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2 YOUNG WOMEN BRUTALLY SLAIN; BODIES DISCOVERED ON LONELY STATEN IS. ROAD

Both Had Been Stabbed and Their Throats Cut—One, Married, Lived in Jersey City, Other Was From Utica

Police Believe That Murders Occurred Elsewhere and Bodies Were Thrown From Passing Automobile—Husband Being Questioned.

New York, April 6.—Miss Bessie McMahon of Utica, N. Y., and Mrs. Irene Blandino of Jersey City, N. J., were found murdered with their throats cut along an isolated road...

Identified By Artificial Leg. Mrs. Blandino, who had an artificial leg, was identified through the finding of a receipt for the limb...

The receipt was issued by John N. Escher, New York artificial limb manufacturer. Mrs. Blandino had visited his shop last Saturday to have the leg adjusted.

Husband in Saloon Business. Mr. Escher said she had told him that she was married four years ago...

Stabbed in Back. Mrs. Blandino's throat bore three separate wounds and there was a long slash in her back. A long slit had been cut in the back of her expensive fur coat by the assailant's knife.

Butcher Knife Used. The slayer's weapon, a long thin butcher knife of the type known as a trimmer was found in a clump of bushes a few feet from the bodies.

Was Beautiful Girl. Medical Examiner Lord said the young woman identified as Miss McMahon was a married woman. She wore a wedding ring. Dr. Lord said he believed her to be about 18.

HEALTH BOARD KICKS ON 'NO WATER' ORDER

Will Insist on Service Being Provided to Avoid Nuisance

If the water department carries out its announced intention of shutting off water service in buildings where water rentals have not been paid promptly...

Several days ago it was announced at the office of the water board that there are many delinquents on the books of the office...

BALTIMORE RANKED AS SEVENTH CITY IN U. S.

Census Figures Put Boston Eighth—N. Y., Chicago, Phila. and Detroit Lead

Washington, April 6.—Several changes in the relative size of the larger American cities are indicated by new census bureau figures prepared on the assumption that growth conditions prevailing in 1920 in the various localities are continuing.

The estimates show probable totals as of July 1, 1923 as follows: New York, 5,927,625; Chicago, 2,886,121; Philadelphia, 1,922,788; Detroit, 995,868; Cleveland, 888,513; St. Louis, 808,858; Baltimore, 773,860; Boston, 770,400; Los Angeles, 666,858; Pittsburgh, 613,442; San Francisco, 529,054; Buffalo, 533,713; Milwaukee, 484,592; Washington, not estimated; Newark, 458,639; Minneapolis, 409,125; Cincinnati, 406,312; New Orleans, 404,575; Kansas City, Mo., 351,819; Seattle, not estimated; Indianapolis, 340,882; Rochester, 317,867; Jersey City, 309,034; Portland, Ore., 278,621; Denver, 273,081; Toledo, 268,838; Columbus, 261,982; Louisville, 257,871; Providence, 242,378; St. Paul, 241,881; Oakland, 240,984; Akron, not estimated; Atlanta, 222,963; Omaha, 204,382.

OLESCAVICH CHARGE TO BE INVESTIGATED

Hearing Also for Policeman Who Refused to Testify in Court

The first meeting of the discipline committee of the police commission will be held tonight at 6:30 o'clock for the purpose of investigating a complaint made by Peter Olescavich that he had been assaulted by three members of the police force, Sergeant McAvay and Patrolmen Maurice Flynn and Patrick O'Mara.

The committee will also investigate a complaint that Patrolman Thomas Lee refused to appear in police court yesterday as a witness against a man who was charged with selling liquor. A raid was made on the street and it is said that he declined to testify on the ground that he knew nothing against the reputation of the place.

It is said that Patrolman Lee has reported his predicament to Alderman Pawlowski of the fifth ward, who has conferred with the mayor about the case.

102 Million Increase in January Imports to U. S.

Washington, April 6.—Preliminary estimates of the commerce department today value the imports of the United States during January at \$318,000,000 or \$102,000,000 more than the imports in January 1922, and \$25,000,000 in excess of imports during December.

Deserted by Family, Portland Man Hears Judge Impose Life Sentence

Sjogren, Who Murdered His Brother in Argument Over a Quarter in 1913, Was Harassed By Guilty Conscience.

Middletown, April 6.—Joseph L. Sjogren, who killed his brother, Gustaf, in Portland January 8, 1913, today pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge C. L. Avery in the Middlesex county superior court. The grand jury indicted Sjogren for first degree murder. The man had confessed his crime.

