

FIELD SLAYS TWO WITH AX AT NIGHT

Rainier, Wash., Newlyweds Are Found With Skulls Badly Crushed.

NEIGHBORS FIND BODIES

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Coble, Married Less Than Year, Discovered Murdered in Bed—No Known Enemies—Grossness Is Crime.

TACOMA, July 12.—With their heads smashed by a double-bitted ax, welded by an unidentified murderer, Archie Coble, aged 23, and his 17-year-old bride, Nettie, were found dead in their bed at 8 o'clock last night in their home at Rainier, a small town 20 miles from Tacoma.

Coble was a clerk employed by the Rainier Mercantile Company. He did not appear for work this morning and when the fact that his wife was not around the house had caused considerable comment, neighbors investigated and found the young couple dead.

Sheriff Longmire, of Tacoma, was notified tonight and efforts were made to obtain bloodhounds. Coble had lived in Rainier six years. His wife came from Michigan two years ago and they have three uncles in Rainier. The nearest neighbor is in a house 50 feet away, yet the occupants say no outcry was heard.

Couple Married Less Than Year.

The young couple had been married less than a year, having come to Tacoma for their honeymoon at Fall. Coble was first missed when he did not appear for work today.

"As his wife was not seen about the house, Mrs. W. E. McNett, a neighbor, entered the place, but became frightened when she found it empty. She called in Lew Eddy, a neighbor who was passing, and Eddy found Coble and his wife lying in bed with the covers over their heads. He lifted the spread and was horrified to find that their heads had been beaten to pieces. The couple had evidently been dead since Monday night. Coble had no known enemies.

"Although the home of Mrs. McNett, the nearest neighbor, is only 50 feet away, she said not a cry was heard Monday night when the murder was committed," said Postmaster S. C. Morris, of Rainier.

"Eddy, who went in and saw the couple covered up in bed, notified me, and when I lifted the covers, saw that their heads had been badly beaten. The woman had evidently been awakened and, seeing the murderer, had pulled the covers over her head in terror. But it had been no use, for the fiend had let his ax fall and then drawn the white spread over his work. When we arrived everything was smoothed over and there were no signs of a struggle.

"One blow was sufficient to end the life of Coble. His skull was cut completely through. The girl, in her poor attempt to get away, had bent to the side under the covers, so that her head rested on the side rail of the iron bed. The weapon fell back once, with sufficient force to break her neck.

Double-Bitted Ax Found.

"Under the bed we found a double-bitted ax covered with dry blood. It belonged to Coble and was taken from the chopping block by the back door. We searched the place over carefully, but could find no clue. Coble's watch and money were untouched and other valuables found about the house show the purpose of the fiend was to kill the couple. The only thing which could have driven the murderer to kill the young pair is revenge. But no one seems to know any possible enemy of the Cobles.

"The possibility of a rejected suitor of Mrs. Coble is not considered seriously here, as Coble won his bride without opposition.

A coroner's jury composed of C. G. Morris, Robert Pettit, Guy Moore, I. G. Kerchan, R. A. Lloyd and William Waddell was sworn in at 6 o'clock tonight. The jury viewed the bodies and adjourned until the inquest at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

TAFT CUTS ASSAY RATE

Seattle Protest Against Increase Is Heeded by President.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—Seattle commercial organizations won in their protest today against the order of Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh increasing the assay charges at the local office.

President Taft, on an appeal made to him, directed a suspension of the order for six months.

Immediately upon receipt of word of the President's action the Seattle Clearing House called announcements to Alaskan banks, so that this year's crop of gold from the Great North will come to Seattle, instead of being diverted to San Francisco or through British Columbia.

The Clearing House officials expressed their delight over the action taken by President Taft in revoking Secretary MacVeagh's order. Telegrams were sent to Senator Jones and Representative Humphrey, congratulating them on their victory over the head of the Treasury Department.

TARS NOT TO BE BARRED

Seattle's Mayor Wants Sailors to Be Treated Fairly.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—Mayor Dillon has directed Chief of Police Claude Bannick to see that all sailors who are orderly are given proper treatment in all cases and places of amusement in the city. This order followed a complaint made to the Mayor by R. L. Ghormley, flag lieutenant to Rear-Admiral Southernland, that three sailors had been excluded from the Rathskellar last Friday night.

The management of the Rathskellar disclaims responsibility for the act of the doorkeeper in turning away three sailors.

LARGE PRODUCTS ASTONISH

Clackamas County Exhibits Mammoth Lemon, Egg and Lettuce.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 8.—(Special.)—The exhibits in the new appropriation building of the Commercial Club

are attracting a great deal of attention. Secretary Lavelle says at least 50 persons visit the building daily to see the Clackamas County products.

