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GARDNER CAUGHT ON WOMAN'S TIP

Mail Robber Recaptured in Centralia, Wash.

THIEF MAKES NO FIGHT

Bandages Used as Disguise, but Identity Discovered.

FUGITIVE TAKEN IN HOTEL

Mrs. Marion Howell Recognizes Her Guest and Calls Officers, to Whom Convict Surrenders.

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CENTRALIA, Wash., June 16.—(Special.)—Roy Gardner, escaped convict and mail robber, was recaptured here by Louis Sonny, police officer of Centralia, and P. J. McMurray of Tacoma, Northern Pacific special agent, in the Oxford rooming house at 10:30 o'clock this morning, the sixth day since his escape from a train at Castle Rock. His arrest was due to Mrs. Marion Howell, proprietress of the Oxford, who recognized him, despite bandages about his head, the day he registered.

Gardner broke through the cordon of guards at Castle Rock at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, after hiding four days in the brush near that city. He boarded the cow-catcher of a northbound freight at the water tank 50 yards north of the Castle Rock station, with special agents, brakemen and firemen going through the train to make sure that he was not on it.

Wraps Head in Bandages.

Gardner arrived in Centralia early Wednesday morning and spent the night at the Dale hotel. The next morning he wrapped his head in bandages, went to the Oxford hotel and registered as A. J. Wright of Tacoma. He said he had been severely burned in a fire and had just left the hospital.

Although recognized by Mrs. Howell Wednesday morning, Gardner was not arrested till this morning. Police were notified of her suspicions and Gardner was watched, but no attempt was made to arrest him.

Officer Sonny and Special Agent McMurray entered the house about 10:30 o'clock this morning. Gardner was in the upper hallway and saw them enter. He ran into his room. Sonny forced his way in after him. Gardner met him, laughing behind his bandages. He made no attempt to resist. No weapon of any kind was found on him. All he had was about $5 in currency and some silver. He refused to disclose the whereabouts of his pistol or the money taken from the guards.

Bandit Meets All With Smile.

United States Marshal Holohan of San Francisco, accompanied by Special Agent Coturri of Portland, Postal Inspector Lewis and reporters rushed to the scene by automobile from Castle Rock as soon as word of the arrest came. Gardner met them all with a smile and a handshake. He greeted each one of the officers by his first name. Then he told his story with great glee.

Since arriving in Centralia he had dined at the restaurants, listened to the wild discussions about him and appeared at ease. The night before his arrest he visited the strawberry carnival and feasted on the strawberries. Kind-hearted women piled him with good things because he was an invalid. Mrs. Howell greeted him at the jail. They exchanged confidences and Gardner shook her hand with the same sunny smile as the others.

Just once in all that time had he become suspicious. Wednesday night, he declared, the hunch came to him to leave.

"I felt the hunch to move on, but I kidded myself it was only a flurry," said Gardner.

Suspected at First Sight.

Mrs. Howell told him that she had suspected him the first night, and notified the police the next day.

"I thought you were a little inquisitive," said Gardner, "but a fellow in my place is bound to be suspicious."

"Believe me, Mulhall and Rinckel have nerve," said Gardner, calling United States Marshal Holohan to him. "They were the gamest men I ever stuck up. I had to put the gun right into Mulhall's stomach and jab and then lift his arms up. Rinckel was going to jump right on me when I had the gun on him. Those boys are game."

His remarks referred to Deputy United States Marshal Mulhall and D. W. Rinckel, guard, whom he held up on the train at Castle Rock and forced to take the irons off of himself and Pyron.

"What's next?" queried a man beside him.

"It's all over, I guess," laughed Gardner.

Gardner Tells His Story.

Then Gardner plunged into his story.

"Things got too hot for me after that morning when I went to the Royal restaurant in Castle Rock," he said. "I fled due south to the rock and hid in the brush. They came

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SEAMEN SIGN PACT FOR WAGE REDUCTION

NEW AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 31.

