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Law and Crime.

Judge C.B. Grant will address the people of this city on the above subject in Rundle's opera house next Sunday evening, and a cordial invitation is extended to every body [*sic – everybody*] to hear him. What the judge will have to say will be of interest to every citizen of this city, and the writer, having heard the judge talk before, can assure our readers that he will say it in an entertaining and pleasing manner. Turn out, and pack Rundle's opera house to its utmost capacity. Very likely this will be the last opportunity our people will have to hear Mr. Grant speak.

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Flim-Flam Racket Again.

A couple of flim-flam swindlers attempted to work Frank Hitchon, in Catlin's store last Monday night, with poor success. Finding that Frank was on their little game they became confidential and told him that they had worked several parties in this city, mentioning their names. To prove their expertness they went over to the saloon across the street and beat Tremontine [*sic – Tramontine*] out of a dollar in less than five minutes. When they learned that Frank's brother-in-law was city marshal they begged Frank not to give them away and to be sure not to make Burr's acquaintance skipped out bright and early the next morning.

ADULTERY

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“Charley” and “Jessie.”

Dick Flannigan defended “Charley Ross,” alias Williams, and his paramour, “Jessie Nomalini,” before Judge Grant and a jury at the circuit court in Menominee on Friday last. Dick's strong argument was that all parties to the charges made in Iron Mountain were too drunk to furnish any material and valid evidence upon which the state could convict either “Jessie” or “Charley.” After hearing the evidence of all the witnesses as to what took place, or was alleged to have taken place, in the Morrison building here, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Mrs. Nomalini, who was discharged. She was immediately re-arrested, however, by the sheriff of Houghton on the charge of living in open adultery with Ross or Williams at Calumet, and she will have her next trial before the circuit court of Houghton county. As for Ross, his trial has not come off yet, as the court adjourned till next week, but it is probable that he will be made to follow his partner to Houghton county, where they will doubtless be convicted, as they were caught by Sheriff Stiles living together either in Calumet or Red Jacket. It is roughly estimated that the cost to Menominee county of prosecuting this pair, on the strength of the Iron Mountain evidence, which the jury refused to accept, as being practically worthless, will be \$2,000 – a very great deal more than they are worth. However, it will not be absolutely money lost if it rids this county forever of their most undesirable presence.

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Arrested for Adultery.

J.B. Schwartz, of Crystal Falls, was arrested last week at the instance [*sic – insistence*] of Geo. Schuber, a German laborer, charged with having committed adultery with his wife. Mr. Schwartz is a prominent business man [*sic – businessman*] of Crystal Falls, and his arrest on such a charge creates considerable surprise. The Drill thinks the charge is absurd, and that it will never be brought into court.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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An Atrocious Case of Cruelty.

A good many citizens who were on Stephenson avenue on Sunday afternoon were horrified at seeing a man driving a horse which was literally traveling on the stumps of its fore feet [*sic – forefeet*]. The horse was old Gray Billy, and the man in the sulky was James Peters, better known as "Jesse James." Peters had been down to Keel Ridge, and on the way back Gray Billy broke one of its fore legs [*sic – forelegs*] at the fetlock. As the driver continued to urge it on the bone gradually worked through behind the pastern until at last the poor brute was actually on the bleeding stump. When it arrived in Iron Mountain several people saw its terrible condition, but Peter's only reply was an

application of the lash to Gray Billy's back. The spectacle aroused the greatest indignation in every one [*sic – everyone*] who saw it, and among these were several of our most prominent citizens, who were not only willing but anxious to give witness against the author of this atrocious treatment of a poor dumb brute. They made complaints to City Marshal Martin, who found out that Peters had driven the horse into Joe Pascoe's yard, where it fell down in helpless agony. Either Peters or somebody else around the place next got hold of an axe and smashed poor Gray Billy over the head with it until he was dead and had made his last journey. Peters then had sense enough to run and hide himself. Summoning Jack Eslick to his assistance, so that Peters might not escape, the marshal searched Joe Pascoe's house from top to bottom four times. At last Martin and Eslick found their man in the garret squeezing himself behind a chimney, and at once placed him under arrest. Peters spent the night in the cooler, and next morning was placed before Justice Wicks charged with gross cruelty to animals. He pleaded guilty, and instead of receiving the full benefit of the law he was let off with a fine of \$6 and costs -- \$10 altogether. Probably such a case was never before known in the whole of Menominee county. The only possible excuses for Peters is that he was so much the worse for liquor that he really did not know what he was doing.

ARMED ROBBERY

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 610 [Wednesday, June 29, 1898], page 3, column 5

HELD UP.

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A Highwayman Attempts to rob a Young Man on East A Street.

Last night about 9 o'clock Frank Herrick, the 15 year old son of the junior proprietor of the Tribune, was held up by a highwayman on East A street.

The boy quit work down town [*sic – downtown*] at 8 o'clock, and having a curiosity to see a mining shaft, having recently moved to the city, took a walk out toward the Walpole mine. On his return, as he was on the road leading into East A street, a large heavy set man approached him and demanded his money, at the same time grabbing at him. The robber evidently took the boy, who is very large for his age, for a man. In answer to his demand, young Herrick, who is quite muscular, responded by hitting the fellow a stinging blow, landing squarely on his neck and jaw, and knocking him partly over a stump. He started to rise and reached for his pocket evidently to secure a weapon, but by this time the boy had picked up a large rock, and as he raised his arm to throw, the robber crouched down, receiving a blow on the back which caused him to grunt. He then got up and started up the road to the Location.

The boy, outside of a bruise on the hand where he struck the fellow, and the loss of some coat buttons, was unhurt. He describes the man as a heavy set, broad shouldered man, clean shaven, and wearing a dark, soft hat. The police were notified, and are looking for a man of that description, with a sore back.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 28 [Thursday, December 3, 1908], page 8, columns 1-2

HIGHWAY ROBBERY ALLEGED.

Boney Dixon and John Hooper Concerned in Case at Randville.

Alex (Boney) Dixon, of Randville, and John Hooper, of Quinnesec, are in the county jail awaiting trial on a charge of highway robbery. The crime is alleged to have been committed the night of November 25th on the St. Paul road tracks near the Randville station.

The victim was Joseph Tomaszewski, a woodsman [*sic – woodsman*].

Joseph alleges that Boney and John assaulted and battered and then robbed him of \$4.50.

Joseph's phisog [*sic – face*] was sadly discolored, but his name was not marred in any particular.

It is alleged that the battering was done with a railway lantern and a piece of a canthook handle. The alleged implements of alleged assault were found near where the alleged battering took place and were covered with blood alleged to be Joseph's.

The rumpus was heard by the agent station [*sic – station agent*] at Randville.

Joseph and his alleged assaulters had been drinking in the Randville saloon. Joseph made a display of a roll of money. It is alleged that Bony [*sic – Boney*] and John were ambitious to secure this roll.

Joseph states that they induced him to take a walk, promising to secure him a "yob" [*job*] in a neighboring camp. Before taking the walk Joseph concealed the greater portion of his wealth in a secret pocket.

After a short walk up the track from the depot, Joseph alleges that he was attacked by Dixon and Hooper and swatted with the lantern and club until he was unconscious.

When he recovered the \$4.50 in change was gone. Also Dixon and Hooper.

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Joseph complained to the authorities. Hooper was arrested at Quinnesec and Dixon at Norway.

Examination was held last Saturday before Justice Woodward. Prisoners entered a plea of not guilty, but his honor considered the evidence sufficient to send the case to the circuit court for trial. In default of \$2,000 bonds for trial. In default of \$2,000 bonds Dixon was ordered confined in the county jail. Hooper secured bondsmen.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 41 [Thursday, March 3, 1910], page 1, column 5

CASE OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

William Oleson Perpetrates Bold Crime on the Street at Channing.

William Oleson, a tough character, who has served three terms in the Green Bay reformatory, was arrested last Sunday night at Channing, on a charge of highway robbery, by Deputy Sheriff Gage.

Posing as a woodsman, he met one James Utley, of Grand Rapids, who had been employed at John E. Couillard's camp and had been paid off. The two were drinking, and Oleson tried to persuade Utley to go back to the camp with him. Failing in this, he watched his chance and met Utley on the street and robbed him of his watch and seven dollars in money.

Oleson then tried to escape to the woods. Utley reported the case to Deputy Sheriff Gage, who at once gave chase and located Oleson in a swamp near the railroad track. Oleson showed fight and Engineer Hart, hearing Gage call for help, went to his assistance and the man was taken into custody.

Sheriff Robbins was notified and he went to Channing last Monday morning and brought the prisoner and complaining witness to the county jail.

They were taken to Channing this morning, where a preliminary examination is being held.

In view of the fact that Oleson has confessed to the robbery, there is no doubt of his being held for trial at the next term of the circuit court.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 47 [Thursday, April 13, 1911], page 1, column 5

Robbers Sentenced.

William Willis and E. Stephen, charged with highway robbery, were convicted in the circuit court last Friday. The woman implicated in the case was discharged. The men were charged with robbing a woodsman named Alex Kulas on the St. Paul track several months ago. Judge Flannigan sentenced Willis to not more than fifteen years and a half, recommending the latter, in the Marquette prison. Stephen's sentence was for not more than fifteen years nor less than one year and a half, the latter time being recommended.

ASSAULT

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BELLA ITALIA AND THE KNIFE.

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Forty Dagos Break up the Furniture in a Saloon, Stab the Landlady, and then have a General Cutting Match.

Shortly after the result of the elections had been sized up by the board of registration in the fourth ward, information arrived that a most formidable riot was in full blast in the saloon run by George Pastori, on Brown street, and that several people had been stabbed. A number of persons hastily made their way to the scene of the fracas, and found George Pastori, the proprietor, and his wife in a condition pretty nearly bordering upon frenzy, and it was noticed that blood was flowing from a gash cut under one of the eyes of the woman. The steps and sidewalk in front of the saloon were strewn with broken glass, fragments of chairs, billiard balls, and smashed cues, while the whole front of the building seemed to have been torn out by a cyclone. Officers Sims and Nankivell waded in among the swart-faced gang who were gesticulating around the building, and succeeded in arresting two of the most prominent of the rioters. These were lodged in jail. George Pastori was in such a state of excitement that he could give no intelligible account of the row. THE RANGE, however, learned that early in the evening a crowd of Italians, numbering from thirty to forty, had gathered in the saloon to play pool and drink beer. As they were from all parts of Italy a good deal of banter was passed between those who claimed different provinces as the place of their nativity. This banter soon developed into rancour [*sic – rancor*], which culminated through a circumstance that occurred at the pool table about ten o'clock. Peter Marriano and another man were playing a game, and as Marriano was obviously the worse for liquor, Frank Villa, the cousin of the proprietor of the house, warned him to

be careful and not cut the cloth. Marriano made a lunge at the ball with his cue and knocked it off the table, and Villa stooped down, picked it up, and replaced it on the spot. Marriano again played and knocked the ball off, and when Villa again bent down to pick it up, Marriano, either angry because he had played so badly or because he had been asked not to tear up the cloth, drew a knife and slashed Villa across the loins. Then a friend of Marriano's jumped forward, drew his knife, and also slashed into the prostrate man. In an instant every Italian in the room was on his feet, and, as if by preconcerted [*sic – preconceived*] arrangement, they separated into two divisions, broadly representing the north and south of Italy. Arming themselves with chairs, cues, billiard balls, and knives, sweet representatives from Piedmont, Liguria, Lombardy, Venetia, Umbria, Tuscany, Latium, Campania, Apulia, Calabria, Sicily, and Sardinia, [*sic*] threw themselves upon each other furiously, and soon there were broken heads, cut bodies, and innumerable bruises. Mrs. Pastori happened to be caught in the midst of the murderous crowd, and while she was trying to escape, screaming at the top of her voice, some ruffian slashed her under the eye with his knife, and she fainted, fell, and was trampled upon. The gang gradually fought their way towards the door, having in the meantime smashed up every window in the place, and at length surged out upon the sidewalk, where the great dago battle was continued. George Pastori himself was hemmed in behind the bar, and although he tried to go to the assistance of his wife was beaten back and could do nothing. The appearance of officers Bob Nankivell and Billy Sims exercised a sedative effect. An attempt was threatened to rescue the two prisoners they made, but was chilled into inaction by a fortuitous display of billies and revolvers, though the captives were followed by an angry mob right up to the

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door of the “cooler.” On the following day offices Sims and Martin arrested four more rioters. Young Villa, the first man who was knifed, is still so ill that he cannot give any coherent account of the row, and it is not probable that the prisoners will have their trial until to-day [*sic – today*], when Prosecuting Attorney Cook will prosecute. On Tuesday, several Italians climbed up to the bars in the window of the jail, and held conversation with their imprisoned compatriots. This coming to the ear of Deputy Sheriff O’Hara, and a belief spreading around that the Italian prisoners meant to break jail, assisted by certain of their countrymen, special precautions were at once taken to prevent the law being cheated in that way. Many of these Italians, ignorant, quick-tempered, jealous and treacherous, are a danger to the community, which can by no means lose anything if the men who are now prisoners get the full benefit of the law – pour encourager les autres [*by encouraging the others*], as the French say, with a very significant meaning. Three more Italians who were arrested yesterday have been released on bail.

The following are the prisoners implicated: Nazareno Paluzolo, Martin Vincenzo, Augustino Buciatti, A. Martini, or Marriano, Peter Chiararini, Silvestra, Nicola, and Rinaldo.

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The Italian Gang of Rioters.

The trial of the gang of Italians who broke up Pastori’s saloon on the evening of last election day commenced on Thursday before Justice Bergeron, Pros. Att’y Cook representing the people and Dick Flannigan the defendants. The names of the culprits,

who number sixteen, are so long that they would require a supplement of THE RANGE, so we won’t attempt to publish them in this issue. The proceedings are necessarily slow as they have to be filtered through an interpreter. Special Officer Sims has given his evidence. It will be remembered that he was one of the officers who sailed into the crowd of rioters and quelled the disturbance when every man had either a knife or a bludgeon in his hand.

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THE CITY.

The election day saloon row case is on trial at Menominee, and is being stubbornly contested. Last Monday subpoenas were received for 17 more Italians to go to Menominee as witnesses, making about 40 in all. The defense will attempt to prove that they were the assaulted party and used knives in self defence [*sic – defense*]. Flannigan and ***need to copy the remainder of this article***

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Acquitted.

Peter Marianna, the defendant in the great Italian row case, was acquitted by the jury yesterday. He proved an alibi, 17 witnesses swearing positively that that [*sic*] he was not in Pastori’s saloon when the cutting occurred. There [*sic – Their*] witnesses swore that he was there and did the cutting, but their testimony was outweighed in the minds of the jury by the 17 who swore to the opposite.

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A Cannibal in Civilization.

On the table in the court room of Justice Bergeron to-day [sic – today] there is a bottle holding something that looks like the section of a peach floating in spirits. Sitting a few feet from it, and gazing at it intently, there is a man with the lower part of his face swathed in white bandages. The thing that looks like the section of a peach is a human lower lip, and the man with the bandaged face sitting looking at it is Harry Sampson, to whom it once belonged. On Monday evening a Cornishman named Wm. J. Daw, who has gained a good deal of previous disgraceful notoriety in Iron Mountain, went into Tom Buzzo's saloon, with the obvious intention of making a disturbance over something that had occurred between his brother-in-law, a man named Saunders, and Buzzo, some time ago. First of all Daw pitched on to a little fellow and was going to lick him. Then he followed Harry Sampson out to the back yard, threw his arms around his neck as if he were going to embrace him, and, deliberately devoured Sampson's face, finally succeeding in biting off the under lip. Though dreadfully mutilated, Sampson went in search of the officers, and raised a sensation in the city hall when he appeared there and made his story known. Officers O'Hara and Martin went in search of Daw, whom they found at home, and arrested him. Justice Bergeron held the cannibal in \$1,000 bonds, and as there is not a Cornishman in town that is not ashamed of him, Daw could get no one to go his bail, and he had to go to jail, where he has

remained since Monday night. To-day [sic – Today] his trial takes place before Justice Bergeron, Prosecuting Attorney Cook representing the people. The courtroom is crowded.

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The Human Biters.

William J. Daw has had a narrow escape this time, and it will be entirely his own fault if he does not take advantage of it. In the circuit court, before Judge Grant and a jury, on Friday, he was charged with the crime of mayhem, and was defended by Lawyer W.H. Hurley. The circumstances which gave rise to the charge occurred so recently that it is unnecessary to recapitulate them in detail. After drinking freely in several saloons on election day he fetched up in Thomas Buzzo's, where he met another Cornishman named Harry Sampson, with whom he had had previous personal difficulties. Both went out to the rear of the saloon together, where they had words which led to a rough-and-tumble fight. Two witnesses saw the fight, but when Sampson rose up with a large portion of his lower lip bitten out, and Daw's upper lip lacerated and bleeding neither could swear which of the combatants had first done the biting or which had commenced the fight. Judge Bergeron sent the case down to the circuit court, where the jury found Daw guilty of assault and battery, at the same time recommending him to the mercy of the court. At first they were equally divided, six being for acquittal and six for conviction. The verdict they finally arrived at was a compromise, and the judge held Daw in \$500 to appear at the next circuit court to be held on the 3d [sic – 3rd] of September, when the judge will inflict a

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fine if he thinks it necessary to do so. It is generally believed, however, that the verdict practically amounts to an acquittal during Daw's good behavior. Mr. Hurley rested his argument on the conflicting nature of the evidence, holding that if Daw bit Sampson in self-defence [*sic – self-defense*] he could not be held guilty of the serious crime of mayhem, which can be punished in this state with a sentence of ten years imprisonment in state's prison. There ought now to be an end of cannibalism in Iron Mountain for a considerable time to come.

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THE CITY.

WM. ANDREWS was sent to Menominee for 60 days last Saturday for assaulting a Swede named Gunberg. THE RANGE is informed that the assault was wholly without provocation, and was committed out of pure deviltry on the part of Andrews, in which case he richly deserves the punishment received.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 624 [Friday, July 15, 1898], page 3, column 4

BRUTAL ASSAULT.

On Egidio Alexander, the Court House Janitor.

Last night about 9 o'clock Egidio Alexander, janitor at the Court House, and Samuel Peterson, the well known [*sic – well-known*] tailor, were standing in front of

the restaurant on Stephenson avenue, near B street, kept by colored people, engaged in conversation. Two white men suddenly came from the restaurant and without provocation made a vicious assault upon them. Peterson got away and went for the police, but Alexander was quite badly used up. The men who made the assault got away, but Alexander thinks he knows who his assailant [*sic – assailants*] were, and warrants have been issued for their arrest. The police are looking for them. Both Mr. Alexander and Mr. Peterson are inoffensive citizens and would do nothing to provoke such an assault upon them. It is hoped that their assailants will be arrested.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 18 [Thursday, September 24, 1908], page 1, column 5

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

Puts One Boy in the Hospital and Another in County Prison.

Herbert Stone is in the St. George's Hospital suffering from a knife wound that threatens to result fatally. Biaggio Ferzacca is confined in the county jail and may have to face a charge of murder.

The affray occurred last Saturday night near the Farragut school, and is directly chargeable to the Saturday night dance and the promiscuous selling of liquor to minors.

Stone, the victim, is about twenty years of age. Ferzacca is not yet seventeen. Stone is a telegraph operator, employed by the St. Paul road at Quinnesec Junction. Ferzacca is an Italian and has followed various occupations, recently returning to the city from Hurley.

Both boys had attended the usual Saturday night dance. Both had been

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drinking. Stone and another boy had become involved in a quarrel. Quarrels usually follow on the heels of such outings. Stone is alleged to have struck the other boy, knocking him down. The other boy was the friend of Ferzacca, who assumed the quarrel. Warm words followed. Stone is alleged to have struck Ferzacca. Ferzacca, enraged, pulled a knife and stabbed Stone in the right breast, the blade penetrating a lung.

Physicians were called and Stone was taken to the hospital. Ferzacca went to the home of his parents, where he was arrested by his own brother, Policeman Ferzacca.

Stone was reported dead several times during the week, but he still lives. His condition is very precarious, however. He has now been attacked by pneumonia.

The affray is one that is a disgrace to the community. It is chargeable to the Saturday night dances and the selling of liquor to minors. No other conclusion can be reached. The police claim they are helpless in the matter of suppressing the dances – that we have no law governing them. Well, we should have a law, and it should be enacted forthwith. And the police should make it their business to locate the liquor dealer who sold the boys their beer. Let this case be prosecuted vigorously. The parents of the city demand it.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 43 [Thursday, March 18, 1909], page 1, column 3

Cutting Function.

A cutting affray took place last night about 9:30 in the alley in the rear of Serena's saloon on Hughitt street, in which Tim Shea, Newt. Powell and two Finlanders were implicated. It is claimed that Shea and Powell assaulted one of the Finlanders.

The other Finlander came to the rescue and in the melee had his hands badly cut with a knife by his friend, who was trying to defend himself against Shea and Powell, but in the dark cut his partner by mistake. Shea, Powell and the Finlander who did the cutting are all in the lock-up waiting examination. The man who had his hands so badly cut has been cared for and will be held as a witness.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 47 [Thursday, April 15, 1909], page 1, column 6

Cutting Affray.

Joe Dota, an Italian laborer, employed on the St. Paul railroad, was badly cut across the face by one of his countrymen, [sic] while crossing the Chapin pit last Sunday night. Upon information furnished by some boys in the Chapin location, a man named Pignatella was located and arrested[,] charged with the cutting. He is being held for examination pending the condition of Dota.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 52 [Thursday, May 20, 1909], page 1, columns 1-2

PIGNATELLI FAILED

ITALIAN PRISONER MAKES DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.

Captured After a Sensational Chase During Which He Is shot by Sheriff; He's a Bad Man.

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An Italian named Supino Pignatelli, who has been confined in the county prison for several weeks awaiting trial in the circuit court charged with making a murderous assault upon a countryman with a razor, made a desperate attempt to escape last Sunday evening and was only apprehended after he had been wounded in the left arm just below the elbow.

Pignatelli's break for liberty was made a *[sic – at]* about six o'clock, just as the evening meal was about to be served.

Mrs. Robbins, wife of the sheriff, had, in the absence of the servants, prepared the luncheon and carried it into the hallway dividing the prison from the residence portion of the building. Sumner Robbins was to carry the dishes to the grub-hole in the lower cage. Mrs. Robbins had returned to the kitchen when Pignatelli suddenly confronted her. The brave little woman attempted to prevent his egress from the kitchen. Pignatelli picked up a slop pail standing near and threw it at her, with the contents, then pushed her to one side and escaped through the kitchen door. As he was going out, Mrs. Robbins grabbed him by the coat, but could not hold the desperado.

Sheriff Robbins, who was in his office, hearing the unusually *[sic – unusual]* noise in the corridor, stepped to the door just in time to see Pignatelli make his egress. By the time Sheriff Robbins reached the door, Pignatelli was climbing the fence on East E street. The sheriff gave immediate chase. He fired three shots over the head of the fleeing man, calling upon him to halt, but his commands were disregarded. The sheriff, finding that he must resort to more extreme measures, fired four more shots in rapid succession directly at the escaping prisoner.

At the second shot Pignatelli was seen to grasp his left arm, but he continued to run up the street at his best speed. The shots and shooting soon alarmed the

neighborhood and other men joining *[sic – joined]* in the man chase. Pignatelli was soon captured in the vicinity of the Cole tenement houses, several blocks west of the jail.

Alfred St. Arnauld, the rural route mail carrier, who resides in that vicinity, lent valuable and timely assistance. Hearing the shots and shouts, he joined in the chase, armed with his gun. St. Arnauld fired four shots at Pignatelli, all aimed at his feet, in hopes of disabling him, but none reached the mark.

When Pignatelli halted Sheriff Robbins was in the act of opening fire and his bullets would no doubt have brought the fleeing prisoner to earth.

Pignatelli made no resistance *[sic – resistance]* in being returned to the jail. He refused to talk, and also refuses food, and would not permit a physician to dress his wounds.

An examination of the coat worn by Pignatelli proves that Sheriff Robbins is an excellent marksman, and had he so desired, could easily have inflicted a mortal wound. One bullet cut through the left coat sleeve near the wrist, second passed through the fleshy part of the arm just below the elbow, and the third and fourth through the skirt of the coat on the right side.

Pignatelli was undoubtedly aided in making his escape by another prisoner. He was confined in the upper tier of cells on the south side of the jail. These cells, six in number, are surrounded by a corridor in which the prisoners are permitted to take exercise. Prisoners awaiting trial in the circuit court are usually confined in these cells. The cells are all locked at the same time with a lever near the door leading to the outer halls.

Pignatelli was in the inside corridor. The door leading to the outside corridor was locked. Owing to faulty construction, the bolt locking the outside door does not fall snugly into place. This defect was never

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noticed by any of Mr. Robbins' predecessors, by the inspectors nor the numerous criminals who have been confined in this portion of the jail in the past.

Pignatelli, who possesses great cunning, was not long in discovering this defective [*sic – defect*], however. And, having discovered the defective [*sic - defect*], he was not long in finding a weapon with which to take advantage of it. The weapon secured was an iron bar which he tore loose from the fixtures in the toilet room. This bar was nine inches in length, one and a quarter in width and one eighth thick. The ingenious Pignatelli sharpened one end of the bar on the cement floor. The sharpened end was inserted in behind the lock bar on the outer door and working it along gradually, sufficient leverage was soon secured to spring the bolt out of place. Had the bolt fitted snugly this could not have happened. Once in the outer hall, Pignatelli made his way down the stairs, through the cage into the residence portion of the building. This was made possible by the act of a confederate – undoubtedly a fellow prisoner – who with some sharp instrument – perhaps the bar Pignatelli had employed – had damaged the lock on the cage door. Gaining entrance to the the [*sic*] main hallway, Pignatelli was soon in full flight with the sheriff in hot pursuit.

Pignatelli is now confined in the north tier of cells and has but little show of again escaping. He is being closely watched.

In the opinion of Sheriff Robbins, Pignatelli is the greatest and most desperate criminal ever confined in the Dickinson county jail. He is known to have a long record of desperate deeds. He is wanted in Boston for a murderous assault. He is known to have committed a murderous assault on a priest in Italy and his countrymen intimate that he is suspected of even more serious crimes in his native land from which he appears to be a fugitive.

The charge against him here is that of murderous assault. He is alleged to have employed a razor upon a countryman in an encounter near the Chapin shops several weeks ago.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 47 [Thursday, April 14, 1910], page 5, column 2

NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS

A stabbing affray occurred in the Stephenson location last Sunday afternoon in which John Nora was wounded five times in the breast, side and back by one George Guglemette [*sic – Guglemetti*]. Nora was taken to the hospital and it [*is*] thought [*he*] will recover. Guglemetti was arrested and arraigned before Justice Rowe, charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm. A partner of Guglemetti's named Dan Ferneti [*sic – Fornetti – ?*] was also arrested on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, having had a ten-inch bladed knife concealed on his person. The stabbing was the result of a quarrel between Nora and Guglemetti [*sic – Guglemetti*], during which the latter was knocked down by Nora. It is claimed that the two men, with others[,] had been drinking heavily during the day.

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BRUTE MAN SHOT

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A MUCH-ABUSED LORETTO WOMAN PLANTS BULLET IN HUBBY.

Shot Him in the Thigh After Several Poundings at His Hands and a Threat to Take Her Life.

Last Sunday, the little village of Loretto was the scene of several brutal assaults on a faithful wife, which finally culminated in the woman shooting the husband with a revolver, inflicting a minor wound.

John Libirzowski was the victim of the bullet. He was shot through the left thigh, the bullet making a severe flesh wound, but the bone was not injured.

Liberzowski [*sic – Libirzowski*] has been drinking to excess for some time. Last Saturday night he came home in an ugly mood and when the wife protested against his conduct, he attacked and pounded the poor woman in a most savage and brutal manner.

Again, on Sunday afternoon, at about two o'clock, the man, after another drinking bout, attacked the woman. This time his savage nature prompted him to employ a heavy leather strap as an instrument of torture.

After pounding the poor wife until he was exhausted, Libirzowski left home, returning again about six o'clock. He at once informed the wife that he intended to kill her.

Mrs. Libirzowski immediately fled from the house taking with her in her flight the revolver of the husband, with which he had threatened to shoot her. She had planned to seek the protection of friends in Vulcan and her idea in taking the revolver was to prevent her brute husband from killing her, as he had threatened.

Libirzowski soon noted the absence of his wife and gave chase. Catching up to

her, the brute attempted to force her to return. Mrs. Liberzowski [*sic – Libirzowski*], in a crazed condition, by the man's brutality, pulled the revolver from her pocket and fired two shots at her husband. The first shot missed the marked [*sic – mark*], but the second one lodged in the left thigh, as noted above.

Deputy Sheriff Langdon, hearing the shots and the screams of the woman, hurried to the scene and disarmed the wife before she could inflict additional wounds.

Officer Langdon escorted the wife and husband to Norway, where he placed them in the city jail.

Mrs. Libirzowski had an examination before Justice Rowe last Monday afternoon. The evidence was conclusive that the woman had only employed the gun in self-defense and that the shooting was justified by the brutality of the husband. Justice Rowe, after hearing the evidence, at once ordered her release.

It is highly probable that the husband will soon find himself in the hands of the law. The whipping post should be reestablished for benefit of such brutes as this Libirzowski.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 43 [Monday, June 1, 1925], page 3, column 3

SANITY HEARING FOR JAILED MAN

**Arrested For Assault And
Battery; Two For-**

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feit Bonds

Edward Foy, arrested on complaint made by his sister, Mrs. Joseph Lawrence, 914 West Hughitt street, is being held on charges of assault and battery at the city jail.

Foy was arrested when he started a disturbance at the Lawrence home on Saturday evening and a hearing will be held to examine into his sanity. Relatives claim that he is insane but if found sane the charges of assault and battery will be pressed.

Clarence Riley gained his freedom yesterday when he put up \$40 to meet a \$30 taxi bill and a \$10 fine on charges of being drunk and disorderly. Dave Parish and Dave Hay also forfeited bonds of \$10 on charges of being drunk while Victor Osterberg was sentenced to five days in the county jail on a similar charge, failing to pay his fine.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 65 [Friday, June 26, 1925], page 6, columns 3-4

SPENCER FINES GAME VIOLATORS

Trio Arrested By Game Warden Arraigned Before Justice

Charged with violation of the game laws, Emil Schroeder, Armias Rousse and Arthur Wicklund were each fined \$25 and costs when arraigned late yesterday afternoon before Justice Spencer. The trio pleaded guilty to the charge, which was preferred by

John Andrews, Jr., deputy state game warden.

