

KLUGER CHARGES BRIBERY ATTEMPT

Son of Alleged Box Car Robber Involves Railroad Detective and Police.

PROMISED JOB FOR LIFE

Youth Is One Shot Night of Clash With Officers in West End of City.

The trial of B. F. Kluger and James Slocum, charged with having broken into and robbed a box car in the west end of the city last fall, was started this morning in the circuit court before Judge W. H. Gest. A sensation was sprung by the first witness, George Kluger, who intimated that he had been bribed and compelled to make a confession to the police and promise to tell a similar story on the witness stand. George is the 17-year-old son of B. F. Kluger and he was with his father on the night the alleged robbery took place. He was shot in the leg that night in the battle between the defendants and the police officers and it was his wound that led to the arrest of Kluger and Slocum.

TELLS OF THE ROBBERY.

In the stand this afternoon, where he was called by States Attorney L. M. Magill, George told of having been with the defendants on the night of Nov. 9, at which time the battle occurred. He stated that he and his brother Fred had been left in an empty box car near the Standard Table Oil Cloth factory with orders to keep watch and give warning in case anyone was seen coming. This was shortly after 10 o'clock at night. George was unable to state whether or not his father and Slocum had broken into another car and stolen hides, as is alleged, during the time he (George) was on watch, but he described the shooting between the officers and the two men, and also told of his having been wounded while beating a retreat.

PROMISED LIFE JOB.

Upon being cross-examined by Attorney John K. Scott, who is appearing for the defendants, George stated that Detective Theodore Peterson of the Rock Island road had promised him a life job with the Rock Island road if he would make a confession implicating his father and Slocum. He also stated that it had been intimated to him by the state's attorney that

unless he told the truth while on the witness stand, he would be "sent over the road." Attorney Scott sought to show that the story just told by the boy was the result of a combination of bribery and threats.

Obituary Record

ALBERT THOMAS.
Albert Thomas, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Thomas, 1208 Forty-fourth street, died yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock after an illness since Monday with pneumonia. The child was born March 24, 1909. Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Marquette. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the home and burial was in Chip-plannock cemetery.

WALTER W. RIESE.

Walter W. Riese, 1126 West Fourth street, Davenport, died this morning at 6 o'clock in his home after an illness since last Friday with pneumonia. He was 29 years old and a native of Muscatine. He had resided in Davenport for the last two years. During that time he had been employed by the Penn Oil & Supply company in this city as an assistant to the manager. He leaves his widow, a son, and a sister, Mrs. L. R. Green, in Davenport, and his mother in Muscatine. The remains will be taken to Muscatine for burial.

POSTOFFICE ORDERS STOLEN AT STATION

Two Strangers Make a Haul at the College Pharmacy Last Night.

While Oscar Oberg, proprietor of the College pharmacy, thirty-eight street and Seventh avenue, was busy waiting on a customer at 8:30 last evening, 30 postoffice money orders were stolen by two strange men from the postal substation maintained at the store. The strangers entered together. One purchased a money order for 46 cents made payable to A. J. Smiley of Chicago. After Mr. Oberg had supplied the order and returned the change he walked to the rear of the room to wait on another customer. While his back was turned one of the strangers reached into the drawer in which the blank money orders were kept. The stolen orders are numbered from 11,371 to 11,400. The police department of surrounding cities as well as the postoffice authorities have been notified. It will be recalled that a few months ago a haul in blank postoffice money orders was made in one of the Chicago suburbs. A few of the orders, after having been filled out by the thieves, were passed in the tri-cities.

COUNTY JUDGES TO MEET

Thirteenth Annual Gathering at Springfield This Month.

The 13th annual meeting of the county and probate judges of Illinois will be held in the old supreme court room in Springfield Wednesday and Thursday, March 29 and 30, and the convention program has been completed. R. W. Olmsted, vice president of the association and chairman of the executive committee, is sending out the program.

There will be a banquet in the St. Nicholas hotel Wednesday evening, with Judge Charles S. Cutting as toastmaster. Speakers will be Governor C. S. Deneen, Speaker Charles Adkins, Senator Walter C. Jones and Judge Hiram T. Gilbert.

Speakers at the convention sessions will be Judge Homer W. Hall, Judge John E. Vaughn, Judge Cutting, Judge John E. Owens, Judge William E. Hinebaugh, Judge David T. Smiley, Judge R. A. Russel and Dr. J. L. Greene.

