

WOMAN SLAIN AT ALEDO FAIR; BODY CARRIED IN TRUNK

Bert Sapp and Mike Ferguson, Horse Trainers, Held for the Murder of Emma Larkin.

LATTER MAKES A CONFESSION

Describes Ghastly Manner in Which Remains are Sprited Away and Thrown From Train

Aledo, Ill., Sept. 18.—Sheriff Luttrell practically completed the chain of evidence that he has been forging about Bert Sapp of Monmouth, Ill., and Mike Ferguson of Galesburg and St. Louis, race horse trainers, who are charged in Mercer county with the murder of Emma Larkin of Davenport on the Aledo fair grounds last Tuesday night.

Ferguson was arrested in Galesburg Saturday afternoon and the police say he admitted throwing the woman's body from a moving freight train on which he had chartered a car to carry his racing wares, a horse and a trunk in which the body was hidden.

Two Confessions Reported.

Luttrell has two confessions from Ferguson. These he supplemented yesterday with other evidence. He took Sapp from Monmouth to Biggsville, where he was confronted with the body of the late Emma Larkin, the dead girl. Sapp turned away as he suddenly came into the presence of the body and flew into a rage, asserting he should be taken from there, as he was innocent and had no connection with the case. Sapp was then taken by auto to Aledo and placed in jail.

Deputy Sheriff O'Day arrived soon after from Monmouth with Ferguson in another car and the men were placed in far removed parts of the jail without being permitted to communicate. State's Attorney Wilson said he has conclusive proof that the girl was clubbed to death by the two men in their horse stall on the Aledo fair grounds.

Omitting the details of how the girl suffered all day Tuesday from the clubbing and finally died Tuesday night without regaining consciousness, Ferguson said in his confession: "Sapp said we must load our outfit and ship it and we were out of town at once. The woman's body was covered with a cooling blanket. When daylight came he cleared out the trunk. I took hold under the arms with her head toward me and we carried her to the trunk and when she was over the trunk I let her down so most of her body went into it and then I ran out of the stall."

Took Just One Look.

"I took just one look. Good God, that was enough. "I walked around the fair grounds awhile and then I went back to the barn. Sapp had the trunk and the rest of the outfit packed. He hurried down town to order a freight car and hire a dray. The dray came right back and he loaded the trunk and racing bike and rode on the trunk on the dray. I led the mare. "I didn't say around the station much, but kept away with the mare, but Sapp sat on the trunk at the freight house."

"I got to the freight house about 8 a. m. Wednesday and loaded awhile before noon. When the car was on the main line train out of Biggsville about 6 o'clock that evening I helped get the woman out of the trunk and I helped throw the body out of the car."

Threw Girl's Hat Away.

"I didn't look, just glanced at it going and turned away. Sapp took the hat and unbuttoned it and tossed them out and packed the harness and blankets in the trunk. When we got to Monmouth he told me to take the mare to a barn."

"I am 43 years old, unmarried. St. Louis is my home, but I have been around Galesburg a year or more. I have known Sapp three weeks. We began racing at Garrison, Ill., Sept. 6, and then came to Aledo."

Every hour brings new evidence to State's Attorney Wilson, who characterizes the murder as a crude job and predicts a plea of guilty from both men.

Recall Grand Jury.

Judge W. T. Church this morning ordered the members of the grand jury to convene in special session next Friday. State's Attorney John Wilson stated to a representative of The Argus this afternoon that while Ferguson had made a confession implicating Sapp, the latter, although talking incessantly of the deed, would not admit his part in the crime.

Both men are now being held in the Mercer county jail without bond. They will be given no preliminary hearing, but their cases will be presented direct to the grand jury. Sapp is 31 years of age and the son of a former Monmouth school keeper.

MORE FLOOR SPACE AT EMPIRE PALACE

A large force of carpenters were busy at the Empire skating palace this morning putting finishing touches on additional skating space to the main floor. Manager Dolly changed his plans at the last moment and decided to enlarge the floor. Painters completed their work this afternoon and the door will be opened promptly at 7 o'clock tonight. Skating will start at 7:30, continuing until 10. After today, the rink will be open every afternoon and evening.

MOLINE WOMAN WILL SPEAK AT Y BANQUET

One of the speakers secured for the second annual mother and son banquet to be held at the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the boys' department, Sept. 26, is Mrs. Mary E. Hinton of Moline. Mrs. Hinton has an enviable reputation as an entertainer and her constructive work in the neighboring city has been some of the best in the country. Tickets for this unique gathering are now in the hands of ladies in the various churches and are being disposed of rapidly. It is hoped that those who are planning to attend will secure their tickets as soon as

JEWSTO OBSERVE NEW YEAR SEPT 27

High Holidays Begin With Feast of Rosh Hashanah Followed by Ten Days' Penitence.

