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Police Arrest Innocent Woman at Buffalo.

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With No Evidence but Her Proximity to Scene of Burdick Murder, They Hold Dead Man's Former Employee-Court Orders Release.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 7.—In their eagerness to solve the mystery surrounding the assassination of Edward L. Burdick, the police today made a false move. They immediately arrested a woman when it was found that the District Attorney considered their case entirely too flimsy.

Marion Hutchinson, a young woman formerly employed in Burdick's office, was taken to police headquarters by detectives at an early hour. She was not under arrest, the police say. Her attorney says she was after being detained for several hours, she was released because the police could find absolutely nothing against her. The result of the day's work brings the authorities no nearer a solution of the mystery than they were a week ago.

Following a New Clue.

Chief Casack tonight is said to be working on a new clue said to have been furnished by Charles J. Merrill, a former watchman, who covered several blocks on Summer street. Merrill claims to have seen a man and a woman on Summer street near Elmwood avenue about 11:45 o'clock on the night of the murder. He stepped into an alley, and the couple stopped under a light. He heard the man say, "Well, you can go as far as the stoop with me any way." The woman hesitated, and then they started toward Elmwood avenue in the direction of Ashland avenue. About 2 o'clock he met the man on Summer street. Merrill did not see the woman again. He says he can recognize the man, who spoke with a German accent.

Miss Hutchinson, who is a very attractive young woman, appeared for the first time here about a year ago in company with her sister, Florence, from London, Ont. Soon after arriving in this city, Miss Hutchinson secured a position on a monthly paper printed by Edward L. Burdick, at his envelope factory. Last January she left his employ. Since then she has been singing in a church choir, but has not been employed at any kind of work.

Phillips V. Fennelly, the attorney who is acting for Mrs. Payne, set out to secure Miss Hutchinson's complete record from Justice White, the Supreme Court, a writ of habeas corpus directing the police to bring Marion Hutchinson before that court. After serving the writ, the attorney, according to Miss Hutchinson, returned to Justice White's chamber, where the writ was to be argued. Soon afterward Marion Hutchinson left her apartment and was taken by a detective. The detective, however, did not place any restraint upon her movements. Mr. Fennelly telephoned to Justice White, who was at the Elliott hotel, asking if the girl could be brought before him there.

Release is Ordered.

"Is the young woman under arrest?" asked Justice White. "The officers said the girl was not under arrest." "Tell them to release her at once," said Justice White. "Then Mr. Fennelly was told by the police that the girl was from the public department. Mr. Coatesworth also stated that the statement emanated from the police department, and not from the District Attorney's office. Superintendent Bull was then seen. "Did the police issue this statement?" he was asked. "The statement was issued by the District Attorney," replied Mr. Bull. "The District Attorney wrote the statement." "No, sir." "And you did not issue the statement?" "No, sir." "But the District Attorney says the police gave it out." "That does not make any difference. It did not come from the police."

How the Police Explain.

Superintendent Bull then issued the following statement: "Miss Hutchinson was brought to police headquarters as a result of an identification by a huckster, whose name I cannot recall, who said that the woman was one whom he took to Summers street and Ashland avenue on the night of the murder. That identification was positive. The further reasons were that a woman answering the description of this woman was seen by Patrolman Meyer at about 11 o'clock Friday morning at Bryant and Ashland avenues, near the Burdick home. Further statement made to the authorities was that a young woman answering Miss Hutchinson's description was seen in the upper part of the city by a well-known citizen, who says the woman told him she had lost her way and that she wanted to get to Main and Tupper streets. Miss Hutchinson lives on Tupper, near Main street.

RAID ON HOME COMPANY.

Pittsburg Police Accuse Operators of Conspiracy to Defraud. PITTSBURG, March 7.—The police caused a sensation here today by raiding the Keystone Development Company, closing the place and arresting six officers on a charge of conspiracy to defraud. The company has been in existence about two months, and has been promoting a scheme

GO DOWN WITH THE ROOF

SPECTATORS OF GREAT FIRE

Two Killed and 75 Injured at Montreal—Steamer Burned to Water's Edge With Heavy Loss.

MONTREAL, March 7.—The Richelieu & Ottawa Navigation Company's magnificent steamer Montreal, in course of construction, was burned to the water's edge tonight. A huge crowd was attracted to the scene as several hundred persons found their way to the roof of an Allan Line shed, which, unable to stand the weight, collapsed, roof and people going down in a tangle in the water.

The fire broke out about 8 o'clock in the rear part of the vessel on the main deck. How it started one knows not, but within a few moments from the time the watchman first detected the fire, the boat was a mass of flames from stem to stern. Workers engaged in the interior fittings of the craft had left behind them fire material to feed the flames. The Civic Fire Department responded quickly, but much delay ensued in getting the water turned on, it being necessary to bring the hose a considerable distance, or else chop holes through the ice. By the time the brigade was able to get in full working order practically nothing remained to extinguish but the embers.

SAYS HE WAS MISQUOTED

Marshall's Response to Professor Schaffer's Recent Criticism.

CHICAGO, March 7.—(To the Editor.)—When I wrote my reply to Rev. M. E. Bell's attempt to refute my criticism of Dr. W. L. Marshall's "Marion White" which appeared in your paper of February 8, it was my expectation that within a week I should find time to dissect Professor Joseph Schaffer's letter in your paper of January 26, 1936, concerning the account of the migration of 1848, published as an appendix to George Wilkes' "History of Oregon." I have been unable to do it, however, for two reasons, first because of the unutterable sorrow which has afflicted my wife and myself on account of the sudden and unexpected death of our only child on December 17 last. She was a girl of 14 years of age, and had been my private secretary for 14 years.

