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RICH BRIDE'S BODY IS SOUGHT IN LAKE

Seattle Police Look for Clew in Missing Trunk.

BRIDEGROOM UNDER ARREST

James E. Mahoney Held Pending Probe of Mystery.

ST. PAUL VISIT RECALLED

Trunk Containing Body Believed to Have Been Shipped to Coast and Dumped in Lake.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—The Seattle police department today dragged Lake Union for a mysterious trunk which is believed to contain the body of Kate M. Mahoney, missing wealthy 72-year-old bride. The bridegroom, James E. Mahoney, 38, is held by the police in default of $10,000 bail on a charge of forging the name of his missing bride.

The body must have been shipped half way across the continent, from St. Paul or Duluth, if the police theory is correct.

If this conjecture of the police is correct, it must mean that the trunk arrived at Seattle about the same time—perhaps on the same train—as the missing woman's husband, James E. Mahoney.

Police investigation of the disappearance of Mrs. Mahoney was given a new turn tonight by the report of A. F. Morris, local advertising man, to the police that he had overheard Mahoney and two unidentified women discussing plans for obtaining Mrs. Mahoney's fortune, according to Detective Captain Tennant. Captain Tennant said Morris told him of hearing the three discussing plans to "do away with the old woman."

All doubt as to the visit of Mahoney and his bride in St. Paul the latter part of April was apparently cleared away in a statement of the St. Paul police department today.

Trace of Trunk Lost.

The St. Paul police investigation revealed, it was reported, that the Mahoney couple had registered at the St. Francis hotel there April 22 and checked out the same day. Their baggage was reported checked to Duluth and it was there rechecked by an unidentified man. Its destination has not yet been discovered. It is also said that a St. Francis hotel stenographer wrote letters giving Mahoney power of attorney over his wife's property and what was said to be an order giving access to his wife's safe deposit vault. The papers were not signed in the stenogrpaher's presence. She did not see Mrs. Mahoney.

And Mahoney came back to Seattle, while Mrs. Mahoney did not. Mahoney admits she did not, but says she will be found.

That his 72-year-old bride was in Cuba at the time a trunk believed by the police to contain her body was dumped into Lake Union late in April was the declaration of Mahoney in the city jail this afternoon.

Postcard Is Recalled.

"I had a postcard from her at Havana, Cuba, dated May 1," Mahoney told his counsel, Attorney Lee Johnston, when the attorney informed him that the police were dragging Lake Union for a trunk, supposedly containing his wife's body, which had been taken out in a boat from the Tenth avenue bridge and dumped into the lake, "some time in April," as the police gave it out today.

"I know nothing about any such trunk; I had nothing to do with it, anyhow, and it couldn't have contained the body of my wife because she was far away from here at that time," he declared.

Attorney Johnson added that Mahoney had told him of this postcard several weeks ago.

Folowing a nation-wide search for the missing woman, who, according to the husband, had quarreled with and left him at St. Paul, while they were on a honeymoon trip, the police abruptly began dragging Lake Union from the Tenth-avenue bridge to the Lake Washington canal portage last evening.

Trunk Reported Dumped.

Captain of Detectives Tennant would vouchsafe no further information regarding the dragging of the lake for the trunk, than to say that "we have information that a trunk was delivered to a boat and hauled out into the lake and dumped there in April, and we believe this mysterious action is connected with the Mahoney case."

The information evidently was received yesterday and was considered important enough for Captain Tennant to enlist the services of the harbormaster's department, for patrol boat No. 2 was sent out and has worked continuously at dragging for the trunk ever since last evening.

In the meantime investigators today uncovered other interesting details affecting the missing woman's property in Seattle which, with property in Texas, Alaska and elsewhere in the state of Washington, represents more than $200,000.

The police have caused Mahoney's detention on an alleged forgery of

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RADICAL MAGAZINE GETS MAIL PRIVILEGE

LIBERATOR IS ACCEPTED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.

