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WOMAN KILLED BY HUSBAND AT NEW LONDON

John Wright, at Gravel Pit, Charged With Murder in the Second Degree.

CRAZED WITH INTOXICANTS

Victim is Daughter of Moses Pelky of Roseville—Was Shot While Out in the Dark when Husband Fired thru Window—Coroner Held Inquest—Wright is in County Jail Awaiting Action of Grand Jury, Having Waived Examination.

A terrible tragedy occurred at New London last Tuesday night. Mrs. John Wright was killed by a bullet fired from a rifle in the hands of her drunken husband.

he ordered his wife out of bed. She remonstrated. He took his rifle which he kept in the house and loaded it. Fearing he would do something rash she screamed for help and ran out of the house. John Batterberry who was staying at the Wright place as helper in the gravel pit, and who was at the time sleeping upstairs, awakened by her screams rushed down, but before he could prevent it, Wright discharged the gun thru the window. The shot, it would seem, was fired at random out into the night, but the bullet sped as unerringly to its mark as if its victim had been in view and the rifle had been aimed with care. The woman was hit in the neck and shoulder and the soft-nosed bullet, flattening as it hit the window pane, inflicted an awful wound. She fell about twenty feet from the house, but managed to crawl back to the house. Batterberry phoned for the doctor and ran to get Mrs. Wright's brother, Joe Pelky who lives down the road a short distance. When Mr. Pelky arrived the husband was at the side of the woman in a dazed way, but John Batterberry was asleep, and brother pushed him aside and took his sister in his arms. She spoke to him in French, saying that she was cold and dying and desired him to get a priest. He laid her in the bed and covered her with blankets. At this time Drs. Opegaard and Hanson, accompanied by Edward Gustafson and Dr. Myron Cramer, arrived on the scene and took the injured woman to Sunnyside Hospital where she died a few minutes past three. An attested aut-mortem statement was secured from her before she died. Shortly afterwards Sheriff Bonde and County Attorney Chas. Johnson arrived on the scene, took the husband into custody and made a preliminary investigation. The man who had committed the awful deed was found in the auto sound asleep. It is thought he had made an unsuccessful attempt to crank his car. He was taken at once to the county jail at Willmar.

Later in the morning the officers again went up from Willmar with Coroner John C. Jacobs and a stenographer, and an inquest was held at which five witnesses were examined, and the jury found a verdict implicating the husband with the death of the woman.

Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock the prisoner was arraigned before Judge Geo. Muller of the Municipal Court at Willmar, charged with murder in the second degree. He waived examination, and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury and was not admitted to bail.

The Murdered Woman. Mrs. Annie Wright, the murdered woman, was the daughter of Moses Pelky, one of the old time residents of Roseville, in which town she was born on the 6th day of June, 1874. She was married to John Wright when she was sixteen years of age. There are no children.

She leaves a father, two brothers, Joe Pelky of New London and E. J. Pelky of Minneapolis, and two sisters, Mrs. H. A. Townsend of Donnelly and Mrs. H. T. Larson of DeCraf.

The funeral took place yesterday morning at Paynesville and was conducted by Father Schollenberg of the Catholic church.

St. J. Pelky was in Lake Williams on a business trip when he received the telegram telling of his sister's fate. He arrived yesterday but too late for the funeral.

A NEW LONDON VERSION

Tribune Correspondent Give Particulars of the Wright Shooting.

New London, April 28.—Mrs. John Wright died at three o'clock Monday morning, April 28, the victim of a fearful tragedy of that night, death being due to a gunshot wound. Mrs. M. O. Opegaard and Harlow Hanson answered a one o'clock call to the Wright farm a mile northwest of town, and found the victim suffering such loss of blood as could not be staunch. A bullet had pierced the neck from one side passing through the windpipe and out of the opposite side of the neck, tearing an ugly gash along the further shoulder before being spent. Mrs. Wright was brought into the hospital here but every effort to save the life was of no avail. She died about two hours later, making a dying statement which was laid before the Coroner's jury that morning. There were probably no actual witnesses to the shooting itself, but John Batterberry was asleep at the Wright home that night, and hearing Mrs. Wright's urgent call to him, he came onto the scene to find John Wright, the husband, in an incoherent state, and shooting wildly through a window with a rifle which Batterberry was unable to get away from the man. Mrs. Wright, by that time seems to have sought safety by getting out of doors, where, some fifteen feet from the house, a bullet shot wildly, found her its unfortunate target. She came into the home then, telling Mr. Batterberry she had been shot and asking him to call for the doctor. Her brother, Joe Pelky, who lives nearby, Wright is in the custody of Sheriff Peter Bonde at Willmar. Coroner Jacobs, accompanied by Charles Johnson, the County Attorney, held an inquest over the body Monday at eleven o'clock, the following being the jurors: C. E. Monson, Martin Lundquist, Harold Swenson, Andrew Quam, Sam A. Lungstrom and Anin N. Mickelson. John Batterberry and Mrs. Opegaard and Hanson were subpoenaed as witnesses and testified. The jury's verdict was, "Death due to gunshot wound, inflicted at the hands of John R. Wright."

