

KILLED MANY Startling Confession of Alfred Knapp the Murderer MAY BE INSANE

In His Confession He Tells of the Murder of Five Women—Two of Them His Wives—And Later He Added to His List of Crimes by Asserting That He Was Implicated in Several Hold-Ups Last December—Knapp Says He is Sorry for His Crimes and Hopes He Will Get Off Light—He is a Degenerate of the Most Pronounced Type—The Parents of the Criminal Say He is Insane and That His Statements Should Not be Believed—The Confession That He Made.

Hamilton, O., February 26.—Alfred Knapp, the self-confessed murderer, made a long statement tonight at the jail. He adhered to his written confession and added some points. Of these, the most interesting relates to his first wife, Emma Stubbs, whose fate had been overlooked. Knapp declares that she is still alive and is now in Louisville, Ky. He says that she got a divorce from him. Another chapter was added to Knapp's list of confessed crimes tonight when he asserted that he was implicated in several hold ups here last December.

Five murders, all of whom were women and two of them his wives—is the revolting record of Albert Knapp given today in a sworn confession given by the murderer before Mayor Bosch. Knapp according to the police is a degenerate of a pronounced type. The murder of his third wife, Annie Goddard yesterday which led to Knapp's arrest yesterday in Indianapolis, was done, "don't know why," to quote the prisoner.

Knapp's confession which was sworn to before Mayor Bosch is as follows: "On January 21, 1894, I killed Emma Littleman in a lumber yard in Cincinnati, Ohio. On August 1, 1894, I killed May Eckert in Walnut street, opposite the Y. M. C. A. in Cincinnati. On August 7, 1894 I killed my wife Jennie Connors Knapp under the canal bridge, in Liberty street, Cincinnati and threw her in the canal near Cincinnati. On August 1, 1894, I killed Ida Gebhard in July 1895, I killed Ida Gebhard. On December 22d 1902 I killed my wife, Annie Knapp at 339 South Fourth street in Hamilton, and threw her into the river at Lindenwald. This is the truth, Albert Knapp. "I make this statement by my own free will and not by the request of any officer or any one else. (Signed.) "ALBERT KNAPP." The confession clears up the mystery of at least one death—that of Jennie Connors Knapp, Knapp's second wife. This woman's body was found in the slugsman water in a canal near Cincinnati. Bruises were discovered on the head, but an investigation led to no definite conclusion concerning the manner of her death.

The most recent of the murders to which Knapp has confessed—that of his third wife, Annie Goddard, in Hamilton, led to his arrest at the home of his fourth bride in Indianapolis. An uncle of the victim, hearing of Knapp's marriage to a Miss Gumble in Indianapolis a few days after the mysterious disappearance of his niece, formerly Annie Goddard started an investigation.

The police were prepared for a gruesome story today, Knapp having admitted his guilt of the Goddard murder last night, but they were dumbfounded at the revelations which the prisoner made when under oath today. After his confession Knapp admitted that he had repeatedly assaulted women. He said: "I met the Littleman child in the lumber yard and choked her to death when she made an outcry. I went into the room with the Eckert girl, sat down with her. She cried and I strangled her with my hands. I buried the body into the canal. Ida Gebhard, I killed, but my memory is not clear as to what I did. I cannot tell what made me kill these people. I could not help it. Some kind of a desire took hold of me and I could not resist the temptation to kill. I am sorry for my crimes, but now I hope they will be easy with me."

After the confessions a formal charge of murder in the first degree was filed. Attorney C. E. Tenney, Cincinnati, was allowed to see Knapp and told him to make no further statement. Knapp was surprised that his lawyer had secured a lawyer for him.

Knapp talks much of the Pearl Bryan murder and is afraid of being lynched. Knapp is now suspected of strangling three women at Evansville, Ind., and of killing women elsewhere. He was in the Cincinnati house of refuge when seventeen years old, and new records are being discovered almost hourly.

Cincinnati, February 26.—The parents of Knapp tonight said Albert was insane and his confession should not be believed. Albert had given them so much trouble they believed he would be better dead.

Assistant Treasurer Jordan Dead. New York, February 26.—Conrad N. Jordan, assistant treasurer of the United States at the sub-treasury in this city, died today at his residence in West End avenue. Mr. Jordan had been ill for some days from an attack of the grip.

During the political campaign of 1884, Mr. Jordan was an active worker in the democratic ranks and in 1885 and again in 1893 was appointed by President Cleveland assistant treasurer of the United States at the sub-treasury in this city.

PROTESTS SEATING OF SMOOT.

Mr. Leilich Declares That the Apostle is a Polygamist and Now Has a Plural Wife.

