

MURDER OF FAMILY
CONFESSED BY LEE

Boonville Man Angered When
Mother Refused Him Money
for His Wedding.

OWN \$100 SQUANDERED

Prisoner Shown to Have Been Idler
Since Boyhood—Officers Split
Him to Reformatory to
Avoid Lynching.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 27.—William Lee, 23 years old, on Saturday confessed that he murdered his father, Richard Lee, his mother and younger brother, Clarence, and then set fire to the family home at Boonville Thursday.

In a verbal and written statement to Sheriff Davis, Lee said that his motive was anger because his parents would not consent to his marriage with Mina Taylor, which he had planned for Thursday night, and would not give him money with which to set up house-keeping.

When the confession was made public, officers started with Lee in an automobile for the State Reformatory at Jeffersonville to prevent possible mob violence.

Lee had previously made a statement that he had killed his father in self-defense with an ax after the father had murdered his wife and younger son.

Wedding Funds Gone.

Lee said that he went Wednesday night to Newburg and called on his fiancée. They talked of the arrangements for their wedding. He had had \$100 in the bank, but had spent it. He knew his parents had \$50 in the house. He returned home late at night and his mother reprimanded him. He told her he was determined to be married the following day, and she answered that he should not, that he must stay at home.

Going to his own room, Lee said, he brooded until he was "out of his mind." Suddenly he rushed into the room where his father, mother and brother usually slept.

"I grabbed an ax by the door," he said, "and struck for my father, but hit my mother. My brother rose up and I struck him. Then my father, who was outside, ran in and started to grab me by the throat. I hit him and he fell. I was cowed so badly that I did not know what I was doing."

Match Sets Bed Ablaze.

Lee said he lit a match to see what he had done and then dropped the flaming match on the bed where his mother's body lay.

The flames flashed up and blinded him, he went on, "and I bumped into my room, put on my trousers and ran to alarm the neighbors."

The fire in the Lee home was put out before the bodies had been more than scorched and the patricide stolidly helped carry them out to the lawn, insisting that he did not know how they came to their death.

Lee is illiterate and has been an idler since boyhood, according to testimony at the coroner's inquest, which closed today at Boonville.

ALASKA CHEERS FISHER

Secretary Receives Cordial Welcome
at Cordova.

CORDOVA, Alaska, Aug. 27.—Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher was greeted with a rousing welcome at Cordova, Alaska, when he arrived Saturday morning for his experience in the storm on Controller Bay. Mr. Fisher was accorded a rousing welcome by Cordova, Alaska, when he arrived Saturday morning for his experience in the storm on Controller Bay.

The memorial set forth that the people of Alaska have confidence in the great mineral resources of the country and assert that the withdrawal from entry of the coal lands has completely paralyzed progress in the territory. The memorial concludes by asking that all unnatural impediments to the development of Alaska be removed.

Secretary Fisher responded by assuring the Cordovans that he would give Alaska the same fair treatment accorded any other part of the country that came under his jurisdiction.

MAN GROUND UNDER TRAIN

Switch Engine and Cars Crash Out
Life of Joe Moore.

Joe Moore, or J. Dorn, said to live at 88 Morris street, was run down by a switch engine in the Northern Pacific terminal yards at the foot of Marshall street, at 9 o'clock Saturday night and was so severely injured that he died at St. Vincent's Hospital two hours later. The right leg was cut off below the knee and the right arm was badly crushed. He was removed to the hospital in a Red Cross ambulance.

In the yards where he was picked up he mumbled the name of J. Dorn, which was interpreted to be M. Joe Moore, of 88 Morris street. At the hospital he gave the name of J. Dorn.

Just before the accident the man inquired of T. F. Rooney, the watchman, for a place to sleep and was referred to the police station. It is believed he lay down on the tracks to sleep. Switch Engine No. 11 and a number of cars ran over him.

