

FIRE DESTROYS DEN, CHURCH, HOMES

'TURN ON JUICE' CARTER ORDERS HIS EXECUTIONER

Sniper Dies in Electric Chair at 6:18 A. M. for Searles Murder.

HIS LAST CONFESSION: 'I KILLED DAN M'GREW'

(By Staff Correspondent)
Lincoln, Neb., June 24.—A man made the underworld with which he was associated the lives of William F. Searles and Dr. A. D. Searles, sent Frank Carter, Omaha "sniper," to eternity at 6:13 o'clock this morning.
He was sentenced for the murder of Dr. Searles.
Carter was led to the chair at 6:08 o'clock by Warden Fenton and Deputy Warden Kavanaugh. Ross Johnston, Council Bluffs railroad detective whom Carter would have made his third victim had the progression as was announced yesterday. Johnston recovered from the effects of the bullet wound from the sniper's still gun.
The switch was thrown by Executioner W. S. Gilbert of Trenton, N. J., at 6:12 a. m. It was thrown off at 6:13 o'clock and five minutes later Carter was pronounced dead by physicians, Dr. R. E. Peters of Wynora and Dr. F. C. Wilmoth of Lincoln.
"Turn on the juice" were the last words Carter said in this world. These were directed to Executioner Gilbert after the leather death mask had been buckled tightly over the sniper's face.
Objected to "Hood"
Carter had asked a minute before whether it was necessary to place a "hood" over his head.
"I'd rather not have it," he said, apparently desiring to see all there was to see of his last dramatic moment.
The executioner did not answer but went ahead with his adjustments. A minute later the mask was going on. Another minute and Carter was hurled into eternity.
As he was sitting in the chair and while the guards were fastening the straps on his legs and arms Carter saluted "The World-Herald" correspondent with, "I'm in a pretty tight place here," smiling cheerily.
Carter's body was delivered to a Lincoln undertaker and will be turned over to the medical college of the University of Nebraska unless somebody claims it. This morning there did not seem any possibility that any claim would be made upon it. Thus far none of the members of Carter's family, if (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

MUTINOUS CONVICTS START TO COME OUT

State Board Promises Them a Fair Hearing on Demands.

ON STRIKE 77 HOURS

Lansing, Kans., June 24 (AP).—The 328 mutinous miners who have been striking against prison authority in the Kansas penitentiary mine for more than three days, reached an agreement with authorities at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and began coming out of the mine.
The agreement was reached following a conversation between Dr. Charles S. Huffman, chairman of the prison board, and a spokesman for the mutineers. Dr. Huffman called the convict leader on the mine telephone, and after a lengthy conversation it was announced the men were coming to the surface.
In submitting a list of 10 demands last night to the prison board, the convicts requested that the demands be published in the newspapers and also the reply of the board. The mutiny was ended after the men had been underground 77 hours.
"We can not promise you anything definitely," Dr. Huffman told the miners' spokesman, "except that your demands will be considered fairly and impartially by the prison board."

DEMANDS ACCOUNTING OF \$150,000 ESTATE

Widow of York Man Claims Executors of Will Have Taken Advantage of Her Inexperience.

Special Dispatch to The World-Herald, York, Neb., June 24.—Charging that a conspiracy existed to defraud her of the estate of her late husband, Thomas J. Kirby, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby, by her sister, Mary Witte, filed suit in district court here today against William H. Frost, his wife, Lantia May Frost, and John H. Fowler and his wife, Mildred Fowler, all of Lincoln.
Kirby died last November, naming Frost and Fowler executors of his estate, which was valued at over 150 thousand dollars. Mrs. Kirby was bequeathed a 60 thousand dollar cash legacy, other personal property worth 30 thousand dollars and 660 acres of land, valued at 60 thousand dollars.
Mrs. Kirby claims that by virtue of the power given Frost and Fowler by the terms of the will they have exerted undue influence over her, taking advantage of her business inexperience and physical and mental condition. She asks for a strict accounting of the estate.
"Kid" Wedge Returns
Fighting Preacher Will Resume Old Pastorate at Monroe.
Special Dispatch to The World-Herald, Columbus, Neb., June 24.—Fred R. Wedge of Pasadena, Cal., known formally as Rev. Mr. Wedge but to admirers of his fistful ability as Kid Wedge, will return to Monroe this summer to assume the pastorate of the church which he served while attending the Omaha Theological seminary in 1908-9. At a meeting of the church this week, Kid Wedge received 27 of the 29 votes cast.
As a young man striving for an education, Fred Wedge attracted nationwide attention because of his fistful ability and of the difficulties he encountered going through school. Later in life he became well known as a scholar, minister, teacher, lecturer and author.

