

THUGS KILL EYE WITNESSES GREAT FLOOD TELL OF MURDER IN CHICAGO

Body of One-Armed, One-Legged Man Swathed in Blankets Found in River at Spokane—Theory, Murder for Money.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., March 7.—A cold-blooded murder was revealed today when the body of an unidentified man was found wrapped in blankets and a portiere and some bed clothing drifting in the Spokane river. The covering was tied on securely with a window cord. The body was found lodged against a dam by B. M. Moase. The body was that of a man of average height, about 40 years old. One leg had evidently been amputated several years ago, below the knee. The left arm was cut off at the shoulder. There was a bad cut on the cheek and jaw. The officers believe the man was murdered for money and thrown into the river. Every pocket was turned inside out, bearing out the theory of murder for money. The body is thought to have been in the water for two months. The hair was black and slightly gray. The head was slightly bald in front.

Prosecution Closes Case Against Wynne for Killing Du Puis.

When Judge O'Day adjourned court yesterday afternoon the evidence for the prosecution in the case of John Wynne, charged with the murder of W. H. Du Puis, had practically been concluded. Beginning with the evidence of Martin Denny, in whose saloon the killing took place, Deputy District Attorney Haney placed on the stand two other eye-witnesses of the killing, W. J. Shanks and Edwin Switzer. Their testimony differed only in detail, going to show that the men quarreled after Wynne had bantered Du Puis for not buying some of the drinks, and that Wynne fired three shots, after which he rushed between them and pushed them apart. Judge O'Day temporarily sustained the motion of the defense to the testimony of John A. McLeary, an important witness for the state. On the information the name of the witness was given as "A. McLeary" and the judge held that this discrepancy was too great under the strict rules of criminal law. The state then asked for a continuance and will hear argument on the point tomorrow, so McLeary's testimony may yet come in. His testimony was needed to support the case of the prosecution in relation to threats alleged to have been made against Du Puis by Wynne. An unexpected good word for the defendant was spoken by Patrolman Samuel S. Young, who arrested Wynne after the shooting. He asked on cross-examination if Wynne made any resistance, the officer responded: "I have arrested many men in my time and I have never arrested a man that was more gentlemanly than Wynne." Captain Bailey of the police force testified to the booking of Wynne after the arrest. He said Wynne had blood on his lip and his forehead, was terrified and that a doctor be sent for, and this was done. Patrolman John J. Edgerton, who viewed the scene of the killing, was called after the shooting, was called to the stand, but his evidence was unimportant. Tomorrow the defense will present its evidence. The opening statement of L. B. Reeder indicated that the defense will be double-barreled. It is claimed that he was temporarily insane at the time of the shooting. To support the latter theory it is proposed to show that in earlier years the defendant was crippled and afflicted with St. Vitus' dance.

Three Persons Drowned and Valuable Property Is Destroyed by Rapidly Rising Stream—Loss Will Reach Millions.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Detroit, Mich., March 7.—Three persons drowned, two dying and several others hurt in a railroad accident resulting from a washout, many trains held up, scores of bridges and hundreds of dams washed out, stores destroyed by the hundreds of head. These are the work of the flood in southern Michigan in the last 24 hours. Clarence Pittinger, a farm hand, was drowned here Saturday early this morning. He was driving home when his sleigh upset in a ditch filled with water. Stunned by the fall, he was drowned. Clarence Anderson, a grocer, was drowned near Tekonsha early this morning while returning from a dance. He attempted to cross a bridge that had been washed out. Wilmar Duvel, 13 years old, with his father started across a bridge which was covered with water near Antrim. A huge cake of ice swept down on them and knocked the horse, buggy and its occupants into the river. The father struggled out but could not save his son. Near Holland a Pere Marquette work train ran on a trestle weakened by the floods and the engine and 13 cars went down. Engineer Herman Is dying and five other men are badly hurt. At Albion tonight Joseph Deltzke attempted to get away from his flooded home in a rowboat. The rushing water overturned the craft and Deltzke was almost dead when he was rescued. He probably will die. Property damage resulting from the flood will total several millions. (Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Chicago, March 7.—The humor of the flood conditions in Chicago's outlying sections passed today and grim tragedy took its place. One man was killed, numerous families were rescued in boats and patrol wagons after suffering the keenest distress in Gage Park, Chicago Lawn and portions of Irving Park became almost unbearable. Joseph Epke, a farmer, was drowned in the street within the limits of the city while driving from Blue Island. He failed to see that the bridge over a slough he had crossed previously had been swept away. One family was rescued by the police, after a patrol wagon had been driven to a point 30 feet distant, when the water was up to the horses' necks. By the use of rafts the police transferred the family. Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, is charged with direct and primary responsibility for the flood in the Gage Park section. Mrs. Green, who owns much property in the district, does not want to pay for sewer improvements.

