

GABEL SLAIN TO CLOSE MOUTH ON COX ASSAULT ON DIVE GIRL NEW THEORY

PEDIGOS AND SINCLAIRS, CHEATED BY LOONEY, TURN TO THE COUNTY FOR HELP

Wives and Children of Men Held in Jail Are Without Food or Fuel; Grand Jury Is to Take Recess Until Next Wednesday.

The grand jury investigation of the Rock Island vice situation will be suspended this afternoon until next Wednesday morning, according to the schedule which was announced this noon. The grand jury, however, will be in session tomorrow, but will hear evidence only in cases which will be presented to it by B. S. Bell, state's attorney. These will be charges which have come through the police courts in the last few weeks, the routine work of the grand jury, and not connected with the general vice probe.

VICE PROBE

Thomas Cox, transferred to Moline jail, denies any part in Gabel murder and demands immediate hearing.

New theory in Gabel murder is that killing was first planned after Gabel had witnessed alleged murderous assault by Chief Cox on resort inmate.

Grand jury to recess vice hearing until next Wednesday.

Families of Lawrence Pedigo and Fred Sinclair, husbands of John Looney, appeal to county for food and fuel.

Believed that Looney will soon be taken on grand jury warrant charging him with Gabel murder.

The families of Lawrence Pedigo and Fred Sinclair have appealed to Charles Oswald, overseer of the poor in this township, for fuel and food. An order has already been given by Mr. Oswald to the Pedigo family for coal and further aid will be extended to both families. Pedigo and Sinclair are in the county jail on charges arising from the investigation of Rock Island's vice ring. Neither family had any provisions or the means to procure them.

Pedigo and Sinclair, it was reported to the overseer, had nothing but hopes of securing money from their former chief, John Looney, now a fugitive from justice, on charges of murdering a woman and a federal warrant charging theft of an automobile.

When Looney deserted his gang he made no attempt to settle and whatever property there is of value about the Looney place was scheduled this morning on a writ of attachment secured yesterday by Dan Dret, who claimed that he had lost \$1,500 Liberty bonds and bank certificates and an \$18,000 note.

Are Several Children. Members of the county poor relief committee and Mr. Oswald were scheduled to make their formal investigation of the circumstances of the two families this afternoon, and it is expected that afterward the overseer of the poor will issue the usual orders to supply the two homes with necessities of life. Mrs. Sinclair, her mother and three children live in the Sinclair home and Mrs. Pedigo and four children comprise the Pedigo family.

The case of Helen Van Dale, who is in the Scott county jail in Davenport, in default of \$15,000 bond on a charge of white slavery, has been continued until Dec. 15. The prosecution has asked for the continuance in order that more incriminating evidence may be found. She was arrested Tuesday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock in the old Palmer inn, west of Davenport on the Nebant road, which she had been operating since she was driven from Rock Island. She was arraigned before United States Commissioner A. G. Bush at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening and formally charged with violation of the Mann act.

REBELS CAPTURE PORT. Cork, Dec. 7.—Two hundred rebels yesterday captured the Ballymore barracks, near Carrum, killing one man and wounding 15.

BANK ORDERED CLOSED TODAY. Chicago, Dec. 7.—Bank examinations were in charge of the International state bank, a small west side institution on West Roosevelt road.

The bank was closed by order of a state auditor pending a thorough investigation of its affairs. The state auditor was accompanied by a number of depositors who gathered outside the locked doors.

TEARNEY HEADS WESTERN LEAGUE FOR FIVE YEARS

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 7.—After resigning the presidency of the Western League, A. R. Tearney of Chicago, today was unanimously re-elected for a term of five years without any restrictions on the conduct of the office, at a special meeting of the club owners at the minor league convention today.

Disposition of the Sioux City, Iowa, franchise will be made at the scheduled meeting in Excelsior Springs, Mo., next month. Bobby Wallace, for years a star shortstop with the St. Louis Americans, was signed as scout of the Chicago Nationals. Wallace managed the Muskogee, Okla., club in 1921.

NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR CLARA BEGUN

"Hammer Slayer" Headed East Is Belief of Authorities.

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—Search for Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted "hammer slayer" who escaped from jail here on Tuesday, today had spread to nearly every part of the western half of the United States and into Mexico.

