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TURNER CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Children of the Turner Sunday School Are Given Annual Treat.

One of the best of the Christmas exercises of this city took place at Turner hall Monday. It was the occasion of the celebration of the Christmas festival as conducted by the Turnverein. The celebration differs from that in the churches in that the society makes it a time of the utmost pleasure and gives the children the freedom of the hall until a late hour and then the older people are at liberty to enjoy themselves.

Monday night the stage of the theater was spanned by an immense evergreen arch containing many small Christmas trees lighted with miniature colored electric lights and when the curtain was raised Santa Claus with his reindeer and cutter was the center figure in the arch. He disappeared and an excellent program was rendered by the various classes of the society, including recitations and songs and a number of tableaux illustrating old German legends and when at the reappearance of Santa Claus the smaller children were given presents, the floor was cleared and the little folks were allowed to dance for an hour or two before they were sent home.

The evening was one of unalloyed pleasure and the hall was filled full by people who were interested in watching the youngsters have a good time. The older people occupied the floor until a late hour.

A Japanese Sacrifice of Patriotism.

An extraordinary revelation of the extremes to which the Japanese go "For Love of Country," is made in a true story by John Dwight in the January McClure's. So vividly is the reader carried behind the Oriental scene and imbued with the Oriental view-point, that few could apply the word "crime" to Tokichi's sacrifice of his own flesh and blood on the altar of patriotism. A heart-rending little tale, this, and a real help to those who wish to understand the Japanese ideals, so different from our own.

An editor's note informs us that the author, through twenty-five years' residence in Japan, has gained an unusual knowledge of native life; and that the actual hero of the story is now serving in the army.

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TWO JURORS SECURED IN KOCH TRIAL

Andrew Rinke of Sleepy Eye and Emil Rasmussen of Evan Acceptable to Both Sides--Twenty-five of Regular Venire of Thirty Are Examined by Attorneys.

DELAY IN PROCEEDINGS TODAY

Special Venire of 100 Men Ordered by Judge Webber--Court Waits While Coroner Completes Work.

The trial of Dr. George R. Koch, accused of the murder of Dr. L. A. Gebhardt, is underway. One whole day of the trial has passed and two jurors have been secured. They are Andrew Rinke, a Sleepy Eye man, who was formerly in the mercantile business but is now retired, and Emil Rasmussen, merchant and postmaster of Evan. Both are men of intelligence and ought to make excellent jurors.

Something like twenty-five out of the regular panel of thirty have been examined and a special venire of 100 men has been ordered by Judge Webber. The state has shown itself rather fastidious in selecting jurors and has used four out of its ten pre-emptories, while the defense has been forced to use but one out of its twenty.

While this special venire is being rounded up by the coroner, there is a short lull in the proceedings and there has been no session this forenoon and there may not be this afternoon, as the blizzard of last night made driving impossible.

Court was opened sharply at 9 a. m. by Judge Webber and the crowd which had gathered to see the opening of what promises to be a remarkable trial was hushed. The sheriff declared court opened and Prosecuting Attorney W. H. Childs announced the case of the State vs. George R. Koch.

Judge Webber then announced that if there were no objections the jurors would be excused from further duty as soon as they had been examined and found disqualified. He further announced the appointment of V. B. Seward, William Skinner and Joseph A. Eckstein as triers.

The attorneys on both sides took their seats promptly, Senator G. W. Somerville of the law firm of Somerville & Olson of Sleepy Eye and W. D. Abbot of the law firm of Brown, Abbot & Somsen of Winona for the defense. Former Attorney General W. H. Childs appeared for the state and announced that he had appointed A. Frederickson of Springfield and Albert Pfander of this city to assist him during the trial.

The prisoner, Dr. George R. Koch, was seated directly in front of Judge Webber and facing him and fully ten feet from the attorneys' table. Never in his life did he appear cooler or more unconcerned. He sat comfortably in his seat, following the proceedings in the courtroom more as an interested spectator than as the principal actor in what may be for him a tragedy.

Now and then Koch would recognize a friend in the crowd and smile a recognition, and frequently he would lean over toward the sheriff sitting across the table from him and exchange a smiling remark.

Dr. Koch has always been an immaculate dresser and he is attired for the trial of his life in a black suit of fine material. He looks the part of a well-dressed, gentlemanly, young professional man.

Judge Webber who is to preside over the trial is one of the veterans of the Minnesota bench. Close to his seventieth year he is approaching his twenty-first year as judge of the ninth judicial district and in that lengthy service he has won a reputation as wide as the state. Well versed in law, he has a mind impartial and judicial and his decisions have seldom been reversed by the supreme court.

Judge Webber is particularly well fitted to preside over a case of this kind. He is just to the point of severity and this the attorneys of his district have learned long ago. They rely on him absolutely.

When the triers were sworn in and the real work of the court began the prisoner took his seat near his attorneys and seated behind him were his brother, Wm. Koch, cashier in the Citizens Bank of New Ulm, and the

prisoner's brother-in-law, Henry Somsen, law partner of County Attorney E. Hoidale. Koch watched each juror keenly as he sat in the examination chair, evidently trying to determine whether the man before him would be friendly to him.

A. T. Hudson, a farmer living in Albin township, was the first juror called for examination. He had known neither Dr. Gebhardt nor Dr. Koch and could not remember when he had first heard of the murder. After a brief examination the defense challenged for actual bias, the challenge was admitted and he was excused.

James Lee was the second man called. He is a farmer of Eden township. He said he had formed an opinion and was excused.

