

# POLICE ROUND UP ST. PAUL ROBBERS

## COLLEGE BOY TELLS DEATH TALE OF GIRL

Student of University of Wisconsin Confesses to Knowledge of Affair.

## CLAIMS SHE TOOK IT

Youth Vows Miss Lambert Swallowed Poison of Her Own Volition.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—William H. Orpet, a student at the University of Wisconsin, was formally charged today with the murder of Miss Marion Lambert, of Lake Forest, whose body was found in the woods near her home. Chemical analysis showed death due to poison. Orpet admitted that he had been with the girl in the woods and had told her that he intended to marry another. He declared he was innocent of her death.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—William H. Orpet, a junior at the University of Wisconsin, early today confessed to detectives at Madison, Wis., knowledge of the death by poison of Marion Frances Lambert, Lake Forest high school girl, whose body was found in a wooded section of Lake Forest on Thursday. Orpet, in custody of detectives, is en route to Lake Forest, where he will testify in the coroner's inquest into the death of the girl.

Orpet said he met Miss Lambert in the woods near her home on Wednesday morning by appointment, according to statements he is alleged to have made to officials. He said she pleaded with him for two hours to renew his friendship with her. He said he declined. Then, according to the officers, Orpet said he left her and as he did she swallowed the poison which caused her death.

**Admits Making Appointment.**  
Orpet did not admit he saw the girl die. He confessed, however, that he wrote her a letter, making an appointment, and later wrote another letter to be delivered at her home in Lake Forest after the finding of her body. It was pointed out by detectives that the second letter might have been written to establish an alibi, the purpose of which was to indicate that he had not left Madison on the night preceding the girl's death.

Orpet's confession came at the end of a five-hour cross examination at the hands of detectives and State's Attorney Dady of Lake county. He was taken into custody at Madison, Wis., yesterday afternoon and it was after midnight before he admitted that he had been with Miss Lambert on the day of her death.

Prior to that time he maintained stoutly that he had not left Madison, and this was corroborated by his landlady, who based her statement on the fact that his bed appeared to have been used.

The Lake Forest authorities today made public the statement of David James, a deaf-mute, who claims to have witnessed the girl's death. James, according to the police, said he saw a man walking into the woods with Miss Lambert, saw him press something that looked like a bottle to her lips and that shortly afterward she fell dead.

## Denies He Witnessed Act.

Solemn denial was made today by William H. Orpet, a student at the University of Wisconsin, that he saw Marion Lambert, an 18-year-old high school student, take the poison which ended her life in the woods near her home in Lake Forest, a suburb, where her half-frozen body was found Thursday morning.

"If I had only looked back, do you think I would have let her be there," he said, pointing to the dark woods where the body was found, as he reached Lake Forest today in the custody of detectives.

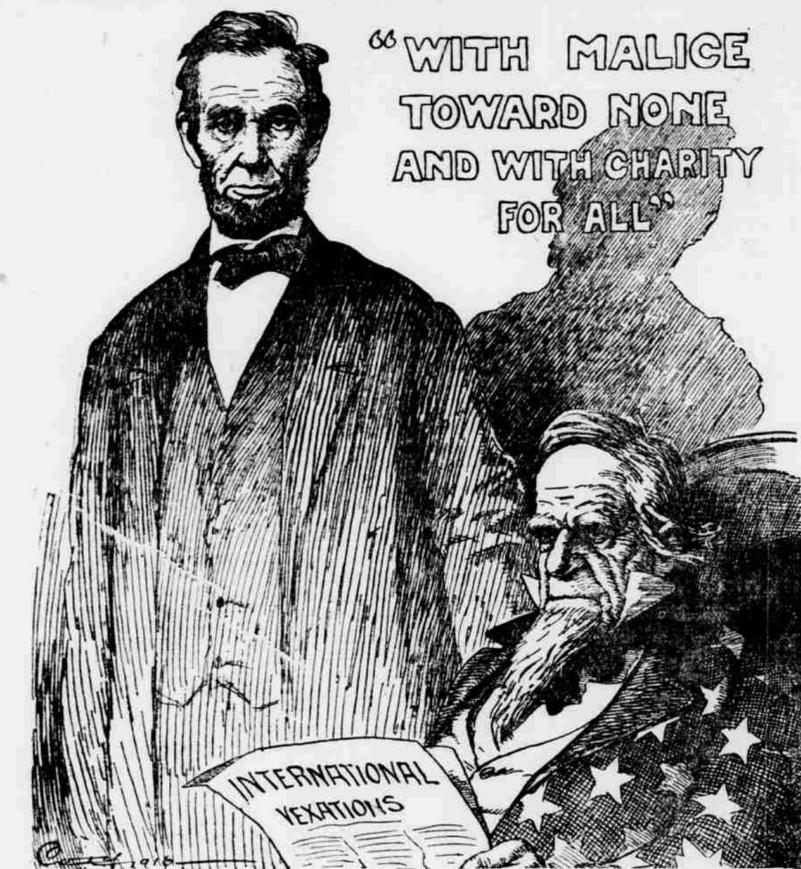
Part of the mystery which surrounded the tragic death of Miss Lambert was lifted by the confession of Orpet, who, after long questioning, admitted that he had met the girl in the lonely woods and that he had then told her that he intended to marry another.

