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MEDFORD MAN CHARGED WITH WIFE MURDER

MEDFORD, May 13. — T. W. Gruetter, chemist and assayer of this city, was arrested here Wednesday, charged with the murder of his wife, a bride of two months. The charge made against him alleges his complicity in the death of his wife a short time ago at their homestead near Agate. His bail was set at \$20,000. He is represented by attorneys O. S. Blanchard of Grants Pass and John H. Harkin.

The case has a number of peculiar features, one of which is that the affidavit for the warrant charging murder was signed by James S. Bomgardner, well known Josephine county miner, living about five miles west of Grants Pass, who is a former husband of the woman. When the murder arrest warrant was issued, the prosecutor's office was in ignorance of this situation.

The circumstances surrounding the death are such that it is probable that the body will be exhumed and a post mortem examination made to determine the exact cause of death.

It seems that about 20 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Bomgardner were married and after living together for some time were divorced. Then she married a man named Ames, who died, and it is said that some five or six years ago she went back and lived with Bomgardner. Several months ago they separated and in their agreement to part Bomgardner gave her a gold brick and gold and cash, in all to the value of about \$2800, and his Ford car.

Then came the marriage of the woman to Gruetter at Chico about two months ago.

About May 3rd last Dr. Dow of Medford was summoned to the Gruetter-home near Agate by Gruetter and there found Mrs. Gruetter in bed unconscious and in convulsions. Mr. Gruetter was there, also his mother who was visiting the home. Dr. Dow worked over the patient and then left as she showed signs of improving, although still unconscious.

That night or the next morning, Gruetter phoned Dr. Dow that his wife was dead and asked him to come out and view the body. On examination of the body the physician remarked that he was not satisfied to give the cause of death and asked to be allowed to make a post mortem examination of the body. Gruetter refused to permit this. He said that his wife had been subject to epileptic spells.

About this time Mrs. Gruetter's sister from eastern Oregon arrived at the house, and she told Dr. Dow that although she had not seen her sister for many years she remembered of her having suffered one such attack years ago.

Later when Bomgardner heard of his former wife's death he reported the matter to Sheriff Terrill and asked that an investigation be made. Then followed conferences between Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Codding, the sheriff Deputy Sheriff McMahon, Bomgardner and Dr. Dow, after which the arrest warrant was sworn out. The warrant charges the murder of Minnie Bomgardner, as at that time it was not known that she had married Gruetter.

Junior-Senior High School Picnic Given

The yearly Junior-Senior class high school picnic was given Tuesday at a point just below Gold Ray dam near Grants Pass. The picnic was in accordance with the school custom of the Junior class entertaining the Seniors before graduation. The party, about 100 students, motored to Grants Pass early in the day, remained for inter-class games of baseball, tug of war, and other field activities, after which they returned to Ashland and made up a dancing party at the Memorial hall. Twenty cars were used to convey the students to the picnic grounds.

Ender's department store furnished the school with a motor truck with which to carry their provisions. The Misses Freeman and Farrar, and Coach Hughes, members of the high school faculty, accompanied the students.

Nine Story Office Building Moved; Work Goes on Weighed 5,000 Tons; 12 Men Do Work

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 13. — While hundreds of clerks worked at their desks and scores of customers passed in and out of a big hardware store on the ground floor, a nine-story office building weighing 5000 tons was moved a distance of 75 feet without the interruption of so much as a minute's work by any one. Twelve laborers performed the task, which is pronounced an engineering feat never before attempted.

In addition to the building, the sidewalks fronting on Wood street and Second avenue, the basement of the building, including the big engine and boilers, all functioning properly, went along with the building, while the hardware business overhead was uninterrupted.

The building is 80 by 20 feet and about one hundred feet in height. Ninety pound rails, 120 of them, made the tracks on which the structure was moved.

It cost the owners about \$80,000 to move the building, but it would have cost \$275,000 to tear the building down and build a new one. The technique was simple. The

move was caused by the widening of Second avenue to an 80-foot boulevard. Engineers lifted the whole building on 1,200 jacks. They raised it 18 inches, sidewalks and all, after they had cut off the steel columns imbedded in the concrete foundation.

Meantime they had built up an elaborate system of wooden timbers and I-beams on which the jacks rested. Then they inserted row on row of 90 pound railroad rails on top of heavy timbers, and on these rails laid 800 steel rollers, about three inches in diameter. These rollers acted as wheels between the building and the concrete floor. Jacks were placed against the concrete cellar wall along Second avenue, under the curbstone. These were laid horizontally, so that when operated, they would push the building northward toward Third avenue.

As the building slowly was pushed forward, the iron roller that was released on the south side of each set of rails was carried forward and reinserted under the north side of the huge structure, so as to make a continuous line of rollers.

