

LIND EN ROUTE TO PROVE INNOCENCE

Former Willamette Student on Way From Los Angeles as Witness in Murder Case.

YOUNG MAN IS UNATTENDED

Oscar Alexander Lund, Known Also as Oscar Paul Lund, Tallies in Some Respects to Man Described by Bartholomew.

Oscar Alexander Lund, known also as Oscar Paul Lund, a former student at Willamette University, whose parents are respected citizens of Hillsboro, Or., is on his way to Portland to prove that he is not the Paul Lund named by Edward Bartholomew in his story of the murder of John Lind the night of November 18, 1915.

Bartholomew, now in jail here, was captured in Seattle last month after being hunted for a week. Suspicion had pointed to him as the murderer, for he had been traveling with Lind and occupied the same room with him at 407 Stark street, where Lind was killed.

Under the third degree Bartholomew told the District Attorney and the Portland police a remarkable story of a man known as Paul Lund. He said that he and Lind first met this Paul Lund in San Francisco in October, 1915, and that they met him again in Portland.

On the night of November 18, 1915, said Bartholomew, they had been drinking in North End saloons with this Paul Lund. Bartholomew said that Lund followed them to their room and there killed John Lind in his presence by beating him on the head with a club after Lund had refused to give Lund money.

Lund Accused by Prisoner. He told further how Lund had stuffed the body of the slain Lind into the green trunk that gave the crime the name of the "green trunk murder," and how, the next day, the two of them had taken this trunk in a heavy rig hired by Bartholomew to the Flanders Company wharf at the foot of Flanders street and that Lund had there slid it into the river.

Bartholomew asserted that he helped the man he knew as Paul Lund in this work under threat of death if he did not, or if he wavered.

He described this Paul Lund as a tall, blonde, rather youngish man, 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet in height, sturdily built, of sandy complexion and good looking.

When in San Francisco, Bartholomew said, Lund wore a brown suit, but in Portland he had on loggers' boots, brown work trousers, probably of khaki, and a grayish, rather dirty-colored mackinaw coat.

He was positive about this mackinaw coat. Of Lund's history or antecedents he could tell nothing, except that the Lund he knew had been a logger.

Defense Asks Investigation. The authorities discredited this story, which was confused in some important particulars. They expressed their belief that both the story and the mysterious Paul Lund were alike fictitious.

John H. White, who in the meantime had been appointed by the court as Bartholomew's attorney, expressed the belief that Bartholomew, on the contrary, was telling a true story, at least insofar as there being a Paul Lund was concerned. He said he was convinced of Bartholomew's innocence.

About two weeks ago, Attorney White obtained information from a Willamette Valley town that a man known as Oscar Paul Lund, a former Willamette University student, had been there shortly after the time that Bartholomew and Lind were in the same town looking for farms, and that in some respects Oscar Paul Lund resembled the Paul Lund as described by Bartholomew.

He turned over this information to the District Attorney's office, with the request that it make a thorough investigation.

Working on this information, the authorities located Oscar Paul Lund, or Oscar Alexander Lund, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Conrad Helgeson, 623 Commonwealth avenue, Los Angeles.

Bartholomew's Word Stands Alone. The evidence in the possession of the authorities seems to indicate that Oscar Paul Lund probably is a man that Bartholomew has met at some time. Beyond Bartholomew's bare word, however, this evidence implicates Oscar Paul Lund in the murder of John Lind, or in any knowledge of that murder.

Oscar Paul Lund has sent word through the District Attorney at Los Angeles that he will come to Portland voluntarily to clear his name, and his suspicion of having been connected with the murder.

Transportation was telegraphed him Thursday and he is understood to have left Los Angeles last night without escort. He is expected to reach Portland Sunday.

Oscar Paul Lund is described by friends as being tall, a blonde, of fair complexion, weighing about 175 pounds, and good looking. He is a logger, and until recently was working with his brother, Henry, in a logging camp at McCloud, Cal.

It has been established by the authorities that Oscar Paul Lund was in San Francisco early in October, 1915, at about the time Bartholomew and Lind were there. Bartholomew might have met him at that time.

Lund Here at Time of Murder. It has also been established that he was in Portland when John Lind was murdered. He came to Portland, according to his brother-in-law, Dr. Ernest D. Hitchcock, in the latter part of October, 1915, and remained here until the middle of January.

Dr. Hitchcock did not remember any exact dates, but he was sure Lund was in Portland during the period named. John Lind was killed the night of November 18, 1915.

MAN ON WAY TO PORTLAND TO DISPROVE POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH THE GREEN TRUNK MURDER.



OSCAR ALEXANDER LUND, ALSO KNOWN AS OSCAR PAUL LUND.

The Paul Lund he knew while in San Francisco was that he had been drinking heavily.

