

MAN ARRESTED AS SLAYER OF WIDOW

Woman Formerly His Partner Betrays John B. Koetters to Detectives.

"SPITE WORK" IS CHARGED

Prisoner Tells San Francisco Police He Will Return to Chicago Without Extradition—Vigil Is Long Maintained.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—John B. Koetters, alias John Nieman, who was arrested here last night, accused of the murder of Mrs. Emma Kraft in a Chicago hotel on November 14, 1912, reiterated tonight his former declarations of innocence, attributed his arrest and present predicament to the "spite work" of his former associate in business here, Mrs. Viola Price, a widow, and agreed to return to Chicago without extradition. He told the police authorities today that he had nothing to fear in Chicago and could explain everything satisfactorily.

Detectives have been maintaining a watch over Koetters' safe deposit vault since January 22, when the police department came into possession of information that Koetters was in or near San Francisco. Koetters had taken his valuables from the safe deposit box on January 13 but it was believed that he would return.

Woman Refuses to Make Will.
Mrs. Price declared that Koetters' frequent importunities for her to marry him excited her suspicions.

"One day he took me into the office of an attorney," said Mrs. Price, "and said: 'This lady wants to draw up a will, but I told the attorney that I didn't want to, and I refused to make a will. He kept annoying and teasing me to make a will, but I steadily refused, and then he began to quarrel with me and make my life miserable. Finally I bought back his interest in the hotel, giving him \$950 on January 7.'

"Later he told some false and scandalous stories about me to mutual friends. I told him he had better quit talking about me and let me alone for libel. He wanted to know what I expected to get out of him. He said he had only his shoes and coat."

Police Are Waiting.
"On January 13 he left and sent me a scandalous letter from Sacramento. It was soon after this the police got on his trail, I think, and I arranged with the detective to let me know when he returned to this city. He telephoned me yesterday and I tried to arrange to have him meet me at 11 o'clock."

Koetters insisted on making the engagement for last night and Mrs. Price immediately notified the police department. When Koetters met Mrs. Price at an appointed street corner he was arrested. He made no resistance.

"I am glad to be in jail," said Mrs. Price. "I feel that I have escaped from a great danger."

Koetters admitted his identity and told the police that he knew Mrs. Kraft in Chicago, but denied that he ever was engaged to her or ever went out with her.

LOAN FUND FOR STUDENTS

Proposal of Endowment for Reed College Is Submitted.

One of the most prominent attorneys of Portland called on President Foster this week in behalf of one of his clients who wishes to endow Reed College with income-bearing property sufficient to enable eight or ten students annually to continue their work in Reed College. The fund will be named for the donor, whose name has not yet been announced, and the principal held in trust as a perpetual memorial. This will be the fourth loan fund established to aid worthy students at Reed College. The others are the Alice Houston, the Fechtelmeier scholarship and the Booth loan fund.

Loans are made only to students who are earning a considerable part of their college expenses. All of the students who have been aided thus far have earned more by labor on the campus in the dining hall, or library or laboratories, or by other means, than they have received from loans.

BECKER REHEARING RUMOR

Decision on Appeal of Convicted ex-Police Lieutenant Expected.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Although there is no way of ascertaining positively it was believed tonight that a decision in the case of Charles Becker, ex-police lieutenant sentenced to death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, will be handed down tomorrow by the court of appeals. The rumor has been to the effect that a new trial would be granted Becker.

It is barely possible that a decision in the appeal of the four guards who were convicted of the same crime will be handed down with the decision in the Becker case.

JAPAN IS LECTURE TOPIC

Dr. Vosburg Makes Farewell Address at Lincoln High School.

"The Heart of Old Japan" was the subject chosen by Dr. Vosburg for his farewell lecture at the Lincoln High School auditorium last night. The lecture was illustrated by pictures taken during the festival time and showing the Japanese at their sports, their work and in their schools.

Dr. Vosburg, in his lecture, which is likely to be passed up by the tourist, the swirling rapids and the heart of the mountains.

The lecture was under the auspices of the Grade Teachers' Association.

YOUTHS TO FIGHT LIQUOR

Organization Perfected at Y. M. C. A. Intended to Spread.

What is intended to be the nucleus of a Nation-wide movement of young men against the liquor traffic was organized by the Young Emancipators of America in a meeting in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. last night. The purpose is to cement the entire youth of the country in a movement to back up the prohibition fight. The organization work will be in charge of E. A. Rowell, of this city.

BABY AND MOTHER WHO LOST HER JOB WHEN CHUBBY YOUNGSTER ARRIVED.



MRS. BRIDGET PEIXOTTO AND HER HEIR.

JOB PRICE OF BABY

Mother-Teacher Loses Final Fight for Old Place.

COURT UPHOLDS OFFICERS

Suit for Reinstatement, Appealed by Board of Education, Ends With Decree Against Mrs. Peixotto in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Because she is the mother of a bouncing baby, Mrs. Bridget C. Peixotto cannot teach in the public schools of New York. This was the decision of the Court of Appeals, to which the Board of Education carried its case after Mrs. Peixotto won her suit for reinstatement before Judge Seabury, of the lower court.

