

ORPET GOES ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE CHARGED WITH GIRL'S MURDER

State's Witnesses Against Student Number 100 and Classmates May Testify.

JURYMEN ARE NEIGHBORS

First Venue of 136 Expected to Be Disposed of Swiftly; Week May Be Needed for Jury Selection.

Waukegan, Ill., May 15.—(I. N. S.)—William H. Orpet was called to go on trial for his life today for the murder of Marion Frances Lambert in Helms woods the ninth day of February. It was the culmination of Lake county's greatest tragedy.

With the opening of the trial there came the startling announcement from State's Attorney Ralph J. Dady that his list of witnesses for the prosecution has been increased from 50 to 100. This addition to his already overwhelming forces is supposed to be the result of his recent hurried trip to Madison, Wis. The classmates of Orpet there have heretofore stood staunchly by him. Whether or not they have been swung over to the side of the prosecution remains to be seen. It was rumored here today that this was the case.

Jurymen Orpet's Neighbors.
The first venire of Jurymen contains 136 names. Strange to say, these men are almost to a man residents of Shields and Deerfield townships. It was on the border line between these townships that the tragedy occurred. These men are neighbors, many of them friends of the Orpets and the Lamberts. For this reason, it was expected that the first venire would be disposed of swiftly. A week at least, it is expected, will be consumed in the selection of a jury. The love affair of the University of Wisconsin boy and the gardener's daughter, and its dreadful climax, have been talked of and read in the remotest corners of the country.

Orpet Is Thin and Ascetic.
Orpet, pale, thin and ascetic in appearance, came into the courtroom followed by Sheriff Elmer Griffin. He took a seat beside his counsel, former District United States Attorney James H. Wikerson, of Chicago, and Leslie P. Hanna, former state's attorney for Lake county.

State's Attorney Dady was assisted by State's Attorney David R. Joslyn of McHenry county.

Judge Charles H. Donnelly of Woodstock is to hear the case. He was selected after the withdrawal of Judge Claire Edwards of Waukegan.

Charged with Girl's Murder.
Orpet was indicted for the murder of his former sweetheart on March 5. Death resulted from cyanide of potassium poisoning. Suspicion was immediately directed to young Orpet when it became known he had a secret love affair with the girl. A letter from him to Marion was produced to show that, although he was in Lake Forest the night of the tragedy, he was seeking to give the impression that he was in Madison. Dady and Griffin immediately went to Madison and brought him back to Lake Forest. He admitted being with the girl just prior to her death under "the three trees" near the Sacred Heart crossing in Helms woods, but he said that he did not see her die. He protested and ever since that has said that he was innocent of her death.

Four Persons Are Injured in Accidents

E. Geisler Suffers Broken Leg When Motorcycle Collides With Furniture Truck; Auto Leaves Road.

Two accidents on the Columbia highway near the Portland Automobile club yesterday afternoon brought minor injuries to four persons.

E. Geisler, 55 years old, suffered a broken leg when a motorcycle on which he and his son, Joseph, were riding ran into a furniture truck. The Geislers, whose home is at 430 East Ash street, were attended at St. Vincent's hospital. Joseph Geisler was somewhat bruised.

Mrs. Charles E. Gossett of Latourelle and Roy Parsons of Bull Run were bruised and cut when an automobile bearing them, Mr. Gossett and Gossett's little girl, ran off a culvert bridge on the side road to Duke's place. Gossett was driving the machine, a new acquisition. Dr. S. P. Blittner of Gresham attended them.

Captain Delaney of Engine company 15 reported to Deputy Sheriff Phillips that a milk truck and a small automobile went over a slight grade at the side of the road four miles this side of Scappoose sometime yesterday morning. He saw the machines while traveling over the road, and was told that though four persons in the automobile were bruised, none was seriously hurt. The road is narrow at the place.

Little Girl's Leg Broken.

Virginia, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Darrell of 441 E. Twelfth street, sustained a broken leg last night when a motorcycle on which the three were riding was struck by an automobile driven by J. M. Grant of 38 1/2 Fourth street, at Front and Meade streets. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell were considerably bruised. Motorcycle officers sent from the police station reported back that they found evidence indicating that the automobile cut the corner.

Germans Driven Out Of British Trenches

Scots Recover Lost Ground Near Armentieres After Sharp Hand to Hand Fight With the Tontons.

London, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—The Germans have once more driven through the British lines in northern France and again have been driven out. Following the usual heavy bombardment with every class of big gun, the Germans Saturday night made three separate attacks on the British trenches about the Ploegsteert woods, north of Armentieres, which is ten miles northeast of Lille.

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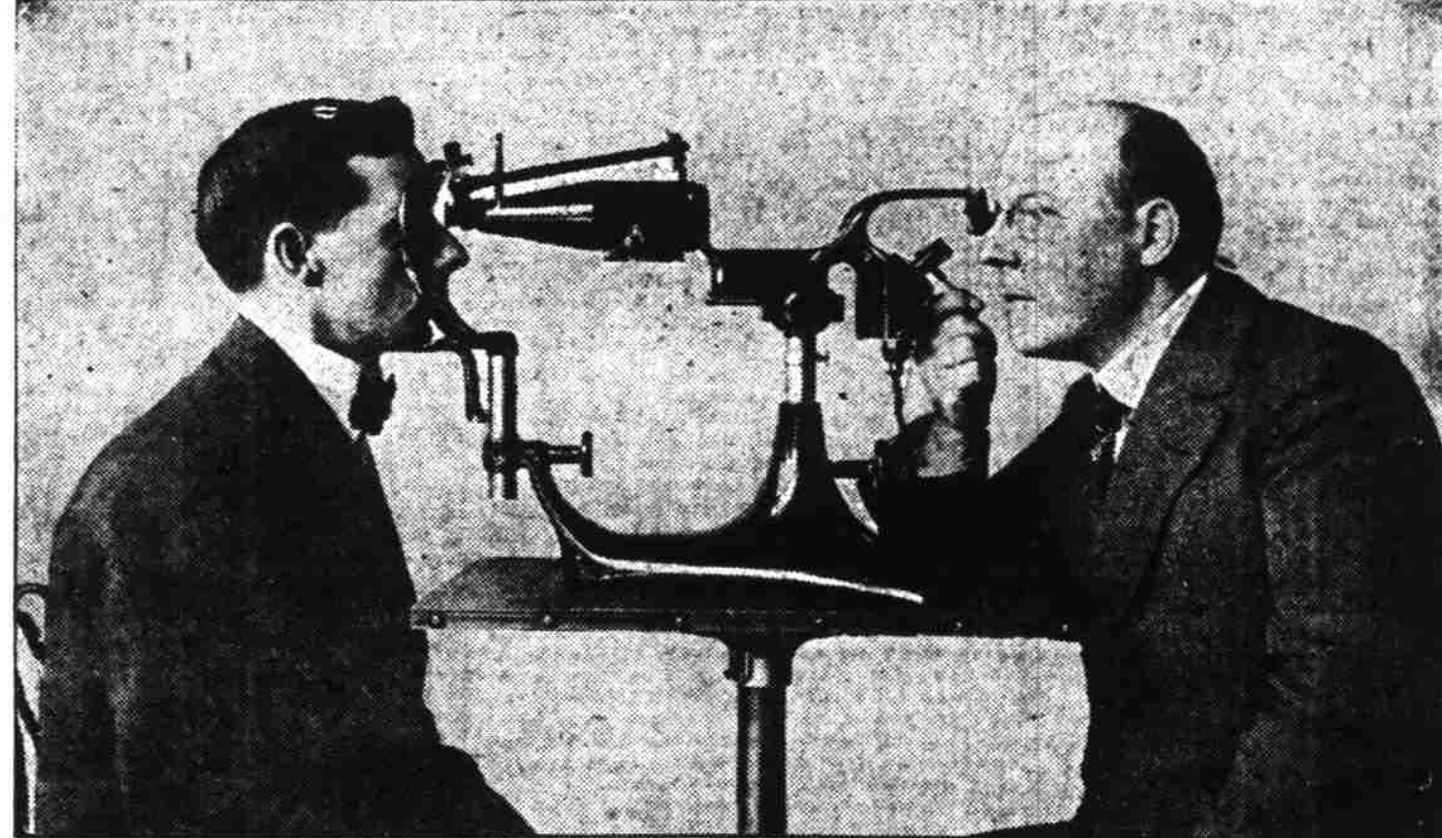
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