BANK TO AID FARMERS

Neigh Institution Will Pay for Vaccination of Hogs.

Special Dispatch to The World-Herald, Neigh, Neb., June 24.—The Security State bank of this city has made arrangements to vaccinate the pigs of its customers. The agricultural department is stressing the necessity of vaccination of all hogs, particularly in view of the cholera situation last fall and the probability of its recurrence unless precautions are taken.
Weaver to Be Speaker
Gubernatorial Candidate Will Deliver Address at Broken Bow.
Special Dispatch to The World-Herald, Falls City, Neb., June 24.—A. J. Weaver, Falls City, announced today that he has accepted an invitation to address the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Carter county at Broken Bow next Monday. Weaver recently announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor of Nebraska.

BOY DROWNED IN CREEK

Special Dispatch to The World-Herald, Nebraska City, Neb., June 24.—Milton Rollins, 17, Negro, was drowned here this afternoon while swimming in South Table creek. A city fireman recovered the body. Rollins was unable to swim and dove off a springboard into the creek made deep by backwater from the Missouri river.

JOHNNY GOODMAN IN FINALS PLAY OF T. M. TOURNEY

Omaha Schoolboy Defeats Manion, Ex-Champion, on 38th Hole of Semifinal.

MATCH MOST THRILLING OF THE 1927 CONTESTS

The detailed story of Johnny Goodman's victory will be found on Page 1 of the sports section.
Special Dispatch to The World-Herald, Broadmoor, Colo., June 24.—All the wiles, the skill and the knowledge gained in years of playing experience went for naught against the straightforward vigor of fighting youth Friday when John Goodman, 18-year-old high school graduate and representative of the Lakewood club of Omaha, went into the finals of the Trans-Mississippi golf tournament being played here at the expense of Jimmy Manion of St. Louis. Manion, a former champion, who had eliminated the defending champion, Eddie Held, two rounds before, was ousted by the margin of a single hole after 38 holes of play.
The young Omahan, after playing superlative golf to put himself 4 up at the twenty-sixth hole, was forced to witness a terrific comeback by his opponent, that squared the match on the thirty-fifth hole. With iron nerve Goodman held his more experienced opponent to halves on the next two holes and then with another burst of beautiful play he dropped a birdie four on the thirty-eighth to beat the perfect five made by Manion.
In the other semifinal match, James Ward of Kansas City scored a sensational 68 to set a tournament record on the morning round and gained enough advantage to dispose of James A. Kennedy of Tulsa, Okla., 8 up and 7, in the afternoon.
Ward will meet Goodman for the little Saturday in a 36-hole final match.
Young Goodman, facing the tournament favorite in Manion, was nervous as the match started and when the first nine holes were over he had failed to win a point and was 3 down.
However, there the youngster unleashed the most spectacular array of shots displayed so far in the tourney and when the fireworks were over at the end of the second nine he not only had overcome Manion's lead but also had put himself 2 up at the end of the morning 18. His card totaled 32, three under par figures and on only one hole did he take more than four strokes. Three were frequent and there was one two.
In this round Goodman sank a 35-foot putt for a birdie 3 on the twelfth hole and then gave the gallery another thrill by sinking a 30-footer on the next hole for the birdie 2.
Manion Takes Time.
It was at the start of the afternoon round that the veteran St. Louis player brought into play a bit of psychology that almost accomplished its purpose of rattling the youngster into defeat. Instead of striking briskly down the fairway after making his shot, as the effervescent Goodman did, Manion loitered with the gallery and forced his opponent to wait three or four minutes.
While this in itself did not unsettle Goodman, a sudden bevy of birds on the part of Manion that cut into the "kid's" four-hole lead with such startling rapidity that on the thirty-first green he had but one hole left to his advantage, did make him wobble. And on the thirty-fifth hole Manion caught the Omahan.
Here, indeed, the youth needed everything at his command, and nerve, skill and confidence answered his call.
He holed a 7-foot putt to have the thirty-sixth hole without the slightest trace of fear.
John Most Consistent.
He wasn't bothered when Manion sent his famous pitch shot up for an easy four on the thirty-seventh hole, which also was halved.
And on the thirty-eighth green, after placing his second on the putting ground, he ran the ball down in two strokes for a birdie four to beat Manion's par five.
Goodman has been one of the most consistent performers throughout and is conceded an edge in the finals, even in the face of Ward's brilliant 68 Friday. If he wins, he will be the youngest champion ever to wear the Trans-Mississippi crown.