Hays Announces That Freedom of Press Will Be Guarded Under His Administration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Laws safeguarding the integrity of the freedom of the press "must and shall be also scrupulously observed," Postmaster-General Hays declared today in announcing the granting of an application of The Liberator, a monthly magazine of New York, for second-class mailing privileges.

The application has been pending since February 11, 1918, the date of its founding, and the postmaster-general said the records of the department showed every issue offered since had been accepted at the third-class rate of postage. The Liberator will be refunded $11,277, the difference which it paid over the second-class rate. The publication is edited by Max Eastman, who also was editor of The Masses, which was denied the mailing privileges in 1917.

The postmaster-general announced also that The Call of New York and Victor Berger's paper, the Leader, had filed applications for re-entry under the second-class mailing privilege, and if they were found to comply with the law the applications would be granted.

"The postoffice department holds no brief for the Liberator or any other publication," declared Mr. Hays. "If there is on foot a conspiracy to destroy our established form of government by force, alleged by the department heretofore as a reason for not granting this permit and if this publication is involved in it, then the department of justice will deal promptly with the conspirators."

He said it was easy to decide what is and what is not information of a public "character" as required by the classification act, but that the postmaster-general has no power to decide what is information of a public "benefit," and such power was never intended to be lodged in him. "It shall not be assumed," he said.

"The mail exclusion statutes," he said, "will be vigorously enforced. There shall be no hesitancy in suppressing publications that fall within the prohibition of the law, but there are also laws safeguarding the integrity of the freedom of the press and these laws also shall be observed scrupulously.

STILLMAN CASE GOES ON

Negotiations Apparently Fail and Trial Will Resume.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Hearings in the divorce suit brought by James A. Stillman, millionaire banker, against Mrs. Anne U. Stillman will be resumed next Wednesday before Referee Gleason at Poughkeepsie.

This announcement by one of Mrs. Stillman's attorneys today was taken as an indication that the settlement negotiations said to have been inaugurated by counsel for the banker had halted. Refusal of Mrs. Stillman to comply with her husband's demand that she live abroad for five years after the suit had been withdrawn was reported to be the reason for this action. Another condition alleged to have been imposed by Mrs. Stillman's attorneys was that she give her consent for the children to choose between their parents. This, it is said, she has declined to do.

Mr. Stillman's offer is reported to have included the withdrawal of his suit, legal recognition of the legitimacy of the infant Guy Stillman, whose paternity has been questioned in the proceedings, and the granting of an allowance of between $50,000 and $90,000 a year to Mrs. Stillman.

Mrs. Stillman plans to attend the hearing Wednesday with her son Guy.

'CUSSING' CENTRAL LEGAL

Missouri Telephone Users Allowed to Talk Abusively Once.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 25.—Telephone subscribers have a right to use abusive language once to telephone operators when connections are not satisfactory, the state public service commission ruled today in ordering the Carlow Telephone company to restore service to George H. Oxford, farmer.

Oxford's telephone had been removed following an altercation with a young man in charge of the exchange at Carlow. The commission ruled that a single instance of use of abusive language was not grounds for discontinuance of service.

PRESIDENT'S SISTER SUED

Washington Physician Demands $25,000 for Alleged Libel.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Mrs Carolyn Votaw, sister of President Harding, was made defendant in a $25,000 suit for alleged libel, filed today in the District of Columbia supreme court by Dr. G. R. Lee Cole.

The plaintiff asserts that he was damaged in his good name and reputation as a result of a letter written by Mrs. Votaw to Justice Stafford last April 29 during the trial of the domestic difficulties of Dr. Cole and his wife.

PEACE PROPOSAL COMING

House Republicans Plan Action on Resolution Next Week.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Agreement to send the peace resolution to the house for consideration next week was reached today at a conference of republican members of the house foreign affairs committee.