Orpet is reported to have given the following account of his meeting with the girl:

"I got to Lake Forest Tuesday night (Continued on Page Two.)"

**Interned Steamer Tries to Escape.**  
Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 12.—The German steamer Asuncion, interned at Para, requested permission today to approach a wharf to take water aboard and under cover of the fog, turned about and headed toward the sea.

## FOR THIS DAY AT LEAST



Let the benign and gracious spirit of Lincoln pervade and dominate our every thought and act.

## 25 BODIES TAKEN FROM COAL MINE AFTER EXPLOSION

Indiana, Pa., Feb. 12.—Twenty-five bodies were recovered today from the mine of the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron company at Ernest, where an explosion occurred yesterday. Engineers conducting the search expressed the belief that no more bodies would be found. The men were buried under earth and coal blown by the explosion near the face of the entries.

Rescuers worked in relays today in an effort to reach six men believed to be entombed in the mine of the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron company, at Ernest, which was wrecked by an explosion yesterday.

Eighteen bodies have been recovered. A number of rescuers were overcome by gas, the condition of one being serious. The government mine rescue car from the Pittsburgh station is aiding in the rescue work.

Hope of finding any of the entombed miners alive was abandoned after rescuers from the bureau of mines car penetrated the workings which were filled with after damp. They recovered another body, bringing the known death list to 19.

## Latest Bulletins

**Danbury, Iowa, Feb. 12.**—William Huss, a young farmer living near here, is dead at his home the result of being shot by his wife yesterday with a shotgun believed to be empty. The young man was at the breakfast table when his wife playfully pointed the gun at him, pulling the trigger.

**Fort De France, Martinique, Feb. 12.**—A light earthquake occurred here at 11:13 last night. There was no damage.

**London, Feb. 12.**—A dispatch from Amsterdam says that Emperor William has announced his decision that the marriage of Prince Joachim is to take place at Potsdam on March 11.

**Boston, Feb. 12.**—The bell in King's chapel, cast by Paul Revere, which has long been under repair, was rung for the first time in ten years in memory of Lincoln's birthday.

**Washington, Feb. 12.**—Aboard the naval yacht Mayflower on his way down the Potomac and Chesapeake bay for a week-end trip, President Wilson today was considering the selection of a successor to former Secretary of War Garrison.

## Says Stores Are Centers for Slavers

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Conditions of immorality among clerks in State street stores which rival those exposed by the recent "Fox trot club" investigation, were revealed today by an announcement by Robert E. Hogan, an assistant state's attorney in charge of juvenile court work.

Many of the girl victims, said Mr. Hogan, are not 16 years old.

"Through admissions made by two men and a woman arrested in connection with the case of a young girl a month ago, I learned of the existence of a white slave ring working in the big stores," said Mr. Hogan. "Young girls, shortly after obtaining employment, are approached by another clerk who invites her to dinner and introduces her to a man friend. This man takes her to some hotel and forces her into a life of shame."

"Last week my investigators brought five girls to my office and all told the same story. Some said their mothers had given them car fare every day with which to go to work, and that instead they have gone to these hotels, receiving at the end of every week \$6 or \$7 which they took home as 'salary' to keep up the deception."

