

# BODY OF MAN FOUND IN TRUNK IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF J. LINND

## Local Minister Solves Mystery Which Forges Link in Chain of Murder Evidence.

### VICTIM HAD \$3000 CASH

#### Police Locate Place From Which Rig Which Was Used to Take Away Body Was Rented.

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perfect description they have of the murderer believe that his apprehension will be but a matter of a few hours.

Soon after the message was dispatched to Boston, the Post answered: "We all details of story to us. We believe we have the man located."

These details work perfectly into the general evidence.

In Linnd's trunk when it was opened at the morgue last night was found George Elliot's work, "Scenes From 'Ierial Life,'" indicating that the man was of a religious turn of mind.

A small black ribbon, six inches wide, bearing the name of J. Linnd, but taken at the time for J. Linnd, was also found. The clothes, some of them, bear trade marks of Boston dealers while others come from Palestine, Texas, Seattle and San Francisco.

Said He Lived in Boston. The murdered man told Mrs. De Corsey, the landlady of the house at 407 Stark street, where the murder was committed that he had lived in Boston 25 years ago.

The identification by Rev. Mr. Ovall was made after seeing the photographs in The Journal this evening. He at once telephoned the detectives that he believed he knew the man. Detectives Mallett and Price went to the minister's home and the minister accompanied them to the morgue, where the identification was made complete.

Acting on these established facts the police are now busying themselves with the one task of apprehending the murderer. The "green trunk" murderer is believed to have made his way out of the city and police of every neighboring city are being notified with accurate descriptions.

Berullion Expert Hunter has prepared a large set of photographs and these will be spread broadcast about the northwest. It is not believed the man can long escape the net being spread about him.

# "PIG FACE" MAN HIRED RIG TO HAUL BODY OF VICTIM TO RIVER

## "Have you a horse I can hire?"

C. K. Howitt, proprietor of the Model stables, 295 Davis street, was just walking from his office at 11:30 Friday morning when he was thus accosted by a man who walked up the driveway. Howitt is the man who rented the rig to the "green trunk" murderer.

The man was of medium height and heavy set. He wore a hat and round, with grotesquely protruding jawline. Howitt described it as a "pig" face. He was neatly clothed, white shirt, white collar, and talked in a deep voice. He may have weighed 150 pounds.

Ten minutes later he had engaged a rig. Two hours later he returned for it, paid \$1.50, the hire in advance and drove away. He had signed the register "Ed Hopkins," of "527 Stark street."

Man Is Recognized. Yesterday afternoon this rig was positively identified, beyond the question of a doubt, as the one that hauled from 405 Stark street to the river Friday afternoon the trunk containing the body of the man who was beaten to death with a blunt instrument as he slept in a room of the house earlier in the day.

The man "Hopkins" who hired the rig at the same time was identified by a picture by two women as one who had lived with the murdered man who had nursed him Thursday while he was ill, and who on Friday afternoon, was seen straining every muscle, his face purple with effort, lifting a heavy green trunk into a rig.

With the aid of two descriptions, which the police consider tally exactly, the man is being sought by the police of every city on the coast today, and messages have been sent to intercept him if he is on trains eastward bound across the country.

When "Hopkins" is told of hiring the horse, Howitt, who says that the curious appearance of the man attracted his attention, asked him if he wanted a driver also.

Wanted to Get Chickens. "No, I just want a horse and rig that I can drive out in the country to get some chickens with," he answered. "The horse must be very gentle," Hopkins added.

"He said just as little as he possibly could and still tell me what he wanted," Mr. Howitt narrated yesterday afternoon, after his rig and little bay mare had been proven to be the outfit that had carried the green trunk to the foot of Flanders street.

"He was very particular about the rig, and I took him back and showed him what I had. He said he wanted one that had room for a large chicken coop. When he saw this wagon, he said that it was just what he wanted. After he had engaged it, he repeated that the horse must be gentle, very gentle, for he was going to drive it himself.

Howitt was just going away at 1:30 in the afternoon when "Hopkins" came back to the stable again. This time, as before, he was clad in a heavy overcoat.

Stranger Showed Irritation. Howitt first went to the head of the incline leading to the stalls and called for the horse he had selected. The wrong animal appeared. The stranger showed some irritation, and again insisted on a gentler horse.

