

CITY NEWS

The temperature at 2:30 a. m. was 31 degrees above zero, a drop of 2 degrees since 7 p. m.

State Board Visits Reformatory—J. F. Jacobson and O. B. Gould, of the state board of control, visited the St. Cloud reformatory yesterday.

Men's Club of First Presbyterian Church Meets Tonight—A meeting of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church will be held this evening at 7 o'clock at the church.

City Gets Taxes—The county treasurer turned over to the city treasurer yesterday \$15,579.96, the January tax settlement. This is the first money for the payment of taxes received by the city treasurer thus far this year.

Ashes Started Fire—Fire originating in a pile of ashes at the rear of Peter Brackett's residence, 173 Dunedin terrace, damaged the building to the extent of \$200 yesterday afternoon. The fire was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock by Mrs. Brackett, who turned in the alarm.

MORAN WILL INSPECT OIL IN RICE COUNTY

State Inspector McDermott Has Few Berths Left for Officers

A somewhat heated contest for the deputy state oil inspectorship for Rice county ended yesterday in the appointment of P. J. Moran, of Faribault. Mr. Moran has served in the legislature from his county and was a candidate in the late election for his old position in the house. He had the unanimous support of the Faribault Democrats and the endorsement of Mayor Frank Gitzbach. H. B. Gress and A. C. Hammang, of Northfield, were rival candidates from that end of the county and divided their support. Dr. T. J. Catlin, of Delano, was also appointed oil inspector for Wright county yesterday. State Inspector J. A. McDermott said last night that only one or two places in his official family remain to be filled.

ST. PAUL IS THIRD AS CATHOLIC CITY

Directory Just Issued Shows Growth of Religion in United States

According to figures from the official directory of the Catholic church for 1905, just received in St. Paul, the Catholic population now under the American flag is 20,553,492. This membership is made up as follows: Continental United States, 12,462,793; the Philippine Islands, 7,533,959; Porto Rico, 1,006,000; Sandwich Islands, 32,000.

The increase in the United States proper for the year just closed was 575,478. New York and Chicago are the two dioceses with the largest populations, 1,200,000 each. St. Paul comes third.

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BLOODY MONEY POUCH OF MURDERER BUTCHER IS FOUND BY CORONER

Chief O'Connor Pushes Investigation and Declares Himself Confident That Murderer Will Soon Be Run Down—Pocketbook of the Dead Meat Dealer Is Found in Pile of Rubbish by Coroner Miller—Inquest Will Be Held Friday

The finding of the blood-stained pouch used by Christian H. Schindel-decker in carrying his personal money, and the summoning of a jury by Coroner Miller to take testimony Friday morning regarding the means whereby Schindel-decker came to his death were yesterday's only developments in the murder mystery which has enshrouded West Seventh street since Saturday noon.

While Chief O'Connor was still confident last night that the murderer would be placed under arrest before many hours, he said that no new developments had arisen which could be made public.

Yesterday the chief saw and interviewed dozens of people who believed that they might enlighten him upon some substantial point in the clearing up of the mystery. What passed between himself and these persons he refused to disclose, saying, however, that no one had been able to give any definite information which might justify an arrest.

Finds the Pocketbook The bookskin bag in which Schindel-decker customarily carried his money was picked up yesterday morning by Coroner Miller, who found it lying partly concealed in a pile of rubbish to one side of the rear exit of the Schindel-decker meat market, 523 West Seventh street.

The porous leather bore on the bottom and sides the imprints of three fingers, marked in blood, undoubtedly the blood of the murdered man whose body lay scarce three feet away when the murderer discarded the empty pocketbook after drawing forth the money it contained.

The imprints left were made by a man with large hands, indicating that the murderer must have been a man used to rough work, or else a man of considerable stature. While the size is fairly well marked in the imprints, the lines of the fingers it is not marked with anything like the clearness that would be necessary to make an exact identification of the murderer possible as was the case in Mark Twain's classical "Pudd'nhead Wilson."

The only real value in the marks is believed by the police to be as a sort of conclusive bit of evidence in case the guilty party is captured.

In the hurried search of his victim's pockets for valuables the murderer's right hand came in contact with some blood-soaked portion of the dead man's clothing. He clutched the leather with the three bloody fingers and drew it forth. Then, noticing the imprint left there, and shuddering at the sight of his victim's blood upon his own person, he hastily wiped his fingers dry before he proceeded further in his search. When the wallet was opened, and relieved of the money it contained, the fingers which did the work were dry and free from blood, for there are no other marks on the wallet.

