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VICTIM OF SEATTLE STRANGLER IDENTIFIED AS THE YOUNG BRIDE OF FRANK COVINGTON

HUSBAND HAS DISAPPEARED AND POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR HIM

TRUNK DID NOT SINK

Boatman Tells Coroner a Gruesome Story of Finding of Receptacle for Corpse—Crime Worst in History of Northwest.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 23.—Married last March against the wishes of her relatives and disowned by them for this act, brutally murdered, jammed into a trunk weighted down with stones and cast into the waters of Puget sound was the tragic fate of Agnes McCombs Covington, the handsome 17-year-old wife of Frank Covington. The wedding took place only seven months ago. The husband is suspected of having committed the foul deed for reasons at present unknown. His present whereabouts are unknown but it is believed he left recently for Alaska.

The body of the murdered girl wife was found at the morgue this morning by Robert Robinson of this city, who claimed that she was his niece. Mrs. Covington's grandmother, two uncles and an aunt reside at 721 Yesler way and her father is at present prospecting in the Okanogan country in the northeastern part of this state.

The murder is pronounced by the police one of the most brutal that has ever occurred in the northwest. About 8 o'clock Sunday morning Stephen Anderson of West Seattle found a trunk washed ashore on the beach of Fairview Park. Curiously led him to make a hasty investigation which revealed the contents of the trunk to be the nude body of a girl covered over with loose clothing.

Anderson notified the coroner and police and at the morgue it was found the body was that of a woman who had been strangled to death. There are deep finger prints in the neck and throat, around which the ropes of undergarments had been tightly tied. In the trunk with the body were skirts, waists, shoes, stockings and other clothing. What space remained was bending and doubling the body into the trunk, which is of ordinary size, and tucking under and around the corpse the murderer filled with stones and sea shells.

Was Black Sheep of Family. Frank Covington is a nephew of J. B. Covington, a grain dealer of St. Paul. He is the black sheep of the family. The murdered woman had been a resident of Seattle for several years prior to her marriage with Covington. Her uncle, Robert Robinson, is an engineer at the Pacific Coast Syrup company, has lived in Seattle for twenty years, and the grandmother has been here for the past ten years.

"We always knew Covington was bad," said Mrs. Robinson the grandmother of the murdered woman, "and objected to Agnes marrying him. There were many family reasons urged against his marriage but she would have him. She was not recognized by us after the marriage, but we knew that she had been living in Seattle recently."

The reason for believing that Covington had gone to Alaska was that a letter from his sister Edith showing that he had been contemplating making such a trip and had written to her about it was found in the trunk crumpled in with the clothing.

The startling discovery developed the first trunk mystery that has ever puzzled the Seattle police. Women and men have been found murdered in various

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OREGON UNANIMOUS ON CELILO CANAL

Washington, Idaho and Oregon will work with one accord at the coming session of congress to secure legislation placing the Celilo canal on a continuing contract basis. By personal letters The Journal has urged upon the senators and representatives from these three states the necessity of earnest, united effort to accomplish this great result, and the replies have been most encouraging, pledging the heartiest cooperation. Most of these replies were published last week. The latest is from Representative Burton L. French of Idaho, who writes as follows: "I do not hesitate to say that I believe this project is the most important of all the projects now under way in the northwest, and I believe we should do everything possible to place the work on this canal upon the basis of a continuing contract. I assure you that I shall be found working heart and soul for this result."

DAY'S WORK OF POLICE ON TRUNK MURDER CASE

Murdered woman identified as Mrs. Agnes McCombs Covington. Victim had been wedded only seven months to Covington. Husband is suspected of the crime, as he has disappeared. Police cannot form theory of cause for the strangling. Letter from Covington's sister furnished first clew. Girl was married against the wishes of her family. Police pronounce murder most brutal in history of the northwest.

TILFORD GRILLED BY PROSECUTOR KELLOGG

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Sept. 23.—Prosecutor Kellogg grilled Treasurer Tilford in the Standard Oil hearing this morning. Dissatisfied with the evidence brought out relative to the sale of the Manhattan Oil company by Commodore Benedict and others, Kellogg endeavored to show that the Manhattan went to the Standard instead of to an English syndicate. He asked Tilford to tell why the Standard Oil company gave the Chicago Gas

RADICALS WIN GREAT VICTORY

New Douma Will Be More Irreconcilable to Government Than Ever. (United Press Leased Wire.) St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—First returns today from the elections for the third douma indicate a sweeping victory for the radicals. It is expected that complete returns will show that the radicals are the controlling power and that the new douma will be even more irreconcilable to the government than the last one. Despite precautionary measures many people were afraid to vote.