Washington February 26.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, today presented to the senate a protest signed by Rev. J. T. Leilich, in the case of Senator-elect Reed Smoot, of Utah, urging that Mr. Smoot shall not be permitted to take his seat in the senate. Mr. Leilich is in charge of Methodist missions in Utah and resides in Salt Lake City. He is in Washington as the representative of the ministers association of Salt Lake. His statement is sworn to. Mr. Leilich declares that Smoot is a polygamist and now has a plural wife, although he deems it inexpedient to give the maiden name of the lady at this time. His charge on this point is as follows:

"That the said Reed Smoot is a polygamist, and that since the admission of Utah into the Union of states he, although then and there having a legal wife, married a plural wife in the state of Utah, in violation of the laws and compacts hereinbefore described and since such plural or polygamous marriage, the said Reed Smoot has lived and cohabited with both his legal wife and his plural wife in the state of Utah and elsewhere as occasion offered, and that the only record of such plural marriage is the secret record made and kept by the authorities of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which secret record is in the exclusive custody and control of the first presidency and the quorum of the twelve apostles of the said church, of which the said Reed Smoot is one, and is beyond the control or power of the protestants. Your protestant respectfully asks that the senate of the United States or its appropriate committee, compel the first presidency and the quorum of the twelve apostles and the said Reed Smoot to produce such secret record for the consideration of the senate. Your protestant says that he is advised by counsel that it is inexpedient at this time to give further particulars concerning such plural marriage and its results, or the place in which it was solemnized or the maiden name of the plural wife."

Mr. Leilich also asserts that President Joseph F. Smith the president of the Mormon church, is living in open polygamy and has had a child born to him by his "plural wife" as late as 1898. And also that "President Lorenzo Snow lived and died in the practice of polygamy and polygamous cohabitation and that his plural wife Minnie Jensen Snow, bore him a child as late as the winter of 1896-7."

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS FIRM.

From Now on They Will Block the Wheels of Legislation as Far as Possible.

Washington, February 26.—The house democratic caucus today adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we shall resist by all honorable means at our command the unseating of Contestee Butler and the seating of Contestee Wagoner, being convinced that the republican managers in the house have determined to disregard the large majority of 6,000 votes by which Contestee Butler was returned and dispose of the contest arbitrarily in blind partisanship without regard to its merits and without effort or desire to learn what the result would be by way of emphasizing our condemnation of persistent partisan disregard of the rights of the minority and this wanton outrage, lacking even the sorry excuse of pretended partisan necessity, and to prevent the passage of vicious measures which there is every reason for believing the majority have planned to rush through the house in the confusion incident to the ending of the final session of an expiring congress, we pledge ourselves to stand together in support of the demand for the presence of a quorum at all times, for the transaction of business and a recorded ye and nay vote upon everything upon which the house shall act up to the moment of final adjournment."

The caucus was attended by nearly all the democratic representatives in the city and the resolution was unanimously agreed to after a general discussion. It is the opinion of the minority that the republicans will not be able to accomplish more than to pass the appropriation bills before adjournment.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Senate Committee Makes Several Changes of House Provisions.

Washington, February 26.—Senator Hale from the committee on naval affairs today reported the naval appropriation bill. The entire house provision relating to increase of navy is stricken out, and in its stead provision is made for four first class battleships of the general type of the Oregon and two first class armored cruisers of the type of the Brooklyn. The battleships are to cost not exceeding \$3,200,000 each and the cruisers \$2,750,000. There is a provision that not more than two of these vessels shall be built by one establishment and for the building of any or all of them in government yards in case of a combination to deprive the government of the benefit of fair competition.

Other items of increase are the following: Work at Charleston navy yard \$300,000; work at Norfolk navy yard \$75,000; work at Pensacola \$120,000. The total net increase recommended over the appropriation as the bill passed the house is \$1,937,861, making a grand total of \$81,277,281.

Collecting Statistics on Silver.

Mexico City, February 26.—The silver commission is accumulating data necessary to form conclusions and has the entire statistical force of the different departments of the government at its disposal. A plan for the introducing of paper currency to be backed either by silver or gold has been suggested as a means of easy transition to the gold standard. It is argued that it would steady the present exchange value of the peso.

MEMBERS OF CODE COMMISSION

Those Nominated by Democratic Caucus Are N. Y. Gulley, T. B. Womack and W. B. Rodman.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 26.—The joint democratic caucus met in the hall of the house tonight to elect three code commissioners. Doughton offered a resolution to empower the governor to appoint the members of the commission. This resolution was voted down. Resolution by Senator Spence that no member of the general assembly be chosen was lost. Senator Webb offered a resolution that not more than three members be chosen from the legislature. (Laughter.) The latter resolution was ruled out of order.