The third man was A. H. Pickle of Sleepy Eye. He knew a considerable amount about the case, but knew neither the deceased nor the defendant. He was challenged for actual bias by the defense. Under sworn examination he said he had formed no opinion as to the defendant's guilt or innocence and thought he could weigh the evidence impartially. Notwithstanding this he was challenged pre-emptorily by the defense and was dismissed.

Mike Huiras, a retired wood merchant of Springfield, was called to the stand. He had read a great deal in county and city papers about the case, but was sure he had formed no opinion and the defense had no challenge but the state challenged pre-emptorily.

Agaton Miller, a clerk in a store in Hanska, was the next man called. He was excused for prejudice.

This was the last juror called before noon. Court convened at 1:30 and Henry Goede of New Ulm was the first man called, but was dismissed for bias. Then Michael Franz, the Sleepy Eye marshal, was called and although the defense had no objection he was so unacceptable to the state that it used one of its precious pre-emptories in getting rid of him.

John Tessmer of Home township was then called and excused for bias, as was also Charles A. Heers of New Ulm. Ole O. Vee of Linden was called but was excused because he did not understand English very well.

George Eckstein of Stark township was the next man whose name was drawn from the box by Clerk of Court Larson and again the state was forced to use a pre-emptory challenge, the third of its allotted ten.

Judge Webber now suggested that as more than one-third of the regular panel was exhausted and no juror drawn, a special venire be ordered, but on the suggestion of the defense, another witness was called. He proved to be the lucky man, for he was accepted as the first juror. A. Rinke of Sleepy Eye was the first man to be unobjectionable to both sides and took his seat in the box. He has been a resident of the county for over thirty years and was formerly in business in Sleepy Eye.

A recess of ten minutes was then taken and as judge Webber in solemn tones ordered the sheriff to have his deputies take charge of the jury, a roar of laughter went up over the room in which the judge also joined. This merriment was increased as two burly guardians, one in the rear and one in front, marched with Mr. Rinke out of the courtroom.

John K. Johnson of Lake Hanska, Otto Wiedermann of Milford, Charles Ganske of Sigel, John Altermatt of Leavenworth, E. Schatzko of Springfield and Frederick Hamann of New Ulm, were examined but found wanting in some respect, and it was not until Emil Rasmussen, a merchant and postmaster of Evan, was examined that a second juror was found. Several

more men were on the stand before the adjournment of court, but none were found who suited both sides.

The state seems to have been harder to please in the matter of jurors than the defense, for the latter passed a number of men without challenge. Mr. Childs seems to be very particular, and was forced to use four of his pre-emptories in getting rid of men he did not want.

It is the policy of the defense to pick men who are intelligent and capable of reasoning on the evidence, rather than men who have heard nothing of the affair, or read any of the sensational stories in the papers.

Court was adjourned at 6 o'clock until this afternoon to give the coroner time to secure the special venire of 100 men, but on account of the raging storm last night, it is possible that the venire cannot be gotten together today and in that case court will not convene this afternoon.

"IF KOCH IS GUILTY THEN TWO MEN ARE GUILTY," SAYS BAXTER

"I do not believe that Dr. Koch is guilty of the murder, but if he is guilty, then he had an accomplice and two men and not one have the blood of Dr. Gebhardt on their heads." This is the startling statement coming from William Baxter, a Minneapolis detective who has been busy on the murder mystery since a few days after the crime was committed.

Mr. Baxter has had one man and at times three men in New Ulm for upwards of seven weeks and they have unearthed an amount of evidence pointing to a man not heretofore suspected that will create a sensation, says the detective, when it is made public, equal to any that have been sprung yet.

Who this man under suspicion is he will not say, but he says that he was a resident of New Ulm at the time of the murder and has since left the city. Furthermore he answers the description of the man seen through the ransom by Mr. Brooks.

HAS TRACED BOTTLE OF POISON. No suspicion of anyone, Mr. Baxter declared to the Review reporter, who cannot be connected in some way with the bottle of poison sent to Dr. Gebhardt shortly before his violent death will hold.

It is a fact that the poison was sent and it is probable that the man who sent it is the man who committed the murder, says the sleuth, and the first thing to do in connecting a man with the crime is to trace the poison to him.

This Mr. Baxter claims to have done; traced the bottle to his suspect. The handwriting and the typewriting on the package have furnished the clues, and he has followed them down and now believes he can name the hand that wrote the word "sample" and can locate the typewriter with which the name of the murdered man and his address was written.

A motive far stronger than any which may be found or claimed to be found in the case of Dr. Koch, Mr. Baxter says he has discovered in the case of his suspect. It involves a woman; one whom both the murderer and the murdered had thought much of and over whom they had at one time nearly come to blows.

GIVES EVIDENCE TO CHILDREN. The Minneapolis detective has not given his findings into the hands of the prosecution up to the present time because there has been a universal suspicion against Dr. Koch and he felt that his evidence would not meet with the attention which it deserved, but now that Koch is on trial for his life he feels it his duty to come forward and lay what he has found out before the prosecution. If he wishes to use it Mr. Childs is at liberty to do so, and if he does not wish to do so Mr. Baxter intends to give everything into the hands of the defense and let them make the most of in clearing the man on trial.

"You must understand me," said the detective, "I am not hired by the defense or anybody. I came down here originally for the \$1,500 reward and that is what I have been working for all along and that is what I am working for now."

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G. A. Ottomeyer.

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