

J. H. Ward, who had been associating with Welling and Butler, is in the county jail, where he is being held as a witness. Ward is a former Minot man, who has been working as a laborer around Kenmare. He formerly worked for the late L. M. Davis in Minot as a telephone lineman and worked under Geo. Bissell.

Men Drank Canned Heat

Ward and Welling say they had been drinking canned heat, a brand new drink, in company with a lot of other laborers and declare they were pretty drunk. Canned heat is a poisonous alcoholic concoction put up in cans and used extensively by campers in preparing their meals. They placed this substance in a wet towel, which they wrung out, drinking the liquid that dripped from the towel. They declare it has a forty-mule power kick. Their party had consumed 132 cans of the canned heat that day and night. It costs 15 cents a can and they secured it from a hardware store.

Butler declares his home is in St. Paul and that he was on his way to Canada to thresh.

Jack Monson, the Minneapolis lad,

told the Independent a very coherent story of the shooting. He says he had been threshing around Bremen, S. D. and had come to Kenmare to work. He was out of money and hungry and Butler and Welling gave him food and a place to sleep. He says Welling did not seem to be very drunk when he did the shooting. Monson is 17 years old and a good looking lad. His father lives in Minneapolis and his mother, who is divorced, lives in the west. He says that Welling was going down the stairs of the Park hotel for more canned heat when he met Officer Nielsen and started shooting.

Monson claims that Welling once pulled his gun when they were in the room and remarked, "Here kid, is what I make my living with."

Officer Nielsen was about 55 years of age and was the finest kind of a man. He was really too good natured for his position. He is survived by a wife and seven children. He came to the Kenmare district, about 20 years ago and owned a farm north-west of Kenmare, trading it some years ago for two houses and lots in Kenmare.

Sheriff Scofield and Chief of Police Larry Byrne of Minot went to Kenmare and brot the prisoners to Minot. Officers found coats and shoes in Ward's room in the hotel, believed to have been stolen from a Tolley store a week before.

MINOT OFFICERS BATTLE FIVE DESPERATE GUNMEN

Capture Three--One Gunman is Shot In the Head

Members of the Minot police force, assisted by Nick Thilgen, local S.O. officer, and Guy Sharar, the Great Northern Minot operative, together with Sheriff Kramer and two deputies from Fargo, captured three of the worst gunmen who ever visited this section of the country about 11 o'clock Monday night along the Great Northern right-of-way, one mile east of the G. N. stockyards, just east of this city. One of the gunmen, who gives his name as Ray Roller from Texas, suffered a scalp wound when a bullet from one of the officers' guns plowed its way along his cranium. He was not seriously injured and the county physician, Dr. T. N. Yeomans dressed the injury. The two other gunmen arrested give their names as Ray Dorsey from Arizona, and Walter Tomczyk from Michigan.

There were two other gunmen in the party but they escaped. One of them is said by his pals to have been shot thru the intestines. If this is the case, his body may yet be found in the weeds.

About ten o'clock Monday evening Chief of Police Larry Byrne received a wire from a G. N. special agent stating that a band of hold-up men were riding into Minot on a freight train. Chief Byrne got his force of twelve men together and drove out to the stockyards. Included in Chief Byrne's party were Capt. of Police Brown, Officers Emanuel, Lillie, Bronson, Peoples and Ehr, the Soo and G. N. detectives and Sheriff Kramer of Fargo and his two deputies, Dean Spaulding and Cliff Warner. The train was stopped one mile east of stock yards and surrounded by the officers. Capt. Brown crawled up on top of the train to get a better view of the men who would surely attempt to escape. Deputy Spaulding from Fargo was placed some distance from the train and he soon saw five men emerge from a cattle car and hide behind some Russian thistles at the edge of the ditch.

