

# BULLET FLATTENS AS IT SPLINTERS BURGLAR'S SKULL

### Bloody Trail May Mean Would-Be Robber of Rockspur Home Lies Dead or Wounded in Woods.

Police inspectors and deputy sheriffs are confident that somewhere in the brush in the vicinity of Rockspur station the negro who was shot by Dr. Vergil McMickle early Saturday morning is now in hiding, either mortally wounded or dead.

A small piece of splintered bone found in the blood of McMickle's front porch seems to indicate that the burglar was badly wounded by the pistol shot, fired point blank at his head, as it was raised above the window sill in a second attempt to enter the physician's home. The hat, which was found Saturday morning, has a bullet hole in the center of the hat band. There is no place where the bullet came out. Inspectors are of the opinion that the bullet was knocked off just as the bullet penetrated the burglar's forehead, and that the bullet probably came out through the top of his head after passing through the upper part of the forehead. The flattened bullet was found lying near the edge of the porch.

**NO MACHINE HEAD**  
The theory that the burglar's companion, whom McMickle plainly heard conversing with him before the shooting, carried the injured man away in a machine, was discredited Saturday night by information given to the police through H. Poppleton. Poppleton, a neighbor of McMickle, was awake at the time of the shooting, and stated that he heard the shooting both times. He said he did not hear an automobile and that he certainly would have heard it if there had been one on the road that time of night.

**ROBBERS CALL TWICE**  
McMickle was awakened by Mrs. McMickle about 3 o'clock Saturday morning, when the two men first tried to enter the house. A shot fired through the bedroom window frightened them away from the dressing room window, which had been jimmied with a spading fork. In less than half an hour the burglars returned, and one of them tried to get through the window. McMickle was waiting in the dressing room, and fired at the burglar's head, as it appeared above the window sill. The burglar fled to the porch. McMickle fired twice at the robber as he ran from the porch, but apparently after the shot took effect.

**CLACKAMAS SHERIFF FINDS NO TRACE OF WOUNDED MAN**  
Oregon City, Feb. 26.—No trace of the supposedly wounded robber who disappeared at Rockspur station in the darkness of Saturday morning was found by Sheriff Wilson. With his deputies he searched the surrounding territory Saturday. He followed a trail of blood from the home of Dr. Vergil McMickle, who wounded the intruder in the head, across the road from Dr. McMickle's front porch. At the edge of the road he lost all trace of the man. Wilson said he did not know Dr. McMickle, but that Mrs. McMickle said she did not believe the wounded man was a negro, as Dr. McMickle had stated.

**Funeral Services For Minister Are To Be Held Monday**

Funeral services for the Rev. Christian Buecher, retired Lutheran minister, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. V. Hawk, 1237 East Thirtieth street north, Thursday afternoon, will be conducted by the Rev. A. Krause at the St. Paul Lutheran church, East Twelfth and Clinton streets, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Lone Pine cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Buecher, who was born in Mannheim, Germany, in 1839, came to Portland from Grand Island, Neb., in 1891, taking the pastorate of St. Johns church. He held the pulpit for 20 years until his retirement 10 years ago.

He is survived by his daughter and two sons, A. F. Buecher of Grand Island and Major Theodore Buecher of the army.

**Kamela Resident Dies**  
La Grande, Feb. 25.—Funeral services will be held here Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Mary E. Swanger, who died at her home in Kamela, near here, Wednesday. Mrs. Swanger was 83 years of age at the time of her death and had been a resident of Kamela for 35 years.

