

# RALPH BRADY IS BLAMED FOR DEATH OF ROY CONNER

### Coroner's Jury Investigates Automobile Accident of Tuesday; No Warning Was Sounded.

Roy Conner came to his death as a result of careless and reckless driving of an automobile by Ralph Brady. The grand jury should investigate the case.

That is the verdict of the coroner's jury rendered yesterday afternoon after hearing testimony regarding the automobile accident at Broadway and Stark streets Tuesday in which Conner sustained injuries from which he later died. Brady was the driver of the car that struck him.

Testimony indicated that Brady came into the intersection from Broadway at 20 miles an hour, that he failed to sound any warning, that his machine leaned to one side from the speed as he swerved around the corner into Stark, and that he skidded 10 feet before and 20 after the collision. Conner was crossing Stark street and witnesses told how his arms had gone into the air when he was struck, how he was knocked several feet, and later dragged from beneath the car, not able to speak for a minute, pleading with his hands to be left alone.

James Carroll, W. E. Smith, C. A. Bennett, Ed. Gouneau, Everett Stafford and Albert Kelly, witnesses, agreed that there had been no warning sounded, that their attention was drawn to the car by its speed as it whirled around the corner, and that it skidded 20 feet following the accident.

Matthew Fitzsimmons, W. E. Meaney and A. Shellhorn, companions of Brady, all told the same story. They insisted the car was going only 10 miles an hour and that Conner had hesitated as he walked across the street.

## KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE DRIVEN AT HIGH SPEED



Roy Conner

Residents of the house were terrified at the sudden fusillade of shots, the first shot being preceded by a scream from Mrs. Richards, while another scream followed the second shot. Her body was heard to fall as the third shot was fired.

### TENANTS FEAR INSANE MAN

Believing that Mrs. Richards was the victim of an insane man, other tenants of the house refused to open the room. Patrolman Sinnott happened to be in the vicinity and was in the room within a few minutes after the shooting occurred. He found Bouchet nearby and the woman dead.

Residents of the house knew little of the beginning of the affair which culminated in the shooting. They had seen Dr. Bouchet and his equipment gathered by Lieutenant of Inspectors John Goltz and Inspector McCullough.

According to M. E. Evans, a tenant residing in the basement about 10 minutes before the shooting occurred an automobile carrying two men and a woman stopped in front of the house. Evans was sitting on the front porch.

Mrs. Richards went to the front and talked for a moment with the occupants of the machine. She was followed into the house by a man, supposed to have been Dr. Bouchet, who reappeared a moment later with a bundle resembling bed clothes. All entered the machine and it was driven away.

A few minutes later Evans heard the shots. Other tenants said that Mrs. Richards and Dr. Bouchet entered the house by the back door.

### BOY SEES PAIR TALKING

Eddie Evans, 11-year-old son of M. E. Evans, told the police that he entered the kitchen on the first floor a few minutes prior to the shooting and found "the doctor" and Mrs. Richards sitting there talking.

The lad said he had often heard Mrs. Richards refer to the man as "the doctor" on previous visits. A hat and a small paper-wrapped bundle which contained shaving articles and other toilet equipment and a suit of underwear were found on the kitchen table just outside the door of Mrs. Richards' room.

Mrs. Richards was said to have been planning a camping trip to several days and they were supposed to have started Saturday.

### MANY LETTERS FOUND

Deputy Coroner Leo Gotsch, who took charge of Mrs. Richards' body, found a large number of letters addressed to "Dear Ruth" and signed "Norman," which were of endearing nature.

One of these, written July 28 from Berrian, Wash., was from Pendleton, was from Dr. Bouchet thanking Mrs. Richards for a birthday gift which she had sent him.

Obituary letters indicated that Dr. Bouchet had been in Eastern Washington to benefit his health.

### FLOWERS JUST RECEIVED

Among the letters was one from

Bridal Veil, addressed to Mrs. Richards and saluting her as "Dear Sister," but it was unsigned. Other relatives are said to live at Gold Beach and in Clackamas county.