Mrs. Peixotto formerly taught in Public School 14, Bronx Borough. She took a leave of absence when the strike approached and after the youngster arrived Mrs. Peixotto asked for reinstatement, which was refused. She then started suit and won.

In its decision the Court of Appeals says Mrs. Peixotto should have taken her grievances up with the Commissioner of Education instead of going to court.

SETTLERS OBTAIN TIME

IRRIGATION CHARGES TO BE SET AT END OF SEASON OF 1914.

Letter Received at North Yakima Also Says Assessments Will Be Fixed on Basis of Water Used.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Maintenance and operating charges for 1914 on reclamation projects will not be collected at the beginning of the season, but at its close, and then on the basis of water used, according to notice received at the North Yakima headquarters of the Reclamation Service today from Commissioner Ryan, of the Reclamation Service. The letter applies to all projects.

The departure will greatly relieve many settlers on new projects. According to the brief outline of the plan, no attempt will be made to fix charges until December 1, and variations will be made in proportion to whether the use of water has been economical or not. Collections, therefore, will be made after the settlers have harvested and sold their crops. A point which the notice leaves uncertain is what the charge will be on lands which do not take water. Heretofore a level charge per acre has been made on all irrigable lands under every project, whether or not they actually were irrigated.

RICH WOMAN NOW ALIEN

FORMER MISS MARY VAN ALEN CALLED TO COURT.

Customs Officers Declare Late American Girl United States Citizen and Liable to Duty.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Griswold Thompson, who was Miss Mary Van Alen, of London and Newport, went to the appraiser's stores, Christopher and Washington streets, the other day in her green automobile to appear before the General Board of Appraisers, which is trying to decide whether Mrs. Van Alen Thompson is an American citizen or not. She was accompanied by Mr. Thompson and her lawyer, James F. Curtis, ex-Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Thompson, a broker of this city, and his bride arrived at Boston on the White Star liner Arabic on October 16, having been married in London a month previously.

The appraisers at Boston figured that she was an American citizen, having been born here and having married an American. Mrs. Thompson differed with them, and with some success, for her goods, including many valuable gowns, were delivered under bond and the whole matter was turned over to

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TIMBERMAN STILL LOST

YOUNG BRIDE OF J. A. SPAULDING ASKS FURTHER AID.

Roseburg Commercial Club Asked to Help Locate Man Who Went Into Woods Apparently to Cruise.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. James A. Spaulding, of Seattle, has asked the Roseburg Commercial Club to assist her in locating her husband, who, it was reported several days ago, disappeared December 5 from Roseburg.

Captain Spaulding, who is well known by local timbermen, spent December 4 in Roseburg in attendance at a meeting of the Oregon Development Congress. That night he disappeared and has not been seen since. His name does not appear on local hotel registers, neither is there anyone who can remember seeing him here as late as December 5.

A few weeks ago it was thought he might have gone to the holdings of the Spaulding Timber Company, near Oakland, and inquiry was sent there regarding his whereabouts. A reply was received that he had not been seen there.

COVER D'ALENE, Idaho, Feb. 12.—Relatives of Captain A. Spaulding, of this city, ex-State Senator from Kootenai County, a citizen well known throughout the state, who disappeared December 4, say that no word has been received from him by them. Mr. Spaulding is a man past middle age and early last Fall married a woman many years his junior. Up to the time of his disappearance he had made his home at Seattle.

SHOE FACTORY IS GUARDED

Men, Women and Girl Employees in Milwaukee on Strike.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 12.—Scores of policemen and detectives guarded the A. H. Weinbrenner Shoe Company's plant tonight while private detectives escorted the strike-breaking shoe-workers from the factory to automobiles, which whisked them away.

Hundreds of men, women and girl strikers marched in front of the factory with an American flag at their head, jeering the strikebreakers and the police. Attempts were made to assault the machines, but the strikers, with policemen clinging to the sides of the automobiles, evaded trouble. Rocks, snow and other missiles were hurled at the strikebreakers, but no one was injured. Two arrests were made.

Officers of the United Shoe Workers' Union, who have charge of the strike, say there are 1800 workers out, while the factory heads say there are only a few hundred. The police assert 1200 men and women have struck.

Crowd Out for Programme.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—With the local banks closed today, citizens paid tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, the big auditorium of the Riverside Congregational Church, where a public program, under the auspices of Canby Post, Grand Army of the Republic, was rendered, was crowded. Addresses were delivered by Rev. E. A. Harris and Attorney J. H. Hazlett.

In Russia only 11 in 10,000 people are mad; in England the rate is 52 in 10,000.

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PRICE OF WORK AT ISSUE

Judge Morrow Hears Arguments in Hall-Street Improvement Case.

A legal battle to determine whether property owners in the Hall street improvement district shall pay \$30,400 or \$13,935 for the Hall street and Heights Club to retain the walls was begun yesterday before Circuit Judge Morrow and will continue this morning. Arguments are being made by Deputy City Attorney Latourette, for the city, and Attorney A. E. Clark for the property owners.