They were but a few feet away from Spaulding and told him to throw up his hands. At the same time they started firing at Spaulding and the officer returned the fire. From that time on there was a lively bombardment which reminded Chief Byrne very much of a charge on a German trench. It is estimated that 150 shots were exchanged and it is a mystery that some one was not killed. Deputy Spaulding was in a very dangerous position with the bullets from the gunmen's weapons flying all around him and the officers kept shooting uncomfortably close to him as they sent volley after volley into the weeds where the gunmen

were secreted. The officers were but fifty feet away from the gunmen. Capt. Brown kept firing from the top of the train and could see the men quite plainly in the ditch. About that time the moon went under a cloud and this made the firing more dangerous and uncertain. Finally the gunmen called out that they would give up if the officers would stop shooting. They were told to drop their guns, throw up their hands and walk out. They appeared afraid to come out and the officers started shooting again. Three of the men walked out and gave up. One of the men who escaped called to the officers: "Come and get me, you

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The officers found three guns in the weeds where the men had thrown them. One is a .45 calibre Smith & Wesson, another a Colts 6-shooter and the third a 380 Remington automatic. This gun had jammed when the gunman had attempted to fire the first bullet.

The three men were brot to the city and taken to the city jail where they are at present. Roller says he never would have given up had he known there was only a dozen officers. He said from the amount of shooting they did there must have surely been 25 if the party.

In the car which the men occupied a dozen empty pocketbooks were found. These were taken from victims whom they had robbed on the train and then thrown out of the door.

Officers could find no trace of blood where the man was supposed to have been shot through the intestines, but it is said that his clothing could easily have soaked up the blood.

A number of harvest hands from Falsen, N. D., who say they are victims of these men, are on their way to Minot to identify them.

Tomczyk is an Indian. He says the five gunmen were on their way to Stanley to "get" some I. W. W.'s who have been causing them trouble. He said they had been holding up some of the men on the train just to have something to do. He says that one of his pals who escaped crawled off into the weeds remarking "they got me through the stomach." He will not divulge the names of the men who escaped. Officers spent some time looking for the two men.

The Fargo sheriff and deputies have been in Minot checking up stolen cars. Officers searching the train found two Minot lads, one supposed to be in the reform school, and they have been locked up in the city jail.

100 MINOT BUSINESSMEN LEAVE MONDAY ON A FOUR-DAY TOUR

The Minot Sociability Tour, which was to have taken place thru the Northwestern North District this week, has been postponed until early the coming week on account of continued rains and the bad roads.

Plans are now being made for the auto to leave the Association of Commerce rooms Monday afternoon, September 26 at 1:30 o'clock and the tourists plan on returning to Minot the following Thursday evening, covering nearly 400 miles.

Extensive preparations are being made by the business men of Minot. It is expected that thirty cars carrying more than a hundred people will participate. Night controls will be held in Kenmare, Crosby, and Williston, and a two hours entertainment will be furnished by the Minot boosters in each of these cities. The businessmen of those cities are planning a royal welcome. The Mayor of Crosby phoned that the Crosbyites were planning a smoker in honor of the visitors. Kenmare and Williston are also planning on something unique in the way of entertainment.

Thos. Murphy, chairman of the stunts committee, promises plenty of fun to furnish entertainment along the way. There will be four minute talks at each of the 40 towns and cities visited and it is probable the Minot community band will accompany the tour to play at each stop. Minot businessmen will distribute souvenirs and the tour will be a function very much worth while. The people of northwestern North Dakota have been coming to Minot for years and it is only fair that we should return their visit and meet them in their own home towns.

