FATHER CLEARS GIRL, SUICIDE, OF BLAME

Jump From Ferry Attributed to Love for Husband.

by Milwaukee Business Man.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—(Special.)— NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—(Special.)—
In order that "the public may know the whole truth and that the fair name of his daughter may be cleared of the stain which mistaken reports have cast upon it," Frederick Schmitter, a business man of Milwaukee, father of 19-year-old Elizabeth Schmitter, "poison-pen" victim, who took her life by jumping from a West Shore ferry boat on November 14, six weeks after her marriage to Edmund Moffett, a law student of West New York, has made an affiliavit briefly recounting the events leading up to his daughter's death.

The girl was driven to leap to her death by a series of letters addressed by a mysterious "Lieutenant Brown" to her supposed admirer and fiance, which, she declared in her final letter to her mother, were calculated to injure her in his eyes. It was while crossing to Manhattan on a ferryboat to keep an engagement with her husband that her grief apparently overcame her and she decided to end it all.

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failed to reveal the identity of the Washington officer who gave his name as "Brown." name as "Brown."

After rehearsing the girl's early life in West New York, where the family attended a local Dutch reformed church, "also attended by Edmund Moffett, a schoolmate of Elizabeth." Mr. Schmitter tells of moving with his wife and six children to Milwankee in Soptember, 1918, thereby parting Edmund and Elizabeth, "who were greatly attached to each other."

Lieutenant Visits Girl. "Affiant had preceded fits family to Milwaukee in June, 1918," the affidavit continues. "While affiant's to January 4. family was on the train en route from New York to Milwaukee, Lieufrom New York to Milwaukee, Lieutenant Irving Brown, whose home is at Salem, near Boston, Mass, but who was stationed at Camp Grant. Ill., was quite attentive to affiant's younger children, and as he was clad in his service uniform Elizabeth and affiant's wife became quite well acquainted with him.

"As a patriotic duty, Elizabeth invited said Irving Brown, when on leave, to call at their hom in Milwaukee. Brown accepted the invitation and later visited at affiant's home for a period of three weeks.

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"Last spring Brown was transferred to Hampton, Va., to assist in debarkation work. After a year's absence from New York, Elizabeth became very anxious to see her old home and her sweetheart, Edmund Moffett, who had entered as a student in the law school of New York university. She asked affiant if she might take a trip to West New York. as she was invited to visit with Mr. BOY BURGLARS CAUGHT

Brown Cleared of Blame. "That her trip might be more pleasant, affiant arranged that Elizabeth stop at Cincinnati, where we have friends, and at Washington, that she might see the capital in the midst

of its war activities.
"While at Washington Elizabeth
called on Brown and several girl
friends engaged in war service work. friends engaged in war service work, who were stationed nearby at Hampton, Va. Brown offered to accompany Elizabeth on the remainder of her journey to New York, as he wished to visit his folks near Boston. Brown traveled on the same train with Elizabeth from Washington to New York, but, as shown by her last tense statements written just before her death and now in my possession. Brown made no improper advances to her, and upon their arrival at New her, and upon their arrival at New York Elizabeth went to the home of Mr. Moffett's married sister and Brown proceeded to his home near

Elizabeth Renews Friendship "Elizabeth renewed her friendship with Edmund Moffett and a few days after her arrival they became engaged. Brown learned of the en-gagement and wished to call on her, but Elizabeth, who had never favored him as a suitor, did not desire to see him. Brown then decided to go to the Pacific coast, but on his way there stopped at Milwaukee, and, uninvited, came to affiant's home, where he re-mained as a visitor for a period of two weeks.
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when Brown left affiant's home after such two weeks. "When Brown left affiant's home after such two weeks' vitelt, he stated that he was leaving for Rockford, Ill. The day after Brown left affiant's home a letter from Elizabeth arrived informing affiant of the receipt by Edmund Moffett, her flance, of the postmark 'Boston, Mass."

