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HENEY'S STAR WITNESS TRAPPED BY CORPORATION

EVIDENCE POINTS TO COVINGTON AS BE SITE OF SLAYER OF WIFE

Seattle Police Discover That Child Bride Was Slain in Her Apartments at the Keswick House — No Trace of Accused Husband and Burilson--Latter Is Also Under Suspicion

Keswick house is discovered to have been scene of trunk

Covington at times severely beat and choked his wife. Burilson posed as Mrs. Covington's uncle.

Clothing in trunk with dead body belonged to Burilson.

Motive for crime established in discovery that Covington attempted to force his wife to accept advances forced upon her by Burilson.

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Agnes
True McCombs Covington, the trunk
tragedy victim, was strangled to death
in the apartments occupied by herself
and husband and his friend, Charles

Burtleon at the Keswick house at the Burilson, at the Keswick house, at the northwest corner of Ninth avenue and Stewart street. That Frank Covington Covington as he closed the door. From and Charles Burlison committed the foul that time on Mrs. Covington was neither crime is the belief of the police. Tele-wick apartments and she may have grams and letters by the been sent by the police to outside departments asking that the two men be

The present whereabouts of the two The present whereabouts of the two men is as much a mystery now as when the trunk containing its terrible secret was washed up on the beach at South Alki Sunday morning. That they are both fleeing from justice is believed to

Accused Men Enmeshed.

Link by ling the chain of evidence is being forged about the two suspected men. That they will be captured sometime Sergeant of Detectives Charles Tennant and Chief of Police C. W. Wappensetin are confident. They say it may take time, but the men will ultimately be brought to justice.

Out of the mass of information bearing on the case a few facts stand out prominently.

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First, the murder was committed in the Keswick house. The evidence is conclusive on that point. The bed-clothing in that house was used to wrap the corpse and it was that bed clothing that was found about the body.

Second, Covington had at times administered severe beatings to his wife and parsons living in the house where

ministered severe beatings to his wife and persons living in the house where they had apartments are sure that he choked her at times. Those assaults were usually made in the presence of Charles Burilson, Covington's bosom chum and companion.

Third, at the Keswick apartments Burilson was known as Mrs. Covington's uncle.

on's uncle.
Fourth, Burilson's clothing, now posively identified, was found in the trunk
ith the body of the murdered woman.
Fifth, Burilson's connection with the crime and the motive for it is established by the statement of C. D. Long, who says that Covington tried to force Mrs. Covington to accept the attentions Burelson, his friend, forced upon her. Long overheard a conversation which establishes that fact.

Covington Boats Bride.

The apartments in the Keswick were the scene of several violent rows be-tween Covington and his wife during which Burilson was usually present.
The last one occurred on the night of Sunday, September 1. On that night the Covingtons were heard rushing back and forth through their rooms. Mrs. and forth through their rooms. Mrs. Covington screaming as if she were beaten. So bad became the row that Mrs. Mackay, wife of the landlord went upstairs and knocked at the locked door demanding admittance. The noise had

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"She Will Be Still." "She will be still from new on," telling Mrs. Mackay that "she will be still from now on."

The Covingtons and Burilson disappeared from the Keswick apartments between the night of September 5, and the morning of September 6. No one saw or heard them go. Their apart-ments were in the rear of the second floor, the windows opening out on the back porch. The Covingtons were in the habit of going in and out through a back window instead of through the hall and front entrance and the trunk containing the body was probably taken through this window and carried down the back stairs from the apartments.

This was done probably on the night of September 5 but might have been done on any night between September 1 and 5.

A thorough canvas of the transfer A thorough canvas of the transfer companies and individual expressmen made yesterday and last night failed to locate any man who had taken a trunk from the Keswick apartments on the night of September 5 and it is probable that Covington hired a rig and carried the trunk away probably with the assistance of Burilson.

Motive Is Vile.

The motive found at the house is vile The motive found at the house is vile beyond comprehension. Unmistakable evidence points to the fact that Covington wished his child wife, a bride of less than seven months, to accept the advances of his friend, Burilson.

The girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman McCombs, of Vernon. British Columbia. At the time of the death of her mother, about two years ago, she came to Seattle and lived with her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, her aunt, Miss Jennie Robinson, and her uncie, who identified the body

and her uncle, who identified the body yesterday.

