

HUSBAND'S FRIEND TELLS MURDER TALE

Salesman Says Woman Cast From Cliff After Receiving \$50,000 From Father.

BIGAMY ALSO IS CHARGED

Confession Declared to Have Been Inspired by Conscientious Desire to Unburden Mind of Commission of Crime.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 7.—Charles D. Erickson, said to have signed a confession in Chicago to the effect that he was an accomplice of Frederick T. Price in the alleged slaying of Price's wife on November 28, 1914, today went with officers to the place where he said Mrs. Price was thrown over a cliff and gave details of the alleged crime.

Erickson, a traveling salesman of Washington, D. C., and Price are under indictment for murder. Price today said that he was innocent of the death of his wife, Mary Friday Price, a member of a prominent Minnesota family. Price said his wife accidentally fell over the cliff. After her death he sued the City of Minneapolis for \$75,000 damages for leaving the roadside on the river bank unprotected. He withdrew the suit later.

Bigamy Charge Also Made.
Price is also charged with bigamy, having had, it is said, three wives without a divorce.

Erickson today stood on the edge of the cliff over which Mrs. Price fell and said that on the night of her death she and her husband and he were riding in an automobile. He said they stopped at that point and Mrs. Price left the car when her husband said there was engine trouble.

He added that the woman was then hurled over the embankment to the rocks below.

Erickson said that he and Price then descended the bank and Price knelt beside the body of his wife. Erickson said he heard a sound that made him think that Price was beating his wife with a stone.

Telltale Stone Declared Found.
He said he returned to the scene the next day and found a bloody stone and pointed out a piece of rock today, saying it was similar to the one he found.

Assistant County Attorney Ernst said that Erickson had told him the alleged crime had preyed on his mind until he was compelling to confess his part in it. He said Erickson had asserted that the crime charged was planned for three months; that he had refused to participate, despite an offer of \$1000 for his services, but had finally consented after Price had followed him to Washington State.

Mrs. Price is said to have received \$25,000 from her father the day before she died. When told of Erickson's statements, Price branded the story as false and declared that he would prove his innocence.

BRITISH TAKEN FROM SHIPS

Tensions Capture Attache to Sofia and Messenger.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says Colonel H. D. Napier, the late British military attaché at Sofia, has been taken off a Greek steamer by a German submarine near Messina.

A British official report received tonight says that Captain Arthur Stanley Wilson, member of Parliament for Yorkshire, has been made a prisoner of war. He was conveying letters from the Eastern Mediterranean to London and was traveling by a Greek steamer, which was stopped by an Austrian submarine. It has been ascertained, the report says, that none of the papers taken from him was of any importance.

DEMOCRATS PICK ST. LOUIS

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anted a pledge from the association of commerce to contribute \$100,000 on call of the treasurer of the Democratic committee.

Missouri Democrats Need Help.
The advocates of St. Louis supplemented their financial inducements by a warning to the committee that the convention was needed in Missouri to keep the 18 electoral votes of that state in the Democratic column. The delegation from Dallas pleaded with the committee to reward the loyal Democracy of the South by sending the convention next year to a Southern state.

The opening of the session took on an atmosphere of a love feast when Thomas J. Pence, of North Carolina, a protégé of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, was elected secretary and in a speech of acceptance declared reports of differences between himself and National Chairman McCombs had no founda-

tion. Mr. Pence, regarded by many as a representative of the Administration, said, amid cheers, that he had worked harmoniously with Mr. McCombs in the past and purposed to work harmoniously with him in the future.

McCombs Sees No Clouds.
Chairman McCombs also arose to remark that the Democratic committee would continue to work indefatigably for the further success of the party. He declared there was not a Democrat on the Democratic horizon and that it was the duty of the committee to see that none should gather.

The committee was confronted with two contests which threatened for a time to cause some feeling, but they were settled in a short time and the atmosphere seemingly was cleared. Urey Woodson, of Kentucky, was seated in his contest with General Halderman, of Louisville, and Will R. King was seated from Oregon in a contest with W. F. Easterly.

A part of the day was taken up in hearing the cause of woman suffrage discussed by representatives of the suffragist organization and by a body of women in opposition. The committee applauded all the speakers, but there was no effort to place the members on record. Several hundred women crowded into the committee-room to cheer their spokesmen.

The resolution endorsing the Wilson Administration was adopted by the members of House and Senate who have helped to carry forward his policies was adopted by a standing vote.

MUNITIONS SHIPS SUNK

AUSTRIANS ALSO SEND FRENCH SUBMARINE DOWN.

Many Vessels Destroyed on Albanian Coast While Discharging Supplies for Allies.

VIENNA, Dec. 7.—The sinking of a French submarine boat, the *Francois*, and six steamers and six large and several small Montenegrin sailing vessels in the lower Adriatic Sea, off the Coast of Albania, is related in the official communication issued here today. All the vessels were loaded with war material, which they either were trying to land on the Albanian Coast or to convey there.

