

POLICE BAFFLED IN SEARCH FOR CHEMIST

Five States Try to Locate Missing Man.

SUICIDE CLEARS MYSTERY

College Student in False Marriage With Classmate, Who Dies Later From Poison.

OMAHA.—Five states are interested in the suicide at Janesville, Wis., of Frank Knight, who for 14 years had lived in that city, a silent and morose man, without friends and scarcely without acquaintance. Knight hanged himself.

The suicide of Knight and the letters which he left for relatives in Marshalltown, Ia., has somewhat cleared up the secret of the most mysterious murder case with which the Omaha police ever grappled, and has made clear that a portion of the mystery will never be solved.

Immediately after the murder of Rose Snyder Knight, Knight disappeared from Omaha. Five days after he was seen in Cheyenne. From that hour until the Knight suicide the Omaha police were not able to secure a trace of him. Then came word through relatives in Marshalltown that he had ended his life in Janesville.

Knight was a student at Vassar, Ind. So was Miss Rose Snyder of Swan, Ind. The girl fell in love with Knight, who proposed marriage. Knight, with fellow students, arranged a fake wedding and he and the girl were married. The girl died under the impression she was Knight's wife.

Baby is Poisoned. After the marriage Knight sent his wife to relatives in Marshalltown, Ia., while he came to Omaha and secured a position with Swift & Co. Then he became infatuated with Jennie Dusenberry, an Omaha woman.

Rose Snyder Knight, in Marshalltown, received letters from Knight telling how much he thought of the Dusenberry girl. She came to Omaha. Knight took her to a cottage which Miss Dusenberry and her mother had occupied up to the day previous.

Knight was a spiritualist. A child was born to Jennie Dusenberry. One day Knight told fellow workers something had just whispered to him that a child of whom he was very fond was ill. He went to the Dusenberry home. Some hours later the Dusenberry child died in convulsions. It had been poisoned. White in college Knight specialized in chemistry.

A few days later Mrs. Knight became very ill. To a neighbor she said: "Frank has poisoned me." The morning of her disappearance the girl told the same neighbor, "I believe Frank is going to pack me off tonight." That was Sunday.

No one saw Mrs. Knight Sunday. Wife's Body Never Found. On Monday neighbors saw Mrs. Dusenberry go to the Knight home, carrying a bucket and a scrubbing brush. She told neighbors the Knights had moved to South Omaha.

Half an hour later Knight, in South Omaha, received a telephone call. He went to the office. Police went to the Knight home. Knight gave them a street number in South Omaha to which, he said, he and his wife had moved. They found a different family entirely living in the house. Then they started a search for Knight. Five days later he wrote an Omaha friend, saying:

"Mrs. Knight intended the dose for me, but I caught on and changed cups with her." The body of Mrs. Knight was never found. Wagon tracks were followed from the Knight house to a sandbar in the Missouri river. It was believed Knight had poisoned his wife and had buried the body on the sandbar.

Mrs. Knight's sister, Mrs. Harry Preston, of Swan, Ind., and her brother, W. O. Snyder of Culeman, Mich., assisted in the search.

Then the police started a nationwide hunt for Knight. The city, county and state joined in offering a huge reward for his capture. But no trace was ever found.

PLEASANT RIOT STAGED

Hodcarriers Have Friendly Battle, But Police Are Late.

CHICAGO.—It looked like a riot recently at Hod Carriers' hall. It's often done there, y'know. Three patrol wagons loaded with coppers double-lined over.

The hall was closed, so the police shinned up the fire escapes. But, had they reached the scene a short time before, they would have seen a wild disturbance centering around one Martin Egan.

In the midst of celebrating a 12 1/2-cent-an-hour increase in wages which Joseph V. Moreschi, president of the executive council International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' union, had secured for the union Saturday, Egan got the floor and proposed the boys hold out for another nickel.

He was politely asked by Moreschi to withdraw. He wouldn't stir. Moreschi became insistent and the meeting broke into an uproar. At its height a self-appointed committee forcibly removed Egan and broke up the meeting. Police were told revolvers flashed, but none were used.

Moreschi's council, having jurisdiction over 12 unions with a membership of 12,000, is believed to have full control of the situation and the strikers returned to work.

HUNS OUST OPERA HEAD

Striking Chorus and Stage Hands Force Retirement.

BERLIN.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The principal chorus and stage hands of the German opera house at Charlottenburg, after a five-day strike, have forced the retirement of Otto Neumann Hofer, its director-general, with whom the employees had been in conflict for several years. The forces of the opera houses, numbering five hundred, went on strike without warning.

Socialist members of the Charlottenburg town council expounded the cause of the strikers and demanded that the board of directors remove Herr Hofer.

