

RUMOR OF FINDING BODY IS DENIED

Vandergrift Officials Do Not Believe that Charles Koontz Was Murdered

A report on the Indiana streets this morning to the effect that Charles Koontz, who disappeared from his home in Vandergrift over a week ago had been found in a pool of blood along the river bank, was met with prompt denial from the Vandergrift officers, under whose supervision the search for Koontz is being conducted. A telephone information that the matter is still as great a mystery as ever, and that after dragging the river for trace of the body the search was about discontinued.

The editor of the Vandergrift Citizen stated that it was the general opinion of the citizens of Vandergrift that Koontz was not murdered and that he was not even attacked, and was probably located in one of the towns nearby, until certain alleged trouble, the nature of which could not be learned, was settled.

Koontz is a native of Indiana, being a son of Wallace Koontz, of East Philadelphia street.

TO IDENTIFY MAN

Mrs. David Schilling Is Coming to Indiana to See Prisoner.

Johnstown, Jan. 21.—Mrs. David Schilling, of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, is recovering at the Memorial hospital from the effects of a bullet wound received in an encounter with a robber at her home last week and it is expected she will be discharged from the hospital within a few days.

When her condition permits Mrs. Schilling will be taken to Indiana, where she will confront Clyde Carney, the young man charged with the crime. Carney, thus far, has refused to make any statement, other than a denial that he was at the place where the robbery was committed, and the shooting took place.

Sheriff Jeffries' Report.

George H. Jeffries, high sheriff of Indiana county, has completed his report for the year just closed. It will be noticed that during the year 1914, 452 different prisoners were in the custody of the sheriff, an increase of 98 over the year 1913, during which period there were 354 prisoners in jail.

The detailed report follows: Total number of prisoners during the year, 452; sentenced to the penitentiary (males), 4; sentenced to the workhouse (males), 35; sentenced to the county jail (males), 37; sentenced to Huntingdon reformatory (males), 6; sentenced to Morganza (males), 6; acquitted, 3; discharged on habeas corpus (males), 12; (females), 1; discharged, bills ignored (males) 2; (females), 1; discharged by committing magistrates (males), 169; (females), 1; discharged on expiration of sentence (males), 16; discharged on expiration of time (males), 5; removed to almshouse (males), 3; removed to insane asylums (males), 6; (females), 1; removed to other jails (males), 3; released on bail (males), 45; (females) 2; released on payment of fines and costs (males), 8; (females), 1; otherwise removed (males), 64; (females), 8; total disposed of (males), 418; (females), 21; prisoners in jail December 31, 1914, 13; total, 452.

GEORGE H. JEFFRIES, Sheriff

WIND STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE AT BLAIRSVILLE

Much Property Damage at Coketown and Saints' Rest from Young Hurricane.

TWO AGED RESIDENTS DEAD

Blairsville, Jan. 20.—The terrific wind storm which passed over this section of Indiana county on Monday night did considerable damage to property. The home of Leslie McLaughlin, at Coketown was unroofed. Windows were blown out of another house. The stable on the Mrs. Dick Hill and Yorman property was leveled. Trees and telephone poles were down in all directions. The storm came from the south and followed the Conemaugh river. The same storm did much damage at Latrobe.

Mrs. Jennie Coleman, nee Lias, of Dayton, Armstrong county, widow of Alfred Coleman, a prominent merchant here 20 years ago, is dead at Williamsport. She was aged sixty-two years. A daughter, Mrs. Gleason, of Michigan, and a son, Harry, of Colorado, survive.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baughman, aged seventy-eight, since 1881 a resident of Blairsville, coming to this place from Schellsburg, Bedford county, who died at the home of her daughter in Latrobe, was buried here Wednesday morning. Services were conducted at the home of David Flukes, South Walnut street, by the Rev. J. P. Dundore, a former pastor of Schellsburg. These children survive: Simeon and John, of Blairsville; Frank, of Indianapolis; W. G. Baughman, of Homer City; J. S. Baughman, of Blacklick; Mrs. R. V. Campbell and Mrs. David Fluke, of Blairsville; Mrs. John Stone, of McKeesport; Mrs. Daniel Degitz, of Latrobe; Mrs. C. S. Spires, of Leechburg, and one sister, Mrs. David Hite, of Johnstown.

