

## E. H. MARTIN ACCUSED OF WOLFF MURDER

### West Point Graduate Now Drug Fiend Arrested.

### BLOODY SHIRT THE CLEW

### Suspect Also Bears Wounds That Tell of Desperate Encounter.

### WIFE'S SUSPICIONS AROUSED

### Takes Him to Scene of Murder and There Accuses Him.

### MARTIN DENIES HIS GUILT

### Is Now Confined in City Jail—Police Hope to Secure Confession When His Craving for Opiates Grows Irresistible.

#### "STRONG CASE," SAYS DISTRICT ATTORNEY MANNING.

A jury would convict E. H. Martin of the murder of Nathan Wolff in two hours, said District Attorney Manning last night after his examination of Martin. "The circumstantial evidence is very strong. He tells a very flimsy story of how he received the gash on his head and the wounds on his hand and neck. He explains the gash on his head by saying a small ax flew up and hit him. He says a cat scratched him in the neck. Without going into details at this time I can say that I consider the evidence very convincing against him."

Edward Hugh Martin, former artillery officer, expert in coast defense armament, graduate of West Point, company commander in the Cuban campaign, son of wealthy parents and a drug fiend. That is the man arrested by the police yesterday afternoon for the brutal murder of Nathan Wolff and the pilfering of Wolff's pawnshop on First street last Friday night.

The police were looking for a man of the drug type, low, broad, violent, and a criminal with a record. The nature of the atrocious murder compelled such a picture of the perpetrator. They found a man of high education, good connections and many weaknesses growing out of the use of cocaine and morphine.

Formidable circumstances point an unwavering finger of accusation at Martin. He denies his guilt. With all the resources of a man of education and of mental resources he evades the verbal attacks that are laid for him by the authorities. But several of the statements whereby he might hope to base his claims to innocence have been refuted. His mental resources are not great enough to overcome the barrier of circumstances. The police say he is guilty. They say they will prove he is guilty. There is, of course, the slender chance that he is not.

#### Martin Maintains Innocence.

Martin was expected to confess last night. At a late hour, however, it was given out that he stood by his claims of innocence. But the same weakness which is thought to have driven him to murder is relied on by the authorities to betray him to the executioner. That weakness of morphine. He has been given none of the drug since his arrest, even in the distressing mental state which followed his prolonged examination by District Attorney John Manning yesterday afternoon. He will be given no portion of the drug today. Withdrawal of this stimulant and the extreme mental and physical depression which follows long abstinence will break down the barrier of outraged innocence which marked his conduct yesterday. It is believed. Wracked by the tortures of abstinence it is believed Martin, slave to the drug, will be unable to keep up his position under cross-examination. On the theory that the means justify the end the police intend to wrest his secret from him, if he has one. With the innate, compelling, overwhelming desire for drugs will come the confession, the authorities say.

Martin was arrested a few minutes after 1 o'clock P. M. in a rooming-house at Union Avenue and East Morrison street by Patrolman Goltz and Detective Hellyer. An hour before he had read that the police accused him of the Wolff murder. He was in the Turner Hall Saloon at the time. He left that place hurriedly, crossed the river and telephoned to the police station, saying he "had

Martin in custody and would take him to the station about 5 o'clock." His movements were quickly traced thereafter and he was arrested while in the act of drinking a glass of water. He showed no signs of excitement when put under arrest, saying he was just on the point of going to the police station to give himself up and refute the story that he was Wolff's murderer.

#### Basis of the Murder Charge.

The circumstances which are the basis of the murder charge against him, briefly stated are these: A blood-besmeared shirt, found wrapped in a piece of paper on a heap of rubbish behind a North End rooming-house, was purchased by him from Max Drey, a peddler, last Thursday. He purchased three of the shirts. He was wearing one of them when taken to the police station. On his left jaw are three distinct marks, evidently made by the finger nails of



Governor John F. Fort, of New Jersey, Proposed for Vice-President by New Jersey Republicans.

human being. On his head there is a cut which extends nearly to the bone. He said his wife's cat scratched his face and that an ax blade flew off while he was cutting wood last week, causing the injury to his head. City Physician Zeigler says the scratches were positively not made by a cat. All are fresh marks. Nathan Wolff engaged in a desperate encounter with the murderer so the deduction is obvious.

