

VAN VLISSINGEN, HIS CONFESSION

Says He Told Creditors He Could
Only Get Their Money by
Defrauding Others.

THEY WOULD NOT CONSENT

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tend to Commit Suicide.

Chicago, May 17.—Maurice Rosenfeld and Bernard Rosenberg, to whom Peter Van Vliissingen, forger of more than a million dollars in mortgages, has confessed his crimes four years prior to his public admission of guilt, appeared before the Federal Bankruptcy Court today to answer questions growing out of Van Vliissingen's recent testimony.

Van Vliissingen, who was brought back from the penitentiary to assist in locating the assets of his estate, declared that in 1904, Rosenfeld, then cashier of the now defunct Chicago National bank, and Rosenberg, brother-in-law of the latter, discovered that several hundred thousand dollars in mortgages, which they had secured from him, were forgeries.

"I offered them to go before the state's attorney, confess and take my punishment," said Van Vliissingen when on the witness stand a fortnight ago. "They said they wanted their money. I told them I could get it only by defrauding still other people. They said that they did not want to hear about how I got it. The point with them was that I was to get it. So I continued forging, and the discovery was stayed off for four years more."

Mr. Rosenfeld, taking the stand, said he had known Van Vliissingen, 20 years ago and had purchased from him many mortgages for himself and clients.

"When did you first learn of his involvement?" asked Atty. Peake, representing the estate of the convicted forger.

"Not until his arrest last winter," speaking of a new set of books, which Rosenfeld had opened on Dec. 10, 1904, witness was asked his reason for doing so.

"Because," he replied, "on Dec. 9 of that year Van Vliissingen confessed his forgeries to me."

"Did he tell you the names of his victims?"

"He said there were none other than myself and the interests I represented."

"Did you ask him?"

"Yes, I spoke particularly of Lefevre and Sepp, and he answered that they had no spurious loans."

"How did you make your discovery of the forgeries?"

"I was in the Chicago National bank and saw a map of property at Forty-fifth street and Cottage avenue in the hands of John R. Walsh, president of the bank. Mr. Walsh was about to buy the property from Van Vliissingen on the property, and then I went after Van Vliissingen. I kept after him for three days, till on Dec. 9 he finally confessed, breaking down and crying. I said to him:

"I am going to take this up with my lawyers. I am not going to compound a felony."

"To this he answered:

"I am not going to run away, neither do I propose to commit suicide. I have equities in real estate and I can pay you off."

"Rosenfeld was along at this interview, but on the following day he was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Rosenberg."

"Van Vliissingen repeated his confession and again declared I would not compound a felony. Then Van Vliissingen explained that his embarrassment was only temporary, due to losing out (so much money)."

"I suggested his friends might help him out, but he said no, the amount was too large."

"Did he agree to pay you and Rosenberg?"

"Yes, he agreed to pay us \$4,000 weekly. He owed us about \$370,000, which, he said, he figured he could pay in two or three years. He said he valued his equities in real estate at \$200,000."

MURDER OR SUICIDE SOON FOLLOWED MARRIAGE

Portland, Or., May 18.—Information has reached here of the finding, four days after their marriage, of the bodies of Louis H. Worley and his bride at their home near Redmond, a town located in the vicinity of Prineville, Or. The tragedy, which is believed to have occurred Saturday, is shrouded in mystery.

Mrs. Worley's charred body was found in the burned ruins of the home while that of her husband was found in the barn with a bullet wound in the temple. According to the verdict of the coroner's jury which held an inquest Sunday over Mrs. Worley's body, a reform movement directed against the clock. The idea of the movement is to begin the day two hours earlier during the summer time in order to give longer hours for afternoon and evening recreation. It is proposed that on the first of May the clock shall be turned back two hours, the readjusted time to remain in effect until Oct. 1.

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AN M. D. ON KIDNEY DISEASE

Writing on kidney disease, the medical terms for which is Nephritis, Dr. J. W. Chismond says in the "MEDICAL BRIEF":

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TAFT MAY HELP TO TURN CLOCK BACK

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A delegation from Cincinnati representing the National Daylight association called upon the president and requested him to take the initiative in a reform movement directed against the clock. The idea of the movement is to begin the day two hours earlier during the summer time in order to give longer hours for afternoon and evening recreation. It is proposed that on the first of May the clock shall be turned back two hours, the readjusted time to remain in effect until Oct. 1.

