

WOMAN WAS NOT JOHNSON'S WIFE

MURDERED MAN WAS INFATUATED WITH MRS. KERSH

Was to Marry Her in This City and Had Given Her All of His Money—Had Just Disposed of Property.

J. P. WEBB FOLLOWED WOMAN, MAN AND CHILD

Police See Double Plot to Do Away With the Farmer to Secure His Money.

History of Crime.
The body of W. A. Johnson, a farmer from eastern Washington was found in a trunk at the Union depot at 11 o'clock last night. Johnson had been murdered about 2:30 yesterday afternoon in a room in the New Grand Central hotel.

Mrs. B. W. Kersh, who accompanied Johnson, was arrested early this morning in the Willamette lodging house, corner Sixth and Stark. J. P. Webb, who was with her at the time she was arrested, also was arrested. The sum of \$1200 which Johnson gave her yesterday afternoon was found on Mrs. Kersh. Webb is held on a charge of murder. Mrs. Kersh is held as a witness.

Cropping out in rapid succession, sensation followed sensation in the investigation into the Johnson trunk murder mystery today, promising to make it so startling as to parallel in horror all of the greatest murder cases of the age.

Admits Identity.
The woman has admitted she is Mrs. B. W. Kersh, and that her husband is an electrician employed by the city of Seattle. She has been living with Webb, who is in jail. She says she came to Portland with Johnson for the purpose of getting a divorce and marrying him (Johnson). She denies knowing anything about the murder, but her stories conflict in several points.

It is thought Webb killed Johnson about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, crammed the body into the trunk, and taken to the station, then persuaded (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

RENO GETS GREAT JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FAT MEN'S BATTLE

Growing Suspicion That Gillett Has Something to Tell the Public Concerning the Big Fiasco.

GLEASON SAYS MANY WILL ATTEND THE SHOW

Governor Declares There Shall Be No Fights in Los Angeles, or Within State.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
San Francisco, June 21.—Reno gets the fight.
Jack Gleason anxiously awaited this today from Tex Rickard announcing the definite selection of the Jeffries-Johnson battle ground.

Gleason said, "we will get to work to make our arrangements all over again. I am informed that many special trains are being arranged for here and I anticipate that a great crowd of San Franciscans will be at the ringside. The railroads are preparing to do an immense business July 2 and 3, and I am going to see the officials this afternoon to see if a special reduced rate cannot be secured. I believe that a rate better than the usual holiday fare of \$11.25 will be granted."

It is believed that Governor Gillett had some good reasons for declaring the fight off other than a mere reform movement. The conditions of the men suggests a "fat-fest" and eastern sporting writers have boldly given their papers this tip.

Gillett is expected to spring a surprise in a day or so. He has something up his sleeve.
A Los Angeles dispatch says: "District Attorney Fredericks at noon today received a telegraphic request from Attorney General Webb to 'investigate an alleged prize fight that will be held in Los Angeles late this week,' and to make a report to the attorney general's office."

Fredericks had declared that he had no definite plans regarding the 10-round match between Abe Attell and Owen Moran, scheduled for Naud Junction arena next Friday night. After he received the communication from the attorney general Fredericks said he would follow the instructions in the message and would make the report as requested.



Top row—From left to right, Detective Price, the prisoner J. P. Webb, Detectives Carpenter and Mallett, little Willie Johnson (or Webb). Lower row—Left to right, W. H. Johnson, murdered man; Mrs. B. W. Kersh and the trunk in which Johnson's body was packed.

ALL CALIFORNIA IS ORDERED TO STOP PRIZEFIGHT GAME

At Governor Gillett's Direction, Attorney General Webb Instructs District Attorneys to Stop Everything.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, June 21.—District attorneys of Los Angeles, Kern and Shasta counties, where "boxing contests" are now scheduled, will receive instructions from Attorney General Webb today to stop the fights. Webb has issued the orders at the direction of Governor Gillett, who is keeping posted on sporting news.

**JOHNSON KEEPS UP
WORK AND PICKS UP
COIN INCIDENTALLY**
San Francisco, June 21.—Attorneys for George Little, the deposed manager of Jack Johnson, and counsel for the big black met last night and settled the question whether Little presented Johnson with a fictitious check for \$500. Today the financial difficulties between Little and Johnson are smoothed away and honors are even.

**OHIO ANTI-FIGHT
LEAGUE SENDS POST
CARDS TO DICKERSON**
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Columbus, Ohio, June 21.—Thousands of post cards bearing protests against the holding of the Jeffries-Johnson fight in Nevada are en route to Governor Dickerson today, according to George L. Rockwell, chairman of the Anti-Fight League of Ohio. Attorneys for the league maintain that the Nevada laws prohibit prizefighting.