Burlison is painted by the police as an arch-fiend; is about 5 feet 11 inches tell, of rather heavy build and of dark

complexion. He has a cataract in one eye. When married last March Cov-ington gave his age as 21 years. Covington, the missing husband, told several persons that he came from Louisville, Kentucky, and it is known that his sister Edith formerly lived there. His father has been missing for

the of there. His father has been missing for night several years. He is supposed to have other relatives in Kentucky. He is about 22 years of age, and about five feet four inches tall, weighed about 135 pounds, slender build, dark eyes, hair and complexion. J. B. Covington, a well-known grain dealer of St. Paul, had Minnesota, is his uncle.

SAVAGE JAPS TRY TO KILL WHITE FOREMAN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Centralia, Wash., Sept. 24.—Two Japs were arrested in this city today and sent to the county jail at Chehalis, charged with attempting the life of M. C. Kennedy, a foreman at a logging camp of the Eastern Rallway & Lumber company. It seems that a foreman of the Japanese ran away with some of the money supposed to belong to the laborers and the Japs blamed the foreman of the camp and threatened in the county jail.

EVANS DEFENDANT IN ANOTHER SUIT

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 24.—J. Whyte Evans, ex-president of the United Railways of Portland, has returned to Los Angeles from Portland. Coincident with his coming a suit was filed against him in the superior court lere for the recovery of \$355. The plaintiff is John McLean, the assigner of the claims of

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe Chairman of Committee Organized to Purchase Reffling's Island in Willamette River.

Present Quarters of Rock Island Club Will Be Improved-250 Charter Members Will Each Own Stock in Property.

A committee consisting of prominent citizens, headed by Dr. Waldo Coe, temporary chairman, and James Mc Cracken, temporary secretary, has sccured an option on Reffling's Island, in the Willamette river, a short distance south of Milwaukie, with the intention of making it one of the finest club sites in the country. Arrangements for the purchase of the island are now being perfected and it is believed that the deal will be closed in a few days.

The island occupies a picturesque location in a large bend in the river and comprises about 15 acres, affording ample space for all accessories that go to make the ideal country club. It lies high above the water and has both the sands and easily sloping Beaches and the rugged shore that plunges almost perpendicularly into the river. On the west side of the island is Elk rock, particularly familiar because of the channel in the river.

The island was named after A. Reffling, who purchased it many years ago ostensibly with the view of eventually finding demand for it for some such purpose as is now about to materialize Two years ago, Mr. Reffling took the initiative in the establishment of a club with the island for its home and the Rock Island club was the result.

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Some 500 members were enrolled, but those at the head of the organization came to the conclusion that even better results might be obtained by the incorporation of a club and the purchase of the land so that the club will become owner in fact of whatever improvements are made. Under the old agreement, the members belonged to the club for one season, while the management of the affairs was vested in a committee, the property being held by lease only.

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According to the plans formulated by the committee on organization the club will be up to date in every respect, the intention being to make any improvement that might enhance the beauty of the grounds. The clubhouse erected two years ago and enlarged last year will probably be rebuilt and added to. The members of the committee having secured the option for the purchase of the island are: Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, chairman; James McCraken, secretary: Chester Murphy, R. C. Hart, R. Smith, W. H. Chapin, Gay Lombard, R. L. Glisan, George McMillan, W. D. Fechheimer, R. F. Prael, A. H. Devers, H. W. Corbett, R. L. Macleay, W. B. Honeyman, W. A. Knight, R. W. Wilbur, J. Wesley Ladd.

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The purchase price of the island is to be \$25,000 and the prospectus of the club calls for 250 charter members, each of whom will be entitled to the purchase of one share of stock for \$100. Associate members may be elected to suit by the active ones.

"'WEBFEET' IS WORSE THAN 'FRISCO,' " SAYS JOAQUIN MILLER

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Sept. 24 .- Joaquin Miller has joined hands with the Portland commercial organizations in decrying the term "webfeet." The Poet of the Sierras had this to say of his recent trip to the City of Roses:

"My recent tour of the dear old state which has so many times honored me, and which may yet be represented by me in the United States senate, did me much good. I say do you know that I have aided in extirpating the vile word 'webfoot' from the vocabulary of that people? Always offensive to people of refinement, never witty, unless the clumsy jests of stable louts be classed as wit, this verbal outlaw 'webfoot' must die. Wherever I preached this doctrine in Oregon, whose dignified name is derived from words which signify hear the water,' my earnest protests were greeted with applause, showing how strongly the people feel on this subject, and how determined they are to wipe this foul blot from their 'scutcheon. I don't blame the Oregonians if they tar and feather the wretches who persist in calling them 'webfeet,' for that is worse, if possible, than 'webfoot.' It's almost as bad as 'Frisco.'"

KELLOGG HAS IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.



