

SEATTLE MAN FOUND MURDERED AND ROBBED NEAR OWN HOME

Hugh McMahon Beaten to Death By Thugs While En Route to Residence.

HIS VALUABLES ARE MISSING

Police Declare That He Was a Victim of Yeggmen Gang.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 27.—Hugh McMahon, manager of the American Cafe, was found murdered in the front yard of the residence next door to his own home this morning. His overcoat was turned over his head, his face being battered to a pulp by a slung shot and his skull fractured. The third finger of his left hand was nearly torn off and a \$400 diamond wrenched from it. His watch valued at \$200 is missing and his pockets turned inside out. It is believed that he had several hundred dollars in cash in his pockets. The police believe Yeggmen killed him.

PLUM FOR HITCHCOCK.
Will Be Postmaster General Under Taft.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The Associated Press is authorized to announce that Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock has been offered and has accepted the position of postmaster general in Taft's cabinet, the first cabinet position filled.

KETCHELL WINS FIGHT.
Knocks Papke Out in Eleventh Round at Frisco.

DEAD GIRL'S FATHER HERE

H. Helmken Arrives From Woodburn, Ore. — Daughter's Body Not Found.

H. Helmken of Woodburn, Ore., father of Ruby Helmken, or Brayton as she was known here, arrived here this morning to investigate his daughter's death and to take charge of the body. He is all broken up over the tragedy.

A crew continues to drag the bay near where the unfortunate girl went down Wednesday night when she jumped or fell from the launch Marshfield. It was hoped to find it today unless it has been shifted by the tide.

Mr. Helmken was formerly a detective. The life the girl had been leading was a shock to him as he had supposed that she was employed as a bookkeeper and stenographer. Today was her twenty-fourth birthday. Mr. Helmken said that she was an expert swimmer, having learned when but a child. A big black dog played with her in the water, supporting her when she became tired and carrying her ashore if necessary.

LEACH QUITS SERVICE.
Public Printer Resigns As Result of Trouble With President.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Public Printer John S. Leach has sent in his resignation to President Roosevelt asking to be relieved from the service. Samuel B. Donnelly of Brooklyn, N. Y., former president of the International Typographical Union has been appointed to succeed Leach. It is said that Leach's retirement is due to the President's opposition to some of his policies.

WOULD TAKE CARE OF GIRL

Father of Alleged Wife of Erring Gardiner Preacher Makes Overtures to Her.

ROSEBURG, Nov. 27.—J. B. Massie, the father, so it is alleged, of the wife of the erring Rev. Clark or Summers of Gardiner, did not accompany Sheriff Sperlock here from Throckmorton, Texas, as expected. Ill-health, attending his advanced age, would not permit him to make such a long trip. He told Sperlock, however, that if his erring daughter so desired she could return to her father's home. This fact will be communicated by Sperlock to the woman.

In every material detail, Sheriff Sperlock of Texas, corroborated Jack Parrott's testimony of last Thursday. He told of the minister's desertion of his wife and three children in Texas and of his elopement with Bessie Massie who was his church organist. He also stated that Summers joined the Masonic Lodge at Throckmorton in the spring of 1904, but was expelled after his elopement in the same year. Sperlock produced the official requisition for Summers, issued upon the Governor of Oregon by the Governor of Texas, also the original indictment against the accused man and an excellent photograph of him. Sperlock will not present the extradition papers to the governor, of course, until after the testimony of Rev. T. B. Ford has been given.

The desire of the defense to get the testimony of Rev. Ford is prompted by a letter which he wrote to "Clark," and which was introduced in evidence. Rev. Ford, who formerly lived in Texas, says in the letter that he "is glad to say that he (the defendant) is Clark and not Summers;" that he "knows the two Rev. Summers." In connection with this phase of the case, Sheriff Sperlock stated that he knew another Rev. Summers in Texas, but that he in no way looks like the man on trial. The other Rev. Summers, referred to by Rev. Ford, is believed by the state to be a minister who was born in Coos county and has resided there all of his life—a man whom Ford probably met while on the circuit as superintendent of this district. Whether therefore, Rev. Ford can give any testimony that will shake the damaging evidence produced by the state is problematical.

Rev. Wire's Testimony.
Rev. Wire's testimony dealt exclusively with the movements of the accused man during this residence in Oregon. He produced a certificate showing that "Rev. George Clark" had been transferred from the South Methodist Church in Texas to the church in the north. This document dated as far back as 1900, four years before Summers is alleged to have fled from Throckmorton. Rev. Wire admitted on cross-examination, however, that he had made no effort to ascertain whether the certificate was genuine in all respects and that he had seen no other documents or letters showing the holder to be "Rev. Clark." He said that "Clark" told him his wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Massie, but he had often heard him address her as "Bessie." This woman, he stated, told him her father was John Massie, of Dallas, Texas, and that both of her parents were dead. The witness attested his knowledge of this falsehood on part of the woman by stating that he had received a letter from Miss Massie's father, acquainting him with the fact of her elopement with Summers, and asking Rev. Wire to give his daughter proper care. Summers was referred to in the letter in very complimentary terms.