STROKE IS FATAL TO ADMIRAL KNAPP

Retired Naval Officer, Native of New Britain, Dies in Hartford

Stricken on Trolley Car

Was Appointed to Annapolis By Senator Hawley—First Vessel Under His Command Was the U. S. S. Tennessee in 1911.

Hartford, April 6.—Rear Admiral Harry S. Knapp, U. S. N., retired, was suddenly stricken this noon while on a trolley car and died while he was being taken to the Hartford hospital.

Was Born in This City. Rear Admiral Knapp reached the retirement age in the navy on June 27, 1920. He was born in New Britain, Conn., June 27, 1856, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Knapp.

The first vessel commanded by Rear Admiral Knapp was the Tennessee on which in 1911 he took President Taft to inspect the Panama canal.

Named As Investigator. When Admiral Sims criticized the award by Secretary Daniels of the D. S. M. to Commander David W. Bagley, the secretary's brother-in-law who lost a ship during the war, Rear Admiral Knapp was detailed by the secretary to visit London and inquire as to the British admiralty system of distinguished service awards.

4,000 IN FIFTH WARD MAY SEEK U. S. CITIZENSHIP

Alderman Pawlowski Arranges for New Americanization Classes If School Can Be Secured

Alderman Peter J. Pawlowski of the fifth ward, has arranged with James E. O'Brien, director of continuation schools, for the opening of Americanization classes at the Bartlett school if the use of the school building for that purpose can be secured.

New York State Exemption Of Building Tax Upheld

New York, April 6.—The appellate division of the supreme court today unanimously reversed the decision of Justice Tierney, who declared the state tax exemption building law unconstitutional. The opinion which was written by Justice Victor J. Dawling, declares that the legislation granting tax exemption "was wise and justifiable and is free from the taint of unconstitutionality."

NATIONAL BANK CALL

Washington, April 6.—The controller of the currency today issued a call for condition of all banks at the close of business on Tuesday, April 3.

TRIES TO BITE THROUGH ARTERIES OF HIS WRISTS

Confessed Burglar Makes Vain Attempt At Suicide—Condemned By His Pal

New York, April 6.—After an all-night grilling in which police say he confessed to 30 chain store robberies in Brooklyn, Edward Dougherty gnawed at arteries of both wrists in a vain attempt to end his life.

BUSY BIDDER BUYS A BIRD BOX BOY BUILT

Auction Held at Luncheon of Community Campaigners Today

A toy bird box made by Benny Richman of The Handy Carpenters' Junior Achievement club, of the New Britain Boys' club sold at auction today for \$11 to E. W. Pelton at the luncheon of the workers in the United Community corporation drive.

The bird box or house was built by Benny at the Boys' club, at a cost of practically nothing. It was made, as is the policy of the Junior Achievement movement of salvaged materials.

The campaigners met as guests of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce. As Benny finished telling how he made the box, John C. Loomis, president of the chamber, called out, "Will you sell the box, Benny?"

The total reports showed pledges received to the amount of \$29,071.90, as compared to something over \$27,000 when the drive closed last year.

RELIEVED OF LIQUOR

Passengers on Liner Arriving Today Find They Cannot Bring Customary Quot Into Country.

New York, April 6.—When the Araguaia arrived today from Bermuda, 75 passengers each were armed with a quart of liquor.

27 HURT IN WRECK

Engineer on Wrecked Iowa Train Uncouples Locomotive and Speeds on to Secure Assistance.

Marshalltown, Ia., April 6.—Twenty-seven persons were injured, three probably seriously, in last night's wreck of a Minneapolis-Kansas City passenger train on the Chicago Great Western, three miles east of this city.

MASS. MILLS RAISE PAY.

Fitchburg, Mass., April 6.—Announcements of 12 1/2 per cent wage increase effective April 20 were made today by the Orsco-Nacke, Grant and Fitchburg yarn mills of this city. Approximately 1800 employees are affected.

LEWIS REPLACES KIRKBY

New York, April 6.—Reginald M. Lewis of Greenwich, Conn., is expected to take the place of Oswald Kirkby of Englewood, N. J., who announced yesterday he would be unable to go to England to compete as a member of the Walker golf team.

CLEAN G. O. P. SWEEP IN THE FIFTH WARD

Democrats Minus Candidates for Common Council Positions

SIKORA HAS WITHDRAWN

Nominee Says He is Absent From City Greater Part of Time—Egan Informed Positively His Name is Not On Voting List.

The democratic ticket went to the printers this morning without a single nominee from the fifth ward, a caucus in that district Tuesday evening having decided that the republican nominee for alderman, Peter J. Pawlowski, should be endorsed; William F. Egan, a nominee for councilman, having been found to be not on the voting list, while William Sikora, the other nominee for councilman, has withdrawn due to the fact that he is seldom in the city.