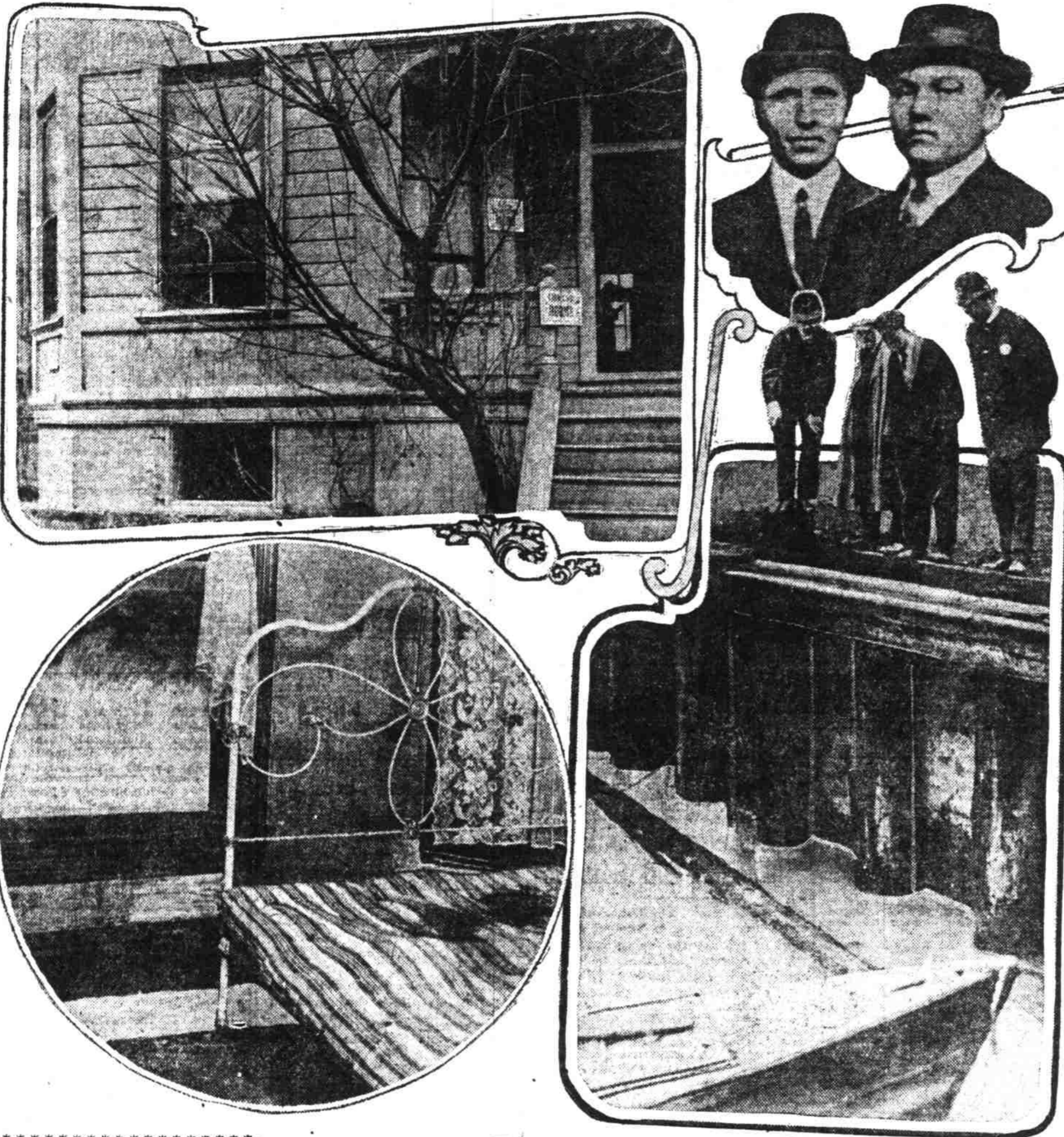
Howitt went back down to the barn and led up the little bay mare that figures now so prominently in Portland's fourth sensational "trunk" murder mystery.

Howitt left the barn before the horse had been hitched up, and did not see his patron drive away. About dark the rig was returned. S. O. Vikens, barn man, was there to unhitch.

"Did you get your chickens?" Vikens asked, jokingly.

