

MURDER OR SUICIDE  
QUERY UP TO JURY

Neighbor Testifies Mrs. Ronning Had Expressed Fear of C. P. Kirkland.

LETTERS ARE QUESTIONED

Coroner Admits Violation of Law Requiring Document Signed by Doctor Before Investigators. Inquiry Resumes Today.

Did Mrs. Hannah Ronning, who died from carbolic acid poisoning November 13, commit suicide, or was the poison administered to her by a murderer?

This is the question a coroner's jury was asked to decide in an inquest yesterday afternoon. The testimony requiring more time than expected, the inquest was continued until this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The inquest was held at the demand of John Ronning, divorced husband of the woman, who hated the burial Saturday. Letters purported to have been written by her were accepted as showing clearly an intention by the writer to commit suicide, but the prosecution questions the authenticity of the letters.

Neighbor Attacks Suicide Theory.

The testimony of Mrs. Christina Luft, a neighbor of the dead woman, soured the suicide theory. Mrs. Luft declared that Mrs. Ronning had had a horror of suicide, and that in the week of her death she had complained about threats she had said Kirkland had made.

Although Mrs. Ronning had formerly liked Kirkland, Mrs. Luft said, she repulsed him four days before her death when she had taken to Mrs. Luft's home and that she had declared she would rather die than marry Kirkland.

Attorney Harold O. Sawyer, who appeared on behalf of the former husband of Mrs. Ronning, cited to Coroner Slocum apparent neglect of duty on the part of the Coroner in not obeying section 1837 of Lord's Oregon laws, which says that the Coroner should summon a surgeon or physician, if necessary, in the presence of the jury, inspect the body and give a professional opinion as to the cause of the death or wounding.

Omission Is Admitted. Coroner Slocum replied that examination by a physician in the presence of the Coroner's jury is not customary and has never been done in his term of office, or, so far as he knows, during the term of office of any of his predecessors.

"I would consider it a useless expense to the county," he said. Inquests are often dispensed with when a death appears to be natural. In his term of office, he said, he had never summoned a surgeon or physician, although Attorney Sawyer held this to be illegal.

Dr. George H. Buck, who first was summoned and who conducted the autopsy, testified that he was called by phone by one he thought to be Kirkland, and that he had to go to his home. He said he hunted for and found the bottle of acid where it had been thrown, as if in haste, but the cork was still in.

Argument as to whether Mrs. Ronning would have been able to have corked the bottle after taking the acid led to testimony by Dr. Buck that she could have done so. Dr. J. W. Sifton substantiated this testimony.

Kirkland's complaint against her and his clothes were disarranged when Dr. Buck first saw him on the way to the house of death, physician testified.

Woman Had Called Police. Patrolman Humphrey said he had been called by Mrs. Ronning November 17 to protect her from Kirkland. She told him that she was afraid to swear out a warrant for fear that Kirkland was not put in jail afterward, he would come back and kill her.

Mrs. H. A. Kenyon, a neighbor of Mrs. Ronning, testified that Kirkland was drunk the night of the death. She also said that Mrs. Ronning had confided to her a few days before that persons had been talking about her relations with Kirkland and that she had seemed depressed later, but evaded further conversation.

G. A. Russell, Ambulance Service Company driver, also testified. The jurors are James J. May, K. D. Smith, John M. Brauer, John Nygren, E. W. Moorehead and Peter Melstrom.

Coroner Slocum and Deputy District Attorney Delch conducted the cross-examination.

Inquiry Called for by Law. Section 1070 of Lord's Oregon laws, cited by Mr. Sawyer, defines the duties of the Coroner as follows:

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\$12.50 Garments	\$ 9.95
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\$ 8.50 Garments	\$ 6.95
\$10.00 Garments	\$ 7.95
\$12.50 Garments	\$ 9.85
\$13.50 Garments	\$10.35
\$15.00 Garments	\$12.85
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Morrison at Fourth

## BEN SELLING

Leading Clothier

Men, Main Floor—Young Men, Second Floor

### PLAY IS BEAUTEOUS

"The Bird of Paradise" Welcomed Back at Heilig.

### HAWAIIAN STORY GRIPS

Island Scenes Are Magnificent and Portrayal by Large Company Is Perfect—Lenore Ulrich Is Magnetic as Heroine.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Whether "The Bird of Paradise" returns often or but this once, always we will remember little Luana through a mist of tears and happy smiles. The play works a mood of tenderness that makes quick conquest of the heart, a tenderness that sweeps upward and finds expression in honest moisture. It is for Luana, the little bird of paradise, who wants only to be happy in her own Hawaiian forests, that we enlist our consciousness.