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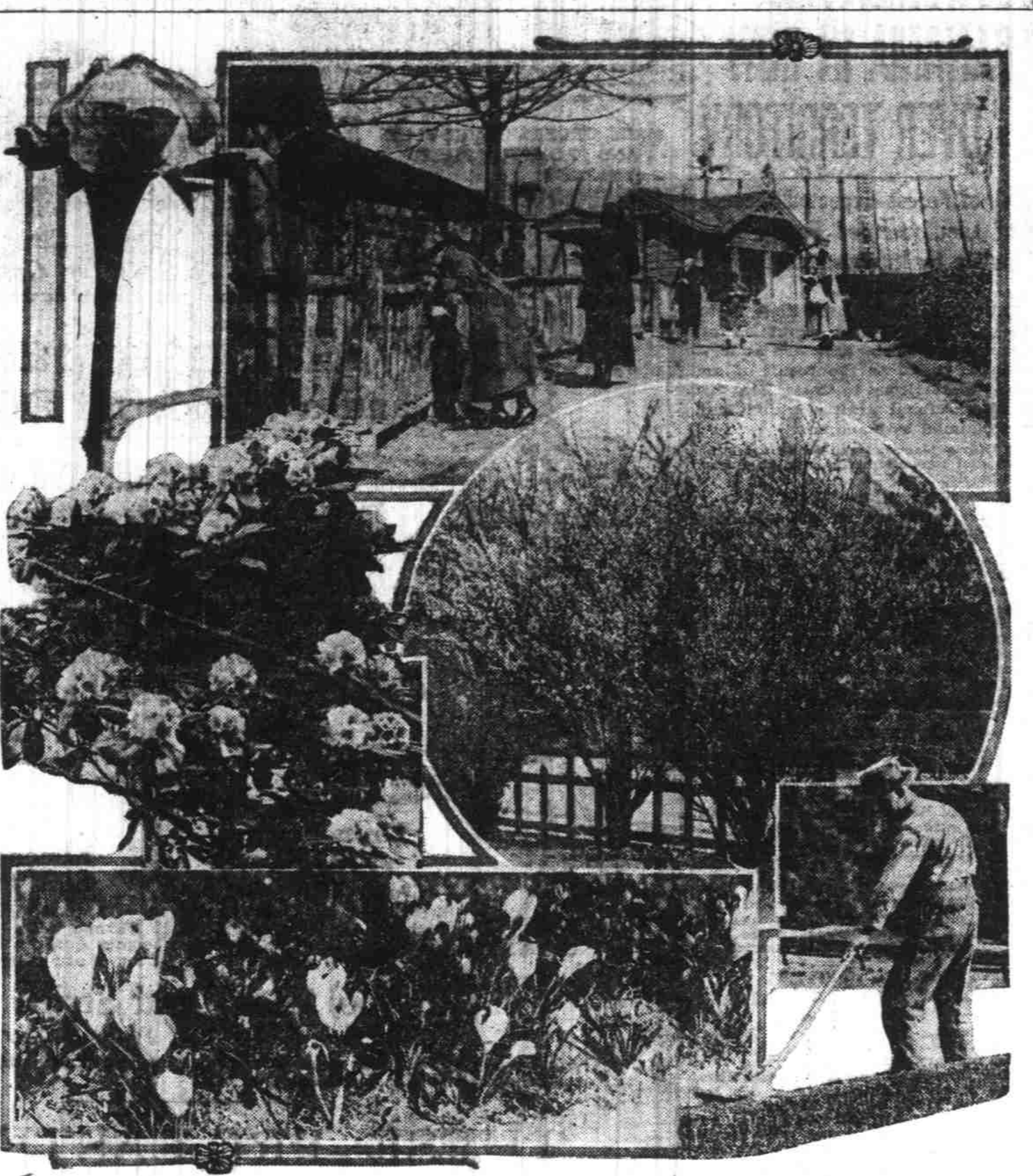
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Journal photographer finds evidences of new life on every side. Pictures taken Saturday during stroll reveal: Above, at left—Ereth rosebud swelling to fullness at Washington park. At right—Sure sign of awakened season at animal cages in the zoo. Below, at left—Bed of camellias in full bloom in yard at Twentieth and Kearney streets. At right—Almond trees a block away on Nineteenth, putting on their first blossoms. Underneath, at left—Bed of daffodils, among first of spring's floral beauties, in strip at Twentieth and Hoyt. At right—Gardener in Washington park enjoying pastime of putting lawns and hedges in trim for visitors.

**FIRST STRAW HAT HINTS OF SPRING**  
No Matter What Almanac Says, Wearer Sees Winter as a Speeding Fugitive.

The new 1921 straw hat made its first appearance Saturday.

Its owner walked it nonchalantly down the sunny side of Broadway, callous if not indifferent to the thousands of eyes that lighted with surprise, curiosity and smiles.

"Rushing the season? Not a bit of it," scouted the straw hat wearer.

"When the calendar or the almanac or the weather experts say that spring doesn't officially start until March 21, they are just taking the average for the country as a whole. Portland beats the bell by a month on the national average."

"Can you feel that soft, warm air and look upon that wonderful sunshine and tell me that winter hasn't left us? This weather feels like spring, it looks like spring and, by gosh, it is spring!"

Crocuses leaped into parti-colored bloom on spangled lawns that never had lost their green. The feathery blossoms of the plum flaunted gentle defiance to fugitive frost.

