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THE TRIBUNE COVERS
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
LIKE THE DEW.

TRAPPER LIGHTS MATCH IN CAVE; FINDS A BODY

John Klump, Perryville Man
Disappeared From Home
Christmas Eve.

USES WIFE'S BUTCHER
KNIFE TO CUT THROAT

Finder, Horrified, Flees Through
Cemetery To Town And
Collapses.

The story of how the body of John Klump, Perryville man who left home Christmas eve saying he was going to kill himself, was found Tuesday in a cave near a graveyard a mile and a half from Perryville, yesterday was told in the Cape by persons who arrived from there.

Klump's throat was cut from ear to ear and the head was almost severed. His face was cut and scratched in several places.

The body was found by a trapper, who had crawled into the cave for the purpose of setting a trap with which to catch fur-bearing animals.

Klump was a teamster in Perryville. He was about 50 years old and well known there. He lived with his wife and eight children on the edge of town. He often had been employed to do several odd jobs for persons living in Perryville.

Christmas eve he went home and on going into the kitchen grabbed up the butcher knife lying on the table and started for the door, he announced that he was going away to kill himself.

His wife attempted to reach him to regain the knife and keep him at home. He resisted her and ran. She could not follow him in the darkness.

He did not return that night, but at first, it was believed that he would not carry out his threat. When he failed to return home Christmas day and on the next two or three days, a search was instituted. The hunt was carried to many places around Perryville, but to no avail.

The trapper, who found Klump's body had passed through the cemetery but a short time before and went to the mouth of the cave, where he had been accustomed to placing one of his traps. The cave extends several feet into the ground and he had crawled far enough into the cavern so that the daylight was shut off.

He lighted a match and looked almost directly into the face of the dead man. He had crawled into the cavern till he had come just to the body and had put out his hand for progress another foot into the cave, he would have touched Klump's body.

The trapper fled from the cavern and ran all the way to Perryville to tell what he had seen. It was several minutes after he got in Perryville that he could be revived from a state of nervous collapse before he could announce the discovery of the body.

A party of men then accompanied him from Perryville to the mouth of the cavern, and the body of Klump was taken from the place. The knife which he had carried away from his home was found near his body inside the cavern.

PAUL BOWMAN, WELL,
RETURNS TO THE U. OF M.

Freshman Who Sustained Fractured
Skull in Class Rush Goes Back
to Columbia for Second
Semester's Work.

Paul Bowman, former athletic star at the Sikeston High School, who sustained a fractured skull last fall in a class rush at the University of Missouri, has returned to Columbia, where he expects to enroll for classes in the second semester, of school there.

Young Bowman was hurt in an annual affair known in Columbia as the "bag rush" a scrap between the freshmen and sophomore classes. He was taken to a hospital in Columbia at the time he was hurt and after spending several days there, he was moved to his home in Sikeston, where he recovered.

He was one of his local high school's star football players and last fall when he went to the university, it was believed that he would make good on the freshman football team. His practice was cut short by the injury in the class fuction.

REPORT KAISER IS DEAD HURTS MARKETS IN U.S.

Rumor that He Died of Complication of Diseases Without Confirmation.

JOHN REDMOND SAYS
ENGLAND IS WRONG

Irish Leader Tells Commons He Will Oppose Conscription.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.
New York, Jan. 5.—The rumor that Emperor William is dead was circulated in New York today. It was first reported upon the Produce Exchange late this afternoon.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 5.—The report that Kaiser Wilhelm had died, freed the market from the panic which had been caused by the close of the market from any source was received.

London, Jan. 5.—The rumors that Emperor Wilhelm of Germany had died of a complication of ailments, including pneumonia, are still being circulated in London, but no message received from Germany has confirmed them. Paris wires that a report current in Amsterdam says the Kaiser is dead, but the message states that the report is without official sanction.

London, Jan. 5.—John Redmond, the Irish leader, stated in the House of Commons this afternoon that the Irish party would not support the government's bill for compulsory military service. "The measure is unnecessary to win the war," he declared.

New York, Jan. 5.—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Steel corporation, today issued a remarkable statement relative to the steel industry and the European war.

Judge Gary shows that the United States is today producing steel at the rate of 41,000,000 tons per annum, as compared with the best previous record of 35,000,000 tons. He asserts that a long continuance of the European war would be suicidal and sounds a note of warning to the United States. If the conflict rages for another year, Judge Gary believes this government will be in a condition more distressing than the business crisis from which it is at present emerging.

