

## WITNESS IS DEAD; ARREST SUSPECTS

Peculiar Climax of a Knox County, Ohio, Bootlegging Case Dramatic.

Mr. Vernon O., March 31.—Because of the sudden death of Charles Metcalf, the principal witness for the state in an alleged bootlegging case, Michael Lee and Alfred Wolf are held as witnesses to the grand jury of Knox county under \$5,000 bonds, which they failed to give.

The events that led up to their incarceration of themselves make a dramatic story. On the night of his death Metcalf, in company with David Mackey, left this place for Homer, eight miles distant. Six hours later his body was found under the upset carriage by the side of the road three miles out. Mackey was arrested after a coroner's inquest. An investigation was instituted by Prosecuting Attorney Tate Cromley and Sheriff J. A. Walker. Studiously ignoring the local police, Harry L. Bradbury, head of a Cleveland detective bureau, was engaged. The contents of Metcalf's stomach were removed and sent to Dr. C. C. Howard of Columbus, together with a sample of the whiskey found in the overturned vehicle. The result of the analysis has not been made public. The origin of the suspected crime is found in a "bootlegging" raid made three weeks ago by Sheriff Walker, in which a dozen illicit dealers were hauled before the grand jury. Among them Lee and Metcalf. Metcalf turned state's evidence. Shortly afterward Lee was indicted and his hearing set for March 21. On the night of the 20th Metcalf took his fatal ride.

Here the story goes back ten years, when Lee was a mechanic of high grade, a member of the Board of Elections and of the County Executive committee of his party. He gave up employment in the Cooper Engineering works and opened a saloon, which two years ago was ousted by the Knox county voting dry. Lee thereafter ostensibly entered the business, but officers say he conducted an illicit business in whisky.

In the crowd about the Lee barn were Metcalf, who worked there; Mackey, an itinerant day laborer; Al Wolf, who had no regular employment, and Dick Fowler, who was a hostler.

Today Lee, Wolf, Fowler and Mackey were before Coroner J. A. Reed, the first named being examined for over two hours.

When he was served with the notice requiring him to give the heavy bond he broke into perspiration, and calling his father, John Lee, a grocer, asked him to become his surety. His father, a respected citizen, refused, and so did his mother, with whom he pleaded that it was only a formality. Still she refused, and, weeping, he was led to jail with Wolf.

Prosecuting Attorney Cromley is a young lawyer, and only two years ago won his first case.

The dead man, Metcalf, was a hard drinker, but a month ago, when his mother died, he stopped drinking. Wolf's brother refused to sign his bond. "He is breaking the law every day, and if he gets into trouble through it, I shall not be responsible," he said some time ago.

## POOL TOURNAMENT ON IN FULL BLAST

The Y. M. I. pool tournament in which a number of prominent local players are taking part opened last evening with a series of six games. The scores were as follows: R. Crump 15; R. Kerves 6; Ed Wise 15; H. Rohe 13; L. Hursting 15; L. Brucker 13; L. Pfeiffer 15; C. Zeyens 10; W. Fahsing 15; J. Bussen 12. The second series in the tournament will be played Saturday evening.

## A WORLD'S RECORD FOR AN AEROPLANE

(American News Service) Paris, March 31.—Traveling at an average speed of 91 miles an hour, Aviator Pierre Vedrine covered 206 miles in a Morane monoplane today and broke all previous aeroplane speed records. Leaving Poitiers at 6:15 a. m., he traveled to the aviation field at Issy, near Paris, alighting at 8:29 a. m. Several times he was blown out of his way by a heavy wind or otherwise would have made a still better record.

**WITH THE BOXERS.** Con O'Killy, Tommy Ryan's "son" is in poor health and will return to his home in Ireland.

Packey McFarland is going to get married, and after two more years of the fighting game he will retire to the simple life.

Jack Dillon, the Indianapolis middle-weight, is coming along on the high speed and looks to be the stuff champions are made of.

## A RUSSIAN SPY.

Trepoff's Ruse to Get at the Plans of the Nihilists.

When the famous General Trepoff was only at the beginning of his career Vera Sassulitch was his invaluable assistant.

Trepoff was the detested enemy of the nihilists, and he was very anxious to obtain inside information as to their doings and plans. Suddenly one day in 1878 he was fired at while driving through the streets of St. Petersburg by no other than Vera Sassulitch. She was at once seized by the soldiery and was charged with the attempted murder of Trepoff, being tried in the ordinary manner; but, to the amazement of the public, she was acquitted.

On her release the nihilists gathered about her, desiring to admit such a friend of the people to their closest acquaintance. In this way she was admitted to all their private circles and was made acquainted with their secrets. These she at once communicated to the Russian government. The truth was that the whole business, including the attempt on his life, was faked by Trepoff himself, and it was simply a clever ruse to get from the nihilists what could not be got in any other way. Thereafter Vera Sassulitch played the part of government spy on innumerable occasions.

**The Doctor's Orders.** "I understand," said the judge, "that you stole the watch of the doctor who had just written a prescription for you at the free dispensary. What have you to say to this charge?"

"Well, your honor," said the prisoner, "it is true, but I found myself in a hole. His prescription said a spoonful every hour, and I had no watch."

—Atlanta Constitution.

**The Hurricane and the Possum.** When the hurricane hit the possum an' sholy blast dat hurricane, said "Amen" ter de tree.

But here whar come de trouble—de wood trust hit de town.

An' I had ter burn dat friendly tree ter cook dat possum brown.

But, oh, fer de great o' country! Gives de possum fine ter you.

An' de very tree he roosted on ter cool de possum too."

—Atlanta Constitution.

## WATCH THE PLAYERS

Richmond Fans Follow Native Sons and Favorites.

Quaker City fandom is just now following with much interest the tryouts of a number of Richmond youngsters and former favorites on Richmond teams.

Ownie Bush who in 1909 went to Detroit and is still with the team, and will play shortstop regularly if his injured foot will permit, has been the sensation of the American league in the short field in the last two years. Late last season he broke a small bone in the instep of his left foot. The bone knitted together, but the wound still pains him and it is feared that he will slow up. However, the specialists say not and his many local friends certainly hope their prediction is true. Bush played here one fall.

Elmer Brown who was the star of Jessup's twirling staff in the early part of the I.O. league's history, has been purchased from Columbus by the Reds. Manager Griffith thought enough of Brown to make the purchase recently which indicates Brown will be a Red regular if he shows up good. Brown refused to play with Columbus.

Ell Cates, former Washington pitcher and sub-infielder, has gone to Vancouver, British Columbia, in the Northwestern league. He will pitch "Huck" Wallace, now of Cleveland, will pitch in the Tri-State when this season. Frank Gardner, the lightning "umps" of the I.O. league does, is signed to be one of the dominating influences in Western league games this season. W. C. McCarthy of this city will also be on the Western league umpire staff. "Daff" Keeney, last season in the Southern league, former city league "phenom" is starting in center field for Terre Haute in the Central league.

## SPORTING GOSSIP

### BASEBALL NOTES.

Manager Fred Clark of the Pirates is 38 years of age and the oldest man on the team.

The Virginia League schedule calls for 123 games, the season to open April 20 and close Sept. 6.

Catcher Killifer of the St. Louis Browns has been released to the Buffalo club of the Eastern league.

In Tyler and Burke Manager Tenney of the Boston Nationals thinks he has the real pitching goods.

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