The men were caught trapping and having beavers in their possession, it was stated. One of the skins was offered as evidence by Andrews. It is understood that one of the men was about to mail the skin to a tannery when he was apprehended by the game warden.

George Stengel and Forest Strickler were each fined \$7.50 and costs on charges of assault on a warrant sworn out by Leonard Gamble, who claimed that he was attacked by the men last night on East D street. It was stated that the argument resulted from a conversation over an automobile.

Herman Nordeen and Joe Hern were assessed \$5 and costs for speeding, the charges being entered by County Motorcycle Officer Wood. Abe Redbaum, 18, of Stephenson, was fined \$1 and costs for shooting firecrackers. Redbaum was taken into custody after Sergeant Carlevato warned the lad to stop throwing the firecrackers near pedestrians.

William Hiller and William Carlson were both taken to the county jail to spend five days after they could not pay a fine of \$5 and costs for being drunk. Carlson was later released when he paid his fine and costs, amounting in all to \$15.

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 30 [Thursday, December 20, 1900], page 8, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

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As a result of too freely partaking of the contents of a keg of beer, last Sunday night, John Petachatti is lying at St. George's hospital, and Antonio Garavalia, Antonia [sic – Antonio] Berra and Antonio Mirra are locked up in jail, charged with stabbing him. Petachatti is the proprietor of a boarding house in the location [Chapin Location, Iron Mountain's North Side], and the other men boarded with him. During the afternoon and evening they drank a keg of beer and then proceeded to work off the effects of it by indulging in a row which may cost Petachatti his life. It is thought the Garavalia did the stabbing, as a bloody penknife was found in his possession when he was arrested, and there were other evidences of his guilt. Berra and Mirra were arrested as accomplices.

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BRIEF NEWS PAPARGRAPH.

The deposition taken at the bedside of John Petachatti, yesterday afternoon, who is dying at St. George's hospital from wounds received in a street fight last Sunday night, an account of which appears in another column, says that Tony Saratoni knocked him down with a club, and that Tony Garavalia did the stabbing. The statement was made to Justice Miller, John Daprato and David Cavalieri acting as interpreters. Mr. Petachatti was rational, knowing that his end was approaching.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 31 [Thursday, December 27, 1900], page 4, column 6

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

John Petachatti, who was stabbed a week ago last Sunday night, died at St. George's hospital, Friday morning. The sorrowing wife and three fatherless children, [sic] were objects of the sincerest pity, as they took their last farewell of all that was left of husband and father, at the morgue, Sunday morning. The remains were taken to the Catholic church in the location, where Father Berto performed the funeral services.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 31 [Thursday, December 27, 1900], page 4, column 6

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

While on his way home, about twelve o'clock, Christmas night, Alfred Ruterdaahl was assaulted by an unknown man, and badly cut in the face, the wound extending from the ear, across the cheek, and over the upper lip. Dr. Ellstam was called, and found it necessary to take twelve stitches. No motive is known for the act, and it is thought Ruterdaahl was mistaken for some one [sic – someone] else.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 18 [Thursday, September 24, 1908], page 1, column 5

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

Puts One Boy in the Hospital and Another in County Prison.

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Herbert Stone is in the St. George's Hospital suffering from a knife wound that threatens to result fatally. Biaggio Ferzacca is confined in the county jail and may have to face a charge of murder.

The affray occurred last Saturday night near the Farragut school, and is directly chargeable to the Saturday night dance and the promiscuous selling of liquor to minors.

Stone, the victim, is about twenty years of age. Ferzacca is not yet seventeen. Stone is a telegraph operator, employed by the St. Paul road at Quinnesec Junction. Ferzacca is an Italian and has followed various occupations, recently returning to the city from Hurley.

Both boys had attended the usual Saturday night dance. Both had been drinking. Stone and another boy had become involved in a quarrel. Quarrels usually follow on the heels of such outings. Stone is alleged to have struck the other boy, knocking him down. The other boy was the friend of Ferzacca, who assumed the quarrel. Warm words followed. Stone is alleged to have struck Ferzacca. Ferzacca, enraged, pulled a knife and stabbed Stone in the right breast, the blade penetrating a lung.

Physicians were called and Stone was taken to the hospital. Ferzacca went to the home of his parents, where he was arrested by his own brother, Policeman Ferzacca.

Stone was reported dead several times during the week, but he still lives. His condition is very precarious, however. He has now been attacked by pneumonia.

The affray is one that is a disgrace to the community. It is chargeable to the Saturday night dances and the selling of liquor to minors. No other conclusion can be reached. The police claim they are helpless in the matter of suppressing the dances – that we have no law governing them. Well, we should have a law, and it should be enacted forthwith. And the police should make it their business to

locate the liquor dealer who sold the boys their beer. Let this case be prosecuted vigorously. The parents of the city demand it.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 14 [Thursday, August 25, 1910], page 1, column 4

GUST JOHNSON IS DEAD.

Miner Stabbed at Pewabic Mine Dies Yesterday in Chicago.

Gust Johnson, a Finnish miner, employed at the Pewabic mine, was stabbed with a miner's candle-stick [*sic – candlestick*] by Guiseppe Spigarelli, a fellow workman, last Saturday evening about six o'clock.

Johnson died yesterday at the Augustana [*sic – Agustana*] Hospital, in Chicago, where he had been taken for treatment and the body arrived here this morning.

Just before six o'clock on the day named, about sixty miners were sitting around No[.] 2 shaft, waiting to be lowered down to their work. Johnson and Spigarelli became engaged in a friendly scuffle. Johnson handled the latter a little roughly, tearing some of his clothing. This angered Spigarelli and he thrust [*sic – thrust*] his candle-stick [*sic – candlestick*] into Johnson's abdomen, penetrating the liver.

When Spigarelli realized what he had done he ran away and secreted himself behind a coal-pile [*sic – coal pile*] near the Hamilton shaft, where he was afterward found by Polisman [*sic – Policeman*] Larson and placed under arrest.

Dr. S.E. Cruse was summoned to attend the injured man and took him to St.

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George's Hospital, where an operation was performed.

Last Tuesday night Johnson was sent to the Augustana [*sic – Agustana*] Hospital at Chicago by the Finnish Society, of which he was a member.

Spigarelli is being held in custody.

It is alleged that the cut re-opened during the hard night trip to Chicago and that when Johnson was received at the hospital several inches of his intestines were protruding through the wound, and his death followed in a few hours.

Johnson was about thirty-four years of age and is survived by a wife and several small children.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 1 [Thursday, May 27, 1920], page 1, column 3

SMASH OF AUTOS

Followed by Vicious Attack on Jess Jenson, Stabbed Six Times.

A collision between two automobiles at the north end of Milwaukee avenue at about nine o'clock last Sunday night culminated in the stabbing of Jess Jenson, of Crystal Falls, and in Mrs. Jenson being hit with a rock. Mr. Jenson is a patient at the St. George Hospital receiving treatment for six knife wounds and Andrew Corsi and Raphael D'Innocenzo are under arrest and a warrant is out for Pasquale Sandrie, who is hiding.

Particulars of the fracas are most conflicting and hard to obtain. According to the best information obtainable the facts are about as follows:

The cars that collided are owned by Joseph Lindstrom, of Felch, and Pasquale Sandrie. The Lindstrom car was being

driven by Iver Lindstrom, son of the owner, who is about nineteen years of age, and contained another young man and two young women. The Sandrie car was driven by the owner with Corsi and D'Innocenzo as passengers. The Lindstrom car was going north enroute [*sic – en route*] home. D'Innocenzo and friends were enroute [*sic – en route*] home from a fishing trip and, according to our information, were in an intoxicated condition.

Young Lindstrom and his friends state that they saw the D'Innocenzo car approaching them at a rapid speed with only one head-light [*sic – headlight*] burning. Fearing an accident, Lindstrom says that he veered to the right side of the road and checked the speed of his car. The D'Innocenzo car veered to the right and struck the Lindstrom car which was badly smashed. The D'Innocenzo car sheered [*sic – veered*] to the center of the road and occupied this position when the Jenson car came along.

Noting that the roadway was blocked by the wrecked cars, Jenson got out to inquire if any one [*sic – anyone*] had been hurt. Learning that all the passengers had escaped injury, Jenson is said to have requested D'Innocenzo to remove his car from the center of the roadway so that he could continue his journey homeward. Angry words followed and the evidence gathered by the policemen relative to the instigator of the attack are most conflicting. The Italians testify that Jenson threatened to arrest them, stating that he was an officer, and that he struck the first blow. Corsi swears that Jenson struck and knocked him down. Young Lindstrom is equally positive that the Italians struck the first blow and that Jenson was attacked in unison by the three men.

During the melee, Janson was stabbed six times and was struck with a rock and kicked. The most serious wound received by Jenson is near the right kidney. Two

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other wounds less serious were in the body, one in the neck and the sixth on top of the head. Mrs. Jenson was also attacked and struck in the side by a rock and badly bruised. The little son sought shelter under the car.

Sandrie, who has not yet been captured, is said to have wielded the knife. Corsi admits that he struck and kicked Jenson, but only after he had been attacked, and D’Innocenzo was also a party to the assault.

The melee was witnessed by a party of young people, who were returning from the country, and Chief of Police Gibeault was informed. The chief, accompanied by Officer Cory, hastened to the scene. Some hours later Corsi and D’Innocenzo were arrested and placed in the county jail. Monday morning, the men were arraigned [*sic – arraigned*] in justice [*court – ?*], charged with assault with intent to commit great bodily harm. On motion of Prosecuting Attorney Knight, the examination was postponed until June 2nd. Corsi and D’Innocenzo gave bonds in their [*sic – the*] sum of \$2000 each for their appearance.

Mr. Jenson is resting easy at the hospital and unless complications set in his complete recovery is certain.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, July 11, 1922], page 1, column 3

BROOKS RELEASED BY JUDGE SPENCER

No One Appeared Against Colored Man Held For Assault

Albert Brooks, 28, colored, arrested last week on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon, was discharged yesterday afternoon when brought before Judge James Spencer for his preliminary hearing. The victim of the alleged assault, Phillip Kanchu, white, failed to appear against him and he was dismissed for want of prosecution.

Brooks, “poler” on the Con T. Kennedy carnival train, was arrested late Wednesday night following a quarrel during which he is said to have stabbed Kanchu in the arm. Following the attack, Brooks disappeared and shortly after a mob formed and began to search for him. There were loud cries of “Lynch him,” “String him up to a telegraph pole,” “We” show him what they do down south” and similar threats as the man hunt continued.

Meantime, Brooks was seen walking down Stephenson avenue, carrying a grip and attired in a grey suit. Then he again vanished. Police and county authorities were called on and at 2 o’clock Thursday morning the colored man was found hiding in some boxes in the rear of the Northwestern freight depot by Deputy Sheriff J.C. Eslick and Joe Cutler, special policeman. He had changed his clothes, putting on khaki overalls.

As the two officers marched their prisoner down Stephenson avenue, the mob met them. Sticks, rocks and clubs were in evidence but Eslick threatened to shoot the first man that attempted to take over the prisoner. Brooks was then taken to the county jail, where he was held until his discharge yesterday.

When brought before Judge Spencer, Brooks declared he was reading a letter when a crowd of carnival men began to annoy him. Finally, he said, they attacked him and he was forced to use the knife to defend himself.

Kanchu’s injury, while serious, was not dangerous and he was released from the

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Westerlin hospital shortly after he was taken there for treatment. He left with the carnival company and because he **[need to finish copying this article]**

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, May 22, 1924], page 1, columns 6-7

Man Draws Knife In Fight; Cuts Opponent Seven Times

Mixup Occurs Last Night In Vacant Lot Adjoining Cordy Building.

Bill Darnell, 29, of Birmingham, Ala., chef at the Wisconsin Lunch, is in the city jail waiting arraignment on charges growing out of a fight last night with John "Jack" Rohrabacker, 20, of Green Bay, clerk at the Central Billiard Parlor, in which Rohrabacker was cut seven times by a knife.

The fight occurred about 9:30 p.m., in the vacant lot adjoining the Cordy building at the corner of Stephenson avenue and B street.

There had been ill feeling between the two men for more than a week, it was said, and that last night's affair was the climax. Once before, it is alleged, they came to blows, only to be parted by friends. For several days, Rohrabacker claims, Darnell had been threatening to "get him." Yesterday afternoon Rohrabacker claims that Darnell sent a man to his place of employment saying he would "get" him last night at 9 o'clock.

Rohrabacher [*sic* – Rohrabacker] was on his way to the St. Paul depot with a

telegram, he claims, when Darnell engaged him in a conversation which finally culminated in the fight. A large crowd of spectators witnessed the event, but did not know Darnell was using a knife.

Was Beating Bigger Man.

Rohrabacker, outweighed and a much smaller man, apparently was getting the best of the fight, but claims he was being cut each time he came within range of Darnell's hand.

When the crowd finally realized that Darnell was using a weapon they seized him, but only after Rohrabacker had been cut in the neck, lip, shoulder and back. His coat was literally cut to ribbons by the knife, which had an edge as keen as a razor.

Darnell admitted in the city jail this morning that he "was" married and has two children, but declared he was not divorced from his wife, who is living in Quincy, Ill. He came here seven weeks ago, he said, and has been employed at the Wisconsin Lunch.

Police authorities were awaiting the return of Prosecuting Attorney MacAllister today before arraigning Darnell.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 43 [Monday, June 1, 1925], page 3, column 1

HELD ON CHARGE OF KNIFING MAN

Stabbing Affair Occurs In North Side Soft Drink Parlor

Edward LaLonde was being held today in the city jail on serious charges preferred by William Lindbloom, following a stabbing

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affair at a soft drink parlor at 500 East Main street at 9 o'clock Saturday evening.

According to Lindbloom's story told [to the] police, LaLonde was in the soft drink parlor when Lindbloom entered. Without saying a word, LaLonde, it is claimed, put his left arm around Lindbloom's head and with his right hand stabbed him just below the right shoulder with a jack-knife.

LaLonde's memory was more or less of a blank when he appeared before Justice Spencer this morning. He admitted being slightly under the influence of liquor but did not remember anything of the stabbing affair. He explained to the judge that he could not understand his action because of his friendship with Lindbloom.

He admitted at the jail that it was possible he had the knife open as he had a habit of continuously cleaning his finger nails. When taken into custody Saturday night the knife was found open in LaLonde's pocket.

Lindbloom's wound is not of a very serious nature and he was able to appear against LaLonde this morning. The case is being held open pending action by Prosecuting Attorney R.E. MacAllister.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 44 [Tuesday, June 2, 1925], page 10, column 2

CHARGE AGAINST LALONDE CHANGED

Held For Stabbing, Pays Fine on Simple Assault Count

Changing the complaint in the Lindbloom stabbing affair from a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with

intent to do great bodily harm to a mere charge of assault and battery, Edward LaLonde, charged with the stabbing of Lindbloom, was liberated in Justice Spencer's court yesterday afternoon on payment of a fine and costs totaling \$50.

The stabbing took place Saturday evening at 500 East Main street. LaLonde, according to Lindbloom's story, greeted him when he entered the soft drink parlor by placing his left arm around Lindbloom's neck and stabbing him with a knife held in his other hand.

LaLonde admitted being under the influence of liquor at the time the stabbing occurred but stated that he [did] not remember anything of the affair. His relations with Lindbloom were described as of the very best and no motive for the assault could be advanced. When the circumstances in the case were revealed Lindbloom was reluctant to press the serious charges preferred and the charge was made.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 22 [Thursday, August 22, 1889], page 1, column 4

All for \$10.00.

Some time ago Michael Gervasi sold a due bill of \$10.25 on the Dunn mine to Czar Challimino for \$10.00, and then removed to this city. Last pay day when Challimino went to the mine office to collect the due bill, he found that Gervasi's pay had been garnisheed, and there was no money left to pay the due bill. Challimino came to this city last Monday, and meeting Gervasi

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demanded the return of the \$10 that had been advanced on his account, and when Gervasi declared his inability to pay the \$10, Challimino drew a revolver and made a murderous assault on his debtor. Fortunately the revolver failed to explode at first, otherwise Gervasi would undoubtedly [have] been murdered on the spot, as both men were standing close together when Challimino made his first attempt to shoot. While he was getting his weapon in order the terrified Gervasi was putting distance between himself and his murderous assailant, and when Challimino got his revolver to work Gervasi had reached a safe distance. The bullets, however, went buzzing about his ears, and Challimino was arrested, brought before Justice Bergeron, on the charge of assault with intent to commit murder, and held without bail for trial at the next term of circuit court.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 4 [Thursday, June 18, 1896], page 1, column 3

A MURDEROUS DEED.

A Cowardly Attempt to Massacre Capt. Martin Goldsworthy and Family.

A dastardly attempt was made to massacre Capt. Martin Goldsworthy and estimable family at about one o'clock last Monday morning by exploding two powerful dynamite cartridges under the residence on Main street.

The deed is on par with the awful Haymarket tragedy which startled the civilized world a number of years ago, and that Capt. Goldsworthy, his wife and three bright children were not blown to atoms is certainly no fault of the cowardly fiends.

When one stops to consider the great deliberateness with which the murderous deed must have been planned, and how the conspirators must have coolly [*sic – coolly*] discussed and contemplated the murdering of five persons, four of whom they certainly could not have had any grudge against, the awfulness of the crime becomes startlingly manifest, the blood runs cold, and we become painfully aware of the lowness, the depravity, to which mankind can sink.

It is hard, too, to realize and admit that Iron Mountain, with her reputation for being the most law-abiding [*sic – law-abiding*] town in the Lake Superior region, contains such vile and cowardly specimens of mankind among her citizens.

The Press could respect and forgive a man who would attempt to revenge a wrong, real or imaginary, upon the person inflicting that wrong, but the English language does not contain words sufficiently strong to express our loathing and contempt for a group of persons who would not only deliberately conspire to inflict a horrible death upon the person whom they fancy has wronged them, but would also murder his wife and children. Death by burning over a slow fire, such as is inflicted in Texas for a much less crime, is none too severe punishment for the loathsome scoundrels.

Up to the hour of going to press the police search for the fiends had been fruitless. There is not the slightest clue to work upon, and The Press fears that the villains may escape unpunished. Every effort is being made, however, to hunt down the conspirators and The Press, with all good citizens, can only hope that the blackest crime ever attempted in the upper peninsula may be fully exposed.

A visit to the partially wrecked home of Capt. Goldsworthy, [*sic*] shows the great deliberateness with which the massacre was attempted – shows, too, that the conspirators were familiar with the interior

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plan of the house. One of the cartridges was placed directly under the sleeping apartment occupied by Captain and Mrs. Goldsworthy and the other under the hallway. Mrs. Goldsworthy is of the opinion that the one under the sleeping-room exploded first, followed in about thirty seconds by the second under the hallway. She was up at the time, having been aroused by hearing strange noises around the house – undoubtedly made by conspirators engaged in planting the shots. The Captain was called, but, fearing no danger, endeavored to make his wife believe that the noises she had heard were not unusual. But Mrs. G. was not satisfied, and she call *[sic – called]* her son John, who occupies a room on the second floor. John had just gone to the window to investigate when the first explosion occurred, closely followed by the second. It is fortunate that he was aroused, for the explosions dislodged a large section of plaster which fell on the bed he had just vacated, and he thus escaped serious injuries.

The house was not very badly shattered by the explosions, the force of the powerful explosives being spent in the cellar, not having a solid backing. Mrs. Goldsworthy's wakefulness undoubtedly saved the lives of the family, for it is highly probably *[sic – probable]* that the conspirators heard her calls and were frightened away before they had completed their nefarious work.

As soon as possible the police were informed and a general alarm turned in. It was found impossible to call up police headquarters by telephone and an investigation at daylight resulted in the discovery that fifteen if the wires leading to the Menominee Range company's exchange had been tied together in the rear of the Wood block. Many people connected this incident with the general conspiracy.

The noise of the explosion was distinctly heard in all parts of *[the]* city, many people

being aroused from their slumber. Windows were shattered in Alderman Sandercock's home, and Dr. Cameron's family were *[sic – was]* alarmed by stones and chunks of wood descending on the roof.

Altogether it was a night of terror in the Chapin Location, and The Press hopes it may never be repeated.

Capt. Goldsworthy can give no reason why he should be singled out for such a dastardly attack and his manhood will not permit him to suspect any person of so unhuman *[sic – inhuman]* and cowardly an act.

It is probable the supervisors will offer a heavy reward for the capture of the fiends on Monday next.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 9 [Saturday, June 20, 1896], page 1, column 6

A DASTARDLY OUTRAGE.

Dynamiters Attempt to Blow up the Residence of Capt. Goldsworthy.

Some murderous scoundrels made an unsuccessful attempt to blow up the residence of Capt. Martin Goldsworthy last Monday morning, and only failed in their purpose of destroying the house and killing their inmates through their miscalculation of the direction in which the force of the explosive would be expended. Two charges of dynamite were put under the building, one under the porch and one under the southwest corner of the building. At the latter point the cellar is located, and an opening had been made to let in light and air. The damage done the building and the force of the explosion indicate that much larger quantity of powder was put in

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here than under the front porch. Mrs. Goldsworthy was aroused from her sleep about one o'clock Monday morning by a noise as though some one was trying to raise a window, but before an investigation could be made the explosions occurred, first under the front part of the house followed by a much heavier one under the rear, and under the room occupied by the captain and his wife. The force of the explosion was sufficient to tear off the siding for several feet in each place, but probably four times as much in the rear, as in the front. There was unquestionably enough dynamite placed under the building to have blown it into kindling wood and killed the occupants, had it stood on a stone foundation, or been so situated that the force of the explosive had met with a greater resistance downward. The captain and his wife and three children occupy sleeping rooms on the west side of the house, and as this side of the house was chosen by the would-be murderers, it is evident they hoped to kill the entire family. This is the most villainous attempt that ever came under the notice of the writer, and no trouble or expense should be spared to bring the scoundrels to justice. Another peculiar [*sic – peculiar*] circumstance is that the telephone wires leading from the central office toward the police station had been tied together, so that when the captain attempted to call up the police station he was unable to do so, and had to request that a messenger be sent from the telephone office to the police station. In order to do this they had to in some way get on the roof of Wood's block, over which about fifteen wires pass in the direction of the police station. These were all tied together showing that the crime had been premeditated for some time. The city and county authorities ought to offer liberal rewards for the apprehension of the guilty parties, and we presume will do so. At the

time of this writing no arrests have been made.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 601 [Saturday, June 18, 1898], page 3, column 2

LOCAL NEWS.

A feud has existed for a long time between the families of **Paul Fletka** and **John Cooper**, who live in **25 location**. They are neighbors and have had considerable trouble for time years. Yesterday evening Fletka "laid" for Cooper, as the latter was coming home from work. Fletka held a large stone in his hand and smashed Cooper several times over the head making three terrible wounds. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the assailant and he was brought before **Judge Miller**. The case was continued until next Wednesday. In the meantime Fietka is under \$150 bonds.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 9 [Thursday, July 21, 1898], page 1, column 5

A POOR LITTLE WIDOW.

Would Drown Self and Children.

Mrs. Carlson, a widow, who resides in a small house near the corner of Carpenter avenue and G street, tried to drown herself and four small children in one of the little lakes near the south dumping grounds last Sunday, while in a demented condition caused by hardship. The attention of some men, who were passing near, was attracted by the cries of the little ones, and the

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crazed mother was compelled to desist from her purpose of ending her earthly troubles. At the time of the rescue, the woman was in the water up to her waist. A little babe, hardly a year old, was in her arms, and the three other children, the eldest of which is about six years, were clinging to her dress, sobbing most pitifully. The scene was a heart-rending one, and one that the rescuers will remember as long as they live.

The case of Mrs. Carlson is one of the most heartrending that has ever come within the notice of the writer. Left a widow less than a year ago with four small children to support, her life has been one continual struggle to keep the wolf from the door. Her efforts were almost in vain and she was completely discouraged. Her husband, a hard-working man, died of typhoid fever and his sickness and funeral expenses consumed all the ready cash in hand. Mrs. Carlson is a frail, delicate little woman, unable to perform much labor, and her struggle to provide her little ones with clothing and the necessities to sustain life, [sic] has been an awful test. It has finally resulted in the weakening of her mind, and to-day [sic – today] the circumstances of the family are more pitiful than ever. To be sure the little woman has received some assistance from the county, but what is a miserly pittance of seven or eight dollars a month in a case of this kind? It is hardly sufficient to provide milk for the children, to say nothing of more substantial food and clothing. It is a case that ought to make every heart in Iron Mountain ache and cause us to hang our heads in shame, that in the midst of our plenty, we have been so neglectful as to the welfare of our immediate neighbors.

Prior to the attempt at self-destruction and the silencing of the cries of her babies for food, Mrs. Carlson had gone to the home of a Mr. Larson, a contractor residing on Prospect avenue, and left her few

remaining valuables and a letter addressed to relatives in Sweden in which she recited her troubles, and told of her intention. The letter was not read until after the attempt was known, and it was thought that she had only gone out for the day and left the articles for safe keeping.

The immediate wants of the family are now being provided for, and the good people of this city should, and we believe we will, see that the wolf is kept from the door hereafter, and that the poor little mother will not again be driven by grim want to such an extreme that she will be tempted to destroy herself and little ones. If troubles have destroyed her mind, she should be relieved of the care of the little ones and placed in some safe resort. But it is probable that, when others show a disposition and willingness to shoulder a portion of her burden, her mind will recover its balance and a little sunshine will again find its way into the poorly furnished home on Carpenter avenue. Let us hope so. And let us all contribute a little sunshine.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 26 [Thursday, November 17, 1904], page 2, column 3

BRIEF CITY NEWS SITES.

Last Sunday, Andrew Hill, Russian-Finn, who had been employed at Wahlstrom Bros.' logging camp in Homstead [sic – Homestead], attacked Martin Christianson, the cook at the camp, with a knife and inflicted fourteen wounds about his head and shoulders. Hill was intoxicated at the time and became enraged because Christianson ordered him out of the room. Hill was arrested and taken to Florence, where he was lodged in jail to await his trial. Christianson was brought to Iron Mountain. He is not seriously injured.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 1, column 2

Hill Wants Sentence.

Andrew Hill, who viciously assaulted Martin Christenson in the logging camp of Wahlstrom Bros.' [sic] across the river about a month ago, has had his examination at Florence. The charge was assault with intent to commit murder. Hill made no defense. He alleged he was drunk and irresponsible at the time. A plea of not guilty was entered and in default of \$5,000 bonds, Hill was committed to jail. After a few days' [sic- days] of prison fare, Hill expressed a desire to plead guilty and he will be taken before Judge Goodland at Appleton to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] for sentence. He will no doubt receive a severe sentence.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 26 [Thursday, November 16, 1911], page 1, columns 1-2

MAN RUNS A-MUCK

DOMENIC OCHETTI ATTACKS DR. CRUSE WITH A KNIFE.

Stabs Physician in the Arm and Later Stabs His Wife – Declared His Intention to Kill Doctor.

Domenico Ochetti attempted to murder Dr. S. Edwin Cruse on Millie street at about ten o'clock last Sunday morning and was only prevented from doing so by Orso

Schenk, who came to the rescue of the physician and stayed the plunge of the knife at the critical moment.

The murderous assault was entirely unprovoked. Dr. Cruse, in the performance of his duties as health officer, was calling at the home of Guiseppa Oraddei, at 510 Millie street, where one of the children was ill with diphtheria. He found Ochetti in the home and promptly ordered him out in compliance with the state quarantine law, the house having been placarded against visitors. Ochetti left the house, as ordered, but when Dr. Cruse, after caring for his patient, stepped out of the door, he found Ochetti waiting for him.

After a few words concerning the death of Ochetti's child, which occurred a few weeks ago, diphtheria being the cause, the man declared that he intended leaving the city soon, but before going he proposed killing the physician. As Dr. Cruse started to walk away, Ochetti pulled a large knife from a breast pocket and made a savage lunge with it at the physician, shouting, "I might as well kill you now!"

The blow was aimed directly at the heart of Dr. Cruse. He threw up his left arm and caught the descending knife on his forearm and then struck Ochetti in the face with his right fist, knocking the man down.

Dr. Cruse, having no weapon with which to protect himself, after administering the blow, started to run up the street. Ochetti, recovering his feet with cat-like quickness [sic – quickness], started in pursuit, with knife extended. Dr. Cruse might have made good his escape had not one of his rubbers fallen off, which caused him to slip and fall, rolling into the gutter. Ochetti, [sic] was quickly over him, making savage lunges with his knife, while Dr. Cruse was endeavoring to protect himself with his feet, kicking from a position on his back.

At this stage of the murderous attack, which no doubt would have terminated fatally to Dr. Cruse, Orso Schenk put in an

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appearance and bravely attacked Ochetti, who was in an insane rage[.] Schenk threw Ochetti from his victim.

By this time a crowd of several hundred had congregated. Ochetti's friends surrounded him and escorted him to his home, a few doors away. At the home Ochetti continued to rage, and when his wife attempted to prevent him from leaving the house, he again brought the knife into play and stabbed her in the left arm at about the same point Dr. Cruse was wounded. Ochetti, it is stated, made his escape through the rear door and his present whereabouts are unknown to the police. No doubt he is hidden away in the home of a friend. The police were promptly notified of the attempt at murder, but when they arrived upon the scene could secure no information regarding Ochetti. Despite the fact that Ochetti had been carried struggling home by this large party of friends, strange as it may appear, no one in the vicinity could give the police any information concerning his place of concealment or regarding the cowardly assault.

Ochetti is undoubtedly being concealed by his friends with the hope that they may be able to smuggle him out of the city. The police should resort to every expedient provided by law to defeat this gross endeavor to conceal a would-be murderer. The authorities cannot afford to permit Ochetti to escape. To do so invites attack upon any officer who attempts the enforcement of the law. Not only should the police hunt down Ochetti, but they should hunt down and punish the friends who are concealing him. The people of Iron Mountain make this a demand. The authorities will do well to heed the demand. The people of Iron Mountain will not tolerate the methods of the Chicago black-handers.

Dr. Cruse's only offense was that, in endeavoring to protect the people of the first ward from an epidemic of diphtheria, he

had ordered Ochetti from a quarantined home. Ochetti's child had died of diphtheria. Dr. Cruse was not the attending physician. However, Dr. Cruse had declined to sign a death certificate, so that Ochetti could collect some insurance, directing the man to the physician treating the case. Ochetti considered this refusal a grievance. He had been drinking prior to the attack and when ordered from the house and threatened with arrest for violating the quarantine law, he made the attack as above related.