The following is the itinerary which will be followed as closely as possible:

Monday, Sept. 26	Ar.	Lv.
Leave Minot	8:00	1:30
Burlington	2:15	2:45
Foxholm	3:15	3:45
Lehrle	4:15	4:45
Dounybrook	5:15	5:45
Kenmare (Night)	6:45	

Tuesday, Sept. 27	Ar.	Lv.
Leave Kenmare	8:00	9:00
Bowbells	9:00	9:45
Flaxton (East Time)	10:30	11:15
Flaxton (West Time)	9:30	10:15
Wheeler	9:00	9:30
Portal (Luncheon)	12:00	2:00
Columbus	3:00	3:30
Noonday	4:00	4:30
Crosby (Night)	5:30	

Wednesday, Sept. 28	Ar.	Lv.
Leave Crosby	8:00	7:00
Williston	8:00	8:00
Alamo	9:45	9:45
Appan	10:45	11:00
Zahl (Luncheon)	11:30	1:00
Hess	2:00	2:00
Grenora	2:30	3:00
Bonetrail	4:00	5:15
Williston (Night)	6:00	

Thursday, Sept. 29	Ar.	Lv.
Leave Williston	7:00	7:00
Springbrook	7:45	7:45
Epping	8:00	8:30
Wheeler	9:00	9:30
Ray	10:00	10:45
Toga (Luncheon)	11:30	12:45
White Earth	1:15	1:45
Ross	2:20	2:45
Stanley	3:10	3:40
Blairmont	4:00	4:30
Blaisdell	4:45	5:05
Tagus	5:25	5:45
Berthold	6:15	6:45
Des Lacs	7:15	8:45
Minot	8:00	7:45

Light Face figures indicate A. M. Heavy Face figures indicate P. M.

Nothing On North Dakota

Louis Groshans, Burlington garage-man who recently returned from Wenatchee, Wash., where he went to supervise the harvesting of his apple crop reports that the crop on non-irrigated land there is practically nil, the fruit being small and withered. There had been no rain in the Wenatchee valley for four months. Dust is knee deep. The major portion of the fruit district at Wenatchee is irrigated, however, and the yield is estimated at 18,000,000 boxes. At Spokane Mr. Groshans says that seven thousand men are idle upon the streets and are being fed at public expense.

Wildrose Youth Died

Geo. Martin, a 16-year-old Wildrose youth, died at St. Joseph's hospital, Tuesday night, after a long illness. The remains have been taken to Wildrose.

Minot Has One Of The Best Music Stores In Northwest

At last Minot musicians are able to say that the city has a first class music store. Not only will the visitor be told this interesting fact, but that the Minot store is probably one of the best stores of its kind in the state.

Hart Swalstead, Main street jeweler, who added what is known as the Brunswick Shop to his jewelry store last season has now made another innovation by placing one of the finest stocks of pianos, and musical instruments that it has ever been the writer's privilege to inspect. In the Swalstead store one can find anything in the shape of a musical instrument ranging from the lowly Jew's harp to a slide trombone. A line of Baldwin pianos is handled in addition to Brunswick phonographs, violins, saxophones, cornets, horns, trombones, okeleles, banjos, mandolins, accordions and guitars. A full line of drummer supplies are handled including traps of the latest design. Sheet music in the latest popular hits are carried in stock as well as music scores of the higher grades, and a full line of leather music rolls. C. M. Warner, Brother Town Crier from Chicago, is in charge of the sales department, assisted by Miss Ida Elyrum, who has been in charge of the Brunswick Shop since its establishment.

The Swalstead Music Store is bound to meet with popular favor as the musicians of Minot and vicinity have been handicapped for years by the lack of such a store carrying instruments and music such as the Swalstead store now carries.

Gerald Dwire Died at Helena, Mont.

Gerald O. Dwire, son of Mrs. Mary E. Dwire, one of Minot's most popular young men, passed away at the U. S. public health service hospital at Helena, Mont. Friday night from tuberculosis which he contracted while serving his country in the navy during the late war. The remains, accompanied by a sister, Miss Gertrude Dwire, arrived in Minot Sunday and the funeral was held from St. Leo's Catholic Church Monday at 9 a. m., with requiem high mass.

Gerald had been taken to Helena a few days before by his sister Gertrude and brother, Dr. Geo. Dwire. Since his return from Alaska in June, he has been receiving treatment at his mother's home in Minot. The high altitude at Helena affected his heart causing his death.

