

TOMPKINS SAYS HE IS MURDERER

Confesses to Triple Killing of Humphries Family

RELATES ALL THE DETAILS

Confession of Philadelphia Was Unexpected—He Blurs Out Truth While Talking With Wife.

Following an investigation into the baffling murder case in Cambria county (Pa.) annals. County Detective Custer formally charged George C. Tompkins, thirty-eight years old, of Philadelphia, with the murder of Edmund I. Humphries, coal operator, his wife, Mrs. Carrie Humphries, and their son, Edmund I. Humphries, Jr. fifteen years old, near Carrolltown, Pa. Tompkins, after telling a sensational story of the tragedy, finally confessed.

The confession was totally unexpected. Tompkins was conversing with his wife and father-in-law in the office of the county jail when suddenly turning around to Warden Kneel, who was also in the room, he said: "I killed those three people. I killed them all. I killed Humphries in the cornfield. I bought the gun in Johnstown."

As the confessed murderer was talking, his wife became hysterical and crying aloud, threw her arms about her husband's neck. Tompkins' father also became excited and rushed to his son's side.

Tompkins did not make a written confession, although after his statement before the warden and his relatives, he made a complete confession, the authorities say, to Rev. B. S. Henry.

In the presence of Attorney John E. Evans, his counsel, the prisoner later made a clean breast of the entire affair. Jail Warden Kneel also heard the confession.

The accused man told how he secured the revolver and gave his reasons for the triple murder, but these have not been divulged by the officials. It is said Tompkins withheld nothing.

SHOE THIEVES IN BERLIN

Hotels Can No Longer Give Shines at Night.

The time-honored custom among hotel guests in Berlin of depositing one's footwear in the corridor outside the door to have it polished is likely to come into disuse for the time being. The growing demand for shoes, even castoffs, has encouraged thieves of footwear in hotels.

In order to rescue hotel guests from their predicament in the case of such losses, the Imperial Clothing bureau has ordained that purchasing certificates be issued without the ordinary restrictions whenever the applicant is able to prove he has been robbed of his boots in a hotel.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

Pittsburgh, July 24.
Butter—Prints, 45¢ @ 44¢; Ohio creamery, 37¢ @ 37½¢; Eggs—Fresh, 38¢; Cattle—Prime, \$12 @ 12.75; good, \$11 @ 11.75; tidy butchers, \$10.25 @ 11; fair, \$9 @ 10; common, \$7 @ 8; hifers, \$6.50 @ 10; common to good fat bulls, \$6 @ 10.25; common to good fat cows, \$5 @ 9.25; fresh cows and springers, \$4 @ 9.

Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$10 @ 10.25; good mixed, \$9 @ 9.75; fair mixed, \$7.50 @ 8.50; culls and common, \$4.50 @ 6; spring lambs, \$10 @ 15; veal calves, \$14.50 @ 15; heavy and thin calves, \$7 @ 11.

Hogs—Prime heavy, \$15.70 @ 15.75; heavy mixed and mediums, \$15.65 @ 15.70; heavy Yorkers, \$15.60 @ 15.70; light Yorkers, \$15.25 @ 15.40; pigs, \$14.75 @ 15; roughs, \$13.50 @ 14; stags, \$12 @ 12.75.

Cleveland, July 24.
Cattle—Prime shipping steers, \$11.50 @ 12.50 choice fat steers, 1,150 pounds and upward, \$11.25 @ 11.50; choice fat steers, 1,000 pounds and upward, \$10 @ 10.50; good to choice butcher steers, \$9.50 @ 10; fair to good, \$8 @ 9; common to light steers, \$7 @ 7.50; choice fat butcher bulls, \$7.50 @ 8; bologna bulls, \$6.25 @ 7.25; good to choice fat cows, \$7.50 @ 8.50; fair to good, \$6.25 @ 7.25; canners and cutters, \$5 @ 6; milch cows and springers, \$6 @ 9.

Calves—Choice, \$15 @ 15.50; good mixed, \$14.50; heavy, \$7 @ 14.
Hogs—Choice heavy, \$15.50; good mixed, \$15.50; Yorkers, \$15.40; pigs and lights, \$14.50; roughs, \$13.85; stags, \$12.50.

Clipped Sheep and Lambs—Spring lambs, \$14.25 @ 14.75; fair to good, \$11.50 @ 12.50; good to choice sheep, \$8.50 @ 9; culls and common, \$6 @ 7.