The wound on Dr. Cruse's left forearm is not a serious one. It is several inches long and about one in depth. The heavy overcoat which he wore protected him from a more serious injury and his quickness in warding off the descending knife saved him from a probable fatal heart wound. Dr. Cruse is making his calls the same as usual and his wound is in a healthy condition.

Ochetti has been a resident of the city for a number of years. He is a married man, the father of several children, and heretofore has borne an excellent reputation. He is a miner and was employed by the Oliver Iron Mining company. His friends are unable to account for his murderous [*sic – murderous*] assault upon Dr. Cruse for so slight a provocation.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 9 [Thursday, July 18, 1912], page 1, column 5

DYNAMITERS AGAIN

HOME OF MAYOR HAMMOND SEAT OF THE THIRD ATTACK.

Dynamite Attached to a Long Pole

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Exploded Against North Wing; No Clue to Dynamiters.

The home of Mayor Hammond was blasted with dynamite at about ten o'clock last Saturday night. The charge was placed against the northwest corner of the north wall of the north wing and the building and contents were damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. That Mrs. Hammond, the only member of the family at home at the time, was not seriously, perhaps fatally, injured was due to the fact that she had just left this part of the home and was seated on the veranda at the time of the explosion.

That the dynamiting was done by some person, or persons, thoroughly familiar with the premises, and conditions, is evident. A pruning pole, about ten or twelve feet in length, had been secured from the barn. To this a charge of dynamite was attached with a fuse about the same length as the pole. The infernal contrivance was then placed against the wall of the wing and fired. The blast blew a hole in the wall large enough for a man to crawl through and shattered the siding for a distance of a dozen feet.

This wing is occupied by the pantry and kitchen with a sleeping-room [*sic – sleeping room*] on the second floor. The contents of the pantry and kitchen were badly shattered. Included in the ruins were many articles of valuable chinaware. The concussion was so violent as to throw a large preserving kettle almost through the wall on the opposite side of the room.

As has been stated, Mrs. Hammond had just left this part of the home, where she had gone to turn out the lights. Had she been in the room at the time of [*the*] explosion, she would undoubtedly have been seriously, if not fatally, injured.

The fuse attached to the infernal instrument was the kind known as German fuse. Miners tells [*sic – tell*] us that it burns

very slowly, at the rate of about a foot a minute, and if such is the case, the yellow perpetrator of the dastardly attempt to wreck the home and, perhaps, kill several persons, had a dozen minutes in which to seek a hiding place at a distance from the scene of violence.

The report of the explosion was a most violent one and was heard in all parts of the city. It was a particularly bold crime. People were passing the home every few moments and it is surprising that the perpetrator, or perpetrators, were not seen lurking in the vicinity.

The motive for the crime was undoubtedly to avenge some grievance against the mayor. That Iron Mountain harbors an individual so cowardly as to attempt to kill innocent people in order to satisfy his passions is a disgrace to the city as a whole. No expense should be spared to run this degenerate down. Hanging is too easy a punishment for him. The safety of the people of the city demands his apprehension.

This is the third attempt in the city to wreak vengeance with dynamite. The home of Capt. Goldsworthy was blasted a number of years ago and the home of Mayor Miller at a later period. There were no arrests in either case. The people now demand action. The local police force is unable to meet conditions. The best detective talent obtainable should be secured. Let us have action and results.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 15 [Thursday, August 26, 1915], page 1, column 2

A Channing Crime.

John Karkus, charged with assault with intent to commit murder, will have his examination before Justice Woodward next Tuesday. John is now in the county jail,

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having been unable to secure bondsmen. The crime was committed at Channing. Karl Margenberg was the victim. For a time it was thought that Karl would die. He was cut about the throat and head. One knife stroke missed the wind-pipe [*sic – windpipe*] and main neck arteries by a fraction and required a goodly number of stitches. Karl has been receiving treatment at the county hospital and his recuperation has been so rapid that it is expected that he will be able to appear in court next Tuesday as the main witness for the people against John.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, March 10, 1922], page 1, column 3

MRS. MANELLA IS TAKEN TO ASYLUM

Assaulted Husband With Hatchet; Found Men- tally Unsound.

Mrs. Lena Manella, who was arrested several weeks ago after an assault upon her husband with a hatchet, was adjudged mentally unbalanced at an examination conducted by Drs. C.W. Walker and A. Holmbee in the office of Judge of Probate John O'Hara yesterday, and was taken to Newberry this morning by Sheriff Farrell. Her daughter accompanied her.

The affair occurred early in the morning of February 17. With no apparent motive Mrs. Manella attacked her husband with a hatchet, inflicting several deep cuts about his face, and at the hearing before Justice Rowell, was bound over to circuit court on a charge of assault with intent to murder. However, doubt was expressed as to her sanity, so the examination was made

yesterday. Her husband has since recovered, and he and his wife have reconciled. No motive for the attack has ever been ascribed [*sic – ascribed*], and members of the family have been reluctant to discuss it.

BASTARDY

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 22 [Thursday, August 22, 1889], page 1, column 2

Bastardy.

Joe Contarini was arrested on the charge of bastardy made by Alice Franks and waived examination before Justice Bergeron last Tuesday. He was bound over to the circuit court in the sum of \$400.

BLACKMAIL

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Saturday, June 17, 1922], page 1, column 6

FAIL TO ARREST 'BLACK MAILER'

Trapper "Making Too Much Money" Letter Declares

Sheriff A.P. Farrell returned this morning from Channing where he investigated a

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blackmailing attempt against Joe Dorn, a state trapper, who has been working in the vicinity of Channing. Dorn received a letter charging him with selling skins, collecting bounties and engaging in moonshine traffic. The letter stated that if \$50 was not left in a box on the road, the location of which was described by a map, reports would be made to headquarters at Lansing. The letter added that Dorn had made a large amount of money in an illegal way but the writer was "willing to play fair with him."

Sheriff Farrell and two deputies, Louis Anderson and Frank Franck, located the box on the road and at about 9 o'clock concealed themselves in some nearby woods. At 9:30, acting according to arrangements made, Dorn came to the box and deposited some paper in it. *[need to finish copying this article]*

BOMBING

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 50 [Thursday, May 4, 1911], page 4, column 2

Work of Boys? – Perhaps.

An attempt was made by some unknown party or parties last Friday night to blow up the gasoline tank at the manual training school. A blaze was seen by some of the neighboring residents and a telephone message was sent to Supt. Amidon, who, in company with Supervisor Garthe, hurried to the scene. It was found that some one [*sic – someone*] had removed the cap to the intake pipe of the gasoline tank and had set the gasoline on fire. The blaze was rushing out of the pipe, but had not gained headway enough to

admit air into the tank and cause an explosion. The cap was replaced on the pipe and the fire smothered out. Had the tank been only partially filled there would have been air enough in it to cause an explosion, which would have wrecked the building and probably done considerable damage to the high school building.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 182 [Friday, November 17, 1922], page 1, columns 7-8

MINER HELD FOR BLASTING CHAPIN AIR LINE

'Eternal Triangle' Leads To Arrest of Louis Turbessi on Charges of Blowing Up Pipe

Warning Note to Oliver Officials Written By Betrayed Woman, Is Claim of Authorities Who Were on Case For Over a Year.

The eternal triangle is held largely responsible for the arrest last night of Louis Turbessi, 38, charged with blowing up the Chapin mine compressed air line early on the morning of May 10, 1921.

Turbessi, employed as a miner by the company, was held today in the county jail pending his arraignment. He told officials that the charge against him was a "frame-up" to force him to leave Iron Mountain. When grilled last night by authorities he vehemently denied having had any part in

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the dynamiting of the air line, an act which might have cost the lives of a score of miners.

The arrest of the man was brought about by the combined efforts of Oliver Mining company police, under the leadership of John B. Michela, a former Iron mountain man in charge of the company's entire police operations, Sheriff Archie Farrell and Prosecuting Attorney J.C. Knight. These officials have been working on the case since the crime occurred. About six months ago they received a definite lead which they followed to its culmination last night.

Involve Married Couple.

According to the prosecutor, two men, one of them Turbessi, form two angles of the triangle with the woman, the wife of the first man, at the apex. He did not disclose the names of the husband and wife and it is probable that they will not be revealed until Turbessi is brought to trial.

The triangle was formed a long time previous to the dynamiting of the air line. Turbessi, who was employed by the company for several years, roomed with a brother. It is charged that he became friendly with the woman who lived with her husband a short distance from the Turbessi home. This friendship ripened into a display of passion, it is claimed, and eventually a baby was born, the woman, according to the prosecutor, claiming that Turbessi was the father.

In the meantime, Turbessi had sold a horse to the husband, the latter giving him a note for about \$75. The husband apparently not aware of the close relationship said to have existed between his wife and Turbessi and acted on friendly terms with the man.

Was Made Idle.

While this was going on, the country was swept by a period of depression which was felt by the steel corporation. As a result, the Oliver company began to lay off

all single men and carried only married men on its payrolls. As Turbessi's wife and two children were in Italy, he was included in the former class and released from work.

The company's action angered Turbessi, it is said, and he was loud in his protest over being suspended from employment. He continued to visit the woman, it is charged, and frequently gave her sums of money.

On the morning of May 10, 1921, two explosions were heard and air power at the Chapin mine was cut off. A loaded skip at the B shaft was being lowered to underground pockets at the time and with the release of the power the brakes were loosened and the empty skip on the opposite side shot upward with lightning speed being counterbalanced by the loaded shnip which dropped to the bottom of the shaft. It crashed through the sheaves at the top of the shaft and then stopped.

The explosions were heard at 3:45 o'clock and the air pipe, which runs from the mine to the hydraulic plant on the Menominee river, was examined. At a point a short distance north of the point where the pipe crosses the county road, it was discovered that the air line had been blown up. Two charges were used, about 75 feet apart. The first had been placed by a concrete pier and, in addition to destroying the pipe, shattered the pier and tore a hole in the ground 10 feet wide and five or six feet deep. The second charge evidently was put on top of the pipe, forcing a hole through the metal about 18 inches in diameter.

Threatening note [*sic* – Note].

In the investigation that followed officials of the mining company discovered tied to a power line tower a note of warning. The text was as follows:

“Everybody's got the right to live and eat so that this is just a warning and if it doesn't change it'll be still worst.”

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This was the only tangible clue found and the discovery was kept secret. A strange coincidence was the fact that Turbessi was under suspicion at that time, a notation to this effect being made in the sheriff's records.

The explosion proved to be only a nine days' wonder and since then nothing has been said about it publicly until the announcement of Turbessi's arrest last night. But while the public forgot about the occurrence, attributing it to some dissatisfied employe [*sic – employee*] of the company, the authorities continued their investigation.

About a month after the dynamiting Turbessi went to Italy and returned three or four months later with his wife and children. He had left his note with a friend for collection from the husband but the latter refused to pay. On his return to Iron Mountain Turbessi pressed his claim and the husband, who, it is said, forced an admission from his wife that she had been intimate with Turbessi, threatened the latter. Turbessi then went to the prosecuting attorney and had the husband put under peace bonds.

Woman Wrote Note?

The friendship of Turbessi and the woman had been gossip for some time and it reached the ears of the mining company investigators. They had established the fact that the note of wrning left at the scene of the dynamiting was in a woman's handwriting, so they induced another person to send her a letter. She replied and the handwriting was compared with that in the warning. According to experts, the two specimens tallied exactly.

Turbessi, who had again entered the employ of the company, was known to be antagonistic to it, and the authorities surmised that he had induced the woman to prepare the warning for him, being unable to write himself.

Admitted Guilt, Claim.

Yesterday he was kept under surveillance while the woman was being examined. The prosecutor declared today that she admitted, when confronted with the warning and her own letter, [*to*] having written both and added that Turbessi had told her in a spirit of confidence he had dynamited the air line. She stated, the prosecutor claimed, that Turbessi had come to her and explained that being such good friends he would trust her with his secret. He also threatened her, she said, declaring that if she revealed it he would kill her and then himself.

Turbessi, when arrested last night, was taken before the woman. He denied her accusations with the claim that both she and her husband were seeking revenge because of his demand for payment of the note.

Prosecutor Knight announced this afternoon that Turbessi will probably be arraigned tomorrow and bound over to the circuit court for trial. He is being held under a statute which terms as a misdemeanor any malicious destruction of mining property and which carries a penalty of 20 years imprisonment or a fine of \$5,000 or both.

The prosecutor added that the woman at one time was reported to have offered to release Turbessi from responsibility for her child if he paid her \$2,000. Turbessi believed he was being blackmailed, it is claimed, and refused the money.

Wanted to Kill No Men.

She explained in her statement to the prosecutor that she did not know why Turbessi wanted the note written and asked no questions when she gave it to him. Neither did Turbessi offer an explanation for his request. She added that Turbessi told her, when he is alleged to have confessed destroying the line, he timed the explosions for 34:45 o'clock so that no miners would be killed as they would not be using the hoisting cages at this hour.

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An official of the company pointed out today that if the dynamiting had occurred a few minutes later probably 20 widows would have been created as the mine was employing only married men. This number, he said, might have been caught in a cage that would have fallen to the bottom of the shaft when the pipe line, then carrying a pressure of 65 pounds to the square inch, was put out of commission.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 221 [Friday, January 5, 1923], page 1, columns 1-3

TURBESSI FOUND GUILTY; TO SEEK NEW TRIAL

Motion to be Filed Monday; Argument Will Be Heard Later Next Week by Judge

Jury in Chapin Air Pipe Line Dynamiting Case Returns Verdict After Deliberating For 17 Hours; Regarded as Big Victory For Prosecutor Knight.

After being out for 17 hours, the jury in the case of Luigi Turbessi, charged with blowing up the Chapin air pipe line early on the morning of May 10, 1921, at 10:30 o'clock this morning reported that it had found the defendant guilty. The verdict created a sensation among the spectators in the court room and word of the outcome was quickly passed about the city. The

development of the trial had been closely watched and the verdict was awaited with keen interest.

At the court house officials declared the verdict was a sweeping victory for Prosecuting Attorney J.C. Knight[,] who had arrayed against him some of the best legal talent to be found in this section of the country.

Gerald Clifford and Joseph Martin, Green Bay attorneys who represented the defense, immediately after the verdict had been announced, declared they would file a motion for a new trial. The motion will be filed Monday and argument on it will be held later in the week. The possibilities are that if the motion is over-ruled by the court, the case will be appealed to the state supreme court.

Tedious Session.

The jury's session was long and tedious. Judge Flannigan concluded his instructions at about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the 12 men immediately filed into the jury room, there to debate whether or not Turbessi had "wilfully [*sic* – *willfully*] and maliciously" destroyed the pipe by the use of Giant powder. The first ballot showed several for conviction and the balance for acquittal. With the exception of the time spent eating supper and breakfast, the men remained locked in the jury room and passed the night under the watchful eye of a deputy sheriff. They were not denied sleep, however, as the room is equipped with steel bunk beds, but the question of Turbessi's guilt was argued until late in the evening and was resumed early this morning. Nine ballots were taken until the final and decisive one was reached.

The statute under which Turbessi was tried and which covers the "wilful [*sic* – *willful*] and malicious" damaging of mining apparatus, [*sic*] carries with it a penalty of imprisonment from one to 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

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When the jury notified the court that it had arrived at a verdict, another trial had been concluded and the second jury had just finished passing into another room. As the realization dawned upon the spectators that the Turbessi jury, believed to have been deadlocked, was at last going to report, there was a renewal of interest on their part and their attitude became tense and expectant as they waited for the first words that were to tell whether the defendant would walk out of the court room a free man or be compelled to return to the county jail.

Brought Into Court.

During the time that the jury was in conference, Turbessi had been kept in jail. After the verdict was reached, however, he was brought into the court room by Sheriff Frank Cleveland so as to be present when the decision was announced.

He remained calm and undisturbed as he stood before the bar of justice while waiting for the foreman of the jury to announce to the court the verdict. But after the word "guilty" had been uttered, he wilted slightly and was in a dejected mood as the sheriff conducted him back to his cell.

The closing arguments made yesterday were among the best and most oratorical ever delivered in the Dickinson county circuit court room. They included a bitter denunciation of Mrs. Ermina Lesondrini, "the woman in the case," and this brought forth a defense by Prosecuting Attorney Knight.

Joseph Martin was the first to speak on behalf of the defendant. In a brilliant talk, he attacked every one of the state's issues and introduced two testimonials to the good character of Turbessi. One of these was written by George J. Eisele, assistant superintendent of the Oliver Iron Mining company for the Menominee range, and had been secured by Turbessi shortly before his trip to Italy to get his wife and children. This was after the explosion. The

recommendation was addressed "to whom it may concern" and declared that Turbessi had been an employe [*sic – employee*] of the mining company for [*sic – from*] 1917 until 1921, had always been a faithful and efficient worker and was of good character. The letter added that he could be recommended to any concern that desired to have him.

Feared Revenge.

The second testimonial was a letter written last August to O.C. Davidson, superintendent for the mining company, at Turbessi's request. At this time Turbessi feared that Dominic Lesandrini, husband of the woman, sought revenge on him and had given circulation to a rumor that he was responsible for the blowing up of the pipe line. The attorney's letter stated that an investigation at that time showed the charges baseless.

The letters had a tell-tale effect on the jury and the defense followed up its advantage by declaring that it admitted the pipe line had been blown up. It did not argue the question whether or not Mrs. Lesondrini had written the note of warning found on the pipe, but it offered the suggestion that Mr. Lesondrini might have committed the act.

Turbessi, according to Mr. Martin's argument, was in bed at the time of the explosion and therefore could not have been implicated in it. The attorney attached considerable significance to the fact that Frank Turbessi, brother of the defendant, while on his way to work the morning of May 10, met Mr. Lesondrini and the latter told him of the explosion and that the mine would not operate that day.

After Mr. Martin had concluded, his associate, Mr. Clifford[,] addressed the jury. He covered virtually the same ground as did Mr. Martin but added his scathing denunciation of Mrs. Lesondrini. During the tirade of abuse that he heaped upon her, the woman, who sat in the front row of the

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spectator's [*sic* – *spectators*'] seats, threw back her overcoat and leaned her head upon her hand for support.

Clifford asserted that she had "nothing to lose" by her frank and open admissions in court, while Turbessi had everything at stake. He attempted to show that the woman's character was such that her testimony could be discounted as being false.

He charged that the woman and her husband had attempted to work upon Turbessi the "old Badger game", that of a woman enticing a man into a compromising situation and then calling in the abused and wrathful husband who lets his anger cool if given sufficient cash. In this instance, the attorney continued, the game had failed because Turbessi would not be a willing victim. It had been resumed, however, when the woman thought that she could secure the \$50 reward offered for the arrest of the man who had blown up the air line, but fastening the crime on Turbessi.

Talks About Car.

Clifford belittled the efforts of the prosecution to show that Turbessi had driven his car to the point where the pipe line crosses the county road, left it standing there while he fixed the powder charges, and then came back to Iron Mountain. The fact that the marks of Diamond tread tires were found at the side of the road and that, later, Diamond tread tires were discovered in Turbessi's garage, was of no value in the case, he argued. "Is it any great crime to own a Ford car" he questioned, and then added that diamond tread tires were common enough and in this instance, the marks were not evidence. As Clifford made his remarks about the Ford car, several persons in the court room laughed and Judge Flannigan held up continuance of the attorney's address long enough to instruct the sheriff to remove from the room any person who created a disturbance in this manner.

When Clifford had finished, Prosecuting Attorney Knight made his closing argument. In addition, he put up a defense of womanhood and criticized the remarks that were made concerning Mrs. Lesondrini because of her assertion that Turbessi is the father of one of her children.

"This is the first time since I have been practicing law," he declared, "that I have listened to a lawyer in a court room filled with women compare a witness to the scum of the earth. I would never compare any woman to the scum of the earth. This little woman here did not come here voluntarily. She was brought here by the state. The responsibility for whatever rules of God or man she may have violated is not only hers but also that of Luigi Turbessi.

Did Not Deny Claim.

"Luigi Turbessi did not deny the accusation made against him and I protest on behalf of every woman the remarks made concerning this woman. Why, after my brother's (Clifford's) remarks, I almost expected to see wings sprout out on Turbessi and see him fly out of the window."

The prosecutor also referred to a time when Turbessi was arrested for assault and battery on a woman and he told the jury that there was no reason why it should not accept the testimony of Mrs. Lesondrini just as much as it did that of Turbessi. He added that Mrs. Lesondrini had received no reward for Turbessi's arrest, in fact, did not know of the state's investigation and her connection with the case until after Turbessi had been placed in custody.

In his instructions to the jury Judge Flannigan declared that there were two facts for it to decide, whether or not Turbessi knew the purpose of the pipe line and if it was in use on that particular day to furnish power for the hoisting of men and materials from the Chapin mine, and whether or not, with such knowledge, he wilfully [*sic* – *willfully*] and maliciously

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caused the destruction of the pipe. He also added the usual precaution that the jurors must be satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt of Turbessi's guilt before they could bring in a verdict to this effect.

Following his instructions the jury retired. The members of the jury were Ernest Bond, foreman, Arthur Brandt, Simon Risberg, Charles Mildren, William Robinson, William Barklund, Charles Martini, Theodore Roecker, William Girard, Jr., Jonas Blomquist, Joseph Pellegrini.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 228 [Saturday, January 13, 1923], page 1, column 2

TURBESSI TAKEN TO STATE PRISON

Begins Serving Term For Blowing Up Chapin Pipe Line

Accompanied by Sheriff Frank Cleveland and Deputy Sheriff Gunnard Wickman, Luigi Turbessi, convicted in circuit court of the charge of blowing up the Chapin mine air pipe line, was taken this morning to the state branch prison at Marquette. The prisoner remained "silent" when questioned at the depot regarding the case.

Turbessi will begin serving the sentence imposed upon him by Judge Richard C. Flannigan and, unless found not guilty at a new trial or the verdict of guilty is reversed by the supreme court, he will have to remain in confinement until he completes his term.

The sentence was from five to 20 years with a recommendation of five years.

Turbessi's attorneys will argue a motion for a new trial on the first day of the April term of circuit court. If the motion is overruled they will probably appeal the case to the state supreme court. In the event that it is granted the trial will be held in the circuit court here.

BREAKING AND ENTERING

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 43 [Monday, June 1, 1925], page 2, column 4

Enter Junior High And Cause Damage

Close watch is being kept on the Junior High school by the police department following several complaints which have been filed at the station. Children are charged with entering the school and taking petty things and causing some destruction.

An effort is being made to stop the trouble which is believed to be caused by a small group of boys attending the school.

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HOLD YOUTHS FOR HOUSE BREAKING

Also Face Other Charges;

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Apprended [sic] in Village

Two Breitung youths, Max Dye and Ralph Colvar, both 15 years of age, are being held at the county jail on charges of house breaking preferred by Deputy Sheriffs William and V. Johnson. The boys were caught Saturday evening in the act of attempting to enter the home of Peter Delnigchamp [sic – Delongchamp - ?], 328 Hooper avenue, Breitung.

The boys were trying to effect an entrance to the house with a skeleton key and it is alleged that they also broke several locks on other homes in Breitung. A chlose watch was being kept in Breitung by the sheriff's office following a number of complaints received form the villagers and with the arrest of the boys it is believed that the osurce [sic – source] of the trouble has been reached.

The boys are also charged with tampering with several automobiles in Breitung. Charges of stealing parts form the cars will also be placed against them when they are arraigned before Justice Spencer late this afternoon by Prosecutor R.E. MacAllister.

young men had their examination before Justice Cameron last Thursday at Norway and his honor considered the evidence sufficient to send the case to the circuit court for trial. Bonds were ordered in the sum of \$800, and in default the young men were ordered confined in the county jail.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 2 [Thursday, June 2, 1910], page 1, column 2

Burglars at Sturgeon.

Burglars broke into the office of The O.C. Lumber Co. at Sturgeon Mill last Tuesday night and blew open the safe. They secured \$54.69 in cash. Entrance to the building was made through the basement window. Sheriff Robbins and Deputy Eslick went down yesterday to investigate the case and latter [sic – later] arrested two tramps between Sturgeon Mill and Waucedah. They also telephoned to other towns and one man was held at Faithorn. Sheriff Robbins has gone after this man to-day [sic – today].

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 4

BURGLARY

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 39 [Thursday, February 18, 1909], page 1, column 2

Burglary Charge.

Anton Treiber and William Powley have been arrested charged with burglarizing the Ramsdell hardware store at Norway. The

Hoodlums Raid.

During the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Amidon last Saturday evening, the store-room [sic – storeroom] was raided by young hoodlums who stole provisinios to the amount of seven or eight dollars. Raid of this nature are becoming altogether too frequent. Not only are gardens raided and destroyed, but homes, stores and public buildings are invaded. It is the purpose of Mr. Amidon to make an

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example of the gang that burglarized his home.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 16 [Wednesday, April 29, 1925], page 2, column 1

“PEEPER” SENT TO COUNTY JAIL

Police Net Captures Man After Complaints Are Received

Peeping in windows is an unhealthy pastime, especially if caught at it, Raymond Robbins, 804 River avenue, found when he appeared in Justice Anderson’s court this morning. He was sent to the county jail for 30 days.

Robbins was apprehended after three calls had been received at the police station reporting a “peeper” in the vicinity of West A and B streets. Two officers were dispatched to B street immediately after that first call and within five minutes another call from A street was answered by two more police officers, the four conducting a thorough search.

Sergeant Carlevato first caught sight of the “peeper” as he was stealthily moving toward one of the windows in the Frank Fugere home. He signaled the other officers with a flashlight and then ordered the “peeper” to halt. Robbins made a dash for liberty, heading speedily south on Prospect avenue but before he had proceeded a block he ran directly into the

arms of two waiting officers, and the two others closed in on him.

Drove Closed Car.

Brief questioning revealed that a new Overland sedan parked on Prospect avenue was Robbins’ property, although he ran in an opposite direction when pursued by the police. He answered the descriptions telephoned to police, having on a blue suit and light cap. Robbins had nothing to say when he appeared in court this morning pleading guilty to a disorderly charge and being committed to the county jai on failure to pay a fine of \$100. Later he admitted to the sheriff that “it was wrong to peep in windows” but said that he thought the punishment meted out was a little too strong.

Stole Watch – Gets Fine.

Joe Mileski, who had just appeared in justice court two weeks ago on a charge of drunkenness, was sent to jail for a 30-day period this morning on a charge of stealing a watch in the Raymond hotel[.] Mileski, when found, was going from room to room, gaining entrance with a pass key. When questioned this morning he admitted the watch ws not his and denied ever seeing it, claiming that he was drunk.

Floyd Dishaw paid the usual \$5 on a charge of speeding preferred by Deputy Sheriff De Bee.

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THREE LOSE OUT IN ALLEY FIGHT

Judge is “Knockout” Wielder; Traffic Violations Appear

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Marquette and New York weren't the only places where fights were staged last evening. Iron Mountain had a regular fight in its own back alley between Ludington and Hughitt streets and the ringside spectators didn't have to pay a cent. Instead the fighters paid, losing out in the second round when they came from their cells this morning, fresh from the long rest after the first round last evening.

Sergeant Carlevato stopped the fight to save the participants from further bodily punishment but Justice Spencer dealt out several stiff blows "hitting" Robert Mayer \$10, Leslie Homes \$7 and Harold Blake \$5 plus costs in the action. Blake[,] who was "hit" the lightest, paid up, and went out to collect the money for his two sparring partners.

Gust Olson was fined \$5 on a charge of being drunk and Joe Melesky went to the county jail for five days on a charge of vagrancy. William H. Harris, [sic] paid \$7 and costs last evening for assault and battery. Harold Magnuson was assessed \$5 plus \$5 costs when he ran afoul of Motorcycle Officer Woods while speeding through Vulcan. E.R. Forrest paid \$1 and costs for violation of a city ordinance, failing to heed a stop and go signal.

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DIVORCED BUT NOT SEPARATED

**Couple Decide to Rewed
After Complaints Are
Registered**

Living together in greater harmony after their divorce than when they were legally wedded, Mr. and Mrs. John Sedloff, of Breitung, were brought to the county jail this morning by Sheriff Frank Cleveland, and rather than face charges of disorderly conduct, appeared before Judge O'Hara in Probate court and were remarried.

Prosecutor R.E. MacAllister ordered the arrest of the couple on complaint of many of the residents of Breitung that the Sedloffs' four small children were the victims of gross neglect.

Mrs. Sedloff, arrested at about 9:30 this morning, showed considerable reluctance to rewed her former spouse. The husband brought to the jail later in the forenoon accused [sic – acquiesced] eagerly to the prosecutor's suggestion that they remarry. Mrs. Sedloff was given the alternative [sic – alternative] of leaving the state if unwilling to comply with the marriage laws in continuing to live with the husband from whom she had a legal separation. The couple promised to take proper care of the children.

DRIVING AN UNLICENSED VEHICLE

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, January 13, 1922], page 1, column 1

ANOTHER UNLICENSED CAR DRIVER ARRESTED

**Niagara Taxi Man Fined;
John Quagliotti Drunk,
Disorderly**

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Another arrest in the police force's campaign against unlicensed or wrongly licensed cars was made late yesterday afternoon when Officer Smole swore out a complaint against Archie Martineau, Niagara taxi driver. Martineau paid \$1 fine and \$5 costs.

John Quagliotti, aged 22, proceeded to get intoxicated last evening, and, in that state, started a "rough house" in a north side establishment. He was arrested by Officer John Warne and spent the rest of the night in jail. This morning he was taken before Judge Spencer and given his choice of a fine of \$15 and \$6.50 costs, or 20 days in jail. His parents paid the fine for him.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 1, column 2

TWO drunks sobered up in the cooler last Monday night. One was Sure Thing Maloney and the other was so modest he declined to give his name to the officers. Sure Thing was sent to Menominee for 20 days Tuesday.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 10 [Thursday, May 30, 1889], page 1, column 3

Thought he Was a Bigger Man Than Catlin.

John Fisher loaded up with more booze than he could carry steady last Monday, and was making the fact disagreeably

apparent, when Marshal Catlin told him to keep quiet or he would run him in. Fisher declared in language more forcible than polite that Catlin couldn't run him in, but the marshal with the aid of his billy, [sic] showed him he was mistaken. Fisher pleaded guilty to the charge of drunk and disorderly before Justice Bergeron Tuesday morning, paid \$5.00 and costs, and went his way.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 625 [Saturday, July 16, 1898], page 3, column 4

NEW BREWERY NEEDED.

Provided Joseph Mahon, a Lumber Jack Has His Way.

