

THE INSURANCE SWINDLER

RATHBUN SAYS HIS WIFE DID NOT KNOW OF THE PLAN.

Corps of Goodman Will Be Returned to Jeffersonville for Autopsy—War Department's Action.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 13.—New features today in the case of Newell C. Rathbun, held here on a charge of desertion from the United States Army, and suspected of the murder of Charles Goodman, who was found dead last Thursday in a Jeffersonville (Ind.) hotel, were the decision to have the body of the supposed Goodman returned to Jeffersonville for an autopsy and identification; the announcement from Washington that the War Department had decided to send Rathbun to Jeffersonville and turn him over to the Indiana authorities; and the refusal of the local authorities to send Rathbun to Little Rock to testify at the Coroner's inquest over the corpse that was shipped here. They say Rathbun will go nowhere except to Jeffersonville, where he is to be tried on the charge of desertion.

For the first time Rathbun admitted today that he had a confederate in Little Rock, and when closely pushed by Chief of Detectives Sullivan, stated that his wife was in part of the conspiracy, although he insisted that she was entirely innocent of complicity in any plot to put Goodman out of the way. At first Rathbun stated that his only confederate was a deserter from the regular army by the name of Blanchard, but he finally admitted that this was false, and that Blanchard was a detective. The suspicion of Captain Sullivan were aroused today by news from Little Rock that a Miss Corinne Pryor had stated that Rathbun had proposed a similar plot of desertion and insurance company to her and had said that if she would marry him and carry out her part, he would send a corpse home; that it could be buried in the desert, and that he and she would divide the insurance. He also learned that Mrs. Rathbun insisted that the corpse sent from Jeffersonville, and now at Little Rock, was that of her husband.

One of the most perplexing features of the case as it now presents itself to the police is in regard to the real identity of the man in the prisoner's cell. That he has been passing himself over the country as Lieutenant Newell C. Rathbun, that he was married in Little Rock under that name, and that he was insured for \$400,000, appear to be certain, but the detectives are convinced that it is an alias.

A telegram has been received from the Chief of Police of Evansville, Ind., stating that Goodman was a resident of Cripple Creek, Colo., where he was a brewer. When asked for his opinion as to the claim made by Mrs. Rathbun that the corpse shipped to Little Rock was that of her husband, Rathbun laughed and remarked: "Maybe it is his corpse." This is all he would say on the subject.

Dr. Benson Doolittle, of Jeffersonville, who was present at the autopsy upon Goodman's body, says he will swear that he saw the body of a man who was in large quantities. The Louisville police began sending all over the United States photographs and a description of Rathbun, in an effort positively to identify him.

Rathbun was tonight taken across the river to Jeffersonville, Ind., and placed in jail, charged with murder.

In jail tonight Rathbun was asked whether his wife at Little Rock was implicated in the plot to collect the insurance. After several moments' silence he replied: "No; there was nobody in it at Little Rock."

The Little Rock Inquest.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 13.—The inquest over the remains supposed to be those of Newell C. Rathbun was resumed today. Ex-Chief of Police Sanders, DuRand Whipple, who rented the room which Rathbun occupied, and William O'Connell, who with Rathbun several weeks previous to his marriage, testified that the remains were those of Rathbun. Detective "Chick" left today for Louisville. He was with him a personal friend of Rathbun for the purpose of identifying him. Chick represents the insurance company in which Rathbun secured the policy for \$400,000. The body here will remain in the keeping of the police until Chick reports the result of his investigation at Louisville.

The Government's Claim.

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The Man Who Held Up the Great Northern Train at Wagner, Mont.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 13.—Charles H. Smith and William O'Neill, express messenger and fireman, respectively, of the Great Northern flyer that was held up July 3 near Wagner, Mont., arrived here this afternoon and identified the suspect under arrest as Harry Longbaugh, the man who held up the train and took a lead in murdering the crew and blowing up the express company's safe, from which nearly \$100,000 in unsigned bills of the National Bank of Helena were stolen. O'Neill says that Longbaugh is the man who climbed over the tender and held up Engineer Jones and himself and then superintended the blowing up of the safe. His recollection of the crew and blowing up the safe was so vivid that he could describe the two revolvers that he used in the robbery. The police say they are the same weapons that were found on the prisoner when he was arrested. Smith and O'Neill came to St. Louis accompanied by D. E. Elliott, general manager of the Great Northern Express Company, in whose care the bank notes were when stolen.

Longbaugh never flinched when the identification was made. He merely looked at the men and smiled contemptuously. Chief Desmond asked Longbaugh his real name.

"I will talk when the time comes," was the reply, and not another word could the Chief get out of the stubborn prisoner.

"First saw this man when we were about 500 yards out of Malta," said O'Neill, the fireman. "I was shoveling coals, and I looked up and saw a man with a revolver in his right hand and a smaller one in his left hand. When he said that I had seen him he covered me with his pistol and told me to get down. I did so, and he complied. Then he came on toward me and the engineer, T. R. Jones. He kept one pistol on me and the other on Jones."

"What does his name mean?" asked Jones.

"It means that this is a hold-up, and that it is going through," the fellow said, as he climbed on the seat by the engineer's side."

Freeman O'Neill then related in detail the story of the robbery, adding:

"After looting the safe and getting the money, they had horses standing ready, and they rode away at a gallop, shooting all the while."

O'Neill said that for eight miles he rode in the same cab with the suspect. He studied his features carefully, and was so sure that when the robbery occurred, Longbaugh had a short and stubby mustache. It did not seem so dark then as it does now.

Chief Desmond says that he now thinks that the suspect's real name is Ben Kilpatrick. "A tall Texan," answering the suspect's description, was implicated in

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