Five of the steamers and the sailing ships were sent to the bottom by the Austrian cruisers *Novara* and *Austrian torpedo-boat destroyers* at San Giovanni de Medua, which lies in the Gulf of Drino, to the north of Durazzo. They were engaged in discharging munitions.

One Italian steamer armed with three guns, and an Italian motor vessel were sunk while on their way from Brindisi to Durazzo. These were loaded with munitions.

While the Austrians were engaged in sinking the vessels at San Giovanni di Medua, 29 guns on shore bombarded them heavily, but the official report says, without success.

WOMAN, 88, CASTS BALLOT

Mrs. Sarah A. Jeffries, of Newport, Votes on Her Birthday.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah A. Jeffries, of this city, celebrated her 88th birthday yesterday by walking to the polls and voting in the city election.

Mrs. Jeffries is an Oregon pioneer of '32, and is the oldest pioneer resident of the Yaquina country. She was married to Oliver Jeffries and they moved to Yoncalla Valley, near Drains, where they lived for 18 years.

The husband, both some and one daughter have since died, but Grandma Jeffries is still hale and hearty. Every nice day she may be seen walking from town out to the old home place and back without assistance. She has made her own garden.

LANSING GIVES REASONS

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that finally their names had been mentioned in other undesirable connections.

It was considered doubtful tonight that the text of the communications which have passed between Secretary Lansing and the German Ambassador would be made public in the near future, unless the present views of the situation changed materially.

FOR ERUPTIONAL AILS OF THE SKIN USE POSLAM

Poslam brings skin comfort; quick relief from soreness, itching and aggravation. When Pimples, Eruptions, Itchings, Blisters, Inflammations, Hechings, Spots, Abrasions or other surface troubles annoy, Poslam is the soothing, antiseptic remedy to quickly heal and drive them away. Oftentimes it clears away undue redness over night. For Eczema and stubborn skin diseases it is an excellent treatment.

Poslam Soap imparts the good effects of antiseptic medication with Poslam. Try it for Toilet and Bath.

For samples, send 4c stamps to Emergency Laboratories, 22 West 25th St., New York City. Sold by all Drug-gists.—Adv.

An Appetizing, Homelike Luncheon Served in the Economy Basement for Holiday Shoppers, 11:30 to 2 P. M., Special 25c

Cutting Skirts Free of Charge
When the materials are purchased from our silk or dress goods departments. In addition,
Mr. Edmund Gurney
Will personally conduct free classes every Tuesday and Thursday. On the eighth floor, where press irons and sewing machines are at your service.

Mail and Telephone Orders Filled by Expert Shoppers
Sipman Wolfe & Co.
Merchandise of Merit Only
Pacific Phone Marshall 5000 Home Phone A 6691

Our Personal Service Bureau
Is fully equipped with experienced shoppers to care for all mail and telephone orders. Every order is given personal attention. Let this service bureau do your Christmas shopping.

Portland's Xmas Store

The Store Accommodating—Is at Your Service—Service With a Smile

Over 1000 Boudoir Caps At 79c Each
Regularly They Would Be \$1.00 to \$1.25
—And such pretty ones, and so many different styles. This is one of our Christmas wonders—our makers have been working on them at odd moments all Fall—they are of fine nets, laces and organdie with trimmings of ribbon bows and roses. Many women, we are sure, will buy two and three or even more, as they are so very attractive and so inexpensive. —First Floor

Kayser's Famous Italian Silk
Can be purchased here by the yard, and is now being used for making Xmas gifts, such as underwear, waists, scarfs and skating jackets.
—In plain colors, 44 inches wide, at \$1.50 yard.
—In stripes, 50 inches wide, at \$3.50 yard. —Second Floor

Your Pictures Fitted Free of Charge in These Old Gold Stand Frames Very Special, 79c
—If you have a favorite print or drawing, or a photograph, bring it in Wednesday and let us fit it in one of these stand frames, which represents the newest thing in artistic frames. All sizes in rich old gold finish, with glass and back. As illustrated. —Sixth Floor

Concerning a Suit Event

The Greatest Transaction of Its Kind We Ever Planned—and Carried to a Successful Climax We Went—We Saw—We Triumphed



—Our suit buyer made a special trip to New York for this purchase. He has lately returned, and a few days ago the result of his trip was shown by the arrival of many hundred new suits.
—Suits such as we sold a month ago at almost double these prices. Suits that represent the finest in fabric and tailoring.
—It is impossible for us to illustrate the many models, but you are interested in the fact that no matter what size you wear we have it in many styles. Nothing has been spared in fabric or tailoring.
—The suits are all man tailored in every prevailing style. The great strides made by our suit department this Fall is a proof positive that women are looking to this store for their ready-to-wear apparel.
—While the assortment is generous, we urge morning shopping when we can give you better individual attention.

