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PEMBINA PEDDLER KILLS GIRL AND THEN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Cavalier, N. D., Nov. 8.—Anna Story, age 16, is dead, her mother is in a local hospital with a broken jaw and Sam Kalil, a peddler, is in the county jail, near death from loss of blood, as the result of an alleged attempted double murder and suicide, yesterday at the Story home, near Leyden, 15 miles from here.

A coroner's inquest held over Miss Story's body returned a verdict that she was "killed by a 33 calibre bullet, shot by Sam Kalil." Although barely able to talk, Kalil stoutly maintains innocence, State Attorney Harold Thomson said this morning. Jealousy is the motive given.

Kalil may have to be sent to a hospital to save his life and preliminary hearing is being held up until his condition is decided, Mr. Thomson said.

Version of Shooting
Mrs. Story's version of the shooting, borne out by the story told by her two young sons, Walter, aged 8 and Robert, aged 11, who were in the house at the time of the shooting, charges that Kalil, jealous of a suit-or of Miss Story, stole into the room where Mrs. Story and her daughter were sleeping and shot Miss Story through the breast, causing her death instantly. Awakened by the shooting, Mrs. Story leaped at Kalil, according to her story, but not before Kalil shot her through the cheek, breaking her jaw. Kalil then fled down stairs and she followed him, the two engaging in a battle before she took the gun, which had become locked, away from him, she says.

Kalil then grabbed a butcher knife and followed her up stairs, threatening to kill her. Mrs. Story told State's Attorney, but she took the knife away from him and threw it through an open window as he tried to slash his own throat.

Mother Gives Alarm
Grabbing her youngest son, she ran to Leyden, half a mile away, to turn in the alarm. County officers who arrived an hour later, found the daughter dead on the bed upstairs, and Kalil lying on a mattress with his throat slashed and nearly dead from loss of blood. Mrs. Story alleges that while she and Walter were on their way to town, Kalil ran outside and picked up the knife, which she had thrown away and with this, cut his throat before she returned.

Letters to Miss Story from another young man were found on the person of Kalil after his arrest. According to the girl's mother, Kalil had been jealous of the other young man for some time. Kalil, a peddler, had been rooming down stairs in the Story home, while Mrs. Story and her daughter slept upstairs.

While Mrs. Story's face wound is serious, she will recover, State's Attorney Thomson believes. Neither of the sons were injured in the affair.

Remarkable!

Citizens of Grand Forks, North Dakota, are rejoicing because a citizen there had sweet corn for supper one night last week. He picked it in his own garden, thereby providing a news item that has been considered of enough importance to be sent by wire all over the country. Sweet corn in North Dakota in October! Surely this is important information.

Perhaps it is south of the line. But consider Manitoba: Strawberries in bloom, ripe raspberries being picked, watermelons the size of a ten-cent pail, and all in October.

We have not heard directly of Manitobans eating sweet corn from their gardens this month, but no doubt it is there. Perhaps the only reason it has not been heard about is that Manitoba citizens eat corn much in July, August and September that they cannot bear to look at cornstalk in the fall.

We pause a minute to give somebody a chance to bring in bunch of Manitoba bananas.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Senator Baker's Horses Killed

Senator B. F. Baker of Glenburn was in Minot Sunday morning en route home. He had been informed that three of his best horses had been struck by a train at the railroad crossing near his home and killed and several other horses injured.

He states that an independent representative that he had heard rumors of an election contest, but that Wm. Lemke had been so busy since election, that he had not had time to give the matter attention.

Frank Eicher, formerly of Minot, writes from Hayward, California, and sends in his subscription to the Independent. "It would be like losing your best friend to be without the Independent. I am quite busy at present, as we have selected a home site and have five carpenters busy. We have moved into our garage until house is completed. You can step off the street car 50 feet directly in front of our house. There is a large electric light directly in front of our residence. I would show you around the bay which you would not forget in a long time. We are all well and glad to think that I will not have to shovel lignite this winter as the flowers grow the year round here. My wife is setting out flowers all around the new home. Good luck and best wishes to the right party I am sorry I cannot help elect."

STEFANSON SOLVES SECRETS OF LIFE IN POLAR CIRCLES

Survived Five Years of Arctic Peril By Living Just as Eskimos Lived

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the noted Arctic explorer who is to lecture here on the evening of November 16, next Wednesday, at the high school auditorium upset all the old theories of the arctic during his five years spent in the polar circles ending in 1918. Instead of carrying large supplies of food, he learned to live off the land on native animals and fish. Instead of carrying fuel, he burned seal blubber. Instead of taking a regiment of dogs and a long sledge train, he and his party traveled with six dogs and one sledge, and he brought the dogs back "fat as pigs" according to his own description.