Chicago, July 24.
Hogs—Bulk, \$14.60 @ 15.50; light, \$14.40 @ 15.60; mixed, \$14.25 @ 15.75; heavy, \$14.10 @ 15.75; roughs, \$14.10 @ 14.40; pigs, \$11.50 @ 14.60.

Cattle—Native beef cattle, \$8.40 @ 14.05; western steers, \$8.65 @ 11.60; stockers and feeders, \$6.35 @ 9.40; cows and heifers, \$5.50 @ 12; calves, \$10 @ 14.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Wethers, \$7.75 @ 10.90; lambs, \$10 @ 16.

Chicago Grain Market Close.
Wheat. Corn. Oats.
July..... 2.59 77½
September..... 2.31½ 1.63½ 58½

QUARRELS WITH GOETHALS OVER SHIPBUILDING PLAN



Photo by American Press Association. WILLIAM DENMAN.

LOYD GEORGE ANSWERS CHANCELLOR MICHAELIS

Great Britain Will Never Make Peace With an Autocratic Germany, Says Prime Minister.

The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, speaking at a great demonstration in London in commemoration of Belgian independence day, characterized the speech of the German chancellor, Dr. Georg Michaelis, as a mere sham, facing all ways, and declared that he did not want the Germans "to harbor any delusions that they are going to put Great Britain out of this fight until liberty has been re-established throughout the world."

Dr. Michaelis in his long-awaited speech in the reichstag showed that he supports the military group. He said Germany is ready to make an honorable peace at any time. Russia was to blame for the war. America's part in the conflict the chancellor passed over lightly, saying that our army and navy never could aid in the decision. The whole hope of Germany is in its submarines, which would bring a speedy victory.

Great Britain could make peace with a free Germany, but with a Germany dominated by autocracy, declared Lloyd George, there never could be peace.

The Germans, said the premier, were making the same mistake in underestimating America's efforts in the war as they had made about Great Britain in the beginning.

"They said that we wouldn't fight," continued Mr. Lloyd George, "and if we did we couldn't. We had no army and we couldn't raise one, and they needn't worry about Britain. I think they have discovered their mistake about us, and now they are just going through the same process with America."

"I want to put this to them: 'If Great Britain, not a very large country, while she is maintaining and equipping and even building up equipment for an army of millions afield and in reserve in full fighting array, while she is maintaining the largest navy in the world, can organize in the third year of an exhausting war to turn out millions of tons of new shipping, is America, with twice the population of this country, with endless natural resources going to be beaten merely because she puts forth no effort? The man who talks like that knows not America. Otherwise he would not say it.'"

Carson Quits the Admiralty.

Sir Edward Carson has relinquished his post as first lord of the admiralty and joined the war cabinet without portfolio, according to an official announcement of new ministerial appointments.

Sir Edward will be succeeded by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, who has been director general of munitions supply.

Winston Spencer Churchill succeeds Dr. Christopher Addison as minister of munitions, Dr. Addison becoming a minister without portfolio in charge of reconstruction.

Baron Montague of Beaulieu is made secretary for India.

Three Resign In Russian Cabinet. Three members of the Russian cabinet have resigned and a special session of the council of ministers has been convened in an effort to avert a crisis. Their names are: A. I. Singaroff, minister of finance; Professor Manuiloff, minister of education, and Prince Shakovsky, head of the department of public aid.

The resignations of the ministers followed a sharp disagreement over questions involving the Ukraine, an extensive region in Russia embracing part of the territories of the old kingdom of Poland.

Draft Causes Two Deaths.

John D. Hossman, a farmer of near New Brunswick, N. J., returned from New York to his farm and missed his wife, Mary G. Hossman, and son, Jacob Hossman, aged twenty-nine. He found his son had ended his life by hanging himself in the hay loft and his wife had ended her life by the same method in another building. Hossman says he believes worry over the draft caused the two to end their lives.

Talk About Value!

From the standpoint of educational entertainment, getting a Chautauqua season ticket for \$2 is like going to market with a two dollar bill and coming home with enough flour, potatoes, sugar and other physical necessities to last through a hard winter. The head must be fed as well as the stomach.