MITCHELL CORN IS WORTHY OF PALACE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Mitchell, S. D., Sept. 23.—The wealth and abundance of the corn crop in South Dakota are illustrated in the annual Corn Palace exhibition which opened in this city today. The exhibition partakes of the nature of a fall carnival and this year the display of products eclipses all of those seen in former years. In addition to the exhibits in the Corn Palace the attractions of the week include Sousa's band and a variety of free street entertainments.

HEAVY INCREASE IN VALUES

Multnomah County Real Estate and Improvements Show Gain in Valuation of \$166,676,198 During Past Year—Assessor Sigler Places Estimates.

Multnomah county real estate has increased in value \$27,629,360 during the past year, according to the calculations made by County Assessor Sigler, who has just finished compiling his figures. According to the assessor, the total valuation of Multnomah county realty, town lots and acreage, and taking into consideration the improvements made upon both during the past year, now aggregates the grand total of \$166,676,198. This gives a total increase in valuation of the sum first mentioned. During the past year the value of real estate has gone up with leaps and bounds, and at the present time the high valuations are giving every indication of being permanent and not liable to depression, unless some widespread financial panic should cause a general disturbance of existing conditions. According to the estimates furnished by Assessor Sigler the value of town lots in 1907, as shown by the assessment made for the current year, is \$112,864,952, as against a total valuation of \$91,508,184 in 1906, thus giving an increase in town lot-values of \$21,356,768. Improvements listed in 1907 on town lots foot up to \$84,187,198, as against a total of \$30,936,813 in 1906. This gives an increase in improvements on town lots during the year of \$53,250,385. The acreage valuations for 1907 total \$17,474,558, in 1906 acreage valuations

IMMENSE SUMS WERE EXPENDED

Receiver Devlin Holds Entire Capital Stock of Golden Eagle to Secure Overdraft of \$115,000—Lowit's \$44,693 Note Included.

As an evidence of indebtedness to the bank in the matter of the Golden Eagle department store's overdraft of approximately \$115,000 in the Oregon Trust & Savings bank there is now in the receiver's hands the entire capital stock of the store. Pinned to the certificates is a note for \$44,693, signed by Gus Lowit, former owner of the store, and George Mays, formerly the bank's representative in the store, accompanied by a contract under which they were bound to pay the bank not less than \$1,000 per week until the note was paid. On final settlement and release of the note they were to have turned over to them a one half interest in the store.

Believed in Store's Future. At the time the bank charged off the Golden Eagle account it took over the capital stock, and the same was issued in the name of P. Jackson, representing the bank. Mr. Mays, who at first took a position in the management of the store on the bank's account, formerly occupied a responsible position in the wholesale millinery store of Lowen-gurt & Co. He was, with others in the Golden Eagle management, a strong believer in the store's future, and when the opportunity came to acquire an interest in it he embraced the chance to sign a note obligating him to pay one half or all of the sum of \$44,692, in conjunction with Lowit.

Got Out in Time. The Golden Eagle was started by Gus Lowit and Charles Wright of the Oregon hotel. Mr. Wright was a believer in the idea of a popular department store in the location selected. He put considerable money, one report says \$20,000 into the undertaking. It was his good authority that the bank immediately negotiable paper now connected with the deal. Mr. Wright said today: "Yes, I owned an interest in the store some time ago. I had a few shares and I sold them. That is all there is to it."

Where Did It Go? The uses to which Lowit put the large sums of money he secured from the bank in addition to the large revenues of the store, have caused much surprise, and still remain unexplained. Mr. Wright has in his possession vouchers showing that the store repaid about \$12,000. Receiver Devlin estimates the store's present liability at about \$101,528.

HAVE HELD PRAYER MEETINGS FOR YEARS

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Sept. 23.—A week's celebration commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the First Street Prayer meeting was begun today. The prayer meetings are especially for business men and are held at noon daily, except Sundays, in the heart of the downtown business section of New York. Not a day has been missed for fifty years. While the services are essentially undenominational, they are maintained by the Collegiate Reformed church, the oldest church organization in New York.