FIGHTING FOR HARGIS ESTATE

Heirs of Dead Kentucky Feudist Quarreling Over His Money.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lexington, Ky., March 7.—A struggle for the control of the \$100,000 estate left by the famous feudist, James Hargis, to his son, Beach Hargis, now in jail charged with murdering his father, the dead man's widow and daughter is said to be going on among the relatives of the dead man, and a vendetta has been declared against the young man. Suits have been filed against the estate of the dead man. Beach Hargis is making no part as yet in the contest over the will, his only determination, it is said, being to get rid of the horrible predicament in which he finds himself. Ancient enemies of the family are active in efforts to stir up more trouble.

MOTHERS MEET AT WASHINGTON

International Congress Will Open First Session at Capital Next Tuesday.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Washington, March 7.—The first international congress of mothers will open in Washington next Tuesday with a reception by President Roosevelt at the White House. The sessions of the congress will continue until March 13. Forty-eight foreign countries will be represented, in addition to delegates appointed by the governors of states as special representatives. The president has appointed Elmer Ellsworth Brown, commissioner of education, to represent the United States. One of the chief speakers at the congress will be Judge Benjamin R. Lindsay of Denver, juvenile court judge. In the list of speakers are included Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the United States government; Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor; Clifford W. Barnes, Martin C. Brumbaugh of Philadelphia; Dr. Luther H. Gulick, Edward Allen of Perkins Institute, Boston, and others. "Museums of Safety Devices" and general industrial hygiene have been established by the governments of Holland, Germany, France, England and several other countries of Europe. These do magnificent work in educating employers and employed, as well as the public generally.

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DERBY AFTER JOB IN SECOND DISTRICT

Announces Candidacy for Congress on River and Irrigation Platform.

Andrew Jackson Derby, who, as his name would imply, is a Democrat, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress from the Second district. He pledges himself to himself among other things to serve the people honestly and to do all in his power to promote the cause of irrigation and the improvement of the Columbia river, and the Columbia river. He is earnestly interested in the advancement of irrigation and the improvement of the Columbia river. Mr. Derby is an attorney at Hood River and has many friends throughout the Willamette and Columbia river valleys. He is very well known and highly respected. He is a southern man by birth, having been born at Livingston, Alabama, May 1, 1871. He received his academic education at Livingston Military academy. In 1909 Mr. Derby moved to Portland and was graduated from the University of Oregon law school in the spring of 1904. He was admitted to practice and followed his profession here for a year when he moved to Hood River, where he has since been practicing law with much success. Mr. Derby was a Democrat ever since he was old enough to take an interest in things political. As a resident of the Hood River and Columbia river district he is earnestly interested in the advancement of irrigation and the improvement of the Columbia river.

OHIO TO HAVE DIRECT VOTE FOR U. S. SENATOR

Measure to Have All Parties Pick Candidates Same Day Sure to Be Enacted.

