

FEAR DROVE GIRL TO END HER LIFE

Edna Churgin, 17, Had Been
Sought as Witness in
Murder Case.

New York, Dec. 28.—Hounded by members of the Kid Dropper gang and worried because she had been exiled by members of the underworld from the east side, where her family lived, are reasons which are believed to have led 17-year-old Edna Churgin to end her life by drinking lysol. This is the opinion of her brothers, Joseph and Theodore, who identified the body of their sister in the morgue and later called at the West 162d street station to take her personal effects. A week ago the girl, who had changed her name to Ada Levine and sought refuge in an apartment at 344 West 16th street, was found suffering from lysol poisoning. She was hurried to the Knickerbocker Hospital, where she died. Unclaimed, her body was taken to the morgue. Identification made through an anonymous telephone tip to the police. Identification was first made by Lieutenant Ditch of the Clinton street station, and later it was confirmed by relatives of the girl. Edna Churgin, the lieutenant remembered, had been held as a material witness—the only one—to the killing on Aug. 10 of Louis Schwartzman of 22 Rutgers street, by two members of the Kid Dropper gang. He was shot down near his home while talking to Edna Churgin and died on the steps of a synagogue with his head cradled in the arms of the girl.

The police believe that Edna Churgin was the direct cause of the shooting of Kid Dropper by Louis Cohen outside Jefferson Market Court. Gossip that came to the police was to the effect that the girl, who lived at 17 Rutgers Place, had been friendly at one time with a member of the Dropper's gang. Then she met Schwartzman, an embroiderer. Schwartzman, it was said, was not a member of any gang, but he was friendly with Hyman Orgie. Orgie is known as Little Augie, the reputed head of a gang that has been active in the neighborhood, had come to the house in Rutgers Place, inquiring for her. These inquiries, they thought, originated with gangsters who were either trying to locate their sister or sought assurance that she had not come back home. Sometimes the messengers, they said, brought warnings for her to stay away.

A short time ago the girl telephoned her folks that she would come home if they would move out of the east side. They did move recently, but the girl, driven to desperation, did not come home. Instead she drank lysol and was found lying by those living in the house. Her body laid for a week in the morgue unidentified.

MANY SEAMEN ATTEND.
The Christmas gift night at the Seamen's Mission last evening was one of the most pleasant ever held here. A capacity house attended. R. E. Armstrong, president of the N. B. Division of the Navy League, presided. A programme of music and speeches was carried out and refreshments served.

WEDDINGS

Grombie-Cogswell.

On Dec. 27, at 225 City Road, Miss Elsie May Cogswell and Victor Harold Grombie, both of Juvenile Settlement, Sunbury county, were married. Rev. G. B. Trafton performed the ceremony. Mrs. Trafton and Miss Marion Brown were witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Grombie will make a brief stay in the city on their honeymoon, after which they will reside in Juvenile Settlement.

Irvin-Riggs

Rev. Robert G. Fulton, pastor of Centenary church, officiated at the marriage of Miss Sadie W. Riggs and Mr. Frank W. Irvin, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Carr, 801 Princess street, last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin were unattended. The bride wore a pretty dress of white silk with garniture of orange blossoms.

DEATHS

Robert McFee.

The death occurred at Sussex yesterday morning of Robert McFee, an old and respected resident, at the age of 87. Mr. McFee is survived by his wife and six children; Hedley G. and Frederick W., Boston; J. Ernest, Cambridge, Alberta; Mrs. J. H. Tins, Moose Jaw; Mrs. L. A. Langstroth, St. John; and Miss Margaret at home; also two sisters, Mrs. John Burgess and Miss Sarah McFee of St. John. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2.30.

TALENTED TEACHER HAS PASSED AWAY

Death of Miss Mary R. Carlyn Removes Outstanding Instructress

News of the death of Miss Mary R. Carlyn, which occurred yesterday at the General Public Hospital, will be heard with widespread regret by her many friends in this city, including her numerous former pupils and for many years associated with the teaching profession and in the various organizations with which she was connected. Miss Carlyn had been in poor health for the last two months but it was only on Saturday that she took a turn for the worse. Her death, therefore, comes as a decided shock.

For many years Miss Carlyn had been the teacher of Grade VII in St. Malachi's School, which is at present conducted in the new St. Vincent's school building in Cliff street. She had been a teacher under the St. John School Board for 29 years. She was a woman of more than ordinary brilliance and culture and of unusual literary attainments. Her death, therefore, will be all the greater loss to her family, the teaching profession and to the community generally.

When told of Miss Carlyn's death last evening, Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools, expressed his great regret at the news. She was a very fine teacher, one of the best Grade VII teachers in the city, he said. She had always taken a great interest in her work and in the scholars committed to her care. Dr. Bridges said. At the meeting of the St. John Board of School Trustees last evening, Hon. H. A. McKewen, the chairman, said that it was with very great regret that the Board had learned of the death of Miss Carlyn who had been a faithful and devoted teacher for nearly 30 years and sub-principal of St. Malachi's school. Her services had been in every way satisfactory to the Board and her death was a great loss to the teaching profession.

