MUEDERED FIVE WOMEN AND TWO WERE HIS WIVE

Alfred Knapp Cooliy Confesses i: Hamilton, Ohio, That He Killeg Them in Response to a Strange Impulse

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KNAPP'S CONFESSION OF HIS MURDERS.

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On August 7, 1894, I killed my wife, Jendie Connors Knapp, under the canal bridge in Liberty, street, Cincin-nati, and threw her into the canal. In Indianapolis, in July, 1895, I killed Ida Gebhard.

On December 22, 1902, I killed my wife, Annie Knapp, at No. 339 South Fourth street, in Hamilton, and threw her into the river at Lindenwald. This is the truth. ALBERT KNAPP. I make this statement by my own free will, and not by the request of any

officer or any one el ALBERT KNAPP.

Sworn to before me, this 26th day of February, 1903. C. F. BOSCH, Mayor.

sponsibility. His nervous system is normal, and the reflexes respond natu-INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 27 .- Albert Knapp, who was arrested in this oity yesterday on the suspicion of hav-ing killed his wife, has confessed to five murders. He is in the Butler

county prison, in Hamilton, Ohio. Knapp is considered the most de-praved criminal caught in the United States since the running down of H. H. Holmes, whose many murders were disclosed in 1895, and who was hanged said he had been kicked by a horse when he was four years old. in Philadelphia.

Knapp's confession took place be-fore Mayor Bosch of Hamilton this afternoon. This is the list of his mur-ders, and the Hamilton police believe

ders, and the Hamilton police beneve that there are more to come: Emma Littleman, killed in a Cincin-nati lumber yard, January 21, 1894. May Eckert, a child, strangled opposite the Young Men's Christian Asso-ciation building, August 1, 1894. Is never defiant or restive under straint.

Jennie Connors Knapp, his second When he learned that a charge of murder in the first degree had been Bishop Casey's Sermon-Brilliant and thrown into the canal there, Augmade against him he remarked that it was nothing more than he expected. Ida Gebhard, a child, assaulted and but he showed no emotio

murdered in West Indianapolis, July 19, 1895. Her body was found several KNAPP'S FIRST WIFE OBTAINED days later in a barn in West Indian-A DIVORCE FROM HIM.

married Miss Gamble." The Hamilton police got several-boats late this afternoon and started down the river in search for the third wife's body. They failed to find the body where Knapp said he threw it. The police will extend their search down the river fifty miles if necessary. This third wife, who was murdered, called at the office of L. Reinhold, an Indianapolis attorney, last October and asked him to bring divorce proceedings for her. She said she feared Her hus-band would murder her, as he had made threats. He told her that she had not lived in Indianapolis long enough for a divorce case to be filed

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had not lived in Indianapolis long enough for a divorce case to be filed in the local courts. Since Knapp's return to this city, in December, he has, the police feel sure, been guilty of two barn burnings. When he was convicted for the assault on Bessie Drapler, he threatened to get even with every one concerned in

get even with every one concerned in his conviction. Former Sheriff Womack, then sheriff, gained his enmity. His barn was re-cently burned, and several thousand dollars' worth of fine horses and im-ported cattle perished. Albert Board-man was one of the jurors who con-victed him. His barn was burned about six or seven weeks are almost

about six or seven weeks ago. Almost every hour adds to the long list of

every hour adds to the long list of crimes laid to Knapp. Knapp made a long statement to-night in prison. He adhered to his written confession. Regarding his victims he said: "I was seized with an irresistible de

"I was selzed with an irresistible de-sire to choke them. I could not let go when I once began. I never feit any remorse, only a feeling of satisfaction when I knew they were dead. I used my hands in every case, except that of May Eckert. I choked that woman with a towel, but I could have done it with my hands."