If the actions of Joseph Mahon, a lumber jack [sic – lumberjack], yesterday, are any criterion to judge by, there will certainly be need for a new brewery in Iron Mountain. Mr. Mahon got very dry early in the morning and concluded to contribute a dollar to the government in the way of internal revenue, by drinking a whole barrel of beer. In a few hours he was howling drunk and wanted to fight an entire army of Spaniards, Cubans, Portugese [sic – Portuguese], in fact anything from human beings to wildcats.

In this reckless condition he ran across Officer Gleason and met a "sad, but glorious" defeat. Mahon, and his load of beer, went into the police cooler in such quick order that he only touched the high places. Justice Bergeron gave him 20 days in the county jail to get rid of his over-patriotic spirit.

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ANOTHER I.W.W. HITS JAIL TRAIL

Joe Came Here to Join Fred, So the Judge Accommodates Him

Joe McDonald, of Chicago, is a member of the I.W.W. and, it so happens, he came to Iron Mountain Saturday to aid his brother members [*sic – brother*], Fred Butts, in his organization work for the Lumber Workers Industrial union.

In habits, Joe and Fred are as alike as two peas in a pod. Fred came to the city several days ago, imbibed too freely and was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. He was sentenced to serve 10 days and is in the county calaboose now.

Well, Joe spent Saturday evening in the vicinity of Hughitt street and he also became too friendly with the fiery fluid. The result was he was arrested by Officer Trudell and arraigned before Judge Anderson this morning on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Joe told the judge he came here to join Butts, so the judge accommodated him by giving him a ten-day stretch in the county jail. **[need to see if there is more to this article]**

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Wednesday, April 30, 1924], page 1, column 6

JAIL “GUEST” IS GIVEN SENTENCE

Says He Went There To Sleep and Awoke Under Arrest

Another man asserted in justice court this morning that he had gone to jail to sleep and awakened to find he faced charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was Fred Hanson and he told Justice Anderson he arrived yesterday and was unable to find sleeping quarters.

The police told the justice that a complaint had been received from the Liberty Candy kitchen which resulted in Hanson's arrest. The latter admitted having been at the candy kitchen but was steadfast in his denial that he had caused a disturbance of any nature there or had done anything to cause his arrest. He was fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days in jail. He was unable to pay the fine.

Pat Jarley, also charged with being drunk and disorderly, and Harvey Olson, drunk, went to jail for 10 days when they could not pay \$10 fines.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 21 [Tuesday, May 5, 1925], page 3, column 1

ACCUSES COPS OF STEALING MONEY

Then He Remembers He Hid Purse in Trouser Leg Pocket

Many strange things are heard in justice courts and the police are used to almost anything but a “brand new one” was pulled

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on chief Smole this morning when Frank Seiner appeared. After a charge of being drunk had been placed against Seiner the old fellow did a little accusing himself, charging the police department with stealing about \$75 from him some time during the night.

Seiner freely admitted that he was under the influence of liquor but insisted that he would have enough money to pay his fine if the police would return his pocketbook. Left to think it over while another case was being disposed of Seiner reached into his back pocket and found a pocketbook containing only \$3. He again accused the officers of taking about \$10 out of that purse. After being informed that his money was not removed Seiner again started to think. He finally located another pocketbook which was hidden in a separate pocket on the inside of his trouser leg. The purse contained about \$75 but was just \$11 lighter when the “accuser” and accused left the justice court.

Has License Revoked.

Justice Spencer meted out a stiff sentence in the case of Joseph Brunell, taxi driver, who was taken into custody yesterday, charged with driving a car while intoxicated and breaking off a hydrant near the Suino store on the North side. Brunell was fined \$100 and was ordered to pay the cost of the new hydrant, which is \$96.90. IN addition Chief Smole had Brunell’s driving license revoked for a 30-day period. Brunell ws remanded to the county jail for a period of 45 days upon failure to pay the fine and costs in the action.

Fred. St. Vincent, Jr., paid \$5 on a charge of speeding through Quinnesec on a motorcycle at such a high rate of speed that it was impossible for the officer to catch him. He was traced through the license number on his machine.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Saturday, June 27, 1925], page 3, column 3

DRUNKEN DRIVER PAYS USUAL FEE

Hands Over \$105 to Court After Zig-zap Trip Down Street

Driving his car on Stephenson avenue while under the influence of liquor last night proved to be a costly experience for Frank LaSalle, who was fined \$100 and costs when arraigned this morning before Justice Anderson.

LaSalle admitted that he was “under the weather” when the justice asked him “guilty or not guilty.” The offender did not have the necessary funds to pay the assessment imposed upon him when brought before the court but he managed to raise \$105 by asking friends. He was arrested by Special Officer Moroni, who claimed that LaSalle was driving in a zig-zag mananer and knocked down a “stop and go sign.” He spent the night in jail.

Andrew Gruber, charged with parking his car in a safety zone near the Braumart theatre, was assessed \$1 and costs.

Four men arrested last night for drunkenness were let off with payment of costs. They were Amil Cooley and his brother, Lawrence, Eli Esanowich and Enrico Stanker.

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October 7, 1925], page 3, column 2

CHANGES PLEA ON DRIVING CHARGE

Langrick Admits He Was Drunk; Tony Caduto Pays Fine

George Langrick, arrested Saturday night for operating his car while under the influence of liquor and who pleaded not guilty when arraigned Monday before Justice Spencer, reversed his plea yesterday afternoon and was fined \$100 and costs.

Langrick had been detained at the city and county jails since his arrest.

Tony Caduto, Sr., taken into custody Sunday night for carrying a dangerous weapon, a razor, which, it is claimed, he used in inflicting a slight wound on the throat of Erick Stancher, a boarder at the home of Joseph Rapinelli, 418 Pewabic street, where the brawl took place, was assessed \$10 and costs on an assault and battery charge. Caduto's companion, Joseph Santini, was released yesterday afternoon after being questioned by Prosecuting Attorney MacAllister.

Amos Massicotte, West Hughitt street, was fined \$15 and costs for disorderly conduct, a charge to which he pleaded guilty. Massicotte was originally arrested for non-support of his family but the charge was reduced on his promise to take care of his wife and children.

FORGERY

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 38 [Monday, May 25, 1925], page 2, column 5

Warning of Check Forger Received

Warning has been received by Sheriff Frank Cleveland from the authorities of Iron county to be on the lookout for a clever check forger who has been working through this section of the upper peninsula. The man's name is Dave Verrabel and the checks, who are drawn on a Detroit bank, are signed Joseph Papen.

Verrabel, according to reports received here, purchased a car at Detroit, paying for it with a worthless check. The car was found wrecked near Ironwood and the man since then has been writing a number of checks, over \$200 worth being accounted for.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 40 [Wednesday, May 27, 1925], page 3, columns 4-5

ALLEGED CHECK FORGER NABBED

Cleveland Arrests Man Who is Much Sought By Authorities

Dave Verville, alias Daven Papen, formerly employed in the Ford Plant here and wanted in several places on charges of issuing worthless checks, is being held at the county pail [*sic – jail*] by Sheriff Frank Cleveland pending the arrival of Detroit

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authorities. Verville, it is alleged, has left a trail of worthless checks from Detroit, through the southern part of Michigan and the northern part of Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and upper Michigan which may amount to several thousand dollars.

Paying for a new Dodge car at Detroit with a worthless check amounting to \$1,250, Verville succeeded in eluding the authorities for several months and it was not until yesterday that an idea of his whereabouts was gained. Verville completely wrecked the car at Ironwood several weeks ago and since that time an intensive search has been conducted by the sheriff's forces of Iron county and the state police at Negaunee.

Cleveland Lands Him.

Sheriff Cleveland received a tip yesterday that Verville was on the Ed Olson farm near Sagola, and found him there when he arrived. Verville made no fuss and told Cleveland that "I am glad that you got me because I would have let the captain of the mounted police shoot me in the back before I would have given up."

It is claimed by the authorities that Verville is no ordinary personage, having "fleeced them all" with worthless checks. Charges may also be pressed against him here as it is claimed that a school teacher in the northern part of the county gave him \$175 for a worthless check. At the jail Verville only laughs, saying that any man who will take a check from a stranger for \$1,250 for a car out to get it.

GAMBLING

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 85 [Friday, July 20, 1923], page 2, column 4

MACHINES, BOARDS SEIZED IN RAIDS

Sheriff's Department Makes Haul at Norway And Channing

Four slot machines and two punch boards were taken in raids made yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Cleveland and deputies in accordance with Prosecuting Attorney J.C. Knight's campaign to clean up these gambling devices in Dickinson county.

Three of the machines and a small punch board were taken at Norway, while an expensive punch board and one machine were confiscated at Channing. The sheriff declared that he was not yet through with his search of the county, although it is believed that practically all of the owners of machines and punch boards have heeded the warning and put the devices out of sight.

An Oskhosh man who owns a number of machines and installed some of them in the county visited the sheriff this morning and tried to get back those that the official had seized. He was unsuccessful, however, and the probabilities are that the machines will be destroyed.

No machines or boards have been seized in the city, the owners having removed them following the prosecutor's statement that war was to be waged by both the city and county officials on the devices.

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FOUR TAKEN IN

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GAMBLING RAID

Confiscated

Second Visit to Establishment Again Proves Fruitful

Four men were fined in Justice Anderson's court this morning following a raid on a gambling game at 101 West Hughitt street late Saturday evening by Sergeant Carlevato. It was the second raid at the same place within two weeks.

Walter Reck, who was running the game, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and costs while the other three participants, Mike Plinger, Joe Miller, and Henry Janson, were each fined \$10 and costs.

Claude Freckelton and Ed Fox each paid \$5 and costs on charges of being drunk and disorderly while James Rascko and Herman Heaberman were fined a like amount on charges of intoxication.

Arrest Two Speeders

Two speeders, John Supcheck and [illegible] Mitchell, were caught "stepping on the gas" on South Carpenter avenue, the former being arrested by Deputy Sheriff Wickman while Deputy Sheriff Coulliard made the other arrest. Supcheck paid a \$10 fine and Mitchell was fined \$5, plus the costs.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 32 [Monday, May 18, 1925], page 2, column 2

GAMBLING PLACE IS AGAIN RAIDED

Twelve Customers Taken Into Tow and Cash Is

Police conducted another raid at 101 West Hughitt street Saturday evening, breaking up an interesting game of "leaping dominoes," better known as "African golf" or just plain crap-shooting. An even dozen were taken into custody and a large jackpot was also confiscated.

The men were released upon \$15 bail which was forfeited in Justice Spencer's court this morning upon their failure to appear. Those taken in the raid were George Jackson, James Bavich, John McKinley, Peter Koch, Frank Golka, Jack Morris, Stanley Major, William Brown, Antonio Finocchio, Harry Blenow, Frank Smith and Jack Sullivan.

Three others appeared this morning, Felix Tondin paying \$15, of which \$10 represented costs and \$5 a fine for being drunk and disorderly. The arrest was made upon complaint of members of the family who said he came home drunk, beat up a boarder and his daughter and then started to abuse his wife. Ignatz Busch was also a caller in Spencer's court and after the usual formalities was taken to the county jail where he renewed acquaintances and will remain for a five-day stay. Busch manages to get into the toils of the law every time he visits the city but takes his medicine in good grace on each occasion.

Benjamin E. Edwards was the third one to appear. Justice Spencer has had them appear with unkept [sic – unkempt] hair, without coats and minus hats but Edwards was the first to appear in stocking feet, having lost his shoes sometime during the night. He paid \$5 and the costs in the action.

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SIX ARRESTED IN GAMBLING RAID

Forfeit Bonds of \$15 When They Fail to Ap- pear in Court

Six men were arrested last evening on a charge of gambling when Police Sergeant Carlevato and Officers Zambon, Cavaiani and Soderberg broke up a card game in a room above the north side pool room conducted by Anton Pesavento at 314 East Main street.

Those placed under arrest were C.W. Jones, Christ Eattrickes, Nick Petronis, Louis Paps, John George and George Williams. Each furnished a bond of \$15 which was forfeited in Justice Anderson's court this morning when they failed to appear.

The police confiscated a number of chips and two decks of cards.

Eustace Valakman was the only other man to appear in court this morning, paying a fine of \$5 on a charge of being drunk.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 42 [Friday, May 29, 1925], page 6, column 2

No Connection With Card Room, He Says

Anton Pesavento, proprietor of the North side pool room 314 East Main street, in a statement today declared that he had no connection with the gambling room above his establishment in which six men were arrested Wednesday night. Police

conducted a raid in the room and broke up a card game. Pesavento said that the room was in no way a part of his place.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 629 [Thursday, July 21, 1898], page 3, column 3

CHASED THE GIRLS.

A Scoundrel Frightens Four Little Children Yesterday Afternoon.

POLICEMAN FREIBERG GIVES CHASE.

And Fires a shot At Him – He Escapes to the River – Well Known to the Police of This City.

Last evening about 5:30 o'clock four little girls, Katie and Eva Shotkoskie and Angeline and Josephine Robarge all living in the extreme southern part of the city with their parents, went out for a walk. They went along the road leading out of town to the river and played and talked as they went along. At 6 o'clock, when they were about a quarter of a mile from home, they concluded to return, when all of a sudden a man sprang out from the bushes and chased them.

The children were overcome with fright and screamed and ran in all directions. The

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man succeeded in getting close to one of the little Robarge girls, but by running quickly she got away and joined her companions, who by that time had circled around and had again reached the road leading to town. The scoundrel, being himself frightened by the screams of the childred [sic – children], ceased to chase them and sat down in the road.

The children, thoroughly scared, made their way at once to town and reported what had happened.

Their story was soon made known to Policeman Nels Freiberg, who lives on Carpenter avenue, and he started at once in pursuit of the fellow, whose description he first secured. He recognized in him an old offender in this line, and before he had gone far from town saw the man whom he suspected of committing the outrage, ahead of him. As soon as the fellow saw the officer he began to run, keeping well in the road. Freiberg called to him to stop, and as he refused to obey, the officer drew his revolver and fired. The fellow then ran all the harder, and as he had a good start succeeded in eluding the officer. Freiberg thought that he hit the fellow in the leg, as he noticed that he limped just as he disappeared in the woods.

Freiberg immediately returned to the city and reported the case to Chief Harvey. The latter directed him to take the train and go to Pembine, as he thought the fellow might make his way to that place during the night. The police have known of the actions of this fellow for some time and this is not his first offense. He is described as a short, middle aged man, with a dark mustache. He had on a dark suit of clothes and a white straw hat.

Yesterday afternoon the same fellow went to an old deserted barn in the rear of August Lilga's [sic – Lilja's] premises, at the extreme southern end of Merritt avenue. Mrs. Lilga [sic – Lilja] was home all alone

and the scoundrel badly frightened her by his vulgar actions.

Another one of the little Shotkowkie girls, Mary, reports that the same fellow frightened her sometime [sic – some time] ago while out berrying.

As soon as his name can be learned a warrant will be made out for his arrest and every effort will be made to put him behind the bars for a good long term.

Officer Freiberg returned this morning from Pembine with his man. He caught him just as he was entering the town. He proved to be Joseph Lajeunesse, a Frenchman, who has been employed as a wood chopper recently at Traders Mine. He has been working in this section of the country for eight or nine years, mostly about lumber camps.

Lajeunesse is rather a nice looking man and neatly dressed. He stated to the Tribune reporter that he made no attempt to frighten the girls and was simply on his way to Pembine, giving no reason. When asked why he ran when he saw the policeman approach he said:

"I did not want him to catch me."

Lajeunesse recently served a term of 12 days in jail here for petit larceny, having been sent from Norway. He was not struck by the officer's bullet. He was given a hearing before Justice Bergeron late this afternoon.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 630 [Friday, July 22, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

Joseph Lajeunesse, the Frenchman who frightened the little girls Wednesday, was brought before Justice Miller this

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morning, charged with indecently exposing himself. His case was continued until Saturday morning.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 631 [Saturday, July 23, 1898], page 3, column 5

BOUND OVER.

The Case of Joseph Lajeunesse Sent to the Circuit Court.

Joseph Lajeunesse, the Frenchman who was arrested Wednesday charged with indecent conduct in the southern part of the city, was given a hearing this morning before Justice Miller. The evidence against him was convincing and he was bound over to the Circuit Court in the sum of \$400. The children of several families, who have been annoyed by this fellow, were in court and testified against him, but no evidence was introduced for the defense.

The people of the neighborhood where he has been hanging around will rejoice that he is now behind the bars. The police deserve credit for his capture.

MURDER

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 27 [Thursday, September 26, 1889], page 5, column 2

Fouly Murdered.

When a dispatch was received in this city by Mrs. Sol E. Felch last Friday, stating

that her husband was dead and to come at once and bring the sheriff, no one supposed that Mr. Felch had been slain in cold blood [sic – blood]. The request for the sheriff was rather mystifying, but as the dispatch did not state that Mr. Felch had been murdered, it was generally believed to be a case of suicide or sudden death from natural causes. Mr. Felch left for his homestead, about 20 miles west of Florence, last Friday morning, taking with him a quantity of provisions and two gallons of whisky. It was his intention to hire some Indians near his place to help him with some logging and the whisky was taken along for them. The next word received here was the announcement of his sudden death and the request that Mrs. Felch come out to the farm at once and bring an officer with her. She secured the services of Wm. O'Hara, deputy sheriff, and left for the scene of the tragedy as soon as possible. At Florence Sheriff Parmenter joined the party. The road from Florence to their destination is a very rough one, and their progress was necessarily slow. It was Saturday morning before they reached the end of their journey. Here they learned for the first time the details of the terrible affair. When Mr. Felch reached his homestead he sent Charles Steiglitz, familiarly known as Dutch Charlie, to the station on the Soo road, about 2 1/2 miles distant, for his provisions. Steiglitz[,] it appears, after receiving the provisions, proceeded to get drunk, and between the station and the homestead, with the aid of some Indians he fell in with, the two gallons of whisky disappeared. There is a camp of Indians who are gathering a medicinal herb near Mr. Felch's homestead, and after attending some matters about his place Mr. Felch went over there to hire the men he wanted. Here he found Steiglitz, who demanded the wages due him. Mr. Felch told him he should have his pay, but he had no money with him at that time. This did not satisfy

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the drunken Steiglitz, who declared that if Felch did not pay him then and there he would kill him. Felch replied[,] “O, go away, Charlie,” picked up his rifle and walked away. Steiglitz was also armed with a rifle, and followed after, and when within fourteen paces of his victim fired, the bullet striking him in the back of the head, at the base of the brain, and coming out under the left eye, causing a wound that produced instant death. Two Indians witnessed the crime, and the manner in which they secured and guarded the prisoner is somewhat remarkable. They seized him, and with the aid of their companions bound him hand and foot. His legs were tied together with a clothes line wound closely from the ankles to the knees, and his arms folded across his breast and wound in the same manner from the wrists to the elbows. Then the Indians took him to one of their cabins and three of them, decorated with beads and feathers, and their faces smeared with war paint, and each grasping his rifle, they [*sic*] sat in front of their prisoner and watched him till the officers arrived, that is about 24 hours. It was four o'clock Saturday afternoon before the officers were ready to return with the murderer and the corpse of his victim, and the road was so bad they could get no farther than a house known as the halfway, about eight miles from Florence, that night. An early start was made Sunday morning, Sheriff Parmenter, with the murderer and Mrs. Felch reaching Florence in season for Mrs. Felch to take the morning train home, and O'Hara arriving in this city late in the afternoon with the corpse. The murderer and the two Indian witnesses were taken to Marinette on the afternoon train where the trial will be had, the crime having been committed in Marinette county. Mr. Felch was 43 years of age. During the war he did honorable service for four years as a member of Co. F. 85th New York Infantry, enlisting a second time after his first term of

enlistment had expired. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church last Tuesday afternoon, members of the G.A.R. [*Grand Army of the Republic*] in this city and Florence attending in a body, and following the remains of their departed comrade to its last resting place.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 31 [Thursday, October 24, 1889], page 1, column 4

Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree.

The trial of Chas. Steiglitz for the murder of Sol Felch terminated in Marinette, Wis., last Friday, with a verdict of murder in the second degree. The circumstances of the shooting, as revealed by the trial, are substantially the same as given in these columns at the time the murder was committed. The defense made a futile effort to show that Felch was killed by the Indians, and that they bound Steiglitz and charged the crime upon him in order to save themselves from punishment. Steiglitz was sentenced to 20 years in states [*sic- state's*] prison last Monday.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 1, column 4

FOUL MURDER AT WAUCEDAH.

Albert Nowship Found Dead in His Log Cabin Near Waucedah.

Albert Nowship was found dead in his log cabin, a few miles from Waucedah, last

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Sunday noon and it is suspected that he was the victim of foul play.

The body was discovered by James Wilkins, of Loretto. Wilkins was hunting in the vicinity of the cabin. Nowship was an old friend and he had called to see him.

Then discovered, the body was in a sitting position before the stove and it is thought that Nowship was in the act of building a fire when shot.

The door of the cabin was open when Wilkins arrived and the wound would indicate that the murderer was in the cabin when he fired the fatal shot.

The weapon used was a shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] and it was loaded with buck-shot [*sic – buckshot*].

The charge of shot entered the body between the right shoulder and neck, took a downward course – indicating that the murderer was standing at close range – and passed through the left lung. Two of the shot passed entirely through the body and were found in the left arm.

Four shot have been removed from the body and three others were located by the use of an X-Ray machine, which was brought into use by Prosecuting Attorney Cook at the inquest held by coroner Trudgeon.

That the shot fired at close range is clearly indicated by the wound. The hole made by the charge of shot in entering the body is not much more than twice as large as the muzzle of the average shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*].

The position in which the body was found by Mr. Wilkins would indicate that death was instantaneous.

It is thought by the officers that the crime was committed on Saturday.

There is no clue to the murderer. Neither can it be learned that Nowship had any enemies.

Nowship was an inoffense [*sic – inoffensive*] young man and had resided in Waucedah and vicinity for some time. Last

spring he purchased the forty acres upon which he resided at the time of the murder and it was his ambition to become a farmer. His land adjoined the farm of Thomas E. Dillon, about one and a half miles from the Waucedah depot.

Nowship was a single man and was about twenty-seven years of age. He came to Waucedah from Appleton, Wis., where his parents and a brother now reside. He has another brother residing in Milwaukee. Nowship was not a drinking man and was of an industrious nature.

That he was murdered the authorities are confident, but there is no clue to the perpetrator of the crime. The officers are at present groping [*sic – groping*] in the dark. The murderer, or the reason therefor [*sic – therefore*], may never be discovered. The murderer has been very successful in covering his trail, but “murder will out,” according to the old saying, and the guilty soul may yet be brought to justice.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 4, column 3

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The remains of Albert Nowship were shipped to Appleton for burial yesterday.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 5, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

There are no new developments in the Nowship murder case at Waucedah.

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MURDER CHARGED

**DONALD TELLIER ACCUSED OF THE
KILLING OF ALBERT NOWSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27.**

DISAPPEARS SUDDENLY.

**Was Last Seen Morning of Crime at
Nowship Cabin – Board of Super-
visors Authorize a Reward
\$300 for Apprehension.**

A reward of \$300 is offered by Sheriff Cudlip for the capture of Donald Tellier, the young man who so mysteriously disappeared from Waucedah on Sunday, November 27th.

The board of supervisors, in session last Tuesday, authorized the sheriff to offer the reward, and circular letters containing a photograph and description of Tellier have been issued and scattered broadcast throughout the country.

The authorities are in possession of evidence that leads to the belief that Tellier is either guilty of the crime of murdering Albert Nowship, or his [*sic – has*] guilty knowledge of the crime.

It will be remembered that Nowship was found dead in his cabin a few miles from Waucedah station the day Tellier disappeared from home.

Nowship had been murdered. He had been shot between the neck and right shoulder while engaged in building a fire. The shot was fired at close range. The murderer was evidently standing in the

doorway at the time. The weapon employed was a shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] loaded with buckshot.

Donald Tellier left his home at an early hour on Sunday morning, November 27th, stating that he was going deer hunting. He was armed with a shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] and he was supplied with buck-shot [*sic – buckshot*] ammunition.

Tellier has been traced from his home to the cabin of Nowship. Since then no one has seen him. Persistent search has failed to disclose his actions after leaving the Nowship cabin,

Tellier and Nowship are now known to have had a quarrel. While Tellier may not have killed Nowship, his disappearance is held to be very suspicious, to say the least. If Tellier is not guilty it is believed that he can at least furnish the authorities with evidence that will lead to the conviction of the perpetrator of the crime.

Tellier was employed as a section hand at Waucedah by the Chicago & Northwestern road. He is about thirty years of age and was but recently married. His parents reside in this city and are highly respectable people. The young man has heretofore borne a good reputation. It is hard to believe that he would kill a fellow-man [*sic – fellow man*] in such a cold-blooded manner as Nowship met his fate. It is to be hoped that his disappearance may have been for other reasons, and that, should he return, voluntarily, or as a result of capture, he will be able to vindicate himself.

Following is the resolution of the board of supervisors authorizing the reward:

“Resolved, That the sheriff of this county be, and he is, hereby authorized to publicly offer the sum of \$300, to be paid by this county to the person or persons who may hereafter become entitled thereto, as a reward for the arrest, or information that may be furnished to said sheriff that will result in the arrest of Donald Tellier, of

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Waucedah, in this county, on the charge now pending against him, of having on Nov. 27th last, at said place, murdered one Albert Nowship.

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Still Missing.

Donald Tellier, who is charged with the murder of Albert Nowship near Waucedah some weeks ago, is still at large and there is no clue to his whereabouts. Circular letters descriptive of the young man have been scattered broadcast and his arrest is only a question of a few weeks. A photograph accompanies each circular.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 21 [sic] [Thursday, October 13, 1904], page 1, column 3

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

Verdict of Jurors in Gentilli Case – A Life Sentence.

Guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to solitary confinement in the branch state prison at Marquette for life.

Such was the conclusion reached last Tuesday afternoon in the case of Giovanni Battista Gentilli, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, Giuseppe Fontecchio.

The opening address to the jurors was made by Prosecuting Attorney Cook on Monday afternoon last. It was a clear and convincing story of the crime.

The prosecuting attorney was followed by Peter M. Baum, who had been appointed by the court to defend the prisoner. R.L. Hammond also appeared in the case as counsel for the prisoner.

The evidence was all in, arguments concluded and the jury charged at the close of the noon session yesterday.

The jury immediately retired, but adjournment was taken for dinner.

Shortly after court had re-convened [sic – reconvened], the jury returned to court and in response to the usual question the foreman announced that the [sic – that the – the] verdict that the prisoner was guilty of murder in the first degree.

The Press learns that the jury was unanimous for this verdict on the first ballot.

Gentilli was at once called before the bar and sentenced to the Marquette prison for life and he will be taken to that institution in a few days.

The crime for which Gentilli was convicted was committed the afternoon of June 27th last, on Stephenson avenue, near the Chapin blacksmith shop.

Fontecchio, the victim, was on his way home with his little son.

Gentilli sneaked up behind him and fired three shots. The first entered Fontecchio's back at the right side, passed through a kidney, and entered the bowels[,] cutting several intestines in its passage, and was found after death, lodged in the groin. The second shot struck the boy, who was standing by his father, and the third cut the vest of a man named Johnson.

Immediately after firing the shots, Gentilli made an endeavor to escape. He first went to his home, informed his wife of the shooting, and then ran for the woods in the direction of the reservoir of the Water company.

Within an hour he was captured by Deputy Sheriff Michela and lodged in the county jail, where he has since been confined.

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An investigation conducted by The Press at the time, and later confirmed by evidenced [sic – evidence] adduced at the coroner's inquest, established the fact that the murder was the result of a family feud. It appears that Fontecchio was married in Italy to a sister of Gentilli. Fontecchio came to this country, and, after working here for several years, returned to Italy for his family. It seems that, during his absence, a "handsomer man" had supplanted him in the affections of his wife. Fontecchio secured a divorce on statutory [sic – statutory] grounds and returned to this city. Soon after his return, he was married a second time.

Gentilli was married to a neice [sic – niece] of Fontecchio. The families have had more or less trouble. A short time ago matters between the two men were still further embittered by a dispute relative to lodge matters.

Gentilli is about thirty years of age. He has resided in this country about three or four years, nearly all the time in this city. It is said that he is a victim of consumption and it is predicted that his term of life is a short one.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 1, column 1

WILL NOT APPEAL

VANGORDER MURDER CASE WILL NOT GO TO THE SUPREME COURT FOR A HEARING.

PRISONER SO DECIDES.

He Still Stoutly Maintains His Innocence – Has the Confidence of Prison Authorities – He is Employed in the Bakery.

The VanGorder murder case will not be appealed to the supreme court. Van Gorder [sic – VanGorder] will make no effort to secure his release.

This decision was arrived at by the prisoner himself and he has dismissed his attorneys. Prosecuting Attorney Cook received official notice to this effect on Tuesday last. Briefs had been prepared and the testimony had been written up by Court Reporter Higbee.

Deputy Warden Catlin, of the Marquette branch prison, was in the city several days this week settling up VanGorder's business affairs and in the future his interests will be safe guarded by Warden Russell.

It was generally supposed that VanGorder was possessed of a snug fortune, variously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$100,000, but such is not the case. At the time of his arrest he was worth, probably, from \$10,000 to \$15,000. a large portion of this was expended during his trial and a goodly share of the balance was "assimilated" by his good (?) friends. VanGorder is not worth to-day [sic – today] to exceed \$2,000. [sic]

Deputy Warden Catlin tells The Press that VanGorder is a model prisoner in more respects than one. VanGorder insists that it was not a bullet from his gun that killed John Salchert and that he did not visit the Lawrence saloon with a murderous intent. Mr. Catlin quotes the unhappy man as saying: "You have got the right man in prison, all right, but not for the right crime," meaning that he was deserving of some punishment for the life he has led. It is also interesting to learn that VanGorder is decidedly penitent and Mr. Catlin is confident that he will lead a much different life when released. He is cheerful in the

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performance of the tasks assigned him and is making an honest endeavor to improve his mind.

VanGorder is now employed in the bakery and Mr. Catlin testifies earnestly to the excellent quality of his work.

Nels Erickson is employed in the cigar factory and Stein in the laundry.

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STABBING AFFRAY IN BREEN.

Axel Jacobson, the Victim, is Very Low and May Die.

Joseph Pallar, a resident of the township of Breen[,] is in the county jail and the chances are strong that, when arraigned in court, he will be confronted with the charge of murder.

The victim of the imprisoned man is Axel Jacobson, who, at this writing, is considered to have about half a chance in a thousand of recovering.

The instrument employed in committing the crime was a large hunting knife and a jug of poor whisky was the starting point.