SEATTLE PLEDGES BACKING TO FAIR

175 Trade Excursionists Guests of Portland.

GOOD WILL IS GUARANTEED

Vancouver Men in Party Are Feted by Local Chamber.

PROVINCIAL SPIRIT SCORED

Mission of Visitors Declared to Be to Get Northwest Joined in Co-operative Alliance.

Pledges of friendship and good will coupled with the guarantee of the whole-hearted backing of Seattle and the state of Washington for the Oregon 1925 exposition were exchanged last night at the Chamber of Commerce banquet given in honor of the Seattle chamber of commerce trade excursion with about 175 Seattle and Vancouver business men and more than 200 Portland business men in attendance.

R. S. Boyns, president of the Seattle chamber of commerce, assured Portland that the 1925 exposition already has the hearty indorsement of the trustees of the chamber at Seattle and will have unfailing support of the entire state. Mr. Boyns pointed out that the mission of the trade excursion was to break down the provincial spirit that leads each city and each community to live within itself to the detriment of all concerned.

Allied Work Urged.

"We are going over the state of Washington preaching this gospel," declared Mr. Boyns. "Let no man liveth unto himself; let no city, no state and no community liveth unto itself. If a place is shut up to itself, always taking in and never giving to its neighbors, it assuredly will die. Let the states of Oregon and Washington, the entire northwest, work and ally themselves together for the mutual good and prosperity of all."

Frank Branch Riley pleaded for the breaking down of the barriers of provincialism that have stood in the way of better relations between Portland and Seattle and Oregon and Washington in the past.

Seattle Spirit Held Helpful.

"The spirit and example of Seattle are ever helpful and exhilarating for Portland," said Mr. Riley. "Your visit is a step toward the breaking down of the barriers of provincialism that

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BORAH'S PROPOSAL TO DISARM APPROVED

PRESIDENT ASKED TO CALL CONFERENCE ON NAVIES.

Invitation to Britain and Japan to Discuss Armament Limitation Voted Unanimously.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Unanimous senate approval was given today to Senator Borah's proposal for an international naval disarmament conference.

By a vote of 74 to 0 the amendment was added to the naval appropriation bill, authorizing and requesting the president to invite Great Britain and Japan to send representatives to a conference with United States representatives in an effort to reach some agreement on disarmament.

The vote was in conformity with the understanding reached last week by administration forces to support Senator Borah's plan.

Besides the 46 republicans and 28 democrats voting for the amendment, announcements were made on behalf of many absentees that they, too, favored the disarmament plan.

Upon passage of the bill the amendment will go to conference with the house, but its advocates believe it will be indorsed and then approved by President Harding.

With the Borah amendment incorporated, an effort was made to reach a vote on passage of the bill late today, but this was frustrated by debate on minor amendments. Senator King, democrat, Utah, promised to introduce several other amendments to abolish what he termed "useless" navy yards.

Senator La Follette made another lengthy address in opposition to capital ship construction and considerable more debate was in prospect when adjournment was taken. With tomorrow set for consideration of the contested nomination of David H. Blair to be internal revenue commissioner, immediate passage of the bill was a hazy prospect.

Among minor amendments adopted was the committee provision for creation in the navy department of a special bureau of aeronautics with a head selected by the president.

Another amendment by Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, as adopted would authorize the department to continue publication of the Shipping Bulletin to be supplied to subscribers at actual cost.

An amendment which would authorize the expenditure for submarine construction of part of the $90,000,000 carried for continuing the 1916 building programme was adopted.

Senator Poindexter, republican, of Washington, in charge of the bill, said the amendment would give the department discretion to let contracts for possibly the entire six submarines previously authorized, construction of which has been deferred. The senator added an amendment authorizing construction of an additional naval transport.

The Borah amendment as adopted follows:

"That the president is authorized and requested to invite the govern-

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PORTLAND GAS RATE IS ORDERED REDUCED

ANNUAL SAVING OF $300,000 IS ESTIMATED.