EXPERTS PRONOUNCE HIM SANE Speaking for the doctors who examined Knapp, Dr. C. N. Huston said

amined Knapp, Dr. C. N. Huston said today: "Knapp is beyond a doubt a moral pervert, a degenerate of the most pronounced type, but there is no question as to his sanity and legal re-

rally. The pupils of his eyes are nor-mally susceptible to light, and there is no insanity nor epilepsy in his

That Knapp will attempt to plead insanity is probable, as he told the doctors and the police that he frequently suffered pains in his head. He

Knapp is in mortal terror of mob violence and begs pitcously for pro-tection from the supposed danger. He asked many times about the number of men guarding the jail, how they

at St. Peters.

POPE LEO XIII.

uniformity of thee rowd being pleas- while others fainted from excess antly broken by groups of sisters in the feeling or fatigue. Meanwhile, the different gowns of the orders, Catholic pope proceeded slowly on what seemstudents and picturesquely attired ed to be a carpet of heads, absorbing

the entire attention of the vast throng, When the pope arrived at the throne When, finally the doors of St. Peter's were opened, an almost indescribable struggle occurred, in which all present ing the sedia gestatoria the pontiff struggle occurred, in which all present forgot the rules of politeness and strove hard with push of elbows and feet to reach the interior of the sacred edifice, while on all sides were heard cries of fear and imprecations not very well suited to the spot where a notable

cries of rear and many where a notable well suited to the spot where a notable religious ceremony was about to begin. Once inside the cathedral the ladies who wore lace gowns found them to be in a much mutilated condition, and some of the women were carried away in a fainting condition. The tribunes in a fainting condition. The tribunes days later in a barn in West Indian-apolis. Hannah Goddard Knapp, his third wife, murdered in Hamilton, Ohio, and her body thrown into the Miami River, December 22, 1902. In addition to these crimes Knapp has served five prison sentences, three for larceny and two for assault. He in 1883, when she was seventeen years in a served two terms in Jefferson, one

WAR STORIES BY MAX O' cences of Life French Army in 1870.

t the fr. show of these few re-ald like to be permitted to pay each soldier my warm tribute of an. He is as easy to lead as a ch-certubers and gay philosophy en-endure the greatest hardships w wrute. All he wants is justice. When he has received his provi-traightway goes to weigh his u-pread, his coffee, his surgar, even All he wants is his due, and if he he has find received short weight he fied and cheerful. A kind word from an officer will happy. A claarctia pffered to him whort of tobacco, will make a here I remainder one day passing a dier wijs was being taken to th His right hand had been shot off "Cheer up, my 507," I said to more through of you."

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arctices foor?" Any and I put a small box of ready-made his breast pocket. I shall ne expression of grafitude on his auchier instance a devoted o ing his captain; whose leg had vitatad.

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would have had to go without food n day. He was an old African soldier, and never with him a question of what he do, but rather of what he could not do stachmert and devotion to me were of a kind parent, and ha my times the as a kind and skilful nurse would. When at night, I had retired under tent, and was lying on some straw or her over me, he would come noiseless listen to find out whether I was asleep carefully tack ms in before he himself to lie dewa under his own tent. With a Tew pieces of work done host to lie dewa under his own tent. With a tew pieces of work done host to lie dewa under his own tent. Morise 3 bedstend, and my clothes every day most carefully examined an the best of honsewives. An officer has to stand on his dignity or less. My dear Rabier had no dign stand or, and thanks to that, he many successfully managed to scheme and a a dinner when I had lost all hope of a one. wou day. He

one. I remember that one day my re-stopped for the night in a deserted which we reached at about 4 o'clock afternoon. All the officers were assig an abandoned farmhouse.

an abditioned farmhouse. The provisions had not arrived, and no had the slighest idea how soon they w arrive. The private soldlers carried t provisions in their knapsacks. They sure of their meals. But the officers ha rely on the arrival of the wagons. For two flours we sat in silence, a thirty of us. By six o'clock some prep to is forwn on the floor and try to sleep forzet, friumphant, smilling from ear ead, artered and announced that dinner ready. We looked at each other, speechless moelistics, rabbits and chickens, filling place with odorous perfumes. I heard, later on, that Rabler had rid

heard, later on, that Rabler had to a neighboring village and called mayor, stating that he was ordered general commanding the division t

for his staff. And he hero of the day

Celebrates 25th, Anniversary friars. of His Coronation. Scenes in Rome-The Crush.