Nominating speeches were limited to one minute. Following were placed in nomination: J. Crawford Biggs of Durham, W. B. Rodman of Washington, L. L. Smith of Gates, A. W. Graham of Granville, J. B. Blow of Raleigh, N. Y. Gulley of Wake Forest, E. W. Winborne of Hertford, T. J. Jerome of Monroe, T. B. Womack of Wake, Jno. S. Henderson of Salisbury, S. F. Mordecai of Raleigh, W. C. Munroe of Goldsboro, Swift Galloway of Snow Hill, C. A. Moore of Caswell, J. C. McRae of Chapel Hill, C. A. Moore of Asheville, W. J. Adams of Carthage, W. E. Moore of Webster, A. L. Blow of Greenville, P. D. Hackett of Wilkes, E. E. Roper of Lexington, Jacob Battle of Rocky Mount, J. Frank Ray of Racon, W. L. Henderson of Henderson, Eugene Martin of Wilmington, W. C. Newland of Caldwell, A. J. Burton of Rockingham, Theo. F. Davidson of Asheville.

The first ballot resulted as follows: Smith 32, John S. Henderson 23, Burton 15, A. B. Gulley 49, Biggs 28, Jerome 10, C. A. Moore 3, Blow 29, Roper 20, W. E. Moore 4, Womack 46, Munroe 1, W. J. Adams 6, Shaw 5, Ray 4, Mordecai 11, Galloway 4, Winbourne 3, Battle 1, McRae 3, Hackett 5, Newland 1, Davidson 1.

Second ballot N. Y. Gulley was nominated receiving 80 votes, Judge Graham 49, Womack received 56, Judge Graham 49, Biggs 18, Rodman 24, Roper 4, Smit 28, McRae 2, C. A. Moore 3, J. S. Henderson 21, W. E. Moore 4, Mordecai 8, Martin 3, Adams 3, Hindsdale 30, Blow 13, Jerome 9, Shaw 4, Winbourne 1, Burton 7, Battle 1, Ray 5, A. E. Henderson 2, Hackett 1, Galloway 1.

Third ballot resulted in the nomination of Judge Womack he receiving 66 votes, Judge Graham was next with 51, Hindsdale 17, Shaw 1, Rodman 34, Smith 25, Biggs 29, Mordecai 2, J. S. Henderson 4, Blow 4, McRae 1, Burton 1, Adams 1, Hackett 1, Martin 2, A. E. Henderson 1.

Fourth ballot resulted as follows: Rodman 52, Graham 40, Smith 9, Hindsdale 3, Biggs 14, and Burton 1, Galtis withdrew the name of Graham.

The fifth ballot resulted as follows: Rodman 85, Biggs 12, Hindsdale 2, Smith 1, Burton 1, Parker of Wayne 1, Graham 1.

The three nominees therefore are N. Y. Gulley of Wake Forest; T. B. Womack of Raleigh, and W. B. Rodman of Washington. The caucus re-elected M. O. Sherrill state librarian by acclamation.

MRS. FAIRBANKS RE-ELECTED

Gets Unanimous Vote for President-General of the Daughters of American Revolution.

Washington, February 26.—Mrs. Cornelia Cole Fairbanks, of Indiana, was unanimously re-elected president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution today. There was less excitement than usual over the result of the unequivocal declaration of Mrs. Donald MacLean, of New York, that she would not permit her name to be presented as a candidate for president-general, leaving the field clear for the present incumbent.

Mrs. Waring, of South Carolina, took the chair during the reading of the minutes of yesterday's sessions, which were approved after a number of corrections and personal explanations.

Mrs. Fairbanks yielded the chair to Mrs. George Zuberburg for election and nominations were declared in order. Mrs. Charles H. Massury, of Massachusetts, was recognized. She pleaded that the present generation of women be true to their noble ancestry of revolutionary warriors. She then formally presented the name of Mrs. Fairbanks for re-election. The mention of the name was the signal for an outburst of applause that echoed and re-echoed throughout the hall. Mrs. Lippitt, of Rhode Island, seconded the nomination and the speeches that followed were a symposium of tributes to Mrs. Fairbanks from a number of the state delegations. Mrs. Lippitt moved to make the nomination unanimous. Mrs. Donald McLean was recognized and spoke from the platform. As she seconded the nomination of Mrs. Fairbanks there was loud applause and ringing huzzas. After a number of delegates had given voice to their views, the nomination was declared unanimous by an aye and nay vote.

The question went back to the congress on a technicality. Mrs. McLean, of New York, protested because she had not been recognized as the first to second the nomination of Mrs. Fairbanks and there was a lively discussion between her and the chair. (Mrs. Sternberg.) Mrs. McLean suggested, to avoid technicalities, that the rules required the unanimous vote to be cast by the recording secretary for the congress. An aye and nay vote on the instruction to the secretary to this effect followed and a faint "no" was called by one of the delegates, which was sufficient to defeat the instruction.