TO LAY CORNERSTONE

Masonic Home Ceremony Will Occur at Fremont July 5.

Special Dispatch to The World-Herald, Fremont, Neb., June 24.—Albert R. Davis, grand master of Masons in Nebraska, announced that the laying of the cornerstone for the proposed new building in the group of Masonic and Eastern Star homes north of Fremont, will take place July 5. State officers and representatives of several lodges will participate.

DE AUTREMONTS IN PRISON

Salem, Ore., June 24 (AP).—Prison gates closed on the three De Autremont brothers here today as they began serving life sentences for four murders committed in the Siskiyou mountain train holdup of October, 1923.



WHY NOT?

NINE O'CLOCK TONIGHT IS EXTRA MONEY HOUR

Five Hundred Dollars for Active Help Yourself Club Members.

APPLY ON GRAND PRIZE

Nine o'clock tonight is "extra money hour" in The World-Herald's 25 thousand dollar Help Yourself club.

VISIT WITH FARMERS

Kearney County Merchants Go to Farm Homes Every Summer.

CATCHES ODD FISH

Grand Island, Neb., June 24.—A fish, resembling a catfish in shape and size, but having four feet and six horns, three on each side of the head, was caught Wednesday with a pall in a sand pit at Doniphan.

THE WEATHER

For the 24 hours ending 7 p. m., June 24. Temperature, Highest, 96; low, 88; mean, 82; normal, 74.

LINEMAN GETS SHOCK

Shelton Man Knocked from Pole into Hog Wallow.

Shelton, Neb., June 24.—James Pottenbarger, lineman employed by the Farmers' Home Telephone company, narrowly escaped being electrocuted east of Shelton.

PRESIDENT IS GIVEN CAN OF OMAHA WORMS

Smiles, Says "Thanks," Promises to Take Them to Home.

GIFT IS A SENSATION

(By Staff Correspondent) Rapid City, S. D., June 24.—A broad smile broke over the face of President Coolidge today when, immediately following the conference which he held with newspaper men, the correspondent of The World-Herald stepped from the group and presented him with a can of several dozen of the lushest and longest Nebraska fish worms it was possible to find in the vicinity of Omaha.

BANQUET FOR RAIL MEN

Scottsbluffs Host to Carl R. Gray and Party.

GAVE UP TRIP ABROAD

Special Dispatch to The World-Herald, Fremont, Neb., June 24.—A secret marriage which occurred six months ago, and for which the bride gave up a four-months' trip to Europe, was revealed here today.

GROCERS HOLD MEETING

Special Dispatch to The World-Herald, Lexington, Neb., June 24.—A large gathering of the members of the Independent Grocers' Association of America met here today.

JOHN F. STOUT IS DEAD

NOTED OMAHA LAWYER Had Been in Practice Here 31 Years—Was 111 Long Time.

FUNERAL TO BE SUNDAY

John F. Stout, of the law firm of Stout, Rose, Wells & Martin, died at 3:45 p. m., Friday at his home, 117 South Thirtieth street. An illness of years became acute about two weeks ago, since which time no hope was extended for his recovery.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL IN N. Y. FACES OUSTER

Charged with Using the Chinese Method of Punishment.

FULL REPORT AWAITED

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NINETEEN FIREMEN HURT AS STRUCTURE DESTROYED

Classic Home, of Ak-Sar-Ben Shows and Functions for Over 30 Years Is Razed—Bethany Church Also Gone with Much Other Damage.

