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Forecast

RAIN and colder tonight. Wednesday probably fair and cooler.

TWO CENTS

SHANK PLANS BIG EXPANSION

POLICE SEEK EX-SUITOR IN KNIFE KILLING

Romance of Fifteen Years Ends With Stabbing as Albert Smith Kisses Old Sweetheart, Then Plunges Bayonet in Her Throat—Girl, 10, Is Only Witness.

After he had killed Mrs. Theresa Perry, 42, of 729 Rochester Ave., as the culmination of a love affair of fifteen years' duration, according to police, Albert V. Smith, 32, of 2103 S. Meridian St., was still at large today.

Smith, police were told, appeared at Mrs. Perry's home about 9 o'clock Monday night, kissed her affectionately, and then plunged an old Army bayonet into her throat and into her breast. She died almost instantly. The assailant escaped through the front door, carrying the weapon with him. He left the scabbard behind. The scene was enacted in the presence of Jennie Genell Perry, 10, niece of Mrs. Perry, who watched as she hid behind a post on the stairway.

Fifteen years ago, Fred E. Perry and Smith were "buddies," relatives of Mrs. Perry said. They made a trip together to Denver but Perry never got to Indiana. Later Smith returned and was given a job in a restaurant operated by John C. Perry, Fred's father. He also met Theresa and loved her, it is said. But she and Perry were married and Smith left the city.

Frequent Visitor at Perry Home—After wandering in the West, at one time spending three days on the desert without food or water, Smith found himself in Seattle when the war started. He enlisted and was sent to Alaska. At the close of the war he returned to Indianapolis. Two years ago Perry went to Astoria, Ore. Smith was a frequent visitor at the Perry home and later went there to board.

But another man appeared, a man whose identity could not be learned, and Smith became insanely jealous, it was said. Some time ago he appeared at the Perry home with a knife and threatened to kill Mrs. Perry, her mother-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Louise Perry, and little Jennie, police say.

Mrs. Jennie Louise Perry said Smith drew a knife across her throat and said he was going to kill her first, then all the rest and then himself.

He was arrested Sept. 19, 1922, and sent to the State Farm for forty-five days on an affidavit sworn to by Mrs. Perry.

Removes Pictures of Himself

Smith lived with his uncle, Albert Smith. Sunday while his uncle and aunt were at the Castle Tabernacle he took from the house every picture of himself, including snapshots sent from Alaska, evidently in an effort to prevent identification if caught following the crime he planned to commit, the uncle said.

At 7:45 o'clock Monday night he left his uncle's home. He said good-bye as if he expected to be gone a long time, the uncle said. He must have gone directly to the Perry home. It was later discovered that he took from his uncle's home a bayonet, sharpened to a razor edge, and used to cut bread while on camping trips. The scabbard found in the Perry home was the scabbard of this bayonet, the uncle said.

HUBBY IS FOUND IN WOMAN'S APARTMENT

Estranged Wife Leads Police in Raid on Rival's Home.

By United Press

CHICAGO, April 3.—Mrs. Mary Cutler Robbins, former wife of the son of the millionaire head of the Armour Car Company and Naval C. Douglas, advertising man, will answer charges instigated by Mrs. Douglas, in morals, April 10.

Mrs. Nadine C. Douglas, denounced by Mrs. Robbins, ex-fiancée girl, led police in a second raid on the divorcee's apartment last night. The police said they found Douglas in pajamas and Mrs. Robbins in negligee.

MURDER TRIAL IS OPENED

Mrs. Anna Price Charged With Slaying Spouse.

Of a special grand jury fifty ordered by Criminal Judge James A. Collins for the trial of Mrs. Anna Price, 24, colored, 118 N. Liberty St., charged with second-degree murder, two on the 1st were found to be dead, one deaf and dumb, seven sick and fifteen could not be located, when the trial opened today.

"I have not come to this country to urge American participation in the League," Clegg said, "but rather to explain to the people of the United States what conditions in Europe are today, and ask what they propose to do about it."

Lord Robert said, however, he would carry to Mr. Wilson a most favorable report of the present League's accomplishments, of what it considers the rehabilitation of Austria by far the most important.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Two Others Seriously Injured as Fire Destroys House.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 3.—Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholson, 91, was burned to death and two other women were seriously hurt in a fire which destroyed a two-story brick residence here today. Property damage was estimated at \$5,000.