Mr. Hogan said seven men and nearly as many women have been named in the confessions. Some of these persons already have been arrested.

## FAVORS FOOTBALL; SON KILLED IN GAME

Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 12.—The urging of F. J. Scott, father of Bryan Scott, the Knox college student, who died from injuries last October, received in a football game to continue football as a college sport, is believed today to have been one of the greatest influences which led Knox college authorities to approve football for 1916.

"I believe in football," said Mr. Scott. "It made my son the manly boy that he was."

## DAY IN CONGRESS

**SENATE.**  
Lands committee continued oil lands hearing.  
Adjourned at 12:58 p. m. until noon Monday.  
**HOUSE.**  
Debate on postoffice appropriation bill continued.  
Speeches on Lincoln's life were made and Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read.  
Hear Admiral Benson told the harbor committee improvement of New York harbor channels leading to the navy yard was imperative.  
Hearings on administration bill was continued before marine committee.

## THINK AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL ISSUE A WARNING

Washington, Feb. 12.—Diplomatic representatives of the entente allies have made oral representations to Secretary Lansing regarding the American memorandum to their governments suggesting the disarming of merchant ships and suggesting that armed merchantmen entering American ports might be regarded as warships.

Although the state department declined to give the nature of the representations, it is said Secretary Lansing was unwilling to adopt the suggestion.

Berlin, (via London, Feb. 12, 9:30 a. m.)—Berlin newspapers publish dispatches from the United States announcing that it is expected the Washington administration will soon issue a warning to Americans not to travel on merchantmen which are armed.

The newspapers say this announcement comes at a timely moment to confirm the hopes entertained in Germany that the new policy enunciated in the German memorandum which declares that armed merchantmen will be treated by Germany after Feb. 29 as warships, would be found to conform to the revised ideas of the American state department on the conduct of submarine warfare and hence tend to simplifying in the future the situation between Germany and America on this issue.

Official circles felt but little apprehension regarding the reception of the memorandum by the American government or the possibility that it would complicate the settlement of the Lusitania issue. It is stated that a report from Baron Zwiadinek von Sudenhorst, the Austro-Hungarian charge d'affaires at Washington, describing a conversation with Secretary Lansing regarding the disarmament proposals has given the German and the Austrian government a definite idea of the American position. The main anxiety felt by the German authorities has been with regard to the reception which would be accorded to the memorandum by the press and public opinion of the United States.

The newspapers of Germany agree in saying that it is scarcely correct to refer to the policy announced in the memorandum as new, since Germany even before the war, officially had taken the position that ships armed in accordance with Mr. Churchill's plan lose their peaceful non-combatant privileges and that their crews should be treated not even as belligerents, but as pirates.

**Iowa Postmasters to Meet May 3.**  
Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 12.—The first annual convention of democratic postmasters of Iowa will be held in Des Moines on May 3.

## OLD CHUMS IN SAVAGE DUEL; BOTH MAY DIE

Former Classmates and Business Partners Stage Barbaric Fight.

## FOUGHT OVER DEBT?

Sum of \$2,500 Mentioned on Crumpled Paper May Solve Puzzle.

St. Louis, Feb. 12.—Why Dr. Charles Kennerly of San Antonio, Texas, and Dr. A. F. Johnson of St. Louis, college classmates, former business partners and lodge brothers, fought with knives, revolvers and dental instruments in the locked room of a leading downtown hotel here last night, was disclosed today by a crumpled piece of paper found in Dr. Kennerly's pocket. The paper was an affidavit, copies of which had been sent to high Masonic lodge officers here in which Dr. Kennerly accused his former associate of failure to pay a \$2,500 debt and of withholding other funds which Dr. Kennerly claimed were due him. The affidavit asked that Dr. Johnson be expelled from the Masonic order because of the alleged wrongs to Dr. Kennerly.

## Johnson Horribly Slashed.

Dr. Johnson today is at the city hospital hovering between life and death, his face and body terribly slashed, and a wound through both hips and the groin made by a revolver bullet. Dr. Kennerly, also cut about the face and on both arms, is a prisoner at the hospital, a police charge against him awaiting the outcome of Johnson's injuries.