SOURCE OF BLAZE NOT DETERMINED; FAMILIES RENDERED HOMELESS

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the historic Ak-Sar-Ben Den, Twentieth and Spruce streets, gutted two houses immediately to the north, wrecked the Bethany Chapel Presbyterian church at Twentieth and Willis avenues, and threatened more than a dozen homes in the vicinity, Friday afternoon.
The first alarm came in at 2:38 p. m.
Nineteen city firemen, one other man, and one woman living in the neighborhood were injured, or overcome by smoke and heat.
Total loss resulting from the fire will probably exceed 100 thousand dollars. This includes a minimum of 50 thousand dollars, the value of the den and its contents; the Bethany Presbyterian church, 35 thousand dollars, the value of the Bethany Chapel Presbyterian church, two homes destroyed at 18 thousand dollars. Houses scorched and partly burned and loss and damage to furniture in other homes will materially increase the loss.
Destruction Is Swift.
Within a half-hour after the first flames were discovered in the south end, the building, of ancient wood construction, covering more than a square block of ground, was a mass of smouldering timbers. Fanned by a high wind, the sparks were carried to neighboring homes and store buildings, and to the roof of the Bethany Chapel Presbyterian church, Twentieth and Willis avenues.
Firemen injured are:
WILLIAM HARRIGAN, junior captain, Engine Co. 12, bruised and knocked unconscious in 25-foot fall from roof of Bethany church.
CHARLES HUSTON, Hose Co. 12, burning ember in eye.
J. B. LEWIS, Hose Co. 11, overcome by smoke.
JOSEPH LAHOOD, Engine Co. 15, overcome by smoke.
DANIEL DALY, Truck 4, overcome by smoke.
JOHN FISHER, Truck 15, heat and smoke.
CHARLES CONRY, Hose Co. 6, hurt on shoulders and back by falling embers.
JERRY LAHEY, Truck 15, overcome by smoke.
WILLIAM DINEEN, Truck 7, burns and overcome by smoke.
JASPER COLE, Truck 11, overcome by smoke.
JAMES GRESHAM, Truck 4, burns and overcome by smoke.
GEORGE POWELL, Hose company 8, overcome by smoke.
THOMAS HASTINGS, Hose company 8, overcome by smoke.
GUS BARNHARDT, captain, company No. 2, overcome by smoke.
CHARLES KLEIN, company No. 2, overcome by smoke.
L. R. RAGAN, No. 4 company, nail wounds in left side and thigh.
CAPTAIN CON STAR, No. 12 company, bruised chest and thigh.
EDWARD CLAUSEN, No. 12 company, cuts about the right hand.
WILLIAM BAYLESS, truck 4, burns on back.
Only four of the injured firemen, Cole, Gresham, Barnhardt and Hastings, were taken to hospitals. Cole was later allowed to go home. None of the 16 firemen were believed to have suffered serious injuries.
Gresham was rendered unconscious when he stepped on a live wire. He was taken to Lord Lister hospital, as was Captain Barnhardt, whose face was scarred.
Hastings, who was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, was reported resting easily.
About eight of the injured men returned to duty last night.
Sister Aids Fireman, Discovered in Basement.
Fred C. Travis, who with his wife lived in an annex to the Den where they had been caretakers for four years, discovered the fire in the northwest corner of the basement, under the dressing rooms, shortly after 2:30, he said.
He had gone there not over three-quarters of an hour before, and had seen nothing unusual. When he returned, he said, fire was burning vigorously. He immediately telephoned an alarm, and returned to the basement to fight the fire, but found that it had gained such headway he could do nothing. By this time, it had broken through the flooring above.
Travis said he could give no explanation of the cause. He said he was convinced it could not have been incendiary.
Mr. and Mrs. Travis had just expended nearly \$1,200 refurbishing their quarters. All was lost. They had been unable to save a thing, and they carried no insurance on the furnishings.
At 4:50 p. m. it was announced that the fire was under control. Commissioner Westergaard paid a compliment to the work of the firemen.
When Charles Conry, Hose Co. 6, was injured by embers which fell on him it was his sister, Miss Edith (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

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TWO DAVENPORT MEN DEAD IN PLANE CRASH

Pilot, Slightly Injured, Is Under Arrest Pending an Inquest.

TAIL SPIN AT AIRPORT

Davenport, Ia., June 24 (AP)—Two men are dead and one slightly injured as the result of an airplane crash at the Davenport airport here last night.

The dead are: Hugo J. Lorenzen, grocer, and George Nabor, head of the luncheon department of the Martin Cigar company. Pilot Albert Sporrer escaped with minor bruises. Sporrer had "banked" his machine and was preparing to land when it went into a "tail spin." They were too near the ground for him to regain control.

Sporrer is under arrest, pending an inquest Monday. This was the second fatal airplane accident in the Tri-Cities community this season. Floyd Kottner, pioneer Moline flier, was killed when his new plane, which he was testing, fell six weeks ago.

