

### THREE OF SLEEPING MICHIGAN FAMILY CLUBBED TO DEATH

Dowagiac, Mich., Sept. 21.—(U. P.)—The only clew today to the fiendish murder of three members of a family was a bloody finger print and a nail-studded club.

William Monroe, 45; his wife Mary, 43, and their daughter Neva, 17, were found in bed with their skulls crushed. Ardlith, 12, another daughter, was found terribly injured. Her face had been beaten beyond recognition and her skull fractured.

Grace McKee, daughter of a neighbor and playmate of the Monroe children, made the gruesome discovery. She had not seen her playmates since Saturday and, believing they were ill, knocked at the Monroe cottage. There was no response and she entered the unlocked door.

"Mamma, Mamma," mumbled Ardlith, who was lying on the floor with her arms clasped tightly about a table leg. The McKee child, horrified at the sight of her blood covered chum, ran from the house screaming.

Ralph Gillette, brother of Mrs. Monroe, rushed into the house.

**WIFE'S HAND RAISED**  
In the main bedroom he found Monroe and his wife dead in their bed, their faces crushed. Monroe had evidently been killed instantly while asleep, as his hands were still hanging down by his side. The wife, it was believed, had been awakened by the impact of the club on her husband's head, as she had one arm raised as if in an effort to defend herself.

In another room the lifeless 17-year-old daughter was found, her face also crushed.

In the corner of the room occupied by Neva was found a nail-studded club—a long 2x4 with a score of heavy spikes in it. It had been thrown against the wall with fury, judging from the hole that was knocked in the plaster. On the white bedspread was found the other clew—a bloody finger print.

**LAST SEEN SATURDAY**  
The Monroe family was last seen Saturday night. They were heard by neighbors, talking and laughing.

Neva had gone to a movie with a boy classmate—she was a junior in the high school here.

On none of the bodies had the club been used elsewhere than the face. Authorities, judging from this, advance the theory that the murders were committed by some one who was bitter against the Monroes, or by a maniac.

Some neighbors have reported that Monroe had accumulated a large sum of money and that his daughters had told other children "they were going to move into a large house soon."

**NO TRACE OF ROBBERY**  
Investigation, however, shows no trace of robbery, although that theory is being run down.

Coroner S. E. Bryant has impounded a jury today to sift what little evidence there is in the case. A finger print expert was ordered from Chicago.

Ardlith Monroe, battered and bruised,

### regained consciousness in the hospital today. Attempts were made to question her. She said nothing but "Mamma, dear, what happened?"

Solution of the crime will never come from Ardlith, it was believed, as doctors say that although the little girl may live, she will never regain her right mind.

**LUNATICS ESCAPE, NEITHER IDENTIFIED, ASSEMBLY DOCTOR**

Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 21.—(U. P.)—Two inmates of the state hospital for the insane escaped about a week ago, Dr. George Finch said early today.

The superintendent said, however, he did not believe either would commit murder.

### ARBUCKLE CONFESSED, GRAND JURY IS TOLD

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torney Brady would request that Semnacher proceed at once to San Francisco and that he might be used at Arbuckle's preliminary hearing, scheduled for tomorrow in that city.

**CAUSES EXCITEMENT**  
Repeated efforts by Brady to get in touch with Semnacher yesterday and today indicated that he had some inkling that important disclosures might be forthcoming, which could be persuaded to talk more freely.

It was reported at Semnacher's home earlier in the day that he already had prepared to go to San Francisco. Apparently, on the eve of what he expected would be a much more severe grilling than he had endured thus far, Semnacher decided to unburden himself to Doran. When it Semnacher, who had been at the Los Angeles county grand jury spread quickly there was great excitement in the ranks of the Arbuckle attorneys, it was rumored, accompanied by much telephoning about the city and preparations to combat what, it was assumed, would be the most damaging evidence that would be offered in support of the murder charge against Arbuckle tomorrow.

**ACTOR WANTED IN ARBUCKLE CASE DISAPPEARS AGAIN**

New York, Sept. 21.—(U. P.)—Lowell Sherman, film actor, who is wanted by District Attorney Brady in San Francisco as a witness in the case against Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, charged with the murder of Virginia Rappe, today successfully eluded the attempt of the local authorities to locate him.

A detective and a representative of the district attorney's office met at the second section of the Twentieth Century limited on which Sherman was supposed to be a passenger, when it arrived at Grand Central terminal today. But Sherman was not aboard. He had left the train at Harmon, the last stop before New York.

Sherman was greeted at Harmon by an auburn-haired young woman, who was waiting in an automobile. The couple embraced, according to the Pullman conductor on the train, and departed in the machine.

**PROWLER USES PASS KEY**  
Using a pass key prowlers entered the apartment of N. D. Hansen, 295 East Ankeny street, early Tuesday morning.