Two other participants in the fight also are prisoners. Walter A. Diefenbach of Granite City, Ill., is at a hospital with his throat cut almost from ear to ear, and Charles Lody at police headquarters.

## Stories Conflicting.

Highly conflicting stories were told by Kennerly, Lody and Diefenbach. Kennerly said he "just happened to be in Diefenbach's room" when Lody and Dr. Johnson entered, the latter with a pistol in one hand and a knife in the other. Kennerly said he came to St. Louis to collect the money he claims from Johnson, but denied he used a revolver or that he fought except in self-defense.

Lody said that as an assistant to Dr. Johnson, he accompanied the latter to Diefenbach's room on a professional call. Diefenbach, according to Lody, had posed as "Mr. Arnold" and had requested Dr. Johnson to perform some dental work on "Mrs. Arnold" in their room at the hotel. As he and Dr. Johnson stepped into the room, Lody said, Diefenbach attacked Lody and Dr. Kennerly attacked Dr. Johnson. On the bed two pillows and a sheet were crudely molded into the form of the "woman" Dr. Johnson was to treat. Lody admitted cutting Dr. Kennerly and Diefenbach but said he did it only to save his own life and that of his employer, Dr. Johnson.

Diefenbach admitted registering as "Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Arnold of Mobile, Ala." He said Dr. Kennerly had arranged the dummy on the bed. Diefenbach formerly lived in Granite City, Ill. Six months ago he was married and moved to San Antonio.

## Were in Business Together.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 12.—Dr. Charles W. Kennerly and Dr. A. F. Johnson came to San Antonio about six months ago and established a dental business as partners. When Dr. Kennerly's health failed several months later he went away for a rest. In his absence, according to Mrs. C. H. Baker, Dr. Kennerly's sister, Dr. Johnson sold out the business and went to St. Louis.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.  
Unsettled and colder tonight, with the lowest temperature about 10 to 15 degrees above zero. Sunday, partly cloudy and colder.  
Temperature at 7 a. m., 25. Highest yesterday, 27. Lowest last night, 22. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 10 miles per hour.  
Precipitation, none.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 86; at 7 a. m., 88; at 1 p. m. today, 87.  
Stage of water, 10.8; a fall of .3 in last 24 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## Poison Soup Laid to Cook For Banquet

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Poison was placed in the soup served at the banquet to Archbishop Mundelein at the University club on Thursday night, at which 100 distinguished persons were made ill, it was announced today.

It was first supposed that the guests had been made ill by ptomaine in the chicken soup. H. J. Dougherty, manager of the club, said today that investigation revealed that poison was placed in the soup by an employe of the club kitchen.

The man was described to the police as a fanatic whose mentality possibly was disordered. According to Dougherty the suspected man did not return to his rooms after the banquet and a search of his apartments disclosed a carefully equipped laboratory and several vials of poison, one of which corresponded to the analysis of the poison found in the soup.

Archbishop Mundelein was not affected, though many of the prelates and guests at his table suffered severely.

## WILL TRY AERIAL SERVICE FOR MAIL

Washington, Feb. 12.—Aerial mail service to isolated points in Alaska and Massachusetts is contemplated by the postoffice department. Bids were asked today for service on eight routes, seven of them in Alaska. Oct. 1 is named as the date for their starting. The routes will be established, the department announced, as much to stimulate development of aviation because of its relation to military preparedness, as to improve the mail service.

The Alaskan routes form a connecting link from Seward to Nome, thence to Fairbanks and back to Valdez. Most of them call for a service twice a week throughout the year. On some of the routes the cost now is as high as \$100,000 a year, and in winter six weeks is required to make the trip. The airplane contracts allow two days for most of the trips. The longest route, Valdez to Fairbanks, is 358 miles. The extra time limit of weeks on some of the routes is required because mail sometimes has to be routed via Seattle.

## RIGHT OF WOMAN VOTE UP TO SUPREME COURT

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12.—The question of whether women have a right to vote for national convention delegates and state and precinct committees will be passed upon by the supreme court.

A petition for leave to bring mandamus proceedings was filed in the supreme court today by James T. Garretson of Springfield against County Clerk Charles W. Byers. The court is asked to pass upon the matter at this term.

