

DROWNS HIS BABY IN TUB TO BRING WIFE TO SENSES

Wanted to Give Her Cross to
Bear Through Life,
Says Liddle.

William Liddle, the nineteen-year-old husband and father who deliberately drowned his seven-month-old son, William, in a bathtub in his mother's home at No. 507 East 179th Street, the Bronx, yesterday, said to-day when arraigned in West Farms Police Court that he committed the crime to get even with his eighteen-year-old wife, Margaret Corrigan Liddle.

"Our second wedding anniversary is coming in a few days," he said. "All during our marriage we fought and scrapped and it was mostly her fault. She'll always remember the baby and how he died and she'll be sorry to the end of her life."

Liddle was held without bail. His case will be presented to the Grand Jury to-morrow.

The young couple separated a month ago, the wife taking the baby to the home of her parents at No. 397 Willis Avenue, the Bronx. Liddle lived at his mother's home.

Yesterday he telephoned and asked her to bring the baby to his apartment for dinner. She refused but agreed to let him take the baby for a time, and met him and handed it over. He said later the idea of drowning the baby had come to him as he was riding down to meet his wife.

Alone in the apartment, he put a pillow in the tub, weighted it down with fatigues, turned on the water, sat the baby on the pillow and left him to drown. He returned to his wife's home and told her he had drowned the baby, but she thought it was a ruse to get her to return to his apartment, and wouldn't believe him. He met a policeman and told him, and the incredulous policeman advised him to "tell them at the Tremont Station" about it. He next met his wife's brothers, Edward and Theodore Corrigan, and they did not believe him, but agreed to return home with him. They found the body in the bathtub.

Doctors and police agreed it is a strange case. Liddle is a nice looking, well reared youth, a good neighborhood boy who had never been in real trouble. He is 6 feet 1 inch tall, and was a railroad messenger when he married. He never seemed to get a man's job, was sick from influenza a great deal, and idleness led to disagreements with his girl wife and her family.

After Liddle had been booked on a charge of homicide he talked freely. At times tears came from his eyes. There are no outward signs of insanity. When a detective asked him why he didn't commit suicide he replied:

"I thought I'd leave that for the electric chair. I fully expect to be electrocuted. I want to be."

"Are you sorry you did it?"
"No, I'd do it again if Bill was alive now. I loved him better than any one in the world and I wanted him all for myself. I've been thinking for a month it would be a good thing to get rid of myself. I wanted to be sure he went, too."

FREED OF ALL BLAME IN BOMB EXPLOSION

Woolnough Exonerated of Malicious Mischief and Arson Charges

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 27.—Ralph Woolnough, charged with having set a bomb which damaged the house in which he lived at Woodbridge Avenue, Highland Park, last week, was freed of charges of malicious mischief and arson to-day and exonerated from all blame.

Salvatore Van Chere, owner of the house until he sold it six weeks ago to Joseph Licusi, was arrested on a charge of malicious mischief and held by Recorder Charles W. Larason of Highland Park in \$5,000 for the Middlesex County Grand Jury. It is alleged that Van Chere admitted he bought a quantity of dynamite two weeks ago, but denied he blew up the house.

HIRSHFIELD BEGINS CRUSADE TO REVISE AMERICAN HISTORY

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"Oh, be a sport like Washington. Take a chance," pleaded Commissioner Hirshfield. "I'd like to hear it."

"I shall hand it to the Commissioner after the hearing," said Mr. Wakeman, smiling his refusal, and went on to say that the story of the cherry tree ought to be amended to show that while Washington's father forgave George for chopping down the tree he licked him afterward for refusing to make the tree into kindlings.

"Besides, Washington could lie," said Mr. Wakeman. "We have his letter saying that when he was campaigning in New Jersey the mosquitoes were so vicious and so large they bit through his heavy riding boots."

"Well, now," interrupted Mr. Hirshfield, "I have been in New Jersey and I know the mosquitoes over there and I am not sure Washington lied about them."