From Hillsboro, Oscar Paul Lund made frequent trips to Portland, and then came to the home of his sister in Portland, Mrs. Ernest D. Hitchcock, on Hawthorne avenue, where he remained from the latter part of October, 1915, until the middle of January, 1916.

This year he again worked for some months at the logging camp at McCloud. Several weeks ago the camp shut down, and he went to visit his sister, Mrs. Conrad Helgeson, in Los Angeles.

Lund is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lund, of Hillsboro. He has four sisters, Mrs. Ernest D. Hitchcock, of Portland; Mrs. Conrad Helgeson, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Clara Vickers, of Seaside, and Miss Alice Lund, of Joseph, Or. He has two brothers, Henry S. Lund, of Arizona, and Edward Lund, who is in Alaska.

The young man attended Willamette University in 1912 and 1914, and in the Spring of 1914 went to the University of Southern California. He was a football and baseball player and a member of the glee club when at Willamette University. He was about 6 feet tall, thin-waisted, but with powerful shoulders and heavy biceps. His complexion was light and his hair blonde.

Descriptions Are Similar. Mrs. Jessie Althoff, a neighbor of Mrs. Anna DeCorsey, at whose house at 407 Stark street the murder was committed, gave a remarkably clear description of the man who aided Bartholomew to dispose of the green trunk the day after the murder.

"Bartholomew and a boy drove up," she said.

This was December 14, 1915, four days after Bartholomew had been indicted for the murder, at the request before Coroner Dammasch.

"The young fellow helped him," said Mrs. Althoff, "I should say he was a logger by his looks. He had his trousers rolled up and his hat on the back of his head. He didn't look like he was over 20 years old. He looked like a Swedish boy to me."

Oscar Lund is Swedish. He is of a blonde type, and though 28 years old looked for a much younger man. He has been a logger. In a photograph taken at a logging camp, he is shown with his hat well on the back of his head.

Oscar Lund was in Portland at the time of the murder, but he never was known by the name of Paul, he never touched Lund, he never dressed in logger's clothes while in Portland and he never spoke of Lind or Bartholomew. These are the positive assertions of Dr. Ernest D. Hitchcock, a physician with offices in the Selling building.

Dr. Hitchcock is a brother-in-law of Lund, and it was at his home at 982 Hawthorne avenue that Lund stayed while he was in Portland in 1915.

Logger's Garb Not Worn. Lund came to this city the latter part of October, 1915, said Dr. Hitchcock yesterday, and he remained here through November, December and a part of January, 1916. Dr. Hitchcock did not know where Lund had been since except that he was in McCloud, Cal., for several months, and that he had been around Los Angeles only recently.

During his stay in Portland Lund worked in a welding plant, said Dr. Hitchcock. He did not possess a pair of loggers' boots, khaki trousers, nor a mackinaw, such as Bartholomew described Lund as wearing and as were worn by the Paul Lund described by Bartholomew—so far as the surgeon could recollect.

"He had a dark blue suit and a dark brown suit, with a light stripe, as I remember it," said Dr. Hitchcock. "I never saw him in loggers' boots or with trousers rolled up. He did not wear his hat on the back of his head."

A Valley report was that Lund had shown evidences of heavy drinking when seen and had carried a dirty mackinaw.

"Oscar was a teetotaler," Dr. Hitchcock was positive in his assertion. "I knew him very well, and I know he never drank."

Foreman of the camp at McCloud told me that the name of the man who had been working for him was Oscar Paul Lund," said Detective John Goltz yesterday.

"A workman who knew the young man well spoke of him as 'Oscar Paul.' He was known by both names in the camp."

There are large quantities of spotted trout in the streams that vicinity and he expected no difficulty in getting a good stock of eggs. He will be there for some time working the difficult streams.

Plans are being laid for turning out more fish at the Bonneville hatchery this coming year than ever before.

Superintendent Clanton, of the Bonneville Hatchery, is now on a trip to the Marshall district, where he plans to procure trout eggs for use in the hatchery.

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ings, is a candidate for Mayor at the city election December 19, his papers having recently been filed. C. B. Lamkin is another candidate for that office. J. H. Dill is opposing W. W. Caldwell as Councilman in the Second Ward. G. S. Butler, F. E. Watson and Wilbur Holmes are candidates for Park Commissioner, and Dr. W. C. Jarvis for Springs Commissioner. Three charter amendments will appear on the ballot, two providing for abolishment of the Springs and Park commissions and one stipulating that excess mineral waters may be leased for a period of 25 years for sanitarium purposes.

TILLAMOOK MASON'S ELECT New Officers Chosen by Blue Lodge Chapter and Eastern Star.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Masonic organizations of this city have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

ARTISANS WILL BE HOSTS Junior Department to Hold Annual Fair Tonight.

ALL SEWER BIDS REJECTED Proposals for Lower End of Tanner Creek Project Exceed Estimates.

5000-DAY SENTENCE FACED Kidnap of Son Must Remain Out of State Two Years.

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