Escapes Without Blood Stains The theory is growing stronger that the murderer escaped from the butcher shop with his hands and clothing innocent of any traces of blood. The first thought suggested was that the blood must have spurted about all over the fiend wielding the cleaver.

The fact is well established that when a man is stunned into an unconscious state the action of his heart lessens very materially. While the blood of a healthy man in full possession of his sense will spurt for a distance of many feet when a large artery is severed, the reverse is quite true when the victim is senseless. The action of the heart, decreasing in strength until sometimes it is scarcely appreciable at all, forces the blood much slower through the veins and arteries, and the result of a deep cut is oftentimes to merely allow the blood to flow slowly out, as it naturally would of its own specific weight.

It is true that drops of blood have

WALTER GERENZ Clerk Who Discovered Body of Schindel-decker.

been found on the walls of the shed where the murder was committed, but the same is true of the walls of the main room. It is true of every small meat market, this presence of blood spots on the wall. It is one of the things which accompany the fresh meat business as splashes of paint on the walls accompany the sign painter's business, and are found in every shop. And so, granting that the murderer escaped unscathed by his victim's blood, the hunt for the blood stained man has been practically abandoned. The hunt is now for a man who might have had in his possession a hammer and smith's hammer, such as was found by the side of the murdered man, and who might have dropped from his pocket two penknives, such as were found in the front room of the shop.

With these articles traced to their owner the work of the police will be made comparatively simple.

Inquest to Be Held Friday

The coroner's jury, which will make the formal inquiry into the law into the circumstances surrounding the death of Christian H. Schindel-decker, was empaneled yesterday, and yesterday afternoon they went in a body to view the remains of the murdered man as they lay in the late residence, 413 Superior street. This done, the jury was given a recess until Friday morning at 9 o'clock, when the formal inquiry into the causes leading up to death may be made. This adjournment is made to give the police every opportunity to arrest suspects and secure, if possible, the guilty party, that the jury may definitely fix the blame for the murder.

The jury is composed of the following men: N. M. Gilsdorf, barber; D. J. Coleman, lawyer; H. H. Hall, collector; P. H. Van Hoven, insurance agent; P. H. Eferz, collector; and C. F. Leyde, roofer.

Dr. J. Ohage, health commissioner, declared yesterday, after having examined the remains of the murdered man, that the assassin must have been left-handed, and swung the deadly cleaver with his left hand. Dr. Ohage has this theory from the fact that the cuts run from right to left. While this theory is worthy of careful consideration, and, if true, may lead in capturing the murderer, it is disputed by other doctors, who say that the wounds might easily have been inflicted as they were inflicted by a right-handed man.

Yesterday morning Coroner Miller, Assistant County Attorney O. H. O'Neill and County Surveyor Armstrong went to the scene of the murder and secured from the market the body of the murdered man, and the shed for use before the coroner's jury and in any subsequent trials.

The body of the murdered man was removed yesterday from the market to the late residence, 413 Superior street, and the funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the West Side German market church. Interment will be in Oakland.

SON FEIGNS DEATH Writes to Father for Money to Forward His Body

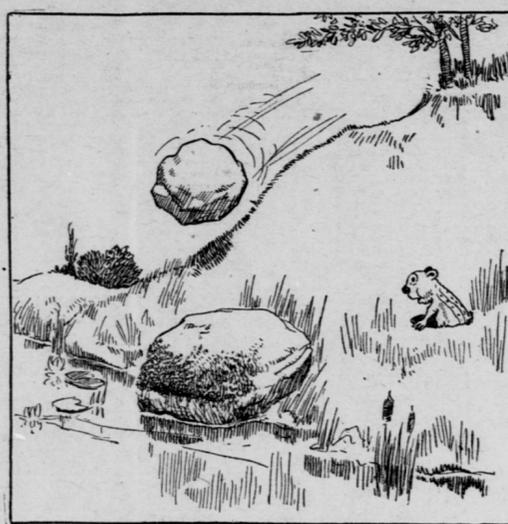
Accused of using the United States mails in attempting to secure money from his father and brother through false representations, Ed McCoy, arrested by Deputy United States Marshal T. C. Sheehan Friday at Balaton, Minn., has been held to the federal grand jury at Mankato, charged with violating the United States postal laws.

Having become estranged from his family through his wild and lawless habits and finding himself stranded at Tracy, Minn., it is said that McCoy hit upon the clever expedient of securing funds from home by writing a letter, purporting to be from a city official, notifying his father and brother of his death and stating that if they wished the body shipped home for burial to send \$40.

The scheme would have worked all right if the sender of the letter had not been too avaricious, or if the father and brother had not received their communications straight and unadorned, hastened to the bank to purchase drafts. They met on the steps of the bank in Plainview, Ill., each sorrowing over the death of the young man, and both anxious to send the money necessary to bring the body home for burial.