A report that she was on the Los Angeles Limited, No. 8, Union Pacific train, east bound, at Ogden, Utah, apparently was unfounded, for officers at Cheyenne, Wyo., advised that a search of the train there failed to reveal Mrs. Phillips or anyone who resembled her. The search was ordered after a telegram was received here from the sheriff at Ogden who said he believed Clara Phillips was on the train.

The Los Angeles limited left here about eight hours after the escape and the sheriff's office here thought it might have been possible for her to have boarded the train east of here.

Another report had it that Mrs. Phillips was in an airplane, and accompanied by a "blonde woman" was traveling on a ticket reading from Long Beach to Baltimore.

Reported Seen in Omaha. Another report reaching local officials and which they scouted as wild, was that Mrs. Phillips was seen last night at Omaha on a train bound for Chicago. Officials said this would have been impossible unless she flew in an airplane.

A posse headed by Sheriff Tracer crossed the Mexican border into Lower California today bound for the home of Ed T. (Gold Tooth) Johnson, a sporting man who was said to have formed a friendship with Mrs. Phillips while she was in jail last summer. Johnson was held in jail here overnight and questioned to learn if he had knowledge of the convicted slayer's escape.

Search Trains at Scheyenne. Cheyenne officials went through two trains in their search for Mrs. Phillips, they reported. In one train they found a woman who remotely resembled the description of Mrs. Phillips but after questioning they did not detain her. This woman, they said, admitted having been in Los Angeles recently but insisted she boarded the train at Ogden. She had a ticket reading from Ogden to Baltimore. Cheyenne officials said she appeared older than the age given for Mrs. Phillips.

POLICE PROBE MURDER. Chicago, Dec. 7.—Police, investigating the murder of Joseph Alborio with a hatchet in his store in the Italian quarter, expressed belief today that it marked reopening of the blackhand war.

IRELAND'S HEAD



When Timothy Healy accepted the position of governor-general of the Irish Free state, the violent republicans made capital out of the time-honored tradition that he signified his acceptance by kissing the hand of King George. Healy is 67 years old and has long been a storm center in Irish politics. At one time Parnell's secretary, he later became a bitter opponent of Parnell, Redmond and rival Irish leaders.

URGES CAPITAL TO AID MINING IN ALASKA NOW

Washington, Dec. 7.—Capital and a home-centralized government are the prime requisite for development of Alaska, Governor Scott Bone declared today in his annual report. "Not until mining is inaugurated on a large and generous scale and industries started and permitted to thrive," he added, "will homesteads find occupants and markets, and population multiply, and opportunities offered in all directions."

COLD WEATHER WILL CONTINUE

Chicago, Dec. 7.—There was no great relief for the north west from the near-zero temperatures as the first cold wave of winter gradually extended southward today giving the Pacific slope its first touch of real winter almost as far south as the Mexican border and threatening to overspread the Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys by Friday.

While minus temperatures still prevailed in the northwest, the thermometers last night did not drop to the low mark reached previously.

U. S. DEMAND STRAITS BE OPEN TO ALL

America Outlines Plans for Settling War in Near East.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—American foreign policy under the Harding administration has developed its first concrete participation in European affairs in nearly two years. And it is an interesting coincidence that the announcement should be made on the very day that former Premier Clemenceau of France and former President Wilson should be indulging in reminiscences over the famous 14 points on which Germany accepted an armistice in the great war.

FOUR DIE AS HOME BURNS

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Four of the six children of Joseph and Veronica Budak were burned to death and the parents and their two remaining children were severely burned in a fire early today that partially destroyed their home. Firemen believe the blaze was started by an overheated stove.

FEEDS BOOTLEG LIQUOR TO PIGS

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 7.—When a flying squadron of federal prohibition agents visited the farm of Gilbert Durham in the sparsely settled hills north of Cairo, near Delta, Ill., they thought a wave of cholera had struck the vicinity, for hundreds of hogs were stretched out in the pen on their backs, according to the story told today by the officers.

TWO MEN SLUG TAXI DRIVER

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 7.—After being slugged by two men he had taken in his taxicab from Sycamore to Barrington, near here, A. Bernick was bound with wires and left to die by freezing in a cemetery late yesterday afternoon.

MINERS, OPERATORS WILL MEET JAN. 3

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The situation in the soft coal industry remained unchanged today, as operators, miners and the public entered a period of waiting for the Jan. 3 joint conference here of miners and operators out of which it was hoped would come a wage scale preventing a strike next spring.

SALOONKEEPER ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN WITNESS OF BEER BOTTLE ATTACK

Said to Have Walked Into Helen Van Dale's Resort as Chief of Police Is Delivering Blow From Which Victim Is Said to Have Died.