"Jerry," as he was familiarly known in Minot, enlisted in July, 1918 and was sent overseas after spending some time at the Great Lakes Training station. He was taken seriously ill in Ireland in 1918 and came home on a furlough, where he received his discharge. He went to Alaska in 1919 and was connected with a newspaper at Juneau, living with his uncle, J. C. Murphy, attorney general for Alaska.

He was born at Englevalle, N. D. Dec. 27, 1897 and came to Minot when a babe. He attended the Minot schools, became a member of the Elks and Knights of Columbus. He was a fine upright young man and his death came as a great shock to his many friends.

His mother, two sisters, Miss Gertrude Dwire of Minot and Mrs. J. LaSalle of Chicago, and one brother, Dr. Dwire of Minot survive.

Burton Lee Died Tuesday Evening

Burton Lee, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Lee, of 12 Fifth Ave. N. W., passed away at St. Joseph's hospital Tuesday evening, while an operation was being performed upon him for the removal of tubercular glands. The funeral was held from the Rowan undertaking parlors this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, Rev. D. J. Gallagher officiating. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Maurice and Perry, and one sister, Marjorie, survive. The family moved to this city from Sawyer about eight years ago, the father engaging in the contracting business.

SUPT. DOOLITTLE RETURNS FROM NATIONAL CONVENTION, DETROIT

Will O. Doolittle and Harold D. Shaft returned last Thursday from their trip east, where they attended the annual convention of the American Association of Park Superintendents at Detroit, and later took an extended auto trip when they inspected many of the parks and boulevard systems of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Doolittle attended the convention as a member of Reorganization Committee of the Association and as managing editor of Parks & Recreation, the official magazine of the park officials, which is published at Minot. Mr. Shaft acted as official reporter for the convention and as a representative of the magazine. The Association is now known as the American Institute of Park Executives, and Mr. Doolittle was re-elected as managing editor of Parks & Recreation for a term of two years. The associate editors are A. A. Fisk of Chicago and L. P. Jensen of St. Louis.

After the convention Messrs. Doolittle and Shaft left Detroit by auto for Toronto, Ontario, going by the way of Cleveland, Buffalo and Niagara Falls. At Toronto they were extended many courtesies, by Commissioner of Parks C. E. Chambers, who explained very completely the operation of the parks and recreation systems of the Canadian city. They also attended the Canadian National Exhibition, which is second in size only to the World's Fairs. On the evening when they attended the great spectacle from the grand stand there were about eighty thousand people present.

The return to Detroit was made on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes, and the roads reported very good for almost the entire route. While the east has suffered considerably from drouth this year, there were fair crops of apples, peaches, and grapes in many sections of Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario. The grape crop in northern Pennsylvania and New York, however, is very light.

The Minot men intended to return home by the way of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Duluth, but were unable to have their car ferried across and so were forced to cross Lake Michigan from Muskegon to Milwaukee. In Milwaukee they were the guests of Director Ed H. Bean of the Washington Zoological Park, and from there they went for an inspection of the Devils Lake State Park, near Baraboo, and of "The Dells" on the Wisconsin River near Kilbourn. From Kilbourn they went into Minnesota at LaCrosse and up to Minne-

apolis by way of Rochester and Fairbault. At the latter place Mr. Shaft visited his brother, Arthur B. Shaft, and other relatives, and Mr. Doolittle met J. A. Roell, formerly of this city, on the streets, and took luncheon with him. Mr. Roell says he has yet to find a place more to his liking than Minot, and sent greetings to his many friends in this city.

From Minneapolis they went north to the Iron Range, where they were entertained for two days by Conrad B. Wolf, superintendent of parks at Hibbing, who took them for a tour of the range cities, including Chisholm, Virginia and Eveleth. They were there entertained by the park officials. They report some wonderful building operations at Hibbing in the construction of the new town. The school building there is being erected at a cost of about three million dollars, and the new Androy Hotel is one of the best in the country. They were also shown the operations of the iron companies through the courtesy of Chief Chemist Griese of the Oliver Iron Mining Co.