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Cony, visiting nurse, who saw him fall. She attended him before he was taken to the police hospital. Other physicians caring for the men were Dr. A. S. Pinto, Dr. C. B. Lovely, William Casey, William Adams, Dr. F. I. Schieler, Frank Murphy, Fred Sedlacek and C. S. Molsedy.

Homes of Louis Baum, 2254 North Twentieth street, were completely destroyed. Mrs. Friedman twice re-entered her burning home, but was assisted out each time by Carl Reber, 1721 Lake street.

Emergency Hospital. Fires broke out upon the roofs and walls of houses at 2320 and 2324 North Twentieth street, and 1919 and 1915 Willis avenue, but the flames were gotten under control. Roofs were partly burned at 2214 and 2218 North Twenty-first street.

An emergency hospital was set up at the Visiting Nurses' quarters, 2003 Lake street. Six nurses attended there, and others were in the fire area. Leslie O. Moore sent an ambulance to assist injured firemen.

Residents for blocks around were playing streams of water from garden hose upon their roofs and houses, to prevent the spread of fire.

Falls Through Church. Junior Captain William Harrigan of Engle company No. 15 plunged 25 feet from a hole in the roof of Bethany Presbyterian church to the inside of the structure, but was rescued by his comrades. He was unconscious when found but soon revived and is believed not to have suffered serious injuries.

He had ascended a ladder to the roof which was ablaze. When a hole was broken into a dormer the roof suddenly gave way and Harrigan fell. Two firemen broke stained glass windows to rescue him.

Mrs. Frank Gossett, 2101 Grant street, was injured when the east wall of the Den collapsed.

She had taken her little son, Donald, 23 months, to a neighbor's home for safekeeping, and had returned to her house to get her daughter, Hope, 5. She could not find the child, and was searching for her when the wall fell, surrounding her with flaming timbers. She was burned about the face, neck, arms and body.

Lake School Out of Path. Hope had been found by a neighbor, and was being cared for.

At 2009 Willis avenue, an apartment building, flames swept the south side of the building while fifty men and boys were carrying furniture out the north doors.

Mrs. Rose Festner, living in the basement of an apartment house at 2009-11 Willis avenue, was found kneeling on the floor praying when an employee of the Metropolitan Utilities district entered the home to disconnect the gas. The apartment building was scorched and damaged in the rear. All the occupants reached safety.

At Twentieth and Lake streets, a suburban business center, property owners were playing small streams of hose upon plate glass windows, to keep them from cracking in the heat.

Nearby Lake school, at Twentieth and Willis avenue, was just out of the possible path of the advance of the flames.

Gus Renze Speechless.

A crowd estimated at more than 6 thousand persons, gathered quickly in the neighborhood of the fire, but the intense heat kept the spectators from a half block to a block away. Autos bringing spectators collected, blocking nearby streets. Trees and shrubbery near the fire wilted from the heat radiated from the huge furnace that had been the Den. Women in the crowd grew faint.

Destroyed with the Den were scenes and costumes used in this year's show, as well as the bodies of the thirty floats used each year in the electrical parade, and much of the office equipment of Gus Renze, Den artificer.

Mr. Renze was at Ak-Sar-Ben field, watching the races, when word came that the Den was on fire. He hurried to the building that has been the scene of his labors for 32 years. As he watched it yield to the blaze, he was made speechless by emotion. He could not utter a word.

Pastor Watching Blaze. Working to save the roof of a house at 2010 Willis avenue, adjoining his parish, when smoke was found pouring from the church at 3:30. He had felt that the church would be safe because of its stone construction and tile roof. It was soon evident that it was doomed, together with the personal belongings and furniture of Rev. Mr. Kuhn, who occupied an apartment built as an integral part of the church.

W. J. Shewan, 5363 North Twenty-seventh avenue, who passed the Den at 2:20 o'clock, he said, and saw smoke pouring from the ventilators of the Den roof, said he saw the fire start in the church from a spark that lighted on a window sill. He said he called the attention of firemen, but they took no action for the church.

Church Less Heavy. The smoke from the church was so intense that firemen were hampered in their work. The loss to the church was estimated by Rev. Juitus Schwarz, its first pastor, at 25 thousand dollars. The church cost this amount, he said, and would require at least that amount to be reclaimed.

The church was built in 1909 with "junk," the Rev. Schwarz said. Railroad rails were used for roof supports. Stones were acquired from wrecked buildings, and timbers were obtained partly from the Union Pacific railroad.