Funeral arrangements are not yet complete but the funeral and interment will be at Paynesville.

Anderson Arrived Home. Albert Anderson who recently returned from overseas is expected home this noon from Camp Dodge. He left with the contingent here on May 25th, 1918 for Camp Lewis, Washington. In August he sailed for France and has been active service.

Ragner Sundquist, a noted accordion artist will appear in a concert in this city on Tuesday, May 13th at the Masonic Temple. He will be assisted by A. P. Svenson. Watch for further announcements.

Oil and Gas Delivery. Oil and gasoline will be delivered on Mondays and Fridays in First and Second Streets on Tuesdays and Saturdays in Third and Fourth Streets. 4:30-2t. J. P. Madison.

Touring in Southern States. Reuben Ekander left Wednesday for Storm Lake, Iowa where he will join the George D. Sweet Amusement Company. He will have charge of the orchestra and they will make a tour in the southern States. William Ekander will leave Sunday for Hopkins, Mo., where he will join the Angel's Comedian Company. This company is also touring the southern states.

Rev. Boyd Here this Evening. Rev. E. A. Boyd of Mantowoc, Wis. is one of the members of the quartette which gives a concert at the Synod church this evening. It is three years since Rev. Boyd visited this city. That he was able to come here now is due to his having six weeks vacation during which time he is devoting to musical interests.

Run Over by Hand Car. Kenneth Wakefield who has been employed at the Postoffice resigned his position Monday to be employed on the section. On Tuesday morning while going to work, he fell off a hand car between Willmar and Penock. The hand car passed over his left shoulder injuring him badly.

OBITUARY

GEORGE S. ESTREM.

George S. Estrem, for more than thirty-five years, a highly respected citizen of Atwater, passed away at his home in that village last Wednesday, April 23, 1919. The cause of his death was heart trouble due to leakage of the heart from which he has been suffering for three years, but which took a critical turn only two weeks before the summons came. Mr. Estrem was born in Haugesund, Norway, May 27, 1854. The first years of his life were spent in his native land. He was educated in the public schools at Haugesund. Upon coming to America, he spent a year in Cresco, Iowa. In the year 1888 he came to Willmar and took a course at the Willmar Seminary. He had learned the tinners and plumbers trade and was for 17 years connected with Olsson and Christenson Hardware Company at Atwater. During the years 1900 and 1902 he travelled in upper Europe for the International Harvester Co. In 1891 he was married to Bertina Johnson. Four children blessed this union. Two girls have passed before. The near ones who are left to mourn the departed one are the wife, and sons Elven Estrem of St. Paul and Thomas Estrem of the Medical Corps at Fort Snelling. Both the sons were at home during the last illness and assisted in carefully nursing their beloved father. There are two sisters living in Norway. He is also mourned by many cousins and other relatives in this country. The funeral services were held at Atwater Friday, April 25th. Rev. Johannes Hoitfield officiated. A ladies quartette rendered an appropriate selection. There was also a vocal duet. The interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery two miles east of Atwater. Those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gaard, Henry Gaard and Mrs. E. S. Nelson of Elbow Lake, Mrs. J. P. Peterson of Lamoure, S. D., Rev. Martin Lien of Britton, S. Dak., Mrs. J. H. Stenberg and Sivert Johnson of Duluth, Joseph Estrem of Minneapolis and G. E. Qvale, Alex Qvale and Louis Vikke of Willmar.

