

SCHEPPS CONFIRMS MURDER CAR STORY

Whitman and Police Clash Over Custody of Prisoner at New York.

LITTLE GAMBLER SILENT

District Attorney Takes Returned Fugitive to Office Where It Is Said Jack Rose's Story Is Corroborated in Detail.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Sam Schepps, alleged paymaster of the murderers of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, arrived in New York from Albany this forenoon and was taken to the West Side prison, where he will be placed in a cell.

Although held only as a material witness, District Attorney Whitman, who came down from Albany with Schepps, said he would be arraigned in court as a matter of fact. Schepps was captured at Hot Springs, Ark.

Police Try to Take Schepps. There was a clash between the District Attorney and detectives from police headquarters as soon as the train pulled in here. Detective Haggerty, who said he had been sent up by Deputy Commissioner Dougherty, tried to take charge of the prisoner, but Whitman insisted that he should have charge. When asked if he had told all he knew concerning the Rosenthal case to the District Attorney, Schepps grinned and replied:

"We didn't discuss anything like that. We just had a nice chat. It is known, District Attorney Schepps substantially corroborated 'Jack' Rose's story.

"I have obtained from Schepps the corroborated story I expected," said District Attorney Whitman, at Poughkeepsie, after a brief conference with the little gambler.

Although Schepps was a bit nervous, he told the prosecutor there that he would tell freely all he knew of the events which led up to Rosenthal's death, assuring that Whitman did not prolong the conference.

Rose's Story Corroborated. "Schepps has done all that we expected of him. He has corroborated the most important parts of Rose's confession. You must not ask for details," said the prosecutor.

Schepps himself refused to say a word about his conference with Whitman. Of the authorities, Whitman alone knows what part Schepps played in the Rosenthal murder. To all others, including Assistant District Attorney Rubin, who accompanied him from Hot Springs, Schepps turned a deaf ear.

"Say," he would burst out, when urged to tell of his underworld associates, "do you think I am going to squeal on a pal?"

Whitman regards Schepps' testimony of importance as confirming the story of Rose. Schepps was not in the murder car at the time of the shooting, but he was in it earlier in the evening and, according to Rose, subsequently was the paymaster of the murder crew.

News that Schepps would be here this morning and that while on the train he was excited by the belief that missing links in the story which Rosenthal had implicated Police Lieutenant Becker in the murder of Rosenthal, would be supplied.

Grant Long Under Probe. Rose has said repeatedly that if Schepps would tell the truth his (Rose's) story would be corroborated. Information came from the public prosecutor's office today that created unusual interest at police headquarters. It was learned that for several months before the shooting of Rosenthal, officers of the District Attorney had been quietly investigating graft in the police department.

The big grafters, it is said, have been quietly shadowed for four months and the Rosenthal shooting simply hurried matters.

From members of the District Attorney's staff it was learned that a well-known civilian and two, and possibly four, police inspectors are caught in the toils.

The District Attorney has obtained information that a "collector" for one man high in police circles had accumulated no less than \$75,000 as his commission on collections in the last seven months.

Demand on Club Causes Upset. The investigation into police graft started when Lieutenant Becker, through Rose, attempted to get \$150 from a private poker club. His demand was turned down, and one of the members of the club informed District Attorney Whitman.

The grand jury will meet tomorrow, when it is expected Schepps will be asked to tell his story. The public appearance in the Court of General Sessions today to plead to the indictment charging murder in the first degree. At the request of counsel the pleading was adjourned until Wednesday. Counsel for Becker made a new motion to inspect the minutes of the grand jury, on which Judge Crain made no comment. Becker appeared cheerful.

REDMOND'S MAYOR IS OUT

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the City Marshal has sat by and watched Mayor Jones engage in a gambling game and that would be sufficient to condemn him as unfit to hold his office."

The telegram received from Mayor Jones, indicates that the saloons at that place had been keeping open on Sunday, but have now been closed.

In advising Justice of the Peace Woods, of Huntington, to resign the Governor sent the following telegram: "Having been advised that you are still holding the office of Justice of the Peace in the name of the decent people of this state I demand, and as Governor I insist, that you immediately resign said office. If your resignation is not forthcoming at once this office will immediately take steps to see that you are removed."