LOSES GORE; UNCONSCIOUS

Bottle Breaks in Andrew Gronstrom's Hand in Scuffle.

Andrew Gronstrom was seriously injured this morning while engaged in a friendly scuffle with another man in the basement of a building at Sixteenth street and Third avenue, Moline. Gronstrom was using an empty bottle in his defense, and it broke in his hand, inflicting a gash almost half an inch in length. The wound bled profusely, but he went on his way to work. This occurred at 19 o'clock this morning. Three hours later Gronstrom was found in the basement of the building unconscious from the loss of blood. Upon examination it was found that he had cut a blood vessel.

Fire in Clothes Closet.

The fire department was called to the Fennessy home at 4110 Thirtieth street, at 8:25 last evening, when a fire had been accidentally started from a match in one of the clothes closets by a member of the family. Before the arrival of the department, the flames had been extinguished. The call came in over the telephone and the new fire alarm system, both calls reaching the central station at practically the same time.

Democrats, Attention.

A meeting of the democratic city-ship committee will be held at Rock Island Turner hall Thursday, March 16, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination a city-ship ticket, and to elect committee chairman and secretary. All democrats of the city are invited to be present.

BERT CORKEN, Chairman.
R. W. LAMONT, Secretary.

Union Rural Caucus.

The voters of Rural township are requested to meet at the Rural town hall at 2 p. m. Saturday, March 18, for the purpose of nominating township officers. By order of
J. M. HUTCHINSON,
Committeeman.

ARGUMENTS ENDED

Fate of County's Demurrer to Bill for Injunction Is in Judge's Hands.

VERDICT IS EXPECTED SOON

Case Is That of Cooper Saddlery-Hardware Company Seeking to Evade Corporation Tax.

Arguments on the county's demurrer to the bills for injunction filed by the various concerns of the county which are fighting the collection of the corporation tax, were completed this morning in the branch circuit court, and Judge F. D. Ramsay took the matter under advisement. The arguments this morning and yesterday afternoon were in the case of the Cooper Saddlery and Hardware company of Moline against the county of Rock Island. It has been agreed that this shall serve as a test case and that the decision in his one will be accepted in each of the others—nearly a score in number.

A CLERICAL ERROR.

The main points contained in the bill asking that the county be permanently enjoined from collecting the tax which the board of review levied upon the capital stock of the various corporations, are three in number. The first is that the board of review was not a legal one inasmuch as the records show that W. R. Carey was chairman, while as a matter of fact George H. Richmond was chairman. The mistake in the records was due to a clerical error, the one who wrote them having used Mr. Carey's name through force of habit as Mr. Carey was chairman of the board for many years. The second is that the properties of the corporations were not properly scheduled in making out the levy and the third is that the board showed prejudice in making the levy.

CHARGE PREJUDICE.

This latter contention is based upon the fact that when the board of supervisors found that the county was in need of more revenue, it adopted a resolution calling upon the board of review to cover everything available for taxing and later on the board of review decided to tax the corporations when it was brought to the attention of that body that no taxes had been levied upon the capital stock of these corporations. In addition to these there are various other reasons contained in the bill for injunction. Attorneys B. D. Connelly and George W. Wood appeared for the Cooper Saddlery-Hardware company and W. R. Moore for the county.

DELEGATES NAMED

Rock Island Republicans Hold Caucuses in Seven Wards Last Night.

CANDIDATES ENDORSED

Ticket to Be Nominated at Convention Scheduled Tomorrow Evening at Turner Hall.

The republican voters of the city last evening, at caucuses held in each of the different wards, named delegates to the township convention to be held Friday night. At the convention candidates for town clerk and assistant supervisors will be nominated.

FIRST WARD.

Lawrence Swanson presided at the first ward caucus and Andrew Etzel acted as secretary. The following delegation was named: John Swanson, Julius Leberman, E. J. Eastman, Fred Kahlke, Frank Worth, Fred Selmer, William Gahagen, Thomas Manuel, Andrew Etzel, Lawrence Swanson, and Frank Skinner. The delegates were instructed to support the candidacies of William Gahagen for assistant supervisor and E. J. Eastman for constable.

SECOND WARD.