On a table in the room near the dead body of Mrs. Richards was found a vase containing a large bunch of freshly cut carnations, evidently placed there only a short time before. On the table was a small envelope from a floral shop addressed to Mrs. Richards and on the card within was scrawled the sentence, "Remembrance of our friendship."

This card was signed "Norman." Dr. Bouchet's identification card case was found on the floor of the room after he had been taken to the hospital. In it were cards showing him to be a member of the Portland Golf club. He also had cards of Dr. Herman Bouchet, his brother, who is said to be associated with him in dental practice.

### NEW JEWELRY FOUND

Some of the jewelry found scattered over the floor and dresser apparently was new, especially a diamond ring and a diamond sunburst. A neck chain with a two and one half dollar gold piece attached, together with a large jade ring and some smaller articles of jewelry, were found on the dresser.

Mrs. Richards had lived at the Sixth street address about a year, according to Mrs. Sue Minnard, a tenant who resided in an apartment just beneath the room where the shooting took place. She was housekeeper and manager when the place was maintained by a Japanese, who is said to be known as Yokohama. Recently the Japanese sold out, and Mrs. Richards was continued in her position. Mrs. Minnard said she had never seen Dr. Bouchet in the house, and knew of no complications in Mrs. Richards' life to cause the tragedy. Mrs. Richards' father is said to have died in Portland last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Koontz were eating dinner in their apartment on the second floor of the next house when they heard high pitched voices in the Richards' room. As they looked a scream was heard, then came shots and more screams. They saw the flash of the revolver and saw Mrs. Richards, who had stood only a few feet from the window, fall, the body of the man dropping a few seconds later.

Mrs. Richards' known relatives are: Brothers, Ernest Gillman, Woods, Or.; E. C. Gillman, Bridal Veil, Or.; Charles A. Gillman, Williamsina, Or.; Mrs. Macell Gilbert, near Barton, J. Richards, 460 Rodney avenue, is the father of Mrs. Richards' former husband.

### BOUCHET WAS ILL

The Bouchet brothers had been rooming at the Barch home for some time. Norman took up his residence there April 8, 1919, and Herman came there to reside on May 17.

"Dr. Norman was seriously ill with influenza in January," said Bettsch Saturday night, "and he went from this place to the hospital, where he was for some time. This spring he went away for awhile to Shepherd's Springs, and since his return he seemed to be gradually regaining his strength, although he told us that his physician advised him that he was unable to stand regular work at his profession."

"We understood that his brother, who had recently been graduated as a dentist, was to take over his office in the selling building on the first of September, as Norman's physician told him he would not be in condition to do steady work for at least six months."

"We talked with the young man during the forenoon and Friday night he and his sister were in our rooms visiting. He appeared very cheerful and gave no indication that there was any trouble on his mind."

### NOT IN RIGHT MIND

A sister, Miss Eugenia Bouchet, resides in Portland Heights and is a teacher in one of the city schools. She has been a frequent visitor to her brothers at the Barch home. The family originally came from Canada, but resided in Southern Oregon for some time before coming to Portland. Besides the sister, there are two other brothers engaged in the grocery and meat market business on Third street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, who live here.

Dr. Charles S. Folsom, who has been occupying Dr. Bouchet's office in the selling building since Saturday night, said that Dr. Bouchet had been in the office Saturday and appeared in good spirits. "Bouchet was ordinarily a cool individual," he said, "and if he has been

## TRUNK MURDERER AND GIRL



Above—Katherine Jackson Leroy, the girl whose body was stuffed into a trunk in Detroit and shipped to New York. Below is Eugene Leroy, alias O. J. Fernandez, alias O. J. Wood, who is being sought as the murderer of Mrs. Leroy as well as of Cecil E. Landon, Portland soldier who was murdered in the McAlpin hotel, New York, a year ago.

involved in a shooting affair he lost his head as a result of his illness. I had met Mrs. Richards and knew that she frequently called on Dr. Bouchet."