The Ogilvie Mountain Mining Company has a display consisting of gold, silver and lead ore. A section of the trunk of a bird's eye maple, cut from a tree on the farm of C. C. Sannes, of Canby, is one of the features of the collection. H. Flanagan has an exhibit of seedling strawberries grown by himself, which he has named "The Mount Hood." A lemon on a tree presented by Mrs. K. L. Newton measures 12 inches in diameter. This is said to be the largest lemon ever grown in Oregon.

J. M. Spagel, of Lawton Heights, has given the club what he says is the largest hen's egg ever laid in this state. The egg is seven and one-half inches in circumference. Another interesting exhibit is a limb containing a cluster of cherries, which was cut from a tree which produces a ton of cherries a year. The tree is owned by H. Smith, of Kansas City. A head of cabbage presented by a Chinese gardener weighs eight pounds and a head

UNIVERSITY PARK RESIDENT MISSING SINCE THURSDAY

Stdney Mansfield.

Stdney Mansfield, a laborer, has been missing from his home on Owen street, in University Park, since last Thursday. He is about 35 years old, has brown hair and mustache and weighs 125 pounds. He is unmarried and has been making his home with Malicarrrier Hawkins. His friends believe that he has met with foul play.

Lettuce grown by O. E. Freytag, of Gladstone, is one foot in diameter.

FAIRBANKS LAUDS TAFT

CROWNING GLORY WOULD BE VICTORY FOR PEACE.

Christian Endeavorers Declare for Country-Wide Anti-Saloon Campaign and Other Measures.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 12.—If Taft succeeds in winning his campaign for universal peace he will win with it a place among the foremost statesmen of the world. It will be the crowning glory of his achievements," said Executive Secretary of the Christian Endeavorers last night.

Among the resolutions adopted was one declaring for a country-wide anti-saloon campaign under the slogan, "A Saloonless Nation by the Fourth of July, 1920."

Other resolutions comprehend an unqualified endorsement of the stand taken by President Taft for peace and especially of the peace treaty between Great Britain and the United States; endorsement of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's suggestions looking toward international and inter-denominational organization of the Christian Endeavor Society; commendation of the Postmaster General's action in closing post-offices on Sunday; the urging of Sunday laws; recommendations that Christian Endeavorers should lead in the work of recognizing that "Neither in private morals nor in the public prosecution of lawbreakers is there the slightest apology for the maintenance of a double standard."

The convention obtained pledges of \$10,000 of the \$25,000 it is expected to raise here to close the anti-saloon fund of \$125,000 already raised for the international headquarters building at Boston.

HUSBAND CUTS THROAT

CRIPPLED WIFE REFUSES TO MAKE UP; DEATH SOUGHT.

Alfred J. Gantner, Realty Dealer, Attempts to Kill Self at Home on Division Street.

Worry over divorce proceedings which his crippled wife had instituted against him as the result of a quarrel over money matters several days ago, Alfred J. Gantner, aged 38, a real estate agent with offices in the Henry building, cut his throat Tuesday night with a paring knife at 94 Division street, his home.

Gantner had come back to the house which he had left after the quarrel and attempted to reach an agreement with his wife, but did not succeed.

Upon going to the house about 5:30 and upon being rebuffed by Mrs. Gantner, went into the kitchen and obtained a knife and started into the room where Mrs. Gantner was seated. He raised the door between them and went screaming to a neighbor's house. Gantner was picked up and taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where his wound was dressed by Dr. F. A. Short.

After the five-inch wound, which had opened the windpipe, was attended to, doctors attending said Gantner has a good chance to live. The wound extended nearly from ear to ear, and on account of several arteries, almost all the blood was drained from Gantner's body before the wounds could be bound up.

Berlin Glories in Fetes

Flower Carnival and Military Parades Favored by Kaiser.

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ALL CITY BOARDS OUT OF THE MARCH 60

Charter Commission Would Retain Civil Service Body Only as Adviser.

PETITION-SIGNING CURBED

Library and Education Members to Be Retained as Part County Officials—Public Utilities Regulation Is Discussed.

Abolition of all existing boards and commissions connected with the city government was declared to be the sense of the Charter Revision Commission at a meeting last night on motion of ex-Councilman Celliers. The Board of Education and the Library Commission, which are city-county organizations, were excepted from the effect of the motion.

It was also decided by the commission to retain the Civil Service Commission as an advisory body to the commissioners if the proposed commission form of government is adopted and the electors of Portland adopted next January.

There was disposition on the part of some members of the commission to dispense with the Civil Service Commission entirely but this plan of regulating and controlling the employment of municipal employees had staunch defenders. It was finally decided to retain that branch of the municipal government with the understanding that its function should be advisory to the commission.

That its chief duty would be the examination of applicants for appointment in the city's service. Sentiment favored the retention of the Civil Service Commission in each of the departments, to be provided for under the commission plan, to discharge any employes in his department for other than political or religious reasons. The vacancy thus created, it was agreed, should be filled from the list of eligibles, according to the records of the Civil Service Commission, qualified for that particular position.