Pallar and Jacobson are Finlanders. With their families, they live on a farm a short distance from Foster City, occupying the same house. The Pallar family occupy [sic – occupies] the down-stairs [sic – downstairs] apartments and the Jacobsons live up-stairs [sic – upstairs].

The cutting affray occurred last Saturday night. Pallar was entertaining a number of friends. The jug of whisky was the center of attraction. The guests imbibed freely and became noisy. Jacobson objected to the boisterousness. He invited the guests to leave, and, we

understand, threatened to enforce his commands.

Jacobson had a rifle in his hands at the time. Pallar objected to Jacobson's interference and intrusion. Pallar attempted to reject [sic – eject] Jacobson from the apartments. Jacobson made no attempt to use the gun. When attacked by Pallar, he used the gun to keep the latter from catching hold of him, holding it in a horizontal position.

Pallar succeeded in clinching Jacobson, however, and the two men fell to the floor. Jacobson, who is a large, powerful man, much the stronger of the two, landed on top of Pallar.

While in this position, Pallar used the knife. Jacobson was stabbed in the abdomen. The knife, a long, slender one, was used but once. Several of the intestines were severed. At this writing, Jacobson is very low and cannot recover. The wound was dressed by Drs. Dockery and Moll.

Pallar was arrested by Orrin C. Morse, deputy sheriff, and was brought to the county jail last Tuesday.

Yesterday, Prosecuting Attorney Cook and Sheriff Cudlip visited the scene of the crime, secured the statement of Jacobson and others present, and the facts are as recorded above.

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Still Living.

Axel Jacobson, who was stabbed in an affray near Foster City, as noted in the last issue of The Press, was still alive according to the latest information. He is very low, however, and the doctors give but little hopes of his recovery.

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MURDER AT AMASA

HANS HANSEN SHOT DEAD CHRISTMAS EVE BY G.B. DALLAFIOR IN A FIERCE SALOON ROW.

SHOT THROUGH LUNGS

Murder Was Outcome of a Fist Fight in Which Hansen Had Beaten Man Named Miller and Dallafior – Latter is Jailed.

A fatal shooting affray occurred at Amasa last Saturday night, the victim being a young man by the name of Hans Hansen, a formerl employe [*sic – employee*] at the Michigan mine, who was shot and almost instantly killed by G.B. Dallafior, a saloonkeeper.

The cause of the trouble dates back about ten days. At that time Hansen was employed as fireman at the Michigan mine and went to sleep while on duty, letting the steam run down so that the pumps could not handle the water in the mine.

Jesse Miller, the pumpman, reported the matter to the office and Hansen was discharged.

Last Saturday night, Hansen started out to find Miller, with the intention of giving him a thrashing. They met in Dallafior's saloon. After a short war of words, they came together, and Hansen, who was an athlete, had the best of the fight, and soon had Miller knocked out.

Dallafior then took a hand in the fight and also got trimmed up.

Hansen's friends succeeded in getting him out of the saloon, but he went back to get his coat and hat, and as he entered the saloon for that purpose, Dallafior commenced shooting at him with a revolver.

He shot five times, four of the shots taking effect in Hansen's body, the last one entered the chest and piercing the lungs, caused almost instant death.

Dallafior was arrested and taken to the county jail at Crystal Falls to await his trial.

The deceased was a single man, about twenty-eight years old, and a veteran of the Spanish-American war, being a member of the Marquette-Menominee company, enlisting at Republic. He has a sister residing at Stambaugh, and a sister and brother in Madison, Wis.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 12 [Thursday, August 11, 1910], page 4, column 5

BOY IS SHOT DEAD

Five-Year-Old Johnny Murphy Killed by a Playmate at Channing.

John Murphy, a five-year-old boy, was shot dead by a playmate named Steel [*sic – Steele*] at Channing yesterday afternoon.

The boys were playing in a vacanhouse [*sic – vacant house*] west of the village. A shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] was found by the Steel [*sic – Steele*] boy. He announced "look out, Johnny, I am going to shoot you!" and pulled the trigger.

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The charge of shot lodged in the back of the head of the Murphy boy killing him instantly.

It is the opinion that the Steele boy did not know the gun was loaded.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 13 [Thursday, August 18, 1910], page 1, columns 1-2; page 4, column 1

CHANNING KILLING

JOHNNIE MURPHY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED BY THE STEELE BOY.

Testimony of the Boys Before Coroner Reveals a Shocking Condition of Youthful Minds.

The tragedy at Channing which resulted in the killing of four-year-old John Clinton Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Murphy, as briefly noted in the last issue of *The Press*, appears to have been entirely accidental, but reveals a degree of youthful degeneracy that is most shocking.

After the Steele boy, aged twelve years, had discharged the contents of a shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] into the head of the Murphy boy, killing him instantly, the handler of the gun, assisted by two other boys, aged seven and four years, respectively, hauled the remains a distance of several hundred feet to a brush-pile [*sic – brush pile*], where they carefully concealed the little body. Then the trail of blood was carefully covered up and the little cap of the dead boy was pushed deep into the mud of a swamp some distance in another direction from the scene of the tragedy.

It appears from the evidence, that, in order to still further deceive the people and

ward off suspicion, the Steele boy, upon his return to town a few hours later, made inquiries as to the whereabouts of the Murphy boy.

It also appears from the evidence of the lads, [*sic*] that they seemed to have no comprehension of the awfulness of the accident – that the killing of their little playmate caused them no uneasiness of mind – no unhappiness – no sorrow. The boys spent the time from the hour of the killing to the hour of the finding of the body in playing as usual. There appears to have been no emotion at any period. Johnnie, their playmate, had been killed by the discharge of a gun which one of them had found and did not know was loaded. They had concealed the body, destroyed as well as they could the evidence of the accident, and continued their games. Had the lads not been questioned, they would not, it seems, have volunteered information regarding the missing Murphy boy. They questioned, one boy coolly led the hunting party to the place where the body was concealed, at no time showing any feeling of emotion for the death of his playmate. In their crude minds there was no occasion to mourn. Johnnie was dead. One of their number had caused his death. In order to avoid any talk the body was concealed and evidence destroyed. This, in their minds, was all that was necessary. The book had been closed as far as their playmate was concerned. Why waste time in mourning? Why incur possible punishment by disclosing the accident? Why not continue to laugh and play?

The case is one that will afford the students of criminology ample opportunity for scope for investigation [*sic*].

Young Darius Steele, who fired the gun, told the following story at the inquest held in Channing last Saturday by Coroner Cudlip and Justice Stevens:

“I am twelve years old. I was born at Middle Inlet, Wis. I lived at Sagola. I came

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to Channing last winter. I go to school. I have a brother younger. I am the oldest of the family. I was twelve the 18th of March, 1910.

“I was at home last Wednesday morning when Van Allen came after me. He came after me about half past nine or ten o’clock. He said, “Come over to my house and we will go and play.” We walked up town and met a team on the way and asked the man for a ride and he said, “No,” so we walked.

“We went up town and saw Freddie Grant and Johnnie Murphy, and Van Allen asked us all to go over to his house. We went over by Peskey’s and got the horse. We put the bridle on the horse and we all rode on him. I just went so far as the door of the house. I did not go in. I saw a rifle in the house. It was standing in a corner right beside the door. I took the rifle in my hand and we took it outside and Van Allen took it and pointed it into the air. I took it and put it back. I did not open it to see if it was loaded. Van Allen said Hoe did not have any shells for it.

“I saw Van Allen with a little rifle. Van Allen went into the bed-room [*sic – bedroom*] and got it and brought it out. I had the little rifle in my hands. I pointed it at Johnnie and Freddie. I done it because we were playing. Van Allen said there was no shells for it. I saw the gun (the gun with which the Murphy boy was killed) when I was riding the horse. It was leaning against a stick at a stump-pile [*sic – stump pile*]. We rode the horse for awhile after I saw the gun and then we took the horse back to the barn and took the bridle off and came back to the house. We did not give the horse any food. We started to play with the guns. This was when we first started to play with them. We played with the big rifle first; then we played with the little one; then we noticed this gun standing at the stump-pile [*sic – stump pile*]. I went and picked it up.

“Johnnie was standing about fifteen feet from me. Freddie Grant and Van Allen

were sitting in the door playing with the little gun. When I first got the gun I pulled the hammer back and it stayed back. I then pointed the gun and it went off. My finger was on the trigger. I have never handled this gun before. I have handled ones like it. I have shot guns before. I have shot shot-guns [*sic – shotguns*] like this one. I could tell if a gun was loaded if I opened it and looked at it. I did not open this to see if it was loaded. I did not think to open it to see if it was loaded. I knew if I pulled the hammer back and I touched the trigger it would go off, but I thought it was not loaded.

“When I pointed the gun at Johnnie I said, “Watch out, I am going to shoot,” and when I put it to my shoulder my finger touched the trigger and it went off. I was not going to shoot. I was just playing. I snapped the big rifle when we had it out.

“When the gun went off Johnnie fell and I said, “Did I hurt you, Johnnie?” “He did not answer me. Then I said, He is dead,” and took him to the brush. I took him to the brush because I was afraid. I don’t know what I was afraid of. Van Allen helped me to take him over a log and to the brush. He helped me pretty near all the way.

“There was blood where Johnnie fell. There was some blood in one little place in the grass where we dragged him. Van Allen covered one blood spot and I covered the other. We covered it with sand.

“I covered the blood because we did not want anyone to see it. I said to Van Allen and Freddie, [*sic*] not to tell; that it would cost me a lot of money if they told. I did not intend to come back to him after we put Johnnie in the brush. We were not going to tell anybody.

“I played with Johnnie very often. Johnnie was not mean to play with. He did not throw sticks and stones unless we passed his house sometimes. I never got mad at Johnnie in my life.

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“Johnnie’s cap was lying on the ground after we covered up the blood. Freddie Grant did not say anything about the cap. Van Allen said, “Let us hide it down in the pond.” Van Allen took the cap down to the pond. He stuck it under his blouse and carried it that way awhile and then took it out and carried it under his arm. When we got to the pond I rolled up my sleeve and stuck it down in the mud so that it was out of sight.

I “dragged [*sic* – “I dragged] Johnnie by his feet. I did not get any blood on my hands. Johnnie fell down on his back. When we stuck the cap in the mud we came up to the path and on the road as far as John Coullard’s house and then we followed the road around the northeast through the woods and came out by Hinckley’s. Then we came down the road as far as Aylward’s.

“I met Antony [*sic* – Anthony] Forzell. I said to him, “Have you seen Johnnie? I am looking for him to play.” And Anthony said, “I saw him go up the road toward Sawyer Lake this morning.” And then we came down town [*sic* – downtown] and I met some boys and we got some candy and went up to Anderson’s Park and were swinging there awhile; then we went to Ford river and went in swimming.

“I stayed out there about half an hour and then Van Allen, Anton Forzell and me caught a team and came back to town. This was about half past two or three o’clock in the afternoon. It was about half past ten or eleven when Johnnie was shot. I threw the gun down when it went off, right by the stump-pile [*sic* – stump pile]. I did not hide the gun. I put it back just the same way it was. This was after we put Johnnie in the brush. I don’t remember what reason I had for putting the gun back where it was.

“When I came back at half past two or three, I went home to my mother’s house. Van Allen went up town on the wagon when I got off. I got my dinner when I got home.

I ate a little bit and had to come up town to get some whisky for my mother. She was sick. I did not tell my mother what had happened. My mother did not ask me where I had been. I came back up town and got the whisky and came back home again. It was about four o’clock then. I did not talk to anybody about Johnnie after I saw Anthony Forzell. Nobody asked me about Johnnie that night.

“When my father came home at four o’clock I knew Johnnie had been found. My father said Leahy came up and told him I had shot Johnnie, and I said I did not. I did not tell my father anything about Johnnie then. I told Mrs. Forzell first that I had shot him. I told her the same evening. I did not tell father as I was afraid he would whip me. Van Allen did not ask me not to play with his gun.”

Freddie Grant, aged four years and seven months, a witness of the tragedy, said, in part, in a statement before the jury:

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“I had a ride on the horse that day. We played with the guns after we rode the horse. I saw this gun at the stump-pile [*sic* – stump pile]. I saw it before Darius picked it up. When Darius pulled the trigger the bullet came out the other end and then Johnnie fell down. As soon as I heard the noise he, Darius, said, “Did I hurt you?” and Johnnie would not answer. I remember the little gun of Van Allen’s. He was playing with it. Johnnie was not. Darius did not have the little gun.

“After Johnnie fell down Darius dragged him over in the brush. Darius didn’t say

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anything about telling. He toke [sic – took] some sand and put it over the blood with his hands. Van Allen helped Darius to lift Johnnie over a log. He did not help drag him. Johnnie's cap was right where he fell down. I did not say anything about the cap. Van Allen said, "Put it down in the swamp."

"When I got home my mother asked me if I saw Johnnie, and I said, "He is out in the woods." I told her he was shot. I said Darius shot him, and then I ran out of doors."

Van Allen Nolan, aged seven years, tells the following story of the shooting, after giving an account of the moments [sic – movements] of the lads up to the movement [sic – moment] of the tragedy:

"I saw Darius pick the gun up from the stump-pile [sic – stump pile]. Johnnie Murphy went over with Darius to the stump-pile [sic – stump pile]. Freddie Grant was over by the house. I was standing by Johnnie Murphy when Darius picked up the gun. He took it up just as if he was going to shoot and he said, "Now I am going to shoot you, Johnnie." Darius was about ten feet from Johnnie when he said that. I was standing right by Johnnie then. Johnnie did not say anything. He saw him (Darius) pull the trigger and turned his head. The gun went off. I saw Johnnie fall when he was shot. I was looking at him. Johnnie fell right as soon as the shot was fired. He did not move after that. Darius threw the gun away after he fired the shot. He threw it towards the stump-pile [sic – stump pile], and he said, "Johnnie, did I hurt you?" And then he said, "He is dead," and he started to drag him over to the brush pile. He asked me to help him drag him over one log. Freddie walked along behind. When Darius got Johnnie in the brush he put the brush over him so that you could not see him.

"Darius, after he put Johnnie in the brush, said, "Now we will go back," and he started to cover up the blood with dirt. He

scratched it over with his hands. There was blood all the way from where he shot him and he tried to cover it up.

"Freddie said, "What will we do with his cap?" And I said, "Carry it to the pond." I carried it down under my arm. Darius pulled up his sleeve and stuck it down in the mud so that it would not come up.

"Darius said, "Do not tell about this, as it would cost me a lot of money," and he told Freddie Grant the same. He did not say he would do anything to us if we told."

Later the Nolan boy led the party to the brush-pile [sic – brush pile], where the body of the Murphy boy was found.

The verdict of the jury summoned by Coroner Cudlip was to the effect "that said John Murphy came to his death by the accidental discharge of a shot-gun [sic – shotgun] held in the hands of one Darius Steele; said wound was in the back of the head."

The jury was composed of H.H. Boll, L.J. Kramer, Pat Tobin, James Ferzzill, Chas. H. Grant and John Brick, and the inquest was held at Channing last Saturday.

Dr. Dockery[,] who examined the body of the Murphy boy, said that he found a hole in the back of the head between two and three inches square. At the upper end of the spine where was a fracture of the spine and also the lower back plexus of the skull and the brain was oozing out through the opening. The wound was all blackened around as if by powder. The whole charge seemed to have been driven into the head at close range. A wound of that kind would cause instantaneous death.

Little John Clinton was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Murphy. The father is employed in the St. Paul road repair shop at Channing. The remains were taken to the former home at Peshtigo for burial and the funeral was held on Sunday.

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GUST JOHNSON IS DEAD.

Miner Stabbed at Pewabic Mine Dies Yesterday in Chicago.

Gust Johnson, a Finnish miner, employed at the Pewabic mine, was stabbed with a miner's candle-stick [*sic – candlestick*] by Guiseppe Spigarelli, a fellow workman, last Saturday evening about six o'clock.

Johnson died yesterday at the Augustana Hospital, in Chicago, where he had been taken for treatment and the body arrived here this morning.

Just before six o'clock on the day named, about sixty miners were sitting around No.[.] 2 shaft, waiting to be lowered down to their work. Johnson and Spigarelli became engaged in a friendly scuffle. Johnson handled the latter a little roughly, tearing some of his clothing. This angered Spigarelli and he thrust [*sic – thrust*] his candle-stick [*sic – candlestick*] into Johnson's abdomen, penetrating the liver.

When Spigarelli realized what he had done he ran away and secreted himself behind a coal-pile [*sic – coal pile*] near the Hamilton shaft, where he was afterward found by Polisman [*sic – Policeman*] Larson and placed under arrest.

Dr. S.E. Cruse was summoned to attend the injured man and took him to St. George's Hospital, where an operation was performed.

Last Tuesday night Johnson was sent to the Augustana [*sic – Augustana*] Hospital at Chicago by the Finnish Society, of which he was a member.

Spigarelli is being held in custody.

It is alleged that the cut re-opened during the hard night trip to Chicago and that when Johnson was received at the hospital several inches of his intestines were protruding through the wound, and his death followed in a few hours.

Johnson was about thirty-four years of age and is survived by a wife and several small children.

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Spigarelli Case.

B.P. Barasa, the famous Chicago criminal lawyer, is in the city to-day [*sic – today*]. He has been engaged to assist John B. Calvi in the case of Guiseppe Spigarelli, the Italian who is charged with causing the death by stabbing with a candle-stick [*sic – miner's candlestick*] of Gust Johnson, at the Pewabic mine. The examination, which was to have been held this morning, has been postponed until next Wednesday at the request of Mr. Barasa. It is expected that, at this time, a number of Chicago physicians, including the coroner's assistant who held the autopsy, will be present. We believe that the defense will contend that Johnson's death was not caused by the wound – that he would not have died had he not been removed from Iron Mountain to Chicago.

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PRISONER'S ATTORNEYS BUILDING A PLEA OF SELF-DEFENSE.

Will Allege That Johnson Fell on a Candle-Stick While Scuffling With the Prisoner.

The examination of Guiseppi [*sic – Guiseppi*] Spigarelli[,] charged with the death of Gust Johnson, was held in Justice Woodward's court last Friday and Saturday and attracted a large number of spectators.

Bernard P. Barasa, the talented young Italian criminal lawyer from Chicago[,] and John Calvi represented the prisoner in court and Prosecuting Attorney Henderson appeared for the people.

Twenty-eight witnesses in all were examined and the testimony was very conflicting.

It was evident from the line of questioning pursued by the attorneys for the prisoner, [*sic*] that it will be contended that Johnson was killed by Spigarelli in self-defense; also, that, [*sic*] Spigarelli did not stab Johnson with the miner's candle-stick [*sic – candlestick*], as is charged in the information; but that, during the scuffle between the two men, Johnson fell on the candle-stick [*sic – candlestick*], which Spigarelli was holding in his hand, with such force as to drive it into his (Johnson's) abdomen inflicting the wound that caused death.

A number of the witnesses testified to this effect – that when the men clinched and fell between two logs with Johnson on top, Spigarelli made no movement to stab with the candle-stick [*sic – candlestick*]. It is the contention, too, that Johnson was the aggressor and that Spigarelli was defending himself from assault at the time the wound was inflicted, either accidental or intentional.

Other witnesses, equally as positive in their testimony, declared that Johnson and

Spigarelli were not clinched at the time the blow was struck; that Spigarelli rushed at Johnson and stabbed him with the candle-stick [*sic – candlestick*] when nearly an arm's length distance.

This testimony was given by the fellow-workmen [*sic – fellow workmen*] of Johnson and Spigarelli. All agreed that the stabbing was the outcome of a good-natured scuffle. It will be remembered that the men gathered at the shaft-mouth [*sic – shaft mouth*] at the Pewabic No. 1 shaft preparatory to a resuming [*of*] work underground on Saturday evening, August 20th. A good-natured "joshing match" was followed by a friendly scuffle between the two men during which Spigarelli was worsted and had his clothing torn. It was at this time the stabbing took place.

Dr. Henry G.W. Reinhardt, of Chicago, who swore that he was the physician for the coroner of Cook county, Illinois, and that he had held the Johnson autopsy at the Augustana Hospital, where death occurred [*sic – occurred*] on Wednesday, August 24th, was the most important witness examined.

In response to the direction [*sic – direct*] question of the prosecuting attorney, "Now, in your opinion, was that wound originally fatal as the law uses the term, [*sic – ?*]" Dr. Reinhardt declared "Yes, sir."

"Would death have resulted from the wound regardless of surgical treatment?" was the next question propounded by Prosecuting Attorney Henderson.

Dr. Reinhardt replied: "Well, I could not say regardless of treatment. If there were such skill as to have discovered the immediate cause of the hemorrhage, the hemorrhage itself might have been checked, but the peritonitis which was in my judgment the immediate cause of death was unavoidable."

By the prosecuting attorney: "And in your judgment peritonitis was the cause of death?" Dr. Reinhardt: "Yes."

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Prosecuting Attorney: “And surgical skill could not have arrested the result in the case?”

Dr. Reinhardt: “I think not.”

An adjournment was then taken until next Wednesday to permit the stenographer to “long-hand” the testimony for submittal to Justice Woodward.

Attorney Barasa intimated that he would waive further examination or contest in the justice court, which will permit the case coming to trial at the October session of the circuit court.

The charge against Spigarelli is murder in the first degree and Justice Woodward has intimated that he will not accept bail bonds.

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SPIGARELLI CASE

A JURY SECURED IN SHORT ORDER AND TRIAL PROGRESSING.

Testimony of Dr. S. Edwin Cruse is Contradictory to That of Dr. Reinhart, of Chicago.

Guiseppe Spigarelli, charged with the murder of Gust Johnson, a fellow workman, at the Pewabic mine, on Saturday, August 25th, is now on trial before Judge Flannigan in the circuit court.

The case was called on Monday and the prisoner, by his attorney, B.P. Barasa, of Chicago, made a plea of not guilty to the charge.

In order to expedite the trial, Judge Flannigan entered an order for an extra panel of fifty jurors, and Sheriff Robbins and

his assistants at once became active in serving the summons.

Not as much trouble as anticipated was experienced in securing a jury satisfactory to the people and the defense, and the trial was opened on Tuesday morning before the following jurors: William Pascoe, Norway; F.W. Henkley, Channing; Robert Cline, Iron Mountain; John Landers, Vulcan, F.J. Brans, Waucedah; Edward Lathen, Vulcan; Robert Schunk, Loretto; Henry Best, Iron Mountain; John Grenfell; [sic] Quinnesec; Fred Gleason, Vulcan; William Dawe, Vulcan; W.H. Phillips, Loretto.

Fifty or more witnesses have been subpoenaed [sic – subpoenaed] by the people and the defense and the case will undoubtedly command the attention of the court for the remainder of the week. The alleged crime was committed in the presence of a large party of miners who were preparing to go underground.

It is evident from the opening statements of the attorney for the prisoner, that an endeavor will be made to establish that Johnson’s death was not due to the wound alleged to have been inflicted by a miner’s candle-stick [sic – candlestick] in the hands of Spigarelli, but resulted from complications caused by his removal to a hospital in Chicago; also that Spigarelli did not stab Johnson with the candle-stick [sic – candlestick], but that, during the fight between the men, in which they fell to the ground, Johnson fell on the candle-stick [sic – candlestick], which the prisoner held in his hand.

The examination of witnesses was commenced shortly after the noon adjournment yesterday. One of the first witnesses was Dr. S. Edwin Cruse, of St. George’s Hospital, where Johnson was taken soon after the wound was inflicted. The testimony of Dr. Cruse was directly contradictory of that of Dr. Reinhart, of Chicago, physician to the coroner in [the] city, who testified in Justice Woodward’s

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court, that, in his opinion, death was due to peritonitis. Dr. Cruse was emphatic in his opinion to the contrary and in this opinion has the support of the surgeon who received Johnson at the Augustana Hospital. In response to a question relative to the chances Johnson had of recovering from the wound had he remained in the Iron Mountain hospital, Dr. Cruse declared that they were better than seventy-five per cent.

Dr. Reinhart, the coroner's physician, who held the autopsy, will be on the witness stand in the court to-day [sic – today].

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SPIGARELLI IS INNOCENT

Circuit Court Jurors Declared That He Did Not Kill Johnson.

Spigarelli did not kill Gust Johnson during the quarrel last August at the Pewabic mine. Johnson's death was due to a wound he received in falling on the point of a miner's candle-stick [sic – candlestick] in the hand of Spigarelli. This is in accordance with the verdict returned last Sunday by the jury in Judge Flannigan's court after having the question under consideration for five or six hours. The jury returned a verdict [of] not guilty to the charge of murder, and the prisoner was discharged by Judge Flannigan. During the course of the trial, covering nearly a week, nearly a hundred witnesses were examined. The evidence was very contradictory. No two witnesses of the fracas between the men agreed in their testimony. Several sworn [sic – swore] that they saw Spigarelli stab Johnson with the candle-stick [sic – candlestick]. Other witnesses, standing alongside the first

witnesses, were equally positive that Spigarelli did not stab Johnson. The Press understands that the jurors almost entirely ignored the testimony of the medical experts regarding the matter of the removal of Johnson from Iron Mountain to Chicago during a critical stage of his wound. The main question was: Did Spigarelli, with murderous intent, inflict the wound which caused Johnson's death? The verdict indicates that the jurors did not so believe. The case was well handled for the people by Prosecutor Henderson and Spigarelli was ably defended by P.B. Borasa, of Chicago, assisted by Brackett & Turner and John B. Calvi of the local bar. The trial was an expensive one and the charge to the people will undoubtedly exceed \$1,500.

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Shot a Woman.

William May, a farmer residing near Atkinson, has been jailed at Crystal Falls charged with shooting Mrs. John Zemeller. The Drill says the shooting was the act of a coward. The woman had gone to the May well after a pail of water and was accompanied by a small child. May, who is of a quarrelsome disposition, ordered the woman to leave his premises and not to return. Mrs. Zemeller [sic], it would appear, responded in some talk to May's ungenerous act. May, becoming enraged, secured a rifle and shot the woman. The bullet passed through a lung and physicians believe she cannot recover from the wound.

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Number 35 [Thursday, January 19, 1911], page 1, column 5

THAT COMMONWEALTH MURDER

Johnson, Alleged Murder [sic – Murderer] Formerly Resided at Metropolitan.

Gust Johnson, who is in the Florence county jail charged with the murder of Tom Rusko, was a former resident of this county, having removed from Metropolitan to Commonwealth last spring. Johnson is fifty-two years of age and has a wife and two children, a boy and girl, aged respectively eight and eleven years. It is reported that two or three years ago he served time for viciously assaulting his wife, of whom he appears to be inordinately jealous. Johnson is a Fin [sic – Finn – Finlander] and his wife is Swedish. The Florence Mining News gives the following particulars of the crime:

“The tragedy occurred at Johnson’s home in the village of Commonwealth, and the murdered man was a guest of his slayer.

“The two men had been drinking whisky at intervals during the day and, according to the reports, Johnson was more under the influence of liquor than was Rusko. Mrs. Johnson, probably disgusted with the actions of her spouse, stayed away from home during the greater part of the day and only returned about 4 o’clock in the afternoon for the sole purpose of getting supper for two boarders who were employed at wood-chopping in the day time.

“As the woman began making a fire preparatory to starting the evening meal, Johnson angrily attempted to prevent her

from doing so. The man evidently was jealous of his wife and in his drunken rage, imagined she intended to feed the guest. Just then Rusko interfered and advised Johnson to let the woman alone. This seemed to further enrage the host, and in his fury he rushed to an up-stairs [sic – upstairs] room and immediately returned brandishing a wicked-looking knife. Seeing the condition of affairs, Mrs. Johnson became badly frightened and ran out of the room, at the same time calling Rusko to follow. But the poor fellow didn’t have time to escape before Johnson quickly and with cat like agility sprang upon him with uplisted righ [sic – right] hand grasping the knife. The scene was witnessed by the terrified woman and she heard Rusko cry out in Finnish. “Don’t strike me, Gust.” Then the cruel blade was buried to the hilt in the victim’s breast and he fell to the floor dead, the knife thrust having cut through the heart and into the liver.

“Mrs. Johnson rushed over to a neighbor’s house and excitedly and between sobs told Edward Loomey she thought....[need to finish copying this article]

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A VULCAN KILLING

BARTOLO PADROTTI SHOOTS HIS BROTHER JOHN SUNDAY.

Employs Double-Barreled Shotgun, Fires Two Charges, Causing Instant Death, is Jailed.

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Bartolo Padrotti, Jr., a resident of East Vulcan, is in the county jail charged with the crime of having caused the death of his brother John.

The alleged murder was committed at the home of Bartolo Padrotti about noon last Sunday and the weapon employed was a double-barreled shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] loaded with bird shot.

John Pedrotti, the victim, who made his home with Bartolo, had been drinking heavily for several weeks, and was in a quarrelsome mood. The aged father, who also resided with Bartolo, had repeatedly remonstrated with John regarding his conduct. This old man's criticism only served to anger the young man.

On the day of the crime, John had returned home in an intoxicated condition. The relatives united in criticizing his condition. John became engaged [*sic – enraged*], and seizing a large carving knife from the table, he made an endeavor to stab his father. The father escaped from the house and John then attacked his sister-in-law, [*sic*] with the knife.

Bartolo, to protect his wife, ran into an adjoining room and secured his shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*]. Returning he ordered John to unhand his wife and leave the house or he would shoot him.

At this point, John dropped the woman and rushed at Bartolo with the knife in a position to strike. Aiming the gun at his brother's legs, Bartolo pulled the trigger and the charge entered John's left leg just above the ankle and almost severed [*sic – severed*] the limb from the body.

During the excitement [*sic – excitement*] following the discharge of the gun, the second barrel was discharged and the contents entered John's left breast directly over the heart causing instant death. Bartolo alleges that the second barrel was discharged accidentally during the struggle

and he had no intention of causing the death of his brother.

Marshal Thorenson, of Norway, was informed of the shooting and, accompanied by Prosecuting Attorney Henderson, hastened to the Padrotti home and placed Bartolo under arrest. He is now in the county jail.

Bartolo will have his examination before Justice Rowe at Norway next Saturday and the charge against him will be murder. The prisoner will allege that the first shot was fired in self-defense and the second was accidental.

John Padrotti, the victim, was about thirty-eight years of age. He was a miner by trade and unmarried. Bartolo Padrotti, Jr., is thirty-four years of age and has a wife and one child. His father and mother resided with him and he has a good reputation as a law-abiding citizen.

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Plea of Self-Defense.

In the case of Bortolo [*sic – Bartolo*] Pedrotti, charged with having caused the death of his brother John, examination has been waived and the case goes to the circuit court for trial. The prisoner will respond to the charge of murder and he will be defended by Brackett & Turner. It is generally understood that the case will be contested upon the grounds of self-defense. The defendant remains in the county jail and it is anticipated that the case will be tried at the October term of court.