REDMOND, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—After parleying with Governor West over the wires today and asking for a second probe, the City Council decided to accept the resignation not only of Mayor Jones but of City Marshal McClay.

The Governor was notified tonight that the resignation of Jones and McClay had been accepted and that the Council would select new officials immediately.

Prior to receiving the resignations, the Council sent the following message to the Governor: "Resignation of Mayor Jones in hands of City Council who are holding same until a thorough investigation can be made. We would like disinterested committee make investigation of local conditions. You name one man, Council will name another and the two to choose a third. We believe you are misinformed as to conditions here."

(Signed) J. F. Hosh, G. W. Wells, W. H. Anderson, M. A. Lynch, City Council of Redmond.

Council Expresses Confidence. The Council further expressed their complete confidence in the ability, integrity and honesty of Jones in all of his official and private acts since his election to the office of Mayor. In an interview with Mr. Jones today in regard to present troubles with Governor West, he said:

"Ever since Crook County voted wet in the election two years ago this fall, Redmond has been the fountain head of a dissatisfied element who have kept the pot of discord and dissension boiling. They at one time published a paper called the Citizens' Call, but after a suit for criminal libel this sheet was discontinued. During the last year a new impetus was given to the movement by the arrival of Jackson M. Crenshaw, a Methodist preacher who was in trouble in Portland with another preacher over some land deal and had the case aired in the Police Court."

"After Governor West had expressed his Carrie Nation ideas in dealing with municipal problems this faction appealed to the Governor for his assistance. For answer, the Governor immediately rushed into print telling the public what he intended to do to Redmond. At this time no investigation had been made by the Governor and he expressed any opinion of the business men, Commercial Club officers or City Council as to conditions here."

Town Slandered, Says ex-Mayor. "A short time after airing his views as to municipal reforms needed, the Governor started on his horseback ride to Idaho and his trip took him through Redmond. On his arrival here he was met by a committee consisting of the clerk of the hotel and seemed quite lonesome until an automobile arrived to take him to Deschutes. The instant fact here, by the liberal use of the telephone and messengers, secured a goodly crowd from the country to hear the Governor when he returned in the evening."

Ex-Mayor Jones further said that the town of Redmond has been slandered and has received undeserved, injurious notoriety through the action of the Governor, for without his assistance and support the small faction of fanatical residents were unable to do the town much harm. Jones says that would be borne out by a disinterested investigating committee and the following facts would be shown:

"Redmond was incorporated June 19, 1910. Jones was elected a Councilman at this election. At the election December, 1910, Jones was elected Mayor, receiving 96 votes to his opponent's 34; that since Mayor Jones' election there has not been a felony case from the town reported to the grand jury; there has not been a fight in the town; there has not been a case reported to the City Recorder or Justice of the Peace of any one losing any money in any kind of a game in the town; there has never been any kind of slot machines operated in any saloon in town; the minor misdemeanors and cases of drunkenness reported and tried in the city during the past 19 months have numbered just seven."

Facts Are Stated. "This is the record of Redmond, a town that was the headquarters of Henry & McFee, general railroad contractors, and the town where all construction men received their money during the whole of the time the Oregon Trunk Railway was in course of construction from Madras to Bend, more than one year. With these facts, showing a model town, some are asking why all this row."

Here are the sore spots, as stated by the administration: The gambling holes and disorderly houses. For some months, or since this agitation went into partnership with the Governor, there has been just one woman in town who formerly ran a disorderly house, who owns her own property and says she has reformed.

There has been from time to time some playing of draw poker at social gatherings among friends, also two or three times a game of "21" had been reported to the Marshal, now resigned.

The ex-Marshall has warned the three saloons here on several occasions, both on his own initiative and by orders from the Mayor, that no gambling will be tolerated by the city and on August 12 the Mayor served each house with a written notice that for the next offense their liquor license would be cancelled. The notice was made by the stool-pigeon sent here to find something.