Martin quarreled with his wife Sunday night because she told him she suspected him of being Wolff's murderer. Unable to placate her suspicions Martin left home saying he would get proof of his innocence. He did not return. Mrs. Martin suspected him because he returned to their home in Sellwood at midnight Friday, following the tragedy. She noticed the wounds on his head and face and marks on his hands. He first told her he had been attacked and beaten by highwaymen but when she refused to believe that informed her he had gotten into a fight over a poker game and was struck across the head with a chair by one of the players.

#### Wife Accuses Her Husband.

On Sunday, Mrs. Martin took her husband past the scene of the murder and there accused him of the crime. He denied it without showing any marked emotion and continued on with her to mass at the Cathedral. Late Sunday afternoon Mrs. Martin recalled that the clothes he wore home Friday night were not the same which he wore on leaving the house Friday morning. On recalling this fact she accused him openly of the crime and it was to get those clothes that he left the house not to return. He told her he had left them at a saloon where the fight over cards occurred and that he would bring them to show her. She has not seen him since, refusing to confront him after his arrest. He has been incompetent in money matters and has been in hard circumstances for some time past but notwithstanding this fact \$40 in gold and several dollars in silver were found in his pockets when he was arrested.

#### Martin's Dealings With Wolff.

He had dealings with Wolff, paying a watch which he prized very highly. He was unable to secure the return of that watch, and after the period of loan had expired called on Wolff and requested him to hold the timepiece indefinitely. Whether the watch was from Wolff's place is a matter yet to be ascertained by the police. Thursday he pawned an Army revolver for \$7 and later in the same day pawned his drawing instruments, which he had used in his work as a draughtsman. He explained this by saying he was trying to secure money sufficient to make Mrs. Martin believe he had been working at work. His wife says that he had repented to her that he was working, thus lending color to his claim in that respect. The firm of Ashley & Rummell also admit that he borrowed about \$50 in all from them, mostly during April. The money is still owing.

No sooner was Martin landed in the police station by Hellyer and Goltz than District Attorney Manning, who was in waiting for the prisoner, began an examination with the view to secure a confession. He took Martin at once into the private office of Chief Gritzmacher, and examined him physically for cuts or bruises. None were found except the slight wounds already referred to. The office quickly filled to overflow, a great noisy, excited and curious crowd of nearly a thousand people was talking noisily outside the police station, and Martin was shortly taken into the detectives' room on the second floor.

Martin is Closely Questioned.

Many deductions might be made from the inquisition that followed. Martin stood the ordeal well, not once being entrapped by Mr. Manning, but his manner was not as convincing as his words. Questions were asked him for which he was not prepared. Once or twice he had to stumble along with great deliberation over his answers, and would writhe uncomfortably in his seat. But there is no way of definitely or ac-

## SWARM BAY CITY TO SEE THE FLEET

### Thousands From Oregon Have Arrived.

### WELCOME HELP OF OREGONIAN

### Visitors From Whole West Use Information Booth.

### PORTLAND SENDS 2000

### Three Trains Carry Hosts From the Valley Towns—All Seek Point of Vantage to See Fleet Enter the Golden Gate.

BY ARNO DOSCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5 (Special).—The Oregonian Information Bureau reached the point here today where not only Oregon, Washington and Idaho people, but visitors from all parts of the West were cared for and furnished accommodations. The crowds seeking for rooms grew during the day to an extent not anticipated when the bureau was established, but the list of available sleeping places was long enough to meet the demands of all comers. The hotels were completely filled up last night and all except those who had reservations several months in advance, were forced to lodge in private houses. Even at that, although 100,000 people have come to the city since Sunday, the list of rooms is holding out marvelously and all who apply will be served.

#### Great Crowd From Oregon.

William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who arranged for the special trains from Portland, called at the booth of the Oregonian Information Bureau this morning and said that in the three days' excursion out of Portland alone 2,000 people had left to view the fleet come in through the Golden Gate. There were besides, three trains which reached San Francisco from Oregon today, special cars from almost every city in the Willamette Valley, Salem, Albany, Eugene, and from Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass. Besides these, 200 arrived by steamer Senator this morning, as well as a large crowd on the Elder yesterday.

#### Constant Stream at Ferry.

The three trains this morning were met by the Oregonian's representative this morning before they reached the city, and the people were directed to the Oregonian Information Bureau, as well as directly to lodging places. The jam of people was so great at the Ferry building that before one ferry had poured its thousands out upon the wide plaza where the Market-street cars loop, another would send its throng through the wide nave of the building to press those in front from behind, so that all day long good-natured visitors were shoved forward with their hand baggage to grasp the rail of a crowded car and be carried up town.