While mutually condoling each other in their distress, the fact came out that each had received a letter from the same person, requesting a remittance of \$40. They were immediately impressed by the suspicious circumstance and started investigations, which proved that Ed McCoy was not dead. Not even then did they suspect that Ed McCoy was responsible for the deception, and the matter was placed in the hands of the postoffice authorities, who soon learned that McCoy was at Tracy at the time the letter was written, and from other facts gleaned it was considered probable that he had attempted the swindle.

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ANSWERS MUST NOT BE SENT UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE CONTEST, but all answers must be in the Globe office within twelve days after the last Proverb Picture is printed.

The blank forms will be numbered, and answers must be neatly arranged in numerical order by the contestants. At the close of the contest answers should be sent in by mail, postpaid, addressed to MANAGER, PROVERB CONTEST, THE GLOBE, ST. PAUL, MINN., or they may be left in sealed envelopes at our Business Office, Ernest Building, corner Fifth and Washaba streets, addressed as above.

Do not send the pictures. SEND ONLY THE ANSWER BLANK. The blanks may be filled out in any legible way. Contestants may send in as many sets of answers as they please, but each set must be in a different envelope. Each set must be considered separately. BUT NO CONTESTANT WILL BE AWARDED MORE THAN ONE PRIZE. Contestants may send in duplicate answers to the same Proverb problem, but they must be separate blanks. That is, they may fill out two or more of one Proverb problem, but they must be separate blanks, as many of No. 2 as he wishes, as many of No. 3 as he wishes, etc., but these duplicates must be kept together in making up the sets of answers.

Contestants may secure assistance from any source they wish. Every body is eligible except employees of the St. Paul Globe and their families. The Manager of the Proverb Contest distinctly reserves the right to make any change in or addition to these conditions that he may deem necessary for properly conducting the contest.

LIST OF PRIZES Capital Prize, \$250.00; Second Prize, \$125.00; Third Prize, \$75.00; Fourth Prize, \$50.00; Five Prizes, \$25.00 each, \$125.00; 5 Prizes, \$10.00 each, \$50.00; 10 Prizes, \$5.00 each, \$50.00; 100 Prizes, \$1.00 each, \$100.00; 123 Prizes, aggregating, \$800.00.

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REAL PRIZE FIGHT DEALERS HOLD MEET

West St. Paul Saloon Man Gets Into Trouble Implement Men Discuss Organization of the Trade

A preliminary session of implement dealers of the Southeastern district of the state was held yesterday afternoon at the Merchants hotel. The proceedings were informal, but it was learned after adjournment that an organization of the trade was projected at the meeting and some progress was made to that end.

CARBONIC ACID GAS EXPLOSION FATAL SEEMS HUSBAND IN PORT ARTHUR RUINS

Shipping Clerk Instantly Killed by Piece of Flying Steel

Dead—Alfred Keep, shipping clerk, 975 Reaney street. Seriously Injured—Henry W. Wabrowitz, laborer, 703 Lafayette avenue.

Russian Woman on Her Way From Kieff to Fallen City

Mrs. Louise Heine Rothman, who left Port Arthur with her three sons when the fighting began last February at Chelmulpo, arrived in St. Paul this morning over the Burlington and will go west over the Great Northern this afternoon, en route to rejoin her husband in the lately beleaguered city.

One man was instantly killed, another badly wounded, and a score or more cut and bruised by the explosion of the cylindrical drum, charged with carbonic acid gas, at the factory of the Bishop & Babcock company, manufacturers of air pumps, 680 East Minnehaha street, early yesterday afternoon.

Albert Keep, a shipping clerk, was struck in the abdomen by a piece of jagged steel and instantly killed, while Henry Wabrowitz, a laborer, was struck on the knee by a flying piece of wood dislodged and arranged by the heavy splinter sank deep into the flesh, inflicting a dangerous wound. The accident occurred about 1:30, when all the men employed at the factory were at work. A large number of the drums, which are made of seamless steel, are about six feet high and a foot in diameter, had been charged with wood dislodged and arranged in rows in the storage room. Suddenly, without the slightest warning, one of the drums exploded with a frightful force, shattering the windows of the building and throwing the rest of the drums to the ground. Keep, who was just coming out of the office into the storage room, was struck by a flying piece of steel and sank to the ground. He died a few seconds later.

