

BLOOD FEUD CLAIMS LAST OF SHEFFERS

Death of Wife Ends Family of Four Victims.

AUBURN, Ind., June 24.—A blood feud of unparalleled vindictiveness against the old and young generations of the family of James W. Sheffer found its culmination early today when Mrs. Cora Sheffer, the mother and last survivor of a once happy family, succumbed to the bullets of the assassin who waylaid her and her husband as they drove into the dark garage late Thursday evening.

Police are still questioning Nie Sheffer at intervals, but have been unable to break down his reticence.

Two REVOLVERS BURIED IN SHIRT.

Two revolvers said to have been owned by Nie, a brother of the dead man, were found wrapped in an old shirt buried in a creek near the tent where Nie lived.

One of them was shown him and he denied ever having owned it. Authorities declare it was in his possession at the time the home of James Sheffer was dynamited in January, 1921, and two children were killed and the parents injured.

The other gun was an automatic pistol of .25 caliber said to be the one with which Mr. and Mrs. Sheffer were killed. It was not shown to the prisoner.

PRISONER SAID TO BE WEAKENING.

County officers continued grilling him and they said Nie was weakening in his stand denial of the crime. They will show him the other gun when they consider the psychological effect it produces will bring a confession.

They said he weakened perceptibly when they told him James Sheffer, the dead man, was recovering strength and whispered that he had something to tell.

It was discovered that Nie's trousers and his shirt and sox were wet when he was arrested shortly after the shooting. One of the sox was in the tent and the other was found neat by today.

The theory is that his clothing became wet when he waded into the creek near his tent to bury the guns. With the guns were twenty-six cartridges of .32 caliber, two magazines of cartridges for the small pistol, one of which was full and the other containing five cartridges.

Nie is said to have had an argument with his brother over money matters.

STATE BOARD STARTS PROBE OF MASSACRE

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sults of efforts of the operators to work the mines in violation of an agreement not to ship coal for commercial purposes.

Trivial clashes between the guards and miners along a disputed country road served to arouse the miners' animosity.

Ordering of Willis off the mine property by the slain J. B. McDowell, superintendent of the mine, aroused deep resentment.

THREAT OF SUIT STIRS NEW HATRED.

Announcement that the Southern Illinois Coal Company, which owned the mine where strikebreakers were employed, would bring suits aggregating \$1,000,000, for damages against the county and the miners' union, stirred the union miners to new hatred.

Trouble is feared when funerals of the victims are held.

Most of the bodies will not be claimed. Many of the slain were transient laborers who long ago gave up family connections and their final resting place will be the potter's field.

Coroner McCowan announced that the inquest over all the men will be conducted as one case.

According to present plans, mine union officials, if called to testify, will declare that the workers employed by the company were Chicago gunmen; that they had blockaded a public highway and refused to allow citizens to pass on it; that they were working in violation of a legal contract and that they fired first.

Sentiment here is strongly against any direct investigation of the massacre and the inquest is expected to be entirely perfunctory.

DENOUNCES ATROCITIES

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Labor unions were bitterly denounced for their part in the Herrin, Ill., mine war in a fiery speech in the Senate today by Senator Myers, Montana.

"The atrocities at Herrin, when union laborers attacked men who had been brought to work in the mines, were more horrible, more shocking than any committed by Germany in the world war," Senator Myers charged.

"A free American country does not exist any more. Today an honest workman who does not belong to the labor unions is not able to earn an honest living, without first getting consent of an organized minority, which has decreed that no man in America shall work without its permission."

LESTER FEARS MORE RIOTING

CHICAGO, June 24.—Danger of further rioting in the southern Illinois mine fields is feared. It developed today in a telegram sent to Governor Small by Arthur S. Lytton, representing William J. Lester, owner of the mining properties where the killings took place.

The telegram urged the immediate dispatch of troops to the trouble zone to forestall further outbreaks.

Youthful Bandit Kills Man; Makes Escape

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 24.—A youthful bandit shot and killed Edward Meyers, 50, in the office of the Auto Delivery Company here to demand his pay and fled to his wife.

Camera Picks Her for Free Theater Tickets



BISHOPS ARE ASSIGNED FOR FALL SESSIONS

The Rev. F. D. Leete of Indianapolis to Preside at Indiana Conferences.

The assignments of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the fall conferences of the church in this country, were announced at noon today by the Board of Bishops who have been in important sessions here since Wednesday.

Bishop F. D. Leete of Indianapolis will preside at both of the Indiana conferences.

Bishop E. G. Richardson, secretary of the executive sessions, made the following announcement of the assignments:

Atlanta Area—Savannah district, Waycross, Ga., Nov. 2, Bishop E. G. Richardson; Georgia district, Tallahassee, Ga., Nov. 8, Bishop C. W. Burns; Alabama district, Boaz, Ala., Nov. 8, Bishop Richardson; South Carolina, Sumter, S. C., Dec. 6, Bishop Richardson; Atlanta district, Griffin, Ga., Dec. 13, Bishop M. W. Clair.

Buffalo Area—Central New York district, Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 27, Bishop E. L. Waldorf; Genesee district, Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 4, Bishop J. F. Berry.

Chattanooga Area—Holston district, Rockwood, Tenn., Oct. 11, Bishop J. M. Bristol; Central Tennessee, McLeansville, Oct. 18, Bishop Bristol; Tennessee district, Lebanon, Oct. 11, Bishop M. W. Clair; East Tennessee, Bluefield, W. Va., Oct. 27, Bishop Bristol; Blue Ridge Atlantic, Bakersville, N. C., Nov. 2, Bishop L. B. Wilson; North Carolina, Nov. 8, Bishop Wilson.

Chicago Area—Central Swedish, Jamestown, N. Y., Aug. 30, Bishop J. F. McConnell; Chicago German, Almond, Wis., Aug. 30, Bishop T. B. Nicholson; Illinois Decatur, Ill., Sept. 26, Bishop Nicholson; Central Illinois, Rock Island, Ill., Sept. 13, Bishop Nicholson; Rock River, Princeton, Ill., Oct. 4, Bishop Nicholson.

Cincinnati Area—West Ohio, Dayton, Aug. 30, Bishop W. F. Anderson; Ohio, Logan, Ohio, Sept. 13, Bishop Anderson; Northeast Ohio, Mansfield, Sept. 19, Bishop McConnell; Kentucky, Barbourville, Ky., Sept. 27, Bishop Anderson.

Detroit Area—Central German, Indianapolis, Sept. 6, Bishop W. F. McDowell; Michigan, Albion, Mich., Sept. 12, Bishop T. S. Henderson; Detroit, Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 12, Bishop McDowell; Norwegian Danish, Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 20, Bishop F. D. Leete.

Denver Area—Utah mission, Salt Lake City, Sept. 14, Bishop C. L. Meade; West German, Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 30, Bishop Waldorf; Colorado, Denver, Sept. 6, Bishop Waldorf; Wyoming State, Powell, Wyo., Sept. 13, Bishop Waldorf; Western Swedish, Wash., Sept. 13, Bishop Burns.

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