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Murder Case.

The case of Bortolo [sic – Bartolo] Padrotti, charged with the murder of his brother at Vulcan several months ago, is now on trial in the circuit court. Brackett & Turner, attorneys for the prisoner, are contesting the charge on the grounds of self-defense. It is the allegation that the dead man was in the act of attacking Bortolo [sic – Bartolo] with a large knife when the fatal shot was fired.

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WAS A LUCKY DAY

FRIDAY, THIRTEENTH, SO PROVED FOR BARTOLO PADROTTI.

Circuit Court Jury Acquits the Vulcan Man of First Degree Murder Charge First Ballot.

Friday, the thirteenth, generally supposed to be a day when all the hoodoos are on parade, was a lucky day for Bartola [sic – Bartolo] Padrotti, the young Vulcan miner. In the circuit court, at about three o'clock in the afternoon of last Friday the jury acquitted Bartolo of the crime of murder in the first degree. The first ballot for acquittal was unanimous and was rendered in less than twenty minutes from the time the jurors retired.

Padrotti was defended by Brackett & Turner and the verdict is a fine victory for the young law firm, the members handling the case admirably. The crime with which

Bartolo Padrotti was charged was committed at the family home in Vulcan on Sunday, August 27th. The victim was a younger brother – John Padrotti, also a miner. The weapon employed was a double-barrelled [sic – double-barreled] shot-gun [sic – shotgun]. Two shots were fired, the first nearly severing the left leg at the ankle and the second penetrating the left breast, the latter wound causing almost instant death.

The defense entered a plea of self-defense and much direct testimony supported the contention. The testimony alleged that John, who had been idle for some time, had been drinking heavily. On the day of the shooting, according to the testimony, he came home in a quarrelsome mood. It was alleged that, following a war of words with his father and Bortolo's [sic – Bartolo's] wife, John attacked them with a knife. Bortolo [sic – Bartolo], according to the testimony of the members of the family, ran into an adjoining room and secured the gun. John was ordered to leave the house. Instead of doing so John is alleged to have rushed at Bortolo [sic – Bartolo] with the knife and the fatal shots were fired.

John Padrotti, the victim, enjoyed the reputation of being a hard-working[,] law-abiding citizen and the same can be said of Bartolo.

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VICTIM OF BULLET

ALBERT DEMMER DIED AT HOSPI- TAL LATE LAST NIGHT.

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He Was the Victim of a Mysterious Shooting Affray in a Swamp In Merriman District.

A dense swamp in the vicinity of the farm of the Peninsula Box company, in the Merriam [*sic – Merriman*] district, [*sic*] was the scene of a mysterious shooting affair last Tuesday, shortly after the noon hour, which resulted in the death of Albert Demmer at St. George's Hospital at eleven o'clock last last [*sic*] night.

The bullet entered Demmer's back at the right side and passed directly through him, shattering a kidney in its passage and tearing a large hole on the left side. The shot must have been fired at close range from a hunting rifle as a portion of the steel jacket of the bullet was found in Demmer's underclothing.

According to the best information at hand, Demmer was shot about one o'clock last Tuesday afternoon.

This fact is admitted by Antoine Bianchetti, who, it would appear, was with Demmer at the time of the shooting.

Bianchetti, however, affirms that he did not fire the shot and could give no information regarding the shooting. He declares that several shots were fired at the time and one of the bullets came near hitting him.

A circumstance that lead to the arrest of Bianchetti was that, having full knowledge of the shooting of Demmer, and that the man was in the swamp badly wounded, he took no steps to summon medical assistance, or the authorities, until about half past four o'clock. At that hour, a telephone message was received from Twin Falls.

City Marshal Lundgren and Officer Mitchell immediately left for the Bianchetti farm, and were later joined by others from the city.

With Bianchetti as a guide, a search of the swamp was commenced. Mitchell, after

a hard tramp, heard Demmer moaning and soon located the man. Demmer had crawled on his hands and knees nearly a mile from the point where he had been shot, leaving a trail of blood in the swamp.

The wounded man was placed in a blanket and carried to the Bianchetti home and at about six o'clock was brought to St. George's Hospital, where he died last night.

Bianchetti was placed under arrest. He affirms and declares that he did [*sic – not*] shoot Demmer, but does not explain satisfactorily his negligence in notifying the authorities of the accident or crime.

Demmer was also disposed to be secretative [*sic – secretive*] about the affair. If he had knowledge of the person who shot him he declined to confide [*sic – confide*] in the authorities.

The impression is becoming general that the man was the victim of a hunter's gun – that he was mistaken for a deer or bear and shot.

Demmer had been employed at the Brauns farm. He is about thirty years of age and had a wife and two children. Bianchetti owns a small farm in the vicinity. He is married and the father of a number of children.

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MURDER MYSTERY

Frank Kiel Found Dead from Bullet Wound Near Sawyer Lake.

Channing has a murder mystery.

Frank Kiel, a Belgian, aged about sixty years, was found dead with a bullet wound

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at the farm of Henry Boll, at Sawyer Lake, last Tuesday.

When found the lower part of the body was partly covered by a load of hay, which had capsized, and it was at first thought that he was the victim of a runaway accident.

An investigation established that he had been murdered. It was found that a bullet of large caliber had entered the body at the left shoulder and came out at the throat. The throat was badly lacerated [*sic – lacerated*] by the out-going bullet, which is thought to have been of the soft-nose variety.

Fred Hansel and R.B. Edmunds are being detained as witnesses. They alleged that they witnessed the murder and were threatened with death by the men who committed it.

According to their story, Kiel was standing on the load of hay at the time he was shot. When he fell the team ran away, smashed down a fence and capsized the load. There is no blood on the ground where the body was found.

Frank Shields is the last man seen with Kiel and he will be detained as a witness.

Kiel was a tenant on the Boll farm. He was, as near as can be learned, a bachelor, and had no [*sic – no*] relatives in this vicinity. He was a kindly old man and without enemies, it was thought. The reason for the heartless murder is thus surrounded with mystery.

Sheriff Farrell and Coroner MacDonald were at Sawyer Lake yesterday investigating the murder.

The body of Kiel was brought to this city and a coroner's inquest will be held to-day [*sic – today*].

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CHANNING MURDER

Frank Shells, the Perpetrator of the Crime, is Still at Large.

“He came to his death by a gunshot wound” was the verdict returned last Monday by Coroner MacDonald's jury in the case of William Kiel, who was found dead under a load of hay at the H.M. Boll farm at Sawyer Lake the evening of August 10th.

The jury was composed of Holton Knisely, Ed. Vermulen [*sic – Vermullen*], Henry M. Boll, Louis Kempen, George Cuculi and Leo Duford, all residents of Channing.

The witnesses examined were Fred Hamel, R.B. Edmunds and William Johnson, otherwise known as “Billy, the Finn.”

Hamel testified that he witnessed the shooting of Kiel by Frank Shells or Shields. The latter is also known as Frank Armstrong and at one time made his headquarters at Channing. According to Hamel, Shells, Curtis Pringle and Kiel were operating a still in the swamp a short distance from the Boll farm, where Kiel and the witness were employed. On the day of the shooting, Hamel had spent some time at the still and all the men, Kiel included, had drunk considerable moonshine. All became intoxicated with the exception of Kiel. It had been agreed to abandon the still and the outfit had been dismantled, several jugs of the moonshine had been divided and the mesh [*sic – mash*] destroyed [*sic – destroyed*]. Shells, according to Hamel, had gone to sleep in the hay field near where Kiel was working. In the late afternoon, Shells and Pringle were seen approaching Kiel, who was on a load of hay. Shells accused Kiel of robbing him while he was sleeping off the effects of his moonshine drunk, and yell [*sic – yelled*] that

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he would *[sic – he would]* kill him unless he returned the money. Kiel made denial of the charge. Shells at once fired at Kiel, who was in a stooping position on the load of hay. The shotgun with which Shells was armed was loaded with buck-shot *[sic – buckshot]*, seven to the shell. The load of shot struck Kiel in the throat and passed out under the right shoulder. Hamel stated that at the time Shells shot Kiel, he was standing on one side of the hay wagon and that Curtis Pringle, armed with a rifle, was on the other side. However, he only heard one shot. After the shooting, Shells threatened to kill Hamel if he told anyone of the murder. Shells and Pringle then disappeared. Hamel admits that he was intoxicated and feared that Shells would make good his threat, and did not tell of the murder until some hours later, when he informed R.B. Edmunds. Edmunds assisted Hamel in uncovering the body of Kiel, which was under the load of hay, the wagon having capsized when the team ran away after the shooting. The two men then informed a number of people at Channing that Kiel had been Edmunds *[sic – murdered]*. Edmunds assisted Hamel *[.]* Hamel told of the shooting and Sheriff Farrell and Coroner McDonald *[sic – MacDonald]* were informed of the crime.

R.B. Edmunds, the second witness, testified that he had met Shells on the road the evening of the the *[sic]* shooting. Shells was intoxicated and was waving his arms and shouting. With-gilled *[sic]* in a runaway accident. Later the _____ Dutchman *[.]* He robbed me of \$85.00 while I was sleeping in the hay field. I demanded that he return the money. I gave him a chance to do so. I counted three before I shot the _____!” Later he met Hamel and assisted in uncovering the body of Kiel, which was buried under the load of hay. On Thursday, Edmunds stated, he told H.M. Boll and Louis

Kempen, a deputy sheriff, of meeting Shells on the road.

William Johnson, known as “Billy, the Finn,” testified that the evening after the shooting, between five and six o’clock, Shells came to his shack, about three miles from the Boll farm. Shells told him that he had killed Kiel. That Kiel had robbed him of all his money and that he was penniless. He wanted to sell his overcoat and a watch, but Johnson had no money. However, he gave him some bread. After making some inquiries regarding the road to Crystal Falls, Snells *[sic – Shells]* left the shack. Johnson says that he watched Shells until he disappeared in the woods. Johnson did not inform the authorities of Shells’ visit until last Thursday.

Sheriff Farrell and his assistants are making an energetic search for Shells and Curtis Pringle. Pringle has been seen in Green Bay and Milwaukee and he can be arrested when wanted. Shells is admittedly a “bad actor.” He has been in the vicinity of Channing for more than a year and is supposed to have been engaged in trapping. From developments it would appear that the making of moonshine whiskey was his chief occupation. The authorities are hopeful of having him under arrest in the near future.

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EVIDENCE FOUND IN MATTSON CASE

**State Building up Murder
Charge Case Against
Mattson**

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Additional evidence which, it is believed, will strengthen the state's case against Gust Mattson, charged with the murder of his partner, John Limery, has been secured, Prosecuting Attorney J.C. Knight declared today.

Limery's charred body was found in the ruins of his shack near Alfred. Mattson lived with him and, it is charged, shot his partner and then set fire to the shack in order to destroy any evidence of crime.

Since mattson's arrests, Mr. Knight declared, the state has been continuing its investigation, [sic] Limery's 30-30 special gun was found in the basement of the burned shack, he said, and the chamber contained exploded shells. The fact that the gun was found in a part of the shack where it never had been kept by Limery is looked upon as being significant, the prosecutor said.

Another strong bit of evidence, he continued, was the discovery of a bullet hole in a bucket found near Limery's body. The theory held by authorities is that Limery had just entered the door of the shack with two pails when he was shot as the body was found on the floor between them. One of these pails is the alleged bullet hole.

The third important find, according to the prosecutor, is the suitcase containing Mattson's clothes. This was discovered in the barn, where it would not be touched by the flames that destroyed the shack and, in the state's case, will be used to show that Mattson removed those articles he wished to save before setting fire to the shack.

Mattson is still being held in the county jail. His trial will not come up at the January term of court as the case against him has

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The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 32 [Monday, May 18, 1925], page 7, columns 1-2

“TONY” SANG OF FIGHT, IS CLAIM

“Curly” Tells What He Knows of Stabbing Affair

Damaging evidence against Steve Smith and John Bunoutovic, charged with the fatal stabbing of Tony Ivankovic near the Cavaganetto home in East Vulcan on Sunday evening, May 3, was secured Sunday by Sheriff Frank Cleveland after questioning at length John Techer, better known in the vicinity of East Vulcan as “Curly.”

Curly, whose name has been prominently mentioned in the stories given by Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Cavagnetto and Smith and Bunoutovic, came to the jail yesterday to visit the pair. He was taken into the sheriff's office and further questioned about what happened at the Cavagnetto home on the evening of the stabbing. The authorities were certain that the fight started in the Cavagnetto home, where Bunoutovic and Ivankovic boarded, but were unable to secure statements from any members of the family to this effect.

The story given by Curly yesterday established this claim and has given Prosecutor MacAllister and Sheriff Cleveland an opportunity to work the case from another angle which the [sic – they] hope will eventually lead to confessions from the two men being held.

Tony Sang Warning.

“Tony took lunch and started to sing in the Croation [sic – Croatian] language, ‘We are going to fight tonight’,” said Curly. This occurred when the six men, Smith, Bunoutovic, Curly, Ivankovic and a fewllow

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called Mike and his partner left after remaining about 10 minutes. Ivankovic[,] according to Curly's story, had taken a piece of bread and a pork chop and was munching on it when singing. Cavagnetto became alarmed and paced the floor nervously, expecting trouble at any minute, Curly said, and seemed to be relieved when the three, Tony, Bunoutovic and Smith, left the house.

Ordered Men Out.

According to Curly, Cavagnetto did not ask Bunoutovic to come into the house as was told to the authorities last week, but pushed the three men outside the gate before locking it. A neighbor, John Plourde, who was awakened by the noise, also testified to this, stating that he saw Cavagnetto put the three outside the yard."

"The old man (Mr. Cavagnetto) heard Tony fall heavy in the road before I came out where the first blood was," said Curly. According to his statement, Curly did not go outside until about five minutes after Cavagnetto had left the kitchen, and could hear Ivankovic moaning and "taking on" down the road when he went out, but no effort was made to go to the man's assistance. There was no one around then the fight was on, Curly stated.

With the statements from Curly, as a foundation, authorities will question the Cavagnetto family further in an effort to obtain the facts in the case, as they believe part of the truth has been withheld.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 53 [Saturday, June 12, 1926], page 1, columns 17-8; page 2, columns 1-2

FIND MURDERED MAN IN YARD

LOVE TRIANGLE IS HINTED AS MOTIVE FOR FATAL SHOT; ARRESTS EXPECTED TONIGHT

Police Think High Powered Rifle Was Used By Slayer; Officials Piecing Together Threads of Mystery

Lying dead in a pool of blood, his right hand gripping a bullet wound in his side, Amerigo Finocchietti, aged 34, a stone mason living at the home of Balero Calvino, 206 West D street, was found at about 11 o'clock last night by Calvin Calvino, son of the owner of the house.

While complete mystery at first enshrouded the death, officers later developed a clue which, hinting at the eternal triangle, is being closely followed up today.

While examination of the body showed that the bullet, believed to have been fired from a high powered rifle or a high-calibred revolver, passed directly through the body from right to left, piercing the heart, no one in the house heard the shot. Moreover, neighbors declare that although they were awake they heard no noise or disturbance. That is an angle of the killing which still remained a mystery today, for up to a late hour no one had been found who would say they had heard a shot or knew of any disturbance.

It was not until police learned late last night that Finocchietti was believed to have been overly friendly with certain married women that a clue presented itself. Shortly thereafter two women, declared to have known Finocchietti and with whom he is said to have been friendly, were summoned to the office of the police chief and questioned. Later a man, the husband of

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one of the women, was taken into custody and held for questioning today.

Some significance is also attached to an incident occurring about three weeks ago, when a loaded revolver was found at the rear of the Calvino home. No one at that time claimed the gun or knew anything about it. The theory has been offered that the gun was tossed away by the robber who held up the cashier of the Braumart theatre some time ago in the vicinity of the Senior high school.

This morning, bit by bit, Prosecuting Attorney Ray E. MacAllister, with Chief of Police Carlevati and Lieutenant Fred Bedard of the state police, were piecing together a story which, they believe, will bring something more tangible to work on and perhaps result in one or more arrests before tonight.

Last Seen at 8:15 P.M.

Finocchietti was last seen at about 8:15 o'clock last night, according to young Calvino. Shortly after the supper hour, Calvino related, he and Finocchietti had played cards. At about 7:30 o'clock he told Finocchietti that his (Calvino's) car was not in good running order and the two men drove it to the Oakland garage for repairs. They returned at about 8:15, Calvino said, and arriving at the house Finocchietti declared that he "had a date" and that he was going to "shave and clean up." Calvino said he left the house before Finocchietti.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvino had already gone to bed, young Calvino declared, and did not know when Finocchietti left.

Finds The Body.

It was after young Calvino had attended the second show at the Braumart, placed his car in the garage, and was walking towards the rear of the house that he noticed the body lying near the corner of the foundation. He walked over and reached down to shake the man, asking: "What's the matter?" His fingers touched blood and noticing also that the hands of

the man were cold he rushed to the house to arouse his mother and father.

While the parents were calling the police, young Calvino again went outside to look about. He found Finocchietti's car in the garage and fresh tracks showing that it had been placed there but a short time previous. There were no marks of scuffle nor blood about the car or garage.

Shortly thereafter Nick Schwei, night sergeant of police, with Officer Ernest St. Onge and other members of the force, arrived at the home. A few moments later Chief Carlevati and Coroner J.B. Erickson were at the scene. The officers, coroner and others who had quickly gathered went over the premises and a careful search was made of the house. Finocchietti's bed was undisturbed.

No Sign of Struggle.

Examining the body, they found Finocchietti's shirt smeared with blood. There was no sign of a struggle about the immediate scene. A minute inspection of the grounds about the garage revealed footsteps close together at a point behind a chicken coop, adjoining the garage, as though some individual had crouched there. Another prominent

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Body Of Slain Man Is Found In Yard

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Footstep was revealed at a distance of about five feet from the first two, and the latter fitted perfectly with the oxford work by Finocchietti.

John Maynard, living next door at 204 West D, declared that he and his wife were asleep at the time and neither heard any shot, or disturbance. Maynard's bed-room [*sic – bedroom*] window is within 15 feet of where the body was found.

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Mrs. Tom Moyle, living at 214 West D, on the other side of the Calvino home, declared that she was making a dress for her daughter between 9 and 11 o'clock last night, and that the daughter was with her, but neither heard a shot.

Neighbors residing directly across the street declared that they were on the porch until late in the evening. They also heard no shot nor saw anyone going into or leaving the Calvino home or yard.

And that constituted the evidence upon which the authorities had to work after the body had been removed to the J.B. Erickson undertaking parlors late last night.

Theories Are Advanced

Various theories have been advanced by the officers who made several trips to the scene again this morning. A slight blood stain on the stucco wall of the house, directly in front of where the body lay, coupled with the footprints behind the chicken coop led Chief Carlevato to believe that Finocchietti may have been shot from ambush and that in running to the house he struck his head against the building, falling directly backwards.

The testimony of neighbors, however, insisting that they had heard no shot, seems to dispute that theory, for a rifle or revolver shot at that hour of the night would surely have been heard unless a silencer was used.

Finocchietti's hat, slightly crushed, was picked up from beside the body by young Calvino. Blood had spurted into the lining.

Finocchietti's body was lying straight out, his feet almost touching the foundation of the house, right hand clutched to his side, and left arm thrown back over his head.

Was Friend of Family

Finocchietti came here two years ago from Iron River when the Calvinos moved to Iron Mountain. While in Iron River he had boarded but did not room with the Calvino family. A few months ago, Calvino

declared, Finocchietti left for Chicago and returned only about a month ago, when he took a room at their house. He was employed on various jobs as a stone mason, having been taught that trade by the elder Calvino.

"He always seemed happy and care free, and if he had ever had any trouble, we didn't know anything about it," young Calvino said.

At noon today the officers, with the prosecutor, were still trailing what they believe is a somewhat definite theory relative to the death. They gave out no intimation concerning it, merely stating that arrests may follow later in the day.

Meanwhile the body is lying in the morgue at the Erickson undertaking parlors, where a steady stream of curious visitors viewed it during the day. Finocchietti is said to have a wife and family in Italy, and efforts were being made today to notify them. It is not known whether he has relatives in this country.

A search of his possessions revealed that he had made declaration of intention for United States citizenship. The declaration bore the date of 1923, and his age then was given as 31.

Coroner J.B. Erickson empanelled a jury last night, and an inquest will be held Monday or Tuesday of next week, it was announced today.

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REPORT OF GUN USED IN DEATH HEARD BY TWO

One Man Held For Ques-

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tioning in Murder Mystery

Two men who declare they heard a single shot, one adding that he distinctly heard an agonized groan and saw a man staggering along the foot path in the rear of the Calvino home late Friday night, have come forth as the latest developments in the killing of Amerigo Finocchietti, 34, stone mason whose lifeless body, shot through the heart, was found at about 11 o'clock Friday night lying in the rear of the home of Balero Calvino, 206 West D street.

Nothing has yet been accomplished towards identifying the slayer or fixing the cause or manner of the killing, although the police have narrowed their investigation to two possible sources.

Heard the Shot

W. Collette, residing at 224 West D street, told the police yesterday that he was awake in his home about 10:30 o'clock Friday night and that he heard a shot, but made no further investigation. Collette also said that a few nights previous to the killing he had seen a man loitering about the alley way through which Finocchietti had to drive to reach his garage. He tried to get a good look at the prowler, Collette declared, but the man moved out of sight. Collette could tell nothing more relative to the tragedy.

Nick Schuvelder, 714 Carpenter avenue, told investigators that from his bed room [*sic – bedroom*] at the rear of the house he commanded a full view of the alley, the garage and the rear of the Calvino premises. It was about 10:30 o'clock, he declared, while sitting in his room that he heard, first, a muffled groan, similar to the utterance a man would make if suddenly struck with a heavy object. Next, he said, he heard the shot – not loud, but as though coming from a low powered rifle or revolver. The report of the weapon, Schuvelder

stated, was not louder than that made by a 22 calibre gun or revolver.

Saw Man Stagger

He ran to the window, Schuvelder said, and saw a man staggering up the foot-path towards the rear of the Calvino home. That was all he knew about the incident and apparently he made no further investigation of what he had seen.

Miss Opal Olson, 126 West D street, related that she saw a man pass the grocery store adjoining Pitt's garage at about 10 o'clock Friday night, and added that she believed he entered the alleyway which leads to Finochietti's garage. She described him as of medium height and wearing dark clothes.

Held For Questioning

Fred Cheynoweth, an Iron Mountain man, is being held for questioning, awaiting the return of Prosecuting Attorney R.E. MacAllister, who was in Menominee this morning. It is believed that Cheynoweth, through his knowledge of certain affairs in which Finochietti is said to have figured, may cast some light on the situation. It is likely that Cheynoweth's [*sic – Cheynoweth's*] examination will be held tonight or tomorrow morning, when the prosecutor has returned.

It is expected also that the investigators will visit Iron River to check up on Finochietti's former activities there in the hope of establishing some motive for the slaying.

Funeral Tomorrow

The funeral of Finochietti will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the J.B. Erickson undertaking parlors, West Hughitt street, with interment in Cemetery park. It was said today that one of the Italian societies in the city may sponsor the services. Finochietti, his friends declare, has no relatives in this country, but a wife and family reside in Italy.

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Coroner Erickson declared today that arrangements are in progress to hold the inquest tomorrow night.

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MYSTERY STILL VEILS SLAYING; SHIFT INQUIRY

Officers Go to Iron River To Trace Man's Activities

Mystery still involves [*sic – involves*] the murder of Amerigo Finochietti, stone mason, who was found shot to death at the rear of the home of Balero Calvino, 206 West D street, on Friday night. Chief of Police Carlevato, Prosecuting Attorney R.E. MacAllister and Lieutenant Fred Bedard, of the state police, who are working on the case, could report no further developments today.

The investigators yesterday left their work here to trace Finochietti's activities in Iron River, where he was employed until he came here two years ago. Persistent reports that the man had been mixed up in a triangle affair there was the motive for shifting operations to that field, it was stated.

Fred Cheynoweth, held for questioning since the night of the murder because it was believed he knew something of Finochietti's past affairs, was released yesterday after satisfying the investigators that he knew nothing of the crime.

J.B. Erickson, coroner had announced an inquest into Finochietti's death for 3

o'clock this afternoon [*need to finish copying this article*]

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 56 [Wednesday, June 16, 1926], page 3, column 2

IRON RIVER QUIZ OF LITTLE HELP IN MURDER SIFT

Trace Activities of Finoc- chietti While He Worked There

Prosecuting Attorney R.e. MacAllister, Chief of Police Peter Carlevato and Lieut. Fred Bedard, of the state police, returned here late yesterday after an exhaustive search in and about Iron River for some clue leading to the identity of the man who last Friday night shot and killed Amerigo Finocchietti, stone mason. Finocchietti [*sic – Finocchietti*] was found at about 11 lying dead in the rear of his rooming house at 206 West D street.

Little encouragement resulted from the work of the investigators in and about Iron River, they reported, although they unearthed some facts relative to Finocchietti's activities while he worked there previous to two years ago when he came here. There is sufficient evidence to believe that the murdered man was implicated in certain affairs with married women at Iron River, the officers report, and it is on that clue that they are now at work.

That "Amerigo Finocchietti died from a bullet through his chest fired by an unknown person" was the finding of the

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coroner's jury which held an inquest yesterday afternoon in justice court.

With the exception of the Iron River angle, little remains for the officers to work upon in fixing the identity of the man who did the killing.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 57 [Thursday, June 17, 1926], page 2, column 5

No Developments In Murder Inquiry

No new developments were reported today in the investigation into the killing of Amerigo Finocchietti, found shot to death last Friday night, at 11 o'clock, near his rooming house at 602 West D street.

Police are still working on certain facts secured during a trip to Iron River, where it was learned that Finocchietti had been implicated in affairs with married women. That, it is said, is the only possible motive which can be learned for the slaying.

PEDDLING WITHOUT A LICENSE

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 10 [Thursday, May 30, 1889], page 1, column 4

Must Consider His Time Valuable.

One Barker, who was arrested here some weeks ago for peddling rugs without a license and was sent to Menominee for

14 days for the offense, now sues Mayor Anderson and the city of Iron Mountain for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment. He ought to make it \$14,000, an industrious peddler ought to be able to make \$1000 a day at the price he sold his rugs. Barker is one of the many agents of John Gately & Co., of Chicago, who are scattered over the upper peninsula, and it is the firm, of course, who are [*sic – is*] really suing Mayor Anderson and the city for damages. There can be no doubt whatever that the city has the right to regulate the business of peddling within its limits, and there is no question that Gately & Co's agents are nothing more nor less than peddlers. Gately & Co. know this, and their bluster and suit for big damages is nothing but bluff, designed to frighten the officials of this and other cities. So far as Iron Mountain is concerned it won't work, and we doubt if it will elsewhere. The goods they offer to their customers can be purchased from our local merchants for half the money they demand, and if they want to do a peddling business let them come to the front and pay their license fees like men.

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Will Sue Escanaba.

Wm. E. Barker, the fellow who was arrested here some weeks ago for peddling rugs without a license, and imprisoned in Menominee for 14 days, and who has since instituted a suit against the city for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment, has been arrested in Escanaba for the same offense, and sentenced to 35 days in jail. He gave the Escanaba officials the same bluff that he did here, and threatens to sue the city for damages as soon as he is released. We hope Barker will be sentenced in every

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city that he attempts to peddle in without taking out a peddler's license. Liberal doses of that sort of medicine will possibly bring him to his senses.

PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE

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WILL FIGHT CHARGES, CHIROPRACTOR SAYS

“Will Stay in the Fight as Long as My Opponents Can”

“As long as the people of this town favor Chiropractic, I'm going to stay here and fight it out, just as every other Chiropractor has had to do,” said Dr. F.O. Logic today, referring to his arrest yesterday upon complaint of local physicians for practicing medicine without a license. “I'll stay here as long as my opponents, [*sic*] will, and I'll give them a chance to show whether I'm practicing medicine or not.

“Chiropractic favors nobody in particular; it is for the benefit of those who suffer, and who have suffered for years. Since coming here I have done my duty as I have seen it. So to the best of my ability, and just because my ideas don't coincide with those of my opponents is no reason why I should leave the people who want me.

“I propose to fight the case out to the bitter end.”

PROPERTY DAMAGE

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Wantonness.

Some smart Aleck, who apparently is the possessor of a cheap diamond ring, has been amusing himself by cutting the plate glass in the store fronts of John R. Wood's block. A circle is cut in one of the lights of glass in the bank building, and a straight cut made nearly across the plates in Ingram's and Wright's stores, and also in C.E. Parent's store. Possibly the perpetrator of this vandalism is not aware that the injured glass is worth hundreds of dollars, but if he is discovered he will be likely to find out the value of plate glass of the size and quality of those he has thus nearly destroyed.

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DAMAGE TO WAGON CAUSES ARRESTS

Six Admit Guilt But Five May Reverse Plea

Six young men charged with damaging a delivery wagon belonging to Crispigna & company, North Milwaukee avenue,

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pleaded guilty when arraigned this morning before Justice Spencer and were each fined \$1 and costs.

They were Peter Valerio, Joe Moroni, Atilio Floriani, Joe Melelli, Alfred Pastori and Mars Sculati. With the exception of Moroni none had paid their fines at 1 o'clock this afternoon and it was understood they would reverse their plea.

The young men were arrested this morning by Patrolman Cavaiani [sic – Caviani] upon complaint filed by Oreste Crispigna, one of the owners of the store.

John McDougal and Frank Rizzardi were arraigned on a charge of vagrancy but sentence was suspended.

Mauritz Nelson was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of speeding. He was arrested by County Motorcycle Officer Wood.

Jake Rubbo, of Iron Mountain, was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Officer Wood for reckless driving on the county highway near Loretto. Wood claimed that Rubbo was driving on the left side of the road on a curve and almost struck the motorcycle. Rubbo will be arraigned before Justice Spencer as soon as he returns from Escanaba.

here drinking freely yesterday, as if they had some premonition of their fate. Sheriff Parmenter's action is highly commended by THE RANGE and every representation of good citizenship in Iron Mountain, for it has long been notorious that Bennett's ranch has been a harbor of refuge for every thug and vagabond that could escape from justice in this city. But we should like to know who gave Bennett forewarning so that he should be flourishing around town now, while his unfortunate dissolutes [sic] are in custody. Three of the poor women are hiding somewhere in the bush.

