

MURDER MYSTERY TRACED TO OREGON

Michigan Authorities Seek to Explain Girl's Death.

MOTHER, BROTHER SOUGHT

Letter Mailed From Oregon Point May Throw Light on Three-Year-Old Puzzle.

LAWTON, Mich., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Florence C. Tabor Critchlow was held for further examination by authorities tonight following her refusal to testify today at the coroner's inquest over the body of a woman found in the basement of the Tabor home Sunday, and believed to be that of Miss Maud Tabor, a younger sister of Mrs. Tabor.

Other witnesses identified the body as that of Miss Tabor, a graduate of the University of Michigan and former teacher of Ogdun, Utah, who has been missing since 1915. Officers had failed tonight to locate Mrs. Lester Tabor and Walter Tabor, mother and brother of the dead woman, who, they believe, may be able to help solve the mystery.

The inquest failed to reveal the manner in which the woman met death, and specialists will make a more thorough examination. No traces of poison or violence were found.

The body was found by Mrs. Florence Tabor Critchlow, sister of Maud, when she attempted to pull a trunk from beneath a pile of shingles in her home. The end of the trunk gave way, exposing a foot, her husband in the Tabor, who was the daughter of the late Lester Tabor, an attorney, had died on a ranch in the west a few months after her disappearance.

Evidence of conditions prior to death that might have formed a motive for murder, was pointed to by physicians who examined the partially decomposed body, according to the police.

Letter Mailed From Oregon. Several months ago, Mrs. Tabor and her brother, left for a trip through the west and a real estate dealer said he had received one letter from Mrs. Tabor, mailed at some point in Oregon.

Florence, who was the older of the two sisters, married a crockery dealer in San Francisco named Critchlow. Shortly after her father died, Miss Tabor disappeared. She was then about 46 years of age.

About two years ago, Mrs. Critchlow separated from her husband in San Francisco and returned here to live in the Tabor home. It was said that the family had frequent disagreements and that they seldom were all in the house at the same time.

The Portland police early yesterday received a request to look for Mrs. Lester Tabor and her son, Walter, and to hold the prisoners incommunicado if they captured them. There was nothing in the telegram to aid the local authorities in finding the fugitives.

Captain Crote, who had heard nothing of the case, telegraphed back asking the Michigan authorities what charge they had against the Tabor. No reply had been received at an early hour today.

North Dakota Ratifies State Is 20th to Approve Suffrage Amendment.

Grand Forks Representative Charges State Libraries Circulate Free Love and Socialism Books.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 1.—North Dakota late today became the 20th state to ratify the federal suffrage amendment, when the house approved the suffrage resolution already passed by the senate, 102 to 5.

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