Finally, the children ought to know, said Mr. Wakeman, that the surgeons killed Washington by bleeding him excessively.

"Coming from Wall Street," observed the Commissioner, "You ought to be an authority on bleeding people."

Mr. Wakeman, waving the insinuation aside, said that John Hancock was a smuggler in spite of all denials. His ship, the Liberty, came to port with a cargo of fine wine.

The Port Officer went aboard and sampled this wine with the master and his friends. He told Hancock the wine could not be landed because it was not on the manifest—at least not with his consent. So they locked him in a stateroom and took it ashore anyway.

"Nowadays," said Mr. Hirshfield, "one who brings ashore a single case feels that he has deserved the honor of the community."

Thomas Payne outlived his wisdom, said Mr. Wakeman, and added, "It is a wise man who knows when to die."

"It is a wiser man," said Mr. Hirshfield cheerily, "who knows when he is dead. There's a lot of them around who are dead and don't know it."

In a discussion of the Boston Tea Party, Mr. Hirshfield said he understood the riders of the tea ships were rebelling against the Port Authority for levying a tax without consent of the citizens, "just as Outbridge and Al Smith and Lewis H. Pounds are imposing a tax on the people of New York without their consent."

Mr. Wakeman said that the story of Paul Revere had been tremendously exaggerated and that the Revolution began in New York with a battle three months before the battle of Golden Hill in Massachusetts.

At the close of the hearing, which was adjourned subject to the call of Mr. Hirshfield, there was a mixup in the hall between Thomas P. Tuttle, a Civil War veteran and President of the Star-Spangled Banner Association, and Francis Harrison Kennicut, an attorney residing at the University Club, which resulted in blows and interference by spectators and police.

Mr. Kennicut had said the Revolutionary War was a civil war between Englishmen. He had been declared a pro-British propagandist by Tuttle. In the hall Tuttle says Kennicut called him a liar. The next thing any one knew he had landed on the attorney and the attorney had come back with a wallop.

Before they could mix it up any more the interference came and they left the building.

AUTO HITS "L" PILLAR, THROWING POLICEMAN

His Shoulder Dislocated in Trying to Stop Erratic Driver.

When Policeman Christian F. Streck, twenty-seven, saw an automobile zig-zagging through Atlantic Avenue between Schnectady and Troy Avenues, Brooklyn, early to-day, he jumped on the running board to stop the driver.

At Troy Avenue the car hit an elevated pillar and Streck was thrown off and his left shoulder dislocated. The driver, who was arrested, said he was John J. Webb of No. 455 63d Street, Brooklyn. After being attended by an ambulance surgeon, Streck was sent to his home, No. 389 Knickerbocker Avenue, Ridgewood.

SOVIET TO CONCEDE ALL IF IT GETS LOAN

Famine So Serious Lenin Regime Threatened Unless Huge Credit Is Granted.

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (Associated Press).—The Soviet delegation to Genoa will carry instructions to grant all concessions demanded, provided a big reconstruction loan can be obtained. If this loan cannot be arranged, then, from the Russian point of view, the conference has only the moral value of recognition of the present Government.

The basic reason for this attitude is the famine. The famine is now slowly but surely encroaching on and encircling the Soviet stronghold—Moscow—and representatives from every part of Russia, sent to get food, report there is less and less to be had, that beginning with March the favored Red Army will begin to starve and that each succeeding month will be worse, until July, when harvests, more or less scant, may relieve the situation.

The Soviet Government's fears are indicated in another direction. For the time its entire Oriental policy has

been thrown overboard. The recent conference of Far Eastern peoples, called by the Third Internationale to stimulate Communism in Japan, China and elsewhere, was given but the scantiest attention in Moscow. The delegates were poorly housed and turned over to Foreign Office clerks.