Workmen Knocked Down Everywhere the workmen employed about the place were thrown to the ground and many of them struck with flying bits of wood. A number of cuts and bruises were reported, but none of the men, with the exception of Keep and Wabrowitz, was seriously injured. A drum fully charged, standing near the one that exploded, was shot through the roof of the factory, landing on the street half a block away, but did not explode. The police ambulance was called and Wabrowitz taken to his home on Lafayette avenue, after being attended by Police Surgeon Moore. Keep's body was taken to the morgue where it was examined by Coroner Miller and was then removed to the undertaking rooms of Jacob Rockstroh. The coroner declared the death was purely accidental and an inquest unnecessary. The officers of the Bishop & Babcock company are at loss for an explanation of the explosion, and say that never before in the history of the company has a drum stored with carbonic acid gas exploded. "The explosion must have been due to a latent defect in the drum," said an officer of the company last night, "some flaw in the steel that was invisible to the eye. The drums come to us from the factory with a certificate of inspection, which shows that every one has been subjected to a pressure of 3,500 pounds. I believe that this is the first explosion of this kind that has ever taken place. It is the first I ever heard of, anyway."

Pressures Was Light The drums when empty weigh about sixty-eight pounds. According to the officials of the company, none of the drums was subjected to more than 1,000 pounds pressure, and yesterday, on account of the climatic conditions, the pressure was reduced to 950 pounds. The drums stored with the carbonic acid are used for pumping purposes and are delivered about the city at regular intervals. No great care has ever been considered necessary in handling the drums, as the gas cannot be exploded by a sudden jar, and when closed in sheet of seamless steel was considered absolutely safe.

Keep was married and leaves a wife and several children. The funeral arrangements have not yet been decided on.

Mrs. Rothman has passports to show that her husband at the outbreak of the war conducted a draper's store in High street, New City, a suburb of Port Arthur. She says he was worth \$30,000 when the war broke out, but that since that time she has been unable to communicate with him in any way. She has no knowledge as to whether he is the Japanese or whether he has profited financially by the high price of supplies in the town during the siege.

At the opening of the war Rothman induced his wife to take their sons and go to Kieff, Russia. She lived there with her parents, who are in poor circumstances, until last December, hoping to get word from her husband that she might return, but though requests were made through Russian official channels for information, nothing has been heard by the wife.

Funds Ran Short "We have had a very hard time of it," said Mrs. Rothman at the union depot yesterday. "We had very little money when we started and I arrived in New York on the Prinzessin Irene from Naples, Dec. 24, with hardly enough money to last a week. One of the boys was ill on the way over, and it required a large part of the cash on hand to get him properly cared for. I tried to get work in New York, but was unsuccessful, and at last applied to the bureau of dependent adults for assistance in getting as far as Chicago, where I have a brother, Alexander Lunkopf, living on West Taylor street. He let us have enough money to continue the journey, but as I do myself, that my husband has survived the siege profitably, but has been unable to communicate with me."

Hopes to Find Husband "Of course I know nothing about the events of the campaign but what has been gained from American papers. In Kieff the newspapers contained only the briefest references to the war. Port Arthur is a splendid city, and I was informed by the Japanese consul in New York that I need have no hesitation in going directly there. He also told me that the reports of terrible carnage among the combatants were grossly overstated and that the chances were in favor of my finding Mr. Rothman alive and well."

Mrs. Rothman is a woman of about forty-five, Russian by birth. She speaks English fluently. A Chicago firm doing business with Tokyo succeeded in procuring transportation for the little family to Dalny. Mrs. Rothman has letters from prominent Japanese which are believed sufficient to procure her passage direct to Port Arthur.

DRAWS TEN DAYS FOR ACTIVITY WITH KNIFE John McLaughlin Punctuates Arguments With Thrusts of Weapon

John McLaughlin was given ten days yesterday for a vicious assault with a knife on a new arrival from Washington named John Moran. Moran was pretty well carved up when he appeared in court. He was arrested, together with his assailant, McLaughlin, and William Loflin, for disorderly conduct.

Moran explained to the court that he was lost when he entered a saloon at Robert and Eighth streets for directions to his lodging house. He became involved in an argument with McLaughlin, who became enraged and assaulted him with a knife.

William Loflin, a bystander, interfered and in the melee that followed was somewhat injured. All three men were arrested. Moran and Loflin were discharged.

PROPRIETORS OBJECT TO EARLY CLOSING Pool Room Owners Will Make Fight Against Ordinance

A petition is being circulated by the proprietors of the local pool and billiard rooms protesting against the passage of the proposed ordinance compelling all pool and billiard halls to close at midnight and requiring that a license fee of \$5 shall be charged for each table. The matter will come up before the board of aldermen tonight. It is understood that a large number of interested parties will be present to lobby against its passage.

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