POSTMASTERS IN SESSION

(United Press Leased Wire.) Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 23.—The Texas Postmasters' association began a two days' meeting in Fort Worth today with a good attendance of members from the chief cities and towns of the state. The question of postal savings banks, uniforms for rural carriers and methods of tracing lost mail are among the subjects scheduled for discussion.

CLEVELAND UNFITTED FOR AN ACTIVE LIFE



EX-PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND, WHO IS REPORTED TO BE DRAWING NEAR TO THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Health of Ex-President Does Not Improve and Family Concede Alarm Felt for His Ultimately Being Forced to Retire to Await Death. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Princeton, N. J., Sept. 23.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland is reported to have spent a quiet day yesterday but his strength is very low. No visitors other than the closest friends of the family are allowed at Mr. Cleveland's home. Dr. Bryant said that he was of the opinion that the ex-president would recover his strength and that he considered the symptoms favorable. However, it is known that there is much alarm felt by the family and that Mr. Cleveland's return to active life is by them never to be again expected.

BOTH WOMEN MUST GO TO JAIL

Essie Watkins and Dorothy Darlington Each Given 30 Days, Besides Heavy Fine—Judge Frazer Administers Stinging Rebuke to Human Vultures.

Essie Watkins was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and fined \$600. Dorothy Darlington was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$300, by Judge Frazer in the circuit court this morning. Both women had pleaded guilty to the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a 15-year-old girl. The Watkins woman was charged also with permitting the same girl to remain in a place where liquor was sold. Both women began serving their jail sentences this morning. The Darlington woman was present in the courtroom, and was taken into custody at once by Sheriff Stevens. The Watkins woman was not in the courthouse at the time, but surrendered herself to the sheriff soon afterward. The women were prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Robert Galloway. In pronouncing sentence upon the women, Judge Frazer offered them a stinging rebuke for ruining the life of a young girl. He said in part: "In this case the girl was only 15 years old. The law authorizes the court to impose as the maximum penalty a fine of \$1,000 and jail sentence of one year. It would seem that if any case deserves the maximum punishment it is one where so young a girl is ruined. But some facts in mitigation have been brought to the attention of the court, the principal one being that the girl

RUICK HAS SENSATION TO SPRING

Prosecutor Announces That The Late Governor Steunenberg Had Been Indicted with Borah on John Doe Warrants.

Senator on Trial Greeted on All Sides by His Friends—Names of Twelve Veniremen Drawn and Examination Begins. (United Press Leased Wire.) Boise, Sept. 23.—The trial of United States Senator Borah, indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government out of timber lands, was begun this morning and a sensation was immediately sprung when District Attorney Ruick announced that the late Governor Steunenberg had been indicted with Borah and others, under the name of John Doe.

When court opened James H. Hawley and A. A. Fraser sat at the table for counsel of the defense, while the government's table showed a formidable array of legal talent, headed by Judge M. C. Burch, who came all the way from Michigan to act as special prosecutor. With him sat Special Agent L. C. Wheeler, who worked up the government's evidence. S. R. Rush, attorney-general of the Nebraska district and District Attorney Ruick, who secured the indictment of Borah.

The case of the government, it is stated, revolves almost entirely around Borah. He occupies, as he behind his counsel, with whom he conversed constantly. He was greeted on all sides by friends who expressed their sympathy. To all he was agreeable, shaking hands and indulging in pleasantries. As soon as the names of 12 veniremen were drawn District Attorney Ruick began the examination. Ruick explained the nature of the charge against the defendant and informed the talemans that among those indicted was Steunenberg.

BREAK WAS MADE TO SAVE CONSTANTINE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Sept. 23.—In a running revolver fight, Stanley Wasalek, one of the two prisoners who saved their way out of the county jail yesterday, captured by the police today. An extra guard has been placed around the cell of Frank Constantine, who was given a life sentence Saturday night for the murder of Mrs. Gentry and in whose behalf it is believed the bars were cut.

TOM WILLIAMS SUED BY JERE WYNEBERG

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Sept. 23.—Jere Wynberg, a lawyer and horseman, has served notice on Tom Williams, president of the California Jockey club, that if the club fails to reinstate John J. McCarthey, who was ruled out as the result of a controversy with "Boots" Durnell, he will bring the matter before the courts.

MURDERERS EXECUTED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lodz, Sept. 23.—The military today shot seven men and one woman convicted at a drumhead court-martial for killing Marous Silberstein, a millowner, for whom they worked.

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