

3 NEW TWISTS CAUSE FLURRY IN MOUNT CASE

\$10,000 Reward, Scott Parley, "Hot Tip."

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The Leighton Mount death investigation yesterday turned up a series of "important leads," but by the time the day was over most of the "hot tips" had developed into will o' the wisps.

Northwestern university, which has complained that the Mount story had unnecessarily held the front page of the newspapers for sixteen days, renewed interest by offering a \$10,000 reward for information about Mount.

Another development came when the state's attorney's office, about to end a dreary day with no grand jury session and no questioning of witnesses, was thrown into a state of excitement by the sudden dashing in of John Sbarbaro and Charles Wharton, assistant state's attorneys.

"Hot Tip from Jim Patten!"

"Just got a hot tip from Jim Patten, former member of the board of trustees. We'll be back at 6 p. m.," exclaimed the officials, grabbing double armfuls of documents and rushing away.

Six o'clock, eight o'clock, and ten o'clock came, but with no word from the state attorneys.

At 11 o'clock reporters who had spent four hours telephoning nearly every one in the city trying to locate the assistant state's attorneys, finally found Mr. Sbarbaro and Mr. Wharton in the Illinois Athletic club, eating a large steak smothered in onions.

"O, yes, that tip," they explained. "Why, we may have to go out of town on it tomorrow, but there's nothing to give out tonight."

Scott Calls Conference.

Walter Dill Scott, president of Northwestern university, earlier in the evening had called in all the Mount mystery reporters for a conference in his office.

He started a friendly little talk, but Attorney George Merrick broke it up with an oration that finally caused Dr. Scott to lead him from the room under the pretense that he was needed in a trustees' meeting.

Then the reporters, tired of resultless tips, started a little excitement of their own. They telephoned a fraternity house in Evanston that every member was wanted at once at the state's attorney's office. The boys dropped their books and rushed loopward, but when they reached State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe's office they found that even the reporters had gone home.

Diplomacy—and Brickbats!

Dr. Scott's conference with the reporters proved the most engaging of the day's events. A dozen or more gathered in his office. The university president began a diplomatic talk about Northwestern's desire to clear up the Mount mystery and voiced the hope that the reporters would cooperate.

"I've just talked to State's Attorney Crowe and he tells me that our cooperation has been 100 per cent," began Mr. Scott when Mr. Merrick, who is a trustee and the attorney for the university, walked in. Mr. Merrick supported himself partly with his cane.

"I want to say that the newspaper reporters in this case have been a damnable bunch of——" he started, when Dr. Scott interrupted with a few whispered words.

"Ashamed of the Press."

"What I meant to say," resumed Mr. Merrick, in a tone much more conciliatory, "was that Northwestern is the greatest school on earth. We've existed here for many years and we've never had any stigma cast on us. When I speak to you fellows I speak to twelve or fourteen. When you speak you speak to millions.

"Now, we haven't had a square deal, and I'm ashamed of the press. I wish I had McCormick, Patterson, Lawson, and Hearst here; I'd tell them——"

"Why don't you go down to their offices and see them?" piped up an auburn haired reporter who was believed by Northwestern at one time to have kidnaped Mount to "make a story."

Clearing Up the Case.

Dr. Scott again whispered to Mr. Merrick.

"What I started to say," resumed Mr. Merrick, again pitching his voice to a low key, "was that we want to clear up this case. The papers have published rumors and fancies, but little of the facts. They've attacked Dr. Scott"—Mr. Merrick's voice again could be heard several rooms away—"and I want to say that if Dr. Scott dragged Mount's body down that pier

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\$10,000 N. U. Reward Scott Meeting, 'Hot Tip.'

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and stuffed it under those rocks a midnight we'll hang Dr. Scott—"

Dr. Scott, nervously twisting his fingers, had reached the floor pacing stage. As Mr. Merrick shouted the hanging pronouncement the university president took him by the arm and led him to the next room.

"Now, I want to finish my talk—," Mr. Merrick started to explain, but the reporters heard no more. They went home pondering and debating the question of the day: "Who killed Leighton Mount?"

Scott Denies "Open House."

Dr. Scott stopped them to explain that Northwestern's attitude was open and aboveboard and he would be glad to explain anything at any time.

"Well, why not get an official spokesman for the university?" asked the auburn haired newsgatherer. "This story may run forever and we can't seem to understand Mr. Merrick."

"Perhaps that will be done," answered Dr. Scott. "Meantime you boys come and see me whenever you wish. I'm always at home to fellows like you."

PATTEN AIRS HIS MIND

Just what is the "hot tip" which eventually brought the state attorneys to the Illinois Athletic club to investigate steak and onions was not divulged. They had been sent to interview the university trustee members and had gone to see Mr. Patten in the belief he still belonged to that body.

"Why, I resigned four years ago," the millionaire "wheat king" explained. "But I'd like to say one thing: This is a fine time for the university to be offering a \$10,000 reward—twenty months after Mount disappeared and two weeks after his skeleton is found. Why didn't they do that long ago? Then the newspapers would be shouting in eight column headlines about Northwestern's pep instead of about its indifference."

Reward Offer Revives Case.

The announcement of the \$10,000 reward, which was offered twelve hours after John and Fred Scott—son and nephew, respectively, of Dr. Scott—had refused to answer questions from state attorneys under the plea that they "didn't know anything" and that fraternity pledges kept them from replying to the questions, covered almost every conceivable angle of the Mount case. The \$10,000 will be paid:

1. For indictment or conviction of any person for the murder of Leighton Mount.
2. For information that leads to indictment and conviction of any person for manslaughter in connection with the Leighton Mount case.
3. For information that leads to a determination by inquest that Mount committed suicide.
4. For information that leads to the discovery that Leighton Mount is still alive.

LIME ASSOCIATION MEETS HERE.

A closed meeting to map out business policies for the coming year was held yesterday afternoon by the National Lime association in the Hotel Sherman.

FORGIVES MAN WHO SHOT HIM; WON'T PUSH CASE

"I realize we may all do strange things when we are under the weather," said William Clark, 7203 Perry avenue, yesterday when refusing to prosecute Albert Stone, 23 years old, 4420 Emerald avenue, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Clark was shot in the abdomen by Stone on April 1, when he attempted to prevent him from taking money from a cash register in a saloon at 6543 South State street.