IRISH BILL INSISTS ON EARLY ELECTION

Amendment in Parliament Due to British Disquietude Over Factional Differences.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Irish Free State Bill will be amended so as to provide for elections in Ireland within four months, Winston Churchill, Minister for the Colonies, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon.

This change in the original bill providing for the Free State, which did not specify when the election should be held, was made, it is understood, following conferences between Arthur Griffiths and Churchill yesterday, at which the British disquietude over the three months' adjournment of the Ard Fheis was emphasized. The British Government is anxious to see the Irish started on their new Free State as soon as possible.

SON AIDS MOTHER IN GETTING DIVORCE

Testifies He Accompanied Detectives to Apartment Where They Found His Father, Bank Auditor.

Supreme Court Justice Platt in Special Term at White Plains to-day granted an interlocutory decree of divorce to Mrs. Ethel C. Ensell of Mount Vernon, against Edwin Hayward Ensell, an auditor in the Chase National Bank of Manhattan, principally upon the testimony of their son, Edwin Schuyler Ensell, nineteen years old.

Charles W. Walter, No. 233 Broadway, Manhattan, who appeared for Mrs. Ensell, produced an agreement whereby Mr. Ensell agreed to give his wife \$5,000 in securities in lieu of alimony. They were married in Brooklyn on Oct. 18, 1901. William Vontricken, an investigator, testified that on several occasions he had trailed Ensell from an apartment in Brooklyn with a young woman. He said she went to a beauty parlor at Woodcliffe, N. J., each morning. The son testified that he accompanied three detectives to the Brooklyn apartment on Jan. 31 last, and there they found his father with the co-respondent. Lawyer Walter said she was a manicurist at Woodcliffe. Justice Platt annulled the marriage.

FLAPPER BETTER THAN REFORMER, SAYS EDUCATOR

"Worse Things Than Dance, Rolled Hose and Short Skirts," Declares Prof. F. M. Hunter.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27. The reformer, not the flapper, is the peril of public schools, according to Prof. Frank M. Hunter, attending the meeting of the Superintendence Department of the National Education Association here.

"There are worse things than the modern dance, rolled hose, short dresses and galoshes."

"I would rather see the girl to-day garbed in flapper styles than in accordance with prudish ideas of radical reformers."

"Cigarette smoking should be discouraged, but many girls can go right into their mother's boudoir and find several cigarette stubs."

of Mrs. Amelia La Diana to Antonia La Diana because at the time of their marriage in Yonkers on June 15, 1915, she was only seventeen years old.

LIFE WRECKED BY WAR GAS, HE TRIES SUICIDE

Pulmotor Revives "Disgusted and Heartbroken Veterans."

Joseph C. Moll, twenty-three, No. 428 East 138th Street, ex-service man, who was wounded five times and gassed severely, his wife says, was found unconscious this morning in the bathroom of his home. The gas was turned on and his wife found a note to her saying he was "disgusted and heartbroken" because of what a physician had told him recently about the after effects of the gassing in France.

A pulmotor revived him, however, and he is recovering at the Lincoln Hospital.

Moll was a member of Company D, 36th Sanitary Train. He was married a year ago. While employed in the bottling department of the Borden Milk Company last month one of the fingers of his left hand was crushed by a machine.


NEW INTOXICATION RECORD. Thirty men arrested along the Brooklyn waterfront Saturday evening.

20 IMPERILED WHEN COURT ELEVATOR DROPS

Operator Prevents Injuries by Applying Emergency Brake.

Not in the least flustered by the screams of the women and the evident excitement among the men, twenty passengers in all, in his elevator in the Bronx County Court House, Charles Eberhard, who was in charge of the car saved the entire party this noon by quick application of the safety grappling device.

He started the car down from the fourth floor and at the third discovered that the mechanism normally used to stop the cage failed to work. The elevator started downward with increasing momentum. Eberhard applied the emergency lever and brought the car to a stop a little below the level of the ground floor.



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