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THE inmates of the ranch across the river have been dispersed. One had her fine paid by a man in Iron Mountain, two remain in the custody of the Florence officers because they can't get anybody to pay their fines, and the other three have either gone to Hurley or Ironwood. Because the alarm was raised by a livery stable man belonging to Iron Mountain the Florence Mining News exclaims, "Oh, yes; Iron Mountain people desired Bennett's place exterminated!" That is just about as sensible a piece of sarcasm as it would be to say that because Mina Mudge was in favor of her profession, therefore all Florence, from the sheriff to the editor of our esteemed contemporary, favored the perpetuation of prostitution in their vicinity. Elsewhere we publish an interesting statement made by Mr. Bennett to THE RANGE. Iron Mountain may chew it. We shall make no other comment upon it that that it has surprised us.

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PROSTITUTION

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Raided at Last.

Sheriff Parmenter, of Florence county, is alive. Last night he pulled Bennett's notorious house across the river, and this morning the women and other parties implicated were taken up to Florence by the sheriff. The women had been in the city

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What Bennett Says.

EDITOR OF THE RANGE:

DEAR SIR: -- With reference to recent articles which have appeared in THE RANGE, I beg to inform you that most of the statements made with regard to myself are falsehoods. In the first place, I was not, and never have been, the proprietor of the house across the river. That place has been run for six months by Alice Bigelow, and, so far as I know, there has never been a fight in the house, nor has a man lost one single cent in it. So far as that house being a harbor of refuge for criminals is concerned, I have to say that your informants are liars. I made no escape from that house on the night it was visited by Sheriff Parmenter. I came across here voluntarily and went up on the same train as the prisoners, and never had the slightest idea of shirking the law in any way. Men have been slugged and robbed here; there are, to my knowledge, eight houses of prostitution running in this city; and there are four gambling houses swinging along in full blast, and I should like to know why I should be singled out for persecution by so-called officers here when, if they have enough sense to attend to their duties, they would have more than their hands could hold to clear off the stench that lies immediately beneath their noses.

FRED BENNETT.

Iron Mountain, April 20.

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Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 22,
Number 43 [Thursday, March 14, 1918],
page 1, column 3

A HOUSE CLEANING.

Results of Campaign Engineered By Sheriff and County Attorney.

An unostentious [*sic – unostentatious*] campaign conducted for several weeks under the direction of **Sheriff Lundgren** and **Prosecuting Attorney Brackett** culminated last Friday and Saturday and resulted in ridding the city of a number of undesirable citizens and the arrest of a dozen or more other violators of state laws.

In order to secure the necessary evidence, the officials **employed a couple of detectives**. That these detectives were “worthy of their hire” is best evidenced by the fact that the violators, when arraigned in justice court, with only two exception [*sic – exceptions*] entered pleas of guilty as charged. It is also intimated that the detectives were successful in gathering a large volume of other evidence that the sheriff and county prosecutor have filed away for future reference.

Among the persons arraigned in justice court as a result of the campaign, together with the disposition of the several cases, follows:

George Meehan, [*charged with*] **keeping a disorderly house**, entered plea of not guilty, preliminary examination to-day [*sic – today*].

Mary Lomphrey, charged with **keeping a disorderly house**, plea of not guilty, preliminary examination next Wednesday.

Fred Lambert, charged with **keeping a disorderly house**, entered a plea of guilty and was bound over to the circuit court for trial.

Frances Hough, [*charged with*] **keeping disorderly house**, plea of guilty, bound over to the circuit court for trial.

Jessie Reed, **disorderly women** [*sic – woman*], plea of guilty, fined \$50.00 and costs and sentenced to thirty days in county jail; released from jail and has left the county.

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Mary Swanson, disorderly women [sic – woman], plea of guilty, fined \$50.00 and costs with a jail sentence of thirty days; released from jail and has left the county.

Vera Saunders, disorderly women [sic – woman], plea of guilty, fined \$50.00 and costs with a thirty days' jail sentence; latter punishment suspended and prisoner has departed hence.

Alice Wood, disorderly woman, plea of guilty, second offense, fined \$75.00 and given thirty days in county; latter sentenced suspended and prisoner has left the county.

Dominic Contarini, selling liquor without a license, entered a plea of guilty and bound over to circuit court.

Fred Lambert, selling liquor on Sunday, entered a plea of guilty and bound over to the circuit court.

Frances Hough, selling liquor without a license, entered a plea of not [sic] guilty and bound over to the circuit court.

Joseph Bolognesi, selling liquor on Sunday, entered a plea of guilty and bound over to the circuit court.

Hugo Aronson, bar-tender [sic – bartender], charged with **keeping the saloon of Oscar Sand open after hours**, entered a plea of guilty and the case goes to the circuit court.

Joseph Tirschell, [charged with] selling liquor without a license, entered a plea of guilty and bound over to the circuit court.

John Rubbo, charged with **selling liquor without a license**, entered a plea of guilty and case goes to Judge Flannigan.

Biagio Franco, charged with **selling liquor without a license**, entered a plea of not guilty, examination in justice court yesterday and was bound over to Judge Flannigan's court for trial.

Norman Miller and Emma Miller, his wife, **disorderly characters**, entered pleas of guilty, fined \$50.00 each and costs with ninety days in county jail; imprisonment sentence suspended.

Ray Hutchinson, a **vagrant and general nuisance**, given sixty days, but sentence was suspended and he has left the state.

Prosecutor Brackett and Sheriff Lundgren wish The Press to state that **the campaign against vice is not an aftermath of the charges hurled back and forth by the candidates during the recent primary election**. The campaign was in progress long before the primary eruption and the arrests would have been made regardless of the election. The officers are not pulling chestnuts out of the fire for any one [sic – anyone], but they are determined to enforce the laws not only in Iron Mountain but throughout the county. Prosecutor Brackett wants it understood that, as long as he holds his present office, there will be no room in Dickinson county for **disorderly houses, blind pigs, and kindred joints**. And in this decision Sheriff Lundgren has assured the prosecuting attorney of his hearty co-operation.

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Week-End Vice Clean-Up Made In Florence County

**“Little Hurley” Again
Among Places Raided;
Going After Undesir-
ables, Says Sells.**

“Little Hurley,” just a shack across the Michigan boundary line near Twin Falls which was raided three weeks ago by the Florence county authorities in a liquor clean-up, was the scene of another raid Saturday night when several gallons of

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alleged moonshine and wine were confiscated.

John Jockins, said to be the proprietor, faces another charge of violating the Volstead act as a result of the visit of the authorities. Arraigned this morning before Court Commissioner W.C. Haberkorn, at Florence, Jockins was unable to produce bond of \$2,000 and at present is being detained in the Florence county jail.

Jockins was given his release three weeks ago on payment of a cash bond of \$1,000. The bond was doubled this time by District Attorney Arthur M. Sells because, he said, Jockins is a "mean customer."

Jockins, said to be a former Iron Mountain man, will face the two charges at the next term of circuit court in Florence.

The "sponge squad" which last week was kept busy making raids in Aurora and Homestead, Wis., consisted of Sheriff White, Deputy Rabishaw [*sic* – *Robichaud*] and two other deputies.

More Are Taken

"[*sic*] The "Little Red House," across the highway from "Little Hurley", and reported to be conducted by Charles Fredrickson, of Iron Mountain, was also visited. Practically the same amount of alleged liquor was obtained there as was found in "Little Hurley."

Fredrickson was also given a preliminary hearing this morning before Commissioner Haberkorn but could not produce a \$1,000 bond. He is keeping Jockins company in the Florence jail.

Jean Morgan, better known as "Escanaba Jennie", who was arrested early Saturday morning in Marinette on a charge of being an inmate of a house of ill repute, was also taken into custody in the "Little Red House" raid. She was fined \$100 and costs when brought before the Florence commissioner and told to leave the county. Her arrest in Florence county followed her release on bonds in Marinette.

Jennie's friend, Edmond Moore, was assessed \$25 and costs. Several others were found in the place but were released when it was said, [*sic*] Moore told the authorities that "she is my friend."

George Van Buxton, believed to be a fictitious name and said to be the proprietor of the "Homestead Gold Mine", located about a half mile south of the Wisconsin hall, on the Homestead road, was fined \$50 and costs for conducting a disorderly house. George Frazer, George Andrews and Marion Rothbourn, an inmate, were assessed the same amount and ordered out of the county.

Pay \$100 Fines

Edward Potter and his wife, Eunice, who it was charge, conducted a disorderly house near the "Homestead Gold Mine", each paid a fine of \$100 and costs.

Another alleged disorderly house, said to be operated by Elmer Boyd, at Aurora, near Niagara, was also raided by the Florence officials. Boyd pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$100 and costs.

George Stocker, of Tipler, Wis., 20 miles northwest of Florence, was also hauled into jail on a similar charge. He gave over \$50 and costs.

Commenting on the clean-up District Attorney Sells declared here today that Florence county will get rid of all undesirable characters. Numerous reports have reached his office, he said, that the laws were being violated in many ways and that a clean-up was the only course to pursue.

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ARREST INMATES AT ROADHOUSES

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Girls and Men Fined After Raids Across Border Line

“Kelly’s Place,” notorious roadhouse located on the Wisconsin side, at Twin Falls, and Pesavento’s at Homestead, said to be owned by Anton Pesavento, were the targets for two raids Monday and last night. Sheriff Clarence White and Deputy Emmet Kelly constituted the raiding party on both occasions.

The sheriff’s party entered Pesavento’s at about 10 o’clock Monday night, took four girls and two men in tow, and brought them to Florence for [an] immediate hearing. The proprietor could not be found. A quantity of liquor found on the premises could not be removed owing to the fact that the party did not have a warrant permitting search and seizure.

The four girls were each fined \$25 and costs, and the men \$10. They paid and were released.

Kelly’s Last Night

It was about 7:30 o’clock last night when Sheriff White, with one deputy, swooped down on Kelly’s place. They came away with two girls and one man. As was the case of the first offenders, the girls paid fines of \$25 and costs and the man \$10.

J.A. Kelly, proprietor of the latter place, was also “out.”

In reporting the raids, District Attorney A.M. Sells said: “We usually find that where the owners of the resorts reside in Iron Mountain, they usually employ bartenders to conduct their places, and they themselves spend most of their time on the Michigan side. They are difficult to land, for that reason.”

Awaiting Hearing

Kelly is the man who, a short time ago, caused a furor at the General hospital here when, after taking his wife there for

treatment during the night, he is said to have threatened a doctor and the nurses. His hearing on that charge is still pending in the office of Prosecuting Attorney Ray MacAllister.

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OFFICERS VISIT ‘LITTLE ITALY’; FOUR ARRESTED

Companion Resort of “Little Hurley” Contributes Victims

“Little Italy,” which reigns supreme across the road from “Little Hurley,” on the Wisconsin side of the river at Twin Falls, is the latest resort to be visited by the Florence county authorities.

Sheriff Clarence White, Deputy Ernest Robichaud and Deputy Emmette Tully paid a sudden call at the place and therefrom extracted two men and two girls who were taken to Florence.

The four appeared before County Judge Frank Waring who fined them \$15 and costs.

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GIRLS AND MEN TAKEN IN RAID ON ROADHOUSES

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Florence County Officials “Clean Up” On Two Resorts.

FLORENCE, June 19 – Seven girls and three men were taken in two raids by Sheriff Clarence White and Deputies Emmett Tulley and Ernest Rabichaud Thursday night on the “Tourists’ Inn” and the “Green House,” on the road to Iron Mountain.

Arriving at the Tourists’ Inn the sheriff and his party found a merry session in progress there. The officers rounded up the participants and brought them to Florence. The girls gave their names as Eleanor Laney, Pearl Santerno, Lillian Clark, Alice Young and Jennie Smith. The man gave his name as John Oliver.

Returning to the “Green House” the officers found Ruth Simmons, Carmen Smith, Allen Ward and Edward Johnson. There were evidences of liquor drinking, and the party was taken in tow.

Various complaints had been received by Sheriff White relative to the two places raided, and the visit of the officials with his deputies was the result.

RAPE

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 31 [Thursday, October 24, 1889], page 1, column 5

A Brutal Crime.

Henry Sampson was arrested in Norway last Thursday on the charge of committing a criminal assault [*sic – assault*] [*rape*] upon a

little Italian girl 6 1/2 years old, daughter of John Brachetti. The crime was committed about a week before the arrest, but the child’s parents delayed making complaint through a desire to avoid publicity. The condition of the child, however, finally necessitated the summoning of medical assistance, when the terrible deed was exposed. Sampson was arrested and placed under \$1000 bail, but was later re-arrested, and owing to the precarious condition of his victim a bond of \$5000 was demanded, and being unable to furnish it he was locked up. Sampson stoutly denies his guilt, and THE RANGE hopes that he may be able to establish the falsity of the charge, for there is no crime that is so repugnant to every sense of humanity and decency as the one with which he stands charged, and none that more richly deserves the punishment the law provides, should it be proven.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 33 [Thursday, November 7, 1889], page 1, column 3

Acquitted.

Henry Sampson, of Norway, who was arrested two weeks ago charged with rape, was examined before Justice Patenaude last week and acquitted. The girl’s testimony was broken down completely under cross examination, and the affair made to have the appearance of a blackmailing scheme.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 10 [Thursday, July 22, 1915], page 1, column 3

Suicide in Jail.

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Robert Cullen, said to be a resident of West Chester, Kentucky, committed suicide at the county jail at an early hour last Sunday morning. The deed was committed with a common pocket-knife [*sic – pocketknife*]. The windpipe was severed completely and several blood vessels lacerated. Cullen was arrested last Thursday. He was charged with a crime against a female child, a resident of Niagara. Cullen had been employed in the paper-mill [*sic – paper mill*] at that place, but the crime was committed on the Michigan side of the river. The man was of a drunken disposition. He was about fifty years of age. No information is obtainable regarding his relatives. It is the general opinion that Cullen met a fitting death.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 6 [Thursday, June 22, 1916], page 1, column 6

Assault Attempted.

A beast in man form attempted to assault Mary, the ten-year-old daughter of Mrs. Schupp, a widow, residing in the first ward, at about ten o'clock this morning. The scene of the assault was the Jones furnace, where the little one, accompanied by two younger brothers, was gathering wood about the ruins. The screams of the children resulting in the coming of help and the brute fled. He had not been captured at the noon hour. If caught the hemp law [*hanging*] should be appealed to.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 136 [Thursday, September 21, 1922], page 1, column 6

GRAHAM IS ONLY JAIL PRISONER

Awaiting Trial In October On Statutory Offense

George Graham is the only prisoner now confined in the county jail awaiting trial at the next term of the circuit court, which has been postponed from next Monday until Monday, October 23.

Graham was a member of the Kennedy Carnival company and is charged with a statutory offense. He has been confined in the jail since his arrest at Marinette by Sheriff Archie P. Farrell several months ago.

In the case of the People vs. Fred Gritzon, who is charged with the larceny of an electric lighting plant from the logging camp of the J.W. Wells company near Sagola, Prosecuting Attorney J.C. Knight has consented to a postponement of the trial.

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MAY EXAMINE MAN NEXT WEDNESDAY

Graham Will Probably Be Bound Over to Circuit Court

The examination of George Graham, 23, identified by Mary Tavonetti, 13, as the man who criminally assaulted her on the morning of July 9, will be held the middle of next week, perhaps Wednesday,

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Prosecuting Attorney J.C. Knight declared today.

Graham is being held in the county jail and, when arraigned before Judge Spencer, will probably be bound over to the September term of district court.

The assault is said to have occurred in a box car, spotted on the railroad tracks about 75 feet from Stefanelli's store on the north side. Graham, who was a member of the Con T. Kennedy Carnival company, is declared to have induced the girl to accompany him by offering to get her a position with the show. He was arrested for the crime two days later in Menominee, where he was tricked into going by Dickinson **[need to copy remainder of article and possibly article for July 9 or 10]**

RUNAWAYS

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 13 [Thursday, June 20, 1889], page 1, column 2

THE CITY.

MARSHAL CATLIN's well-known persuasive powers were called into service on Monday in securing the return home of 16-yr-old Minnie Kane, who, for some fancied wrong, had deserted the parental abode on the previous day and taken refuge in a residence near Mud Lake.

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FIND GIRLS IN

MEN'S ATTIRE

Two Breitung Misses Taken Into Custody In St. Paul

Two girls giving their names as Gladys and Margaret Hoyum and their address as the corner of Beech and Sagola streets, Breitung, were picked up by authorities at St. Paul when found on the streets dressed in men's attire, according to word received by Chief of Police Smole this morning. The girls were without funds when taken into custody. No charges were preferred against them.

Upon investigation today it was found that the girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoyum, of Breitung. The pair left home dressed as men, laughing and joking with boarders at the house before departing on the afternoon of May 13. No one knew, however, of their intention to leave the city. It is believed that they went as far as Pembine via the NorthWestern [*sic* – *Northwestern*] and then took the Soo Line to St. Paul.

Parents of the girls were notified by Chief Smole and it is expected that they will be released this afternoon, Mrs. Hoyum stating that she would ask that they be returned here.

SHOPLIFTING

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DIME TRINKETS

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LURE CHILDREN

But Woolworth Manager Says Thefts Are Di- minishing

Two frightened little girls, about six and eight, were cry babies when they were caught taking “cry babies[“] in the Woolworth Ten-cent store.

The children were remorseful and solemn when confronted with the seriousness of their act, but theft was not in the childish minds. They only reached out for what was displayed so enticingly before them.

One of the problems confronting the manager of a Ten-cent store in almost every town where they are established, [sic] is to discourage petty thievery.

Situation Much Better

The situation in Iron Mountain, rather difficult at the beginning, due to the operations of a gang of small boys who attempted willfully to pilfer all they could lay hands on, is now about cleared up, Manager Arthur Larson said today.

A close watch is maintained in the store at all times and it is extremely difficult for small fingers to lift any of the pretty toys or trinkets without detection.

The amount of goods actually stolen and carried away from the store is very little, but one or two offenders are called weekly into the manager’s office, or turned over to the police department for attempted theft of small articles, Mr. Larson said.

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HENRY WILSON, a dirty-faced ragged, sneaking member of the genus tramp, helped himself to a number of articles back of the bar in Buzzo’s saloon Tuesday afternoon and was discovered in the act by Mr. Buzzo. Tommy’s reputation as a pedestrian-pugilist was established when he overhauled Mr. Tramp on Stephenson avenue and sent him sprawling into about four inches of mud. By standers [sic – *Bystanders*] interfered, and Wilson was placed in the lock up.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 14 [Thursday, June 27, 1889), page 1, column 4

Nabbed the Wrong Man.

Fred Chilla found himself minus [sic – *minus*] some valuables last Thursday, and as a countryman named Baniamino Cortez had left the city for Milwaukee a few hours before, jumped to the conclusion that he was the thief. He accordingly swore out a warrant for his arrest and instructions were wired the Milwaukee police to arrest and hold Cortez as soon as he arrived in the city. Deputy Sheriff O’Hara went to Milwaukee Friday and returned with the prisoner, but when taken before Justice Bergeron last Monday for examination no evidence was produced to warrant his being bound over to the circuit court and he was consequently discharged. In fact it was shown that Cortez had left the city before the robbery was committed.

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column 6

Festive Burglars.

The tailoring and gent's [sic – gents'] furnishing goods establishment of J.R. Johnston, in the Wood block, was entered by burglars last Saturday night and a quantity of clothing stolen. An entrance was effected by smashing the glass in the back door. There was no clue to the thieves [sic – thieves], but on Sunday afternoon, at the Chicago & North-Western depot, Chief of Police Clements overhauled a woodsman who was acting in a suspicious manner and found in his bag two coats, two pairs of pantaloons and one vest, all of which had been stolen from Mr. Johnston's stock. The fellow gave his name as Charles Tonkins and stated that he had purchased the goods from another. Soon after, at the place where Tonkins had been boarding, John Shields and George Tebo [sic – Theibault] were arrested. The former had one of the missing coats in his possession and the latter a pair of pants. Both claim to have purchased the goods from Tonkins, and did so in the presence of witnesses. All three were locked up, however, but on Monday Shields and Tebo were released upon furnishing bonds for their appearance. The examination will take place next Monday before Justice Bergeron.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 612 [sic – 611] [Thursday, June 30, 1898], page 3, column 5

POCKETBOOK STOLEN.

**A Business Man is Relieved of His
Wallet While on His Way Home.**

A prominent Stephenson avenue business man [sic – businessman] strolled out of his store last night with his coat hanging on his arm, the weather being warm. He stopped at several places and then went home. This morning he missed his pocket book [sic – pocketbook] which was in the inside pocket of his coat and plainly exposed to view as he carried his coat on his arm. The pocket book [sic – pocketbook] was nowhere to be found and he had begun to mourn it as lost, when to his surprise a friend of his walked in his store and handed him the pocket book [sic – pocketbook]. It had been found on a chair in a well known [sic – well-known] boarding house in the city. The party who took it found that it contained no money, and only papers valuable to the owner, and took this means of getting rid of it.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 16 [Thursday, September 9, 1909], page 1, column 4

Taken.

From my buggy in front of [the] Milliman Hotel, last Monday night, a black whalebone whip with my full name on handle plate. A reward will be given for the return of whip to W.H. Ryan, Niagara, Wis.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 46 [Thursday, April 7, 1910], page 1, column 6

RELEASED ON BONDS.

**Immerseals, [sic] Extradited from
Illinois and Wanted at Norway.**

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August Immerseal and Josephine Immerseal, residents of Norway, recently arrested in Chicago charged with being implicated in the stealing of large quantities of merchandise from cars and the station at Norway, have been extradited. Sheriff Robbins left last Thursday evening for Chicago and returned with the prisoners last Friday morning and lodged them in the county jail. Saturday morning the accused were taken before Justice Cameron at Norway, and a preliminary examination was held. Adjournment was taken until next Monday and bonds were ordered by the court in the sum of \$1,000 each. The bonds were signed by a couple of Norway business men [*sic – businessmen*] and the accused are now at liberty.

Detectives are still working on the case and it is anticipated that there will be some sensational developments before the case is concluded. The case is much more complicated than the Iron Mountain robberies, which resulted in sending half a dozen persons to the prison in Marquette.

It is estimated that over \$10,000 worth of merchandise has been stolen from North-Western cars and stations between Iron Mountain and Powers during the past two years.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 4

Hoodlums Raid.

During the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Amidon last Saturday evening, the store-room [*sic – storeroom*] was raided by young hoodlums who stole provisions to the amount of seven or eight dollars. Raids of this nature are becoming altogether too frequent. Not only are gardens raided and destroyed, but homes, stores and public buildings are invaded. It

is the purpose of Mr. Amidon to make an example of the gang that burglarized his home.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 26 [Thursday, November 16, 1911], page 1, column 2

BURGLARS IN BIG HAUL.

Steal More Than \$1,000 Worth of Goods From Rahm & Will.

Burglars broke into the Rahm & Will jewelry store last Thursday night and carried away over \$1,000 worth of jewelry and sterling silver. Entrance to the building was made by sawing out a panel of the side door, making an opening large enough for a small man to crawl through. The night was dark and rain was falling, making the conditions favorable for the burglars. Evidently there were [*sic – was*] more than one person implicated in the burglary, and that one or more of them were on the outside watching for the police, as it would seem that the man on the inside left hurriedly, as if [*he*] had been warned, because he left three watches on the show case [*sic – showcase*], which had been taken from the show window, and he also dropped a bracelet and necklace in the alley after leaving the building. Local talent is under suspicion of having done the work, but no positive evidence has yet been secured. A bit, brace and keyhole saw, with which the panel of the door was cut out, were found under the side of the building. Rahm & Will did not carry any insurance against burglary, although they carry almost every other line of insurance applicable to their business.

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Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Wednesday, April 13, 1921], page 1, column 3

AUTO THIEF IS CAPTURED HERE

Car Stolen in Marinette Located on Carpenter Avenue Last Night.

Two Confederates of Driver Make Getaway – Professionals, Belief

Within six hours after the Buick roadster belonging to Dr. Anderson, Marinette dentist, had been stolen in that city yesterday afternoon, the car was at DeGayner's garage in charge of the police, and the man who drive it here from Marinette was in the city hail. His two companions escaped, and a search all last night and this morning failed to reveal any trace of them.

The man arrested gives his name as Ed James, and admitted that he stayed some time at the Curry hotel in company of E. Rock. His house, he says, is in Mesaba, Minn., but he does not know whether his parents are there, claiming not to have seen them since 1913. He also declared that he has a wife and two children, whose home is in Duluth, but expressed the belief that his wife was in Kenosha, with her sister. Marinette authorities are looked for this afternoon to take him to the Wisconsin city. He admits that he drove the car.

Had Two Companions.

His two companions, he says, he knows only as "Steve" and "George," and had only

been acquainted with them a short time. They picked up the car in Marinette yesterday with the intention of driving to Hurley. What their intention was upon reaching that city James does not know.

Everything went serenely until they reached the outskirts of Iron Mountain. When opposite the home of Abraham Luke, on Carpenter avenue, it was found that their supply of gas was running low. Leaving the car in front of Mr. Luke's home, they went in search of a filling station.

After the car had remained there for over an hour with no owner in sight, Mr. Luke's son, Clyde, became suspicious, and called the station. "There's a car here with a Wisconsin license that's been left in front of our house for over an hour," he said, "and it looks bad."

Car Fits Description.

A description of the stolen car had already been wired, so Office Fred Constantini immediately left for the Luke home. The machine fitted the description perfectly, even to the Wisconsin license number. With the permission of Mr. Luke himself, a former policeman, the officer went inside the house and waited for the driver to come back, after notifying Chief Corey that he had found the stolen car.

Accompanied by Officer Axberg, the chief went to the Luke home. Axberg was stationed across the street. Constantini remained near the car, while Luke and the chief approached from the rear. In a few minutes the driver appeared, got into the car, and prepared to start the motor. Constantini confronted him with a voice command to "put 'em up" and the would be bandit complied.

Confederate Escapes.

On their way downtown, the officer warned James to keep a look out for his confederates. As they approached the Harding hotel corner, James remarked, "There's one of them." Constantini pointed his revolver at the man indicated, and

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called upon him to surrender, but the stranger dodged into an alley. Because of a number of children between them, the officer did not dare fire, and was compelled to content himself with taking one prisoner to the jail. The sheriff was notified, and trains leaving the city were closely watched, but no men answering the description of the two candits were seen. It is thought possible that they boarded a train at some outlying point, and made their escape.

Were “Bad Actor.”

James declined to do much talking, [need to finish copying this article and double check wording as copy very light]

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, June 16, 1921], page 1, column 8

TAXI DRIVER ROBBED OF CAR BY BANDIT PASSENGER

AUTO RECOVERED NEAR FLORENCE; ROBBER ESCAPES

August Calcatarra, Norway, Victim of Bold Day-light Holdup

August Calcatarra, Norway taxi driver, and Wilbert Griggs, who was riding with him, were held up by a passenger, last evening just outside of Quinnesec, and Calcatarra lost a seven passenger Buick car and \$45 in cash. Griggs was robbed of a few valuables, the bandit even taking his smoking tobacco. The two men were tied

to a tree in the swamp, while the erstwhile passenger drove off. The automobile was later discovered near Florence, but the bandit is still missing. Sheriff Farrell has posses out searching for him, and all roads are being watched.

Started For Norway

Calcatarra picked up the passenger at the Norway Hotel, although he was not registered there. The stranger represented himself as an automobile service man, and wanted to be taken to Crystal Falls. At Florence, he stepped into the hotel and looked over the register, [sic] “My man’s not here,” he said, “let’s go on to Crystal Falls.”

At the Falls he repeated the performance at the hotel, and expressed a wish to go on to Iron River, [sic] Calcatarra demanded his pay before undertaking the trip. The stranger refused, and asked to be taken back to Norway.

At Fume [sic – Fumee] creek, just out of Quinnesec, the stranger jabbed a revolver against Calcatarra’s back and commanded him to stop the car, which he did. Marching the two men into the swamp, the robber tied them to a tree with a piece of rope which he took from his pocket. Not having enough rope he took Calcatarra’s necktie and finished the job. Then he searched the two men, taking \$45 in money from Calcatarra, and some change from Griggs.

Even the Tobacco

“Surely, you’re not going to take our tobacco?” the latter asked.

“It all helps,” commented the bandit, pocketing the “makins.”

“We don’t want to stay in this swamp,” the two men complained.

“Never mind; I’m getting just as wet as you are,” was the reply.

With the final comment, “I’ve done this in Milwaukee; I guess I can do it here,” the bandit got into the car and drove away. He handled the machine very inexpertly, Calcatarra says.

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The two men released themselves, and were taken to Iron Mountain. Police along all roads were notified to watch for the car and bandit, who was described as a young man, dark complexion, of medium, rather light, build, and wearing a blue serge suit. Posses under Chief Corey and Sheriff Farrell searched all roads, but no trace was found until word came from Florence that the machine had been discovered, abandoned, near the city.

Would-Be Holdup Jailed

Frank Griffith, aged about 22, who gives his home as Missouri, was arrested last evening by Officers Constantini and Lajeunesse in the Northwestern station. Griffith, it is alleged, spoke to one of the men in the station asking him what he was doing. "Looking for work," was the reply.

"to h---! With the work; there's lots of easy money here. Let's go out and stick up somebody," Griffith is claimed to have said. Instead of joining him the other reported the matter to the police, and Griffith was arrested. This morning he was assessed a fine and costs totaling \$16.50 and and [sic] advised to leave town.

Griffith claims he was partially intoxicated, and that if he made any such statement it was as a joke. He had been firing a steam shovel, he said, and was trying to get to Chicago to get his belongings.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, October 28, 1921], page 2, column 3

YOUTH PLEADS GUILTY TO ENTERING HOUSE

Edwin Pollar, 18, Bound Over to Circuit Court

Edwin Pollar, aged 18 years, residing on East B street, pleaded guilty to a charge of entering a private dwelling house with intent to rob before Judge Spencer yesterday, and was bound over to circuit court on bonds of \$500.

G.P. Fugere, residing at 700 East B street, who made the complaint to Chief Corey, said that while Mrs. Fugere was paying a visit to a neighbor next door, Pollar entered the house, and as Mrs. Fugere returned to her home after a short conversation with the neighbor she found him. The occurrence was reported to the police, who started out this morning after the youth. Following a long search of all pool rooms and other places in which it was believed he might be staying, he was found in Gustafson's barn on East A street. He was taken to the city jail and appeared before Judge Spencer yesterday afternoon. Besides entering the Fugere residence, he will face charges of entering M.J. Fox's residence on South Stephenson avenue and also of entering the high school, where he was discovered yesterday morning in the act of searching some of the pupils' clothes that were hanging on the hooks in the hallway.