TRADE UNION STRIKE HALTS CITY CONSTRUCTION WORK

Dispute Over Wages and Hours Causes Walkout in Six Brotherhoods—Officials See End Soon.

Building in Indianapolis was curtailed today while members of six local unions belonging to the Building Trades Council were on strike as a result of failure to reach an agreement with employers on new contracts.

Striking unions are plasterers, painters, electricians, iron workers, lathers and plastering engineers. Agreements were reached by five unions: carpenters, cement finishers, sheet-metal workers, plumbers and asbestos workers.

Employers which employees failed to sign included wage increases, and, in some cases, change in working conditions. Work on many large buildings, as well as minor works, had been stopped temporarily.

Albert Smith, uncle of Albert V. Smith, said he had remonstrated with his nephew when the latter had threatened to kill Mrs. Perry, but that the younger man had always replied, "There is only one time to die and I don't care when that time comes."

The uncle said his nephew was a "likeable fellow" and that he was "not afraid of God nor the devil."

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

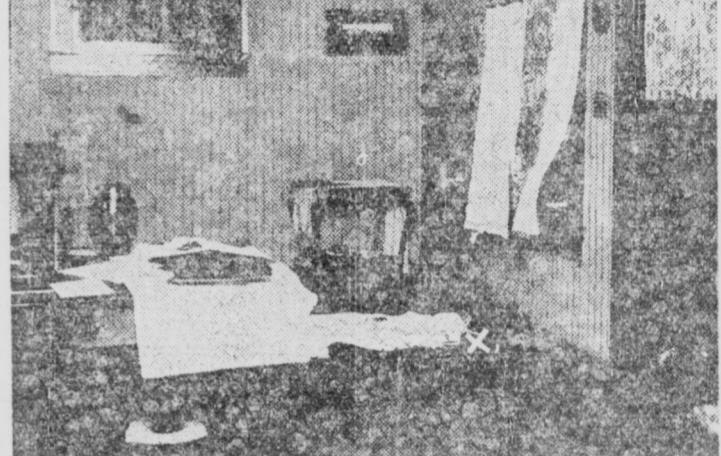
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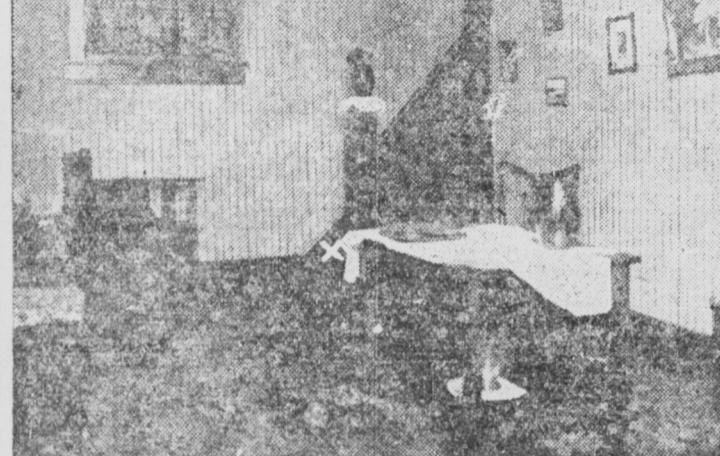
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Death House Where Assailant Murdered Woman While Niece Crouched on Stair Landing Near By



LEFT, ABOVE, INTERIOR OF HOUSE WHERE MRS. THERESA PERRY WAS MURDERED, CROSS SHOWING WHERE BODY WAS FOUND, NEAR WINDOW THROUGH WHICH MURDERER ENTERED. RIGHT, ABOVE, INTERIOR OF DEATHROOM, CROSS SHOWING WHERE MRS. PERRY'S NIECE, JENNIE GENELL PERRY, CROUCHED.



MRS. THERESA PERRY JENNIE GENELL PERRY MRS. JENNIE LOUISE PERRY FRED E. PERRY

BRITISH EXPONENT OF LEAGUE SEEKS SUBSTITUTE PACT

Lord Cecil Calls on Wilson Hoping U. S. May Join.

By United Press

NEW YORK, April 3.—Lord Robert Cecil, foremost British exponent of the League of Nations, will call upon Woodrow Wilson, its first sponsor, in Washington next week, and ask the former president if some substitute or modified form of the present society of nations may not be found that will permit the United States to enter.

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