

SUSPECTS VANISH IN DESCAMPS CASE

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brayer Disappear in Paris.

APACHE DISTRICT REFUGE

Pair Thought to Have Known About Supposed Mysterious Killing Elude Federal Sleuths.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brayer, the late, formerly Victor Desjardines, denials of the local underworld, and both of whom were thought to know something of the supposed murder of Ernest Descamps in February, 1920, have disappeared mysteriously in the apache district of Paris, according to an announcement by federal authorities. The local officers had kept track of the pair for the past two years, and it was only a short time ago that the trail was lost in Paris.

Because of the absence of tangible evidence on which extradition papers might be procured, all official investigation of Brayer and his wife in connection with the Descamps case has been closed. It was announced yesterday by E. P. Bonham, chief immigration inspector for this district.

Although police investigation into the mysterious disappearance of Descamps was closed more than a year ago, Mr. Bonham has followed the trail of Brayer and the Desjardines woman ever since they left Portland, about the time Descamps disappeared, because of the fact that they were the only possible suspects who might have had a motive in killing the one-time wealthy Portland saloon man and underworld leader.

Woman Held for Time. So far as the Desjardines woman is concerned, she was arrested at Galesville in the fall of last year and was held in jail there two months for investigation, but there was no evidence strong enough to warrant bringing her back to Portland as a possible accomplice in the Descamps murder.

Nor is there any substantial evidence that Brayer might have been the slayer, Mr. Bonham said yesterday, except for the fact that he was the only person known to the authorities who might have had a motive.

Although Descamps and Brayer at one time were business associates, they were said to have quarreled bitterly in 1918. Some time later, it was said, Descamps gave immigration authorities information upon which they based denotation proceedings against both Brayer and the Desjardines woman. Brayer, under this theory, might have sworn vengeance against Descamps.

Evidence is slight. No definite information has ever been received which would determine whether or not Brayer actually was in Portland at the time of the Descamps murder, Mr. Bonham said, and even though he should return to Portland evidence against him would be insufficient to warrant the placing of a murder charge.

Although our office naturally would want to clear up any mystery, at the same time our principal purpose in keeping track of Brayer and this woman has been to keep them from entering the United States illegally, Mr. Bonham said yesterday. "They have made several efforts to smuggle themselves back to this country, but in each instance they have been unsuccessful, although we have never been able to get our hands on Brayer."

Brayer has been questioned by the Paris police at the instance of the immigration authorities, but he insistently denied he was in Portland at the time of the murder, Mr. Bonham said. He told Paris officials he never heard of the disappearance of Descamps until nearly a year later.

Presence Here Denied. Mr. Bonham said that the Desjardines woman asserted she and Brayer were at Vancouver, B. C., at the time Descamps was killed, and the authorities have never been able definitely to refute this statement.

Credit for practically all work and disclosures in the case was given Inspector Frank Watkins by Mr. Bonham.

Descamps, a wealthy retired Frenchman living on a little farm near Beaverton, was shot in Portland in February, 1920. A few days after his disappearance was reported, dismembered parts of a human body were found in various parts of the city and its environs. These pieces were wrapped in newspapers. These bits of gruesome evidence furnished the only proof that Descamps had been murdered, although police at the time generally believed he had been slain.

Moving Picture News

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Rivoli—"A Man's Home." The Peoples—Donald Crisp. "The Double Eric." Busby. Majestic—Pola Negri. "The Red Peacock." Leland—Wallace Reid. "The World's Champion." Columbia—Cecil E. DeMille's "Fool's Paradise." Star—Mary Pickford. "The Love Light." Hippodrome—Kenneth Harlan. "The Barricade." Circle—Alice Brady. "Hush Money."

"THE WORLD'S CHAMPION," at the Liberty this week, is good entertainment, in spite of the fact that Wallace Reid is scarcely the type for his role and has few acting opportunities. The picture is an adaptation of the stage play "The Champion," in which Grant Mitchell appeared last season.

Too much of the film is taken in working up to the point where the play begins. When this spot is reached, it becomes good comedy. The story contains the sort of material which appeals to American audiences. There is an overbearing and stuck-up Englishman nobleman and other snobbish Englishmen to be put in their proper places. In developing the story, no opportunity is lost to stimulate interest in the "caste," lords, ladies, aristocracy and snobbishness. Wally's role presents him as the youngest son of an ex-grocer's family. He refuses to bow to his aristocratic neighbors, is disowned and goes to America. In five years he becomes the world's middleweight champion and returns home for a visit, saying nothing of his fame. When it leaks out family are more shocked than ever until they realize that he is the only member recognized by the people whom they have tried to know for so long.

The star gives a couple of boxing exhibitions, which fail to carry any real punch. As a prizefighter, he is hardly convincing. Lois Wilson furnishes the romantic interest as the proud Lady Elizabeth. W. J. Ferguson as the butler puts over his comedy effectively and Guy Oliver is splendid as the fighter's trainer.

A Burton Holmes' travogue entitled "Our First Families," International News and a comedy, "Oh, Promise Me," complete the bill.