TIME OF SOLEMN SERVICES

Day of Atonement Oct. 7 Closes Season of Prayer and Ceremonies Peculiar to Race.

Sundown Wednesday, Sept. 27, the first day of the Jewish month Tisri, will mark the beginning of the Jewish high holidays. These holidays of deep religious significance, will commence with the feast of Rosh Hashanah, or New Year. The New Year will be followed by 10 days of penitence, which reach their climax in the Day of Atonement, Oct. 7.

"On the New Year all the inhabitants of the earth pass before Him as sheep before a shepherd." In these words the ancient Jewish law book, the Mishna, refers to the significance of this day. It is a day of judgment when the sins and the merits of all men are weighed by the Divine Judge. The Year's judgment scene three books lie open before the Most High. In one book, the book of life, the names of the perfectly righteous, the sinless, are inscribed; the second book, the book of death, has recorded in it the names of the utterly wicked; and the third book is for the ordinary "middle type" of men, in whose behalf judgment is suspended through the 10 days of penitence, until the Day of Atonement when the decision is finally made and recorded.

Day Solemn Service.

The services for the day are especially solemn. Prayers in prose and poetry, dwelling upon the theme of God's judgment of men, are recited and sung. The Ram's horn, the Shofar, summoning men to prayer and repentance, is sounded in all synagogues. At the close of the service the worshippers greet each other with the words, "May you be written down for a good year."

Orthodox Jews observe many ceremonies which suggest the ideas and emotions of the day. In the home honey and fruits are eaten and the pious wish expressed "May it be Thy will to renew to us a good and sweet year." During the day orthodox Jews will go to a river, shake crumbs from their clothes and recite among other prayers the verse from Micah, "And you will cast into the depths of the sea all their sins." While orthodox Jews observe the feast for two days, Sept. 27 and 28 this year, Reform Jews return to the ancient Palestinian custom and observe but one day.

Call for Bids.

Sealed bids will be received at the mayor's office until 10 a. m. Sept. 25 for leasing of ball park on Oct. 1, 1916, until Dec. 31, 1916. Money must be paid in advance.

JOHN A. MURRIN, Commissioner.

ALEDO AT A GLANCE

Daily Doings in Mercer County's Busy Capital

Grand Jury Meets.

The grand jury met last Monday and was in session until Wednesday night. The only indictment of interest was that returned against William Fender, on the charge of assaulting Officer John B. Peppers when he was assisting a drunken man to the police station. Fender gave bonds to appear whenever the court summoned him. The judge listened to motions and attended to matters of minor importance during the remainder of the week.

Some Fair Exhibits.

The fair this year was replete with excellent exhibits in all branches. The horse, cattle, swine and sheep stalls and pens were practically all filled before the commencement of the big event. Among the finest horses were those shown by H. E. Robbins, whose entries in number and were all standard bred. Mr. Robbins was awarded first and second on horse and colts, first and second on brood mare and colt, first on filly under one year of age, and last but not least he was awarded second prize upon his horse, Baron Raven, which was classed in the four-year-and-over class for the road.

Markey Bros. of Reynolds received 11 first and five second place ribbons upon their horses.

R. P. Wait of Reynolds also won many ribbons, including 12 firsts and five seconds. Mr. Wait's fine Percherons were much admired by all who visited the stalls.

South Bros. of Orion carried back with them three firsts and four seconds, as a result of their entries of Clydes.

Kiddoo & Sons, well known horsemen of this section, received a great share of the ribbons awarded in their class. These horses are generally winners.

In the swine department Oren Morris and Ira Dodson & Son won the greater share of the premiums offered. Mr. Morris won 21 ribbons with his Tanworth swine. The Dodsons won 10 ribbons, five firsts and five seconds on their Durce Jersey hogs.

In the cattle department the Heatherton herd of Aberdeen Angus made a most creditable showing. There were 10 head in the herd and they took both the senior and junior grand champion prizes.

W. B. Cook, owner of Leawood stock farm of this vicinity, showed 10 head of Short-horns. They took down 10 ribbons and four firsts in this year's show.

W. B. Downend of Toulon showed his Herefords, 15 in number, and he carried away many ribbons, first and second.

Mrs. W. H. Moody of Corvado also carried away some ribbons in the Hereford class.