On the world's counters of worth while entertainment it would cost you a handful of dollars to see and hear all of the stars of the 1917 Chautauqua, but for the price of a single night reservation in a city theater you may hear right at home:

- The Killarney Girls, in Irish costumes.
- Edwin M. Whitney, in "Turn to the Right!"
- The Regniers, music and impersonations.
- Ida C. B. Allen, household efficiency expert.
- Dr. Ng Poon Chew, "the Chinese Mark Twain."
- Montague Company, sketches from familiar operas.
- Opie Read, novelist, in humorous philosophy.
- Metropolitan Artists, well known Chicago musicians.
- Dr. Charles E. Barker, physical adviser to President Taft.
- Light Opera "Dorothy," by the Murray-Lane Company.
- Christine Giles Company, flute, violin, voice and piano.
- Dr. E. T. Hagerman, on "The Man With One Window."
- Ralph Bingham, America's chief funmaker.
- Walton Pyre, presenting "The Spinner In the Sun."
- White Hussars, Ralph Dunbar's Singing Band.
- Morning hour and children's features as usual.

How's That For a Big Two Dollars' Worth?

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Billy Sunday Hits Beefsteak Trail; Home Economics Expert Responsible

FOR three successive years Mrs. Ida C. Bailey Allen, who is to give her "preparedness in the home" talk here on the second afternoon of the Chautauqua, gave lectures and demonstrations at Columbus under the direction of the Ohio State Journal.

During Mrs. Allen's first visit to Columbus the Billy Sunday campaign was under way, and Mr. Sunday accepted an invitation for himself and party to partake of a luncheon, the items of which were selected by himself and prepared by Mrs. Allen. The meal was prepared and eaten on the stage of Memorial Hall. The food which Mr. Sunday requested consisted of beefsteak, baked potatoes and celery salad. In other words, Billy hit Mrs. Allen's beefsteak trail.

Colonel E. S. Wilson, whose daily editorials in the State Journal are a source of interest to thousands, was particularly impressed by Mrs. Allen's lectures. At various times he commented editorially, saying on one occasion: "It is a treat to hear Mrs. Allen, for she is as bright as she is instructive. She knows all about her subject and to hear her is like listening to a melody."

On the occasion of her last visit to Columbus Mrs. Allen was presented to her Memorial Hall audience by Mayor George J. Karb. Later in the week the secretary of the state board of agriculture attended one of the sessions and took occasion to say: "I feel that there is a divorce case ahead for the girl who cannot cook a pie or bake a loaf of bread. I think every man in Ohio will support a law compelling you to cut an apple pie into four pieces instead of six. Mrs. Allen can tell you how. Good cooking has a lot to do with health. You cannot get a better complexion out of good cooking than you can out of a box of medicine or paste. A good dinner is the weapon of the politician and the lobbyist when they want to put something through. We give a great deal of attention to the balanced ration for the hog and the cow. I think we ought to give more attention to the balanced ration for the man."

Mrs. Allen's Chautauqua lecture, "Mrs. Uncle Sam Wades In," will appeal to the men of the city as well as to the women.



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INDIANA GIRL WINS SHUBERT COMMENDATION

She Appears in Title Role of Opera "Dorothy" at Local Chautauqua.



HELEN GUENTHER.

Helen Guenther, who has the title role in the light opera "Dorothy," one of the big features of Chautauqua week, is a little Indiana girl who has sprung into the limelight through a combination of talent and energy. Although scarcely twenty years of age, she has been featured by the famous Shuberts of New York, not in out of the way places, but in such musical and theatrical centers as Boston, Philadelphia and New York.

Miss Guenther went to college for two and a half years on a scholarship which she secured through brilliant work in the classroom. During the remainder of her course her tuition and living were earned through personal effort, particularly along musical lines.

When she is seen here as Dorothy she will play with J. K. Murray, the famous light opera star and screen favorite. Incidentally Mr. Murray was engaged in motion picture work until a few weeks before the opening of the Chautauqua season, appearing with Marguerite Clark and others of note in some of the masterpieces of the Famous Players Film Corporation.

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U. S. Bonds.....	80,000.00
Banking House.....	30,200.00
Due from Banks and Reserve Agents.....	308,099.70
Cash.....	106,728.53
Total.....	\$1,354,329.80

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 65,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	143,741.41
Circulation.....	64,400.00
Deposits.....	1,081,188.39
Total.....	\$1,354,329.80

OUR GROWTH THE PAST YEAR.

June 30th, 1916.....	\$1,023,623.01
December 27th, 1916.....	1,143,436.97
June 20th, 1917.....	1,354,329.80

SHOWS GAIN OF—

\$120,000.00	June to December, 1916
211,000.00	December, 1916, to June, 1917
331,000.90	Gain in the past 12 months.

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