

COLLEGE BOY IS HELD MURDERER

Coroner's Jury Blames Clara Olson's Death on Missing Youth

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. Dec. 7 (AP).—The brand of murder has been placed on Erdman Olson, missing college student, by a coroner's jury, as its part in the drama of Clara Olson's death.

Clara's body, recovered last week from a crude grave in a hilly wilderness today receives Christian burial in a little churchyard cemetery, the closing scene of the visitation of tragedy upon the rugged and peaceful hills of Southwestern Wisconsin.

Erdman, 18-year-old sweetheart of Clara, who was four years his senior, was named as the slayer yesterday. The coroner's jury concluded that the youth deliberately plotted her death, bringing her from her home with a promise of marrying her before she became the mother of a baby she was expecting.

The evidence at the inquest was crowned with introduction of a letter found in the girl's dress, when the body was covered. It was from Erdman to Clara, outlining plans for their flight and marriage, and instructing the girl to meet him the night of Sept. 9.

He told her "to bring all the money you can if you want to make a nice trip of it," warned her to burn all his letters and cautioned her that "if you do not do as I say your chance will be shot."

Erdman's whereabouts have not been known since Sept. 27, when he quit his senior studies at Gale college and fled, a day after Clara's father had visited him and demanded to know where the girl could be found.

ANOTHER EUROPEAN VISITOR IS RECALLED



Death Penalty for Mail Bandits Is Recommended by Postmaster General

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP).—The death penalty for mail bandits is a requirement for the carrying on of the nation's postal business, Postmaster General New said today in his annual report to President Coolidge.

He urged that congress enact drastic legislation to impose the extreme sentence upon any man who undertakes to rob the mails by firearms or who places the lives of postal employees in jeopardy.

Attacks on the mails by bandits have become so frequent, he said, and the methods employed have become so ruthless, that "it is the unqualified opinion of the postmaster general that more drastic punishment should be provided by law for offenders in cases of this character." The report did not mention the specific bandit holdups which caused him recently to ask that the United States marshal be called out to guard the mails, with orders to shoot to kill.

Notwithstanding the depredations of criminals on the orderly workings of his department, the postmaster general reported steadily increasing business with a corresponding lowering of the deficit which to date has been returned yearly. He noted progress in handling the mails by air, train, motor vehicle and other means of transportation, and asserted that despite the expansion of the service and the \$70,000,000 raise in postal salaries, actual expenditures last year exceeded revenues by only \$19,727,379.

Had it not been for the salary increases, New said, operations for the year would have shown an actual surplus, and this despite the fact that new postal rates produced less than half enough to meet the salary raises.

Actually, with adjustments on account of undischarged obligations for the fiscal year 1925, civil service retirement fund requirements and 1926 obligations outstanding, the postmaster general fixed expenditures and undischarged liabilities at \$697,725,919, producing an operating deficit of \$37,906,115, compared with \$49,453,050 a year ago.

Other Recommendations
New recommended his report with a number of other recommendations, including one which would exclude fire arms from the mails, and another which would have all postmasters classified under the civil service and the four year term of presidential appointments abolished. Under the present law only fourth class postmasters are classified. Recommendation was also made for the restoration of the 1-cent rate on private mailing or post cards, and for the reduction of rates on publications mailed by the general public to 1-cent for each two ounces, regardless of distance.

It was noted in the report that the per capita expenditure of the United States for postage was \$1.27 as compared with \$4.65 the previous year. Illustrating that the public is careless in using the mailing privilege, more than 24,000,000 undeliverable letters found their way to the dead letter office, and \$5,530,256 in checks, money, and money orders was contained in them.

Light Airmail Route
Plans have been laid for lighting the entire transcontinental airmail route, the report said, and when that is completed a schedule will be arranged to permit departure from both termini after the close of the business day, instead of in the morning as at present. Operation of the route by private enterprise is being sought.

The slight increase in pound rates on the advertising sections of newspapers and magazines to certain zones had no deterrent effect in the ever-increasing volume of such matter, according to Mr.

Ambassador to England Is Ill

BELFAST, Dec. 7 (AP).—Alanson B. Houghton, U. S. ambassador to Great Britain who is said to be suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, has been ordered by his physician not to come to Belfast tomorrow to open a charity bazaar.

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP).—The American embassy today confirmed the statement from Belfast that Alanson B. Houghton, the American ambassador, was ill.

It is said Houghton was in no immediate danger. His indisposition began with a cold he caught Thanksgiving day.

First-rank professors of the University of Paris received \$1200 a year, second rank, \$1100 and third rank \$652.

Land Commissioner Delivers Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP).—Blades of grass which have been food for bitter controversy between users of public stock grazing lands will come under the regulatory finger of the government if recommendations of the commissioner of the general land office contained in his report to the secretary of the interior are put into effect.

Taking the view that injury to verdant forage growths scattered over the government lands and forests results from unrestricted grazing of stock, the commissioner said "the secretary of the interior should be authorized by law to designate lands chiefly valuable for their pasture and to adopt such rules as will insure an equitable use of such areas."

A woman in South Carolina, without leaving her kitchen, sold 2,200 pounds of cake last year. Pastry for bridal ceremonies formed her specialty, many cakes being sent to distant points.

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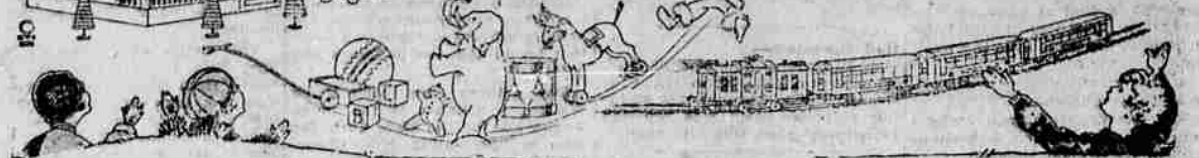
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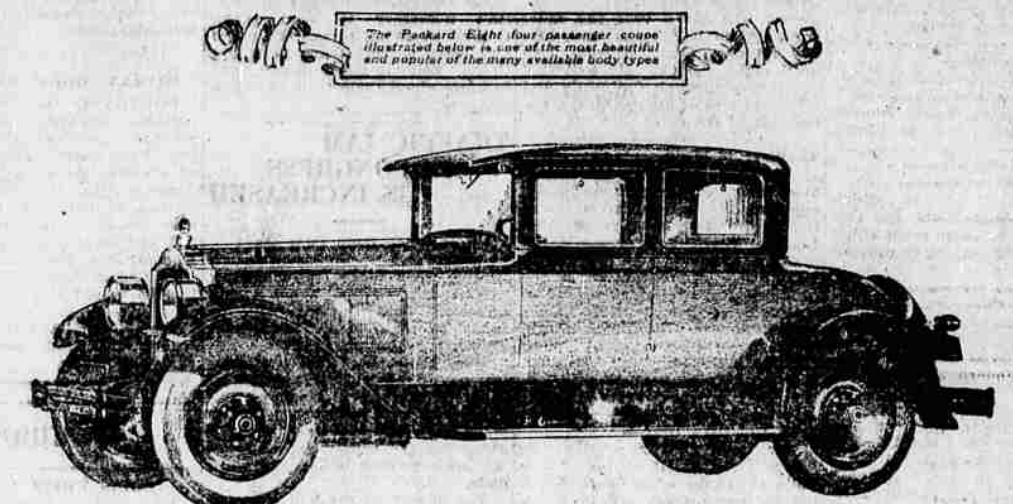
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