New York, Sept. 24.-Frank P. Kellogg, government prosecutor in the suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, admits that he has important evidence in his possession which he will bring to light the latter part of the week. Kellogg will call in several railroad men who have been in touch with the rebate cases and compel them to give testimony against the trust. Kellogg claims that his evidence is in such shape that it can be produced at any time but that he is not ready to put it forward yet.

LEADERS FIGHT FOR UPPER HAND

trol of Tammany.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Sept. 24 .- Far-reaching results with a most important bearing depend upon today's primaries. In many districts it is a straight fight between Mayor McClellan and Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, It is the first time that the leader of the Is the first time that the leader of the Tammany organization has interfered openly in the district fights, but in the present case Murphy has not attempted to conceal the fact that he is giving his support at the primaries to those men who have been brought forward against the district leaders who are friendly to Mayor McClellan.

Leader Murphy, on the other hand, is believed to have the fight of his life on his hands in order to retain

ife on his hands in order to retain control of the Tammany organization. A sum-shoe campaign for control of the organization has been in progress for a long time past, and so skillfully was it managed that few suspected that it had assumed such proportions as to convince Murphy that he was confronted with a very different property. fronted with a very different proposi-tion from the McClellan campaign of a year ago. The fight has been con-ducted with a studied avoidance of pub-licity, and with skill which convinced Murphy that veterans were engineering the plans

the plans.

The three principal leaders in the McClellan fight against Murphy are Maurice Featherson, a veteran district leader, Senator Patrick H. McCarron of Brooklyn, and City Chamberlain James J. Martin, who has long been regarded as sultable timber for the leadership of Tammany Hall. The McClellan forces believe they have a good fighting chance to win over enough districts to overthrow Murphy. Whether are not this proves to be the case, the or not this proves to be the case the fight they are making insures one of the hottest primary contests in recent

THREE MEN KILLED IN PRUSSIAN RIOT

Berlin, Sept. 24.—Severe rioting among the miners at Moers, Prussia, is reported. A mass meting was attacked by the police and three men were killed and a score injured.

FLAMES DESTROY **BOAT AT TACOMA**

Company's Dock.

on the future of many prominent Dem- source, broke out at 6:30 o'clock this ocratic leaders in Greater New York morning in the engine room of the

To save the dock from the flames the vessel was cut adrift and started down the channel towards the Northern Pacific bridge with the tide.

When the fire was discovered, Rich Henrickson, the cook, was in the galley, and was the only person on the vessel when she was cut loose. When he discovered his position he climbed down to the stern of the boat, which had not yet been reached by the flames. After much difficulty, a boat was found and he was rescued from the burning ship.

Drifting safely past the schooner Winslow, which was anchored in the channel, she crossed to the other side, stopping at the side of a boom of logs.

An effort was made to scuttle the burning steamer, but the heat of the flames and the pieces of burning hay which fell from the yessel compelled the men to desist from the attempt.

The fire was first discovered by Chief Engineer J. E. Tanner in the engine room, and the pumps were started, but the fire had galned such headway that it was useless. Captain Denny and Engineer Tanner lost their licenses in the fire.

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The La Conner is a vessel of 139 tons net, and draws but five feet of water. She is owned by the Star Steamship company of Seattle. About four or five years ago when she had a cargo of lime aboard she caught fire, but the hull was saved. The value of the boat is placed at between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The cargo of hay was worth about \$2,500.

PRESIDENT HOPES TO BAR CORRESPONDENTS

Board of Trade Will Be Car- Boodler Supervisor Lonerried Forward to Completion at Once—Depositors in Oregon Savings Have Equity of \$96,000.

Lombard Arrange With Receiver Devlin to Finish Eleven-Story Office Structure—Big Rental Returns

Stranded by the suspension of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, the 11story \$300,000 Board of Trade building at Oak and Fourth streets will be completed under an arrangement made today between the receiver and Dr. E. H. Parker, owner of the ground, and Gay Lombard, associated with him in the construction plan. The depositors of the bank have an equity of \$96,000 in the property, and they will have a year in which to redeem the building by any action that the court may confirm. Construction work will be commenced immediately by Dr. Parker and Mr. Lombard, where the contractor left off some weeks ago. The building is said to be one of the finest construction plans of any in the city, and the contract on which the ground is to be acquired is favorable to the owners of the building.

Big Profit Assured. Unlike the usual ground lease taken by office building constructors thus far in Portland, the ground in this

in Portland, the ground in this instance is purchased by the building company, on installments of \$1,125 per month. The building company had already arranged to rent the basement and ground floor alone at \$1,700 per month, leaving the entire 10 upper stories to be used in taking care of the fixed charges, maintenance and dividends.