The trip to North Dakota was made by the way of the Theodore Roosevelt Highway, from Grand Rapids through the Minnesota National Forest. Excellent roads were reported in Michigan, Wisconsin and most parts of Minnesota, but the condition of the Roosevelt Highway from about twenty miles west of Grand Forks almost to Rugby is said to be disgraceful, although a week's rain was somewhat responsible for the exceedingly poor condition.

At Grand Forks Messrs. Doolittle and Shaft were entertained by members of the Grand Forks Park Board and Superintendent Max B. Kannonowski. Mr. Kannonowski is a personal friend of Mr. Doolittle and recently accepted the position at Grand Forks, having previously occupied a similar position at Mitchell, South Dakota.

Business conditions throughout the east are reported as being very dull, and the prospect not encouraging for a good winter. The mining business in the Iron Range is practically suspended, but the factories in Cleveland and Detroit are working almost to capacity. In spite of this, many men were reported out of work, and in many of the larger cities the park authorities were permitting the poor to sleep in the parks.

Weather conditions were ideal throughout the trip with the exception of the last few days, when the recent heavy rains in North Dakota were encountered.

PRICELESS ART EXHIBIT, SILVER TEA AT S. J. RASMUSSEN HOME

The silver tea and art exhibit conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Rasmussen Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the Arts and Crafts committee of the Minot Art club, was the finest thing of its kind ever seen in the city. It was a most unique and enjoyable function that out by Mrs. Rasmussen who has done a great deal for art in Minot. That such a variety of rare and beautiful specimens of art could be gathered in this city was a revelation to everyone who attended the affair. The entire first floor of the home was filled with the most interesting display and during the short time it was utterly impossible to give it more than perfunctory attention.

It is impossible to give a list of all who loaned their priceless possessions for the exhibit and the writer has been cautioned to be careful with the use of names for fear of omitting mention of some exhibit of the greatest importance, but we'll take a chance and mention just a few names, trusting that those slighted are of a forgiving nature.

First, we want to say that the Rasmussen exhibit would be a whole art show in itself. One could spend days looking at it and enjoy the history of each specimen as given by either Mr. or Mrs. Rasmussen. The foundation for their exhibit was secured from a cousin of Mrs. Rasmussen, J. R. Wade of Cleveland, O., who on account of his wealth was able to travel widely and secure works of art as he might fancy as he journeyed from one country to another in his private yacht. Included in their possessions is a rare Chantilly shawl, an Arabian saddle bag, a camel skin vase from Calcutta, a Turkish coffee pot from Constantinople, fish bone carved spoons and knives from Lapland, Java cloth with bottle of coloring, Chinese pin made from feathers of a kingfisher, beetle-nut knife from Siam, some wonderful Norwegian embroidery made by Mr. Rasmussen's sister, ear rings and brooch worn by Mrs. Rasmussen's eldest sister at the ball at the time Rockefeller's first mansion was opened in Cleveland, in 18.9; the old Norwegian pipe that Mr. Rasmussen's father smoked and thousands of other articles just as interesting.

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Tea was poured by Miss Mary Rasmussen, assisted by Mrs. Henry E. Byorum. Mrs. Carl Reese appeared in a Norwegian bridal costume throughout the afternoon.

A tidy sum was raised for the Minot school art fund.

Methodist Men Make Good

The men of the Methodist church gave a famous wild game dinner at the church basement Tuesday evening, which was largely attended despite the heavy rain that fell during the dinner hours. Scores of wild duck and chicken with jelly, rolls, mashed potatoes, stewed carrots, salad, coffee, pumpkin and apple pie, a veritable banquet. Rev. C. L. Clifford, the pastor, announced that the men of the church desired to make good on their advertising, therefore he said they could consider it a favor for those desiring the second or even the third helping to feel free to make the usual manifestation.

County Auditor Kennard reports that more than 2,000 hunting licenses have been issued.