

WEARS TO FACE MURDER CHARGE

Woman's Story of Girl's Death Now Believed.

BODY WILL BE SOUGHT

Formal Complaint to Be Filed Today, Says Deputy District Attorney on Case.

There are few persons and they are only persons of the highest type of mentality, who could tell a detailed story of such length as is credited to this woman; tell it over and over under such conditions as police investigations impose, and not trip up in some misstatement.

"When persons tell the truth they can repeat the same facts innumerable times without variation. And when a person is suffering from a fixed hallucination that hallucination becomes fact to the person afflicted and is treated by them as the truth. I have only seen newspaper accounts, but I believe that it would be almost impossible for a person to stick to the story as this woman has unless it were the absolute truth or an hallucination."

Another theory, based in part on Dr. Joseph's statement and substance, is that the woman is suffering from a fixed hallucination that hallucination becomes fact to the person afflicted and is treated by them as the truth.

Official is Confident. "I have no doubt but in a few weeks the full details will be revealed and that when the time for the arrival of the state will be able to prove that the charges made by the woman are true.

It has been suggested that we cannot proceed with the charge because of the inability to find the body. We will have a surprise in store for Mr. Weir on that score in a few days. Mrs. Leary will be able to show us, within a few hundred yards, the spot pointed to by Earl Weir as the place where the little girl's body was dumped in the river.

Weir's mania for women, rumors of which have been in the hands of the authorities, was disclosed when an elderly woman, whose name the official declined to disclose, called at police headquarters and identified the aged prisoner as the man who had followed and accosted her young daughter on several occasions.

Innocence is Maintained. The strange story of the murder of the unidentified girl occupied the entire time of Portland's inspectors yesterday. All other crimes, major and minor, were relegated to the background of official interest.

Surprise Met at City Jail. At the city jail, though, a surprise awaited him. Helen Leary, the accuser, was routed from her cell to the city jail, where she met before an official party composed of Deputy District Attorney Mowrey and Detectives Tackberry and Phillips. For a full minute the pair faced each other—the accuser and the accused.

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RAILROAD RATE CUT MET WITH PROTEST

Lines Said to Be Already Losing Millions.

EARNINGS SHOW DECLINE

Committee on Public Relations Says Reductions Past Year Average 12 Per Cent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Reductions of railroad freight rates have averaged 12 per cent within the last year and annually, the western railways committee on public relations said in a statement tonight protesting against agitation for further reductions.

While railway rates and earnings have been reduced, the prices of other commodities have advanced, the statement said. Total freight earnings of the country's roads for September alone declined \$47,733,000 through the rate reductions.

Western Lines Reduce. On western lines the statement continued, the average rate of reduction from September, 1921, to September, 1922, was 13 per cent, western railways in September earning \$22,905,000 less than they would have if the reductions had not been made.

Materials on Increase. The railroads are not only suffering from rate reductions, but from increases in the prices of material they must buy, the statement said, explaining metal products increased 20 per cent in the last year, coal raised 40 per cent since the strike and lumber has increased from \$8 to more than \$9 per cent.

FIRES CHARGED TO ARSON

Historic Notre Dame Church in Quebec Is Destroyed.

QUEBEC, Dec. 22.—The series of fires, which have swept Catholic institutions on Canada recently, culminating early today in destruction of the historic \$1,000,000 Notre Dame church, was brought to the

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and of the CHILLS, THRILLS, HEARTACHES and ROMANCE in their lives. Parker Read Jr. has fashioned.



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Hazelwood Orchestra. J. F. N. COLBURN, Director. TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME 6 to 8 and 9:30 to 11:30

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RAIL HEARING TO RESUME

Arguments on Merger to Be Given January 19 and 20.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Arguments before the interstate commerce commission on the application of the Southern Pacific railroad to retain control of the Central Pacific will be heard, it was announced today, on January 19 and 20.

The Central Pacific, which has been operated as a part of the Southern Pacific system for many years, was ordered separated by the supreme court. The Southern Pacific has sought to have the interstate commerce commission use its power under the transportation act for general railroad consolidation to keep the two lines together, notwithstanding the court decree, while the Union Pacific has asked the commission to support the supreme court's decision and require the separation to proceed.

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Orpheum ORPHEUM CIRCUIT VAUDEVILLE FAREWELL TOUR OF THE GOLDEN WEST EDDIE LEONARD IN 'THE MINSTREL'S DELIGHT' ASSISTED BY STEWART & OLIVE. WILLIAM HALLEN AND MABLE RUSSELL 'THE SERVICE STATION'. THE QUIXY FOUR 'QUICK-SEE?'. TUSCANS BROS. SKILLFUL WELDERS OF ROMAN AXES. MALLIA-BART COMPANY DELIVERING A CARLOAD OF LAUGHS ENTITLED 'THE BROADWAY SHAKERS'. AESOP'S FABLES-TOPICS OF THE DAY - PATHE NEWS. BILLY DALE & CO. WITH DONKEY AUSTIN AND WALTER KANE IN 'IT HAPPENED IN PARIS' BY BILLY DALE. MIDNIGHT MATINEE. SUN. DEC. 31. IMMEDIATELY AFTER REGULAR NIGHT SHOW. NOW ON SALE. SEATS

a few feet ahead of him. No accidents were reported today, though several were narrowly averted. Contraband Arms Found. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Government agents here, who yesterday seized 50 rifles and 15,000 cartridges on the steamship Proteus, today took a shipment of 25 pistols from China from the shipping board liner President McKinley. Federal investigators assert that a ring exists to smuggle munitions from the United States to Chinese revolutionaries. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

COLUMBIA H.A.M. to H.P.M. DIRECTION OF JENSEN & VON HERBERG STARTS TODAY 'A brilliant screen production of the play in which Alice Brady scored her greatest stage triumph. The stirring story of a pretty Syrian girl's rise through exciting adventures and temptations to happiness and love. With New York's picturesque underworld and gilded society cabarets as the setting. In every way Miss Brady's most brilliant performance. The supporting cast includes Nita Naldi, David Powell and Robert Ellis. Alice Brady in 'Anna Ascends' A Paramount Picture DIRECTOR KNOWLES OF THE COLUMBIA PICTURE PLAYERS has arranged one of the best programmes ever heard in the city as an accompaniment to 'Anna Ascends,' which includes for the first time 'Don't Say Good-bye,' by Friedland. The second theme is 'Musterioso Infernale,' by Borsch. During the picture the following numbers are cued gracefully into the action of the play: 'Neapolitan Nights,' by Zamecnik; 'After Every Party,' by Freed; 'Petit Bijouterie,' by Bohm; 'Love and Laughter,' by Cobb; 'La Lisonjera,' by Victor Herbert; 'Poem,' by Fibich; 'Mood Pensive,' by Applefield. Intermission Number, 'I'm Through'.....Norman SPECIAL ATTRACTION—University Male Quartette BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS COUPON BOOKS HERE

But, as a physician, I can say