"Hopkins" came from the rig, turning his head away from Vikens,

# PICTORIAL PHASES OF THE "GREEN TRUNK" MURDER



October of 1881. Brown became involved with Carrie Williams, a woman of the tenderloin, then running a resort at Third and Yamhill streets. He caused her arrest. She and her associates lured to her house and he was chloroformed to keep him from testifying at the trial next day.

Brown died under the drug, and his body was buried under the house. Later the stench became too strong and the woman had four men hauled on about the place put the body in a trunk and cart it to the river.

On the way the horses ran away, the corpse dropped from the trunk, was replaced and the trunk finally thrown into the river near the North Pacific mills. Later it was found, but the conspirators had fled.

Several were apprehended, the Williams woman was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary and Peter Sullivan was sentenced to five years.

On June 20, 1910, the body of William A. Johnson was found in a trunk at the Union station. Jesse F. Webb and Mrs. Carrie Kersh, a former wife, were arrested next day, both were convicted and Webb was sentenced to death. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment, and Mrs. Kersh was sent to prison for 15 years.

Seld Wah Bing was murdered in the rooms of Oi Sen, Chinese slave woman, as the result of tong troubles, at 284 Flanders street on September 20, 1911. Oi Sen fled, was captured at Billings, Mont., later confessed to Detective Joe Day, was not prosecuted, but Wong Si Sam, an accomplice, is serving 15 years.

# BODY IS FOUND IN TRUNK IN RIVER, 9 P. M. ON FRIDAY

The body of the murdered man, who has been positively identified as John Linnd of Boston, was found in a heavy green wooden trunk in the river at the foot of Flanders street about 9 o'clock Friday night.

The trunk was found there after it had been in the water less than two hours, at 6 o'clock by Fred Hartman, proprietor of a lodging house at 25 1/2 North First street, as he returned to his motorboat after a fishing trip at Guild's lake.

Hartman lashed the trunk, went to his rooming house for an assistant, and after much effort they landed it in the motorboat. Then Hartman found the trunk was locked, and spent more than an hour in finding keys to open it. Shortly after 9 o'clock he lifted out the trunk till, and putting his hand down, struck the face of the murdered man.

The police were at once notified, the trunk was taken by the harbor patrol to the municipal landing, and the body, after much effort, was extricated and taken to the morgue. It was clad only in a night shirt.

A blood-soaked sheet and pillow case were crammed into the trunk together with two almost complete outfits of clothing.

The man had been killed by a terrific blow in the forehead. A star-shaped wound in the skull, through which the brain exuded, had been made. Lundy marks on the bedding, a few pictures and some miscellaneous scraps of paper, offered the only clues to his identification.

Although Detectives Price and Mallett at once started an investigation, nothing was turned up by the police

until 10 o'clock yesterday morning, when Mrs. Anna DeCorsey, proprietress of the rooming house at 405 Stark street, excitedly informed the police that a murder had been committed in one of the rooms of her place.

Chief Clark, Captain Baty and all the available detectives hurried at once to the scene.

They found in a ground floor bedroom at the front of the house a bed, through the mattress of which blood had soaked through to the floor, and blood was spattered on the walls several feet away. In the room a quantity of odds and ends that had evidently been hurriedly torn from a trunk were found.

The police learned that last Monday two men went to the rooming house and paid in advance for a room for the week.

They had previously gone to the residence next door, occupied by Mrs. Jessie Althoff, but she could not accommodate them and had directed them to apply to Mrs. DeCorsey.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Althoff told the police a black topped buggy, with black curtains, had driven up, and one of the two roomies, with the assistance of a stranger, had borne a large green trunk from the house, and it was taken away.

Some time later the roomer returned alone, took his baggage and left the house without a word to anyone, and the night before, Mrs. DeCorsey told the police, this man, who has been called "Ed Hopkins" by the police, had at the slightest sound in the hall of the house, opened the door and poked his head out to look around.

Yesterday morning, when Mrs. DeCorsey found that her roomers had left she went to "make up" the rooms. On the bed she found to her surprise, new sheets and pillow slips. Quickly pulling back the sheets she found the blood saturated mattress.

A hatchet found in the house was brought to police headquarters and Bertillon Expert Hunter, in tests yesterday afternoon, found traces of blood on its blunt end. Whether or not this is human blood could not be determined. The square head of this hatchet may have been used to cause the death of the man, the police believe, because the skull is smashed somewhat in a star shape.