Screen Gossip. Richard Barthelmess, whose rapid rise to stardom has been the talk of the moving picture world, will be seen in the Liberty soon in his latest work, "The Seventh Day." This picture is a tale of the sea and the idle rich. Barthelmess, as a young captain of a New England fishing schooner, is thrown in contact with a rich, spoiled girl from the upper strata of New York society. How the two meet, learn to love one another and finally decide to join fortunes for life make up the "Seventh Day" one of the most likeable screen love stories shown in many months.

"The biggest photoplay hit of the year," that is the characterization given "Turn to the Right," next week's offering at the Majestic, by New York critic. "Turn to the Right" was produced and directed by Rex Ingram, whose work in directing "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" made him the best-known figure in screendom. A star cast, headed by Alice Terry and Jack Mifflin, present the picture.

"There is more realism in the imitation than the real." That was the reason given by Eric von Stroheim for his expenditure of more than \$250,000 for a set showing the Hotel de Monaco, for his "Foolish Wives," which opens at the Peoples soon. He said: "If I had taken a company to Monaco and had attempted to film the scene in front of the Casino, it would have been difficult to keep curious onlookers away from the range of the camera. Then, again, it would have been impossible to secure the colors, the lighting effects that make the picture stand out so boldly on the screen."

"Regardless of what critics say about the expenditure of so large a sum, the phenomenal success of 'Foolish Wives' already has justified our expenditure."

William Christie Cabanne's drama of New York's east side, "The Barricade," with Kenneth Harlan and a cast of New Englanders, which has as its support, will be the feature photoplay of the last midweek bill that the Hippodrome will offer. "The Barricade" will be played today and tomorrow, the Hippodrome going on a full schedule Saturday with Bert Lyell's new Metro production, "The Right That Failed."

boy and each time he refuses to stay only for a short time, when he is up and away 'hobbing' his way about on trains and catching rides from automobiles," said Mr. Martin. "We thought we had him placed when he was taken by Mr. and Mrs. E. Weber of Grand View, Wash., last year, but he ran away from there and went to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Bessie Lee at Sheridan. After a stay there he again ran away and came to Portland in search of further adventures."

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LUMBER HOLDINGS SOLD. Bandon Cedar Company Takes Over Plant of Coquille Concern. Bandon, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—The Bandon Cedar Manufacturing company, recently organized, has purchased the plant and equipment of the White Cedar Lumber company of Coquille and will open the factory here within the next 30 days. The company will employ from 25 to 30 men and women in the beginning and expects to increase the force.

This will be the first manufacturing plant installed here to use electrical power from the newly established city hydro-electric plant. The plant will specialize in the manufacture of storage battery separators and will use white cedar lumber, which is peculiarly adapted to this purpose, because of the inherent quality of the material which makes it especially resistant to the acid of the batteries.

WASHINGTON URGED TO SEIZE CHANCES

State Chamber of Commerce Meets at Olympia.

4TH CONVENTION HELD

Development of Resources in Agriculture, Power and Tourist Attractions Advised.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Development of the potential resources of the state of Washington in agriculture, power and tourist attraction was the central theme of the fourth annual convention of the Washington State Chamber of Commerce at its opening session here today.

Dr. E. A. Lavolette of Bremerton, president of the state chamber, in his address reviewing the work of the past year made a plea for a statewide view of industrial problems, which was in turn emphasized by every succeeding speaker. Mayor Bowen and Thomas L. O'Leary, president of the Olympia chamber, welcomed the visiting delegates to the city.

Governor Hart, in the opening address pictured for the delegates a trip over the state highway system. The present administration intends to build a state highway system second to none in the world, the governor said.

Power Resources Discussed. Particularly strong was the address of F. C. Brewer of Tacoma on the power resources of the state, in which he stated that the installation cost of power plants per kilowatt was much less in this state than in the middle west or New England and the possibilities for the development of hydraulic power are almost unlimited, and nothing could do more to develop industries in the state than to advertise the fact that Washington is pre-eminently the region of cheap power, Mr. Brewer stated.

E. L. French, director of agriculture, showed that the agricultural production of the state had developed at a much greater rate than the ability of the cities to consume agricultural products, although the population had increased at a greater relative ratio than the rural.

In the discussion following Director French's address, C. S. Smith, secretary of the Yakima Commercial club, stated that unless freight rates were reduced Washington would drop from that of the premier apple-shipping state to one down in the list.

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The Danes Cedar Manufacturing company has been incorporated with a \$50,000 capitalization and, besides the plant and equipment, which will be moved from Coquille, it will install a small sawmill.

Officers of the new company are J. E. Cronenberg, president; O. Zarr, secretary and treasurer, and T. P. Hanley, vice-president.

Coal Mine Being Developed. KELS0, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—The Castle Rock Coal company, of which E. V. Landon of Seattle is principal owner, is proceeding with the development of its mine west of Castle Rock, where a tunnel 300 feet deep has been driven into a fine body of coal, which improves in quality the deeper the tunnel goes. Marketing of the coal will begin this summer.

Tax Club to Be Organized. DALLAS, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Polk county unit of the Tax Reduction club was held here Monday, and was addressed by J. C. Cooper of McMinnville and S. M. Endicott of Salem. About 50 members were signed up here, but no permanent organization was effected. Four delegates and the same number of alternates were selected to the state convention at Portland March 20. The speakers devoted the greater part of their attacks to the millage tax for the support of state schools.



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