Benefit of Cut of 45 Cents a Barrel in Crude Oil Costs Passed On to Consumer.

SALEM, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Reductions aggregating an annual saving of approximately $300,000 to gas customers of the Portland Gas & Coke company will be made effective June 6 through an order issued here today by the Oregon public service commission.

The new residential and commercial rate as compared with the present charges for this class of service, follow:

First 300 cubic feet or less a month, present rate 85 cents; new rate 75 cents.
Next 9700 cubic feet a month, present rate $1.30; new rate $1.20.
Next 30,000 cubic feet a month, present rate, $1.20; new rate $1.05.
Next 60,000 cubic feet a month, present rate $1.05; new rate 90 cents.
Next 100,000 cubic feet a month, present rate 90 cents; new rate 75 cents.
Excess over 200,000 cubic feet a month, present rate 75 cents; new rate 70 cents.

New and old rates, affecting house heating and gas operation follow:

First 300 cubic feet or less a month, present rate 85 cents; new rate 75 cents.
Next 2700 cubic feet or less a month, present rate 95 cents; new rate 90 cents.
Excess over 3000 cubic feet or less a month, present rate 75 cents; new rate 70 cents.

The initial or minimum charge for the first 300 cubic feet or less follow:

10 light B, 10 light Sprague and 20 light, 90 cents.
30 light, $1.15.
45 light, $1.40.
60 light and 30 light B, $1.60.
100 light and 60 light B, $2.10.
200 light and 100 light B, $3.50.
300 light, $5.

For connecting or reconnecting service a charge of $1 is authorized for the first meter and a charge of 50 cents for each additional meter connected or reconnected at the same time and location. This charge shall apply only to customers requiring installation of meter, or where meter has been locked for discontinuance of service.

"In our present order," said the commission, "as in the one effective April 10, we are reducing the rates for gas, giving the customer the entire advantage resulting from the reduction of crude oil costs aggregating 45 cents a barrel.

"The commission, as heretofore, by classifying as operating revenue, all profits from by-products (briquettes) and from merchandising, causes every dollar of profit thus made to apply toward a reduction in the cost of gas used by the customer, which results in Portland having one of the lowest rates among the various cities using manufactured gas.

"The commission realizes that it is 'stretching' a point in reducing the present initial charges, but nevertheless, after full consideration of all the attendant circumstances entering into the establishment of the rate, it is believed that the minimum customer is entitled to this recognition. It is noted in this connection that this charge for larger-sized meters has also been modified.

The commission in considering the actual costs involved is of the

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DUBLIN'S CUSTOM HOUSE DESTROYED

Building Declared Fired by Sinn Feiners.

BLAZE FOLLOWS REBEL RAID

Petrol Poured Over Interior and Fire Applied.

VALUABLE RECORDS GONE

Structure, Among Most Beautiful in Ireland, Now in Ruins—Fire Fighters Obstructed.

DUBLIN, May 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Dublin custom house is in ruins tonight and all of the most important documents of the government relating to Ireland, together with papers and records, have been destroyed.

This, Dublin castle officially announces, was the work of Sinn Fein forces, which early this afternoon made the most formidable attack against government property that has been engineered since the present rebellion began.

Employes of the departments housed in the building were made prisoners, vast quantities of petrol were poured over the interior of the building and the light was applied.

Soon military lorries crowded with soldiers appeared and a battle ensued. The Sinn Feiners occupied the custom house and from the windows met the soldiers with a heavy fire. Machine guns and rifles responded, and a strong cordon was thrown around the building.

Raiders Routed by Heat.

When the flames became too hot the raiders attempted to escape, but several were shot and killed and many wounded. According to the official statement, seven civilians were killed, 11 wounded and 111 captured. Four auxiliaries were wounded.

Crown forces in a sortie entered the building and made many captures. Some raiders were saturated with petrol, and it is believed several met death in the flames.

