

# GIRL'S DEAD BODY LIES AMID COSTLY GOWNS AND GEMS

### Chicago Police Puzzled at Strange Disorder in Room Where Remains of Little Actress Are Found.

(United Press Special Wire.) Chicago, Oct. 28.—The body of a beautiful woman found amid a dazzling lot of dresses in a room where she was scattered about jewelry valued at thousands of dollars, furnishes tonight a mystery for the Chicago police.

The woman—she was about 28 years of age—was Blanche Dowd, recently a favorite at local theatres. She was apparently asphyxiated in a room at a small hotel.

### Door Broken Down.

When the odor of gas penetrated to the hotel corridor today, hotel employees had to break down the door of her room to gain entrance. They found the girl, partially dressed, lying half on the bed. Scattered about the room, on chairs, and in some instances, apparently thrown hither-thither, were costly articles of wearing apparel—silk and embroidered underwear and beautiful dresses. The windows were shut tight and locked.

The first theory of the police was suicide, but something in the strange disorder in the dead girl's room, is leading them to make a thorough investigation. The coroner's jury returned the ambiguous verdict "death by inhaling gas."

### No Motive to Murder.

If there was a murder, the police are puzzled to account for a motive. Jewelry valued at thousands of dollars was lying in plain view on the dresser and several costly rings were on the dead girl's fingers. Identification was at first established by some valentine cards, addressed to "Blanche Dowd, 3204 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago." The woman registered at the hotel 10 days ago as "Cora Ward," but a woman with whom she formerly boarded, tonight positively identified her as Blanche Dowd.

Tonight the police are working on the love motive for the mystery; they think it unlikely that a young girl, beautiful, apparently without financial cares, should have committed suicide. The great disorder in the room hints at a struggle, though there is no explanation at the present time of the locked windows and doors.

## WIDOW OF BOGGS SAYS JAPANESE TREACHEROUS

(United Press Special Wire.) Chicago, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Boggs, widow of Francis Boggs, general manager of the Pacific studio of the Selig Motion Picture company, who was fatally shot in Los Angeles yesterday by Frank Minimatsu, a Japanese gardener, left Chicago for Los Angeles to bring back her husband's body for burial in Grand-land cemetery.

"This Japanese has always been known as treacherous," declared Mrs. Boggs. "He recently fired several shots into a gasoline tank and was dismissed. I suppose he shot my husband in revenge."

## CONVICT HELP IS ASKED FOR COOS ROADWAY

(Special to The Journal.) Medford, Or., Oct. 28.—Among the recent communications from different parts of the state regarding the road situation was a letter from W. R. Wells of Olalla, Or., to Governor West, asking for 20 or 40 convicts to help build a good road from Roseburg to Myrtle Point, and hence west in Coos county. It was stated in the letter that Coos county was building up this main traveled thoroughfare, and that it would be of general public benefit. Similar requests have come from other sections and all include words of commendation of Governor West's methods of dealing with prisoners.

## Half Fare on Way to Roads.

(Special to The Journal.) Medford, Or., Oct. 28.—The Southern Pacific company today advised the Commercial club committee appointed to work between Governor West and the county officials in the matter of securing convicts to work on the Crater Lake road, that they will grant a half fare rate for the 25 convicts, who will arrive the first of the week. This represents a saving of \$100 to Jackson county.

## Fowle's Slayer Gets Attorney.

(Special to The Journal.) The Dalles, Or., Oct. 28.—The coroner's jury that inquired into the cause of the death of John C. Fowle found that he came to his death in The Dalles at 5 o'clock on October 25, and that the cause of his death was a gunshot wound inflicted by Del Howell at Shanko, on the night of October 24. Howell is being held in the county jail here, not being ready to go into a preliminary hearing. He has employed Bennett & Sinnott to conduct his defense.