Latrobe Visited by Violent Gale.

Latrobe, Jan. 19.—A 60-mile gale which struck here shortly after last midnight uprooted trees, tore down small sheds and buildings, unroofed a house and demoralized telegraph and telephone service. The roof of the residence of S. B. Monjar, a carriage manufacturer, was carried away and many windows in residences were shattered. The storm was one of the worst in the history of the town.

HOSPITALS ARE NAMED

Institutions Nearby May Conduct a Training School

The Westmoreland hospital at Greensburg; the Mercy and Memorial hospitals at Johnstown, and the Uniontown hospital have been selected by the State Board of Licensure as training schools for ternship.

A wide experience can be gained by the young physicians at the hospitals as a wide variety of cases are treated. Last July state law requiring that the training of physicians consist of four years in college and one in an accredited hospital, went into effect.

Arrested at Ernest

Charged with assault and battery, George Hunter, of Ernest, was given a hearing before Squire J. J. McCracken, of Creekside, on Wednesday evening and remanded to the jail. He was brought to Indiana by Constable W. A. Kunkle and later was released on bond. The trouble occurred in mine No. 2 at Ernest Wednesday night.

FRENCH SOLDIERS ON SKIS.

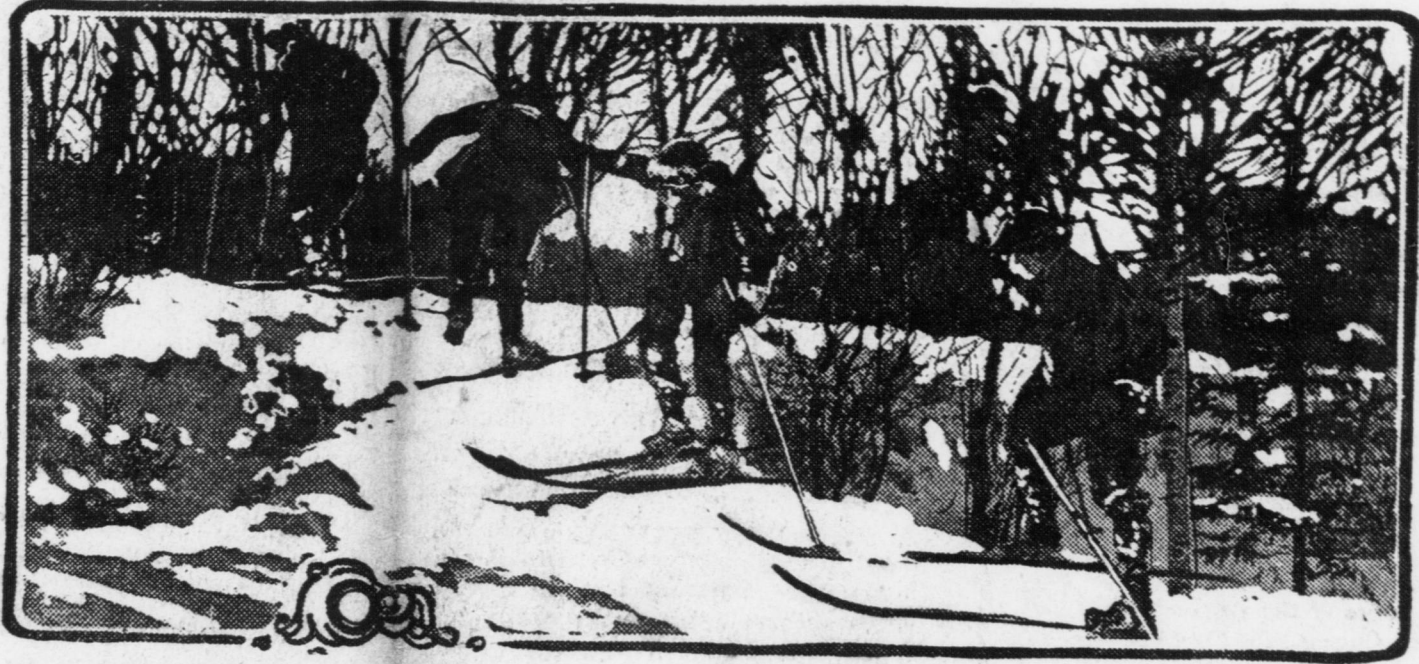


Photo by American Press Association.