Only a third of the loss is believed to be covered by insurance, Rev. Mr. Kuhn declared.

Mrs. Kuhn went into the smoke-filled parish home to recover antique silverware that had been family heirlooms. She succeeded in removing part of the ware. Smoke and water damaged the house furnishings at a loss of about one thousand dollars, not covered by insurance, Rev. Mr. Kuhn said.

Did All They Could. Rev. Mr. Kuhn was inclined to blame firemen for not taking more protective steps to save the church, but Commissioner Westergard said the church loss could not have been prevented.

While firemen struggled to cope with the blaze in the pall of acrid smoke, electricians for the street car and Nebraska Power companies were engaged in disconnecting trolley and other high-tension wires. Only two gas meters were lost in the fire, representatives of the utilities district said.

Frank Dold, 2216 North Twenty-first street, was burned on the face and hands and suffered a strained back while he was removing furniture from his house, the front porch of which was burned.

Fire Commissioner Westergard was busily engaged at the scene. He and other volunteers carried ice water to firemen.

Made homeless were families living in the apartment at 2009 Willis avenue, including those of Robert B. Shoup, W. G. Vele, Mrs. John Archibald and Mrs. Rose Festner.

'TURN ON JUICE' CARTER ORDERS HIS EXECUTIONER

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There are any, have acknowledged him.

He told Rev. J. L. Beebe early in the morning that a woman living in Clarion, Ia., is a cousin, although the little credence was placed in the claim by those who heard him, for Carter was talking wild things to her. He also said that the editor of the Clarion (Iowa) Monitor would remember him.

Tells Johnston "You Ran." He told Beebe that he was "ready to die and trusting in God."

Robert J. McDevitt, brother of William McDevitt, Carter's first sniper victim, was present to witness the execution.

Ross Johnston of Council Bluffs, Carter's third victim, stepped up to the door of Carter's cell shortly before he was led to the chair. "I'm not sorry I shot you," Carter said smilingly. "You ran from a little 22 gun."

Dan McGrew was also facetiously included in the list of Carter's murders.

"Hey," he called to two newspaper men, "don't forget that I killed Dan McGrew, too."

The reporters had told him a little while before that Walter Simmons, who was electrocuted a year ago, had recited "the shooting of Dan McGrew" before he went to the chair.

John Baldwin and James Walker, Carter's attorneys, did not come from Omaha to witness the execution.

"He got what was coming to him," was the only comment of Ross Johnston after Carter was pronounced dead.

Welcomed Newspaper Men.

Although the prison pallor was intensified on Carter's face this morning as newspaper men and prison officials entered the death house corridor at 5:30 o'clock after a procession across the gray courtyard of the prison to the hospital building, he still maintained the calmness and apparent sang-froid which has characterized him since he was convicted.

When the official group arrived before his cell, which just adjoins the death chamber, Carter was talking with Rev. J. L. Beebe of Omaha, his chosen spiritual adviser. Beebe stood on the outside of the heavily screened door and conversed with him.

Immediately on the arrival of the newspaper men Carter showed an enthusiastic welcome and Beebe stepped away to allow the sniper his last chance for the publicity which he loved so well. Grasping the steel bars of the cell door, Carter told how he slept last night and that he was still reconciled to dying.

Carter evidently determined to make this his last chance to appear, the best ever. He immediately launched out on a long series of "confessions" involving a number of "murders" never before mentioned by him and for which he said he was responsible.

"Confesses" 43 Murders.

"I committed 43 murders in all," he said with a grand show of bravado. "I did the Villisca axe murders and these were not the only axe murders I did. I killed a man at Clarion, Ia., once with an axe and threw his body into a ditch which I had dug for it."

Warden Fenton and Deputy Warden Kavanaugh entered the death cell at 5:45 to read the death warrant to Carter. Carter had been standing at the door talking eagerly to a group which by this time had jammed the doorway, and the corridor near it. As the warden entered, the prison chaplain, Thomas Maxwell followed him.

Carter said, "Just a moment, please," and walked to the other end of the cell where he calmly turned a faucet, drew a glass of water and drank it. He then returned deliberately to the front of the cell where the warden was standing, seated himself in a rocking chair, crossed his legs, bridged his hands and rocked back and forth, tapping the tips of his fingers together and apparently listening very attentively.

As the warden read the long list of aliases under which Carter is supposed to have gone during various portions of his career, Carter smiled broadly several times, and grinned at newspaper men.