**WORDS CAME THE NEWS THAT OLD MOTHER NATURE IS GOWNING MISS SPRING FOR HER DEBUT AND THAT EARTH MUST SPREAD THE COLORS OF HAPPIEST HUES UPON THE BARGAIN COUNTERS OF WOODLAND, FIELD AND GARDEN.**

**\$350,000 Is to Be Paid to Veterans Who Live in Oregon**

Approximately \$350,000 will be paid to war veterans in Oregon by the state of Washington this spring, through the operation of the Washington state bonus act. More than \$250,000 will be paid to men who now reside in Portland. This estimate is based on figures supplied by Louis Seagrave, cashier of the Lumbermen Trust company, who is handling the preparation of applications for compensation in Oregon.

Since the announcement was made by the bank last week that it had received application blanks from State Auditor Clausen of Washington and would assist the veterans without charge to procure their bonus, it has been ascertained that more than 1000 men in Portland have applied either through the American Legion post or the bank.

In addition about 500 others have applied from other points in the state. Many more will apply. The total number eligible, however, cannot be ascertained at the present time.

The state of Washington's bonus act allows each veteran a bonus of \$15 a month for each month in service. It also makes the same allowance to war nurses in military service and to dependent parents, widows and children of men who died while in uniform.

According to Seagrave the average bonus for a month is \$12.50. The total number of veterans in Oregon is estimated at 100,000. The state of Washington has a population of 1,500,000. The state of Oregon has a population of 1,000,000. The state of Washington has a population of 1,500,000. The state of Oregon has a population of 1,000,000.

**JUNK USEFUL TO WELFARE BUREAU**  
Any and Everything Discarded by Public, Needed in Drive During Week.

Any rags, any bones, any bottles today. It's the same old story in the same old way.

Scores of Portland people will become volunteer junk collectors Monday and will continue in their newly found role throughout the week.

The drive of the Portland Public Welfare bureau for discarded articles of all kinds as a means of salvaging waste and unemployment, will begin Monday and everybody in Portland is urged to contribute some article which is no longer useful to the owner.

A special call is made for clothing, furniture, stoves, sewing machines, pictures, bric-a-brac, books, magazines, newspapers, old tires, rubber, office equipment, copper, brass, lead, zinc, stumps, tools, musical instruments.

Boy Scouts and school children are distributing 70,000 pieces of literature pertaining to the collection. This material has been counted and tied into packages by members of the Junior League and will be distributed to the schools Monday by the following members of the Progressive Business Men's club:

Arthur H. Johnston, J. C. Naylor, Del Wright, J. H. Dundora, J. N. Dezenoff and Hugh G. McBlair.

Packages of clothing will be carried free of charge by the streetcar company or they may be left at the fire stations. The following members of the Rotary club have organized a fire truck service to gather up these contributions: W. J. Hooper, George E. Johnson, W. C. Garbe, Charles H. Mead, E. Weaver, H. E. Harwood and Tom M. Hart.

**Deputy Marshal Will Go to Fossil for Alleged Violators**  
A deputy United States marshal will leave Portland Monday for Fossil, Ore., to return three prisoners charged with violation of the national prohibition law, who were arrested last Tuesday after an exciting raid conducted by Sheriff Oscar Kelsay and two deputies.

**COMMITTEES FOR FESTIVAL NAMED, PLANTING URGED**  
Service League Will Encourage Floral Growth; School Pupils Who Lead to Be Given Prizes.

Chairmen for the principal standing committees of the Rose Festival were appointed by Otto W. Mielke, president of the festival board, at the meeting of the directors Thursday at the Multnomah hotel. Plans for the perfection of the show were outlined and will be made ready for public announcement this week.

At the meeting Mielke told of his ambitions to make this year's festival greater than that of any ever held in Portland. He went further and said that he wanted to see Portland a veritable garden of roses by the time the 1925 exposition was held. This could be done, he said, by planting and caring for roses in all parkways along the curb in the residential sections. He pointed out that other cities of the Pacific coast had a publicly fund maintained by public money and he believed the funds for the festival should be raised by a certain millage tax.

**SHOW IS BIG ASSET**  
"The Rose Festival means much to Portland as advertising," he said. "Many people come here merely to see the show and then stay. We cannot afford to give it up unless we want to take a back seat in the tourist trade and the development of the state. We must either make good or quit and surely no one wants to do that."

The committees appointed were: Finance, W. L. Thompson; floral parade, Henry W. Kent; civic center, C. P. Keyser; festival queen and women's participation, Mrs. C. E. Runyon; conference, Barge Leonard; oceanic and industrial, H. H. Haynes.

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Special attention is now being given by the league to get the people to plant sweet peas and trim the rose bushes so that they may be in bloom by June. Meetings are to be held in the various parts of the city under the supervision of the majors of the sectors so the entire population may be interested in the work of the new industry, as far as each feel that it is his duty to help in this year's Rose Festival.

