

FOUR MAJOR BLASTERS MURDER CHARGE

J. A. Masyski's Testimony Belies Plaint That Lochar'd Is Victim of Plot.

SUSPICION FELT LONG AGO

Witness Declares Jennings Said Last June That His Employee Killed Barbara Holzman — Officials Say Evidence Is Strong.

The charge against Lewis G. (Leond) Lochar'd, that he murdered Barbara Holzman last March, is a "frame-up" of recent date and was inspired by revenge and hope of reward, was contradicted yesterday when J. A. Masyski, a railroad fireman, testified before the District Attorney Frank Jennings, father of the present charges, told him last June that Lochar'd was the guilty man. Taking Masyski's testimony as true, as Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald is disposed to do, this disclosure removed from the minds of the investigators a suspicion that the accuser's motives were questionable.

Masyski also testified that Lochar'd is a perverser and that he plotted highway robbery against automobile parties on the Base Line road. At the close of the day's work all those engaged in the investigation declared that progress had been made and that the case against Lochar'd looked more plausible than it did the day before.

Robbery Clew Taken Up.

Masyski, who lives with his parents at 1839 East Madison street, said he came from Eastern Oregon with Jennings about the middle of the Rose Festival week, last June, and a few days later was introduced by Jennings to Lochar'd in a down-town saloon. At this first meeting, Masyski says, Lochar'd, after sounding him, proposed that they should embark in a venture to hold up automobiles on the Base Line road.

"We'll stretch a rope across the road," he is quoted as saying, "and if that don't stop them, I've got two sawed-off shotguns that will."

Among Lochar'd's effects in the possession of the Sheriff is one gun of that description. The officials now are engaged in tracing a robbery about the time of the Festival, when an automobile was stopped in the manner described.

"I thought the man was drunk," said Masyski, "and told him I didn't want to go to the 'pen.' He laughed and said he'd been there and it wasn't so bad."

Murder Suspicion Broached.

Masyski met Lochar'd again next day and in a short conversation with him, he said, he saw him make three attempts to approach women. He boasted of having an affair with a woman who had a "mighty good daughter, 16 years old."

"I told Jennings about this and asked him what kind of a man he had introduced me to, and he said that to keep still; that he was almost sure Lochar'd had killed the Holzman girl and he would have him up for it when the time was ripe."

This conversation, if true, is taken by the officials to indicate that Jennings' charges, while they might be encouraged, are not primarily induced by the falling-out that has since occurred among the associates.

With more than a score of witnesses yet to be called, all of whom are expected to throw light on one phase or another of the man's career, the authorities were optimistic last night, and announced that the investigation would proceed.

Evidence Deemed Strong.

Instructions have been sent to Kelly Butte to keep the prisoner as nearly as possible incommunicado, that he may not follow the trend of the investigation and keep himself prepared, as he plainly has done so far.

The accumulated evidence after two days' work is impressive. Foremost are placed the facts that Lochar'd has shown degenerate tendencies and that he was a frequent visitor to the neighborhood where the crime was committed. Next comes his strong resemblance to the man described by Mrs. Nelson, the keeper of the lodging-house, and her unwillingness to say he is not the murderer.

"Whether this man is guilty of this crime or not," said Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, "we have accumulated enough evidence to show that he is a dangerous man, of bestial instincts, and a confirmed criminal who has not in many years rendered any good service to himself or the world. While I cannot yet accuse him of this crime, the developments of the day have greatly encouraged me and will lead incentive to the further carrying on of the search."

Accused Faces Accuser.

Tense and dramatic was the moment when Lochar'd was brought face to face in the District Attorney's office yesterday morning with Alvin McBride, the South Bend fisherman who has testified that Lochar'd boasted to him of killing the Holzman girl. The two men sat within a yard of each other and during the interview engaged in a battle of eyes in which neither blinked.

"Do you know this man?" asked Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald of Lochar'd.

"I never met him in my life," said the prisoner.

McBride was then told to repeat his statement of the alleged conversation in the South Bend saloon, which he did without deviation or the words of this girl's name, yet Sheriff Stevens knows I had to write it down this morning to remember it. I should like to have your nerves, my friend, you know in your heart you are not telling the truth; that you are telling something that will cause my neck to stretch."

"I hope it does if you are guilty," responded McBride.

"What would you think if I should be hanged and then someone would confess this crime?" asked Lochar'd, pleadingly. "Now, lad, change your mind and speak the truth. I am sorry for you—sorry for myself."

"I have told just what came from

your lips," said McBride, repeating this phrase many times.

"He seems convinced," said Lochar'd with a gesture of despair. "I wish you would think this over," he said, closing the interview.

Before this conference McBride had been closeted with the investigators, who took him over his statement and cautioned him solemnly that he was under oath and was dealing with a human life. McBride showed impatience at the repeated questioning, but adhered to the material parts of his story. Some discrepancies were detected, but not more, in the opinion of the questioners, than is consistent with faulty memory.

Lochar'd Contradicts Self.