That the man was murdered as he lay asleep the police have no doubt. The blow is on the side of the head, and the arrangement of blood spots would indicate that the victim had been prostrate when the blow descended.

# THE JOURNAL AIDS IN IDENTIFYING LINND'S COMPANION

According to a message from the sheriff at Salem, received by Detective Sergeant Joe Day at midnight, the man who accompanied Linnd and who is supposed to have been his murderer, has been identified as George Bartholomew.

The sheriff stated that Bartholomew's relatives in the east have been

located. The identification was made through a photograph published in The Journal Saturday.

Linnd and Bartholomew came to Salem from California, the sheriff stated. Linnd had been interested in property there, while Bartholomew was also a waiter at Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma, the sheriff reported.

# LINND AND COMPANION REPORTED AS HAVING BEEN SEEN IN ALBANY

John Linnd and Edward Bartholomew, the man who is now believed to have murdered Linnd, recently spent two weeks at the home of W. W. Francis, county treasurer of Linn county at Albany, according to word received by Francis S. Alkus, local manager of the Burns detective agency, at midnight.

The two men were looking for a chicken game and Linnd offered to make cash payment of about \$2000, according to the message. Two weeks ago Mr. Alkus was notified by G. C. Schmitt, a prominent banker of Albany, that two men who were found to be Linnd and Bartholomew, were attempting to pass some banking paper of large denominations which he thought was suspicious, and asked that a man from Portland be sent to shadow them.

At the time Linnd had later on Boston banks, mostly in deposit slips, and considerable cash. Manager Alkus notified Mr. Schmitt that he could not investigate the case until some overt act had been committed, and the matter was dropped. While stopping at Mr. Francis' home, Linnd paid at the bills, and is said to have spent considerable time in investigating chicken ranch prospects in the vicinity of Albany.

Last night both Mr. Francis and Mr. Schmitt saw the pictures in the Journal of the murdered man and the one supposed to be his slayer, and they said at once that the two were the same men who had been in Albany. The men left that city about 10 days ago. It was reported.

Eugene Man Uncertain. Eugene, Ore., Nov. 20.—W. J. Scharen, a farmer living near Crowell, south of Eugene, at first thought the man who was murdered in Portland and whose body was found in a trunk, was Harry Rogers, who worked for him three years previous to six weeks ago, when he went to Portland.

When shown a picture, Scharen was not sure that it was that of his former employe. When Rogers left a hole in his upper front teeth were out and he had said that he was going to get a set of false teeth soon.

# Telegram Says "Hold Body"

At 8 o'clock last night the city detective bureau received a telegram from Davenport, Iowa, reading, "Hold body of man found in trunk. Letter follows." The message was signed, "H. I. Millman."

# Sustains Scalp Wound.

L. B. Lundin, an laborer, aged 29 years, was struck by an automobile at Tenth and Burnside streets about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon and taken to the Good Samaritan hospital, where it was found that he had only received scalp wounds.

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Linnd Seen in Salem.  
Salem, Or., Nov. 20.—The man killed in the Portland boarding house and a companion stayed in Salem for two weeks, leaving here last Monday, according to Chief of Police Walsh tonight.  
The larger man gave the name of Bartholomew and the smaller one the name of Linnd. Linnd and Bartholomew told local real estate men that they wanted to buy a chicken ranch. People they negotiated with recognized Linnd by newspaper pictures of the green trunk murderer victim.  
Linnd paid all the bills and it did not appear as though Bartholomew had any money. The Salem police are working with the Portland officers in an effort to locate Bartholomew.  
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and, without answering, hurried from the stable.

Says Man Is Same. "I saw the picture in The Journal supposed to be the companion of Linnd, and I would say that he is the same one who hired the rig," said Howitt. In this he was affirmed by one of his employes. He added, however, that the picture showed the man to be somewhat younger than he actually appeared.

Hard work on the part of four city detectives, who, almost without clew, combed every livery stable in the business districts of the east and west sides, unearthed this development.

Earlier in the day Detectives Royle and Cahill had gone to the east side and with an automobile searched the stables on that side of the river. They had been unsuccessful in finding any rig in the least resembling the one described as having driven up to the green trunk murder house on Stark street.