The Great Northern exhibit should not be passed up at this time. This

SLUGGED, ROBBED AND THEN THROWN TO BATTLE RIVER

A. E. Meader of Davenport Is Rescued by Rock Island Police After Being Hurled Into Stream.

FIGHTS WATER THIRTY MINUTES

Found in Middle of Mississippi at Fifteenth Street After Highwaymen Had Taken Watch and Money.

Battling for his life fully 30 minutes in the middle of the Mississippi river after having been slugged, robbed and thrown from the main draw of the Rock Island bridge by two men, a Davenport man, 50 years old, was rescued by Rock Island police at 2:50 o'clock Sunday morning.

He is A. E. Meader, 1243 Franklin street. Today he is in St. Anthony's hospital recovering from the effect of the exposure and nerve strain resulting from his battle against the current of the cold river, handicapped as he was by being fully clothed.

A guard at the main bridge heard his cries. It was the first indication of the man's plight to any one who would offer help. The guard saw him struggling in the waters, wildly swinging his arms in an effort to hold onto the pier.

The guard acted quickly. He got a rope. When he returned to the pier the current had carried Meader so far down stream that the rope proved to be of no avail. Davenport police were first notified. Then the Rock Island station was informed. Patrolman Smith and Merchant Police Bennett hurried to the ferry landing at Eighteenth street and secured the ferry life boat. They pushed out into stream.

Pulled to Shore.

Meader was several hundred feet below the landing at that time. They pulled down stream and caught up to him at the foot of Fifteenth street. At that time he still was in the middle of the river where the current is the swiftest. He was a good swimmer. He might have been able to swim to shore, but he had presence of mind enough to know that help would be summoned by the bridge guard and accordingly he took chances upon floating. Had he tried to swim to shore everything indicated that he would have drowned because exhaustion would have followed his struggles, as he was hampered by being heavily clothed.

Meader was taken to the police station immediately. He told the police that he had left Davenport at 12 o'clock Saturday night and had come to Rock Island. He started back on foot about 2 o'clock. He said he was accompanied by two men when he reached the main draw of the bridge. He said he thought one of the men was a Greek. He offered no description of the other assailant. He told authorities he was accosted by the men while his hands were buried deep down in his trousers pockets. Therefore he could offer no resistance, as their attack was sudden. They had him overpowered and gagged before he could give warning of his plight. They ransacked his pockets, got \$2.50 and a

gold watch and then lifted him over the rail and dropped him into the river. In Water Half Hour.

He was in the water fully a half hour before he was rescued. Police are inclined to disbelieve the story that he was slugged and robbed and then thrown into the river. They cannot account for his presence in the river, however. They have offered no statement of their opinion concerning how he otherwise might have gotten into the stream, unless he jumped. They suspect he may have tried suicide, but they are not depending too strongly upon this theory.

At any rate they are working on the case in the hopes of determining definitely whether or not the men threw the cold river, if they determine that he was hurled into the stream they hope to apprehend his assailants.

Meader was taken to St. Anthony's hospital from the station early Sunday morning. His condition was such that medical attention was required. He will recover, however.

FROST HITS HIGH SPOTS IN COUNTY

Cuts Peculiar Capers by Causing Severe Damage in Hill Sections and Only Light in Lowlands.

RUINS SOME GARDEN PRODUCTS

Corn Which Will Require Two More Weeks to Mature Withstands Effects and Is Not Spoiled.

Following a beautiful day Rock Island county last night was touched by a most peculiar frost which visited damage in some parts and left others practically untouched.

Action of the frost was strange in that it was most severe on the hills and on the lowlands it was but light, entirely reversing the ordinary effects of a frost. Usually the high spots are exempted from the frost, and while the lowlands are touched more heavily.

Professor J. M. Sherier, meteorologist of the local government weather bureau, offers an explanation by stating that there was fog noticeable in the low spots, and dense enough, however, to affect the hills. Fog is like clouds in effect. On cloudy nights there are no frosts. The fog banks perhaps save the low lands.

Damage was severe in some parts of the county. In South Rock Island township alone both extremes were noted. Along Twelfth street and west to county road, frost was a serious matter. No damage resulted. Frost was only light. But east on the hills the damage was heavy.

There is a large amount of garden produce yet waiting to be matured—beans, spinach, radishes, tomatoes and lettuce. Many truck gardeners had misgivings last night and protected their garden stuff as best they could, with canvas or straw coverings. Others in the bluff sections who failed to take this precaution found much of their garden stuff damaged. Total loss through the frost could not be estimated today.

Corn Still Saved.