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# Steel Trust Magnates Keep Rigid Silence U. S. Marshal Finds Rockefeller "Nice Man"



Latest photograph of John D. Rockefeller, who was served today with a summons in the government's suit against the steel trust. The diplomat who called upon the money king told an enthusiastic story of their kind reception at Tarrytown estate. "John D. Rockefeller is a prince," said Deputy Sheriff Croffitt. "He received the summons like a gentleman."

(By the International News Service.) New York, Oct. 28.—Steel trust magnates of all degrees and factions maintained today the rigid silence that has characterized all of them since the government filed its dissolution suit at Trenton. Thus far the Gary statement issued late Friday afternoon is the only utterance that has come from any steel trust source. That statement was decided upon only after a lengthy conference at the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. between Mr. Morgan, Chairman Gary and George F. Baker, a leader of the dominant Morgan faction in the board of directors.

Not until today, however, did it become known that this pronouncement of the giant steel trust, sounding as it did a stern note of defiance to the government, was formulated in the offices of Chairman Gary only after he had held a conversation by long distance telephone with Francis Lynde Stetson, chief counsel of the corporation and who framed its charter and by-laws.

Mr. Stetson left New York a short time after news of the filing of the suit became known Thursday afternoon, for his country place at Sterlington, N. Y. From there today he said in response to a request by telephone for an expression as to the further course of the steel corporation:

"There is nothing for me to say at present. The chief officer of the corporation spoke very plainly in the statement he issued Friday. I suppose I shall return to my office Monday but if I feel then as I do now I shall remain silent."

John D. Rockefeller was the only one of the 50 big financiers named as defendants in the government's suit who was served with a summons today. The process was served in the morning by United States Marshal Henkel and Deputy Croffitt. They were met at the Tarrytown station by a double seated carriage from the Rockefeller estate and were driven to the great mansion of the oil king in Pocantico Hills. This was by arrangement made the day before through John D. Rockefeller Jr., when the latter was served with a summons as his now office in the suite occupied by the Texas company, supposed to be the Standard Oil company's chief rival in the Whitehall building.

The officers had no trouble in finding Mr. Rockefeller. They were immediately ushered into the mansion by a uniformed butler who conducted them half way down the splendid hall way of the first floor. Then suddenly turning to the right, the butler tapped gently on a great oak door which was softly opened by the oil king himself.

"Step in, gentlemen," said the richest man in the world, in welcome to the officers. "I have been looking for you."

## RAILROAD VALUES STUDIED IN JACKSON

Medford, Or., Oct. 28.—State Railroad Commissioner Miller and W. M. Wells, assistant engineer, of the commission, are in Medford ascertaining the value of railroad property embraced in the rights of way and terminal grounds in Jackson county. The commission is ascertaining the physical valuation of the railroads, as La Follette ascertained them in Wisconsin, as a base upon which to figure rates and taxation. It has taken nearly three years to complete the estimates on the O. W. R. & N. and since last spring the engineers have been engaged on the Southern Pacific. Practically all counties have been completed except Douglas and Jackson.

The work of the commission is very thorough. The county assessor's figures are taken and compared with actual valuations on adjoining land and a basis reached designed to be fair to both people and railroads.

## GRAND EXALTED RULER OF ELKS TO ARRIVE DEC. 1

### Official and Party to Come to Make Plans for 1912 Convention; Financial Aid Promised Committee.

A telegram from Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan of New Orleans to Exalted Ruler R. H. Knott of the Portland Elks announced that he, with a party, will reach Portland in all probability December 1. In the party will be Max Sullivan, Grand Trustee Mills and Applegate, Grand Secretary Robinson and Grand Deputy Nicholson.

The party will remain here for some time conferring with the local Elks in regard to arrangements for the grand lodge reunion next July; selecting the hotel which will be official headquarters, visiting the grandeur and selecting sites for reviewing stands and considering all details possible at this time which need the approval of the grand lodge officers.

In view of the fact that the grand exalted ruler will probably be here at the time of the Elks' memorial day service, which occur December 1, the local Elks are planning to invite him to make the memorial address.