Instead of being covered with snow Mr. Stefansson found the arctic hills full of fertile grass and capable of affording pasturage to enormous herds of reindeer, the meat of the future, according to Mr. Stefansson. In his great lecture, "My Five Years in the Arctic," which is to be given here, Mr. Stefansson describes life in the northern regions as being most fascinating in its wealth of detail as to travel, food, seal hunting, bear hunting, clothing, difficulty of progress and many other features.

Mr. Stefansson's first experiences in living off the country was occasioned by necessity, owing to the destruction of his ship, Karluk, which carried most of his provisions. He believed, however, that he could live off the land and this he and his party proceeded to do. He studied the Eskimo and learned to live exactly as the Eskimo lived. He learned to build ice houses as the Eskimo builds them. In this way he was able to undergo the hardships of the North and made life and travel in the circle comparatively simple.

Judge Burr Gives Wonderful Lecture
Judge Burr of Rugby, who has long been on the district bench in his district, gave a most remarkable lecture before the Men's Club of the Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening. The judge's effort was along historical lines and plainly shows him to be an extensive reader of current history, a man with a retentive memory and a remarkably clear thinker. He went back over the world history for the past six or seven years and commented at length on the present world condition. He discussed the new constitution of Mexico, which in some ways is in advance even of our own and pointed out that the European countries were rapidly winning Mexican trade that by right should go to this country. It is hoped that later the judge can be induced to repeat his lecture and give it in the auditorium to a capacity house.

Former Minot Official is Found Guilty

D. W. Bowker former police commissioner of Minot and who resigned a month ago from the city commission, was found guilty in district court at Great Falls, Mont., on a charge of maintaining a public nuisance in violation of prohibition laws. He was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail and fined \$100.00.

State witnesses testified Bowker sold liquor in his hotel at Cascade, Mont. While in office in Minot he was an active prosecutor of gambling, blindpiggers and law violators.

Granary and Wheat Burn

Charlie Zine, one of the farmers of the Bonetrail neighborhood, Williams County, had the misfortune to lose his granary and 1,300 bushels of wheat by fire Tuesday evening. The granary was in the field, apart from other buildings, but in the path of a prairie fire which had traveled some distance before it reached the field, whence the dry stubble led it to the granary.

Successful Educator Visits Minot
Superintendent George Moyer of the Balfour schools is spending the week in Minot attending the Scottish Rite Reunion. Prof. Moyer is an old time Ward County man and has been engaged in school work for fourteen years. He was in charge of the schools of Turtle Lake for seven years. He is the son of J. F. Moyer, a prominent farmer residing south of Des Lacs.

Chas. Hart Dies After Falling Down Cellar

Charles Hart, aged Wahpetonian who was hurt late Sunday night when he fell through a cellarway, a distance of approximately 12 feet, died Tuesday afternoon at St. Francis hospital. He had been taken there as soon as possible after the accident.

F. W. Cathro Visits Minot
F. W. Cathro, director general of the Bank of North Dakota, was in Minot Monday en route to Bismarck from a visit to his old home in Bottineau. Mr. Cathro was inspecting the debris of the Townley machine which was seriously wrecked on Oct. 28.

Stole Foot's Car
A Ford Car, owned by L. S. Foote, was stolen from the Louie Groshans garage at Burlington early Monday morning.

Stefansson's Many Long Years in Arctic Visualize Man's Battle Against Nature

Noted Explorer Completely Upsets Traditional Ideas of Life in Polar Regions—Scientific Accomplishment Wins World's Admiration—To Appear Here Soon.



Vilhjalmur Stefansson is today recognized as the world's foremost scientific explorer.

He emerged in 1918, from five long years spent on the very top of the world, bringing as his contribution to science data of inestimable worth. Five Great National Geographic Societies awarded him medals and the late Theodore Roosevelt wrote him this characteristic note:

"There are few men in this world whom I envy—and you are one of them!" Stefansson won his battle against the rigors and the unknown, hidden perils of the polar regions. The real romance of his explorations lies in his wonderful story of life—and the battle for existence in the far north. He won his battle because he learned to live as the northerners live. He won out by compelling Nature—in spite of herself—to furnish him with the means of living.

He found new islands, one of which is almost as large as Great Britain. He corrected the dubious outlines of many other islands; established the non-existence of at least one island, and gave the world a new idea of life and vegetation in the North.

His lecture "My Five Years in the Arctic," profusely illustrated with remarkable stereopticon views, invariably arouses the highest enthusiasm.

MAJOR JAMES HANLEY TO DELIVER ARMISTICE DAY ADDRESS

The William G. Carroll Post, American Legion, are making plans for a big celebration in Minot on Armistice Day, Friday, Nov. 11.

Taps will be blown at noon, and this will be the signal for everyone to pause for two minutes to do honor to the soldiers who gave up their lives in the cause.