Alpine chasseurs on scout duty in the Vosges mountains work under great difficulties.

SHIP STOPPED 22 TIMES

Steamer Takes Nearly a Month to Cross Atlantic

New York, Jan. 21.—Reminiscent of the days when a ship that crossed the Atlantic in a month was considered a flyer was the voyage of the Norwegian-American line freighter Tronhjemsfjord, which reached this port today from Hull, England, under command of Capt. Chas. Bang.

She left Hull December 24 and was seven days coming through the English Channel. British cruisers held her up 22 times before she got out into the Atlantic. Storm and gales fought her all the way across the ocean and minor mishaps contributed to the delay.

The only reading matter on the ship was a copy of Burke's Peerage and a volume of Elizabeth Browning's "Sonnet from the Portuguese." Some of the mariners absorbed Burke's Peerage from cover to cover but all admit that "Sonnets from the Portuguese" was over their heads.

LUMSDEN STORE ROBBED

Pitcairn Shop of Local Company Lost Many Valuable Tools.

Some time between last Saturday and the following Monday, a thief entered the Pitcairn shop of the E. R. Lumsden Co. of Indiana, and made away with about \$40 worth of tools. Entrance was gained by removing the glass from one of the windows.

A man, alleged to be the thief, has been arrested and will be held for court trial unless the tools are returned. The prisoner claims that he was out of town when the robbery occurred but it is said evidence to the contrary has been secured.

New Theatre Named The Strand

Mr. A. Blitz, manager of the new picture house, announced on Thursday afternoon, the new name of the place would be "The Strand Theatre", by which it will be known in the future, instead of the Pitt.

The winner of the prize, which consisted of a beautiful gold bracelet was awarded to Miss Margaret Hudson, of this place she thinking of the largest New York picture house in choosing a name.

Mr. Blitz is decidedly pleased with the new name.

New Postmaster at Heilwood

Mr. D. M. Hess of Steelton, has been appointed postmaster at Heilwood. He succeeds Mr. J. M. Thompson, now an Indiana resident. The office pays a salary of \$1400.

JEFFERSON JUDGE

HELD RECORD SESSION

Heard Liquor Applications and Granted All Licenses in Twenty-Three Minutes

"The shortest license court in the history of Jefferson county and probably one of the shortest on record anywhere in the United States, was held in Brookville on Monday morning, when all applicants in the county, numbering 40, were granted license," says the Punsutawney Spirit.

"Court convened at 9 o'clock and the list of applicants was read. There was neither a general or specific remonstrance and to Judge Reed's question as to whether or not anyone present on any grounds whatsoever, objected to the granting of license, to any one of the applicants, there was no answer.

"License was then granted to the 34 retail, four brewery and two wholesale applicants."

Boy Aged Two Years

Drinks Kerosene Oil;

In Critical Condition

Clyde, Jan. 21.—A two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brendlinger, of this place, drank a large quantity of kerosene oil at the parental home Wednesday and is now lying in a critical condition.

The child was alone in a room when he discovered the oil in a small can. He drank all of it. He was found a short time later by his mother. The baby became violently ill and Dr. Tittle, of New Florence was summoned. The child's chances for recovery are slight.

Boy Gets Pin From

Lung; Beat Surgeons

A little son of the Rev. C. R. Culbertson, of Clarksburg, is home from Pittsburg, where he was taken after having swallowed a pin. The X-ray showed that the pin was lodged in the right lung, when the boy was examined the day before the operation. That night the lad became ill and vomited. The next day the physicians were unable to locate the pin.