Lochar'd was tripped up on one important statement yesterday, when he admitted that he read the account of the Holzman murder at the time, although in his first statement he denied ever hearing of the crime. The discovery came through N. F. Minard, who has worked with Jennings in getting the evidence, and at whose house in Woodlawn Lochar'd was staying at the time of the murder.

Minard said he remembered discussing with Lochar'd another murder in which a man they knew was implicated, at Roseburg, and on looking up

PIONEER IRONWORKER OF THIS CITY 42 YEARS AT TRADE



Robert Collier, who died in Portland last Sunday, was one of the pioneers of the iron working trade, having engaged in that work in Portland for 42 years. He came here from Scotland in 1869 and was engaged by Smith Brothers Iron Works, with which company he remained up to the time of his death. At one time he was worshipful master of Harmony Lodge No. 15 of the Masonic fraternity. He was also a member of St. Andrew's society.

The files of The Oregonian with the story in it, he found that the Holzman murder was chronicled in the same issue. He inferred that Lochar'd must have seen both stories, and when the prisoner was again brought in to talk on this point he admitted reading of the Holzman case.

"Of course," he said, "everybody in town knew of it." Asked why he had denied it on the prior occasion, he said he had forgotten about it.

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RECORD AT ROSEBURG IS BAD

Lochar'd Caught Robbing Store—Explosives Found on Him.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Leond Lochar'd, under arrest at Portland as a suspect in connection with the murder of Barbara Holzman, was sentenced to serve two and one-half years in the penitentiary from Douglas County February 24, 1909. At that time he was known as Skelly.

When arrested Lochar'd was attempting to enter the M. Josephson clothing store in Roseburg and was only captured when policemen drew pistols and ordered him to throw up his hands. A full kit of burglar tools was found in an ash barrel near the scene of Lochar'd's capture.

When Lochar'd was in jail before being sentenced to the penitentiary he was found to possess nitro-glycerine and other explosives.

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SHOPPING RUSH ON

Stores Crowded at Night by Christmas Present Buyers.

NEED OF HELP PRESSING

Portland Emporiums Jammed by Vast Throngs Which Descend on Helpless Clerks—Spirit of Charity Takes Possession of All.

Their minds animated by a single thought, the first night rush of Christmas shoppers took place last night at every store in Portland. Thousands of individuals animated by the same desire pushed, scrambled and fought their way through every one of the downtown stores.

Two thousand extra employees were pressed into service on the instant by the stores, one emporium placing 400 at work within a period of less than three hours. And these were not sufficient. Even early in the evening it was a most happy shopper who could progress 10 feet in as many minutes—at any rate along any of the main shopping aisles.

Store Employees Face Ordeal.

From now on the day will be a long one for the store help. The stores will open at hours varying from 8 to 9:30 A. M. and will close promptly at 9:30. To conserve so far as may be possible the health of the women employees, two hours are given off for meals, but even with this consideration the women fear the days will be long and hard.

Every delivery wagon, every unemployed boy and woman has been pressed into service. Those who work of any description around the stores of Portland can find it for the last six days of the Christmas rush. There are just six days left. At 9:30 Saturday night the gong will ring in every store and the pursuit of happiness for others in the form of Christmas presents, will be over for at least one year.

Women Not "Finnicksy."

The curious who care to watch the stream of present-buying humans learn much that is interesting and surprising. The woman shopper is not the "finnicksy," hard-to-be-pleased person the humorous papers depict her as. On the other hand, she goes direct to the counter at which she intends to do her business. There in a moment or two she makes her selection. The only advantage about the woman shopper is that she wants her purchases delivered, declare the store employees.

On the other hand, the male shopper decides the time has arrived for him to endow his miscellaneous relatives with tokens of the season. He hies him to the stores. Then he becomes a piece of jettison, floating in a sea of shoppers, which hurries hither and thither the man who says: "I want something for a woman of 30, a man of 40, a child of 10"—all as the case may be.

Stamp Windows Busy.

By the bye, if you desire to purchase postage stamps and have packages weighed, you might try the branch offices. At the Morrison-street Post-office, long lines have been formed and a trip to purchase stamps is not performed early in the morning or round about midnight had better be taken in company with a camp stool. The rush is far beyond the ability of the clerks, backed up by added windows, to handle.

The charity that is being shown this Yuletide season is bringing to light sad instances of destitution and want. J. M. Milliken is 64 years of age and bedridden. He has nine children ranging from 11 to 15 years and only the oldest boy is able to work. Until recently he supplied the family with \$7.50 a week and on this sum the little family bring to a basement of a frame building, 418 North Twenty-second street, fought desperately to keep the wolf from the door.

Relief Corps Elects Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings to Succeed Mrs. Williams.

At the regular meeting of Lincoln-Garfield Women's Relief Corps December 5, officers were elected for the coming year. Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings was unanimously elected to succeed Mrs. Williams as president; Mrs. Martha Hatfield, senior vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth Hayden, junior vice-president; Mrs. Vera Teavin, succeeds herself as treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Kemp, chaplain; Mrs. Julia Stevens and Mrs. Mary Brooks are retained as conductor and guard respectively.