Engineers Accede to 15 Per Cent Cut; Understanding to Be Reached With Radio Men.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—A new working agreement embodying a 15 per cent reduction in wages was ratified by the shipping board and representatives of the marine engineers today and deposited with the secretary of labor.

The new wage scale became effective June 14, it was announced and will continue in effect until December 31 next. A similar agreement was reached with radio operators, it was added, and others will be negotiated with representatives of the seamen and firemen.

NEW YORK, June 16.—The American Steamship Owners' association, representing a large percentage of privately owned American flag tonnage, today declined to join with the shipping board in ratifying a new working agreement, embodying a 15 per cent wage reduction with striking marine unions.

A telegram signed by President H. H. Raymond and addressed to Chairman Laster of the board stated that owners were unable to alter their previously announced position—that of declining to enter signed contracts with any sea-going union.

In this action, Mr. Raymond said, they are joined by the Pacific American Steamship association and the Shipowners' association of the Pacific coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—Four men were arrested today on a charge of violating a federal injunction against picketing by ship crew strikers and sympathizers after they were alleged to have participated in the stoning by a crowd of men of Nicholas Krilelisch, an oiler, who had been mistaken for a strikebreaker.

DROP 25 TO 30 PER CENT

Reductions by Clothiers Compiled by National Association.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—Men's clothing and furnishing goods have dropped 25 to 30 per cent from the peak of war prices, according to compilations made by the National Association of Retail Clothiers and announced today.

Only 6 per cent of the merchants showed depreciations as low as 25 per cent, while 41 per cent reported 33 1-3 to 40 per cent reductions. Eleven per cent reported 40 to 50 per cent depreciations in prices.

The survey was made by the association to prepare a reply to the federal trade commission and to industrial organizations, which, according to association officers, had criticised retail clothiers for insufficient price reductions.

SOLDIERS HURT; ONE DEAD

Army Bus Carrying Men Wrecked at Camp Lewis.

TACOMA, Wash., June 16.—Private L. Havaux died this morning at Camp Lewis from injuries received at midnight when an army bus crashed into a stone bastion at the camp entrance. There were 30 soldiers in the car, and 12 were injured. Havaux died from internal injuries. He was a member of the 57th coast artillery. Private Henry Allen Hibbs of the same organization is believed fatally hurt.

The soldiers were returning from a picnic and the bus was unable to make the turn into camp. The car was completely demolished by the impact. Private Eckles Stills, driver of the bus, is being held pending a military investigation that has been ordered.

GOMEZ FUNERAL IS HELD

Services for ex-President of Cuba Conducted in New York.

NEW YORK, June 16. — Funeral services for General Jose M. Gomez, former president of Cuba, who died here last Monday, were held today in St. Patrick's cathedral.

Solemn requiem mass was celebrated in the presence of members of the family, foreign diplomatic representatives and close friends. A battalion of United States troops escorted the casket and the family to the Pennsylvania station, whence they left by special car for Key West, where a Cuban cruiser will take the body to Havana for interment.

LODGE TO BACK KLEIN

Senator Withdraws Opposition to Commerce Bureau Nominee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—Possibility of a dispute between the administration and Senator Lodge, republican leader, over the nomination of Professor Julius Klein of Boston to be director of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, vanished today. Announcement came from Senator Lodge's office that he would support the nominee.

It is understood Senator Lodge consulted with Secretary Hoover regarding Professor Klein's selection, and had been assured of the appointee's qualifications.

Oregon Postoffices Advanced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—(Special.)—The following Oregon postoffices have been advanced in the annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries: Second to first class, Corvallis and The Dalles; third class to second-class, Cottage Grove, Heppner, Lakeview, Lebanon and Milwaukie.

OREGON PIONEERS MEET IN REUNION

Simple and Happy Lives Held World Example.

MARRIAGE VOWS KEPT SACRED

Early-Day Beauty Contrasted With Modern Vanities.