We sit as onlookers and witness the development of souls and character in this play by Richard Watson Tully. Whatever of pity, whatever of understanding, whatever of love there is in us goes out to Luana, the weaker side in the unequal battle. Against tradition and all the laws of right she wages her little battle and loses. It is the world-old story of racial marriages. In this instance Hawaiian life in all its sensuous loveliness, its music

and song-filled days is pitted against the cold, hard realism of workaday American hours.

Plot Around American. Two American men, one Paul Wilson, an ambitious young graduate, comes to the islands to take up a career of self-sacrifice and devote his life to searching for a cure for leprosy. With

**"THE BIRD OF PARADISE."**  
CAST

Lilaha	.....Minnie Caruthers
Makia	.....Marie Ehling
Kama	.....W. B. Aeko
Kapule	.....W. K. Kolomoku
Nali	.....B. Walwaiole
Kukini	.....H. X. Kalaka
Lanipule	.....J. A. C. Laniz
Mahumahu	.....Laura Adams
Kata	.....Hay W. Robie
Hopoe	.....Gwendolyn Neabit
Konia	.....Sarah Howe
Lemuele	.....James Harrison
Hewahewa	.....David Hartford
Luana	.....Lenore Ulrich
Paul Wilson	.....William Desmond
Captain Hatch	.....Robert Morris
Mr. Snyonby	.....John Burton
Mrs. Snyonby	.....May McKay Lane
Diana Larned	.....Mary Grey
"Ten-Thousand-Dollar" Dean	.....
.....	.....David Landau
Hoheno	.....Joseph Burton
Tomoro	.....George Bangs
Mrs. Creethers	.....Frances Newhall
Mrs. Kannersy	.....Gladys Bess

him comes Diana Larned, fresh from her university and she, too, wants to learn of the island, and its people, to put them in a book. They meet Luana, a Hawaiian, a princess of her people, and untutored save by her beloved "milkmaid." They meet, too, Dean, a human dervish, a beachcomber, who has followed the line of least resistance and "in whose brain are tangled the flowery fingers of the Hawaiian sun." It is a story of the survival of the

fittest. The beachcomber, "looking to the light," listens to Diana's offer to help, and shaking off his lethargy, he follows her into regeneration.

Paul Wilson, basking in the sunlight of Luana's smiles, listening to the music of her seductive voice, living the happy days of the Hawaiians, forgets his great mission and sinks to the level of those about him. But Luana, the gay little bird of paradise, is happy. Her hours are spent in waiting on "Paula," her adored white husband. He sleeps in the sun and she sings to him, she mothers and croons to him and gives him often to drink of the native liquor. Then, after two years, back come Diana and the regenerated Dean and awaken the sluggish ambitions of Paul.

Heroine Defies Own People. Luana is the first to read the signs of the awakened ambitions in her "Paula," and defying her people, who would crown her queen, she hurls defiance at their traditions and follows where Paul leads. It is into the manners of white women that she leads, and the poor little Queen is racked with the agonies of jealousy and the miseries of social ignorance.

The story does not end in joy. It ends in tragedy. Luana is followed by the curse of her people—they have invoked the death prayer—and when she is crazed with fear of losing Paul's love, she goes as a martyr and flings herself into the "House of Everlasting Fire," the erupting Mount Kilaua.

The story is one of life, handled with consummate art, wrought with delicate ingenuity and delicious satire. It is beautifully presented. Oliver Morosco has furnished it with five pictures of Hawaiian life, so amazingly real that spectators exclaim in wonder. A large company, including the Hawaiian dancers, who play the ukulele, and native dancers, is headed by lovely Lenore Ulrich, who is perfection in the role. Not one actress in 10,000 could play Luana as vividly and as tenderly, as wildly passionate and as wistful as does Lenore Ulrich.

David Landau as the beachcomber, William Desmond as Paul, and John Burton, a Coast favorite, as the missionary, all are remarkable for the verity of the types they portray.

"The Bird of Paradise" will end its stay tomorrow night. There will be a matinee tomorrow.

### GERMANS BREAK WAY OUT

Desperate Attacks Against Russian Lines Surrounding Succeed.

LONDON, 3:17 A. M., Dec. 1.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Express in a dispatch to his paper, testifies to the extreme skill and courage with which the Germans are conducting their retreat. He says: "The Russian army is endeavoring to break in order to join up with the other forces in the neighborhood of Strykow, the Russians were unable to pile up sufficient troops to hurl back the desperate onset which the Germans made with the equally desperate knowledge that their food and ammunition could not last long."

### GERMANY TO GET PARCELS

Prohibition of Post Packages Lifted by Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Resumption of the parcel post service between the United States and Germany and Austria-Hungary was announced by Postmaster-General Burleson today. The lifting at this time of the prohibition against acceptance of parcels for these countries, caused by the lack of means of transportation resulting from the war, will make possible the sending of thousands of Christmas remembrances to Europe, which otherwise would have been impossible.