The names of all visitors who register will be telegraphed to Portland each day and published in The Oregonian. In this way relatives and friends will be given full information concerning visitors in the Bay City.

The bureau is in charge of Arno Dosch, formerly of Portland, who will do his utmost to assist and make enjoyable the visit of those who seek the aid of The Oregonian information bureau.

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With the throngs that came through that one channel, 50,000 today alone, it was almost hopeless to try to care for them, and for the most part they ran over the city like children on a holiday. All the main thoroughfares of the city were thickly crowded with fleet visitors, although there are several miles of such thoroughfares, and among them, to any one who knew the Northwestern people, there was a good representation.

#### Where to See the Fleet.

One thing that marked an Oregon train as soon as it pulled into the Oakland mole was the fact that the passengers were better dressed than other visitors. The same thing was visible in the streets. Oregon men and women were distinguishable everywhere by the fact that they were well dressed. All Northwestern people, not only those who applied to the Oregonian Information Bureau, but all others besides, have been well cared for here. The constant question they have been asking today is: "Where shall I see the fleet from?" San Francisco is so hilly and offers so many vantage points that there has been a variety to offer—Lands End, the Presidio, Russian Hill, Telegraph Hill and Fort Baker. The advice usually adopted was to go to Russian Hill and see the entrance through the Golden Gate, and walk back through what was a year ago the burnt district to Nob Hill, where the maneuvers and anchorage can be seen.

Dan J. Malarkey and Sam Hering, who are at the Holland, will take an automobile with their families and follow the fleet as it enters. James McEl Wood was seen this morning as he captured one of the few remaining invitations to the ball tomorrow night. He, like many other Portlanders, will be entertained by friends who have homes overlooking the bay. Others will go out on the excursion steamers and view the fleet at anchor at the lighthouse and follow in behind.

#### About 350,000 Visitors.

Two hundred thousand people will cross the bay from nearby points tomorrow morning, making the total of fleet visitors about 350,000. The facility with which the railroads have handled the crowds and the elasticity of the city are subjects for marvel.

All this vast crowd will be treated to a sight never to be forgotten. The ships will enter in a long string, and as they pass between the heads, with the Marin County hills as a lovely background, they will look huge, dwarfing the old brick Fort Winfield Scott until it looks like an apple box. They will then pass under

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## OREGONIAN BUREAU AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho People Please Register at California Building.

FOR the convenience of its friends and patrons in the Pacific Northwest, the Oregonian has established a free information bureau at San Francisco, where all visitors in that city from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, during the festivities in honor of the visiting battleship fleet, will be made welcome. This bureau is located in the California building, on Union Square, in the heart of the downtown business district and convenient to any carline leaving the Union Ferry.

The purpose of the bureau is to keep a register of visitors, furnish accurate information concerning hotel accommodations and points of interest to strangers, afford a meeting place for Pacific Northwest visitors and their friends and give them facilities for receiving and dispatching their mail.

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## HERRIN MACHINE SMASHED TO BITS

### League Wins and California Is for Taft.

### HAS TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

### Herrin Will Seek Compromise, but Get None.

### PERKINS' SEAT IN DANGER

### Southern Pacific Control Ended and Machine Congressmen to Be Re- tired—Triumph for Heneys War on Graft.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—(Special.)

Returns from today's primary elections in California, practically complete at midnight, give the Lincoln-Roosevelt League an overwhelming majority in the Republican State Convention. The machine forces, led by William H. Herrin, representing the Southern Pacific, will have approximately 200 delegates against about 400 for the league.

In San Francisco the league elected 52 delegates out of 87. In Los Angeles and other points in Southern California the Lincoln-Roosevelt forces captured three-fourths of the places. In Alameda County the league elected 43 delegates and the machine forces 9. In Sacramento the league men won out in 11 out of 16 contests.

#### No Quarter to Be Given Herrin.

The election was the most disastrous to the machine since the Southern Pacific entered politics. So vast is the league majority that it is predicted tonight that Herrin will not attempt to fight on the floor of the convention, but will fall into line with the cry of "harmony." The league delegates, however, are pledged against compromise.

The result means that Herrin will lose control of the State Central Committee. Colonel George H. Stone, will be unseated as chairman and a league man substituted. The outcome means the defeat or withdrawal of Governor Gillett, George Knight, M. H. DeYoung and General Harrison Grey. Oats as candidates for delegates at large to the National Convention. League men will be sent instead, pledged to the nomination of Secretary Taft. In fact, the league victory makes certain a solid Taft delegation.