Public Asked to Wait. On August 15 the case of the Mayor, who was fined for gambling in a court where the justice it is claimed is a member of the opposition, was held in a country precinct, although all the witnesses lived in town. The Justice refused a change of venue and refused an affidavit for a continuance until the defense's most important witness could return from Portland, the next day, when he did return. This case has been appealed to the Circuit Court and the public was asked to suspend judgment until the case could be heard by an unbiased tribunal. For the reason that the Mayor said he sometimes plays detective himself and in this case can

prove it before a court of competent jurisdiction.

Ex-Mayor H. F. Jones, of Redmond, had a "sat full" and all his chips in the pot, when "Mr. Delaney," a traveling man from Portland, showed down a "king full" and swept in the pot. That was five days before the Mayor was arrested, when it developed that "Mr. Delaney" was F. A. Dillon, manager of the International Detective Bureau, employed to clean up Redmond.

It was like a circus in town when the Mayor was tried, says Dillon, who has just returned after spending two weeks in his investigations. The local Justice of the Peace begged off from trying the cases, he says, and the trial was held in a neighboring precinct, nearly two miles from the town.

Further repaired the whole population, in farm wagons, in automobiles and afoot. Even a colportage wagon used for mission purposes was pressed into service and the hotel bus made scheduled trips. The trial was held in the parlor of Justice Turk's farmhouse, and the jury deliberated in the dining-room.

Dillon says that he found the town running wide open, and after establishing a record as a "spender," easily was induced to get into a little game of pinocle, which soon degenerated into "pook."

Night after night he played, incidentally breaking the Mayor. Then Portland papers, carrying Governor West's ultimatum, reached Redmond and Mayor Jones prepared a proclamation, warning the saloons that thereafter gambling would not be tolerated. At the game to get evidence, but the prosecution showed that he had remained in the town four hours after setting the village barber "cash in" a winner to the amount of \$6.50.

Jones told Dillon that he was at one time Mayor of Denver, and for seven years business agent of the painters' union of New York.

HUNTINGTON JUSTICE RESIGNS. W. J. Woods Formally Quits on Request of Governor West.

HUNTINGTON, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—W. J. Woods, Justice of the Peace of Huntington, sent in his resignation to County Clerk Combs today. The resignation has come as a result of a special demand from Governor West, sent today to Justice Woods.

It was intended by the Governor to have included Justice Woods in the first official demand for resignations, but through an oversight his name was omitted and he has held his office till today.

When asked for a statement on the affair Mr. Woods treated it as an inevitable outcome and said "the only one thing to be done when the highest official of state demands your resignation."

RABIES CASE DEVELOPS. DOG THAT BIT BOY PLAYMATES IS INFECTED.

Board of Health Orders Pasteur Treatment for Two Victims of Pet's Frenzy.

No more striking case of the existence of rabies in an animal in Portland could well have been secured than that in which a pet dog, loved and caressed for many a day by two little boys, Howard and John Pinnock, whose father is a stone mason in the employ of Adams Contracting Company, and who lives near the Jewish Cemetery beyond Fulton, suddenly bit both the children, as well as the family cat last Wednesday. Yesterday morning the dog, which had been shut up in the chicken-house of a neighbor, J. D. MacLaren, died.

When the dog bit the children last Wednesday, Dr. C. S. White, of the State Board of Health, decided not to make the case known, but to await developments. The result of the fact the existence of rabies can say that this was simply a case of a dog biting children who had irritated it.

The dog was a mongrel pet. It had been the constant companion and friend of the boys, who are nine and five years old. On Wednesday, without any warning, it suddenly seized Howard, the younger of the two, and bit him severely in the arm, inflicting a deep flesh wound, and again in the ribs, on the left side, tearing the flesh away from the ribs.

The animal then bit the elder boy, John, in the heel of the big toe, and finally attacked the cat, seizing it by the thigh. Until the time of the attack, the two had been the best of friends.

The cat was killed, and the dog locked up in the chicken-house next door. Yesterday morning it died. The carcasses were advised by Professor Pernot, State Bacteriologist, for examination. He found Negri bodies in large quantities in the brain, but also in the tongue and teeth.

Both the children who were bitten, will commence a course of the Pasteur treatment this morning by Dr. C. S. White. Three extra treatments which were telegraphed for from Washington, D. C., were sent out immediately. Two of them will be used for these cases.