"Affiant searched out Brown and found him still in Milwaukee. Affiant confronted Brown with the letter from Elizabeth. Brown denied writing the polison-pen letter and agreed with affiant's statement to him that any man who would write such a letter was a skumk. Brown then made a written statement show hing that his relations with Elizabeth at Hampton, on the Jurney from Washington to New York, and at all other times, were entirely proper, and declared to affiant that he knew nothing of the letter attacking Elizabeth's character.

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"Affiant wired to Elizabeth of such written statement and malled same to her and Edmund Moffet. her flance, to show his faith in her, urged an immedite marriage, even though he Eatl sot yet been admitted to the part of the polison of the letter and her was being supported by his others, to show his faith in her, urged and her marriage secret, as Moffett was being supported by his folks and desired to finish his education.

"Elizabeth, who had a high-strung impethous nature, was deeply in love with Edmund Moffett and this false chaise preyed greatly upon her mind, large there to be parents showed his foreward and promoting the most gratifying results. Cleanse the system with them and greatly upon her mind, large there to be parents showed her of the letters to be reparents showed her of the later to be one of regular bowels. The work of the later to be one of regular bowels.

her mind was weakening. To the last Elizabeth vehemently denied the false charges made against her in the poison-pen letter sent her intended husband and her heartbroken letters to us show how highly she valued her good same. er good name.

Quarrel Not Indicated. "Elluabeth's great love for her hus-band made the thought of his doubt-ing her finally drive her insane. Moffett does not appear to have quarreled very much with Elizabeth, as the let-ter now in my possession, written by her to her husband the day of her death, does not upbraid him but tense-ly swears to her innocence by her faith in God and her hope of life hereafter and reiterates her great love for her husband and refers to

ROMANCE FOUND TRUE love for her husband and refers to him as her prince.

"My daughter's whole conduct and every word show beyond a doubt that she was entirely guiltless in this matter and that her great love for her husband caused her to lose her reason when the poisonous letter came between her and the absolute confidence of the man she loved.

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"I make this affidavit to show that after full investigation I know that not only was that letter to Edmund Moffett written for the purpose of breaking his engagement to my daughter, but that the subtle insinuations contained in that hellish letter, which cost my beloved daughter her which cost my beloved daughter her life, were absolutely false."

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NORTHWEST TO BE WELL REP-RESENTED AT DES MOINES.

Interest Is Shown in Student Volunteer Convention: Transportation Committee Is Named.

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work secretary for Oregon, who is directing the work of arranging for delegates to the student volunteer convention, to be held in Des Moines the latter part of this month, reports great interest in the meeting throughout this state and Idaho. All delegates must be registered in New York at once and he says this section of the country will be well represented.

There is a movement on foot to arrange for a special train for the northwest delegates and to handle this subject a special committee has been named, consisting of Miss Florence Read of Reed college, Oregon region and chairman; James Mac-Pherson, university Y. M. C. A., Moscow, Idaho, northern Idaho region, Miss Gertrude Shoemaker, College of Idaho, Caldwen, southern Idaho region. All transportation matters will be attended to by them.

The honor group, although not complete, probably will be Willamette university, Pacific college, College of Idaho, Reed college, Pacific university and the Lewiston normal. Kimball college is planning to send at least one and possibly two delegates.

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end 33 delegates and the University
of Oregon will send 19.

The convention is inter-denomina-tional and is to be held for the pur-pose of inspiring men and women to give their lives to special work in the religious world. This will be one of the largest conventions ever held, and will continue from December 31 to January 4.