C. A. JOHNS LAUDS SPIRIT

Fathers and Mothers of Oregon Stand in Silence in Honor of Dead; Many Attend Reunion.

PORTLAND WOMAN FIRST OF SEX TO BE PIONEERS' CHIEF.

Miss Ellen Chamberlain of Portland was elected president of the Oregon Pioneer association last night. She is the first woman ever thus honored by the organization. She served last year as vice-president. She is a pioneer of 1857.

Other officers chosen were: John W. Baker, Portland, vice-president; George H. Himes, 1853, secretary; W. M. Ladd, 1855, treasurer. Directors are: J. D. Chitwood, 1859; John Wortman, 1852, and D. S. Stearns, 1855.

The intrepid pioneers—fathers and mothers of Oregon—had their day in the municipal auditorium yesterday. They came from all over the northwest. The annual reunion was pronounced the best ever. More were present than usual. The programme ranged from registration, which occupied the morning hours, to an address by Charles A. Johns, associate justice of the state supreme court, a magnificent banquet at 4:30 o'clock and the election of officers at the closing session.

Although T. T. Geer, ex-governor of Oregon and pioneer of 1851, read a list of 175 members who died during the year, he explained that this was not, in reality, so large a number as at first might be thought, when one considers the population embraced. At the suggestion of Charles H. Caufield, 1853, president, the pioneers and their friends, filling the entire main floor of the auditorium and overflowing into the balcony, stood in silence for a few moments in tribute to memory of the dead.

Mrs. Adams Queen of Mothers.

Conspicuous on the platform, to which she was escorted by Captain C. T. Belcher and Nathan M. Bird, was Mrs. C. J. Adams, 1852, queen mother of the pioneers. She will be 93 years

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FIVE DEAD, 33 HURT IN RAILROAD WRECK

ELMER B. SMITH OF PORTLAND LISTED AS INJURED.

Chicago & Northwestern Train Falls Through Creek Bridge Weakened by Cloudburst.

OMAHA, June 16.—Five persons were known to be dead and 33 injured as a result of a wreck last night near Whitney, Neb., of Chicago & Northwestern passenger train No. 606. A cloudburst which weakened a bridge over a creek near Whitney, was believed to be responsible.

The dead were:

Robert Scott, Chadron, baggageman.

F. M. Stewart, Gordon, Neb.

Frank Bo[illegible] Lander, Wyo.

C. M. Bu[illegible] Grand Island, Neb.

B. F. S[illegible] Chadron, Neb., mail clerk; died [illegible] injuries.

Either a cloudburst or heavy upstream pressure in the creek caused the bridge to give way, General Superintendent Dickinson of the northwestern lines here said, adding that there had been no high water there this season.

The engine cleared the bridge, but the baggage and mail cars plunged into the bank, while the chair car was thrown into the water, reports here said.

Among the injured, as given by Mr. Dickinson, were:

Charles Duntze, Cheyenne, Wyo.; head bruised.

Elmer B. Smith, Portland, Or.; body and leg bruised.

All of the dead and injured were found in the smoker and baggage cars.

AD MEN BACK ROSE CITY

Convention Ruling Prevents Official O. K. on 1925 Exhibit.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 16.—(Special.)—Indorsement of Portland's 1925 exposition and Philadelphia's 1926 exposition, and several other important national and international projects reached the convention floor in the final session of the world's advertising convention here this afternoon on the approval of the resolutions committee, but failed of adoption under a ruling of the executive committee. The ruling was that no resolutions be recommended save those relating to advertising.

This ruling came after the resolutions committee had unanimously approved the Portland resolution.

The Pacific coast district was divided today with W. P. Strandborg, vice-president for Oregon, Washington and Alaska, and Don Francisco of Los Angeles, vice-president for California, Nevada and Hawaii.