Destruction of the Dublin custom house constitutes the most serious damage since the rebellion. The building, of which nothing remains but the shell, was one of the most beautiful in Ireland. It housed many of the chief administration departments, and its destruction is more disabling to the ordinary machinery of the government than if Dublin castle had been burned.

Important Records Gone.

The local government board had its offices in the building. This board has been in constant conflict with various bodies repudiating allegiance to it and allying themselves with the Dail Eireanne, and its records are completely destroyed.

All registrations and lists of shareholders of public companies were kept in the building, which was also occupied by the stamp office and the stationery office, in addition to being the central headquarters of the inland revenue department.

Shortly before 2 P. M. about 60 young men, heavily armed, entered the custom house and held up the staff, assembling them in the vestibule. Two dozen boxes each containing four tins of petrol and four bales of cotton waste were passed into the building.

Three policemen who came in to see what was happening were promptly seized, deprived of their weapons and placed with the other prisoners.

Petrol was poured over the most important documents and the building was set on fire in several places.

Fire Brigade Hampered.

The fire brigade was prevented from reaching the scene by armed bands. Auxiliaries soon arrived in military lorries and the raiders fired on them from the building and eventually made a sortie. A battle ensued.

Reinforcements of crown forces kept arriving and under their protection the fire brigade got to work, but its task was hopeless.

Troops poured into the district, machine guns from armored cars were leveled on the building, and every effort was made to hem in and capture the incendiaries. By 4 o'clock about 50 men had been arrested.

Early estimates of the casualties fixed the number at five civilians and one auxiliary killed and many wounded. Auxiliary police rescued employes from the building, including several women.

SOUTH BELFAST MAN WINS

Thomas Moles Is Elected to New Ulster Parliament.

BELFAST, May 25.—Thomas Moles was the first member elected to the new Ulster parliament for South Belfast. The return of three other loyalists in that section is virtually certain.

Wholesale charges of intimidation by beatings and threats and of personation during the balloting in Ulster for members of the new Northern

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1 KILLED, 8 INJURED WHEN CAR HITS COW

COLLISTER GREEN VICTIM OF WRECK NEAR GRANTS PASS.

Auto Stage on Way From Klamath Falls Strikes Animal and Is Overturned.

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Nine persons were injured, one fatally, when an automobile stage en route to this city from Klamath Falls struck a cow and upset in a ditch three miles east of the Grants Pass city limits on the Medford road.

The man fatally injured was Collister Green of Klamath Falls, who died of a broken neck shortly after the accident.

Mrs. Clyde Harper, 24, 111 C street, Grants Pass, suffered several broken ribs. She was brought to Grants Pass and taken to the Good Samaritan hospital here. Eight other persons in the stage suffered less serious injuries and were attended by Dr. S Loughridge of this city.

Others injured were: L. B. Miller, Portland, broken bone in hand; and Marshal Hooper, Grants Pass, scalp wound.

The bus was said to have been traveling about 30 miles an hour. The car was wrecked by the crash into the ditch.

Mr. Green died on the way to the hospital here. His body was taken to a local morgue.

Mr. Green was about 38 years old and an employe of a mill at Fort Klamath. He is survived by a widow and two girls, 12 and 15 years old, respectively.

The bus was in charge of a driver named Jennings, who suffered slight injuries. He left the hospital after he had received treatment. He was not arrested.

The two small daughters of Mrs. Harper escaped without injury. The children were 4 and 6 years old.

COAST GETS NEW PLANTS

Expansion of Westinghouse Manufacturing Company Announced.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 25.—The Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company today announced plans for the erection of at least six manufacturing plants and branches on the Pacific coast, according to advices received here tonight from K. E. Van Kuren, western representative of the company, at the general offices at Pittsburg, Pa.

The plans include a $1,000,000 plant at Los Angeles, two similar plants at San Francisco, two on Puget sound, a central factory and two specialty manufacturing plants, Mr. Van Kuren's telegram said.

