

SAYLER WIDOW WEEPS IN MIDST OF STORY

Woman Accused With Her Father and Dr. Miller of Murder Breaks Down.

Watseka, Ill., April 7.—For the first time since the murder of John Byron Sayler, the banker who was slain in his home at Crescent City last July, the widow, Mrs. Lucy Sayler, unsealed her lips as she went on the witness stand in the trial of Dr. W. R. Miller, John Grunden, her father, and herself and told her version of the killing, together with the incidents leading up to it. The courtroom was packed with the largest crowd yet seen at the trial, and the spectators listened eagerly for every word spoken by the widow.

As she was reciting the story of the shooting of her husband Mrs. Sayler broke down on the witness stand and wept. She told of her husband's attacking Mr. Miller and of running herself from the house before the shots were fired.

"The night before he was shot my husband told me his bank account was overdrawn, and I would have to go to Peoria and get him some money, or he would do something desperate," said Mrs. Sayler.

"I refused to go," continued the witness, after objections by the state.

Further questions brought out the statement that Peter West of Peoria, a brother-in-law of the witness, frequently had given money to her, and which she had solicited at her husband's request.

Sitting in the identical chair in which he sat on the night of the tragedy and with his voice pitched high with excitement, as he told his story, Dr. Miller, who preceded Mrs. Sayler on the stand, continued the recital of his version of the killing of Banker Sayler.

Dr. Miller told of binding up his wounded wrist, of sending John Grunden for help, of looking at the body of the slain man and finally how he stepped to the porch to see Mrs. Sayler, telling her what had happened.

CLUB WOMEN OF LOUISIANA

Annual Meeting of the State Federation Opens in Baton Rouge—Welcomed by Governor Sanders.

Baton Rouge, La., April 7.—What promises to be one of the most notable annual meetings of the Louisiana State Federation of Women's Clubs opened this morning in the Alumni building of the state university. The Phillistonia, the leading literary society of the state, is the hostess of the federation, and is assisted by the recently organized Baton Rouge Civic association. Gov. Jared Y. Sanders, Mayor Wade Hampton Bynum and Mrs. Charles Stumberg made addresses of welcome, to which Mrs. C. D. Porter of Natchitoches responded.

During the meeting such distinguished speakers as Miss Jean Gordon, Miss Sophie B. Wright and Dr. Daisy Mayo of New Orleans, and Mrs. Joseph Dibrell of Texas, will be heard. Special addresses will be made by Dr. Coffey of the state university and Fred Grace, state registrar of lands.

The social affairs include a public reception at the Elks' home by the Baton Rouge board of trade, a reception by the clubs at the governor's mansion this evening and an automobile ride over the city, also given by the board of trade. Mrs. Charles E. Dameron will give a reception complimentary to the visitors tomorrow afternoon.

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Waco, Tex., April 7.—An unusually strong program has been arranged for the annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association of Texas, which was formally opened last night in the First Baptist church. The music is an especially attractive feature, L. M. Ward of Sherman leading the convention singing and the Houston association male quartet rendering selections.

This morning addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Carter H. Jones of Oklahoma City, and F. B. Smith, secretary of religious work department, international committee. In the afternoon E. T. Belmont of Houston made a report on amateur athletics; W. W. Dillon of the Association training school, Chicago, spoke on "A New Calling," and boys' work was discussed by A. E. Hungerford of Dallas, G. S. Chessum of San Antonio and G. W. Sheffer of Galveston.

The program for the rest of the convention includes addresses by William E. Sweet of Denver, Fred B. Smith of New York, C. L. Gates of Kansas City, W. D. Weatherford of Nashville, E. C. Mercer of New York and several leaders in the work in this state.

Chicago.—The La Salle street tunnel strike, which began February 15 and tied up the \$1,500,000 job, was settled and all of the laborers returned to work. The main point at issue was more a question of jurisdiction than wages. The strike was

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NEWS OF ILLINOIS

Rock Island.—Notice has been issued from the head offices of the Modern Woodmen of America, located here, that for the first time in history the membership of the society has passed the million mark. The report shows 1,015,569 beneficial members in good standing on June 30, carrying \$1,625,000,000 insurance. In addition the society reports 39,499 social or uninsured members, making the grand total membership 1,055,068. This report places the Modern Woodmen of America at the head of all life insurance organizations doing business in the United States in the number of policy holders, and but one American company shows a larger amount of insurance in force.