STOCKMEN TO GET FUNDS

Arrangements for $50,000,000 Pool to Be Completed Soon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—Arrangements under which eastern and western bankers will provide a $50,000,000 fund for loans to cattle raisers probably will be completed within the next few days, Secretary Mellon said today.

A committee of bankers will administer the fund and advances probably will be made through bankers from the cattle-growing sections who are familiar with conditions.

3 ROBBER SUSPECTS JAILED AT SPOKANE

TRIO BELIEVED TO HAVE LOOTED ADDY, WASH., BANK.

Men Caught in Dusty Automobile Held for Identification by Stevens County Officials.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 16.—Three men answering the descriptions of the men who robbed the Addy State bank at Addy, Wash., Saturday morning, were arrested here today and are being held in the county jail until Stevens county officials arrive to identify them. The men were riding in a car covered with dust. One of the men is a half-breed Indian, who gave his name as Edward Stengar. The other two say that their names are Harry and Walter Nugent.

COLVILLE, Wash., June 16.—Three men, believed by officers to be the men who robbed the Addy State bank at Addy, Wash., of $3900 Saturday morning, crossed the Columbia river at Gerome at 6:30 P. M. yesterday, with a posse about three or four hours in their rear, according to information received this morning by Sheriff W. H. Graham.

They were believed to be headed for the Spokane Indian reservation or into Lincoln county, Wash. Their escape followed a gun battle with a posse last night at Inchelium, which resulted in the capture of E. F. Tucker of Spokane. Tucker is believed by the officers not to have been a party to the robbery.

The posse is headed by Deputy Sheriffs Walt Woodward and Lidgerwood.

AIRMAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Flier Loses Life in Attempting to Board Passenger Car.

LONGMONT, Colo., June 16.—Leo Sprague, 21, a member of the United States naval aviation corps stationed at Rockwell field, California, was instantly killed last night while attempting to board a passenger train at Wolcott, Wyo., according to information received here today.

He had been spending a vacation with his brother Arthur on a homestead in Wyoming.

TWO SECRETARIES COMING

Denby and Fall to Leave for Western Trip Monday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—Plans for an extensive western trip, including all Pacific states, Alaska and Honolulu, beginning next Monday, have been made by Secretaries Denby and Fall.

Admiral Coontz, chief of naval operations, will accompany the party. On the return trip the officials will tour the Gulf coast.