Only Few Discharged.

In the discussion incident to the retention of the Civil Service Commission and its worth to the city in providing efficient help, it developed that since the civil service plan was adopted by the city July 1, 1909, 44, or 5 per cent, of municipal employes subject to civil service rules had been discharged. Of that number not one was reinstated. This was referred to by the friends of the civil service as the conclusive evidence that it was producing good results for the city.

It was also the unanimous sense of the commission that the charter should be so amended as to provide that before an elector could sign either an initiative or a referendum petition, he would be required to go to the County Courthouse or the City Hall, where the registration books were kept, and there personally and in the presence of a duly authorized officer, sign the petition in which he was interested. It was argued that if a voter thus presenting himself was not a registered voter, it would be necessary to have a register by registering. In this way, urged several members of the commission, the liability of fraud which is now so general in the circulation of initiative and referendum petitions, would be obviated.

Utilities Are Discussed.

The greater part of the session of the commission was devoted to a consideration of the amendments that should be made to the charter relating to public utilities and franchises. It was decided that in framing a commission charter provision should be made for carrying on the public utility corporations and the public to franchisees already held by private interests in territory that might subsequently be annexed to the city.

It was decided that the new charter should also provide for the commission with authority to demand adequate service from all public utility corporations and to regulate the rates to be charged to the public convenience and welfare of the city.

Further than that, the commission was divided on the advisability of providing for the acquisition by the city of public utility corporations. It was tentatively agreed, however, that the commission charter should contain the provision that any public utility corporation owned by the city in an election on initiative petition called by 15 per cent of the voters or by action of the commission when that action was not required by the referendum of the people within 60 days after the purchase.

Competition Is Fostered.

The issuance of a franchise for more than 25 years is to be prohibited and additional franchises are to be co-existent with franchises already held by the corporation making the application. Furthermore, no franchise is to be granted that in any way will prevent free competition.

For franchises must be printed in all daily newspapers of general circulation in the city at the expense of the applicant. The franchise holder is to be granted by the commission or submitted to the people in an election. Applications for such franchises are to be submitted at either city, county, state or general elections and shall not be resubmitted for two years after the people have once passed on them.

All existing grants and franchises are to be subject to the regulation and control of the commission as to rates and charges for service.

On the suggestion of the Commission it was decided that interested citizens as to desired changes in the present charter to be incorporated in the commission charter. All suggestions should be addressed to James Gill, secretary of the Commission, care Auditor's office, City Hall.

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den parties, military parades and other open-air festivities. The weather has been superb, and better opportunity to witness the great Berlin and Potsdam parades could not be desired. The young Prince of Victoria Louise took part in the parade this year for the first time as an officer, and with her father and his suite, watched the march-past from horseback. She wore her uniform as an officer of the "Death's Head Hussars" looked decidedly chic and charming and saluted the crowd with a pretty assumption of the military air.

GUARDSMEN STUDY WAR

REGULARS TEACH MILITIA AT CLACKAMAS RANGE.

Map-Reading, Reconnaissance and Tactical Walks Fill Busy Day.

Theoretical warfare was waged in earnest in the vicinity of the Clackamas Station rifle range yesterday by the 100 commissioned officers of the National Guard who are attending camp of special instruction conducted by detail of officers from the First United States Infantry. Some of the fine points in the subtle art of slaughtering a troublesome enemy were gone through during the day. Half a dozen minor engagements were planned and fought in theory, the officers marching for miles in the working out of the problems given them for solution.

Map-reading and reconnaissance were the principal subjects of study. Map-reading was taken up in the forenoon and gone into exhaustively, the importance of accuracy and exact knowledge in handling field maps being strongly impressed upon all. It was pointed out that a small mistake in reading a military map may result not only in the annihilation of the offending regiment, but possibly in the defeat of the entire force involved.

Detailed maps of the whole district for miles about had been prepared previously after weeks of labor by officers of the Army. It was shown that by these maps, which appear meaningless at first glance, the expert may get instantly a correct understanding of the nature of the region quite as clearly as from a great panoramic photograph.

Reconnaissance was taken up in the afternoon in a series of tactical walks. The problems were simple, involving the conduct of small patrols out for information of the enemy. While the Guardsmen showed a thorough knowledge of the subject much valuable information was obtained from the expert regulars who keep abreast of all the late wrinkles in the exact science of the art.

Sixty non-commissioned officers are receiving instruction at the same time under a detail of non-commissioned officers from the camp. Officers being detailed to instruct work relating to their duties in camp and in the field were given these men during the day.

The camp will continue through the week, the daily program being supplemented hereafter by war games in the Quartermaster's depot after dark.

Every military station in Oregon is represented at the camp, officers being present from Portland, Baker City, Pendleton, Oregon City, Salem, Albany, Cottage Grove, McMinnville, Roseburg, Ashland, Dallas, Woodburn and Eugene.

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