Miss Carlyn was a member of various societies, being particularly prominent in the Catholic Women's League, St. John sub-division, of which she was the very efficient recording secretary.

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To Let Hotel Contract
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A committee to complete plans and let the building contract at the earliest possible moment was appointed at a meeting yesterday afternoon of the directors of the proposed new hotel, the "Admiral Beatty," in the offices of Barnhill, Sanford and Harrison. Those present included George McAvity, F. P. Starr, R. Downing Paterson, W. H. Harrison, K.C., C. F. Sanford, Dr. G. A. B. Addy and S. Allan Thomas.

STILL ATTEMPTING TO FREE DOUGHTY

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Attempts to have John Doughty, former secretary to Ambrose Small, freed from Kingston penitentiary on parole, have not been abandoned according to reports in circulation here.

Doughty was sentenced to six years' imprisonment on May 9, 1921, when convicted of theft and receiving.

When asked about the matter to-night, Hon. E. J. McMurray, solicitor-general, declined to give any comment.

POST OFFICE NEW YEAR'S.

New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1924, will be observed as a public holiday by the post office, as follows: The letter carriers will make one delivery in the forenoon. The money order branches will be closed. The general delivery, registration and stamp windows will be open from 9 to 10 a. m., and from 6 to 7 p. m. The street letter boxes and parcel receptacles will be collected by team as usual. Mails will be despatched at the regular hours.

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OFFICERS OF 26TH HOLD 4TH REUNION

Decision Reached to Erect a
Memorial to Battalion's
Fallen.

Decision to erect in some part of the province a memorial to the fallen members of the famous New Brunswick 26th Battalion was made last night at the fourth annual dinner of former officers of the battalion held in the Byng Boys' bungalow, an officers' club, at Pleasant Point. The suggestion that a memorial, either in the form of a monument or something more utilitarian, be erected to the dead of all ranks in the battalion was advanced by Captain J. B. Dever and met with the instant endorsement of the officers present, who numbered about 40. A committee consisting of Major Jock MacKenzie, D. S. O., Captain J. B. Dever, Captain E. C. Armstrong, Captain L. H. Heane, and Lieut. E. O. Reid, was named with power to add to its members from all ranks and to take in charge the raising of funds for the memorial. Captain Armstrong, who is attached to the D. S. C. R. office, was named secretary of the committee and will receive subscriptions.

The 26th Battalion was raised in 1914, went overseas in June, 1915, and saw its first action in the famous Crater Fight of October, 1915. It remained in the line until the close of the war during the course of which about 15,000 men were numbered in its ranks. The casualties were largely substituted with drafts from other New Brunswick battalions including the 56th, 104th, 119th, 140th, 162nd, 105th and 165th. About 600 officers served in the battalion at some time or other.

Lieut. Col. A. McMillan, D. S. O., a former commanding officer, presided last evening. When the splendid dinner had been finished, Col. McMillan proposed the toast to the King, which was responded to in the customary manner.

The toast to "The Old Battalion" was proposed by Major James Pringle, the original quartermaster, and was responded to by Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity, the original O. C., Capt. A. L. Barry, of Chatham, and Major Arthur Leger, of Moncton. The toast to "Our Departed Comrades" was honored in reverent silence. It was proposed by the chairman. The toast to the Ladies was proposed by Capt. L. McC. Ritchie and responded to by Major W. C. Lawson, M. C., of Minto, Capt. W. C. McQuade and Major C. C. Thompson, of Norfolk, Virginia.

The menu of the dinner was excellent and the surroundings were most appropriate, being the quarters of the Byng Boys, a club of overseas officers which had upon the walls mementos of the war which recalled experiences on the other side.

Letters were read from Rev. R. C. MacGillivray, M. C., of Glace Bay, former chaplain, and others expressing regret at their inability to attend.

WEST INDIAN MAILS.

A parcels mail and specially addressed correspondence mail will close here at 11 a. m. tomorrow for Bermuda, Trinidad and British Guiana, per steamship Borden.

SERIOUSLY ILL.

The very many friends of Mrs. J. A. McIntyre, wife of Dr. James A. McIntyre, of Fredericton Junction, will regret to learn of her very serious illness. Her daughter, Miss Miriam McIntyre, of the faculty staff of the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, arrived home on

Monday and Miss Enid McIntyre, R. N., of Los Angeles, Cal., is expected to arrive home soon.

PLAN FOR NEWSIES' TREAT.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the association building with Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell, president, in the chair. Preparations were made for the newsboys' annual treat. Jan. 2 was decided upon as the date for this event. It was hoped to have a fine programme for the treat and the refreshment part of the affair was not to be in any way slighted.

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Gloves, Hose and Undies suiting the season exactly have been promoted downward in price only for Saturday at Daniel's. So are Hankies, Silks and Household Necessities.

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Heavy Cashmere Hose of fine weave, full fashioned, wide garter topped and seamless in feet. Some have slight imperfections that never amount to anything and are all down now to 68c.

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