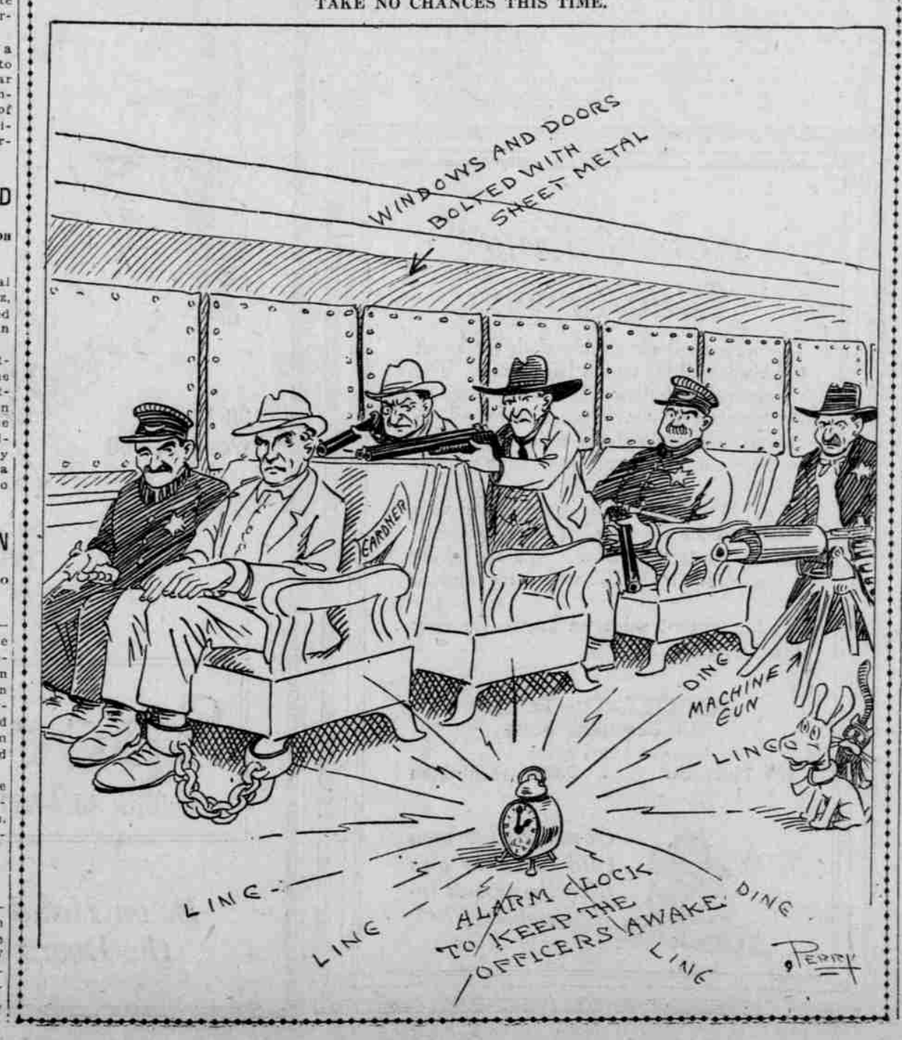
TONG WARFARE CONTINUES

Body of Stockton Chinese Found Riddled With Bullets.

FRESNO, Cal., June 16.—The lifeless body of Ma Chung, a Stockton Chinese, said to be a member of the Bing Kong tong, was discovered riddled with bullets today in Parlier avenue, near the Fowler cemetery.

Chung was the third Bing Kong man killed since the first clash with the Suey On tong in Fresno Chinatown recently.

TAKE NO CHANCES THIS TIME.



CHOICE OF BECK IRKS POLITICIANS

New Solicitor-General No Election Asset.

JERSEY JOB HUNTERS ANGRY

Friction Between President and Senators Real.

HARDING AFTER GOOD MEN

President Is Said to Have Trodden on Toes of Patronage Distributors in Naming Appointees.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.
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WASHINGTON D. C., June 17.—The reports of trouble over patronage between the president and the senate are entirely correct. So are the reports of discontent over patronage between the president and the politicians.

A review of appointments that President Harding has made, compared with the kind of appointments that the political organizations in the various states thought he ought to make, and fully expected he would make, shows some results which explain why many of the senators and politicians are extremely restless.

The most recent conspicuous one is that of James M. Beck to be solicitor-general. If the politicians don't like this appointment, if the senators from New Jersey don't like it, and if the republican organization in New Jersey doesn't like it, no one ought to be surprised.

Beck New Resident.

Mr. Beck has had his voting residence in New Jersey but a few months. His appointment to be solicitor-general is absolutely no political asset whatever to the republican organization in that state and as the republican organization of New Jersey, like the republican organizations of other states, is looking forward to a hard fight next year, it naturally feels it isn't helped very much by appointments which are charged against it but which are not a local political asset.

From every point of view except the political one, Beck's appointment, of course, is welcomed as admirable. It is the most recent of a series of appointments made by Attorney-General Daugherty in his department which have received the highest praise. The solicitor-general is the most important appointment within Mr. Daugherty's gift. The solicitor-general is the lawyer for the United States before the supreme court in all litigation in which the United States is a party.

Appointment Held Important.

The difference between a first-class lawyer and one not so good in the solicitor-general's office during the next four years will probably mean a difference of not less than $5,000,000,000 to the United States treasury, for there will be a large number of extremely important cases involving big sums in taxes, war contracts and the like. The appointment of men of Mr. Beck's ability, on the part of Mr. Daugherty and President Harding, marks the end of a long search and a steadily held purpose to get for the job the kind of a lawyer who in private practice could readily earn ten times what his salary will be as a government official.

