

## MONEY LENDER MURDERED

KANSAS CITY PAWNBROKER'S SHOP ROBBED OF JEWELS.

Slayers Use Stone Mason's Hammer for Killing Merchant—One Suspect Is Arrested.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 18.—After killing Nathan Smason, a pawnbroker, in his place of business in Kansas City, Kan., robbers looted his shop and looted it at their leisure. The men took money, diamonds and other goods valued at \$8,000.

Smason's body, with the head crushed by a stone mason's hammer, was found an hour after the visit of the robbers. A boarding house in which were several persons during the time Smason was killed is above the shop and none of the occupants heard a noise or saw the slayers enter the shop.

The police believe two men killed the pawnbroker, and think Smason was showing clothing to one when the other attacked him from behind. The robbers left by a rear entrance.

A suspect is being held by the police pending further investigation.

A tray of diamonds and several trays of watches and other jewelry valued at \$5,000 were included in the goods taken. The murderers carried the trays into a rear room, which Smason had occupied alone. They had covered his body with a pile of overalls.

The thieves washed at a sink in the room, and as a precaution against leaving incriminating marks they used paper to dry their hands. The paper was found stuffed in a hole in the wall.

## SAYRE IS FOE OF DIVORCE

Marriage Is a Pact Which Should Not Be Endangered by Lax Laws, He Asserts.

New York, Nov. 18.—Francis B. Sayre, who will resign as one of District Attorney Whitman's assistants, and will become the husband of Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of the president, on Nov. 25, has interesting ideas on marriage, divorce and the inequality of the law, which he has gathered since he has been in Mr. Whitman's office. He has been assigned to the complaint bureau. He does not believe in easy divorce. Marriage he considers a pact, the solemnity of which should not be endangered by lax divorce laws. He would have the same standard in every state.

As things are now, he believes that not only does the poor man have a harder time to get the benefit of the law, but the law itself does not recognize as serious offenses which morally are worse than murder.

## ORDINANCE LIMITS TANGO

Chicago Alderman Says "Dip" in Tight Skirts Is Immodest—Police Inquiry Is On.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Police women, under the direction of Maj. M. L. C. Funkhouser, second deputy police superintendent, are conducting a quiet investigation of Chicago's alleged tango hall evils.

Alderman Pretzel announced that he is preparing an ordinance to limit the tango dance, eliminating the "dip" and providing that dancers keep at least four inches apart. The alderman says that no woman can do the tango "dip" in the present styles of tight skirts with any degree of modesty.

The dance hall investigation is said to have originated at the suggestion of Mayor Harrison.

## SUFFRAGETTE TO WORKHOUSE

Hard Labor in Jail for a Month Is Penalty for Throwing Hammer and Tomato at a Judge

London, Nov. 18.—One month at hard labor in Holloway jail was the sentence pronounced on Ethel Seaton, suffragette, who threw a hammer and tomato at Justice Lawrence, at Old Bailey.

Testimony at the Guild Hall police court, where all of the women who created Saturday's disturbance were tried, showed that the hammer was described: "No submission to government which tortures women."

Catherine Jones was given two months and Mary Aldham one month for aiding the Seaton woman in the attack on the court.

### Governor Defends Whipping.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 18.—Gov. Charles R. Miller issued a statement in defense of the whipping post and said Delaware would continue it until the law providing for it is repealed, "regardless of any attempted interference by a member of congress or of individuals residing in other states."

Prof. Ferdinand Vianelli Dies. Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Prof. Ferdinand Vianelli, widely known as a music teacher and author of many compositions, died here at the age of 54 years.

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## ATTACKS COST OF LIVING

NOTED AUTHORITIES HOLD CONFERENCE.

Legislature to Be Urged to Take Steps Which Will Really Lower Prices Consumer Pays.

New York, Nov. 18.—New York state took the first step in a nationwide legislative attack on the high cost of living today, when Gov. Glynn held a conference here with the heads of railroads which transport food into the state, and with noted economists and national officials.

Glynn has determined to press legislation which will tend to force the price of the necessities of life downward at this session of the state legislature, and he has enlisted the support of Senator O'Gorman to influence national legislation along the same lines.

At today's conference the report of the American Rural Institute commission was considered. This report, gathered by the commission after an exhaustive study of European farming methods, has not yet been made public, but most of its tenor has been placed at the disposal of the conference.

Railroad heads, including Howard Elliott, president of the New Haven railroad, and William C. Brown, president of the New York Central, discussed the problem of inefficient distribution and suggested remedies.

Among other prominent people who attended the conference are: Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the Consumers' league; Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy; Vincent Astor, Prof. W. A. Stocking for Cornell university and Calvin J. Huson, New York state commissioner of agriculture.

## WATERWAYS BODY IN SESSION

Completion of the Inland Route From Maine to Florida Is Discussed at Jacksonville, Fla.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 18.—Several hundred delegates to the sixth annual convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways association are assembled in this city for consideration of the question of an inland waterway from Maine to Florida, near the Atlantic coast. Through the efforts of this association many miles of the water route have already been constructed.

The convention was called to order at 3 o'clock this afternoon by J. Hampton Moore, member of congress from Pennsylvania and president of the association. After addresses of welcome by Mayor Swearingen of Jacksonville and Gov. Trammell of Georgia and responses by Gov. Miller of Delaware and Lieut.-Gov. Howe of Vermont, an adjournment was taken until this

evening when a reception and "get together" meeting will be held in the rooms of the local board of trade.

The list of prominent guests includes Secretary of Commerce Redfield, Gov. Blease of South Carolina, John Barret, director of the Pan-American union; Brig. Gen. Dan C. Kingman, engineer-in-chief of the army; Henry W. Hill, president of the New York Waterways association; Maj. J. R. Slattery, U. S. A., engineer in charge at Jacksonville; Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Gov. Glynn of New York and other state and national officials. President Wilson sent his greetings to the convention and expressed regret that he could not be present.

## STATE VS. NATIONAL CONTROL

Vital Question That Confronts the Conservation Congress Now in Session in Washington.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The fifth national conservation congress opened today in the New Willard hotel and the large number of delegates present was one of the signs that the members recognize the hard fight that confronts them. This contest is over the question of whether the nation or the respective states shall have control of the forests and water powers of the country.

Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the congress, called the body to order and in his address declared that the forests and water powers of the United States are at stake in the impending conflict. It is expected that President Wilson, members of the cabinet and many other notables will address the congress before it adjourns Thursday night.

## SLAYS WIFE; KILLED BY SON

Louis Van Luven, Ohio Farmer, Had Tried to Slaughter Family, Boy Tells Police.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 17.—Louis Van Luven, a farmer living at Harpersfield, near Geneva, O., shot and killed his wife and then was killed by his son Matthew, 17, in self-defense. Young Van Luven surrendered to the police.

According to the story told by the boy and his 13-year-old sister, their mother was killed while sitting in the kitchen. The elder Van Luven fired almost point blank at her and then attempted to kill the boy and his sister. The boy succeeded in tearing the shotgun away from his father, and then brought down the heavy stock of the weapon on his father's skull, killing him instantly.

Young Van Luven said his father had threatened several times to kill the whole family, and always slept with his shotgun at his side.

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