Chicago.—As the result of a furious cyclone which swept over part of Illinois several towns were partially wrecked, many persons injured and huge damage caused among the crops of the central part of the state. The worst disaster of the tempest occurred at Xenia. Although the windstorm lasted by 30 seconds, it practically leveled the entire residence section of the city. Several houses were blown from their sites onto the prairie. A cloudburst followed the cyclone. At Pana the cyclone hit the place without warning, and left a pathway of wreck behind it. Houses were destroyed and trees uprooted. The wire service is demolished. The property losses are heavy.

Murphysboro.—M. Mohlenbrock, mayor of Campbell Hill, Ill., mill owner, banker, real estate man and Republican politician, came to Murphysboro a few nights ago and dropped his wallet containing \$25,000 in money and negotiable papers. Frank Will, a youth employed by the Mobile & Ohio railroad as coach cleaner, found the wallet and restored it to Mohlenbrock. Mohlenbrock had walked from the train to a hotel, nearly a mile distant, and had not missed the wallet, when Will called him up by phone and notified him of finding it in a car.

Madison.—Frightened by the explosion of a giant cracker, placed near him as he was sleeping on the bank of Horseshoe lake, near Madison, Frank Dixon, 14 years old, of St. Louis, fell into the lake and was drowned. The boy and his two brothers had been given permission to go to the picnic grounds in order to escape possible injuries in St. Louis by reckless celebrations.

Clinton.—The opening statements were made in the Snell will case and the examination of witnesses begun. The attorney for Richard Snell, who seeks to break the will, made the alleged insanity of the testator, Col. Thomas Snell, the principal feature of his argument and cited the accumulation of \$200,000 in worthless securities in the last years of his life.

Maywood.—Seventeen tramps who were arrested on the Northwestern tracks were put to work mowing the lawn of the Congregational church. There have been so many tramps in the village recently that Marshall Kemphouse and Rev. Mr. Barker, pastor of the church, hit upon this plan to make the community unpopular with the restless fraternity.

Sandwich.—The body of Mrs. Agnes Beveridge Patten, mother of James A. Patten, was brought to Sandwich for interment. A prayer service was held early at the home of the deceased by Rev. George Whiteside of the First United Presbyterian church, Evanston, who went to Sandwich and officiated at the funeral.

Highland Park News

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer A. 222 Maple avenue, have house and gone to their farm in Michigan, where they will spend the summer.

On May 1st, Dr. Haskin his office from 21 St. John his residence 321 Prospect

Permission to paint the Central avenue, near Sheridan been granted the Highland Park Improvement Association by the town. Members of society will do the association work.

Miss Alice Buckingham maid of honor at the wedding of Miss Ebel Buckingham and William Sanders Elliot, who place on the afternoon of Trinity Episcopal church. Frank R. Elliot is to serve. The service will be read by Peter C. Wolcott of Highland Park, assisted by Bishop Anderson.

Mrs. George Simmers of Ber, Indiana, has been visiting Mrs. E. P. Knapp of Ravinia.

Miss Viola Shields is visiting Mrs. Vose of Des Moines.

Miss Josephine Dusenbury, is spending the winter in Northampton.

The Elm Street school children are enjoying their spring vacation.

Miss Mable Lee of Des Moines, but formerly of Highland Park, been visiting Miss Elsie M. past few weeks.

Bishop Anderson will preach at Trinity church, Sunday, May 1st at eleven o'clock. Invitation to be present is all.

Tonight there will be an entertaining lecture on "The Industrial Niagara" given at the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Junior club. The pictures are colored and there are motion pictures. 8 o'clock. Adults, 10 cents children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sarnetka, spent Sunday with friends.

Miss Alice Davidson from Avon Park, Florida has been for the winter.

The Lincoln school children are enjoying their spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. K. avenue, celebrated their anniversary on Saturday. They were assisted in Mrs. Ryther (formerly Mrs. El) and Mrs. William. The following young women were in the dining room: Vail and Mrs. C. P. G. Miss Helen Messenger, Lynn Shields served. The were yellow and white.