After the reading of the warrant, and after being told that the time was approaching for his march to the chair, Carter again eagerly asked for newspaper men.

Inspector Danbaum of Omaha detective bureau and Inspector Pzanosowski of the police department were ushered to Carter's cell early this morning. Carter had sent them a pressing invitation Wednesday to come to witness his execution. Carter said he merely

wished to formally thank them for their kind treatment during the time he was a prisoner in Omaha.

WON'T CLAIM THE BODY

Baldwin Says He Has No Money to Bury "Sniper."

"I did my best to the last to save him, took my last beating in supreme court last night, and sent word to say 'goodbye' to Carter," said Public Defender Baldwin Friday. "But I didn't abandon him. I couldn't bear to see him again. I suppose the body will go to the medical school. I'd claim the body if I had money to bury him, but I haven't."

INTERESTED IN 'SNIPER'

Voices Express Relief In Announcement of Execution.

Judging from the large number of phone calls that besieged the World-Herald office Friday morning, Omahans in general were deeply interested in the fate of the "sniper."

People seemed in a state of anxiety when asking of the result, but a tinge of relief was noted in the acknowledgement of the reply that Frank Carter had been executed.

EXECUTION WAS 'RIGHT'

R. J. McDevitt Glad Brother's Slayer Paid Death Penalty.

"They did the right thing," commented Robert J. McDevitt, 2520 Chicago street, brother of William McDevitt, first victim of the "sniper," on his return from Lincoln where he witnessed the execution. "I didn't get to talk with him, because there was such a crowd. He wasn't insane, just a

hard-boiled dangerous fellow. I'm glad the law took its course and that it is over."

MRS. SEARLES IS 'GLAD'

"No Feeling of Revenge," Says "Sniper" Victim's Widow.

"I'm glad it's over," commented Mrs. Lillian C. Searles, 1613 Vinton street, widow of Dr. A. D. Searles, second victim of the "sniper."

"I had no feeling of revenge but he was a dangerous man and it was a just execution. As long as capital punishment is the law, it had to be done. He certainly deserved punishment. I never felt that he was insane, to judge by the way he always talked. At first I intended to talk with him in prison shortly before the execution, but then I decided I wouldn't do it."

COST COUNTY \$822.50.

Douglas county has paid \$822.50 in the last 15 months, financing efforts by Public Defender John Baldwin to save Frank Carter, the Omaha "sniper," from the electric chair; it was revealed Friday. The bill does not include personal expenses of Baldwin and his assistant, James H. Walker, in making trips to Lincoln. Walker and Baldwin paid these expenses themselves.

TWO LEFT IN DEATH ROW

Lincoln Wife-Slayer and Omaha Negro Facing Execution.

(By a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., June 24.—Two men remain in the Nebraska state penitentiary under sentences of death for murder. Dates have been fixed for neither execution.

One is Frank Sharp, Lincoln, who was convicted of beating his

wife to death with a hammer.

The other is Sol Wesley, Omaha Negro, convicted of murdering W. M. Deerson, Lodge Pole, Neb., farmer, during the robbery of W. Rennie Grogan's grocery, 2836 Seward street, January 20, 1923.

Wesley was thought to have gone insane after reaching the penitentiary, and was committed to the state hospital for the insane for treatment. After a period there he was returned to the penitentiary as sane, but nothing further has been done toward infliction of the death penalty.

'SCHIZOPHRENIA VICTIM'

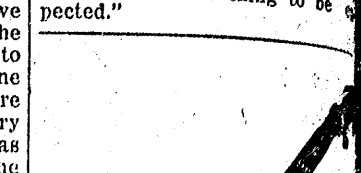
Such Was the "Sniper" Dr. Wigton Still Believes.

Frank Carter went to his death Friday just as if he were going to breakfast, Dr. H. A. Wigton, psychiatrist, who testified that the "sniper" was insane, said after witnessing the execution.

Carter's demeanor strengthened Dr. Wigton's conviction that he was a victim of the paranoid type of schizophrenia.

"He's insane in the medical meaning. Legal insanity, of course, is different. I suppose society will

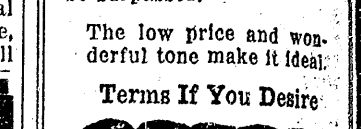
feel freer now that he is dead," Dr. Wigton commented. "I don't think Carter had an emotional reaction. Apparently, he took everything as provided, though it were a program laid out for him and the thing to be expected."



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