Roy N. Heath, major of the Beaumont sector, will talk to the school children of the Rose City Park school Monday, March 7, and explain the best methods of cultivating flowers. Monday night Major H. W. Morgan of the Greenwood sector will have the leaders of each precinct in Sellwood meet with him at his home, 530 Terrell street. The St. Johns sector leaders will meet with their major at the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. T. J. Monahan is major of the sector.

# OPPIUM QUARREL IS HELD AS CAUSE OF COOK'S DEATH

### When Pawluk Gave Information About Smuggling He Signed Death Warrant, Say Deputies.

The entire galley crew of the Montague was seemingly mixed up in smuggling, or at least they all had knowledge that smuggled goods were aboard, said the deputy sheriff. Pawluk was arrested by federal officers February 13, one day after the steamer docked from the Orient.

Pawluk confessed to knowledge that smuggled goods were aboard the steamer when he was caught leaving the vessel with a big piece of jade concealed in one of his stockings.

**6000 IN COOKED OPIUM**  
On February 15 the federal agents found 150 5-gal cans of cooked opium, valued at \$40 a can. Several members of the crew were arrested and given a hearing February 17.

It was on this same date that Pawluk and John Bruno, chief cook aboard the vessel, ceased to room together. Before that time Bruno and Pawluk had been the closest of friends and had always roomed together. Bruno moved to another rooming house in the north end of the steamer on Barnes road.

Since that date the authorities have been unable to find any trace of Bruno. It is believed by the deputy sheriffs that Bruno, if he did not have a hand in the disappearance of Pawluk, at least has sufficient knowledge of his partner's enemies to assist in clearing up the murder.

**WORKMAN THEORY DROPPED**  
The authorities are devoting more effort to fixing responsibility upon a smuggling gang than upon a possible altercation over a woman. In Pawluk's clothing were found several indications, including a pair of woman's gloves, that a woman might have been mixed up in the murder.

It is known that Bruno and Pawluk were both enamored of the same woman and even in this case that a woman was responsible for the quarrel which led to Pawluk's death, it is believed that Bruno can also aid in clearing up this angle.

**Albany Cashier Buys Interest at Lebanon**  
Albany, Or., Feb. 23.—Announcement has been made to the effect that J. C. Irvine, cashier of the First National and First Savings banks of Albany, has purchased an interest in the First National bank of Lebanon. Irvine expects to move to Lebanon as soon as his successor in Albany is named. The interest purchased by the Albany man formerly belonged to Alex Powers, who is retiring because of ill health.

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# GUILTY IS UNDECIDED IN LOTISSO'S CASE

### Attorneys Consider Verdict of Imprisonment Somewhat of a Victory, and May Let Matter Rest.

Whether an appeal will be taken to the supreme court in the case of Thomas Lotisso, convicted Saturday of the murder of his wife, Tessie Lotisso, last November, has not yet been determined by his counsel.

"I shall take time to think it over," said A. B. Ferrera.

It is understood that attorneys for the defense consider that a victory was won in getting from the jury the recommendation for a life sentence instead of the death penalty, although during the trial they maintained that the worst they expected was verdict of manslaughter.

**LETTER IS CHIEF EXCEPTION**  
Chief among these exceptions was one in relation to a letter from the Chicago branch of the Red Cross to the local branch which the court would not allow to go into the record. This letter, it was said, was an acknowledgment by the murdered woman of misconduct at Chicago while en route from England to join her husband in Portland.

The passing of sentences on Lotisso next Wednesday by Judge Bell will be a mere formality. The new law restoring capital punishment in Oregon provides that the jury may substitute a recommendation of life imprisonment for the death penalty and that it is mandatory upon the judge to follow the recommendation of the jury. In considering the verdict, it is reported that the jury's ballots revolved principally around the question of intent and deliberation. It was the jury which substituted the evidence showed sufficient premeditation to constitute the crime of murder in the first degree or not.

**PREMEDITATION IN DOUBT**  
There was a doubt in some of the juror's minds whether enough time had elapsed between the moment the wife began to run away from her husband in the street and the actual shooting to furnish a base for premeditation and deliberation. The point was referred to the court who replied that it was for the jury to decide, as it was a question of fact.

The court did, however, repeat his instructions on what constituted deliberation, saying that while it required an appreciable time, it was not a question of minutes. It was only necessary to determine whether there was sufficient time to decide on a certain line of action. With this instruction the jury soon agreed on its verdict.

**Women Debators Chosen**  
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 26.—Doris Jenkins, Portland; Elvira Van Holbecke, Walla Walla, Wash.; Emma Von Lehe, Corvallis, and Ethel Rodgers, Woodburn, will represent the college in the annual dual debate with the women of the University of Oregon.

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