London, Jan. 5.—The seizure and deportation by the allies of the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish Consuls at Saloniki, has taken on an exceedingly grave aspect.

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Wilson's urgent appeal that the Senate refrain from a discussion of the submarine warfare, pending negotiations between this government and Austria, was thrown to the winds this afternoon while the solons engaged in the most sensational debate since the outbreak of the war.

Senator Works of California charged the government with being morally guilty of murder because it did not keep Americans from riding on belligerent ships. He pleaded for an embargo on the exportation of munitions.

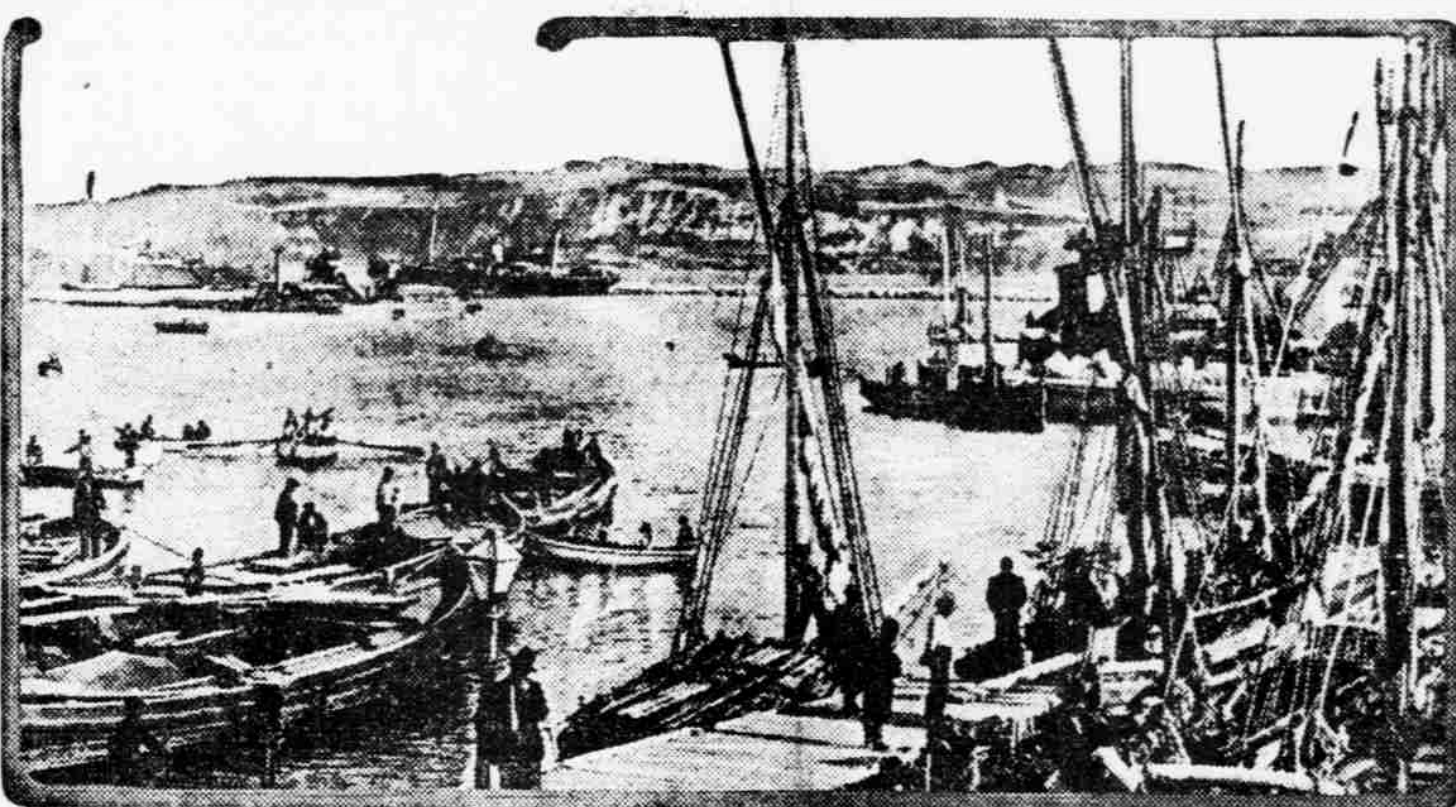
"Do you think it was unpatriotic for Consul McNeely to travel on a belligerent vessel?" Senator Nelson of Minnesota asked.

"I think it would have been much better for him to have traveled on a neutral vessel," said Jones.