In his statement, accompanying the announcement, Mr. Van Kuren said "it is necessary, in view of transcontinental freight rates, to prepare immediately to carry on our western business from western plants."

GRAPE JUICE TRADE HURT

Home Brew and Soft Drinks Cut Badly Into Business.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Home brew and soft drinks of cereal origin are cutting deeply into the unfermented grape juice business, John F. Welch, head of the grape juice company that bears his name, told the senate finance committee today in pleading for reduction of taxes on his product.

Mr. Welch named the beverages which he said interfered with grape juice makers.

"And raisins," supplemented Senator Sutherland of West Virginia.

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SUMMARY OF FLOOD CONDITIONS IN NORTHWEST.

Portland—Willamette river reaches 21.8 feet. Stage of 22 feet predicted for today and 22.5 by Saturday.

Vancouver, Wash.—Columbia climbs slowly, reaching 22.5 feet. Bottom lands covered with water.

Hood River—Columbia rises 14 inches in 24 hours. Further gain of 18 inches will inundate large truck gardens. Strong wind fells trees.

ST. HELENS, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—The Columbia river has cut away one-third of the bulk of the seven-mile dike protecting the Woodland diking district, and it was believed today that the dike was in danger of being cut through. The water still is about six feet below the top of the dike.

Twelve thousand acres of farm land will be flooded to a depth of from 8 to 12 feet if the dike breaks. Some 400 or 500 farmers live in the district. Cattle were said to have been removed from the threatened area.

Farmers Remove Cattle.

The dike was completed this year at a cost of about $200,000. One of the dredges which helped to pump sand out of the river to form the dike was repairing some of the weaker spots yesterday.

It was reported here today that 85 per cent of the 26,000 acres of Sauvies island was under water. The ranchers, some hundreds of whom live on the island, have moved about 1000 cattle across Willamette slough to the mainland.

Creosoting Plant Closed.

The St. Helens Creosoting company, a mile and a quarter above this city, closed down today on account of high water. The dynamos were removed from the engine room, which was flooded a short time afterward.

Creosoted railroad ties, due for shipment to India June 15, were removed from the point to St. Helens today in scows and on flat cars and have been stored in a safe place. The company has contracted to deliver 1,500,000 feet of the ties.

WILLAMETTE 21.8 FEET HIGH

Columbia Continues to Swell at Umatilla and The Dalles.

The Willamette and Columbia rivers continued their steady climb Tuesday night and yesterday with the result that the weather bureau gauge at Portland showed a stage of 21.8 feet at 6 o'clock last night. The Willamette has been rising at about the same pace for three days. A stage of 22 feet was predicted for today, 22.2 for Friday and 22.5 for Saturday.

Warmer weather was reported yesterday from southern Idaho, with compensating cooler weather in the northern half of that stage. The net result should be no particular change in the slow fall of the Snake river. Serious flood conditions are expected to be avoided if the Snake will only hold off until the crest of the run-off in the Columbia has passed.

A sharp rise of 1.4 feet was reported at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at Wenatchee and rises of .2 and .5 respectively at Umatilla and The Dalles. In the 24 hours preceding the 8 A. M. reading, the river at Portland had come up .3 of a foot.

The first casualty report to be issued by the lighthouse bureau since the rush of water down the Columbia started, appeared yesterday over the signature of Robert Warrack, district superintendent of lighthouses and showed lights discontinued or carried away at Henrici crossing, Willow Bar dike, Camas, Washougal and Gary Island. The notice contained the further warning to mariners that lights between Stella and Hood River were liable to disappear at any time.

COLUMBIA IS STILL RISING

Stage of 22.5 Feet Reached at Vancouver; Gain Is Slower.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—The Columbia river is yet rising at this point and is very swift. From 8 o'clock yesterday until 8 o'clock this morning the rise was .4 of a foot, making the height 22.5. By 4 o'clock this afternoon it had risen

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