It is estimated that the gross revenue from rentals on the same basis charged by the Wells-Fargo building, would be used to be a set of operation are but \$36,000. This estimate is based on one fourth of the rooms being vacant. There are 270 offices in the building as planned, and it is estimated that at lease three fourths will always be steadily occupied. "This contract is the best office build-

rais contract is the best office building contract in the city of Portland," said W. H. Moore today, discussing the asset held by the bank in the Board of Trade building. "It is not really a gorund lease, but a purchase contract, The Board of Trade Building company, which we organized to construct and McClellan Forces in Battle
With Murphy for Control of Tammany

Company's Dock

The Board of Trade Building company, which we organized to construct and hold the building in trust for the bank, has a contract with Dr. Parker, owner of the ground, by which it pays him \$1,125 per annum for 30 years and then becomes owner of the ground as well as the building on it." Insurance Company Interested.

Company's Dock.

(Pacific Cosst Press Leased Wire.)
Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 24. — Fire which originated from an unknown source, broke out at 6:30 o'clock this morning in the engine room of the steamer La Conner, tied at the Albers Brothers' Milling company's dock, and within a few hours the craft was reduced to a charred wreck. Aboard the La Conner were 110 tons of hay and 56 barrels of oli for faul, and these made perfect food for the flames. The fire alarm was sounded on the boat's whistle by Captain Denny, who also made an attempt to save some of his personal belongings, but he only recovered the time book.

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gan Played Both Sides in Graft Prosecution and Gave Signed Statement to Tirey L. Ford's Emissaries

Dr. E. H. Parker and Gay Judge Lawlor Overrules Objections to Introducing Document in Which Grafter Said He Received No Money From Car Co.

> San Francisco, Sept. 24 .- The trial of Tirey L. Ford this morning was full of startling and sensational incidents from the beginning of the proceedings till the close of the session, with the defense scoring a victory over the prosecution.

Thomas F. Lonergan, ex-supervisor, who was supposed to be one of the star witnesses, fell down miserably on the stand.

Early in the examination of the witness it developed that Lonergan had been trapped into giving a signed statement to attorneys for the defense several weeks ago. A person representing the United Railroads, although declaring himself to be a magazine editor, on September 6 called on Lonergan and secured a signed statement from him in which Lonergan declared that he had never been guilty of receiving money from the United Railroads, and that he had voted for the overhead trolley franchise because he thought it for the best interests of

This document when produced in court caused consternation in the ranks of the prosecution. Prosecutor Hency objected fiercely to the paper being read to the jury, but was overruled by Judge Lawlor.

Lonergan then related the same story n regard to receiving money from the United Railroads that he told in the trial of Louis Glass. Several of the jurors took a deep interest in the story and cross examined Lonergan at length.

WEAK BUILDING SHOWS UP ANOTHER GRAFT

(Special Dispatch to The Journa!.) San Francisco, Sept. 24.-The board of public works has developed another evidence of "favoritism" of the Schmitzevidence of "favoritism" of the Schmitz-Ruef graft administration. This time it is the Eddy street city jail, which was built by the Kreling estate at the instigation of ex-Police Commissioner Leahy, manager of the Kreling estate, and a graft administration henchman. The building, which was built in a haphazard manner, was leased to the city at an exorbitant rental. It was unfit for the purpose for which it was designed, unsanitary and dangerous. The

board of public works has inspected the ramshackie affair and will condemn it. This means that the central police ata-tion will be moved and the city ridded of a Schmitz-Ruef lease.

The iron pillars in the basement of the building have buckled, and there is danger of the structure collapsing. foundations were always; considers weak. It is very likely that the bons of works will commence work immed ately on the north wing of the city he which was not destroyed, but on damaged by earthquake and fire, as fit it up for permanent police has quarters.

IMMUNITY GRANTED ALTON BY LANDIS

by the police and three men were killed and a score injured.

(United Press Leased Wirs.)

New Orleans, La., Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt it is announced will hunt bear in east Carroll perish, near Alsaba Station, on the Iron Mountain road. Several bear hunters have been preparing a place for a camp for a month. The camp will be 18 miles from Lake Providence in the Standard Oil company because the road turned state's correspondent away from the camp during the president stay.

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Fèderai Judge Landis today granted the Chicago & Alton railroad immunity from prosecution for giving rebates to the Standard Oil company because the road turned state's correspondents away from the camp during the president astay. (United Press by Special Leased Wire.) The court ordered Press Chicago, Sept. 24.—Federal Judge Lanto appear in court and ex