SEMI-WEEKLY SUN, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1903.

THE curse of mankind is constipation. Nine-tenths, of the ailments we have can be traced to constipation. The bowels are for no other earthly purpose but to cleanse and keep clean and in working order our systems. Constipation is more prevalent among women than men, but it is too common in both. You may imagine you have dyspepsia, or chronic head-ache, or rheumatism, or heart affections, or bad blood causing eruptions—you may feel dull and ambitionless. Unless your case has been diag-nosed and you know otherwise, the chances are your trouble is constipation.

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WHEATON FRANK SOLE AGENT FOR CANADA. FOLLY VILLAGE. N.

for larceny and two for assault. He in 1883, when she was seventeen years thas served two terms in Jefferson, one old. After living with him a few in Columbus, Ohlo, one in Joliet, III., months, she left him and obtained a and one in Michigan City, to which divorce.

in 1896 for an assault on Bessie Dra-**IAMBETH PALACE** pier, a child.

HIS CONFESSION UNEMOTIONAL. The Official Residence of the Knapp made his confession deliber-

Knapp made his confession deliber-ately and without emotion, though he did show some when he later spoke of dying in the electric chair. After his confession he admitted that he had repeatedly attacked women. He said pointed Archbishop of Canterbury will faith. to Mayor Bosch :

"I met the Littleman child in the Palace, which for some seven hundred years has been the official residence of "I went into the room with the Eckthe holder of that office.

ray master of ceremonies. During the offertory Miss Lawlor sang Mercadante's "Salve Maria." Bishop Casey spoke on the life of the pope, whose jubilee was being cele-brated. Twenty-five years ago Leo was decorated with the crown of the religious world and has upheld the disuity of his position in a truly Chrise

was decorated with the erown of the religious world and has upheld the dightly of his position in a truly Chris-tian manner. As the lion is a king fearless and watchful, so Leo stands today the king of the religious world, the sovereign pontiff of the Christian faith. Moses received from God a rod with which had power to rend asunder vast frocks. His mission was to care for the Israelites. The mission of the Christian church today is immeasur-ably greater than that assigned to

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I fought like a madman, seeing nothing but that dear multisted face before my eyes. I say "like a madman," for it was no through courage and bravery. In a melee you farat like a madman-like a savage. Poor little Polet he had died for France. I myself, at the age of 14, had shed some blood for Poland. Yes, at 14.

block for Poland. Yes, at 14.
T was taken prisoner at the battle of sadan, and after spending five menths of expirity in the fortress of Wesel, on the hine, I returned to France, and one morning surprised my mother at home. For five months and a hair she hind had no news and did not know whether I was a prisoner of the most is and the had be one will did not know whether I was a prisoner of the most is and the had be and the had be one will did not know whether I was a prisoner of the most is an end of the second of th

disaster of war is not always without disaster of war is not always without humorous side. and the French army ng enough reputation for bravery to a little joke at its own expense, I will in a few words, tell the erory of the are of the Chateau de Becon, of which a purz ful. We were some fifteen hum-braves who took part in it.

Or April 10th, 1871, we received from Mar-final MacMahon the order to attack and cap-time the Chateau do Becon, on the banks of the Seine, which castle was occupied by the Communist, who had placed on its ter-rece two batteries that swept everything on the road from Courbevois to Paris. The at-tack was to take place during the night. Now, every one knows that a night attack is absolutely no chance of success unless it is made by edit roops, by soldiers known way one to their officers. The French army way one to the Prance-German war, and the stiments were quickly reorganized with soi-ter inst returned from captivity, and with

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