At the meeting Friday night of the finance committee the said secretaries which are to canvass the city to secure the \$12,000 necessary to make up the fund of \$122,000 required to finance the great convention a large representation was present. It was decided to wait until a week from Monday or Tuesday to launch the campaign and the intervening time will be taken up with completing the plans of the campaign. The members of the sub-committees are very enthusiastic over the prospects of raising the fund within a day or two after they start, but if necessary, have promised to give up several days to the work.

Secretary McAllister of the 1912 committee has received letters from practically all of the hotels, grillrooms and restaurants promising that they will not raise their prices during the convention week.

The action of these people is to be most highly commended, the said secretary McAllister, and will redound to the everlasting credit of Portland. This will be especially noticeable to the Elks as at several of the previous conventions the event has been used as a money-making scheme and has doubled or more the prices charged at other times. We are, to say the least, well pleased at this action on the part of the Portlanders.

"By taking this stand the hotel and restaurant people will do a great deal toward advertising Portland as people will leave the city singing its praises instead of condemning it."

Secretary McAllister intends to suggest to the publicity committee that a prize of \$50 or \$100 be offered to the person drawing the best design for a poster. He expects to get some excellent ideas by this means as well the prize design.

The women who are expecting invitations to the banquet to be given November 8 are becoming very much enthused over the prospect of sharing in the entertainment of the visitors. Their role as hostesses will be to see that the woman accompanying the Elks enjoy themselves to the utmost. The banquet is to be held at the Portland hotel. Short talks will be given there showing the part the women will be invited to take in the preparations and entertainment and telling what has been and will be done for the whole week's celebration. After the banquet the Elks and their guests will attend a reception and vaudeville entertainment in the club rooms.



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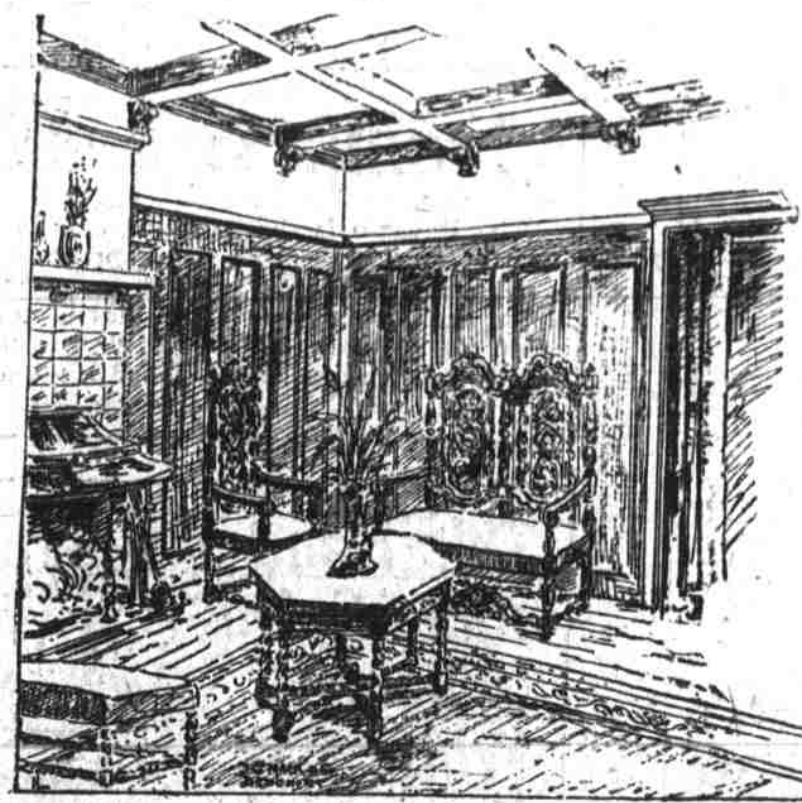
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