MAN IS KICKED OFF TRAIN

Negro, Beating His Way, Suffers
Broken Back.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 27.—Jerry King, beating his way to Portland on a freight train today, was kicked off by a brakeman and his back was broken and this is expected to cause his death. King is the negro who cut a Centralia policeman seriously two years ago and was sent to Walla Walla to serve a two-year sentence.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Bishop this morning visited the St. Helens Hospital where King is lying and secured a statement. The ex-convict said he was standing on the bumpers between cars when one brakeman told him to get off, but as the train was going too fast he told the brakeman he could not do so without running risk of severe injury. According to King the brakeman shoved him off the fast-moving train causing him to land about 40 feet from the track, thereby breaking his back. He is paralyzed from the hips down.

ACTRESS WHO IS AGAIN HARD HIT BY FATE IN LOSS OF HOME AND FURNITURE.



MARJORIE MAHR.

MISS MAHR FIRE-HIT

Apartments Owned by Crip-
pled Girl Destroyed.

ESTIMATED LOSS \$25,000

Building Is Set Ablaze Late Last
Night and Is Supposed to Have
Been Caused by Reason of
Defect in Wiring.

The Mahr Apartments, 228 North Twentieth street, purchased by Miss Marjorie Mahr with funds contributed by charitable citizens of Portland a year ago, after the little actress lost both legs in a railroad accident, were nearly destroyed by fire at 11 o'clock Saturday night. No lives were lost, but the damage to the building and furniture will amount to \$20,000 to \$25,000, covered by insurance.

Marjorie Is Cool.

Throughout the excitement and ordeal of seeing all she possessed threatened with destruction, Miss Mahr was the coolest of the tenants and exhibited the same gameness that marked her attitude when she bravely faced the death, alone and crippled, a year ago.

"Just a year ago I started all over again," said Miss Mahr, philosophical in "and suppose I must start over again, now. I worked so hard on the apartments, and things were just beginning to run right again, but I must build it all over."

There were 22 families in the building, a total of nearly 100 persons and 16 were children. Most of them had gone to bed but were awakened and hurried out of the building without panic. Nearly all of the tenants immediately thought of Miss Mahr, and many rushed to her assistance and carried her out in her wheel chair.

Fire Department Notified.

W. G. Thrall and E. C. Reckard, occupying apartment 18 on the third floor at the front of the building, came home about 11 o'clock and noticed smoke coming from an opening in the folding doors. They looked between the walls in the door slide and saw flames creeping upward. They telephoned to the fire department and unrolled the house-hose and turned the water on the fire in apartment 18, unoccupied, where flames had broken through the walls and floor.

Jack Barry, utility player for the Portland Coast League team, and his wife and child were asleep in apartment 20, and were routed out by stifling smoke. They had the most narrow escape of all, as the flames had almost eaten their way through the floor of their bedroom. The entire family escaped in their night-clothes, but all the tenants had time to dress.

Defective Wiring Thought Cause.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by defective wiring of crossed wires, as it originated between floors or walls. The flames crept under the third and fourth floors of most of the building and up the walls until they broke out in apartment 19 and burst through the roof.

The personal belongings of nearly half the tenants were more or less damaged by smoke and water. Efforts were made to carry furniture into the street, but when it was seen the fire was under control the occupants of the building stood outside waiting till they could re-enter.

CHURCH DUTIES POINTED

Dr. W. J. Williamson, of St. Louis,
Urges Men to Join Movement.

That it is through the churches that the evils which afflict society are to be annihilated, and that only through the increased support given these organizations by the men in the congregations that this can be done, was the

declaration made by Dr. William J. Williamson, of St. Louis, who spoke last night in the First Presbyterian Church on the purposes of the "Men in Religion Forward Movement," which is to be undertaken here this Fall in a series of meetings. Dr. Williamson dwelt upon the necessity of increased membership of men in church congregations, in order that the industrial questions could be more practically dealt with.

He pointed out the many responsibilities that rest with the association, such as the care of slum children and the protection of underpaid shop girls. Dr. Williamson deplored the craze for wealth and luxury, and expressed the opinion that the gulf between capital and labor is widening. He asserted that the only solution to this great question was to be found in a stronger devotion to Christian principles.