Specifications under which the work was undertaken provided that the expense should be \$13,935, but it was learned that a larger wall would have to be built. The property owners contend that this authorization not having been given, neither is there any money they were absolved from payment of the additional amount.

They carried the issue to the Supreme Court on appeal, and the court directed the city to make a new assessment. Following a report by engineers, who estimated that the work was worth \$30,400, the city, they were absolved from payment of the additional amount.

County Gets Gravel Rate.
Road Building Expected to Be Encouraged in Linn County.

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J. R. GARFIELD WILL RUN

Roosevelt Cabinet Member Wants to Be Governor of Ohio.

LIMA, O., Feb. 12.—James R. Garfield, of Cleveland, Secretary of the Interior under President Roosevelt, announced his candidacy for the Progressive nomination for Governor, at a meeting of Ohio state Progressives here tonight.

Arthur L. Garford, of Elyria, a candidate for Governor two years ago, will run for United States Senator on the Progressive ticket.

WHAT TO DO FOR NEURALGIA

The one great symptom of neuralgia is pain; the one great cause is lack of nutrition for the nerves, in plain language—starved nerves.

There are two things to do for any form of neuralgia. Apply heat to the affected part to soothe the pain, and feed the nerves by taking a tonic containing the elements needed by them. Heat, as afforded by hot flannel, hot water bags, etc., kills the inflamed nerves into temporary quiet. It does not cure. Not until the nutrition of the nerves is restored will the inflammation subside.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills furnish to the blood the needed elements and the blood conveys them to the nerves. The only way of getting food or medicine to the nerves is through the blood. Remember that.

Neuralgia in a general term. It means inflammation of a nerve. It is given different names according to the nerve affected. Sciatica is neuralgia of the sciatic nerve. Application of heat will soothe the pain in all forms of neuralgia and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills correct the condition that caused it.

Your own druggist sells Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., will send you a little book on "Home Treatment of Nervous Disorders" for the asking. —Adv.



Boys' Specials

continue until the end of this week — come today and tomorrow for genuine bargains in boys' apparel.

\$5.00 Knicker Suits at \$2.50
\$6-\$6.50 Knicker Suits \$3.95
\$7.50-\$8 Knicker Suits \$4.95

Boys' \$1.50 Sweaters 95c
Boys' \$1.50 Hats 98c
Boys' 75c and \$1 Shirts 50c
Boys' \$1.50 Shirts 75c
Boys' Store, Second Floor

BEN SELLING

Leading Clothier
Morrison Street at Fourth



CAPTAIN IS QUIZZED

Master of Wrecked Steamer Tells Why He Quit Vessel.

PASSENGERS LEFT BEHIND

Mariner Says Other Lives Would Have Been Lost Had He Remained Aboard Sinking Steamer—Monroe After Collision.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—What means Captain Edward E. Johnson, of the steamer Monroe, took to avoid the collision with the steamer Nantucket, off the Virginia coast, in which 41 persons were lost, and what efforts he made to save lives and his conduct from the time the ships struck to the time he went aboard the other vessel were among questions inquired into today at the trial of Captain Osmyn Berry, commander of the Nantucket, who is charged with negligence.

Captain Johnson said that immediately after the collision he ordered the other officers of the ship to get all passengers on the boat deck as the ship was sinking. Because of the heavy list to starboard only two boats could be launched. One was commanded by himself, he said, and the other by the chief officer.

Captain Johnson admitted he left the ship with knowledge there were other persons on the vessel, but that he wanted to go around the stern to the port side, where he could save them. The starboard rail was under water. In his boat were James O'Connell, of Washington, a negro woman and several of his crew. He saw no one on the deck when he quit the ship.

On the way around to the port side of the sinking Monroe, Captain Johnson said, he saw a raft with four men in it and took them off. Altogether his boat saved 28 or 29 persons. Asked if it would not have been better for him to go about the ship maintaining discipline and giving orders, Captain Johnson replied:

"If I had walked round the deck seeing what others were doing there would have been about 30 more people dead."

Liferests Not Cut Loose.
To questions why he did not cut loose all the life rafts, the witness replied he was busy trying to get the boats away. Every person he saw on the decks or in the water, he said, he saved on a life preserver with the exception of himself.

The Nantucket stood a quarter of a mile astern of the Monroe, the witness said, and did "remarkably well" in helping to save passengers and crew.

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Comparative Monthly Statements of Fish and Game Cost Idea.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Governor West said today that beginning the first of April he would issue for publication monthly statements of the expenditures of the state fish and game department and comparisons of the figures with those of the corresponding month last year. He said his idea was to keep the expenditures down to a minimum and to show the public that he intended to have the department operated on the most economical basis.

"I intend to see that there is a reduction of expenditures," said the Governor. "Some people think or may pretend that this retrenchment talk will not materialize, but I will demonstrate it to them with monthly comparative statements."

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