Murder Scene Enacted. In the meantime Detectives Hill and Howell were making a similar search on the west side. These two officers went into the barn and were told that a rig had been used on Friday to a man answering the general description of the green trunk victim's partner. They were not shown the rig, however.

A few minutes later Royle and Cahill, not knowing of the efforts of the other two officers, entered this stable, and just left, and they were shown the vehicle.

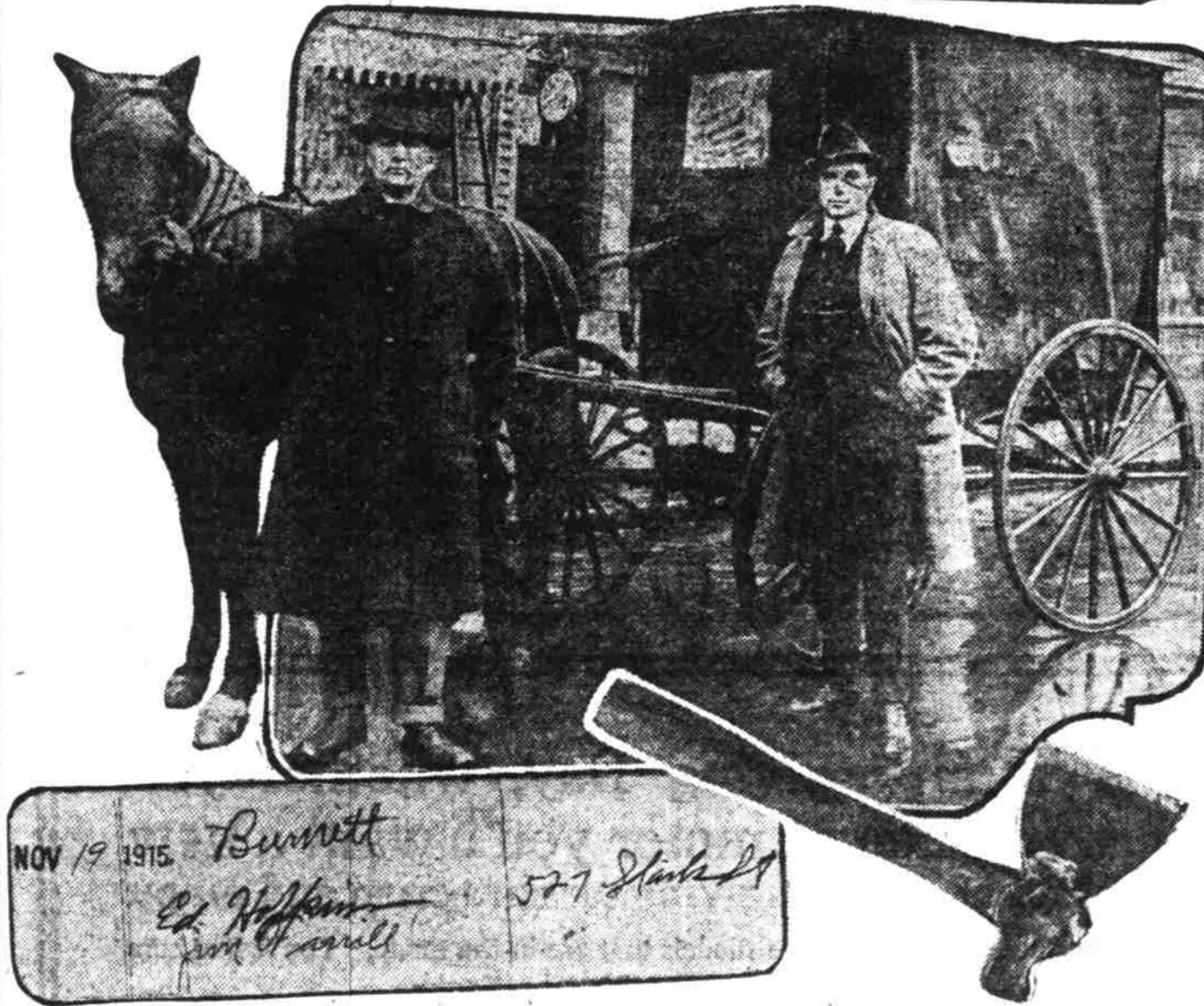
The officers had the little bay mare hitched to it, and they drove to the stable on that side of the river. There the steps in going away with the body, as they were seen by Mrs. Jessie Althoff, of 407 Stark street, the day before, were reenacted.