An interesting program will be rendered at the high school auditorium at 2:30 o'clock, the principal address to be given by Major Hanley. Music will be rendered by the high school orchestra.

All places of business are to be closed during the afternoon at least, and in the evening the American Legion will hold a ball in the Armory to which the public are cordially invited.

UP TO NEW OFFICIALS TO ENFORCE OLD LAWS—CATHRO

Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 8.—It devolves upon the newly elected state officials to enforce the law of the state honestly, or else they, too, will be recalled, in the opinion of F. W. Cathro, manager of the Bank of North Dakota, a visitor in the city recently. Mr. Cathro made but little comment on the significance of the recall result, except to say that the people, by their votes, had declared themselves for the retention of the league program, but had elected new officials to carry it out.

MAN RESCUES FAMILY FROM BURNING HOME

Mandan, N. D., Nov. 8.—Awakened to find his home in flames, Elmer Whitmore, this morning carried his wife and children out of the structure safely and then rescued a niece who was trying to dress. The girl was badly burned.

The home, located in an isolated spot just outside the city limits was completely destroyed with a total loss of \$6,000. The first blizzard of the winter was blowing and Mrs. Whitmore, who was in a delicate condition, today is critically ill.

FIRST TETANUS CASE IN 15 YEARS AT MANDAN, FATAL

Mandan, N. D., Nov. 8.—The first case of tetanus in this section of North Dakota in over 15 years resulted fatally to the victim, Anton Dvoracek, aged 19 years. Lockjaw resulted from an infection in the foot caused by a briar piercing the member.

Dr. D. A. Fisk of Kenmare is in the city attending the Scottish Rite Reunion.

V. E. STENERSEN IS NAMED ASSISTANT STATES ATTORNEY

MRS. OBENCHAIN IS CALLED NEAR DEATH

Attorney Urges Quick Trial or Release for Woman in Murder Case

Los Angeles, Nov. 5.—"Madalynne Obenchain is near death—if she is not brought to trial immediately or released it is going to cost her life," Charles Erbstein, attorney for the woman who is held in the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, declared today.

"Her breakdown is not superficial," Erbstein said. "We have taken every physical means to revive her so that she may appear in court Monday."

Madalynne yesterday, in a supreme effort arose from a sick bed and went before the grand jury to tell her story. It was said she may not be able to go before Judge Reeve Monday to hear the decision on a motion to dismiss the charges against her.

Preparations were also being made today for the defense of Arthur Burch, who will plead insanity before the same judge Monday. His attorneys have obtained affidavits to substantiate his plea.

North Dakotans have taken much interest in this case as Mrs. Obenchain is a former North Dakota girl, her parents at one time having conducted a hotel at Fessenden.

Senator Watson Branded Lafayette As a Traitor

Washington, Nov. 5.—Secretary J. W. Weeks, referring today to charges against army nurses in particular and alleged execution of soldiers without trial made in the senate by Senator T. E. Watson, made the following statement: "No decent man would make such statements, and I am sure of my words when I say that."

Senator Thomas Watson of Georgia whose charges that American soldiers were hanged in France without trial, late yesterday declared General Lafayette was a traitor.

The Georgia Senator, a noted authority on French history, turned his flail upon France, called "civilized" by former Secretary Newton D. Baker, who had denied Senator Watson's charges of hangings.

"Yes, France is civilized, all right," the senator said. "She charges us even for the trenches our soldiers fought in. France is not a howling wilderness, but a civilized country from which Lafayette came upon a written contract with Silas Dean pledging us to make him a major general before he would leave France. He did not even have sense enough to drill a company of soldiers, besides which he snuffed."

"Some of these days when somebody gets up here and blows off about Lafayette, I am going to take him down a peg or two. I know Lafayette, and Washington knew him, and it was not Washington who had him released from that Austrian prison into which he was put when the French army chased him to kill him. It was Napoleon Bonaparte, in the treaty of Campo-Formio."

"Yes, know Lafayette. He betrayed every French government that trusted him, and the only independent command he ever had in America came very near getting bagged by Benedict Arnold, and it was only the James river that saved Lafayette and his command from being captured."

Hangings in France Without Trial Denied

Chicago, Nov. 5.—Harry D. Green of Elkan, Green & Co., who made a special investigation of conditions in France as chief historian for the adjutant general's department of the A. E. F., said there was no foundation for the charges made by Senator Thomas E. Watson of Georgia that soldiers were hanged in France without trial and sometimes without being convicted.

Mr. Green mixed with the soldiers as well as the officers. He said there were no rumors of men being hanged unjustly.

He said two Negroes had been hanged at Brest for an attack upon a 50 year old woman who was the keeper of a disorderly house. The woman did not die, but the men were hanged in spite of the protests of the French officials. This case, Mr. Green says, is the nearest to an injustice which he encountered.