\$2,000 IS RAISED FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUDGET; RESPONSE OF BUSINESS MEN IS GENEROUS

With a total amount of \$2000.00 raised for the Chamber of Commerce budget, L. F. Ferguson, chairman of the budget committee has announced that the reports made by the committee members show an excellent response to the Chamber of Commerce drive. Some of the largest subscriptions have not been reported and the banks are waiting completion of the drive before adding a ten per cent subscription to the amount received. Every merchant who has been approached by the committee has subscribed a minimum of his last year subscription and many have given more. A great many new business firms have done

their bit. The soliciting captains are expected to finish their drive by Saturday of this week so that a complete report of the drive's conclusion may be made by Monday.

The following is the report made by the soliciting captains, the reading of which will form part of the Chamber of Commerce luncheon to be held Tuesday of next week.

Captain A. C. Briggs \$25.00; Elhart \$145.00; Dodge \$100.00; Lamkin, \$42.50; Smith, \$193.00; Engle, \$262.00; Carson, \$52.50; Pierce, \$140.00; Staples, \$251.00; Kaegi, \$72.00; Nininger, \$104.00; Simpson, \$112.00; Rose, \$97.00; McNair, \$42.00; G. H. Billings, \$60; J. W. McCoy, \$226.00.

Dr. E. A. Bulgen Will Speak at C. of C. Lunch

The Chamber of Commerce will hold their noon forum luncheon at Pioneer Hall Tuesday of next week. Dr. E. A. Bulkin, an evangelist, who has been speaking at Medford, will be the principal speaker. He will talk on "City Building from Four Angles." Music will be furnished at the luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. John H. Fuller, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has urged the attendance of all members.

WHOLESALE FUR HOUSE ANNOUNCE LARGE DEFICIT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 13. — The International Fur Exchange, the largest wholesale fur house in the United States, issued a statement to its stockholders today, informing them of a deficit of \$9,000,000 in the concern's finances.

"A sudden, violent collapse of the wholesale market in furs in the spring of 1920," was given as the reason of the deficit. Reorganization plans are being considered.

RATTLER STRIKES COLORADO BOY; DIES IN 3 HOURS

FORT MORGAN, Colo., May 13. — Within less than three hours after he had been bitten by a rattlesnake, the 2-year-old son of Charles Carson, who lives near here, died in terrible agony today.

The child saw the snake in the barnyard and approached to play with it when the rattler struck the boy.

EUROPEAN PEACE THREATENED BY INSURRECTION OF SILESIAN POLES

Tidings Carriers Strive to Achieve Business Success

CHARLES GORDON MAC CRACKEN

Since starting to work as a route carrier for the Tidings, in June of last year, Charles Gordon MacCracken has saved \$100 as a start toward satisfying his ambition of becoming a lawyer. Charles performed his duties as a Tidings route carrier faithfully until the beginning of last week when he gave his route to Elliott MacCracken, his younger brother.

Charles was born August 16, 1909, in Winnetka, Ill., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacCracken of this city. He is attending the Junior high school, is in the Sixth grade, and intends some day to claim Yale University as his Alma Mater where he will prepare for his life work as an attorney. Charles is an optimistic chap and is very decided as to the use he will make of his life after school days are over. Judging from his record while on the Tidings carrier staff and his school class work there is every reason to believe in his full measure of success.

Condition of G. F. Billings Improved Today

The condition of G. F. Billings, who was struck by an automobile Wednesday evening, is improved it was reported today by his son, Homer Billings. He expects to be out the first of the week.

Mr. Billings was struck at the street intersections of North and East Main streets at the Plaza, about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, by a car driven by E. E. Phipps, a local real estate man. Mr. Billings was crossing from the Simpson Hardware store and almost reached the curb in front of Murphy's electric shop. Mr. Billings was hit by a fender of the car and knocked to one side of the machine, striking on his head and shoulders on the cement. The accident is thought to have been unavoidable.

MOTHER MAKES PLEA FOR SON BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13. — Speaking with a pronounced German accent, Mrs. Emma Bergdoll sketched for the house investigating committee incidents surrounding the escape of her slacker son Grover. Told how she converted \$100,000 worth of treasury certificates to gold, before his escape.

Earns Living By Series of Skids on Banana Peels

CAMDEN, N. J., May 13. — Banana peels, which Frank Smith, of Philadelphia, says netted him "easy money," has landed him in jail for six months. He was arrested in the offices of the Public Service Railway company here, where he presented a damage claim for injuries sustained in a trolley car on Sunday night when he slipped on a banana peel. His insistence that his claim be settled out of court aroused suspicion.

MINERS AND POLICE HAVE GUERRILLA WAR

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 13. — Guerilla warfare continued along the Tug river today.

Fighting between striking miners and state police and county sheriffs, which opened at dawn yesterday, reignited at Murrainac, Spriggs, Hawk and Auburn, according to meager reports which reached Williamson.

One man was killed and four wounded, according to latest dispatches. Wire communication with the battle area has been severed since the fighting started.

The man reported killed is said to be Harry Staten, a former magistrate and a witness for the state in the Matewan gun trial here this year. He is said to have been shot while standing in front of his store at Sprigg.

The fighting is said to be the severest in the history of Mingo county and Sheriff Pinson is summoning a number of special deputies for immediate service at the two towns.

A later report stated that Merrimac also was being fired on from the Kentucky side.