The same kind of thing occurred in the appointment of Colonel William L. Hayward, as federal district attorney, in New York. The character and quantity of government business, which must be cared for by the federal district attorney in New York are such as need the highest kind of ability; both legal ability and organization ability.

Several After Job.

It is well understood in Washington that for this office the politicians and the New York republican organization had several kinds, and that Attorney-General Daugherty turned down the political recommendations in order to name as good a man as Hayward.

The New York organization formally recommended two men, and various New York politicians of great power put their shoulders, in the most earnest way, behind some five other kinds. The turning down of these seven men, and the choice of Hayward by the president and the attorney-general on a basis other than political, was naturally disappointing.

Many other of Attorney-General Daugherty's appointments and recommendations have taken the same turn. Just now, incidentally, it is understood that there is soon to arise the question of filling a vacancy in the federal judiciary in New York.

Justice to Retire.

It is understood that one of the federal justices in the circuit, which includes New York, Connecticut and Vermont, is about to retire, and it is understood that political influences in one of the smaller states composing the district would like to fill the vacancy with a lawyer from their state who has not had judicial experience.

The alternative to this is to fill the vacancy by promotion from among

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MINISTER, 77, WEDS WIDOW 65 YEARS OLD

DR. B. J. HOADLEY MARRIED TO MRS. MARGARET SCOTT.

Couple Will Spend Honeymoon at 1579 Fiske Street, Where Husband Has Lived.

Willing to venture once more into the seas of matrimony, but unwilling to recommend the same course to others of their ages, Dr. B. J. Hoadley, 77, retired Methodist Episcopal minister, and Mrs. Margaret A. Scott, 65, formerly of Nebraska, were married Wednesday night at the home of W. C. McBride, 853 East Harrison street. The ceremony was performed by Dr. E. H. Pence, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church.

Dr. Hoadley is well known in Oregon and was one of the founders of the Epworth league. Back in 1883 and 1885 Warren G. Harding, now president, was a member of his Sunday school in Caledonia, O., and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Harding, the president's parents, were affiliated with his congregation.

Dr. Hoadley retired ten years ago. He was rather reluctant about telling his age yesterday when questioned regarding the wedding.

"I am so old that if I tell the truth people will say that I am an old fool," he declared. However, he admitted 77 years, and announced his bride as 12 years his junior.

"I might say that she is in the afternoon of life, while I am in the evening, but I am strong and well preserved, and can see an excuse for getting married, while I could not excuse many men my age."

Dr. Hoadley has been living alone in a comfortable little home at 1579 Fisk street, where he and his wife will spend their honeymoon.

"I needed a partner in that home," he said with a smile.

The aged couple were the recipients of a great many presents and congratulations from friends.

Mrs. Hoadley has been a resident of Portland for 14 years. She is a member of Westminster Presbyterian church.

PUEBLO'S NEED DISCUSSED

Colorado Senators and Others Confer on Relief Work.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—Relief measures for Pueblo, Colo., were discussed today with Senators Phipps and Nicholson of that state by a committee consisting of Alva Adams and T. H. Devine of Pueblo and Clarence Hamlin of Colorado Springs.

Reconstruction of highways and building of levees and other federal measures to prevent future floods were considered, but may be prevented, as the Arkansas river is not a navigable stream, subject to federal jurisdiction.

The secretary said these appropriations had been made and were believed by engineer officers in Pueblo to be sufficient to repair the maximum damage. He said the situation had clarified so Colonel Caples could report as follows:

"Essential industries generally undamaged and operating as usual. The otherwise unemployed given employment by city. Red Cross concurs that total unable to earn enough to pay for food does not exceed 200. Red Cross reports that it has so much supplies that it cannot unload them and could feed the whole population with non-perishables for one month.