At the second ward caucus the candidacy of John G. Swanson for assistant supervisor was endorsed by an unanimous vote. Delegates were named as follows: Charles Oberg, William Pratt, William R. Carse, John G. Swanson, S. D. Folsom, C. L. Beardsley, H. W. Hendren, L. Kramer, M. Rosenfeld, James Eckhart, Phil Wagner, and Carl

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Clough. Ezra Wilcher presided as chairman of the caucus and William R. Carse was secretary.

THIRD WARD.

The third ward caucus endorsed the candidacy of S. R. Wright for assistant supervisor. The meeting was called to order by A. L. Larson and William Dunker was made chairman and L. C. Pfoh secretary. The following delegates were selected: Simon Goldberg, William Cail, George Stemon, W. H. Gest, Jr., Hugh Lamp, W. H. Jordan, A. L. Larson, Elbert Don, J. C. Stuser, Ben Rinck, Charles Ladders, John L. Cramer, William Hause, William T. Johnston, L. C. Pfoh, Phil Miller, William Bennett, Henry Thode, P. W. Larson, J. F. Moeller, P. F. Trekeneschuh, and William Dunker.

FOURTH WARD.

The fourth ward meeting voted to endorse the candidacy of H. C. Harris for reelection as assistant supervisor. The following delegates were named: Dr. Joseph DeSilva, H. C. Harris, R. C. Clarke, William Payne, Leo Vermore, R. C. Benson, Ed Brandenburg, W. H. Scharmann, George C. Wenger, Fred Appelquist, Charles Tarry, Joseph Charles, and A. J. Wright.

FIFTH WARD.

The fifth ward meeting named the following delegates to the convention: B. F. Knox, Charles Oswald, C. N. Isaacson, Joseph Rosenfeld, Frank Collins, J. A. Boman, August Van Kerrebroeck, M. I. Morris, O. L. Bruner, George L. Schmid, Charles Schenbricker, John McDonald, and John Miller.

SIXTH WARD.

At the sixth ward caucus the following delegates were named: Dr. J. F. Myers, J. B. Johnson, J. Feldman, C. J. Larkin, Edward Schoede, J. J. Glass, W. F. Schroeder, R. W. Olmsted, A. J. Riess, A. Cramer, John T. Stephens, A. B. Zeis, George Evans, and Hope Thompson.

SEVENTH WARD.

Delegates were named as follows by the seventh ward caucus: D. Hohenboken, M. O. Griswold, A. G. Anderson, John Rathel, Frank Olson, H. H. Robb, Jack Russell, Rev. F. E. Shult, A. E. Nelson, J. F. McBride, Carl L. Ackert, J. F. Witter, G. A. Gustafson, John Hedberg, James E. Larkin, Frank Bernack, Henry Doering, T. J. Ellwood, Fred Doeckel, Frank Krebs, James Warner, and H. L. Kerr. The meeting was presided over by A. G. Anderson as chairman and J. F. Witter acted as secretary.

Personal Points

W. C. Totten spent yesterday in Chicago.

E. T. Dolly and W. W. Wilmerton were in Chicago yesterday.

F. W. Reimers is in Chicago attending the convention of the Illinois Gas Light association.

Archie Pauley will leave tomorrow for North Yakima, Wash., where he will make his home with his father, J. A. Pauley.

Miss Regina Blake will leave tomorrow for Dubuque, where she will visit with friends at Mount St. Joseph's school.

Mrs. John J. Kinney and son, Leo J. Kinney, left today for St. Louis and Kansas City, where they will visit relatives for several weeks.

Captain and Mrs. J. M. Beardsley and George E. Bailey, who have been visiting the southern battle fields of the civil war and in Florida for the last three months, arrived home this morning.

At last account, one Captain W. A. Rosenfield was inspecting the military fortifications on the Mexican frontier. He may conclude to go on to California to see if any Japs are landing, before he returns.

Visitors at the head office of the Modern Woodmen in this city today included E. H. Bullard of Detroit, J. D. Boiz of Indianapolis, Frank K. Stebbins of Iowa City and W. H. Van Hon of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

MOLINE HOME IS DAMAGED

Burning Rag Starts Destructive Blaze at Hoffman Residence.

The home of H. S. Hoffman, 506 Sixteenth street, Moline, was badly damaged by fire and water this morning.

Mrs. Hoffman had wiped the range in the kitchen with a cloth, and it had been set afire by heat from the stove. She threw the cloth in the basement and thought no more of it till she detected the odor of smoke. Upon examination she found that the entire roof was ablaze. The burning rag had ignited some papers and then a partition had been set afire, and the blaze worked its way to the roof. The roof was entirely destroyed, and the contents of the home were water soaked. The damage will probably reach \$2,000. The house and furnishings are partially insured.