Farmers interviewed said that the frost was not heavy enough to damage corn. Corn will not be ready for a frost for a couple of weeks yet, that is, frost of any extensive severity.

Yesterday was an ideal day in the opinion of most of the city folks. The air was filled with pop, mercury getting no higher than 55 in the afternoon. It went as low as 39 last night and at 7 this morning it was 40.

At Rock Island, in the middle of August look forward to the first good frost with keen anticipation were badly disappointed. Those who suffer hay fever were relieved somewhat but not cured.

Robert Rexdale, president of the Rock Island branch of the National Hay Fever association, today declared that the frost of last night was welcomed by the entire local branch, but that it was not severe enough to meet the resolutions annually adopted by the clan.

"Last night's frost was a white frost. We of the hay fever clan require a 'black' frost," he declared. "I don't want to be quoted until I hear from Billy McIntyre, our delegate to the national convention at Beaver Island."

Still, there is nothing in sight that looks like a cure for the hay fever sufferers. The weather bureau promises "fair and rising temperature Tuesday." Although 39 degrees was the lowest temperature last night, many folks hereabouts were surprised when they learned that a temperature as high as that would bring a frost.

Professor Sherier declared that often a frost will come when mercury is recorded at 47 and 48 degrees, 15 and 16 degrees above freezing point. This is attributed to other conditions. The object on which the frost forms must be 32 degrees or below in temperature. Often when the air is 39 or 40 degrees in temperature damp board and foliage which radiate and evaporate heat very readily will be at a freezing or below, thus causing the frost.

HOPE TO COMPLETE CAST PLAY TONIGHT

The first meeting to arrange for the cast for the play "Christopher Columbus" which is to be presented at the Illinois theatre under auspices of Altonex council, Knights of Columbus, was held yesterday afternoon at the K. C. hall. A number of the places were filled and another meeting has been called for this evening at which time it is hoped the cast will be completed. Joseph P. Farrell, New York, producer of the play, has arrived in the city and will remain here until it is presented.

Make Skin Smooth

There is one safe, dependable treatment that relieves itching, torturing skin and that cleanses and soothes the skin. Ask any druggist for a 25c bottle of Zemo and apply it to your face. Zemo will remove pimples, black heads, eczema, ringworm and similar skin troubles will disappear. A little Zemo, the penetrating, satisfying skin cream that is needed for all skin eruptions and makes the skin soft, smooth and healthy. Zemo, Cleveland.

LAND AUTO THIEF BY CLEVER WORK

C. A. Smith, Head of Minneapolis Detective Agency, Catches Ira Bond, Millionaire Broker.

HAD TRAVELED WITH CROOKS

Sleuth Was Arrested With Gang in Davenport and Was Then Thought to Be One of It.

Clever detective work on the part of C. A. Smith, head of the Northwestern Detective agency of Minneapolis, was responsible for the arrest and indictment of Ira Bond, reputed millionaire of Minneapolis, it became known Saturday.

Smith was arrested with Bond in Davenport and was believed by authorities there to be in league with him in the operations of a gang of automobile thieves. The gang is said to have stolen 2,000 cars in Chicago alone since the first of the year.

After the arrest of Bond in Minneapolis Friday it was learned that Smith had been on his trail for many months. Gained Bond's Confidence.

Smith rented offices on the second floor of Bond in the Northwestern building in Minneapolis. He posed as a buyer of used cars and gained Bond's confidence. Bond brought him to Chicago and introduced him to "Big Bill" Ravenkamp. Smith paid Ravenkamp, he said, \$100 down on three cars to be delivered later in St. Bonifacius, 30 miles from Minneapolis. When the cars were delivered \$450 more was to be paid to "Big Bill" in Minneapolis.

Others Are Arrested.

John B. Miller, Edgar Stevens, Martin Peterson and John Rohn, believed to have been accomplices of "Big Bill," are under arrest in Minneapolis. Stevens, Peterson and Rohn drove the cars to St. Bonifacius. The third car broke down at Owatonna, Minn. "Big Bill" did not appear to collect the \$450. John B. Miller arrived, and saying he represented Ravenkamp, collected the money.

Trilled by detectives, Miller ran from the Minneapolis hotel and after a spirited chase through the business streets of the city, was captured on the same day that the other three were arrested. The men claim they were not associated with Bond, and did not know him.

Thieves Confess.

The indictments against Bond, Lem Nutler, and William Ravenkamp, known to automobile thieves from coast to coast, it is said, as "Big Bill," were based on confessions made to State's Attorney Hoyne by Earl Harris and Edward Arneheim that they were there hired by Bond to steal automobiles. They said they turned the stolen cars over to him and he sold them after altering and repainting them and equipping them with new license tags.