LARS OSTLUND. Lars Ostlund, pioneer bricklayer of the county and for many years past a county charge living at Atwater, died last Sunday morning at an age of 75 years. The deceased was born January 14, 1844. He came to America in 1869. He resided first in Chicago and then in St. Paul. He later moved to Minneapolis and in the 80's came to New London where they were residents for many years. He was a good bricklayer and a large number of brick houses throughout the northern part of the county are his handiwork. Mr. Ostlund later became a resident of Willmar. While at work one day he fell off a scaffold and injured his back at which he never recovered. With no means of support, he and his wife became poor charges. About 11 years ago they were taken to Atwater where Mr. Ostlund had since been a familiar figure on the street. His wife died four years ago. The funeral was held from the Stark Undertaking parlors last Monday afternoon. Rev. Stromberg officiated.

MRS. ELMER KNUTSON. Mrs. Elmer Knutson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lars H. Larson of Lake Andrew and the bride of a week, died at Granite Falls Wednesday, April 23. With her husband she was spending her honeymoon visiting at her husband's brother's place when she was taken sick with pneumonia. The remains were brought home. Lake Andrew Friday and the funeral was held last Sunday afternoon, at the Lake Florida Mission church.

The marriage of the deceased to Mr. Knutson occurred April 14th. Agnes was but 20 years of age, just entering upon a life of happiness, it would seem. It is indeed a sad blow to the young husband, as well as to the parents and the brothers and sisters.

RUTH ELIZABETH TODD. Little Ruth Elizabeth, the 13 months old baby girl of Rev. E. R. Todd passed away at Minneapolis, Monday, April 21st, 1919 after a short illness from interseuption. Rev. and Mrs. Todd and their five year old daughter accompanied the remains to Willmar.

VETERAN EATING HOUSE MAN SUDDENLY SUCCUMBS

J. M. Lambert, Proprietor of the Savoy Cafe. Is Found Dead in His Automobile.

J. M. Lambert, the wellknown eating house man of Willmar, was found dead in his automobile in the garage Saturday night, death having come instantaneously from heart failure. Johnston Martin Lambert was born at Galesburg, Ill., August 2, 1866. His youth was spent near Emporia and Howard, Kansas. He attended the Kansas State Normal School. From 1886 to 1906 he was a brakeman and conductor on the Santa Fe Railroad. He was with the Van Nery News Co. four years and the 1910-12 he was proprietor of a hotel at Gurdon, Ark. He conducted an eating house at Decatur, Ill., and came to Willmar in 1914, where he was in the same business until his death. He was a member of the O. R. C. and B. P. O. E.

Deceased was married in 1888 at Emporia, Kansas, and is survived and mourned by his wife, Mrs. Nettie N. Lambert and two children, C. W. Lambert and Mrs. H. A. Osmundson, of this city. There are two grand children. A brother, F. H. Lambert of Emporia, Kansas, came to attend the funeral.

The obsequies took place today, at four o'clock p. m., from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Osmundson. Rev. W. E. Jones officiated. The pall bearers were A. O. Bryant, D. N. Hileman, I. T. Cramer, Wm. O. Johnson, Ed. Mossberg and T. O. Gilbert. Interment took place at Fairview.

Friday night for burial. The funeral services were held at the St. Luke's Episcopal church last Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. F. H. Oehler officiated. The interment was made in the Fairview cemetery, Rev. and Mrs. Todd have the sympathy of their many friends here in their sorrow.

BERNARD KLEVEN. Bernard Kleven of Green Lake died at a hospital in Minneapolis last Saturday, at the age of 62 years. The funeral is being held this afternoon at Engle Lake church. Deceased leaves wife and several children.

Summerlet-Hanson. Saturday afternoon, April 19th, occurred the marriage of Sidney C. Summerlet to Miss Leola Hanson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. N. Anderson at the Synod Lutheran parsonage. Mr. F. A. Summerlet and Helen Hanson were the witnesses. Both the contracting parties are from East Lake Lillian where the groom is a prosperous farmer.

Willmar Band in Concert. The Willmar Band will give a Concert at Penock on the evening of May 8th at the M. W. A. Hall, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Besides the band numbers there will be orchestra selections and instrumental solos, making a pleasing variety. Tickets will be sold for 35 cents. A full house is solicited.

New City Superintendent. The Board of Education has elected Supt. George O. Brohaug of Kenyon, Minn., as Superintendent of the City Schools of Willmar. Supt. Brohaug will be present at the May meeting of the Board next Monday to consult regarding next year's work.

Granted Divorce. Harry W. Otos and Olga M. Otos were given a divorce at St. Paul in the Ramsey county district court. Mr. Otos was given the custody of the two sons, Harry William Otos and Donald Raymond Otos.