Mrs. McLean, however, appealed to the unknown negative to withdraw the vote in the interest of harmony and on a rising vote there was no one standing when the negative side was called. Mrs. Fairbanks was therefore declared elected unanimously.

Nominations were then made for vice presidents-generals among them being Mrs. Dennis Fagan, of Florida.

Douglas Withdraws as One of Haywood's Counsel.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 26.—Today W. C. Douglass, one of the counsel for Ernest Haywood gave out a statement that at the time he was employed as such counsel he did not know that his partner Robert N. Simms would be a witness in the Haywood-Skinner case, but since that time, and after mature consideration and in justice to Simms and himself, he has withdrawn from the case as counsel.

THE REVENUE ACT.

Consideration of the Measure Completed — A Postmaster Charged With Making False Returns—Attorneys in the Haywood-Skinner Tragedy in Frequent Conference. The Watts Bill.

Messenger Bureau. Raleigh, N. C., February 26.

A charter was today granted by the state to the Winston Handle Company, of Winston, capital \$25,000, W. A. Blair and others stockholders. The company will make handles of all kinds, golf clubs and novelties, and is given power to operate furniture factories, etc.

The legislature is now working under what may be called high pressure. The house was in session until after midnight last night.

Today, a favorable report was made by the committee on public buildings and grounds on a bill providing for the erection of a state arsenal and hall of records, on a site purchased by the state several years ago, adjoining the capitol square. It is so late in the session that there is fear the bill may not pass.

R. M. Parker, postmaster at Key, Harnett county, was arraigned today before a United States commissioner charged with making false returns as to the amount of stamps cancelled at his office, for the purpose of increasing his compensation. He is also charged with having sent away a large amount of stamps in payment for goods. Parker was held to appear at the federal court here. His discrepancy is nearly \$400.

There was less talk today about the Haywood murder case. Haywood's attorneys are in nearly constant conference with him in his cell. The attorneys for the prosecution, Messrs. Woodard, Norris Gilliam, Graham, Daniel, also have daily conferences. There is in some quarters comment on the fact that only one of the Raleigh bar appears for the prosecution and it appears that there is also outside of Raleigh a good deal of talk about the same thing. The search for witnesses of course continues.

Among today's arrivals were W. W. Barber, Wadesboro; J. F. Ray, Frank Ray, P. H. Cooke, Gastonia.

Today the typewriter finished the long report of the investigating committee on the charges of cruelty to convicts at Marion. Senator Warren the chairman said the committee would at once make up its report on the evidence.

Ex-President Frank O'Donnell of the State Liquor Dealers Association is here and said of the Watts bill that it was not a very bad bill. He declared that rumor that big distillers particularly in Kentucky were backing the Watts bill was absolutely false.

Thomas H. Hart suits the International Correspondent school, of Scranton, Penn., for \$10,000 for slander. The case will be heard in the federal court here in May.

The Revenue Act.

In the house the consideration of the revenue act was completed by committee of the whole. The changes made in the bill as presented by the finance committee are really few and unimportant.

Section 66 providing how liquor license may be procured was adopted.

Section 67, the merchants' purchase tax provision was next considered. Mr. Watts of Ireland moved to strike out the whole section. He wanted to protect the merchants against a tax which is clearly unjust and oppressive. The amendment was lost. Mr. Moore, of Cumberland, moved to amend to make a uniform rate of twenty-five cents on each thousand dollars sold. This amendment was lost. Mr. Freeman, of Mecklenburg, moved to make it thirty cents. Lost. Mr. Love, of Gaston, moved to amend to provide that no county, city or town shall levy any additional tax. Section 67 was then adopted.

Section 68 relating to insurance companies, 69 to dealers in pistols, 70 to pianos and organs, 71 cigarette dealers and manufacturers, 72 public ferries and bridges, 73 liquor dealers purchase tax, 74 emigrant agents, 75 itinerant oculists, 76 trading stamps, 77 defying taxes in schedule C, 78 privilege tax on railroads, 79 rate of taxation, 80 express and telegraph companies, 81 tax on corporations, 82 one dollar for each marriage license, 83 seal affixed by officers, 84 licenses to be countersigned, 85 fines for benefit of school fund, 86 misappropriation of taxes deemed embezzlement, 87 duty of sheriff in cases of violation, 88 unless prohibited, county may levy same license tax as the state, 89 appropriation for auditor and treasurer, 90 license to be exhibited on demand, 91 subjects of taxation revised in this act not otherwise taxable. All the sections being adopted the committee rose.

No Action Taken on New Stock Issue

New York, February 25.—At a meeting of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company today no action was taken on the new stock issue. Routine business was transacted.

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