Senator O'Gorman then asserted there was a neutral vessel on which McNeely could have traveled, but that he preferred to take a chance on one belonging to a belligerent nation. "But he would not have been safe," said Nelson. "Many neutral vessels, including those of Scandinavian nations, have been sunk since the beginning of the war."

"Officers of this government knew that vessel was loaded to the guards with munitions of war and the nation was at fault that it did not prevent him boarding it," said Works. Senator Gore introduced two bills which uphold the idea that no citizen has a right to United States protection if

View of Harbor of Varna, The Bulgarian Port In Black Sea, Which Czar May Get



View of the harbor of Varna, the Bulgarian port on the Black sea, which the Russians are reported to have bombarded several times and which they may take if they decide to invade Bulgaria.

RACE FOR COUNCIL TO BE A MARATHON

Two Wards to Have Three Candidates and One Will Have Four This Spring.

Although the spring election is almost three months away, candidates are becoming active. Four members of the city council will retire April 3, if they are not re-elected. These councilmen are: S. E. Blumer, first ward; Arthur C. Bowman, second; Clemens C. Hoeller, third, and William H. Medley, fourth.

With the exception of Mr. Blumer, all have opposition and in some wards there will be as many as three candidates contesting at the election.

Dr. G. B. Schulz, who is certain to make the race for Mayor one year hence, will oppose the re-election of Arthur C. Bowman in the second ward. Dr. Schulz, his friends say, expects to make a record in the council that will make him the logical candidate for Mayor the following year.

Louis Wittmor is also said to be anxious to represent the second ward in the city council. His friends say he is certain to enter the contest.

Clem Hoeller is certain to encounter a hard fight, if he decides to run for re-election. While he has not revealed his plans, he will make the race, his friends say, if he finds the opposition to him is not too strong. Three candidates are already in the field against Hoeller, and each one has a substantial following. They are: Gus Stein, William Brunke and Al E. Maurer. Stein and Brunke have made the race before and were well supported. This will be Mr. Maurer's first campaign, but he has a host of friends who are predicting that he will carry the ward.

William H. Medley will be opposed by Tom Gill, a former councilman, in the fourth ward this spring. It is possible that another candidate will participate in this contest, making it a three-cornered affair.

30 DIE AS OHIO RIVER BOAT SINKS

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 5.—Twenty persons are known to have been drowned and thirty persons are missing tonight, as the result of the loss of the steamer Kanawha, which sank after it struck a rock in the Ohio river, near Parkersburg.

The Kanawha went down in thirty feet of water. A panic ensued as soon as it became known that the vessel had struck a rock and men, women and children leaped into the river.

The exact number of passengers is not yet known, but reports from the scene of the disaster state that few of those on board were saved.

Washington, January 5.—Priceless papers, including original copies of the declaration of Independence and the Constitution, which were stored in the State, War and Navy buildings were placed in jeopardy tonight, when a fire broke out in the basement of the structure. The damage amounted to only \$2,000. Spontaneous combustion caused the blaze, said an official statement tonight.

Farmer Is Buried Wearing A Hat, Planned To Do It

Mississippi County Man Kept
Fedora Five Years—Head
Rests on Fancy Pillow He
Had Made For Occasion.

Adhering to the wishes expressed by him several years ago, Green R. Forest, a Mississippi County farmer, was buried near Charleston last week, wearing a hat that he had purchased for the occasion more than five years ago. A fancy pillow, that had been made by Mrs. Forest several years ago at his request, was placed in the casket, and when the coffin was lowered into the grave, his head lay upon the pillow.

Forest was considered well to do. He was well liked in his community, and was known to be somewhat eccentric. It was about five years ago, his wife stated, that he purchased in Charleston a soft black fedora hat, which he announced was to be a part of his shroud.

When Mrs. Forest inquired why he had purchased it, he said he had reached an age when death might come at any time. He said he would place the hat in a box, where it could remain until he might need it. He then induced his wife to make the pillow, which he said, he wanted to lie upon when laid away in the cemetery.

Under protest she complied with his wishes. She kept it in a trunk for the several years, and during the past two years had looked upon her husband's uncanny requests more as a joke than a serious matter.

"By making preparations to die you are certain to enjoy good health," Mrs. Forest often remarked to her husband, whose answer invariably was: "Well, my time must eventually come and when it does, I want to be buried in that hat and upon that pillow."

Three weeks ago he became ill and while his sickness was not looked upon as being of a serious nature, he gradually grew worse. When he was told that he could not live but a short time, and asked if he had any arrangements to make, he summoned his wife to his bedside and whispered: "I want you to see that I wear that hat, and I want you to place that pillow under my head."