## NATIONAL LAW ON ALIEN LAND IS GOAL

### Statewide Call Issued in California for Conference on the Japanese Problem.

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—Call was issued today for a state-wide conference to be held here on September 2 to consolidate all of the organizations of California interested in the passage of the alien land law and to carry on a national campaign to achieve the final settlement on the Japanese immigration problem.

The announcement was made as the outcome of a conference held today, at which U. S. Senator James D. Phelan presided, to formulate a plan of action relative to the land law initiative campaign for the general election in November.

The call for the conference went out in the name of the American Legion, the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, the State Federation of Labor, the State Building Trades Council and various other organizations.

### Stabbed Twenty Times

New York, Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Samuel La Couchu, Filipino, after being attacked by bandits and stabbed 20 times, walked five miles to his home in Brooklyn and collapsed. He died later in a Brooklyn hospital. A Chilean sailor was arrested charged with the crime.

## RATS EXPENSIVE AND DANGEROUS IN DEPREDATIONS

### Rodents Destroy Vast Amount of Property and Are Carriers of the Dreaded Bubonic Plague.

As carriers of the dread bubonic plague rats are a menace, but that is only one form of their costly and dangerous depredations, says a bulletin from Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society: "Rats are practically omnivorous and their depredations cover a wide range," writes Edward W. Nelson in a communication to the society. "They feed indiscriminately upon all kinds of vegetable and animal matter."

"They dig up newly planted grain, destroy it while growing and also when in the shock, stack, crib, granary, mill, elevator, warehouse, wharf and ship's hold, as well as in the bin and feed trough. They eat fruits, vegetables and meats in the market, destroying at the same time by pollution far more than is consumed."

"They destroy enormous numbers of eggs and poultry, as well as the eggs and young of song and game birds. In addition, they invade stores and warehouses and destroy groceries of every description as well as furs, laces, silks, carpets and leather goods."

### CAUSE DISASTROUS FIRES

"They cause many disastrous fires by gnawing matches, by gnawing through lead pipe near gas meters or by cutting the insulation from electric wires in order to secure material for nests, and by gathering oil-soaked rags and other inflammable material in their nests; food houses by gnawing through lead water pipes, ruin artificial ponds and embankments by burrowing, and damage foundations, floors, doors and furnishings of dwellings."

"As disease-carriers they also cause enormous commercial losses, especially through the introduction of bubonic plague and the resulting suspension of commerce. With the introduction of plague they become directly responsible for business disaster as well as for an appalling mortality."

"Much the greater part of losses from these pests is in foodstuffs, which, as already indicated, are destroyed at every stage from the time the seed is

planted until they are ready for human consumption.

LAST YEAR FOOT TO \$200,000,000  
"Investigations some years ago indicated that the direct annual losses sustained in the United States were about \$200,000,000, with a great additional sum in indirect losses including the effect on the public health and commerce from the diseases carried by rats and the necessary expenditures in combating them. Assuming, roughly speaking, that as estimated, the rat population in the United States is 50,000,000 for the cities and 150,000,000 for the rural districts, it will require the destruction of property by each rat of only a little more than 1/4 of a cent a day to make the aggregate great sum estimated as destroyed by these pests yearly in this country."

"A more definite idea of the losses from rats may be gained by considering what it means in human effort."

"Taking the average yearly returns on a man's labor in agriculture, as shown by the census of 1913, it requires the continuous work of about 150,000 men, with farms, agricultural implements and other equipment to supply the foodstuffs destroyed annually by rats in the United States. In addition, rats destroy other property, mainly of agricultural origin, the production of which requires the work of about 50,000 men."

"This gives a total of 200,000 men, with their equipment, in this country, whose economic output is devoted solely to feeding and otherwise providing for rats. If a small fraction of this army and the money involved could be concentrated in a continuous national campaign against these pests, a vast saving could be achieved."