Dr. Williamson spoke earlier in the evening at a dinner in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A., which was attended by members of the committee in charge of arrangements for the Portland meetings of the Men and Religion Forward Movement. Dr. Williamson is a guest here of President Gray, of the Hill lines in the Pacific Northwest.

HEMIPTERA CLAN HERE

ODORIFEROUS BUG PAYS PORT-
LAND SECOND VISIT.

Offensive Little Insect Reappears,
Garbed in Somber Colors and
Ready for Business.

A species of the heteropterous branch of the great hemiptera clan has made its reappearance in Portland. People who do not care if they hurt the feelings of the insect refer to him generally as the "stinkbug," and it was a visitation of these about five years ago that got on the olfactory nerves of the householders of the city to such an extent that the threat of a second swarm this Summer is viewed with anything but serenity.

In their former visit the insects appeared in great numbers that they made life fairly miserable for sensitive persons. They got into the houses, they got into the stores, they intruded themselves and their nauseous odor into public parks when the visitation ceased everyone was ready to heave a sigh of relief and breathe a fervent prayer that it might happen "never again."

This Summer the odoriferous bug has made his reappearance at several of the Summer resorts, taking especial pleasure apparently in coming round and breaking up pleasant parties assembled about the campfires at night.

In Portland a number of them have been noticed lately in stores, in some of the saloons and in a few cases in the parkways. They are a simple appearing bug, done in quiet colors, gray or black, but they won't stand for annoyance, and if one inadvertently disturbs them they retaliate by making the circumambient atmosphere sufficiently uncomfortable for all concerned.

CAPTAIN LEAVES SING SING

Pardon Granted Commander of Gen-
eral Slocum.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Captain William Van Schaick, 72 years old, commander of the excursion steamer General Slocum when it burned in Hell Gate June 15, 1904, with a loss of a thousand lives, mostly women and children, was pardoned by the United States Government today. He returned to his home tonight from Sing Sing prison.

He was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and had served 2 1/2 years.

LAWSON TO FACE COURT

Violation of Lottery Law Charged to
Boston Financier.

BOSTON, Aug. 27.—Charged with violation of the Massachusetts lottery law by "raffling" off a horse and phaeton at the county fair, of which he is chief officer, Thomas W. Lawson, financier, was served with a summons tonight to appear in the Plymouth County Court to answer the charge on Monday.

Bear Attacks Pigs.

HUSUM, Wash., August 27.—(Special.)—While devouring a large hog which it had killed on the ranch of E. Fish, two miles north, a bear was driven away by dogs recently. Hunters failed to find the animal, which later played havoc with a litter of

pigs on the same ranch. The scarcity of acorns this year is believed to be the cause for bears appearing on the bottom lands and attacking livestock.

LONGEST FLIGHT MADE

French Aviator Makes 746 Miles in
Continuous Trip in 15 Hours.

MOURMELON, Aug. 27.—M. Helles a young French aviator, today broke the record for a single continuous long flight, in competition for the Michelin cup. He recovered 1200 kilometers (746 miles) in 15 hours.

The previous record for the Michelin cup was made by Jules Vedrines last year, when he covered 800 kilometers in 7 hours 56 minutes and 28 seconds. Helles flew over a measured course and landed at Chalons-sur-Marne. The prize is the sum of \$4000 and a bronze copy of an object of art, costing \$2000. The contest began in 1908, when it was won by Wilbur Wright with a flight of 74.5 miles.

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FLANDERS "20" was the lowest priced car in the contest. Dead Horse Hill is one mile long with a rise of over 400 feet to the mile. Newspaper accounts say course was slow because of bad surface and one very bad spot near finish line.

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Sending you photograph of WITT in victorious FLANDERS on the hill.

She has now only to win the three hundred mile Savanna Road Race to prove her invincibility in speed as she proved her reliability in the Little Glidden; her staying powers in Minneapolis, to Helena Montana reliability run, and her hill climbing qualities on Dead Horse Hill. Watch the little wonder at Savanna.

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