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Two Factions at La Porte Disagree About Guinness Mystery.

DOUBT IF WOMAN IS DEAD

Finding of Relics Known to Be Hers Seem to Remove It—Effort to Identify the Corpse Comes Next.

LA PORTE, Ind., May 9.—The dissensions which have been brewing among the members of the board of directors of the La Porte branch of the Guinness farm broke out today. It is openly charged that the present official relations of some members concerned had much to do with their attitude toward the labor of the Sheriff and the prosecuting attorney and a factional fight in the party which the latter belongs is blamed also.

The widespread reports that evidence had been found tending to prove that the corpse supposed to be that of Mrs. Della Guinness is in reality the body of another woman are said to have had their origin in the camp of the defense, the members of which are of opinion that the fact that the Sheriff and the prosecuting attorney are in the same party is the fact opposing the prosecutor. These reports had their origin in a statement said to have been given out by Dr. H. P. Long, here, former coroner and one of the four physicians who performed the autopsies on the bodies found in the ruins of the Guinness home.

Not Sure of Identity. Dr. Long, however, said today that he had not issued such a statement, but had merely expressed a personal opinion that he was not satisfied as to the identity of the corpse in question. The other members of the board refused to draw into the controversy, but Dr. J. H. Williams Meyer, the fourth member, said he has no doubt that the corpse was that of Mrs. Guinness. He, too, however, declined to reveal the findings of the physicians.

The attitude of the coroner as between the two factions has not become manifest, however, it was asserted that Dr. Mack the coroner had changed the first report as to the identity of the Guinness body and an inspection of the documents showed this to be the case.

All four doctors were unanimous as to the facts and conditions surrounding the bodies taken from the Guinness home. "There was absolutely no difference among us," said one of the doctors, and this was confirmed by other members of the board.

Theory of Substitution False. There is absolutely no indication that the skull of any of the bodies of the children bore penetrating wounds. It had been asserted that fractures caused by some blunt instrument had been found on these skulls. Neither was there any kind of bruise or hemorrhage and the heart and lungs of at least two of the children revealed the same conditions in these organs as in the body of their mother. The hearts were all dilated and full of clots and the lungs had collapsed. This condition is found in the case of persons who have died from suffocation and the circumstance is taken as another evidence that the theory regarding Mrs. Guinness having cremated her children, substituted another woman's body for her own, and then escaped, after setting fire to the house, is not tenable.

One of the alleged circumstances upon which the theory is based is the fact that the body of the woman is much smaller than Mrs. Guinness was. The intense heat to which the corpses were subjected, according to Dr. Meyer, would fully account for this circumstance.

Mrs. Guinness was an abnormally large woman in every particular. When the corpse was cut open a layer of fat two inches thick still existed over the abdomen.

Relics of Woman Found. Still further evidence that the body was that of Mrs. Guinness was found in the fact that the remains of a finger-ring, which was a woman's, were found in the ashes several days later. The buckle of a money belt, such as the woman is known to have used, was also picked up, and later still a key which corresponds to the lock on her safety deposit box was discovered in the basement.

Dr. Long gave this description of the woman: "Mrs. Guinness was a woman of unusual appearance. She was large, bony, powerful-looking, with square jaw and black eyes. She was a woman who would attract attention anywhere. She wore a large fur coat during winter, and her long, straight, wavy hair, her remarkable countenance and her generally vicious appearance, gave her an aspect that was almost terrifying."

Try to Identify Corpse. For the first time since Sheriff Smulzer began work on the farm he failed today to discover at least one additional body. Excavations were made at several points in the barnyard, but in none of them were there indications of human bones or flesh. The search for bodies is to be abandoned for a few days at least, the Sheriff announcing that he will endeavor to secure additional evidence regarding the identity of the corpses found in the basement. With this object in view, he has employed Louis Schultz, who was formerly a miner, to stave the ashes in the cellar in the hope that additional metallic relics of Mrs. Guinness will be found.

The Sheriff is said to have had in several of her teeth is said to be one of the objects of the search. The Sheriff is not convinced that he has found all the bodies which have been buried on the farm, but he has not fully determined the method by which he will conduct further explorations.