WALRATH IS BOUND OVER

Arsenal Employee Under Bonds to the Grand Jury at Davenport.

W. A. Walrath of Davenport, who was arrested Tuesday night on a charge of larceny was bound over to the grand jury under \$500 bonds yesterday. Walrath, it is alleged, stole tools from the machine shop at Rock Island arsenal, while he was employed there and concealed them in his room.

Senator Gore Speaks.

Hon. Thomas Gore, the blind United States senator from Oklahoma, spoke last night at the First Presbyterian church in Davenport. The meeting was under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society of the church and was largely attended. The senator, who has been blind from his youth, delivered an eloquent address, which contained much valuable information in regard to governmental affairs.

COLLEGE RAISES TUITION CHARGES

Fees Are Increased in All Departments by Directors of Augustana.

WILL LOWER THE DEFICIT

Present Members of the Faculty Are All Recalled for Another Year.

It was late last night before the board of directors of Augustana college finished its business and adjourned. It was decided to raise the tuition in all departments of the college. The tuition at Augustana has been a great deal lower than in schools of like standing, there having been no change in the tuition fees for a number of years. This raise in fees will cover to a certain extent the yearly deficiency in the current receipts of the school. The tuition in the collegiate department will now be \$45 per year instead of \$36; in the academic department \$36 will be charged instead of \$27, while the rate in the normal department has been raised to \$40 per year. The tuition in the business department will be increased from \$50 to \$60. This general increase in tuition also affects the conservatory department.

ALL TEACHERS RECALLED.

All the teachers of the different departments were recalled for next year. Prof. Peter Benson was made a permanent teacher of the school. No action was taken in regard to the vacancies which will be incurred in the conservatory and business departments, that matter being left to the executive committee with full power to act. The executive committee was also instructed to engage a clerk to assist in the library.

The compulsory gymnastic question was also threshed out and the executive committee was instructed to give this matter a thorough investigation. It is planned for next year that the girls of the college will also be included in the compulsory gymnastic category and a special instructor will be engaged for them.

TO RAISE FUNDS.

The board elected Dr. Andreen, Prof. Kempe and the members to the executive committee as a committee to find some means whereby the \$46,000 can be raised to meet the requirements of Senator Ericson's will.

BOY IS FOUND DEAD

Oscar Carlson Expires Suddenly at Home on Fifteenth Avenue.

BEEN AILING THREE DAYS

Family Fails to Call Medical Assistance—Postmortem Examination Held.

Oscar Carlson was found dead in bed this morning in the home of his sister, Mrs. Johanna Lintch, 4543 Fifteenth avenue. He had been sick since Tuesday morning, when he returned from the Mutual Wheel works in Moline, where he was employed. He had not been under the care of a physician, his sister giving as a reason the fact that he was a chronic sufferer with stomach trouble. Monday night Carlson was out with some of his friends, and they returned home late. The next morning Carlson was forced to leave his work and, according to members of the family, had been confined to his bed since that time. Last night he took a glass of milk, but that was the only nourishment that he received during his illness.

RESIDENT HERE TWO YEARS.

Carlson was a native of Sweden, where he was born July 29, 1893. Four years ago he came to this country. After residing in New York two years, he settled in Rock Island, and had made his home with Mrs. Lintch. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Lintch and Misses Josephine and Anna Carlson.

Coroner J. F. Rose was summoned and had the body removed to the Rose undertaking rooms in Moline, where a post-mortem was conducted this afternoon.

SAVE COSTS.

By Paying Your Taxes Now. There are but a few more days left before costs begin.
JOHN T. NOPTSKER,
Township Collector,
1712 Third avenue.

Can't Last Much Longer.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 16.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, the militant Kansas temperance worker, who is at a sanitarium here, is gradually growing weaker and her condition is serious.

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COLORED WOMAN IS GIVEN A LONG TERM

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Three colored girls were arrested last night on charges of being street walkers and a fourth was arrested on a charge of vagrancy following complaints lodged against her by her husband. The latter, named Marie Jackson, was sent to the county jail this morning for 50 days after a trial before Police Magistrate C. J. Smith. The testimony showed that the woman's visitors often chased the husband out of the house and threat-

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