The possibilities of cold storage exportation of food from Manchuria for European consumption are indicated by the market prices showing that eggs sell for 30 cents a hundred, chickens and ducks for 25 cents each, deer for 75 cents and sheep for \$2.

HUSBAND SHOTS WIFE, KILLS SELF

James W. Sparks Sends Bullet Through Woman's Body in Jealous Quarrel.

MAN FIRES WHEN DARED

Woman Has Chance for Recovery. Trouble Started Because Mrs. Sparks Fails to Return for Supper With Family.

Harassed by financial troubles, tortured by jealousy and exasperated by his wife, who dared him to strike her, James W. Sparks, a painter, living at 195 Russell street and 36 years old, almost to the day, at 9:15 o'clock last night fired at his wife two shots, one of which hit the steel stay in her corsets and glanced off, the other piercing the body on the left side under the lung. Sparks then went into the bathroom and put the revolver in his head just above and in front of the right ear and fired. Death was almost instantaneous. Mrs. Sparks was rushed immediately to St. Vincent's Hospital by the Red Cross ambulance. There is a chance she may recover.

Sparks was a painter by trade, but had been out of work considerably during the past year. Mrs. Sparks had recently set up as a woman barber, though the shop had been taken by the two jointly. The fittings had not been fully paid for, and their financial matters were in a serious condition.

Miss Marion Hawley, known to both as "Mother," though no relation to either, had boarded with them for the past year, and said last night that for two years the husband had been jealous of his wife. Being quick tempered and worried, she said the smallest thing would set him off, she said.

Triviality Starts Trouble. "The trouble started last night with a trivial thing. Jim went down to the shop to tell her to come home to supper. She was rather highly in that way and would go out to a restaurant to have a hot meal while her husband and the two little girls had to be content with a cold one at home. Then Jim came back, and I also had had his supper with the little girls. He went out before she came in. On his return she wanted to know where he'd been."

"Oh, I've been out to have my dinner at a restaurant," he retorted, "where you're so fond of going."

"Look here, Jim Sparks, I go where I want to and when I want without being told by you what to do," was the reply.

"Sparks then struck her," continued Miss Hawley, "whereupon she drew herself up and said: 'You strike me again if you dare, Jim.'"

Dare Followed by Shots. "Jim never said another word, but turned and went to the bedroom and came back with a revolver, which he pointed at her. She turned half sideways, and screamed, and I also screamed. Then he shot at her twice. She attempted to go down the back stairs with the two little girls, who said that their mother slipped before she reached the bottom. I went down to the front stairs to try to get out that way, but found it locked, so went back again and down by the back stairs. In the meantime there had been another shot close upon the first two."

Sparks had turned and entered the bathroom, where Policeman A. O. Anderson found him, his head at the foot of the basin; also the revolver, of .32 caliber. Anderson was within three blocks of the building when he heard the shots, and was on the scene immediately. Dr. Curtis Holcomb was summoned and found life extinct.

Mrs. Sparks was rushed to the hospital, where City Physician Ziegler attended her. The two little children, Lucille and Claybelle, aged 11 and eight respectively, were hurried across the way, where neighbors are taking care of them.

The family had only moved into the house recently from Alberta street. Sparks' body was taken to McAtee's & Dunning's undertaking rooms.

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Chinese Assembly Demands Explanation of Executions.

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party, were seized and summarily executed. The petition sets forth five of the charges which the government had stated in a manifesto had been proved and then adds rebutting comment. It requests President Yuan to answer within three days and says if his reply is unsatisfactory the National Assembly will summon him to explain in person. If his personal explanation should prove unsatisfactory, then the House will impeach President Yuan or the whole Chinese government.

Sun Yat Sen Killed, Is Rumor. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Rumors

that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first Provisional President of China, had been assassinated today in Peking by the soldiers of President Yuan Shi Kai caused excitement tonight in Chinatown. They could be traced to no authentic source, but varying accounts of the reported assassination were posted on bulletin boards throughout the Chinese quarter. According to the rumors placarded in Chinatown, Dr. Sun departed yesterday from Shanghai for Peking to undertake to save the republic from a threatened renewal of hostilities as the result of the execution of Generals Chang Chen Wu and Aeng Wei.

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