I must, therefore, defer for a little while longer the full discussion of Professor Schaffer's doubts as to the value of the account of the 1848 migration in Wilkes, but shall try to send it to you before the end of the month. Meanwhile I am informed, though I have not yet seen the article, that he has referred in your paper the most inexcusable charge he made against me, as follows: "It is these anonymous letters which have recently been called (by Mr. Marshall) the only contemporary source for the study of the immigration of 1848, and especially for Whitman's connection with it."

FIGHT BETWEEN EDITORS.

Hardison Attacks Otis in Theater at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 7.—A sensational encounter took place this afternoon between Wallace L. Hardison, proprietor of the Los Angeles Herald, and General Harrison Gray Otis, proprietor of the Los Angeles Times, in the Los Angeles theater. Mr. Otis was seated in a box next to the stage. Mr. Hardison entered the box during the progress of the play, and after some conversation with the general, he acquired a low tone of voice, which attracted no attention among the audience, seized him by the collar with his left hand and with his right hand he struck Otis on the forehead with a very sharp blow. The blow was so severe that Otis was seated, could not protect his face from the blows and was slightly bruised about the cheek and eye.

INSURANCE FRAUDS.

Disinterested Bodies Do Not Correspond With Those of Insured.

NEW YORK, March 7.—With the disinterested bodies in Calvary cemetery today, the city of New York is conducting a case against the graveyard insurance suspects. The three bodies exhumed differed so greatly from the description of the applicants for insurance that the medical examiners, the several insurance companies and the county officials declared there was no room for doubt that gross frauds had been perpetrated. The disinterested bodies are now believed to be implicated in the conspiracy, which has been going on for two years at least.

LOSSES IN FAIRHAVEN FIRE.

Lumber Company Loses \$80,000—Railroad Property Damaged.

SEA-TLE, March 6.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Fairhaven, Wash., says: The fire which wiped out the plant of the Bellingham Lumber & Shingle Company was the worst this city has ever experienced. The loss estimated will amount to present estimates, be in the neighborhood of \$80,000 or \$90,000. Of this amount about \$55,000 is placed upon the mill, the balance being upon lumber, shingles and boxes. It is stated that less than half the total amount was covered by insurance.

UNION MEN SHUT OUT.

Fendleton Employers Refuse to Hire Union Men.

PENDLETON, Ore., March 7.—Twenty painters were locked out today by the bosses. The union last Thursday demanded an increase of 50 cents a day in wages and the bosses until April 15 to comply. The bosses refused to do so today. The bosses say they will break up the union organization here if possible. They are united against the union and have sent for nonunion men to take the places of the discharged painters, some of whom are preparing to leave town. The price per day demanded by the union was \$1.25.

MOTHER KILLS CHILD.

Then Cuts Her Own Throat—She Still Lives.

EUREKA, Cal., March 7.—Mrs. Lucy Johnson this morning wandered in her night clothes from the home of Ed Albee, at Freshwater, where she was employed as a housekeeper. She was found today lying with her throat cut. Her body was found in the woods, the throat of the mother and child being cut. A razor lying

ALONGSIDE TOLD THE STORY OF THE TRAGEDY.

COAL MINE ON FIRE.

Property at Chestnut in Danger of Total Destruction.

BOZEMAN, Mont., March 7.—Fire is raging in the coal mine of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company at Chestnut, near here. Reports indicate that the damage is extensive. As far as possible all approaches to the fire have been bulkheaded and it is hoped to smother the blaze. All operations at the mine have been suspended for at least two weeks. Over 200 men are idle.

PEACE IN ILLINOIS MINES.

Miners and Operators Settle Wages in Joint Conference.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 7.—A strike of 4000 coal miners of Illinois was averted when the operators and miners of the state this afternoon, in joint conference signed a joint agreement for the year commencing April 15, 1936. The miners received from their demand for 9 cents over the Indianapolis scale in the First district or in the Northern thin vein, and 10 cents over the scale in the Williams County. The agreement as signed is for a 5-cent advance over the last year's prices all over the state—the advance being in the form of a 1-cent advance on the operators and miners at Indianapolis. The operators wanted to charge \$1.50 per keg for powder and the miners were willing to pay but \$1.25. The latter was the figure finally agreed upon.

AGREE ON UNION PACIFIC.

Advance of Wages Granted Conductors and Brakemen.

OMAHA, March 7.—At midnight officials of the Union Pacific Railroad and the members of the joint committee of conductors and brakemen reached an agreement whereby the salaries of 1500 of the employees of the railroad will be increased 15 per cent. Negotiations looking to an advance in wages of the trainmen have been in progress for two months. A horizontal advance of 30 per cent was asked by the union, but the railroad officials grant the big crowd knew that the accident had occurred. Then a rush ensued to the spot, and for the next half hour there was a scene of bewilderment, excitement and confusion. The men were climbing over the heavy corrugated iron roofing and twisted apart the broken timbers. Ambulances were called from all the hospitals, but it was fully 15 minutes before the bodies of the victims had been carried away. Many were able to go to their homes.

Voluntary Advance to Miners.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., March 7.—Ten thousand miners of the region are filing their cards on the Norfolk & Western Railway will be given a voluntary increase in wages of 10 cents on a ton beginning April 1.

Mitchell's Fever Returns.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Senator Mitchell is not so well today. His temperature is high, but there has been no serious relapse.

IMPROVE ST. HELENS ROAD

Exposition Will Make That the Most Popular Drive.

PORTLAND, March 7.—(To the Editor.)—I notice in today's Oregonian an article in regard to the county improving county roads. Now that the Fair is to be located in the northwest part of the city and a great many people will be driving out to the fair grounds, it is necessary that the road to the fair grounds be improved. The county on the whole is in a very poor state of repair. It is necessary that the road to the fair grounds be improved. The county on the whole is in a very poor state of repair.

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