The crowds of visitors to the farm and the city were augmented today. In the city there was a constant stream of morbid sightseers, visiting the morgues where ten of the 14 bodies are lying.

The Sheriff received today several inquiries from outside points regarding missing persons, who were believed to be among the victims of Mrs. Guinness. None of these was connected directly with the farm, the fears of their relatives being based upon circumstantial evidence.

New Evidence Against Lamphere. New evidence regarding Lamphere's alleged connection with the deaths of the farm were discovered. The most important of these were the statements of William Slater and John Rye. The latter asserts that on the day when Helgelein is supposed to have been killed he and Lamphere drove to Michigan City. They returned at night and Lamphere alighted when they reached a point opposite the Guinness farm and cut across the field toward it, remarking that there would be

"Something doing there" that night. Slater and Lamphere occupied the same room on many occasions after the prisoner's dismissal from the Guinness establishment. He says Lamphere told him that he had driven Helgelein out of Mrs. Guinness' house at the muzzle of a revolver on one occasion, but that the South Dakotan returned later and remained.

Insisted on Having Currency. A deposition was made here today by Frank J. Pitzer, cashier of the First National Bank of La Porte, who handled the transactions by which Helgelein collected \$200 from the bank in March. S. D. Pitzer asserts that Mrs. Guinness accompanied Helgelein on the visits to the bank, and when the money was withdrawn, refused to let her visitor take a cashier's check in part payment. Mrs. Guinness insisted that currency only should figure in the transaction.

Search was instituted today for traces of E. J. Trefland, a resident of Minneapolis, who is said to have come here about a year ago. An advertisement in a Minneapolis newspaper is believed to have been the first which Trefland was led to open correspondence with Mrs. Guinness.

Haunt of Outlaw Gang. As Helgelein, whose insistence that his brother had been murdered, caused the first excavation to be done on the death farm, departed for his home in Mansfield, S. D., this evening, after he had made arrangements to have the body of his brother given a Christian burial.

Investigation into the history of the former occupants of the murder farm brought to light the fact that one was G. H. Car, leader of a gang of outlaws which in 1877 terrorized this section of Indiana. Car was a giant in stature and had great strength. He weighed about 200 pounds. After a stormy career Car went west. He is believed to have been with his body was brought back to La Porte. He was killed near Denver in a gun fight. His principal associates, Jerry Draper and Charles Tibbits, also died with their boots on.

It has been conclusively proved that the story given out by Mrs. Guinness that Jennie Olsen went to attend the Lutheran school at Fergus Falls, Minn., was false. A letter received today from the authorities of that institution declares that Jennie Olsen was never there, and that they never heard of her.

Relative of Mrs. Bender. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 9.—The editor of a Louisville afternoon paper today received the following unsigned communication in the mails:

Louisville, Ky., May 9.—Dear Mr. Editor—I do not like my name to be known, hence I will not give it, but will tell you that the notorious Mrs. Guinness is descended from the same man as was Kate Bender of Kansas notoriety. Kate's father was also a brother to Mrs. Guinness' grandfather. I know this through my marriage ties, and my and Mrs. Lamphere's kin to Mrs. Guinness."

Suspect Seen in Chicago. CHICAGO, May 9.—A restaurantkeeper on West Van Buren street today informed the police that a man and a woman, the latter much resembling the picture of Mrs. Guinness, entered his place early today. The waitress handed them a paper containing a picture of the woman on the front page. They hastily left the place without eating the food they had ordered. Police are now seeking the couple.

MRS. HERRON SET FREE PROVES HER IDENTITY AND GOES TO NEW YORK.

She Characterizes Her Arrest as an Outrage Without Any Excuse Whatever.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 9.—Mrs. Cora Belle Herron, widow of Frederick B. Herron, former president of the Settlement Chemical Company, of Chicago, who was arrested by Syracuse detectives in a Pullman sleeper this morning, on suspicion of being Mrs. Belle Guinness, the La Porte arch murderer, was quickly able to prove her identity, and will go on to New York this afternoon.

An effort is being made to have her sign papers releasing the city of Syracuse from liability for her arrest, which she characterized as "an outrage without the shadow of an excuse."