Chautauqua Signers, Take Notice. The subscribers for the Chautauqua to be held here next June are requested to meet at The City Hall on Tuesday evening, May 6th, at 7:30 o'clock.

On Their Way Home. Paul M. Hoy and Arthur Rannestad who have served thirteen months overseas are now on their way back to the U. S. A. They expect to land here on May 2nd. Both boys are in Co. E, 408 Telephone Battalion.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

"Elopement of Ellen." The Junior Class Play to be given in the high school auditorium, Friday May 2nd, promises to be a great success according to the enthusiasm produced by the announcement of the play. The auditorium will be filled by the grade pupils in the afternoon at 4:00 p. m. sharp, but don't worry folks—all the seat capacity is saved for you at the evening performance. The "Elopement of Ellen," is a three act comedy drama with casts as follows: June Havritht, Margaret Foster.

Richard Ford—A devoted young husband. Allen Pelton Molly, his wife. Rosemond Gerretson Robert Shepard—Molly's brother.

Harold Carlson Max Ten Eyck—chum of Robert's. Richard Gratz Dorothy March—chum of Molly's. Estella Lundquist John Hume—Rector of St. Agnes.

An admission of thirty cents will be charged everyone attending in the evening. Eight o'clock is the time for the beginning, but come early and avoid the rush.

Bazaar May Eighth. The Young Ladies Society of the Bethel Lutheran church will hold a Bazaar Thursday afternoon and evening of next week, May 8th, at the Carlson Hall. The girls will have on display in the afternoon and throughout the evening, the fancy and useful articles they have completed during the winter months. There will be a variety of aprons, towels, scarves, table covers, dollies, handkerchiefs and fancy work of every description which must all be seen to be appreciated.

What is left in the evening, will be sold at auction. There will also be a Parcel Post sale of packages containing articles valued at twenty-five cents. Be sure and get one of these surprise parcels. A variety of home-made candy will be on sale and lunch will be served throughout the afternoon and evening, consisting of baked beans, pickles, sandwiches, cake and coffee. A cordial invitation is extended the public and friends of a good cause to come.

Farmers' Club Well Attended. The meeting of the Svea Farmers' Club held at Dist. 55 last Friday evening was well attended. A very good program was rendered consisting of musical numbers by Mr. Blacklock of Willmar and a speech by Anthony Haroldson followed by a discussion on timely farm subjects.

Einar Soderling Returned. Einar Soderling returned home Tuesday evening after serving in France since last September. He was gassed while in action October 6th and has spent six months in a hospital. Einar arrived from Camp Sheridan where he received treatments in a hospital.

Mrs. John Swenson, Sr., has returned from LaBolt, S. Dak., where she spent the winter with her son.

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VICTORY LOAN IS MOUNTING UP

Many Towns Have Gone "Over the Top." Others Are on Home Stretch.

Partial reports only are available as to the success of the Victory Loan in Kandiyohi County, but it is confidently expected that when the last effort has been reported the County will have done its full share. Willmar City, with its quota of \$255,000 this morning still lacked a few thousand dollars of having reached the mark. This can and will be subscribed before the final reports are made. Here is still a chance for anyone who has money to loan Uncle Sam to come forward and help put us handsomely over the top. The following precincts have reported having subscribed their quotas. The townships of Arcardier, Burbank, Dovre, Fabian, Roseville, St. Johns. The villages of Atwater, Kandiyohi, Penock and Spicer. John Feig telephoned to County Chairman Odell this afternoon that Harrison had gone over the top. Other towns are known to have just about reached the goal. The others are no doubt making determined efforts to make good before they report.

No one can afford to be recorded as refusing to take their fair share of the Victory Loan, and there will be mighty few stragglers left in these parts. One quick concerted effort will finish the job with credit to all. The big "V" has the right of way.

Red Cross Chapters Conference. Regional conferences will be held at Minneapolis on May 15th, at which every chapter is to be represented by Civilian Relief Workers, Junior Red Cross chairman and other executives of the chapters. A representative from each branch will be in attendance. Expenses to be paid by the chapter.

Following is the program which will be held Thursday May 15th, at the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis: Luncheon at 12:30 p. m. Roof Garden, 2:00 p. m. Inspection Northern Division Headquarters, 3:00 p. m. Department conferences in the Gold Room of Radisson, 8:30 p. m.

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