## THE WAR TODAY

From south Russia and Gallia come announcements that the Russian offensive there is assuming considerable proportions, but without striking results having been so far achieved.

In preparation for eventualities around Saloniki, the allies are strengthening their positions. The French have advanced across the Vardar northwest of the city, encamping on the right of the river. In Albania the Austrians are reported marching on Durazzo with a force not larger than 30,000 men, much of the Austrian army having been left in the regions already traversed, for guard purposes.

The violent struggle between the Germans and French which has been going on in the region of Vimy and Neuville shows no signs of lessening in intensity, while further south there also appears to be signs of reawakening activity on the part of the Germans and French.

The Champagne district in France where comparative quiet has prevailed recently, has again been the scene of bitter fighting, of which the French have had the advantage.

Following a violent bombardment by French artillery along a great part of the Champagne front, the French launched an infantry attack on the German lines, penetrating the German positions over a front of approximately 200 yards. The gain is admitted in today's official bulletin from Berlin.

On Combre's hill the French exploded a mine crater in front of the German trenches. German troops occupied the edges of the crater, according to Berlin.

## MOST ALL OF THEIR BOOTY FOUND IN DEN

Thousands of Dollars in Revenue Stamps and Documents Recovered.

## ONE CONFESSES CRIME

Authorities Wring Statement of Deed From One of Six Involved.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Confession to the robbery of the international revenue office at St. Paul, Jan. 6, when stamps aggregating \$650,000 and \$3,000 in cash were stolen from the old federal building there, was obtained today from one of the three men arrested with their wives here last night.

Peter Drautzburg, an operative of the federal secret service announced the confession but would not say from which of the prisoners it was obtained.

"One of the men has told everything he knows and has implicated others than himself," said Drautzburg. "Two more arrests are expected."

The prisoners are to be arraigned this afternoon.

## Implicated in Canadian 'Job'

Two of the prisoners, the police believe, also were implicated in the robbery of the New Westminster, B. C., branch of the Bank of Montreal, in September, 1911, when \$272,000 was stolen.

A woman, the officials say, planned and directed the St. Paul robbery. The 8-year-old daughter of one of the prisoners led the detectives to a flat where \$75,000 of the loot was found.

Edward Leonard, Julia Leonard, John J. Zeck, Mrs. Zeck, Michael Flanigan and Mrs. Catherine Flanigan are the prisoners. According to the officers, Mrs. Flanigan is charged with having planned and directed the robbery. Leonard is said by the police to have led the men who did the actual work.

## Little Girl Leads Police to Loot.

Leonard and his wife were arrested in a house on the West Side, after the building had been surrounded by detectives. Thousands of dollars' worth of revenue stamps are said to have been hidden there.

With Leonard and his wife was little Evelyn Zeck, who led detectives to the home of her father on the North Side, where John Zeck and his wife were arrested and where, according to the police, the remainder of the stolen revenue stamps was found.

The officers believe Flanigan and Leonard were implicated in the New Westminster, B. C., robbery. It was said that documents found among Leonard's effects indicated that he had been in communication with New Westminster persons shortly prior and subsequent to the Canadian robbery.

## One a Noted Safe Blower.

Flanigan has been suspected in connection with the Canadian crime for some time, it being alleged that his saloon was used as a clearing house for the stolen notes.

According to the police, Leonard has a long criminal record as a safe blower.

## One a Confessed Murderer.

Federal officers late today arrested George and Frank Bissett, brothers. George admitted to Assistant District Attorney Igoe that he was the man who killed a city detective in the saloon of "Barney" Bertsche several years ago. He said he was convicted, obtained a new trial and was acquitted at the second hearing.

Bertsche was recently in the limelight as "go between" in the transactions between the "clairvoyant trust" and certain police officers, convicted of graft on Bertsche's testimony.

## BLAME FOREIGN AGENTS FOR ACT

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Detectives worked on the theory today that the attempt to blow up the plant of the Castor Electrolytic Alkali company last night was the work of foreign agents.

The explosion was in a building still under construction, and no one was injured. The police found several sticks of dynamite concealed under one of the concrete walls. The company, it is said, had large contracts with the allies for certain chemicals.