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MARKED ADVANCE IN EDUCATION OF INDIANS

Washington, May 18.—The annual report of the superintendent of the Indian schools, Miss Estelle Reel, recently submitted to the commissioner of Indian affairs, shows marked educational progress during the past few years in the general field of Indian education. The policy of giving industrial training foremost place in the schools has obtained satisfactory results and the encouragement of native industries, rug making and basket making is an important feature in the school. The elevating influence of the day schools upon the older Indians, becomes more apparent each year, and special emphasis is laid upon the need of more of these schools. The urgent necessity for increased effort to protect the Indian against tuberculosis is being impressed upon the agents and physicians.

Among the evidences of the good results of Indian education are the reports of the careers of the returned students, which show that they are endeavoring to overcome the desire for a better life and prove themselves worthy of the education they have received.

A feature of the report is the evidence that it gives that the Indian is altering his ways of living to meet the requirements of civilization through the educational influence of the government schools.

TO CONTEST SPECKELS WILL

San Francisco, May 17.—Legal proceedings, the effect of which will be to test the validity of the will of the late Claus A. Speckels, the son of the magnate, who died at his home in this city four months ago, leaving an estate valued at many millions, were begun today.

The will divided the estate into equal portions, one of which goes to the widow with the restriction of any kind, and the other into the hands of Rudolph and Claus A. Speckels, two of the four sons, as trustees, to be distributed as later directed on the death of the widow. The trustees were named also as executors of the will.

YOUNG GIRL NOT ALLOWED TO RECEIVE BURGLARS

Chicago, May 18.—Whether Miss Madeline Wakem, was merely the "party" on whom a young aspirant for burglary honors sought to practise, is something which she has not quite decided, but she is quite sure she was in the drawing room at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Wakem when she suddenly looked up and saw a stranger sitting on the stairs.

"I wasn't at all frightened," said Miss Madeline, in telling the story. "He was so small and looked so timid."

The young woman is 15 herself.

"He had on a mask and when he looked up he said in a disguised voice 'I want money.' Really?" I answered, "If you don't give me some I'll shoot you," he threatened.

"Mother doesn't allow me to receive strangers alone, so I started up saying, 'I haven't any money, so you'll have to excuse me.' He came after me and I said:

"Maybe the maid has some." The maid said she had 5 cents and she said he would cut off her hand if she didn't give the 5 cents to him. She handed him the money. Then he went down the stairs and out of the front door. We didn't notify the police, and it was so trivial we didn't make a fuss over it."

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Ruling by Speaker Cannon Prevented Rep. Hollingsworth Opening Wounds.

HOUSE JUST LAUGHED LOUD.

Buckeye Man Only Succeeded in Getting a Lot of Uncomplimentary Phrases in Record.

Washington, May 17.—A ruling by Speaker Cannon today prevented perhaps the reopening in the house of old wounds of the Civil war. Mr. Hollingsworth of Ohio sought to justify as a matter of privilege his recent resolution objecting to the placing of the portrait of Jefferson Davis on the silver service to be presented to the battleship Mississippi because of editorials in certain southern newspapers hurling all sorts of epithets at him. The editorials were read.

The speaker declared that as the editorials did not attack Mr. Hollingsworth in his representative capacity he could not continue. The result of Mr. Hollingsworth's attempt was to get into the Congressional Record a number of uncomplimentary remarks about himself and with nothing to offset them. As the editorials were read the house was convulsed with laughter.

"An ass of the first magnitude," "perhaps one of Sherman's bums who roined defenseless men and women," "contemptible little whelp," "a political lumina," "a pusillanimous pigmy from Ohio."

These were some of the characterizations of Mr. Hollingsworth of Ohio, in editorials which he had read in the house of representatives today as the basis of a question of privilege relating his resolution recently offered protesting against the portrait of Jefferson Davis on the silver service to be presented to the battleship Mississippi. The editorials accused him of "waving the bloody shirt" and appeared in the Daily Clarion Ledger of Jackson, Miss., April 30; the Southern Sentinel, Raleigh, Miss., May 8; the Shreveport Caucasian, Shreveport, La., May 4, and one other paper, not giving the name.