MRS. HERRON OF GOOD FAMILY Was Reared Near Franklin and Has Long Lived There.

FRANKLIN, Pa., May 9.—Mrs. F. B. Herron, arrested in Syracuse, N. Y., on suspicion of being Mrs. Belle Guinness, the La Porte arch murderer, lives in the country about seven miles from Franklin. She resided with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Burton, an aged lady. Mrs. Herron was reared in this vicinity and a number of years ago was married. Her husband died in the South last winter and Mrs. Herron brought the body here for burial.

They had no children. Since then she has been in Chicago most of the time, but had arranged to spend the summer with her mother. On April 25 she advertised in a Franklin newspaper for Sumner boarders either children or adults. She has a brother who resides here. The family has always borne a good reputation.

DETECTIVES HOLD SUSPECT Women Are Much Annoyed Because of Their Arrest.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 9.—Two traveling salesmen who left a New York Central east-bound train after 10 o'clock last night at Rochester, reported to the police of that city that two women, one resembling Mrs. Belle Guinness, the La Porte, Ind., alleged murderer, were passengers on the train. The police called up the Syracuse department and detectives boarded the train, and after locating the women, went on to Utica in order to question them. They returned with the two women, and the police put them through an examination.

Six of the largest colleges in Switzerland have 2194 female students.

EVANS' FAREWELL

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the streets of Oakland and in review of the Secretary of the Navy, Oakland being his home city. For the officers who did not parade, as well as those in the march, there was a beautiful automobile ride during the afternoon, luncheon, picnics and tonight a banquet and ball.

Another long week of never-ending salutes is before the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet here before they set sail for Seattle and other cities on Puget Sound on May 18.

Dayton Represents Thomas. Rear-Admiral Dayton of the Pacific fleet represented the new commander of the big battleship fleet, Admiral Thomas, in Oakland's reception to the officers and men of the big fleet today. Every available house top and every office along the line of the parade was packed from early hours by enthusiastic crowds, every one carrying flags and all having flowers to bombard the marchers.

In the reviewing stand were Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, Governor Gillet, Admiral Thomas, Mayor Mott, of Oakland, and a crowd of naval and civic dignitaries.

Immediately after the parade, Secretary Metcalf and the others were given a luncheon at Arthur Villa, the home of the millionaire "box king," F. M. Smith.

Tonight 400 of the visiting naval officers and soldiers will be tendered a banquet at Idora Park, where there will be 1000 at the table.

Display Is Brilliant. Secretary Metcalf was delighted with the grand manifestation of enthusiasm by the people of Oakland.

Rear-Admiral Dayton said: "It is an excellent parade, a good display, the general appearance of the troops could not be improved upon."

The ships of the fleet were thrown open to the school children of this city today (Monday) morning and the biggest left tonight, remaining away from business just one week and yet having six whole days here. Not one of the thousands who came down but felt that he was well paid for the trouble.

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At the Oregonian Information Bureau, which is a comparatively good index of the crowd, the new registrations were great, but the hundreds who registered earlier in the week were constantly coming back looking for friends, leaving messages, written and verbal, getting the latest copy of The Oregonian and generally finding the booth a convenience. Being at the center of the hotel district and within ten feet of the headquarters of the official committee, which has had charge

—how much is a \$30.00 suit worth?

er hand, it is inadvisable to overdress. We know a man who approached a bank cashier on a business proposition of minor consequence. The man wore a Prince Albert, a silk hat and patent leather shoes. The cashier thought the gentleman was making more money out of the deal than the bank would make, criticised the gentlemanly appearing fellow for his fine apparel and declined to negotiate. To dress well, wear tailored clothes, fitted nicely and you have the "bull by the horns."

This question is not on a par with the one that asks, "what time does the 8 o'clock train leave?" Many a man has found, to his great pleasure, that a \$30.00 suit was worth a good position, was worth the credit of closing a good bargain. Thinking it all over afterwards, he has been forced to the conclusion that a shabby appearance at the psychological moment would have "queered" the whole proposition. It's the same old story, "let your clothes work for you." On the oth-

of the whole celebration in honor of the sailors, it has come in for more attention than if it had been elsewhere. The Oregonian was the only paper to establish such a convenience for its readers. Even the San Francisco papers did nothing to help people find rooms and see to their comfort.