Mrs. Althoff was a keenly interested spectator. "That's the very buggy, the very side curtains, the very horse," she exclaimed. "There is not the slightest doubt in the world that that is the rig in which I saw the green trunk placed and carried away."

Dark Spots Tell Tale. The vehicle is a "democrat wagon." It has a square canopy top. It and the side and back curtains are black. The bottom of the back curtain had at some time been torn off, and a white piece of oilcloth had been added to make the curtain complete again.

When the curtain had been thrown inside the vehicle, the white oilcloth loomed up prominently against the otherwise dark surface.

A huge dark spot mars the floor of the rig. It was not there before the rig was taken from the stable, the occupants say, and police officers who



Above (left to right)—View of the house at 407 Stark street in which the murder was committed, the bed on which the man lay shows through the window. The first portrait is a likeness of the murdered man, identified by Rev. Mr. Ovall as John Linnd, of Boston, Mass. The man to the right is supposed to be the dead man's companion, whom the police have been unable to locate. Second row center (left to right)—A corner of the bedroom in which the crime was committed, showing the bed and the mattress with its big blood stain; river bank at the foot of Flanders street, where trunk containing body was found Friday night. Below—Horse and rig secured from the Model Livery Stable, which was used to cart body from house where murder was committed to foot of Flanders street. Man holding horse is Detective L. B. Cahill, Detective W. H. Royle stands in front of buggy. Beneath is signature of man on livery stable register when rig was hired, and hatchet used to slay Linnd.

saw it declared it is a blood stain. The rig was washed Friday night, but the spot was not entirely obliterated.

Want Another Man Also. The spot in places has the rectangular shape indicating that whatever fluid had made it, had been kept in place by the bottom edges of the trunk.

There is one other man for whom the police are keenly searching, outside of the murderer himself. That is the man who was the supposedly innocent accomplice in helping the murderer take the green trunk to the river bank.

This man was not with "Hopkins," either when he took or when he brought back the vehicle from and to the stable.

He is described as a young man, 23 to 25 years of age, heavily built through the shoulders, and smooth shaven. He was clothed in overalls that were rolled high, showing loggers' boots underneath, a light gray coat and gray hat.

As "Hopkins" drove south along Fifth street to Burnside, the detecting infer, he cogitated on his probable ability to manipulate the heavy trunk, and decided to pick up a stranger to help him. This man, from his description, the officers believe, is one of the great throngs of laborers who flock along Burnside street, and

that is the most logical place for "Hopkins" to have picked him up.

This man helped to carry the trunk from the house, according to Mrs. Althoff, but "Hopkins" his face fairly purple from the exertion, did most of the work in lifting the heavy box from the ground to the bed of the wagon. Hopkins afterwards carefully slammed the high end gate, and the two drove away together.

# ROBBERY BELIEVED TO BE MOTIVE OF THE TRUNK MURDER

That robbery was the motive for the murder was established almost beyond a doubt by Detectives J. Moloney, Cahill, Price and Mallett yesterday afternoon.

Found in the trunk with the body Friday night were the man's clothes, almost two complete outfits, including two overcoats.

One suit bore the marks of having been recently used. It was of neat material, but unpressed.

The inside vest pocket of this suit still bore the imprint of a money pouch or pocketbook. The cloth still

laid in the folds that a heavily filled purse would make.

But this detail is regarded as the most significant of all. Through the top of the pocket on the inside a small safety pin was stuck, and about the pin were many little holes showing that the pin had been removed and reset again repeatedly.

But the pin yesterday had little shreds of white cloth from the vest lining still adhering to the joints and point, as if, when the pocket was opened for the last time, the pin had been jerked loose. The other side of the pocket, where the pin had been fastened across, shows little jagged flakes and holes, as if the pin had been roughly torn away.

# TRUNK MURDER IS FOURTH OF KIND IN HISTORY OF CITY

Portland's latest "trunk" murder is the fourth in her history, according to police records. All the previous ones have been solved, and in every case some of the accomplices in the crimes, at least, have been punished. J. Nelson Brown, a rancher, was the first victim. This case occurred in

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