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HENRY'S STAR WITNESS TRAPPED BY CORPORATION

EVIDENCE POINTS TO COVINGTON AS SLAYER OF WIFE

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

Keswick house is discovered to have been scene of trunk murder. Covington at times severely beat and choked his wife. Burilison posed as Mrs. Covington's uncle. Clothing in trunk with dead body belonged to Burilison. Motive for crime established in discovery that Covington attempted to force his wife to accept advances forced upon her by Burilison.

(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 Burilison, at the Keswick house, at the northwest corner of Ninth avenue and Stewart street. That Frank Covington and Charles Burilison committed the fatal crime is the belief of the police. Telegrams and letters by the dozen have been sent by the police to outside departments asking that the two men be arrested.

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 be certain.

Accused Men Identified. Link by link the chain of evidence is being formed. Two suspected men. That they will be captured some time Sergeant of Detectives Charles Tannan and Chief of Police W. W. Pennington 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. 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 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 Burilison, Covington's bosom chum and companion.

Third, at the Keswick apartments Burilison was known as Mrs. Covington's uncle. Fourth, Burilison's clothing, now positively identified, was found in the trunk with the body of the murdered woman.

Fifth, Burilison's connection with the crime and the motive for it are established by the statement of C. D. Long, who says that Covington tried to force Mrs. Covington to accept the attentions of Burilison. It seems that a former Long overheard a conversation which establishes that fact.

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 charged with attempting the life of M. C. Kennedy, a foreman at a logging camp of the Eastern Railway & Lumbar company. It seems that a former 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 his life unless they received their money. Kennedy tried to explain the situation, but the Japs refused to listen and attacked him with axes and knives. Kennedy ran to a neighbor's house and the doors were locked, thus keeping the Japs out. The sheriff was immediately sent for. He went up to the logging camp and arrested two of the Japanese, who had their hearing in this city this morning before Justice Miller, who sentenced them to a term 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. Coincidentally with his coming a suit was filed against him in the superior court here for the recovery of \$15,000. The plaintiff is John McLean, the assignee of the claims of

ISLAND TO BE SITE OF NEW CLUB

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 McCracken, temporary secretary, has secured 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 range light located thereon to mark 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 a site for a club. Some 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 organized.

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 be owned by one owner in full.

Under the old agreement, the members belonged to the club, but the new agreement of the affairs was vested in a committee, the property being held by lease only.

According to the plans formulated by the committee on organization the club will be up to date in every respect, the interior of the building will be improved 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.

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.

Judge Ferris (to the left), who is hearing the action to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, and sketch of John D. Archbold, who succeeds H. H. Rogers as general-in-chief of the oil monopoly. Below is a photo of Charles M. Pratt, secretary of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

LEADERS FIGHT FOR UPPER HAND IN BATTLE WITH MURPHY FOR CONTROL OF TAMMANY.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Sept. 24.—Far-reaching results will be the outcome of a hearing on the future of many prominent Democratic leaders in Greater New York 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 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 by the police in order to retain control of the Tammany organization.

A rum-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 confront with a very different proposition from the McClellan campaign of a year ago. The fight has been conducted with a studied avoidance of publicity, and with skill which convinced Murphy that veterans were engineering the plans.

The three principal leaders in the McClellan fight against Murphy are Maurice Featherston, a veteran district leader in the East River, and James J. Martin, who has long been regarded as suitable 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 or not this proves to be the case the fight they are making insures one of the hottest primary contests in recent years.

THREE MEN KILLED IN PRUSSIAN RIOT

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

FORMER MINISTER IS REAPPOINTED

Peking, Sept. 24.—Wu Ting-fang has been reappointed to his former post as minister to Washington. The announcement was made today.

RESUME WORK ON BUILDING

Board of Trade Will Be Carried Forward to Completion at Once—Depositors in Oregon Savings Have Equity of \$96,000.

Dr. E. H. Parker and Gay 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 11-story 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 this far 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 secured under a ground lease, 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 \$96,000 per annum, while all fixed charges and expenses of operation are but \$6,000. 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 least three fourths will always be steadily occupied.

This contract is the best office building contract in the city for Portland, said W. H. Moore today, discussing the asset held by the bank in the Board of Trade building. "It is not really a ground lease, but it is a lease, and 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."

The original plan of Mr. Moore was to have made the building an asset of the savings depositors. The money to construct it was to have been furnished by the Prudential Life Insurance company, 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 15 barrels of oil for fuel, and these made perfect food for the flames.

RAILROAD SCORES IN FORD CASE

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

Judge Lawlor Overrules Objections to Introducing Document in Which Graftor Said He Received No Money From Car Co.

(United Press Leased Wire.) 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 the city.

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

DEMOCRATS ASSEMBLE FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 24.—Leading Democrats of Nebraska are gathered in Lincoln today for the annual banquet of the democratic state central committee, which will be held this evening. William J. Bryan will deliver the principal address.

HYGIENE AND DEMOGRAPHY.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Sept. 24.—An American delegation headed by Surgeon-General Wyman of the United States marine hospital service is attending the fourteenth International Congress of Hygiene and Demography which opened in Berlin today. The congress is a scientific exposition of scientific character, is being held in connection with the congress.

WEAK BUILDING SHOWS UP ANOTHER GRAFT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, Sept. 24.—The board of public works has developed another evidence of "favoritism" of the Schmitz-Ruef graft administration. This time it is the Eddy street city jail, which was built by the Krelling estate at the instance of the Police Commissioner, manager of the Krelling estate, and a graft administration henchman. The building, which was built in a hazardous manner, was leased to a \$94,000 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 ramshackle affair and will condemn it. This means that the central police station will be moved and the city ridged of a Schmitz-Ruef graft.

IMMUNITY GRANTED ALTON BY LANDIS

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.) Chicago, Sept. 24.—Federal 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 evidence in the Standard Oil rebate case. This action was exclusively predicated in the Portland Journal several weeks ago.

The court ordered President McFras of the Standard Oil company of Indiana to appear in court and explain the statement he made in a pamphlet to the effect that "for 15 years other shippers have shipped freight out of this territory under the same circumstances under which the Standard Oil company has shipped." Judge Landis instructed the grand jury to indict the offenders, but that a story is issued to be true.