Delegates chosen to visit the convention were Mrs. Wynne Hathorn, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison, Mrs. Woodell, Mrs. Britton and Mrs. Hayden. Alternates chosen were Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. McKenney, Mrs. Devlin and Mrs. Ferguson.

Installation of the officers will take place on January 2.

STEPMOTHER IS ACCUSED

Property Left by Father Basis of Suit for Divorce.

The action in which George W. Forsythe, of California, is seeking to force his stepmother, Marie S. Forsythe, to give him a half interest in land which his father, deceased, had owned, again taken up yesterday when Mrs. Forsythe appeared before County Judge Cleston to supply certain information wanted by Charles Schnabel, attorney for the young man. Mr. Schnabel had asked only a few questions when L. R. Webster, representing Mrs. Forsythe, interposed an objection and a long and angry ensued. Judge Cleston finally asked the rival attorneys to submit their contentions to him in the form of briefs.

In his complaint, filed several months ago, George W. Forsythe alleges that his stepmother used undue influence

Andrew C. Harrison's Absence Worries Wife.

Seattle Bookkeeper in Employ of N. V. Kellogg & Son Mysteriously Disappears Without Apparent Reason.

Friends and relatives of Andrew C. ("Hal") Harrison, 38 years old, a bookkeeper, who mysteriously disappeared Monday, are puzzled to account for his action. The last time Harrison was seen, according to the best knowledge obtained by his wife, was at noon on Monday, when he visited a drugstore at Third, avenue and Columbia street, Seattle.

Illness is ascribed by Mrs. Harrison as the probable cause of her husband's peculiar actions, as she states that he has been a victim of stomach trouble for a long time.

The fact that Harrison left all his money in the bank, had paid all outstanding debts, was never known to drink, had always spent his evenings at home, where his life is said to have been most pleasant, the family owning his own home at 2118 North Forty-sixth street, Seattle, and he had no money when he disappeared, deepens the mystery surrounding his absence.

The family consists of the wife, a daughter of 14, and a boy of 5. They have in herds the last seven years coming from San Francisco, following his discharge from the Twelfth United States Infantry, with which he served as Battalion Sergeant-Major, being stationed in the Philippines, where he completed his term of enlistment.

From the very time Harrison came to Seattle he has been employed as bookkeeper for N. V. Kellogg & Son, cabinet-makers at 1523 First Avenue, South. His accounts are said to be correct in every respect. The senior member of the firm is Mrs. Harrison's father.

The missing man is five feet eight inches tall, has dark brown hair and brown eyes, smooth face, wears nose glasses and his average weight is about 150 pounds. He is a good mixer when in company with his friends and has a host of friends in and about Seattle. It is feared that he has become mentally unbalanced and has wandered away.

Mrs. Harrison would be glad to hear of any clue that might lead to the whereabouts of her husband, as she is distracted because of his absence.

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to secure possession of the property, all of which is in the City of Portland and a great deal of which is revenue-producing. He charges that his father was driven insane and committed to an insane asylum without just cause. He alleges further that Mrs. Forsythe agreed to deed back the property to his father, and that after his father's death, but willfully neglected to do so.

In 1899 the elder Forsythe, it is alleged in the complaint, left his wife and child in California and came to Portland. Here he met Marie S. Stewart, sometime known as Dunn, the present widow, and they lived together for several years. In 1898, two years after the death of his wife, Forsythe and Marie S. Stewart were married. Forsythe died last June. The real property he had accumulated is valued at \$15,000 and he is alleged to have had in addition considerable personal property.

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Big Boston Bankers Visit

H. L. Higginson and C. E. Perkins Are Secretive About Mission.

H. L. Higginson and C. E. Perkins, members of the Boston banking firm of Lee, Higginson & Co., one of the oldest and wealthiest financial institutions of the country, have been in Portland for the last week on a business trip. They will depart for home tomorrow that they may reach Boston by Christmas.

At the Portland Hotel last night the

bankers said their mission here was of considerable financial importance and had a bearing on the completion of an enterprise in this state that was now in course of construction.

Mr. Higginson has visited Portland before, but this was the first trip of

Imperial Hotel, who was taken seriously ill Tuesday night, was reported yesterday to be improving rapidly by Dr. Homer J. Keeney, who is attending him. The doctor believes that it will be a matter of but a few days before he is recovered.

THE CHICKEN BUSINESS DOES PAY

As an indication of what an awakening of interest in poultry will do, consider one phase of it, the consumption of eggs. When you eat your next egg, remember that it is probably one of the 52,500,000 shipped into Portland from states east of us every year to supply the demand over and above the eggs the Oregon hens furnish. We pay on an average 30 cents a dozen for these eggs, or \$1,314,000 a year. Every dollar of that amount ought to be paid to Oregon producers. More than that, we ought to be exporting instead of importing all poultry products, for there is no section of the country under the sun where poultry will thrive as well as in Oregon.

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