Columbus, Ohio, March 7.—The house of representatives has passed the Bronson bill providing for general primaries by all parties on the same day to nominate candidates for county, township and municipal offices. Efforts to extend it to congressional districts were defeated by politicians, but they made no effort to eliminate a provision which says the names of "United States senatorial candidates shall be printed on the ticket, and the people may thus express their choice to the general assembly. The Huffman senate primary bill has already passed the senate, and an agreement has practically been reached by the warring Huffmans and Bronsons that both bills shall be passed and sent to a conference committee, which shall consolidate them into one for final passage.

HUSBAND'S COMPLAINT "FADES IN THE WASH"

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, March 4.—Irvington-on-the-Hudson has produced a strange matrimonial tangle, involving William Burkitt and his wife, who have been married only a few months. Last Monday's newspapers contained this notice signed by Burkitt: "My wife, Lillian Burkitt, having left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for her debts contracted by her." Not to be outdone in this ad-conducted war, Mrs. Burkitt retorted by printing the following: "My husband, William Burkitt, of No. 67 Speedway avenue, Irvington, never owned my bed; my board was completely earned at the washhouse." Reporters yesterday were unable to find either husband or wife. Mrs. Burkitt, neighbors said, was out at work.

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INTIMATE QUERIES STIR GERMAN IRE

Hamburg Press Severely Criticizes Branch of Big American Firm. Hamburg, March 4.—The local branch of the Chicago packers, Armour & Co., is severely criticised in the newspapers "for asking applicants for clerical positions impertinent personal questions." The questions objected to are set forth in an application blank which each applicant for a clerkship has to fill out and sign. The following questions seem to have offended German sensibilities the most: "How many members of your family are dependent upon your earnings?" "Have you ever been guilty of any irregularities, or were you ever accused of such?" "Are you temperate in the use of intoxicants, and have you always been temperate?" "Do you play cards, or are you addicted to any other hazardous games for money?" "State whether or not you have ever been in financial difficulties, and what arrangements you made with your creditors?" "Are there any court proceedings pending against you and what is the amount of your debts, if any?" The commercial press, as well as the dailies, assail Armour & Co., and German clerks are warned not to lower themselves by asking the Chicago packers for work unless the latter agree not to insist upon their filling out and signing the application blanks.

STUDENTS SPANK GIRL SUFFRAGETTE

Handsomest of Militant Branch Allows Her Assaultants to Go Free. London, March 4.—The militant branch of the suffragettes has been making the most desperate efforts to hush up the outrageous assault recently made by a gang of medical students on Miss Christabel Pankhurst, one of the youngest, pluckiest and handsomest of the suffragettes. Miss Pankhurst had been attending a meeting and was lured away from her companions after her speeches were over by a band of students who numbered about 10. Having got her in their power in a small room they locked the door and having submitted her to various, not serious, but humiliating indignities they each deliberately spanked her in turn and then intended to advance the cause. So the medical students have escaped all punishment and the suffragettes never even mention Liverpool.

SUICIDE IN JAPAN.

Becoming More Frequent—Women an Young in Majority. A Russian statistician, M. Tarnowsky, is authority for the statement that suicide has increased more than 50 per cent in Japan in recent years. While the number of cases was about 110 in 1906, it has risen to about 170 in 1907. The old-fashioned method of hara-kiri plays no part in the increase. It is practised, if at all, only by members of the higher classes. Hanging and drowning are the usual methods of the people at large. Women furnish a very unusual proportion of these tragedies. Whereas the proportion of the whole number of suicides to the population is about the same as in France, the number of women suicides is about twice as great. In France one fifth of all cases approximately are of women; in Japan they are two fifths. Jealousy is the usual motive. For 50 French women who kill themselves for this reason there are 1,800 Japanese women. Another strange feature is the prevalence of those who are tired of life. In France about 75 children under 16 years of age commit suicide every year; in Japan the number is 225. In France about 21 out of every 100 suicides and in Japan about 35 are less than 30 years of age. The women are relatively a

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