Masonry Invoked.
An interesting bit of testimony came out, when the witness was explaining the process of investigation into "Clark's" past life after Jack Parrott made his charges at Gardiner. As the accused man claimed

A BIG CUT IN LUMBER RATES

Important Reductions On Shipments From Oregon and Pacific Coast Will Be Made Soon.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Important reductions in freight rates on lumber and articles manufactured therefrom including building materials, between the Pacific coast points to Chicago and points east, are to be put into effect by the Southern Pacific and its connections as soon as the necessary tariffs can be prepared and filed with the Interstate Commission. The reductions are a direct result of the enforcement of orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the North Pacific Coast Lumber rate cases wherein the rates from Oregon and Washington to the east were cut. The rates provide a reduction of from five to fifteen cents a hundred pounds. For example, the rate on lumber, lath, timber and articles taking the same rate to Chicago is now 70 cents, and the new rate will be 60

cents; to New York, the old rate was 90 cents and the new rate will be 75 cents. The rates on sash doors, blinds and other building material to New York will be reduced from 80 cents to 75 cents, and similar reductions will be made to all points and destinations named in the tariff.

BIG COMBINE FORMED.
Chicago Made Headquarters of New Selling Syndicate.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—The Tribune says that Chicago is to become the sole selling headquarters of the new lumber combination and that Edward Hines is to be president of the syndicate. While figures, publicly stated, have fixed the combination as a \$20,000,000 affair, competing lumber interests can see no limit to its capitalization but at the same time they express no fear in its attempt to restrain trade by fixing prices. Frederick Weyerhaeuser is interested in the combination as is T. B. Walker, the largest individual owner of standing White Pine in the world.

DOUBLE CRIME AT VANCOUVER

Fred. Swandle Kills Successful Rival, Tries to Shoot Woman and Commits Suicide.

(By Associated Press.)
VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 27.—At Amboy, Wash., Fred Swandle shot and killed E. E. Newell, attempted to shoot Mrs. Newell and then killed himself. Newell married Mrs. Rose Hoffman about three months ago. According to the story, Swandle had been attentive to the woman prior to her marriage to Newell. He called while the couple were at dinner, offered congratulations and suddenly drew a revolver, shot Newell dead and pursued Mrs. Newell but failed to shoot her and then killed himself.

TWO KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Third Railroad Man Fatally Injured By Locomotive Blowing Up In Kansas.

(By Associated Press.)
PARSONS, Kas., Nov. 27.—Engineer Frank E. Melville and Fireman F. F. Wulf were killed, and Brake-man C. E. Roe fatally injured by the explosion of a Missouri, Kansas and Texas engine near Identhro, Kas. to be a member of the Masonic lodge, J. S. Gray, who is also a member of that order, volunteered to Rev. Wire to examine "Clark" Masonically. Seeing Mr. Gray afterwards, Rev. Wire asked him about the examination.
"It was very unsatisfactory," replied Mr. Gray; "I couldn't even find out when or where he joined the order."

Adultery Light Crime.
If Rev. Clark is proven beyond any doubt to be Rev. Summers and is taken back to Texas for trial, he will suffer more for swindling for which he has been indicted, than if placed on trial for adultery. In examining Texas criminal reports, District Attorney Brown found that the penalties for swindling have ranged from 2 to 7 years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Out of about 20 cases of adultery, however, the highest penalty was a fine of \$200, while in the majority of the cases the penalty was a fine of \$50. A decided contrast in the eyes of Texas justice, is shown in cases of horse stealing, where the penalty ranges as high as 10 years' imprisonment.

SHOCK KILLS MRS. BILLIK

Mother of Convicted Chicago Murderer Suddenly Expires At Home.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Barbara Billik, mother of Herman Billik, who is under sentence of death in Chicago, died at her home here today of heart trouble. She received a farewell letter from her son Wednesday, fainted and was unconscious for several hours.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Billik was deeply affected by the news of the death of his mother. He received a letter from her Wednesday expressing her belief in his innocence and enclosed two dollars saying, "This is all I can spare."

DEAD PRIEST WAS REVERED

Great Tribute Paid to Late Rev. H. F. Oreilly at Shenandoah, Pa.

(By Associated Press.)
SHENANDOAH, Pa., Nov. 27.—A most remarkable tribute to a priest was paid when the funeral of the Rev. H. F. Oreilly, rector of the German Catholic Church of the Annunciation in this place for forty years, took place. Twenty-five colleges employing more than 16,000 men and boys in Shenandoah and Mahoney valleys shut down to enable the workers to pay their respects to the dead priest. The public schools here, at Mahoney and in surrounding communities closed and all business in Shenandoah was suspended. More than two hundred priests attended the services following which the body was taken to Philadelphia, accompanied by fifteen hundred mourners on a special train. Father Oreilly during the Molly McGuire crusade and in numerous coal strikes held great influence for peace and order.