## Wealth in Jewels Avails Little When Stranded in Belgrade

Belgrade, Serbia, Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Baron Paul Orloff and his mother, the Baroness Orloff, are in Belgrade, destitute, even though they possess a jewel worth \$500,000. It's the old story of the starving man with a \$10,000 bill that nobody wanted to change. The Orloffs have among other jewels the famous Orloff emerald. On the present jewel market it is worth conservatively \$500,000. It is bigger than a fat English walnut and yet nobody in Belgrade has even considered buying it in Serb dinars. It would take more than 150,000,000 of them to equal the \$500,000 in American money.

Meanwhile the baroness is doing housework to make enough money to support herself. Her son, a youngster wearing his uniform of a Russian officer, was hired at a nominal salary as an interpreter.

Orloff is now in Pirot helping delouse his fellow countrymen as they arrive in this town near the Serb frontier.

## CHICAGO FAMILIES FIND SOLUTION OF LANDLORD PROBLEM

### Homes Are Purchased on City's Outskirts on Small Deposit and Monthly Rental of \$35.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—One hundred and seventy-five Chicago families have just completed an arrangement whereby they can look with contempt on all landlords.

Through the Chicago Housing association, a non-profit making organization formed by philanthropic citizens, they have purchased 17500 homes on the city's outskirts, sold to them at \$4800, and which they are paying for by a small deposit and a monthly rental of \$35.

The houses were designed by some of the best architects in the city and are substantial two-story dwellings of brick, concrete and tile.

The community is called "Garden Homes," and is located at Eighty-seventh street. Each house has a large lot and plenty of garden space, the streets are paved and community flower gardens are to be planted.

The project was brought to success by a number of business men, considering plans for homes for employees. They bought a large tract of land, sold enough lots to cover the original cost and built the houses, actually worth \$7500, for \$4500, figuring the lot.

Then, in selecting buyers for the homes, the owners required that each be an American citizen, and men with large families were given the call over those with none.

This enterprise is to be the first of a series of such colonies, the association announced. The first 175 houses were sold before they were constructed.

## 3 British Warships Off to Turk Capital

Malta, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—Three British warships started for Constantinople today. It was reported they had been ordered there to participate in a blockade of Russian ports in the Black sea.

## DR. BOUCHET KILLS WOMAN; SHOOTS SELF

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ing just above the heart. He was taken to a nearby hospital, where after Bouchet fell partially over her body and was found lying with his head against the door of an adjoining room. The gun was lying near his left hand. It was a .22 caliber automatic pistol, discharged shells and one loaded cartridge were found on the floor.

James Regas, Greek proprietor of a restaurant at First and Burnside streets, is declared by the police to have been the cause of the tragedy. Late Saturday night Inspector McCullough located Regas, who said he had driven Mrs. J. G. Richards, mother of the dead woman's former husband, and Dannie, the little boy, to the station during the afternoon. They were going to Seaside.

### REGAS HAD APPOINTMENT

Regas also told the police that he had made an appointment to take Mrs. Richards for an automobile ride Saturday night. She is said to have been keeping company with the restaurant proprietor for some time.

Bouchet is said to have objected to Mrs. Richards' attentions to Regas. Ad Garlock, manager of a boxing club at Eleventh and Alder streets, and Mike Kocki, a boxer, were in the automobile that stopped in front of the apartment a few minutes before the shooting occurred, the police say.

Rocki is said to have been accompanied by girl. Mrs. Richards' witnesses declared, went to the automobile, talked with the inmates for a moment, then returned to the house, secured what appeared to be some bedding, and then entered the automobile.

Apparently she was only driven around the block, reentering her house by the back door, for less than 10 minutes afterwards the shooting took place.

### DR. BOUCHET IN KITCHEN

Further information received by the police late Saturday indicated that when Mrs. Richards came back to the house she found her slayer awaiting in the kitchen. Arguments and the shooting quickly transpired.

Dr. Bouchet and his brother, Herman, also a dentist, have been living for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Baruch, 489 Heights terrace, a man was described as being slightly lame, walking with a limp.

Danforth Ellery, a neighbor, said he has often seen the young men pass the

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