GOVERNOR HUGHES STANDS CHAMPION OF POPULAR RULE

In Special Message to Legislature in Special Session Urges Direct Primary—Says People Will Have It.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Albany, N. Y., June 21.—The legislature, in special session today, is in receipt of a message from Governor Hughes, urging the enactment of a direct primary law. That portion of the message reads as follows:

**SERIOUS DROUGHT
THREATENS CROPS**
Portions of North Dakota and Montana Suffer—Heat and Winds Scorch.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Minneapolis, Minn., June 21.—A serious drought is threatening the crops of northwestern North Dakota and eastern Montana with destruction. A precipitation of from 11 to 15 per cent of the normal rainfall, the ground is parched and farmers are apprehensive of almost total loss of crops.

PRESIDENT TAFT SWINGS BIG STICK FOR POSTAL BANKS

Demands That Senate Accept House Measure—Senate Insurgents and Democrats Say Nay; Deadlock Impending.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, June 21.—After President Taft had carefully spent several days in efforts to facilitate the passage of the postal savings bank bill, the measure is still sticking and the president is "mad."

**EX-GOVERNOR M'GRAW
AT POINT OF DEATH**
Seattle, June 21.—Former Governor John M. McGraw, who has been seriously ill for the past three months, was reported very low today. It is believed death is a matter of hours only. His physicians offer no hope for his recovery.

ROOSEVELT IS NOT COMING TO AID IN ASSEMBLY PLANS

In the First Place He Does Not Favor It; In the Second Place Those Who Favor It Are Foes of His Policies.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, June 21.—Any intimation that Roosevelt will go to Oregon to assist the assembly faction is known to be a "bunch" of a kind with the announcement made in January, 1907, when it was claimed that Ormsby McHarg was there as a representative of Roosevelt in the endeavor to induce the legislature to refuse to elect Chamberlain and which Roosevelt denounced in a Journal interview as false.

**BIG DEAL IN ELMORE
PROPERTIES PENDING**
Samuel Elmore spent a large part of his time in Portland, and when in this city he made headquarters at the Hotel Portland. Mr. Elmore, in addition to owning many of the great salmon packing plants of Oregon, was principal owner in the Elmore steamship line plying between Astoria and Tillamook.

JOY RIDES CLAIM WEALTHY HEADS OF TWO BIG FIRMS

Wm. Krugg of Large Nebraska Brewing Concern Comes to Death in Automobile Accident in Omaha.

SAMUEL ELMORE DIES IN AWFUL SMASHUP

Mrs. M. G. Garretson Is Also Crushed to Death When Machine Strikes Car.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Omaha, June 21.—William Krugg, millionaire and head of the Krugg Brewing company, was killed here today in an automobile accident. Two other persons were fatally injured. Fred I. McCormick and Al Schultz were fatally injured and J. H. Warren was hurt seriously.

**MRS. GARRETSON
WELL KNOWN TO
PORTLAND PEOPLE**
Mrs. Marion Garretson was a woman well known in Portland, having lived here since her early youth. Before her marriage her name was May Bateman. She attended the Park school and lived with her parents on Clay street between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

While a young girl, Mrs. Garretson was married, and later was divorced, afterward marrying Purdy Garretson, a traveling man who makes his headquarters at Spokane. Mrs. and Mrs. Garretson have been separated, though not divorced, for a number of years. She was about 33 years of age, was large and of striking figure and a blonde.

Up to two months ago Mrs. Garretson lived at the Ionia court, 174 Couch street, where she shared her apartments with Mrs. Anabel Earl, when she left the Ionia court Mrs. Garretson went to San Francisco, presumably to visit her sister, Mrs. Brant, who had moved to the California court with her husband some time before that date.

Mr. Earl has also left the Ionia court, and now has apartments at the Marlborough apartments, Twenty-first and Flinders. While they resided together at the Ionia court the two women were much together. Mrs. Earl declined to give any information regarding Mrs. Garretson this morning, saying that all information should come from the dead woman's relatives. So far as known Mrs. Garretson has no relatives living in Portland at the present time.

CITIZENS HEAR RAILROADS BENT ON PACKING TONIGHT'S MONSTER MASS MEETING

Alarmed by reports that railroad interests will attempt to pack the mass meeting in Carpenter's hall tonight, east side organizations and citizens redoubled efforts today to make sure that all who oppose packing east side blocks to the O. R. & N. company will rally to the control of a situation that is regarded as serious.

Not alone will the vacation of east side blocks be dealt with, but Attorneys Wilbur and Spencer and A. E. Clark have reported that the municipal judge may issue a warrant for the arrest of the O. R. & N. company for the obstruction of Oregon and Adams streets at their intersection. Such a warrant issued by the judge would need to be served by the chief of police.