\$16.85
For Suits Selling at \$30.00
—68 suits in this assortment, in plaited jacket styles—some plain tailored, others braid or fur trimmed. Every jacket is lined with silk and made in this season's popular lengths. Of poplins, serges and gabardines, in black, navy and brown.

\$23.85
For Suits Selling at \$38.50
—Exactly 83 suits in this lot, comprising some of the choicest garments worn this season. Of velvets, broadcloths and poplins in a large variety of styles. Trimmings of fur, braid and velvet. In black, navy, brown, green and plum.

\$31.75
For Suits Selling at \$47.50
—37 novelty suits of broadcloth and poplins in the new 38-inch lengths. Every suit trimmed with fur or braid, and beautifully lined with silk. In black, navy, brown, green and plum.

\$19.45
For Suits Selling at \$35.00
—74 broadcloth, poplin and serge suits in black, navy, brown, green and plum. The variety of styles is large and almost every popular model can be found in this special assortment. Fur trimmed, braid trimmed and velvet trimmed. In every size from 14 to 44.

\$26.85
For Suits Selling at \$42.50
—54 suits, copies of the highest-priced models, reproduced to our especial order—in recently designed styles of broadcloth and velvets, in black, navy, brown, green and plum—fur and braid trimmings.

\$36.50
For Suits Selling at \$50.00
—38 suits representing the season's newest and most correct styles. Every new model produced during the last ten days will be found here. The long, 38-inch, fur-trimmed, flaring-skirt suits predominate. Of broadcloth, gabardine and poplins in black and colors. —Third Floor

New Heavy Beacon Blanket Bath Robes That Would Be \$3.50 Regularly, Sale \$2.49
—The warm, comfy kind, in artistic designs, beautiful colorings and becomingly fashioned, that women would delight to receive for Christmas gift. Made with square collars, and revers or V-shape necks—or with large round collars and small tailored collars. They are satin bound or cord trimmed. Also plain styles, all have cord girdles and pockets. They are made extra full, beautifully tailored and finished. Sizes 36 to 46. —Fourth Floor

Holiday Bazaar
Now Open
On the Second Floor
where
Thousands of Christmas Gifts
Collected From All Over the Store
are conveniently arranged for your selection.
Nothing Over \$2.00
Sipman Wolfe & Co.
Merchandise of Merit Only

Some Very Smart New Handbags
Have Just Arrived for Xmas
Very Special at \$1.50
—Of fine and long grain leathers—in a variety of the newer shapes such as pleated styles, and are beautifully lined with Dresden and moire silk. Hinged in coin purse and hanging mirror. Mounted on metal frames. —First Floor

Sale—Bohemian Glassware FROM HAIDA, BOHEMIA
—Nestled away among the hills of Austria was a small residence which was factory as well. In it lived an artist glassmaker with his sons and his apprentices. Together they engraved and gilded, in the beautiful Bohemian way, many artistic creations of their own.
—This artist glassmaker produces no more. His sons and apprentices are on the firing line, valiantly fighting for their country, and his work may never again be resumed.
—Today we consider ourselves most fortunate in having a large quantity of this artist's productions, bought at the before-the-war prices directly from him on his premises, and we now offer these pieces, not alone at the old retail prices, but at special prices far below.

- 4-Inch Handled Nappies 39c
- 5-Inch Handled Nappies 59c
- Two-Handle 4-Inch Nappies 39c
- 4-Inch Tall Bon Bon Comports 59c
- 6-Inch Tall Bon Bon Comports 69c
- 7-Inch Tall Bon Bon Comports 95c
- Low-Footed Bon Bon Comports 69c
- Bon Bon Baskets, 4 1/2-Inch 39c
- Low Sweet Pea Vases 69c

Economy Basement Store
"Where You Spend the Least and Get the Most for It"
One Radical Reduction of Suits
Representing the Remainder of the Most Popular Styles of the Season That Sold Up as High as \$16.50
at \$6.95
—This is a suit event that will arouse the keenest interest, especially among women who are familiar with the excellent styles, the superior tailoring and the fine materials used in all our suits.
In this sale are suits of serges and poplins in black, navy, brown and green.
—Every jacket is lined with satin and is made and finished in the most perfect manner. Every skirt has just the right fullness that the fashion of the day demands. —Basement

Try Our Special 25c Hot Lunch in the Basement

Order Your Xmas Greeting Cards In the New Stationery Shop in the Basement

Here Is Your Opportunity For Buying a Xmas Blouse
Crepe de Chine and Silk Lace Blouses at \$1.98
Hundreds of Newest Models
—Embroidered, tucked, plaited and fancy trimmed styles. In white, black, navy, flesh and maize.
—It is an exceptional lot of waists, in fact, we have never offered better or more attractive styles at the price of \$1.98. —Basement