Was Bill Gabel killed because he witnessed an alleged murderous assault on a girl by Thomas Cox in a notorious Rock Island dive? Was Bill Gabel killed because he "knew too much" about how Rock Island's immunity ring operated, and was showing an inclination to unburden himself to prohibition officials? Or was it the combination of both circumstances, unfortunate for Gabel, perhaps, that marked him for death?

COX IN DENIAL OF HAVING PART IN GABEL CASE

Former Chief Admits He Was in Helen Van Dale Resort When Killing Took Place.

Thomas Cox, now a prisoner in the Moline city jail, denies all connection with the Gabel murder. The former Rock Island police chief, who resigned that office last Monday, issued a statement through Attorney C. E. Dietz in which he demands an immediate hearing in connection with the murder indictment returned against him yesterday by the grand jury.

Cox is said to admit that he was in Helen Van Dale's resort, adjacent to the Gabel saloon, on the night and at the time Gabel was slain. But Cox, it is reported, claims he was in the resort as an investigator aiding R. C. Goss, federal agent.

The ex-chief will assert, it is reported, that he knew nothing about the Gabel murder until at least an hour after the fatal shots were fired, despite the fact that he was within a few yards from the place where the murder occurred.

Cox apparently was taken to Moline to prevent his conferring with Lawrence Pedigo, now in Rock Island county jail and also under indictment for the Gabel murder.

When informed of the alleged reason for his removal from the county jail to Moline the ex-chief is reported to have said that this precaution was absurd, that he would have nothing to do or say with Pedigo.

Cox was taken to Moline late yesterday afternoon by Sheriff C. L. Edwards and Deputy Sheriff Charles Morrison, Jr. The statement in which he denied all connection with the Gabel murder was issued at noon today, following an hour's conference with Attorney Dietz.

No one except Dietz and the Moline police officers who have brought Cox his meals have seen the ex-chief since he was locked up.

GIRL TELLS OF HER LIASIONS

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 7.—Miss Frances Birkhead, a start witness yesterday in her \$100,000 damage suit against Lee M. Russell, governor of Mississippi, based on charges of seduction and other serious allegations, was recalled to the witness stand when the trial was resumed today.

Miss Birkhead, who repeated in detail her charges and declared the governor responsible for her condition, resulting in an operation which she declares has permanently impaired her health, was under direct examination for nearly three hours yesterday.

Governor Russell denied all charges contained in Miss Birkhead's petition. In her testimony Miss Birkhead was employed by the governor as a stenographer during the gubernatorial campaign in 1918.

"The governor appeared interesting and he told me he loved me," she said. "He told me he was going to get a divorce."

"He never left the office without kissing me good-bye," Miss Birkhead testified. Questioning today concerned a visit made by the young woman to Memphis in December, 1918, and in regard to an operation to have been performed there.

JUNK DEALER FOUND GUILTY

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 7.—David Goldman, Rockford junk dealer, accused of having stolen government property from Camp Grant in his possession, was found guilty in federal court at Freeport this morning.

The jury, however, indicated in its report that it believed a fine would be sufficient penalty.

WIFE WINNER IN BALM SUIT

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 7.—An award of \$465,000 was made today by the jury which for more than 40 hours had deliberated over the million-dollar claim of Mrs. Dorrit Stevens Woodhouse against her wealthy parents-at-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo E. Woodhouse of New York and this city, for the alienation of the affections of her husband, Douglas Woodhouse. The case has consumed five weeks in hearing.

SEEK TO AMEND PACKER CONTROL TO ADMIT PROBE

Washington, Dec. 7.—Amendment of the packer control law to restore the federal trade commission's power to investigate the meat packing industry was proposed in a bill today by Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, who yesterday secured adoption of a resolution inquiring into the proposed Armour-Morris merger.

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THE WEATHER

Snow probable tonight and Friday. Coldest. Highest temperature yesterday, 34; lowest, last night, 23. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 3 miles per hour. Precipitation last 24 hours, .21 inch. 12 m. 7 p. m. 7 a. m. yesterday, yesterday. Today. Dry bulb 32 34 33 Wet bulb 28 31 30 Rel. humidity 63 72 104 River stage at 7 a. m., 2.1, a fall of 1 in last 24 hours. Sunset today 4:22; sunrise tomorrow 7:15. ANDREW HARRICK, Meteorologist.

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