Clear Path for G. O. P. These facts assure the fifth ward republican nominees of election. They are, besides the alderman whose candidacy was endorsed, Albin Backel and Stanley Karpinski, both of whom now have a clear field although their candidacy was not formally endorsed.

Egan was surprised yesterday afternoon to find that he was not on the list. He said he was given to understand by certain leaders of the democratic party that his application had gone through the regular channels and he was eligible to vote.

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MAIL BANDIT, BELIEVED ESCAPED, REALLY GETS AWAY TODAY AFTER DISCOVERY IN HOSPITAL CELLAR

Chapman, Million Dollar Robber, Mysteriously Disappears When Guard Temporarily Leaves Him to Revive Fainting Nurse.

Athens, Ga., April 6. (By Associated Press).—With his feet propped against a brass rail beside the boiler in the basement of the hospital from which he was thought to have escaped on Wednesday night, Gerald Chapman, leader in the million dollar mail robbery in New York 21 months ago, was nearly captured today by Harry Bishop, a guard from the Atlanta penitentiary.

MAKES HIS GETAWAY

The discovery of Chapman was made when a Bishop, who is on duty guarding a federal prisoner now in the hospital, started for breakfast with Miss Scott. In passing toward the kitchen a view of the boiler room disclosed Chapman. Bishop and Miss Scott descended to him. He arose and offered Miss Scott his chair when the nurse fainted.

OFFERED FIRST AID

Chapman, according to the guard, immediately offered to give her first aid. Bishop said he told Chapman that inasmuch as he was too weak he should go on up to his room. Chapman left Bishop with the nurse, and after he had revived her he went up to see after the prisoner. No trace of Chapman could be found, however, and an immediate search was unsuccessful.

BRITISH STEAMER AGROUND IN FOG ON CAPE COD TODAY

Chatham, Mass., April 6.—The British steamship Competitor, a freighter of 2,200 tons, ran ashore on Cape Cod near Nauset today in a fog. The steamer, at first believed to be a run runner, was apparently light. The Competitor was last reported at Searport, Me., on March 20 after a voyage from Port Talbot, Wales. She was under command of Captain Baum. The Competitor was high and dry at low tide, and the coast guards from the Nauset station were able to walk out to her.

PRICE OF SUGAR RAISED AS TARIFF COMMISSION BEGINS WORK ON GETTING AT CAUSE

People Will Demand Harding Again, Says Vice Pres. Coolidge



CALVIN COOLIDGE

Washington, April 6.—Vice-President Coolidge today predicted that President Harding's re-nomination and re-election would be demanded by the people because of the record of his administration.

The vice-president declined to predict what his attitude would be toward a re-nomination as Mr. Harding's running mate, indicating that he did not regard the present as an opportune time for discussion of the subject.

He sent this telegram in reply to a questioner who asked whether he believed President Harding would be re-nominated and whether he himself would again become a candidate for the vice-presidency:

THREE OF FIVE NEW YORK REFINERS ADVANCE RATE 20 TO 25 POINTS, INCREASE OF 1-4 CENT OVER YESTERDAY'S FIGURES

Washington Probers Start Drafting a Preliminary Statement in Reply to President's Request for Information.

Commission Starts Work

Washington, April 6.—The tariff commission today began the drafting of a preliminary statement covering the sugar price situation in reply to the president's request for information on that subject. It was indicated that probably a week would be consumed in getting together certain statistics which the commission can obtain from government sources.

SUICIDE IN CEMETERY

New Haven Man, 53, Drinks Poison Near Graves of His Parents—Lived With Daughter at Morris Cove.

Meriden, April 6.—The body of William H. Barrows, 53, of 165 Townsend avenue, New Haven, was found near the graves of his parents in West cemetery in this city early today by factory workers. He had committed suicide by drinking poison during the night. Identification was made by a brother, Charles A. Barrows, living nearby. The dead man left South Meriden 20 years ago after separating from his wife there and had since lived with his daughter, Mrs. Archie Young of Morris Cove. The body was removed to an undertaking establishment by permission of the medical examiner and Mrs. Young was notified. The brother here had not seen Barrows since last summer. His former wife still lives in South Meriden and is married again.

RIVER STANDS AT 16.9 FEET

This is a Rise of Nearly 10 Feet During the Past 48 Hours—Flood Crest Probably Some Time Tomorrow

Hartford, April 6.—The Connecticut river stood at 16.9 feet above low water mark here this morning, according to an official report of the local station of the United States weather bureau. This indicates a rise of nearly ten feet in the 48 hours period ending this morning.