Harry Earhart Better

Reports from the Indiana Hospital this morning says that Harry W. Earhart, who has been suffering from a severe attack of peritonitis, is very much improved and the physicians in charge feel very much encouraged.

New Indiana Town

The newest Indiana county town is Cheswick. L. C. Lockham has been named as postmaster by President Wilson.

American Youth

Held as Burglar

Who Shot Womans

Clyde Carney, twenty-six, member of an old and respected Indiana county family, was lodged in the Indiana jail on a charge of being the robber who shot and wounded Mrs. David Shilling at Wehrum on Friday night, when the woman found a man ransacking her home. Carney was arrested at the home of his father near New Florence by Constable John Blakeley, of Buffington township. Carney is said to have been armed at the time of his arrest. Some of the jewelry alleged to have been taken from the Shilling home before Justice of the Peace Collins of New Florence Carney was held for court.

It is reported from the Memorial hospital, Johnstown, that the woman is recovering rapidly and will shortly be able to return to her home.

Mine Superintendent

A Mad Dog Victim

Word has been received that the dog which bit Samuel Madill, assistant superintendent of the Luciusboro mine, was suffering from rabies. Mr. Madill has gone to Pittsburg to take the Pasteur treatment. It is believed that prompt medical attention has counteracted the effects of the disease.

Lyric Minstrels at Creekside

The Lyric Minstrels, Indiana's premier musical organization, played its second out-of-town engagement at Creekside on Monday evening and Canava hall was filled to the doors with an appreciative audience. The production was a good one.

Wreck Ties Up Traffic.

Traffic on the Indiana branch was tied up for several hours on Wednesday as the result of the derailment of a freight train on the heavy grade at Juneau.

License Court Next Monday.

License court for Indiana county will be held next Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Postmaster H. W. Fee was in Greensburg Tuesday, to attend the postmasters' meeting and banquet at that place.

The best stores advertise in "The Patriot."

ALLIES' FLIERS DROP BOMBS ON ESSEN

ATTACK KRUPP GUN PLANT AND WRECK MANY HOUSES, EYEWITNESS SAYS.

France Sued for Peace

In September, But Britain

Blocked It, Says Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—(By wireless to London)—The Cologne Gazette today publishes the following sensational disclosures regarding the German advance in France.

"In September France had sincere wishes for peace and she instructed an eminent neutral diplomat to introduce preliminary proposals to this end.

This diplomat previously had occupied an official position in London and he was under English influences. He betrayed the secret to the British ambassador in Paris causing an enormous sensation in London.

"Lord Kitchener was sent to France. He threatened a bombardment of the French coast and foreed from the French government the well known treaty not to conclude peace except England consented."

Arnhem, Switzerland, Jan. 21—(via London).—A passenger arriving here today from Germany asserts that allied airmen yesterday threw bombs upon the town of Essen, destroying a number of houses. Essen is the home of the famous Krupp steel works.

London, Jan. 21.—Essen, the seat of the Krupp steel works and the seat of the so-called German "militarism" that the allies say is primarily responsible for the present war, is a flourishing industrial city of about 120,000 inhabitants in the Prussian province of Rhineland, about 27 miles north-east of Dusseldorf. It is in the center of the extensive Ruhr coal fields.

Here all the ordnance of the German army and navy is manufactured, and it is believed that the object of the reported raid was to disable the huge Krupp plant so as to interfere with the supply of the Kaiser's heavy guns.

No official reports of the raid have been received as yet and the extent of the damage inflicted, if any, consequently is unknown.

AVEZZANNO FEELS EARTH TREMORS

Avezzano, Italy, —(via London, Jan. 21.)—Slight earthquake shocks continue to be felt here. The disturbances are causing the walls which were cracked by the earthquake of last week to fall and keeping the populace in state of terror.

Three persons, two women and a boy eight years old, were taken alive from the ruins of a fallen building today. All were in good condition.

Earthquake at Messina.

Messina, Jan. 20.—A slight earthquake tremor was felt here early today. It was also perceptible in other towns of Sicily, but reports thus far received say that practically no damage was done.