Bond said he would spend every dollar he has to fight the case against him and will begin by making a strenuous battle against extradition. When arrested in his handsomely appointed offices in Minneapolis, he appeared indignant. He said he knew of nothing he had done for which an indictment could be returned unless it was to buy a car in St. Paul which afterward proved to have been stolen from L. C. Swartz of Chicago.

Office Broken Open.

"Powerful agencies are working in the dark against me," said Bond. "I am the victim of some mysterious conspiracy. Some one has broken into my office at night and gone over my books. My telephone wires have been tapped by detectives. I have done nothing criminal. I will be acquitted."

Bond is under arrest in Chicago. He is out on bail fixed at \$5,000.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

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Buggy Concern in Bankruptcy.

The George White Buggy company of this city, through the legal firm of Stafford, Schoede & Stafford, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court at Peoria. The advent of the automobile has forced suspension of many buggy manufacturing concerns over the country. The White company for several years had done little manufacturing and the owners decided to close out the business for the benefit of creditors. The plant of the buggy company at Fifth avenue and Twenty-fifth streets is now used for the manufacture of the S. O. S. storage battery, which was recently placed on the market by the White company, and bids fair to become one of the most widely used batteries in the country, its superiority being now generally recognized in the automobile industry.

Notice to Coal Dealers.

Sealed proposals will be received at the mayor's office until 10 o'clock a. m., Sept. 30, 1916, for furnishing the city with six-inch lump coal until June 1, 1917, for all departments of the city except waterworks pumping station. Bids must state mine from which coal will be furnished. WILLIAM M'CONOCHIE, Mayor.

SPENCER SQUARE. The House of Real Photoplays. Good Music Perfect Ventilation. Prices 10c and 15c. Children, 10c. TONIGHT. Marguerite Clark in "Lady Eileen".

"BILLY'S ROMANCE". TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY. Anita Stewart in a Drama of Intense Interest "The Daring of Diana". Also Burton Holmes' Travel Pictures on Wednesday. Coming—Where Are My Children?—The most daring feature of the age—Sept. 26-27-28.

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The Theatre. ILLINOIS THEATER. Sept. 24—"The Elopers."

COLUMBIA. Vaudeville—Two shows daily at 2:45 and 8:5 p. m. Three Saturday and Sundays at 2:45, 7:30 and 9 p. m. Charge of bill Sunday and Thursday.

IN THE MOVIES. TONIGHT. Spencer Square—Marguerite Clark in "Lady Eileen"; "Billy's Romance"; Beatrice Fairfax series.

TUESDAY. Spencer Square—Anita Stewart in "Daring Diana." Majestic—H. B. Warner and Enid Markey in "Shell 42"; De Wolf Hopper in "The Girl and the Mummy." Black Hawk—"The Duke"; Selgitribane news; "Otto, the Sleuth."

AT THE MAJESTIC. The simplest expedient very frequently results in better motion picture entertainment than that which develops from the numerous and exhaustive attempts that have been witnessed upon the screen to straighten out entangled and complicated plots and involved situations. This fact will be demonstrated when "Love's Lariat" is exhibited at the Majestic tonight, with Harry Carey, Neal Hart, William Quinn and Olive Fuller Golden lending a specially chosen company in its presentation. Of plot here is all there is; "Sky High," leader of a bunch of cowboys, falls heir to a fortune and must live a year in New York, occupying his mansion and managing his estate before the will may be confirmed.

AT SPENCER SQUARE. The resemblance between Charles Wellesley and Anders Randolph, both of the Vitagraph Players, is shown plainly in "The Daring of Diana," to be exhibited at the Spencer Square tomorrow and Wednesday. In the production Anders Randolph and Charles Wellesley wear the same make-up in order to carry the illusion in the story. Both bear out the reputation which they have earned in former Vitagraph productions and play their roles convincingly.

AT THE COLUMBIA. The story of how the love of a young girl, reared in an Alaskan mining camp, is won by the sheriff who had taken care of her since babyhood, is told in an interesting fashion in the sketch "The Luck of the Totem," which headlines the bill for the first half of the week at the Columbia theatre, Davenport. The boys of the camp decide to ask Katie to marry them. Each in turn is refused. Then the sheriff states that the girl is not his daughter as has been generally supposed. Frenchy, a half breed, informs Katy that the sheriff is not her father and makes her believe it would not be proper for her to remain with him. She decides to leave the camp but is prevented by the officer, who tells her of his deep love. Frenchy at-

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