The reading of the editorials caused a great commotion and at times moved the members to great laughter.

Finally Messrs. Bartlett of Georgia and Fitzgerald of New York objected to further "lumbering up the Record," and demanded that the speaker rule on the question of privilege.

In an elaborate opinion Speaker Cannon held that Mr. Hollingsworth had not been attacked in his representative capacity and he was not permitted to proceed further.

Later Mr. Hollingsworth sought unanimous consent, first, to print a speech on a question of privilege, and also to address the house for 30 minutes.

Mr. Harrison of New York objected, whereupon Mr. Hollingsworth wanted the speaker to tell him why the objection was made.

"The chair cannot tell," said the speaker suavely, "what moved the gentleman to object, because he is not a mind-reader."

This daily convulsed the house with laughter.

Interested in the proceedings was heightened by the fact that Mr. Harrison's father, Burton Harrison, was secretary to Jefferson Davis during four years of the war.

Although its consideration was completed, the Philippine tariff bill was not finally acted upon because of the absence of a quorum.

Should a resolution by Mr. Burleson, Texas, which was adopted by the house, with the attorney general must furnish to the house information regarding the steps taken by him to annul the contract whereby the United States Steel corporation obtained the Tennessee Coal & Iron company, unless in so doing the public interests would be affected.

PRESBYTERIAN PROFESSOR ON SATAN'S PERSONALITY

Chicago, May 18.—Whether or not Beelzebub appeared in person on earth in the scenes depicted in the Bible stories," was a mooted point brought out by Prof. Andrew C. Zenos, of the McCormick theological seminary, before a conference of Presbyterian ministers. The pastors disagreed upon the exact intent of the Bible writers and in the definitions of Satan.

"A great many people are troubled with the idea," said Zenos, "that there must be an evil personality at the head of all evil. Let us remember that the Bible has a language of its own. I do not believe that it is necessary to believe that a physical man came to Christ and tempted Him, but I believe in the personality of the Devil in the Bible. This personality, however, is not one of the cardinal doctrines. The evidence is in favor of a personal devil. The man who denies this, however, is not necessarily to be pronounced un-Christian."

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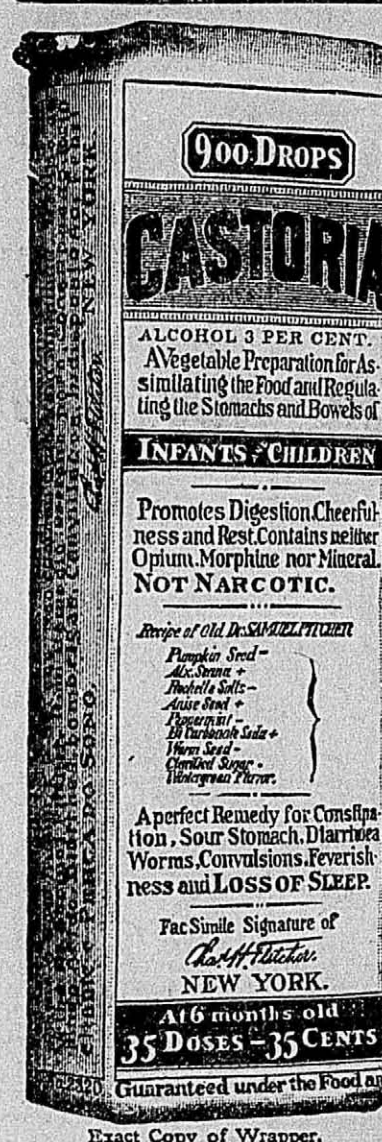
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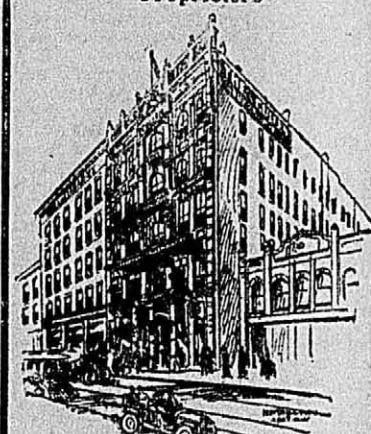
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