When his body had been prepared for burial and was ready to be placed in the casket, Mrs. Forest tucked the fancy pillow at the head of the coffin, and had the undertakers to adjust the black fedora hat upon his head after he had been placed in the casket.

Most of his friends had often heard of Mr. Forest's unusual request, and few were surprised at the unique spectacle that met their gaze when they stepped forward at the grave to look upon Mr. Forest for the last time.

SCHWARTZ PAYS \$100 FINE.

Enters Plea of Guilty to Charge of Common Assault.

Joseph Schwartz yesterday afternoon entered a plea of guilty to a charge of common assault and paid a fine of \$100 and costs in the Circuit Court at Jackson, for a stabbing af-

NELSON O. ELLIS IS IN GRAVE CONDITION

Former Confederate Veteran May
Die as Result of Heart
Trouble.

Nelson O. Ellis, Confederate Civil war veteran, native of Scott County, who is widely known throughout the Cape and Southeast Missouri, is dying of pneumonia at the home of his son, E. P. Ellis on West Independence street.

Mr. Ellis is 77 years old and his extreme age is making the battle for his life extremely hard. He has been ill for the past ten days and in the last few hours has been growing worse.

An additional complication has endangered his life by reason of the fact that he is also having trouble with his heart. Last night, it was said, that if his heart trouble could be overcome, there still is a chance for his recovery.

A week ago last Sunday, Mr. Ellis left his son's home to visit at the home of W. H. Hutson of North Frederick street. When he returned to his home that evening he complained of being a little weak.

His cold set in at that time and he was soon confined to his bed with pneumonia.

Word has been sent to Mrs. J. V. Pool of Little Rock, Ark., a daughter, of her father's illness and she is expected to arrive in the Cape today to be at his bedside.

Mr. Ellis has lived most of his life in Southeast Missouri. After the start of the Civil War, he was drafted into a company of the home guards. He managed to get away and enlisted in the Confederate army.

His son, E. P. Ellis, is an insurance man in the Cape.

MRS. COLYER'S BODY SHIPPED.

Woman Died of Blood Poisoning After Week's Illness.

The body of Mrs. Lulu Colyer, wife of H. P. Colyer, who died early yesterday morning of general blood poisoning after she had been removed from the hospital to her home in South Cape, yesterday was shipped to Greenville, Miss., where the funeral will be held tomorrow.

Mississippi was Mrs. Colyer's native state. The body had been accompanied by the husband, who is a foreman at the yards of the Cape Cooperage company in South Cape.

Mrs. Colyer had been seriously ill for more than a week. She was about 27 years old and is survived by three children.

fray, in which he cut E. E. Lawler, foreman of the car department at the Frisco shops in South Cape several weeks ago.

Schwartz's appearance in court was made for him by his attorney, Harry E. Alexander. He originally was bound over from the Justice Court to the Circuit Court on a charge of assault with intent to kill. This was altered and the plea of guilty was entered.

The cutting occurred on a rainy morning when Schwartz, who does outdoor work, was not put to work by Lawler. Lawler was severely cut in the back.

FOUR BUILDINGS IN HAARIG ARE SWEEPED BY BLAZE

FLANNIGAN ACTS BLACKSMITH AND AS OWN LAWYER SOLOONBURNAND QUIZZES FOLKS BAKERYDAMAGED

Breaks His Reticence To
Argue With Any And
All Comers.

Charles Kaess And Family
Are Rescued By The City
Fireman.

STATE SANDWICHES
IN FORGERY EVIDENCE

MEYER AND SUEDEKUM
SUFFER HEAVY LOSS

Defendant In \$750 Forgery Case
To Address Jury
Today.

Origin of Blaze Unknown—Build-
ing Where Fire Started
To Have Been Wrecked.

Larkin J. Flannigan, yesterday broke a reticence which he has steadfastly maintained since his arrest last fall on a forgery charge, when in his own defense, he matched wits as a trial lawyer with Prosecuting Attorney J. Henry Caruthers and Senator R. B. Oliver, who are conducting the state's case in which he is accused of forging a \$750 draft on the Sturdivant Bank.

Flannigan did not overlook to observe what may be known as time honored mannerisms of the profession—he procrastinated, motioned, questioned, argued, feinted and resorted to sundry court-room tricks.

Despite his tendency to argue the point with witnesses or jurors indiscriminately, or even the judge himself, the state got in a large majority of the evidence that will be introduced against Flannigan.

