

LESSON IN WAR.



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First Degree Murder

Sutton Reporter: Our little city was the scene of a horrible murder Monday night, in which one man was completely disemboweled, dying almost instantly, and another is so badly cut that he may not be out of danger for some time. Ed Lundmark, the one killed, and Jack Sande, farm hands who were working southeast of Sutton came to town Monday evening and they and Geo. C. Myers, the cook at the Sutton Cafe, proceeded to load up on whiskey which one of them had procured. About midnight they began quarreling and Myers struck one of them two or three blows and ordered them out of the place. As they went out they invited him to follow them, whereupon he went back to the kitchen and got a long knife used for slicing bread and meat and started after them. In the meantime a man whom they call "Slim" went out and held the door, trying at the same time to dissuade Myers from his intent, and to induce the other fellows to leave town. In the scuffle at the door the lock broke so Slim ran in order to save his own life. The cook sprang to the walk and overtook Lundmark just past Mack's Cafe, and plunged the knife into his abdomen, cutting him wide open. The victim uttered one groan and fell into the mud and water at the edge of the walk, where he died instantly. Myers then rushed to the other fellow only a few feet farther on and used the knife on him in the same manner, but with less deadly effect. The cook then realized what an awful deed he had committed, and for a short time was hysterical, crying "God forgive me" etc.

When others had arrived he assisted them in carrying the wounded man to the pool room.

The affair was witnessed by Chris Greenland from his room across the street. He hurried down stairs and telephoned for constables Retzlaff and Davidson and when they arrived he gave a revolver to the former to guard the cook with until he could go to Robert Starr's for a pair of handcuffs. When these were placed on him the sheriff was notified and he came out and took him to jail about five o'clock Tuesday morning.

Tuesday afternoon a coroner's inquest was held. The jury was composed of Robert Starr, Oscar Kjelson and B. N. Howden and their verdict charged Meyers with first degree murder.

The dead man's relatives at Aitkin, Minn., were notified and after the body was embalmed it was shipped to them Wednesday. The other man was taken to the hospital at

Fargo Tuesday.

The knife Meyers used is one he used to slice bread or meat, and has a blade seven or eight inches long with a sharp point and widening to about two inches at the heel. This instrument was sharpened to a razor edge.

Generally speaking, thrift is not born with us, nor is it thrust upon us; it is, in the great majority of cases, a matter of delicate and intentional acquirement by means of self-imposed obligation with a definite purpose in view. And withal, to reach the maximum of effective accomplishment there must be a penalty which, gently, but firmly and constantly, insists upon the regular observance of all those factors which contribute to the ultimate success. That is, in getting into one realizes the sense of obligation, pride is at stake, and certain selfdenials are made to effect a saving and meet the payments as arranged. The result is a distinct gain, if the debt was properly incurred. — Ex.



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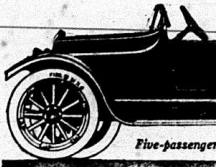
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