STORM RAKES MONTANA

Fierce Blizzard Sweeps Out of Hell

Gate Canyon, Near Missoula. MISSOULA, Mont., Nov. 30 .- A terrific blizzard swept out of Hell Gate canyon, east of the city, today, and as the evening advanced it increased its fury. The official temperature records taken at the state university showed a minimum of 13 at 6 P. M.
Since then it has become several
degrees colder, with the mercury still
falling. Nearly a foot of snow has
fallen in the last 34 hours.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 36.—Heavy snow fell in this section tonight and the thermometer is hovering about

to please her, permitted her to do so. Lads, 10 and 9, Captured on Roof

of Apartment House. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—Two boys, Donald Robertson, 10, and George Clark, 9, captured late last night on the roof of an apartment house and charged with burglary, are believed by the police to be responsible for a series of home and apartment thefts.

In the Robertson boy's home the police found a diamond ring claimed by a woman who reported that she had discovered the youngsters escaping from a window in her home.

JUDGE MORROW SPEAKS

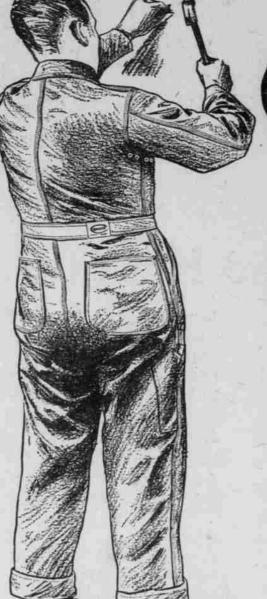
Everyman's Club Hears Court Attitude to Litigation Parties.

Interesting stories of incidents in his career as judge enlivened the dis-course of Judge R. G. Morrow before a large audience at Everyman's club, 243 Couch street, last night. The attitude of courts toward parties in litigation was the subject of his address, which was so well re-ceived that Judge Morrow has been requested to appear again at the club.

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POLICE HOLD SUSPECTS PEND-ING INVESTIGATION.

Highwayman at Eleventh and Mill Streets Said to Have Worn Sailor's Uniform

After three robberies had been reorted for the preceding night the olice yesterday arrested two sus-

ed that he had been held up the preceding night about midnight at Eleventh and Mill streets by a man in a sallor's uniform. The highwayman failed to obtain anything.

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M. C. Bond, 525 Johnson street, also reported being held up by a gang comprising two men and three women at the corner of Fifteenth and Couch

streets Mr. Bond did not report any money lost. Fifteen dollars was secured from A. L. Lanebox, 224 Harrison street, who said he was held up by two men at First and Madison streets.

Klamath Has New Firm.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 30 .-Pat Moloney and Bob La Salle, however, who were investigating, were unable to get any evidence yester-day connecting the men with any of the crimes.

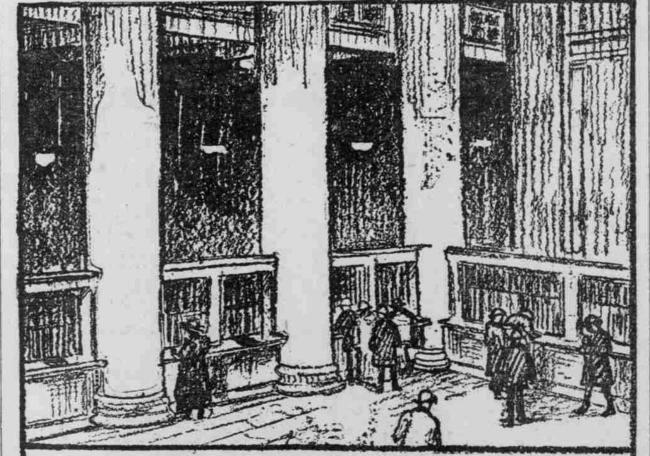
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Shipping Board Agent Resigns

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Captain Frank E. Ferris, for the past year managing agent at New York for the United States shipping board, has re-signed to become vice-president and general manager for the Export Steamship company, it was an-Steamship company, it was nounced today.

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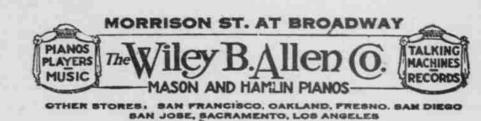




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