Several articles of jewelry were taken. Mrs. F. Guasco, 482 Cypress street, reported the loss of \$25 in currency and a large quantity of clothing and jewelry stolen from her house early Tuesday morning.

### OUCH! POLITICAL PIE HUNGERERS AGAIN 'DITCHED'

Passing strange though it may seem to the anxious horde of Pie Boys, who have been sitting at the empty counter dangling their useless forks for the past two weeks or more, United States Senator Bob Stanfield showed up in Portland this morning and became visible to the naked eye just a little while after Senator Charles L. McNary rolled out of the Union station eastward bound for Washington.

The "conference," therefore, is all off in a thousand places, more or less.

Of course it was Senator Stanfield's "party." He framed it, and forgot it or was unavoidably detained. When he came home, that is to Weiser, he suggested to Senator McNary, who was in the city later, that they meet at the junior senator's Idaho headquarters and discuss remaining patronage puzzles.

**CONFERENCES FEW**  
Up to that time the discussions, or "conferences," as they are called in official life, had been few and far between owing to the fact that Stanfield has not been at Washington much of the time but has been scouting higher and yonder in the interest of the livestock pool organization.

Anyway, Senator McNary wired him when he would be in Weiser, and the junior senator hopped on the train before he received the telegram, of course—and came to Portland. McNary paused in his flight at the Idaho border, and then came on into Portland, where he was dining that evening with W. L. Thompson, sent a trusty messenger to the Union station to express his regrets at having been called away from the Weiser meeting and to convey the hope that Senator McNary could come to Portland later.

**BOYS FOOLED AGAIN**

He did, but the day he got in, or just before, Senator Stanfield flew eastward to listen to the blating of the boys who wanted jobs.

So Senator McNary saw them, was in Portland two or three times, and finally called back to appear before the senate finance committee on Monday next, left this morning for his post of duty. As he went out, Stanfield came in, undoubtedly ready for the conference. As a consequence the Pie Boys are cursing more or less and wondering why it seems—in spite of the existence of the bruited harmony between the "colleagues"—impossible for them both to be in the same place at the same time.

In the meantime George U. Piper has been busy keeping up his fences about the collectorship of customs. Clyde Huntley has been visiting in Portland now and then, looking pleasant and satisfied and kidding Colonel Milton A. Miller about the exact time when he will begin to pack his official trunk.

**TOOMEY IS BUSY**  
Frank Toomey, who has not given up hope of being appointed surveyor general, has been losing sleep but sparing no efforts to advance his political stock above that of "West" Caviness, the septuagenarian choice of Senator Stanfield, whose land locator he used to be in the days gone by when Stanfield was as-

### sembing the broad acres of his sheep ranges.

Incidentally, David Loring, who really is a surveyor and civil engineer, has come into the limelight as a candidate for surveyor general in the last few days and his candidacy is being urged by many friends, who look upon him not only as having qualifications but as a possible dark horse who might be able to run away with the job and settle the question that has sprung up about it.

Stanfield is planning to start for Washington on Saturday next and the various candidates whose ambitions are hanging off the hook awaiting confirmation by the senate are walking around now with bated breath waiting for something to jar loose in the senate and start their commissions out west. They are hoping now that the long delayed "conference" will be held when Stanfield finally gets back to Washington and that the plumes like the leaves of the autumn, will begin to fall.

### BANK MERGER TO BE COMPLETED TONIGHT

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ple's bank in the Gordon building at Fourth and Stark will be closed and the ledges offered for sale.

**WALKER REMAINS PRESIDENT**  
The business of the two banks will be handled in the quarters of the State Bank of Portland without the necessity of taking additional floor space and without material increase in overhead expense, according to LeRoy D. Walker, president. Walker will retain his posi-

tion as president of the bank and E. T. Crowell, president of the People's bank, will become vice president of the reorganized concern.

The State Bank of Portland was organized in the spring of 1917 for the purpose of taking over the business of the Scandinavian-American bank, located at Park and Morrison streets. A year later the bank moved to its present quarters. According to a statement issued September 5, the resources of the State bank amounted to \$2,908,340.58 and it held deposits amounting to \$2,524,328.75.

Officers of the State bank are: LeRoy D. Walker, president; Anthon Eckers, Conrad P. Olson and S. J. Graham, vice presidents; Maynard Redmond, cashier; H. O. Vogel, assistant cashier; A. H. Herndabjer, auditor. Additional directors are: W. H. Blair, L. A. Brandes, A. E. Clark, C. E. Cochran, H. G. Colton, Henry Harkson, A. F. Foley and W. B. Wiggin.

**PEOPLES BANK STATEMENT**  
The Peoples bank was organized April 30, 1920, with a capitalization of \$100,000. Permission was granted the bank recently to increase its capitalization to \$200,000, but none of the new stock has been issued, according to

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