#### End of Perkins and Congressmen.

A more important effect will be the refusal to renominate most of the California Congressmen, who are regarded as machine men. The league victory also threatens the seat of Senator Perkins. With the party machinery in its hands, the league will fight for a State Legislature committed to the defeat of Mr. Perkins next January.

Heading the league movement are

Chester H. Rowell of Fresno, ex-United States Senator Bard, ex-Governor Pardee, ex-Mayor Davis of Oakland, State Senator Belshaw, Charles S. Wheeler and a large number of prominent business and professional men of San Francisco.

The league has pledged its support to Francis J. Heney in his war on graft, and the victory means another triumph for the graft prosecution.

#### Victory for Regular Democrats.

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—The regular Democratic organization claims a victory in all but the Seventh of the nine Assembly Districts in today's primaries, as against the Democratic League. Both factions favor a Bryan endorsement.

The organization candidates for delegates at large to the National Convention are: Mayor A. C. Harper and Nathan Cole, Jr. The candidates for

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## FIND FIVE BODIES ON GUNNESS FARM

### LAPORTE, Ind., May 5.—That Mrs. Bella Gunness was responsible for at least five murders before she and her three children were incinerated in the fire which destroyed her home, a week ago today, is the theory now held by the local authorities, who are attempting to solve the puzzle of the barnyard burying-ground found on her pretty farm, one mile north of the city, today.

Ray Lamphere was told this evening of the day's gruesome discovery. "My God! Five bodies!" What wouldn't that woman do! exclaimed Lamphere, who is awaiting grand-jury action on the charge of first-degree murder. The dim lighting of the cell in which he has been confined since his arrest following the fatal fire, revealed the spasm of horror, shaded with relief, which crossed his features.

#### Come and Come to Stay.

"I always thought something was wrong out there," he cried, when Sheriff A. P. Smutzer questioned him. "Several people came to that farm who never seem to go away. One was a man, big, with black hair and mustache. Mrs. Gunness told me he was Jennie Olson's sweetheart. He was around there about two years ago, then one day a man and woman drove up with a baby. They went away without it. "No, that's all I know about it, but I guess there must have been others. I ain't sure just when that big man was there."

Despite the incoherence of Lamphere's statements, the Sheriff thinks that a long step has been made toward clearing up the case.

#### Only Two Identified.

The bodies of five people, all murdered, were found in the yard of the home of Mrs. Gunness today. So far only two of the bodies have been identified. They are Andrew Heggelin, who came to this city from Mansfield, S. D., for the purpose of marrying Mrs. Gunness, whose acquaintance he had made through a matrimonial bureau. The other is that of Jennie Olson, a Chicago girl, who had been adopted by Mrs. Gunness. She disappeared in September, 1906, and it was said she had gone to Los Angeles to attend school. The other bodies were those of a man and two children apparently 12 years old. So many bones of the children were missing that the sex could not be easily determined.

The discovery of the bodies led expressmen to tell of the delivery of five trunks to the Gunness farm during the last months, and this fact has caused the authorities to work on the theory that the place was a clearing-house for murderers. They suspect that wealthy persons after being lured to Chicago and killed were packed in these trunks and sent here to be buried.

#### Killed Two Husbands?

Investigation of Mrs. Gunness' life developed that two of her husbands died under suspicious circumstances both meeting violent deaths. The first, Max Sorenson, was insured for \$500 and the second, Gunness, for \$500. This insurance was paid in both cases to the widow.

The body of Miss Olson was found buried two feet under that of Heggelin and covered with a mattress, on top of which it is reported the bodies of the other three unknown persons were found. Lamphere worked for Mrs. Gunness at the time of the disappearance of Heggelin and it is stated that he appeared one day in a local barber shop wearing a coat belonging to Heggelin and carrying Heggelin's gun. Asked why he was carrying a gun, he said, it is reported, he did not know what moment he might need it. It was current gossip then that Lamphere was jealous of Mrs. Gunness and Heggelin.

## THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

### Rev. John M. Schaefer, Rhodes.

CHICAGO, May 5.—A cablegram announcing the death of the Rev. John M. Schaefer, pastor of the St. Martin's German Roman Catholic Church, of the Island of Rhodes, in the Mediterranean Sea, yesterday, was received last night by Archbishop James Quigley. Mr. Schaefer, his niece and two parishioners were on their way to Palestine when he was stricken. He will be buried