A white second lieutenant, he said, was shot at Is-sur-Till in the presence of 3,000 Negro troops. This execution, Mr. Green said, followed a trial and conviction of the officer for murder. Only Negro troops and a few white officers witnessed the execution.

At St. Nazaire, Mr. Green stated, a captain in the medical corps was executed for inoculating enlisted men with disease germs instead of a typhoid fever preventative. This captain, said Mr. Green, was from Cincinnati and of German parentage.

G. W. Shank Guilty
G. W. Shank was found guilty of carrying whiskey. His case was tried in district court. Shank had a weak defense as he was caught with a Ford car heavily loaded with wet rods.

BIG AREA BURNED OVER

Bowbells, N. D., Nov. 8.—An extensive area near Powers Lake was burned over by fire which left the district unfit for grazing. Farmers, however, are well supplied with other feed.

Attorney V. E. Stenersen has been named assistant states attorney of Ward County to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of A. Nestos, who was elected Governor of North Dakota on October 28. While Governor Nestos will not take office until November 28, he will be out of the city more or less from now on until that time.

Attorney Stenersen who has maintained offices in the Jacobson block, has already begun upon his duties as Assistant to State's Attorney O. B. Herigstad and he is preparing to open offices on the same floor with Mr. Herigstad, although for the present he will maintain his individual legal practice.

The selection of Mr. Stenersen has met with the hearty approval of his many friends, who regard him as one of the most capable attorneys. He was assistant state's attorney of Burke County under State's Attorney Hanson some years ago. He has practiced law in Minot for a number of years and has been very successful.

Mr. Stenersen is prominent in civic and fraternal affairs of the city. He is president of the famous Minot Town Criers Club and is Worshipful Master of Star in the West Lodge, No. 33, A. F. and A. M. He is one of the principal officers of the Elks lodge and was district manager of the Interchurch movement. Mr. Stenersen spent his boyhood days in Minot, graduating from the Minot high school and hundreds of friends have watched his progress since that time.

Minot Lads Start Out To See The World

Three Minot lads from 12 to 14 years old, Robert Benton, James Anderson and a companion, left this city one day last week with the combined resources of three dollars, determined to go into the far, far west and grow up with the country. They hiked to Foxholm the first night, carrying their bedding and the second night they reached Berthold. When they arrived at Blaisdell the third day they spent their last dime for cookies and decided to return to their homes. They had hunted up the hay mow of the Blaisdell livery stable and intended to spend the night, but C. F. Very of the Farmers Implement and Supply Co. happened to see the lads and offered them a ride home which they were not slow to accept. Home and supper looked mighty good to those young Americans that night.

Jury Disagree in Pat Barton Case

Pat Barton, Minot barber charged with transporting whiskey, won the first round in his legal argument with the state and federal authorities when the jury disagreed. He was tried in district court and the jury disagreed nine standing for acquittal and three for conviction. Barton was riding in a Cadillac car with some other men who were caught north of the city last spring with a car full of whiskey. The Watkins-Upton forces made the arrest after the rear tire of the Cadillac car had been punctured with a bullet.

Farmer Killed in Auto Spill

Knute Christianson, a farmer living eight miles west of Bonetrail, Williams County, was found dead about 12 miles northwest of Williston late Tuesday night. His car having run off an eight-foot grade and turned over, pinning him under the steering wheel. He had been in that city Tuesday and was on his way home when the accident happened. Deceased was about 50 years of age and is survived by the widow and three children. The body was brought to Williston yesterday and prepared for burial and taken to the home near Bonetrail.

YOUTH GETS THREE YEARS IN STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

Bowbells, N. D.—Arraigned before Judge Lowe in district court here charged with a statutory crime, Henry Southern pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in the state training school where he will begin serving sentence immediately.

RESISTED OFFICER; JAILED

Hazen, N. D., Nov. 8.—When Deputy Sheriff H. D. Clintworth went to the Christian Wendt farm to serve replevin papers, Wendt assaulted the officer with a neckyoke. He was clapped in irons and brought to the city and was sentenced to 15 days in jail for resisting an officer.

SHOT HORSES, CHARGE

Bowbells, N. D.—John Sloan, farmer near Bowbells, will be given a hearing next Tuesday on the charge of shooting horses owned by R. F. Hadwen. Hadwen asserts that horses, grazing at large under the terms of the herd law, returned from the Sloan place peppered with shot.

G. A. Hassel, former Minot merchant, for the past two years engaged with a Bismarck mercantile concern, was in Minot Saturday on business. Mr. Hassel's son, John, now 18 years old is a member of the high school foot ball team at Bismarck. John is 6 feet, 3 inches tall and plays center. He weighs nearly 200 pounds and is almost strong enough to push the state Capitol building around.

Apologies Accepted