Parcels post packages are now available to all countries with which the United States has parcel post conventions except Belgium, Turkey and the northern and northeastern parts of France, where military operations prevent a resumption of the service.

### RAID FOR OPIUM MADE

POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS CAPTURE FOUR CHINESE.

Pipes and Materials Collected to Be Used as Evidence—Secret Closet Gives Up Goods.

Two tins of opium were seized and four Chinese were arrested in a raid by police and customs officers on a building at 234 Everett street last night. Ah Lee, a wealthy and prominent merchant, of 105 Fourth street, and Moy Ham, one of the Chinese interpreters in the Municipal Court, were said to have been smoking opium and were arrested. Lee Sam and Lew Gin, proprietors of the place, were held under \$500 bail on a Federal charge of having contraband opium in their possession.

The raid was conducted by Customs Inspector McGrath and five deputies, and Police Sergeant Harms and Officer Martin, of the "moral squad." They found a room on the second floor of the building, burst through a door and say they caught two aristocrats of Chinatown in the act of "hitting the pipe." A thorough search of the building, which has long been suspected as an opium den, was then conducted. Windling through many mysterious alleys and narrow hallways, Sergeant Harms finally discovered a hoose pan inside a clothes closet. Prying the board back, he reached in between the two walls and pulled out two boxes of revolver cartridges, a delicate pair of scales, such as is used for weighing opium, and two tins of opium and part of another one hidden in a far corner. The opium is the largest amount seized in Portland for some time. The retail price of the contraband drug is quoted now by Chinese as about \$60 a tin. A dozen Chinese besides the four arrested were in the room at the time of the raid, but they were not held.

Ab Lee and Moy Ham were released on \$25 bail each. The two proprietors of the place, who are held for violation of the Federal drug law, soon furnished their bail of \$500 each.

### PERUVIAN NOTABLE TARGET

Train of ex-President Dynmited and Political Suspect Held.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—A Lima, Peru, dispatch to the Central News says that a special train from Callao, on which Dr. Jose Pardo, ex-President of Peru, was a passenger, was dynamited Sunday. The ex-President escaped, but six other were injured. As a result of the outrage many political suspects were arrested.

### Motorcycle Hurts R. G. Hungerford.

R. G. Hungerford, of 1328 Taylor street, was bruised badly last night when he was struck by a motorcycle ridden by Chester Buchtel at Forty-fifth and Belmont streets. Mr. Hungerford was taken to his home and attended by Dr. E. W. Rockey, who found that no bones had been broken.

### SON DONATES HIS BLOOD

PINT TAKEN FROM D. M. BOTSFORD TO SAVE FATHER'S LIFE.

Veteran Attorney, However, Reported Sinking Rapidly—Volunteers Are Turned Away.

A pint of blood was transfused yesterday afternoon from the body of David M. Botsford to that of his father, Charles L. Botsford, who is in St. Vincent's Hospital suffering from pernicious anemia. The transfusion was made as a last recourse to save the life of the sufferer, but late last night Mr. Botsford was reported sinking rapidly.

More than 30 men called yesterday at the office of Dr. Leo Rices, in the Broadway building, in response to a call for a healthy man to give some of his blood to save the life of Mr. Botsford. It was decided, however, that the volunteers were not needed, and the sons readily offered themselves. The operation was performed late yesterday afternoon. Dr. Rices would make no statement concerning the operation, but said later last night that the patient was in a serious condition. Mr. Botsford became unconscious about 9 o'clock, and it was said at the hospital that he was not expected to live through the night.

A week ago Mr. Botsford underwent an operation for the removal of his spleen. His condition was weakened as a result, and the transfusion of blood was resorted to as a last expedient to save his life.

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### REED INSTRUCTOR DIES

A. Blaine Roberts, Here but Four Weeks, Passes at Hospital.

A. Blaine Roberts, temporary instructor in English in Reed College, died at the place of W. H. Boddy, who was compelled to leave his work on account of illness, died Sunday night at St. Vincent's Hospital following an operation. The funeral arrangements probably will be made today.

Mr. Roberts was a former student of President Foster in Bowdoin College and helped Dr. Foster in the preparation of a text on "Essentials of Argumentation and Exposition." For several years after graduation from Bowdoin College Mr. Roberts was an instructor in English in the University of Utah where he served also as secretary of the faculty. He was living in California when he was called to his position in Reed College. He had been in Reed College only a few weeks.

President Foster spoke of Mr. Roberts' death at the chapel service yesterday morning. Mr. Roberts is survived by a widow in Oakland, Cal.