NO PLAGUE ON COAST.
Surgeon General Reports Extinction of Disease.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Dr. Walter Wyman, surgeon general of the public health and the marine hospital service, in his report to the Secretary of the Treasury says that no case of plague has been found among humans or rats since October 31, on the Pacific coast from Seattle to Los Angeles.

PASSENGER STEAMER SUNK IN HEAVY FOG OFF SANDY HOOK

MASS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

Citizens' League Plans Grand Closing of Present Municipal Campaign.

The local municipal campaign began to warm up some today and there was much discussion of the various candidates on the streets, considerable of it as a result of the decision of the Citizens' League last evening to hold a mass meeting at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Monday evening. The election will be Tuesday and the mass meeting enables the candidates of the league to outline their position on municipal affairs. In addition to this, municipal affairs in general and the proposed issuance of bonds will be discussed by various speakers.

This was the principal matter under consideration at last night's meeting of the League which was largely attended. Carl Albrecht, one of the league's candidates for councilman, addressed the meeting, explaining the charge that was made against him last Tuesday evening of appropriating plank from the city for his personal use. Mr. Albrecht said that he had not confiscated any plank. He said that in order to repair the street so that coal could be delivered at his home, he asked Walter Condron who had the contract to repair the street, if he could not take a few of the plank for the purpose. He said that Condron had given his consent, saying that Mr. Albrecht could pay the Smith Lumber Company for them, the price being \$6 per thousand. He said that he was greatly surprised when he heard of his being accused of confiscating the plank. He said that he could take anyone to his home and show where the plank were used and in substantiation of his agreement with Contr. Condron about the plank, he read a signed statement from several who had overheard a conversation between himself and Mr. Condron about it.

The article by P. C. Levar on the Municipal situation was also up for discussion and caustically criticised and denounced by a number.

WOMAN'S CASE AROUSES PARIS

Revelations By Mme. Steinheil, Accused of Murder, Stirs French Capital.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Nov. 27.—The case of Mme Steinheil, arrested yesterday after a day of sensational developments in the matter of the murder of her husband and step-mother, Madam Jap, last May, was taken out of the hands of M. Leydett, the examining magistrate, who has been in charge of the investigation, and turned over to Magistrate Andrud. Mme. Steinheil is under arrest charged with aiding in the murder of her step-mother. Experts physicians declare the woman is suffering from hysteria peculiar to a certain class of neurasthenics which manifests itself in the invention of the wildest accusations. There is in full blast today a campaign by the Nationalists and Antisemitic press in an effort to prove that the authorities have had an interest in covering up the truth concerning these murders, revelations concerning which Mme. Steinheil made yesterday.

LADIES COATS, tailor suits and furs at LADIES' EMPORIUM SALE beginning Saturday, November 28.

Three Passengers and Three of Crew Lose Lives In Disaster.

FINANCE CRUSHED BY THE GEORGIC

Steamship From Panama Goes Down In Collision Near Shore.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The steamer Finance of the Panama Railroad & Steamship Company, was sunk in a collision with the White Star liner Georgic in the main ship channel off the end of Sandy Hook yesterday, in a dense fog. The Georgic was slightly damaged, anchored near shore and put off boats to save those on the Finance. The life-saving crew from Sandy Hook went to the scene and a tug used by the harbor commissioners was soon on the scene.

The collision occurred while most of the passengers were at breakfast. Many women and children were still asleep. A panic followed, causing many to jump overboard, but they were picked up by the Georgic, the crews working nobly.

The Finance had 85 passengers aboard. It is believed that only three passengers were drowned.

They were: Miss Irene Cambell of Colon. Henry Muller, conductor on Panama railroad.

Policeman Rhadeland of the Canal Zone police. The following officers who remained on duty were carried down in wreckage: Chief Engineer John W. Puckett, Third Assistant Engineer William H. Todd. Oiler Charles Eric.

HUME RESTS ON HUNT ROCK

Rogue River Salmon King Buried Today On Spot He Had Selected.

(Special to The Times.)
WEDDERBURN, Ore., Nov. 27.—R. D. Hume, the Rogue river salmon king, was this afternoon laid to rest on "Hunt Rock," the promitory projecting out into the mouth of Rogue river, where he had always expressed a desire to sleep his final sleep. The funeral services were unostentatious and were quite largely attended. A concrete mausoleum was built for the casket and a fine monument will be erected over the grave soon.

There is considerable discussion over the will which he had drawn some time ago, but no one has any definite idea of its contents. One report is that he threw all of his property into an estate with provision that certain relatives receive so much per annum. Whether or not, he made any provision for colonizing his extensive Curry county holdings along the philanthropic line that he suggested about a year ago of giving a farm to every bona fide settler and a start in stock, is not known. The will will not be probated for some days.

LADIES COATS, tailor suits and furs at LADIES' EMPORIUM SALE beginning Saturday, November 28.