Several of the jurors, Flannigan succeeded in entangling in a maze of questions and in the afternoon after the jury had been picked and the state's witnesses were being cross-examined, Flannigan tied up some of the witnesses, forced them to him and haw and eventually reply to his queries.

The jurors who were selected to try the case are: L. M. Buckheit, F. J. Dickman, A. C. Dickmann, Robert Keller, Henry Reiker, Henry F. Kiehne, William F. Sonder, Charles Schwettmann, R. A. Ladreiter, G. B. Hemmann, J. E. Jones and R. F. Rehn.

R. J. Wright, bookkeeper in the Little River Drainage District office, was first placed on the witness stand to testify that Flannigan had examined some papers in his office bearing W. Burchiel's signature, the name that was forged to the draft on the New Orleans bank.

Wright was followed by W. O. Bowman, who told of Flannigan's endeavor to cash a draft for \$750 in the First National Bank last noon on the day the forgery was made. And W. Palmer Oliver testified concerning the circumstances under which Flannigan succeeded in cashing the draft at the Sturdivant Bank.

Oliver was followed by W. H. Stubblefield, Jr., Levi Cook, hotel clerk at Sikeston, and Pat Casey, chief of detectives at Cairo, who arrested Flannigan and his companion Waddell Fields in a Cairo rooming house.

Today W. Burchiel will go on the witness stand as well as a representative of the New Orleans bank.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATOR SHOT
AND KILLED FROM AMBUSH

Slayer of Allen Nixon of Ozark,
Franklin County, Hunted With
Bloodhounds.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 5.—Allen Nixon, 43 years old, a member of the Arkansas legislature, was shot and killed instantly from ambush, according to advices received here today from Ozark, Franklin County, his home.

Three deputies, with bloodhounds, are hunting his slayer.

Two months ago Nixon and K. C. McLaughlin, a brother of Neil McLaughlin, who is under death sentence in the Arkansas penitentiary, engaged in a revolver fight, in which McLaughlin was injured so seriously it was thought he would die. Nixon was wounded slightly.

The six children of Charles Kaess and Mrs. Kaess, including a five-year-old son, were rescued by the city firemen from the blacked-out building where the blaze started at 624 Good Hope street, a two-story structure owned by the Good Hope factory at 624 Good Hope street, which was built on the site of the house and greatly damaged by the fire. A South Cape hardware store and the Sturdivant factory.

The total damage that will result from the fire early this morning was conservatively placed at \$15,000. Much of the loss is covered by insurance, but in no case does the insurance fully cover the valuation of the property.

The fire, which was of unknown origin, started about 2:20 o'clock in a shack in the rear of the saloon of Frank Schwartz at 622 Good Hope street.

It was whipped by a strong wind from the north and soon spread to the building in which the saloon is located. From that it leaped to the wagon factory of Al Maurer at 620 Good Hope street.

At first it was believed that the blaze would be kept within that limit, but the flames ate their way into the home of Councilman Kaess from the rear and before they could be checked, they had greatly damaged the bakery downstairs which is owned by Mr. Kaess, and damaged the hardware concern and cigar factory.

Maurer told a reporter for The Tribune that he had machinery and wagons valued at \$1,000 in his place of business. This was covered by insurance, he said, but he was not sure if the insurance will be applicable on account of having sent his policies to have them changed to cover a new location.

John Job, owner of the building in which the wagon factory and saloon were located had planned to begin wrecking the building today in preparation for the erection of a new structure there.

Schwartz said that his loss was \$2,000 in stock and fixtures and he said that but \$1,000 in insurance was carried.

The flames virtually wiped out all vestige of the saloon and wagon factory, and the firemen could do nothing toward saving any part of that structure.

The fire had had a good start before it was discovered. It is believed that the fire was first discovered by Mrs. Kaess. She woke her husband in their apartment next to the building that was afire by shouting "Fire!" "Fire!"

Councilman Kaess said he sprang out of bed and ran to the rear porch where he looked out and saw the entire rear end of the saloon and wagon factory ablaze.

He ran back to his bedroom, where he obtained a revolver, he said and then ran to the window where he fired several shots. These were an alarm for several persons in the immediate neighborhood.

Dr. B. W. Willis, who rooms over the Farmers and Merchants' Bank a few doors west of the fire, said he heard the shots fired and on looking out saw the reflection of the blaze in the windows across the street from him.

He grabbed a telephone in his room and sent in the first alarm. Mr.

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