He has furnished no bonds as yet.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, January 20, 1922], page 1, column 5

ALLEGED THIEF IS DELIVERED TO JAIL

Henry Zacher Charged With Robbing E. & L. S. Railroad Depot

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Henry Zacher is the latest arrival at the county jail and he was delivered by H.J. Sauter, deputy sheriff at Ralph. Zacher is charged with robbing the depot of the Escanaba & Lake Superior railroad and he freely admits the commission of the crime. The amount involved is \$26.85 – a check for \$15.85 and \$11.00 in cash.

A.A. Wells, the station agent, had placed the cash and check in an envelope addressed to the cashier of the company at Escanaba and placed it on his desk near the ticket window. Soon after Zacher had visited the depot the envelope was missed. Officer Sauter was informed of the theft and on investigation established that Zacher had left town in the direction of Northland. Sauter went to Northland, found his man, had him arraigned before a justice who bound him over to circuit court for trial. Zacher states that he reached through the window and took the envelope when the attention of the agent was directed elsewhere. He appropriated the cash and destroyed the check.

Zacher is about twenty-one years of age and had been employed in one of the logging camps of the I. Stephenson company.

The Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 259 [Monday, February 13, 1922], page 1, column 7

JURY GRANTS CLAIM AGAINST PALMQUIST

**Goldberg Wins Verdict For
\$157 In Judge Spen-
cer's Court**

A verdict of \$157.48 and interest at 6 per cent for the plaintiff was returned by a jury at 6 o'clock Saturday evening in the case of David Goldberg versus Andrew Palmquist. Goldberg sued Palmquist for the sum granted by the jury, claiming it was the amount due on the sale of a horse to the latter. The case opened at 1 o'clock in the afternoon in Judge Spencer's court.

According to the plaintiff, his agent, Bernard Roos, sold a horse to Palmquist for \$300, taking in trade another horse for \$110, leaving a balance of \$190 to be paid. Palmquist, it is claimed, signed a contract to pay the balance.

Five months later Palmquist, it was declared, paid part of the bill in hay, valued at \$32.50 and leaving \$157.50 unpaid.

When presented with the bill Palmquist claimed \$1,000 damages, which included, he said[,] \$871 for 17 months' board for the horse and the balance for damage done by the animal.

The jury was out about 20 minutes, returning with a verdict in favor of Goldberg, who was represented by Attorney Ray MacAllister.

This was the second trial of the case, the jury having disagreed at the first hearing.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 187 [Thursday, November 23, 1922], page 1, column 2

HEDBERG WITNESS IN THEFT CASE

**Returns From Milwaukee
Where Trial Was
Held**

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Carl Hedberg, local warehouse foreman for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, returned this morning from Milwaukee, where he was a witness in a case against several car thieves. During the trial it developed that fifteen cases of cigars [sic – cigarettes], shipped from Chicago to Simon Shada, of Iron Mountain, had disappeared enroute [sic – en route]. The railroad company, during the trial, endeavored to establish that the parties under arrest had stolen the goods. Hedberg was wanted to testify that the cigars [sic – cigarettes] had never arrived in Iron Mountain.

During the past year, merchandise valued at several thousands of dollars has been stolen from St. Paul road freight cars enroute [sic – en route] from Milwaukee and Chicago to Iron Mountain and upper peninsula points.

The largest hauls were made in the vicinity of Pembine. One Levine is believed to have been the moving spirit in the robberies and some of the missing goods were found in his possession. Levine narrowly escaped arrest several months ago, disappearing in the forests, [sic] of Florence county a few rods in advance of the railroad detectives led by Agent Max Schenk, of Iron Mountain.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 12 [Friday, April 24, 1925], page 3, column 3

FAIL IN ATTEMPT TO ROB STORE

**Thieves Believed to Have
Been Frightened By
Owners**

An attempted robbery last night at the New Hub clothing store in the Odd Fellows building on Stephenson avenue failed to materialize.

It is believed that the robbers were frightened away by the proprietors who entered the building at 11 o'clock. Entrance to the building was made through the rear basement door which was sprung open.

Finding the door leading into the store locked, the intruders removed one of the hinges of the door and were attempting to take the other one off when they became frightened. A small hatchet was found on the stairway. The work was believed to be that of youths as no man full sized could squeeze through the small opening made by springing the door.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, May 15, 1924], page 1, column 4

TRIED TO FLEECE YOUTHS, CHARGE

Two Men Under Arrest
As Result of Story
Told By Boys

What is said by Prosecutor MacAllister to have been an attempt to rob two country boys of their savings, and alleged to have been perpetrated by Arcade Brouette, of Iron Mountain, became known today following an investigation that continued through the greater part of yesterday.

As a result of the inquiry, MacAllister said, Tony Byers, said to be a bartender for George "Red" Meehan, is under arrest charged with violation of the liquor laws. He is at liberty on bonds of \$500. His case

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probably will be turned over to the federal authorities.

The two boys – Clifford Knutson and Ned Madson, cousins, who came here to work at the Ford plant from Waupaca township, Wisconsin – arrived in Iron Mountain Tuesday to “take things in.” They visited the establishment where Byers was employed, and obtained several drinks, according to the story told the prosecutor. As the morning passed the boys decided they would return to the Ford camp, where they room and board. They missed their bus and started to walk.

Invited to Ride, Claim.

Near the Lincoln school, according to their story, they were encountered by Broulette, who, they said, was driving a Ford car. He invited them to ride. One of the two, Knutson, was said to have been in a drunken condition. The two youths calmbred into the machine and Broulette drove on with them.

When they reached the vicinity of the Ford store, they declared, Broulette stopped the machine and, turning around, accused Madson of having stolen his companion’s pocketbook, which contained about \$42. Broulette, the boys say, mentioned the sum when he accused Madson of the theft. He then represented himself to be an officer and told Madson he was going to arrest him, the prosecutor said.

When Knutson felt his hip pocket he found his wallet missing. Madson thereupon informed Broulette, it is claimed, that he had “about \$103 when I started and only spent two or three dollars,” and held out his wallet for examination. Broulette is alleged to have taken it, again started the machine and drove around through Breitung and back towards the Ford plant on the road from the Ford dam. When a short distance from the plant he is alleged to have stopped the machine and ordered

the two boys to “beat it.” Knutson started to run away, according to the story.

At this point a machine driven by John Lundberg approached. Noticing Knutson running, he stopped his car and called to him to stop. Knutson, apparently fearing he faced arrest and that he might be fired at, fell prostrate upon the road.

Says He Returned Wallet.

Lundberg, hearing Madson and Broulette talking, ordered Broulette to return Madson’s wallet to him. This, it is asserted, the latter did. Broulette then again started his machine and drove off.

Madson had copied the license number of the Broulette machine while standing in the road, when his companion fled. He immediately notified the police and furnished them with an accurate description of the man who had picked them up. The police investigated and took Broulette into custody.

The youth informed the police that when he examined the contents of his pocketbook after it had been returned to him he found \$40 was missing.

Broulette denies, MacAllister said, that he picked the two boys up or that he has any knowledge of their affair. He claims he first saw them on the road quarrelling about “some stolen money.”

Yesterday afternoon the boys were asked whether they could tell who sold them the liquor they had drank [*sic – drunk*]. They led MacAllister and the chief of police to the establishment said to be conducted by Meehan. Outside they described the man who had sold the liquor to them. The description furnished was that of Byers and the latter then was arrested on a liquor violation charge.

Broulette today is at liberty on bonds of \$1,000 and Byers furnished bail of \$500.

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Number 232 [Monday, January 26, 1925], page 1, column 6

Bandit Again Holds Up Riley Filling Station

Anegon's Candy Kitchen Also Robbed; Two School Buildings Entered.

Another reported hold-up at the Riley oil station on south Carpenter avenue, a robbery at the Anegon candy kitchen on East B street and the forced entering of the Chapin and Ludington schools were all added to Iron Mountain's crime list over the week-end [*sic* – weekend].

The hold-up at the Riley station – the third there within the last few weeks – occurred in the same manner as its predecessors. The same clerk, James Trevillian, was on duty and declared that the bandit was the same [*one*] who had visited him before.

Trevillian had not been on duty at the station since the last hold-up, which occurred January 14, Saturday evening, however the regular attendant secured Trevillian [*sic* – Trevillian] to work in his place.

Hears Prowler

Shortly after 9 o'clock Trevillian heard a noise as if someone was prowling around the outside of the station, which is small and built of wood. Remembering the previous hold-ups, he reached out to bolt the door but as his hand touched the lock the door was thrust inward and the bandit entered.

Presenting his revolver in the same manner as upon former occasions, the bandit, according to Trevillian, ordered the latter to empty the cash register. Trevillian

turned over \$5.30 in the register, leaving untouched a few pennies.

The bandit then told Trevillian to get down on the floor – as he had done before – but the clerk hid behind the stove and the robber backed out the door, making his escape on foot across the field towards the Ford plant.

Summon Officials

Members of the sheriff's department and city police were immediately called but the search that followed revealed no trace of the robber. It was said at the police station that an officer had patrolled the district, which is somewhat isolated, **[need to finish copying this article]**

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 32 [Monday, May 18, 1925], page 7, column 2

STEAL SHAVING SET AND FRUIT

Thieves Visit Candy Store Basement on Satur- day Night

Thieves with well developed sweet teeth [*sic*] and heavy beards – or else a desire to open a barber shop – broke into the basement of the Anegon confectionary store, 102 East B street, late Saturday night and made off with eight large jars of maraschino cherries, a number of jars of crushed fruit and a complete shaving set.

Entrance was effected through a basement window and the thieves were unable to get into the confectionery store on the first floor. Because of the bulk of merchandise taken it is believed that more than one was implicated.

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The proprietor's principal hard luck lay in the fact that barber shops were closed yesterday.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 39 [Tuesday, May 26, 1925], page 3, column 2

TYPEWRITER IS LOOT OF THIEF

Only Article Taken In
Robbery at Garvey
Feed Store

Some aspiring young man with a penchant for authorship or a desire to write communications to the newspaper last night broke into the office of the J.M. Garvey Grain and Feed company, at the corner of Brown street and the NorthWestern [sic – Northwestern] railroad tracks, and departed with a Remington typewriter.

A rear door that opened under pressure permitted the thief to enter and make his way forward to the office. A report to the police gave the typewriter as the only item missing.

Footprints indicated that the theft was the work of a boy or youth and the police have in mind several who may have committed it.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 40 [Wednesday, May 27, 1925], page 6, column 4

THIEVES LOSE OUT BUT OTHERS GAIN

Farmer Saves Chickens, Owner Recovers Car, Sheriff Gets \$25

Because some chickens had been stolen a new Tudor [sic] sedan was recovered by Sheriff Frank Cleveland at the New York farm late yesterday afternoon. The car is the property of an Escanaba man and a reward of \$25 had been offered for its return.

It so happened that the two men who stole the car had parked it in the brush near the farm, to avoid the main travelled highways on Saturday and Sunday. The owner of the farm has been missing chickens from his coop the last two weeks and when he saw the men outside his yard, he picked up his shotgun and made for them, but they escaped. Believing that they would return and make an effort to get his chickens, the farmer picked a seat by the window and lay in wait, with both barrels of his shotgun cocked and ready for action.

The men returned a second time, but seeing the end of the shotgun aimed in their general direction made their escape without the car. The farmer saved his chickens, the owner of the car saved his machine, and Sheriff Cleveland is ahead just \$25.

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COPS ROUND UP GANG OF BOYS

Accused of Stealing Va-
riety of Articles and
Cash

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A group of six small boys who have been part of a gang causing unlimited annoyance in Kingsford Heights were rounded up this morning by Officer Salem Lundberg, of the Iron Mountain police force.

Thefts ranging from oranges and candy, to cash in considerable amounts, are attributed to the 11 members of the gang.

Gerald Goodchild, Rexford street, Kingsford Heights, is charged with stealing a total of \$62 from the pockets of clothing left in automobiles near Crystal Lake. He has admitted taking \$14 from the car of Dale Benjamin, on July 14, and on July 15, \$41 from Carl Bowman's car, and \$7 from John O. Easterly's machine, while the owners were bathing.

Was Leader, Claim.

The Goodchild boy, 12 years of age, is the acknowledged ring leader of the gang. It was he, according to his own statement, who instigated most of the thefts, and in business like fashion paid some of the other boys of the group to watch while thefts were accomplished.

He paid liberally, too, according to the statements of the boys to Officer Lundberg, asserting that Goodchild had bestowed amounts of about \$2, \$2.50 and \$3 on some of them for acting as lookout for him.

Henry Lusardi, 321 Harding avenue, Kingsford Heights[,] is thought to be second in command of the gang. He it was, who, with a skeleton key, is charged with entering the Riley stand on South Carpenter avenue at about midnight July 5. He and his associates on that occasion, Leroy and Earl Logger, John Brozovich [*sic* – *Brozovich*], and his brother, Eddie Lusardi, helped themselves to oranges and apples, and O Henry bars, they said.

The Goodchild boy, authorities said, has been up for a number of offenses recently, but the police have been unable up to the present time to pin anything on him

sufficiently serious to warrant severe punishment.

Youth Aids Them.

The youthfulness of most of the boys stands in the way now of their being dealt with severely.

Only by catching the boys separately and questioning them was Officer Lundberg enabled to obtain confessions of the various thefts of which they are accused.

As usually happens "when thieves fall out," even minor ones, they began to make admissions after they started to quarrel among themselves.

Now they talk freely, admitting the theft and sale of bicycles, small wagons, kiddie cars, money from milk bottles and sundry other articles.

The boys, brought before County Prosecutor R.E. MacAllister this morning and later jailed to appear before Judge John O'Hara, in probate court this afternoon, are Gerald Goodchild, Rexford street, 12, Henry Lusardi, 321 Harding avenue, 16, Herman and Lincoln Webber, 441 Montclair avenue and Saratoga avenue, 14 and 11 years old respectively, and John and Harold Hillburn, 116 Harrison avenue, 12 and 11 years respectively.

Not Worried.

Sitting all in a row in one cell in the municipal jail, they appeared nonchalant, talked freely and seemed not unduly concerned as to whatever retribution may fall upon them for their lawless actions.

They tell of having broken into a school house and there obtaining a small amount of Salvation Army money, and of breaking and entering a house in Kingsford Heights without getting anything.

John Brozovich, 14, 300 Wilson avenue, Alvin Lusardi, 12, and avenue [*sic*], Alvin Lusardi, 12, Eddie Lusardi[,] 13, Eddie Lager, 10, and Leroy Lager, 14, were picked up this afternoon by Officer Lundberg.

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August 12, 1925], page 3, column 5

CLAIMS \$240 WAS TAKEN BY THIEF

Fell Asleep in 'Soft Drink' Parlor, Wallet Is Stolen

The visit of George Dorfy, Sagola woodsman, to Iron Mountain yesterday was anything but a financial success.

For, according to the story George told the police last night, some light fingered individual relieved him of his wallet, containing \$240, as he was napping in a soft drink parlor on West Hughitt street last night.

Police picked up two suspects, who were released after they had established their innocence.

Investigation today of the affair led police to the conclusion that Dorfy was intoxicated and wasn't really sure whether or not he ever had the money. They are inclined to believe that the story of the loss was one of the strange quirks of that all-too-common ailment, monomania.

Meantime, the officers are making a searching inquiry into the affair, and, if the probe substantiates Dorfy's claim, arrests may follow.

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August 12, 1925], page 3, column 5

PAIR JAILED FOR ALLEGED THEFTS

Two Workers at Ford Plant Accused of Steal- ing Auto Parts

Martin Lake, 21, and Francis Dufriesne [*sic* – *Dufresne*], 21, employes [*sic* – *employees*] of the Ford plant, are being held in the county jail for stealing parts from automobiles at the Ford parking grounds early this morning.

The pair are alleged to have been caught in the act of striping [*sic* – *stripping*] a tire off a car this morning at 1 o'clock by a watchman of the Ford factory service. Lake was apprehended immediately and turned over to Sheriff Cleveland. Dufriesne [*sic* – *Dufresne*] was arrested at his home, 1400 West Ludington street.

What action will be taken against the men is not yet known but Sheriff Cleveland indicated that they will be severely dealt with. He said that they have been suspected for some time.

According to information received at the factory this morning many complaints have been received during the last two months that parts of cars have been stolen. In five cases cars were reported stolen.

Two more employes [*sic* – *employees*] are also suspected and it is expected that their arrest will follow soon.

A careful watch for thieves has been maintained at the parking grounds for the last week.

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Dickinson County, Michigan, _____
Year, Number _____ [Tuesday,
September 1, 1925], page 2, column 2

TRACE CULPRIT IN THEFT AT STORE

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Hope For Voluntary Confession From Boy Robber

Quiet investigations pursued by Sheriff Frank Cleveland acting in conjunction with the county prosecutor's office resulted today in tracing the culprit in the robbery Sunday of \$45 from the cash register of the James Fontecchio store on the North Side, Mr. Mac Allister said today.

The robbery was believed by the officers to be the work of young boys as the thieves obtained entrance into the store by way of a basement window considered to be too small to permit passage of the body of a mature person.

After removing the panes of glass from the window, the boys, according to Mr. MacAllister's belief, squeezed through the narrow aperture divided by a center post, dropped into the coal bin, entered the kitchen of the building by a staircase and went through to the front of the store, leaving by way of the front door after rifling the cash register.

Because the boys believe to be implicated in the robbery are of tender age, the prosecutor wishes the ring leader to volunteer his confession of the theft instead of having the sheriff take him into custody.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, December 1, 1925], page 2, column 3

THEFT AT POOL ROOM ENRICHES ROBBERS BY \$75

Owner Discovers Loss

When He Opens Place This Morning

Thieves pried open a window of John Alimini's pool room, 125 West Hughitt street, last night, and took \$75 from the till, according to a report to Chief of Police Smole today.

Alimini knew nothing of the theft until he opened the place this morning. He discovered that the window leading into the rear stairway had been forced open with a sharp instrument and that the rear door to the pool room was unlocked and open. The thieves evidently entered through the window and, after rifling the cash drawer, walked out the back door.

This was the second robbery reported for last night, the first occurring at the Crescent Grocery, on Milwaukee avenue.

Chief Smole is under the impression that the same gang perpetrated both robberies for their methods were much the same in both cases. The department is endeavoring to hook up last night's thefts with others that have occurred in the district during the past few weeks in an effort to identify all of the offenses with the same gang.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 176 [Thursday, November 10, 1938], page 2, column 3

STOLEN CIGARETS AND CANDY ARE FOUND IN CACHE

Robberies Reported At Chalmers Warehouse, Lumber Yard

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Cigaretts [*sic* – *Cigarettes*], candy bars and gum, to the value of more than \$100, some of it believed to have been taken last night from the Chalmers and company warehouses in this city, were found by police this morning, hidden in a culvert near the old St. George's hospital.

In addition, officials of the City Lumber Yard reported that four bundles of lath and four windows were stolen from their yard.

Valentine Moroni, patrolman, en route to his home after work last night, noticed a broken window in the Chalmers warehouse and notified Reno Romagnoli, night captain. Romagnoli and Al Schupe, night patrolman, investigated and found burned matches and broken glass scattered about the ground below the window.

The Chalmers company later reported that some time last night the warehouse had been entered and 21 cartons of cigarets [*sic* – *cigarettes*] stolen.

Finds Cache

Henry Trottier, officer on day duty, was sent to investigate. Searching through that area, he came upon the cache, which contained about 50 cartons of cigarets [*sic* – *cigarettes*] and 72 cartons of bars and gum. Part of the loot was stored in a rusted galvanized can and the rest in two bushel baskets.

Trottier brought the cartons to the police station. The cache contained considerable more goods than was [*sic* – *were*] reported stolen at the Chalmers warehouse. Police were checking to determine if any other place was entered.

Another report this morning told of the theft at the City Lumber yard [*sic* – *Yard*] last night.

Heard Noise At Home

Shortly after the cache was found, police learned that George Satterlund, 110 West Flesheim [*sic* – *Fleshieim*] street, heard a noise at the rear of his home last night and told his son to look out the

window. The boy reported he saw some men "carrying something." This morning, Satterlund learned that a bushel basket – presumably one of the two used in the robbery – was missing from the rear of the house.

Gust Hassell, chief of police, and officers were checking Pine Mountain, Pewabic hill and other wooded districts in search of boys' camps, in the belief some youthful gang may be responsible.

Because of the quantity of merchandise taken, Hassell believes that older persons – rather than boys – entered the warehouse, but the fact that lath and windows were taken from the lumber yard indicates material was wanted for some sort of structure, probably a camp.

VAGRANCY

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 597 [Tuesday, June 14, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

A tramp, playing the deaf and dumb act, is in town. He writes his requests on a piece of paper and plays on the sympathy of the people. As a matter of fact he can talk as well as anyone. Yesterday he went to a residence on East C street, tried the deaf and dumb act, and when it failed to work, "sassed" the lady of the house. He is a medium sized young man, stout, clean shaven, and has a bad white eye.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 609 [Tuesday, June 28, 1898], page 3, column 2

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CITY NEWS ITEMS.

The tramps have a new game now. They are quick to catch on to every little idea that will help them to a hand out. Just now they are soldiers. They say that they wanted to enlist to fight for Cuban independence but the surgeon turned them down on account of some physical defect and they are working their way back home because they have not the money to pay their fare. Just at this time the story is a go and rarely fails to bring a good bite to eat.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 298 [Wednesday, April 1, 1925], page 7, column 1

Eighteen Taken In Police Net; "Vags" Must Move On

Clean-up Made by Department; Gamblers Plead Guilty and Pay Fines.

Complying with orders issued by Chief of Police Frank Smole to arrest all undesirable characters, members of the police department last night arrested 18 persons on charges of gambling, vagrancy, drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

In a raid conducted by Sergeant Carlevato and Patrolmen Cavaiani, Bennett, Soderberg and Peterson, at the Princess restaurant at the corner of River avenue and C street, seven men were arrested for taking part in a poker game. Chips were being used, the police said.

Members of the card party were B. Christofer, one of the owners of the lunchroom, C. Cardi, Steve Peters, Clarence Potter, William Sands and tow others who were scheduled to appear late this afternoon.

The five named pleaded guilty to a charge of gambling and were each fined \$20 and costs. The other two produced bonds of \$25 each for their appearance this afternoon. Christofer paid the fines for all the participants, it was stated.

Seven Vagrants

Seven men were arrested on charges of vagrancy. They were William Johnson, Hjalmar Mank, George Melits, Merlin Olson, Charles Thompson, Dolft Sterling and Frank Hardwick. They were taken to the county jail to serve five days. After the expiration of their sentences, they will be given orders to leave the city.

Elmer Camp, arrested for taking part in a fight, was released by Justice Anderson and sentence was also suspended in the case of Sandy McCauley, who was taken into custody for being drunk. The men, it is claimed, were on their way to Ann Arbor to consult physicians regarding their health.

James Moore was fined \$5 and costs by the justice on an intoxication charge. He paid his fine. The eighteenth offender was hauled into jail on a charge of indecent exposure.

"Vags" Must Go.

Chief Smole declared today it was his intention to clean Hughitt street of all undesirable characters. He added that many of the robberies in the city are being committed by "vags" who loaf around to such an extent that "it is a disgrace to Iron Mountain."

"Many of these floaters," the chief said, "come here from other cities which they have been ordered to leave. But if they expect to remain here, they are mistaken. We intend to keep them on the jump.

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“Every incoming train brings its quota of vagrants who may be seen emerging from the places of concealment that they have chosen in order to steal the rides. The community is not safe with this type of character and just because other cities don’t want them we don’t intend to keep them here. They will have to move on.”

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 300 [Friday, April 3, 1925], page 3, column 1

SEVEN VAGRANTS TOLD TO DEPART

Clean-up Is Continued; Others Appear In Justice Court

The Iron Mountain police department last night continued its clean-up of undesirable characters by hauling seven offenders into jail.

The “vags” were arraigned this morning before Justice Anderson and gave a variety of “hard luck stories”. After a lecture by the justice and Chief of Police Smole, they were ordered to leave the city at once.

The men were Louis Lofstrom, John Grady, Al Yellman, Walter Kesner, Joseph Anderson, Frank Bentley and Bert Babbit. Commenting on the arrest of the “vags”, Chief Smole stated that it is the intention of the police department to rid the city of all undesirables. Earlier in the week seven others were taken into custody and given orders to leave after they had served five days in the county jail.

Promises To Be Good

John Alger, arrested last night for drunkenness, was also told that his

presence in Iron Mountain would no longer be desired if he repeated the offense. He was fined \$5 and costs by the justice upon his promise not to get drunk again.

Howard Gleason, South Carpenter avenue, was also arraigned in court this morning on a charge of assault and batter preferred by his wife. Sentence was suspended in the case when the woman pleaded for her husband’s release.

Charged with reckless driving, Elmer Cottrell, East E street, was fined \$10 and costs when arraigned this morning before Justice Spencer. The warrant for Cottrell’s arrest was sworn out by Paul Erdman who claimed that Cottrell’s reckless driving was responsible for his car being damaged last Monday afternoon.

The accident occurred when Cottrell passed Erdman on a street in Kingsford while returning home from the Ford plant.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 15 [Tuesday, April 28, 1925], page 2, column 1

SIX “VAGS” IN JUSTICE MILL

Ordered to Leave Town; Traffic Violators Also Arraigned

With a large increase in the number of cases of vagrancy, Chief Smole has ordered a clean up in the city and officers are on the look out for “vags” hanging around the streets in the wee sma’ hours of the morning.

Every train brings in one or two via the “blind baggage” route and police are at the depots to see that the newcomers are dispatched from the city just as quickly as

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they arrive. This morning six were arraigned in Justice Spencer's court on charges of vagrancy, and were ordered to leave town. They were Alex Boruski, George Thigpen, Zeke Hoski, Carl Simonson, Albert Sunderson and Dudley Hanner.

Second offenses of this nature will draw a 30-day sentence, Justice Spencer warned the vagrants.

Two Pay Fines

Two more paid fines when arraigned before Justice Spencer late yesterday afternoon on charges of speeding and reckless driving. Carl Heidewall paid \$5 for traveling at an excessive rate of speed. James Panosh, of Breitung, was also assessed \$5 on a charge of reckless driving preferred by State Police Dan C. Van Wagner. Panosh claimed he was teaching a woman how to drive.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 24 [Friday, May 8, 1925], page 6, column 2

Suspends Sentence Of Two Vagrants

Coming here from Sagola to witness the boxing and wrestling match staged at the Colonial theatre last evening was punishment enough for Amil Johnson, according to Justice Spencer, who let him off with a suspended sentence on a charge of vagrancy. Joe Goman[,] who came down from Iron River[,] was also released on suspended sentence on a similar charge.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 40 [Wednesday, May 27, 1925], page 6, column 1

EIGHT 'VAGS' IN JUSTICE COURT

Three Polish War Memorial; Others Clean City Jail

Eight "vags" sleeping a la side door Pullman, [sic] were picked up by Officer Rigoni in the wee sma' hours of the morning and when arraigned later before Justice Anderson only one of the eight, Raymond Harber, was able to pay his fine.

The boys were given breakfast and then three of them were sent to the court house where they were presented with the task of polishing up the bronze war memorial tablet. The other four were given scrubbing brushes and made to clean up the city jail. They were then released upon promises to leave the city.

Included in the eight was John Brady, who was a constant repeater at the city jail during the winter. Brady claims he is eligible to the county poor farm having helped to build this city 42 years ago. The others picked up included William Brown, Joseph Schultz, Matt Urban, Joseph Raymond, Mike Safar and Frank Baker.

Frank Merziak was also fined \$5 on a charge of being drunk.

WIFE BEATING

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 33 [Tuesday, May 19, 1925], page 2, column 1

WIFE BEATER WHO

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REPEATS JAILED

Paid \$25 Fine So Went Home Then to Get Money's Worth

Paying a fine and costs totaling \$25 yesterday on charges of drunkenness and wife beating, Felix Tondin was picked up by police again last evening and this morning was sent to the county jail for 10 days on charges of wife beating.

Tondin promised the court yesterday that he would behave, and then changed his mind, attempting to get some satisfaction out of the fine he paid by again punishing his wife.

"Well, I paid \$25 so I went home and beat her up good this time," Tondin laconically remarked to officials.

Charles Luusia, charged with vagrancy, paid a fine of \$1 when arraigned this morning. Two other "vags", Mose Troskey and Dan Thompson, were committed to the county jail for five days on failure to pay fines.

WIFE DESERTION

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 1 [Thursday, May 27, 1920], page 1, column 4

Wife Desertion.

Sheriff Farrel left last evening for Kenosha, where he expects to arrest George Hodgson, a former resident of Waucesau. Hodgson is charged with deserting a wife and three children. The

warrant was issued at the instance [*sic – insistence*] of Prosecuting Attorney Knight, who declares that desertion cases are becoming altogether too common in Dickinson county and he now proposes to bring some of the delinquents to justice. And it is well.

INJURED ON THE JOB

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Saturday, June 17, 1922], page 1, column 7

TAKE TESTIMONY IN INJURY CASE

Depositions Taken In Action Brought By Harold Lindholm

Depositions in the case of Harold Lindholm vs. the Chicago & Northwestern railway company, resulting from an accident in the Antoine yards November 5 last, in which Lindholm lost an arm and a leg, were taken before Justice Spencer, acting as a commissioner in the case.

Testimony was given by A.J. McCormick, George E. Vincent, Charles Lindholm, A.H. Hooper and Mike Nasberg, and will be used in the trial of the action now pending in the district court of the 12th judicial district in Yellow Medicine county, Minn.

Lindholm, as plaintiff, is asking damages from the railway company for the loss of his two limbs. He was represented at the hearing by W.A. Tautges and Robert J. McDonald, of Minneapolis, while Brown,

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Somsen and Sawyer, of Winona, Minn., represented the defendant.

Lindholm, a car repairer, was inspecting some cars on train No. 34, running between Stambaugh and Iron Mountain. He saw where repairs were needed and was engaged in making them when a switch engine, adding cars to the train on which he was working, failed to effect a union with a coupling. The cars, instead of holding as they would had the coupling worked, it is alleged, were shoved down the track, passing over Lindholm.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Monday, June 5, 1922], page 1, column 2

SHOT FAILS TO STOP DRIVER

Residents of the north side were treated to a bit of gun play last **[need to finish copying article]**

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 10 [Thursday, May 30, 1889], page 1, column 3

Bit by a Dog.

While Hubie Mead was standing in front of Jim Moriarity's saloon last Tuesday morning, Dad *[sic]* Ryan's dog seized him by the calf of the leg and bit him quite severely. Hubie made complaint before Justice Bergeron and Marshal Catlin put the dog where he won't bite any more good boys like Hubie.