RED CROSS AIDS RUSSIANS

Hospital Opened to Men Wounded by Bolshevik Forces.

OMSK, Siberia.—To meet an emergency in hospital work for wounded Russians of the army fighting the bolsheviks, the American Red Cross has opened one of its biggest hospitals at Cheliabinsk.

The opening of heavy fighting on the Ufa front brought many wounded soldiers to the already burdened Russian military hospitals. The Red Cross sent to Cheliabinsk Dr. Henry W. Newman. Cheliabinsk promises to be an important station for American Red Cross work this summer, as it is expected that the fighting will be particularly heavy in the district fronting it.

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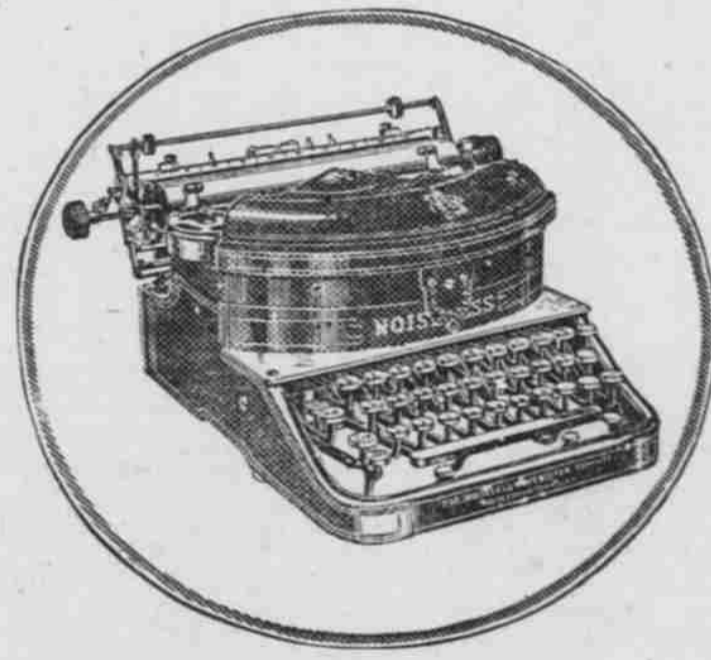
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EDEN FARM TO BE SOLD

Sale Necessary to Satisfy Forty Heirs to Estate.

NEW YORK.—According to an order obtained in the supreme court, property worth over \$5,000,000, located between Third and Eleventh avenues and Thirty-fourth and Fifty-first streets, in what was known as the old Eden farm, will be sold at auction. The property is part of the estate of the late William B. Astor, and the order was obtained by William Astor Chanler, one of his next of kin and a former congressman. The order was made on the recom-

mendation of a referee to whom the matter was sent as to the best way in which to divide the property among about 40 heirs. The referee decided that the property, which consists principally of buildings, be auctioned off as the best manner in which to make a physical distribution of the same among the heirs.

To make an equitable distribution, the purchase price will be divided into 260 equal parts, of which 20 will go to Margaret De Steurs Oberndorff, wife of Albert Oberndorff, one of the German peace delegates at Paris, which means that unless peace is signed at that time it will be turned over temporarily to the alien property custodian, because she is a German citizen. She was a great-granddaughter of William B. Astor. Eight parts will go to William Vincent Astor and the same number to his half-brother, John Jacob Astor,

whose mother is now Mrs. William Dick, but who is not a party to the distribution. Among other heirs who will share in the partition are James Roosevelt Jr., and Theodore Douglas Robinson, who get one share each.

As it is thought the full value of the property may not be obtained at a forced sale, it is understood that the Astor family will be represented at the sale to buy it in if the prices the tracts are expected to bring are not forthcoming at the time they are put up for sale. Old Eden farm was once the playground of the children of John Jacob Astor Jr., William Astor and Henry Astor, founders of the family. Through it ran Old Verdant lane. What was Eden farm in the old days embraces the liveliest part of the White Way. Tin Pan alley, dozens of dwelling houses inhabited mostly by actors, and

several of the largest theaters, including the Astor.

Origin of Gypsies Yet Unsolved. The real origin of the gypsies is a problem yet to be definitely solved. Many scholars have tried their hand at it and in tracing the gypsies to common ancestors have identified them with the lost tribes of Israel the Sarasens, the Chamanites and various peoples of India. Certain affinities of the Roman speech for some Hindoo dialects give a foundation for the theory of their Indian origin. It is said they were driven from their home in the northwest of India about 2000 years ago by the hordes of Genghis Khan and made their way into Persia, thence to Egypt and northern Africa, passing through Asia Minor into the European

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