

## GIRL REPENTS IN A CELL.

### MAY CLOMAN, ARRESTED WITH YOUTH, TELLS STORY.

**After Leaving Home in Order to Receive Attentions of Harold Hermes, Also a Prisoner, She Is Held, but Declares Her Innocence of Intent to Commit Crime—Advises Others to Heed Advice Like That Given by Parents.**

"I wish I had listened to my mother's advice. My parents objected to me keeping company with Harold, but I thought I knew best. Young girls would do well not to accept attentions from any young man who is afraid to call at their homes."

May Cloman, 17 year old daughter of Frederick K. Cloman, 389 Webster avenue, gave this advice while in a cell at the Desplaines street station yesterday afternoon. It was her first romance and was cut short by the police, who charged the girl and her sweetheart, Harold Hermes, 21 years old, 764 Racine avenue, with passing forged checks in west side stores.

Having faith in Hermes, she says, she did as he bade, innocent of the fact that the checks were forgeries.

Before Lieut. Harding of the West Lake street station she told her story, while Hermes refused to talk.

#### Passes Checks for Companion.

The girl declares she passed at least fifteen checks for from \$7 to \$12, drawn in the name of George H. Delcher who, Hermes said, was a constable for whom he worked. Hermes accompanied the girl to various stores and waited while she presented the checks in payment for small purchases. They were arrested by detectives from the Lake street station while leaving the store of H. J. Berne, West Van Buren and Robey streets. Hermes attempted to escape.

"We were engaged to be married, but I had begun to lose faith in Harold because at times he talked so cruelly to me," said Miss Cloman. "If I asked any questions about the checks or why he didn't go into the stores with me he would fly into a temper. I had fully decided to break the engagement and return to my home. It was a good home."

#### Leaves Home to See Sweetheart.

Miss Cloman recently left her home and went to live with an aunt at 305 Cuyler avenue because Hermes was not allowed to call upon her. He visited her at her aunt's home.

So far the police have obtained names of but four firms where checks were passed. Miss Cloman said she did not remember the stores. The cases are set for trial tomorrow morning.

## CONDEMNED SLAYER IN JAIL ENDS LIFE WITH POISON.

### Ralph Le Isle, Convicted of Murder and Sentenced for Life, Commits Suicide Day After Trial Ends.

Death by suicide has set aside the life sentence of Ralph Le Isle, convicted Friday of murder and sentenced to spend a life term in the Joliet penitentiary. His body was found in his cell in the county jail yesterday morning, and a woman, supposed to be his wife, is suspected of having smuggled in chloral with which the prisoner poisoned himself.

After Le Isle had been taken to the jail from Judge Honoré's court Friday afternoon he was visited by Belle Maxwell, who said she was his wife, and it is believed she furnished him with the poison. Le Isle was considered by the police an expert in the use of chloral for criminal purposes.

A verdict of suicide was given by the coroner's jury following the inquest held at Gavin's undertaking rooms, 226 North Clark street, in the afternoon. The post-mortem examination held by Coroner's Physician Lowke revealed that the prisoner died from chloral. Most of the testimony at the inquest revealed that Le Isle had been mentally unbalanced for several years.

The murder for which he was found guilty occurred last February. After running through west side streets shooting at several persons, he shot and killed Goldberg, a saloonkeeper, at 145 West Madison street.

The verdict returned by the jury was preceded by a dramatic defense from the prisoner. He offered periodical insanity in mitigation of his crime, and recited his criminal history in Michigan, in which he admitted having committed arson, assault, burglary, and larceny.

## THREE MURDERERS LEARN FATE

### One Man Sentenced to Be Hanged and Two Others Must Serve Prison Terms.

Three prisoners in the county jail today will spend their first Sunday there as convicted murderers. All were sentenced yesterday by Judge Kersten. One will go to the gallows Oct. 12, another will spend the remainder of his life in the penitentiary, and the third man will be imprisoned for thirty-three years. The prisoners sentenced are:

Black, Paul, sentenced to thirty-three years' imprisonment; shot and killed John Engel last September at Orchard and Center streets.

Francis, Daniel L., negro, shot and killed wife and friend, Mrs. Mary Scroggs, in their home, at Forty-fifth street and Cottage Grove avenue; sentenced to be hanged Oct. 12.

Szalanczi, John, sentenced to life imprisonment; shot and killed John Gonzal at 8504 Buffalo avenue, South Chicago.

Francis showed no emotion when the sentence of death was pronounced.

"After my death I would ask that my gun and bank account be turned over to my son," the negro told the court. "While there is life there is hope."

## ACCUSED OF KILLING GIRL.

### Cortland, N. Y., Man Arrested Following Death of Young Woman While in Boat.

Utica, N. Y., July 14.—Chester Gillette of Cortland, N. Y., was arrested at Arrowhead in the Adirondack mountains today and charged with the murder of Miss Grace Brown, daughter of Frank Brown of Otselic, N. Y., whose body was found in Big Moose lake on Thursday.

## GOV. MICKEY SEEKS A TOGA.

### Nebraska's Chief Executive Announces He Is a Candidate for the United States Senate.

Lincoln, Neb., July 14.—[Special.]—Gov. Mickey announces that he is a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Millard, whose term expires March 4 next.