Captain J. R. Bockus and a squad of state police were reported hemmed in by firing parties at Merrimac. It is reported that the state police's supply of ammunition is low. Captain Bockus has ten men at Merrimac and in addition there are six deputies there.

Independence of Upper Silesia Is Declared By Polish Leader

LONDON, May 13. — Europe's peace is threatened by the Polish insurrection in Upper Silesia, Lloyd George told the House of Commons, today. "I'm frightened," he declared, "at what may happen if confidence is not restored," said there's no reason why the Allies should object to the use of force by Germans to restore order in her own province. "That would be simply fair play," he declared.

COPENHAGEN, May 13. — The independence of Upper Silesia has been declared by Adalbert Korfanty, the Polish leader, according to dispatches which were received here today.

Korfanty, the former Polish plebiscite commissioner in Upper Silesia, directed the armed expedition into that region and seized more than half of the country.

Although Germany won most of the region as a result of the recent plebiscite, the Poles hope the Allies will give to them those portions which they have occupied.

BERLIN, May 13. — Offended by members of the Italian detachment, the Germans yesterday cut great holes in the insurgent ranks with accurate artillery fire. The Poles were less successful.

Dispatches here said Polish officials were anxious for an armistice which would leave the insurgents in possession of the territory they have seized.

German mine owners, returning from a trip into Upper Silesia, declared the Poles have secreted explosives in the mines, threatening to

Worshippers Land Turkish General

ANGORA, Turkey, May 13. — Ismet Pasha, who defeated the Greeks at the valley entrance before the city of Eski-Shehr, has become a nationalist hero second only to Mustafa Kemal Pasha.

His victory has made foreigners remember that the Turks have been fighting for nine years, on a stretch, and are the only soldiers in Europe, save the Hungarians, their blood relatives, who are not tired out.

Ismet Pasha used the winter in organizing the rabble of an army left over from the armistice and which was defeated by the Greeks 10 months ago. He won his battle by letting the enemy think he was going to retreat. Then he about-faced and counter-attacked. He has stated that he used the tactics of Joffre at the battle of the Marne.

The victory is of vast importance for the Turk nationalists, and its political importance may be such as to eventually drive the allied troops out of Constantinople; let them be replaced in political influence by Moscow, and also encourage the Serbs and Bulgars to take advantage of a weakened Greece. It is pointed out here that those nations responsible for not preventing the Greek offensive appear to have been so confident of the success of Greek arms that they did not stop to consider the consequences of Greek defeat.

Ismet Pasha is a man of 45, and deaf. His deafness is cited by the Turks, who love silence and contemplation, as one of the reasons of his successful planning. He is a product of the great war, having been chief of the general staff under Enver Pasha.

Elks Ladies Open Club Room With Party--Speeches

The opening of the Elks Ladies' Club Room last night was one of the most pleasant affairs of the season. Both bridge and 500 were played. Mrs. Frank Dow and Mr. Fred Wagner having made the high scores in bridge. Mrs. L. Schwein and Mr. Nate Bates scored high for 500. At the supper Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Perrozzi and Mr. Tomlinson made short speeches. Mrs. L. Lodge presented the prizes. It was a most enjoyable affair and the hope was expressed that all the Elks ladies will make it truly a club home.

blow them up if the insurgents are compelled to retire.

Italian Minister Quits.

LONDON, May 13.—There is an unconfirmed report here that Count Storza, Italian foreign minister, has resigned.

Storza met severe criticism on his return to Rome from the supreme council session for not demanding immediate action to protect small Allied forces in Upper Silesia, threatened by the advance of Polish insurgents.

JAPANESE HAVE LARGE PROGRAM FOR NAVAL BLDG

TOKYO, May 13. — Great shiploads of machinery and various other material for the great fleet which Japan is preparing to build are continually arriving. The newspapers say that while Japan received no submarines, beyond those which arrived last year in the division of spoils from Germany, such are coming in constantly in take-down form, being shipped through Dutch ports in order to avoid the attention of the Allied Reparations Commission and on vessels belonging to the biggest Japanese companies which are under obligations, because of subsidies, to the Japanese government.

Great interest is being taken in a large number of airplanes and one Zeppelin, which Japan is receiving as her share of the German spoils and which are now arriving in considerable numbers. Japan is making strenuous efforts to catch up with other nations in development of her air forces, which are without doubt the weakest part of her defense. In addition to the airplanes received from Germany, she recently bought \$3 machines from France.

WEEKS APPOINTS PERSHING CHIEF OF U. S. ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13. — Secretary of War Weeks today announced the appointment of General John J. Pershing as chief of staff, United States army.

AMBASSADORSHIP TO JAPAN REFUSED BY DAVIS HILL

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Davis Jayne Hill has finally decided not to accept the ambassadorship to Japan, it was learned here today.

It was ascertained, at the same time, that Hill may be made ambassador to Germany when diplomatic relations with the Berlin government are resumed.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS

(Special to the Tidings.)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 13. — Following are market quotations:
EGGS—25 1/2 c.
HENS—25c @ 37c.
BROILERS—35c @ 40c.