Today's list of registrations follows: Frank Wheeler, T. W. H. Hollis, Malad, Idaho. Mrs. J. E. McIntire, Beale, Ellison, Modoc, Idaho. Mrs. M. J. Gollaty, Floyd, H. Adams, Philomath. J. D. Wherry, C. C. Ogleveer, A. Wadsworth, Grants Pass, McMinville. Owen C. Ogden, Lillian Ogden, Hood River, Astoria. C. R. Rustie, Seattle, Wash.

TACOMA PLANS A BIG TIME Wants to Outdo All Other Cities Where Fleet Has Stopped.

TACOMA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—The local fleet committee has made arrangements for the review of the 15 battleships in Tacoma harbor, May 27, and the consequent festivities, that will mark the most memorable in the history of the fleet's cruise thus far. Preparations are being made for the entertainment of thousands of people all over the Northwest, who have made known their intention of attending the Tacoma celebration. This will conclude May 30, with a Memorial Day parade having in line thousands of marines and sailors from the ships, members of the Grand Army of the Republic from every post in the state, with the uniform rank of the fraternal bodies.

There will be no lack of entertainment for visitors, who will have a fine opportunity to view the fleet from the high bluffs on which the city is built. Massed bands of the fleet, with their military organizations of Tacoma and the surrounding country, will play military airs. These, with the New York Symphony Orchestra, led by Damrosch, in a four-day engagement, will give Tacoma the greatest assemblage of musicians ever got together in any city in Washington. In addition, there will be athletic contests, boat races between the crews of the various battleships, a grand illumination parade of the harbor craft, nightly illumination of the warships, and Japanese fireworks.

RETURNING TIRED, BUT HAPPY Northwestern People Swarm Home. After Seeing Fleet.

BY ARNO DOSCH. SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—(Special.)—A big trainload of Northwestern, mostly Portland, people left for the north tonight, having had a week of good times such as vacation never offered them before. They were tired, but pleased, having seen two sights never to be forgotten—the fleet entering the gate and the illumination of the warships at night on the bay. The biggest crowd arrived here Monday morning and the biggest left tonight, remaining away from business just one week and yet having six whole days here. Not one of the thousands who came down but felt that he was well paid for the trouble.

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Yakima Democrats for Bryan. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—The Yakima County Democratic convention today endorsed Bryan for President and A. J. Splawn for Governor and adopted, by a large vote, a local option plank, recommending the appointment of the committee on resolutions and platform.

A Saxon firm has introduced a new road-building composition for preventing dust. It is called aspholite, and is a mixture of the better residual of bitumen in the distillation of coal tar with high boiling hydrocarbons.

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An unusually wide range of style and materials, plain colors and fancy; panamas, worsteds and serges, tailored styles, both semi and tight-fitting; all are selected from our regular stock; much the strongest line we have ever offered at so low a figure.

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VALUES UP TO \$35.00.

All the models in this great collection are exceptionally attractive; the perfect lines and cut of the suits at this price, combined with the beautiful colorings, will give style and individuality to the wearer. In this lot are fancy stripes, plain fabrics and every fashionable weave.



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Judging by the way black silks are selling this season, this sale will eclipse any like event held here. This is a great offering of a manufacturer's overstock, which we bought for less than actual cost, and we are selling this silk to you the same way. See to it that you do not overlook this most extraordinary sale. About 50 bolts YARD-WIDE BLACK TAFFETA SILK of unquestionable quality, guaranteed not to tear, split or cut; spot and acid proof; beautiful, rich finish, deep black; the finest silk ever made to sell in the regular way at \$1.50 yd., priced for this sale at.

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TWO LOTS TO CHOOSE FROM.

A wonderful assortment to choose from, neat printed designs, dots and small figures in an endless variety of colors. Silks that will launder nicely and are very desirable for Summer wear. Prices reduced like this:

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45-INCH SHADOW STRIPED POPLINETTE, a very exclusive French novelty sniting; comes in a full line of eorded and striped effects in shades of blue, brown, tan, green, etc. Exceptionally attractive.	
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