"Out of 407 tents erected, only 59 are occupied. Out of 250 beds in field hospitals less than 70 are occupied. Further supplies or sending of anyone to distribute them is unnecessary. Truck and wagon trains have arrived and are working."

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MRS. AGEE'S TALE DISPUTED BY SON

Small Boy Tightens Net Entangling Mother.

DEATH WEAPON IDENTIFIED

Lad Tells Police Razor Was Owned by Father.

LOVE AFFAIR SUSPECTED

Widow Is Declared to Have Been Infatuated With Man Who Gave Her Music Lessons.

Circumstances drew their net yesterday more tightly about Mrs. Ann Louise Agee, held for grand jury investigation into the mystery murder of her husband.

The razor with which his throat was cut as he slept last Friday night was identified as Agee's own, kept in a box on a pantry shelf by little six-year-old Vernon Agee.

Mrs. Agee had testified at the coroner's inquest Monday night that one razor, with a mottled handle, was the only one her husband owned. This was found in its place in the house.

The lad, speculating innocently upon the queries put to him in the grand jury room yesterday, identified the black-handled razor used to kill his father, and said the burglar must have taken it.

Waiver to Be Required.

Officials were compelled yesterday to entertain a different theory. This is indicated by the fact that if Mrs. Agee's attorneys decide she shall go before the grand jury and tell her story in her own behalf today, she will first be required to sign a waiver by the district attorney's office to the effect that she understands that what she says may be used against her, should a formal charge be lodged.

The grand jury heard 15 witnesses yesterday. Klecker, her teacher of trombone, will be questioned before the investigating body today. Perhaps one other witness will be heard, and Mrs. Agee will then have the opportunity, should she desire, to make her statement to her inquisitors.

Ownership of the death weapon was established yesterday. The testimony of Klecker today is expected to furnish the motive, or if not the actual motive, one that will need some explaining to dispel the cloud of suspicion that has gathered around Mrs. Agee.

Love Affair Suspected.

An infatuation of the woman for Klecker is said to have existed. His pupil's evident passion for him had, however, left Klecker cold, it is declared. He had a sweetheart in San Diego he had been urging to come to Portland and marry him.

Officers working on the case established a theory at this point in the circumstantial chain. Mrs. Agee had a husband for whom she cared little, they reasoned, but a sweetheart for whom she cared much. Were the husband out of the way, might she not win the sweetheart before the San Diego girl arrived to claim her fiance? Officers believe her evil genius whispered this to Mrs. Agee.

Investigators suggested that she might have stage-managed the whole scene of the crime; placed the silverware, bracelet and watch on the grass outside the house, turned the pockets of her husband's trousers inside out and left them hanging upon the foot of the bed, emptied her own handbag and laid it upon the floor of the bedroom and pulled the bureau drawers out part way, as if a burglar had rummaged them. All this she could have done in the night after her husband had gone to sleep, it was said.

Crime Declared Pitiless.

If this theory, ingenious perhaps, but interesting, is not true, investigating officers are doing the woman a cruel wrong, for the crime was one of the most pitiless in police history.

In the investigation by the police officers, all the straws blew the same way. Those who investigated most were most strongly convinced. In reporting to Inspector Tackaberry, an officer on the scene in the early morning said:

"Tack, she didn't act right."

A neighbor woman said she herself was more affected by the harrowing events of the night than the widow.

Mrs. Agee did not go to her husband when he was dying, nor did she visit the morgue where his body lay at any time thereafter.

Her story at the inquest was not believed in its entirety.

Although she testified that her relations with her husband were happy, it was understood there is proof to the contrary.

Sentiment Against Widow.

Sentiment in the neighborhood of the Druid-street home has veered sharply, and the trend is not in favor of Mrs. Agee.

The grand jury will visit the house where the tragedy took place this morning. A witness from that district yesterday before the grand jury said the neighborhood is still terrified by the event, and that at night scarcely a window and never a door but is bolted tight, whereas before

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