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PRICE FIVE CENTS

THIRD WOMAN FOUND SLAIN WITHIN WEEK

Widow Strangled to Death and Body Left in Attic of Vacant House

CASE Baffles Officers

First Victim Discovered in Trunk Cramped Under Clothes and Second Located in Residence Basement

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—While official reports were lacking, pending the completion of an investigation and an autopsy being conducted by the coroner's office, rumors were current here tonight that physicians who were examining the body of Mrs. Beata Withers, discovered in a trunk in her home Wednesday, pronounced that her neck was broken.

If this is true, police point out, the case will become one of clear murder, eliminating the possibility of suicide.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The third woman mysteriously slain here this week, Mrs. Mabel Fluke, 35, a widow, was found strangled to death late today in the attic of a vacant house she owned in the Sellwood district.

Lying on her back in an alcove under the eaves, with a towel tied around her neck, and knotted at the back, she was found by her father and a patrolman who were searching for her. A \$250 diamond which she had worn was missing.

She had advertised the house for rent and went to the building Wednesday to clean it. She was last seen in the yard Wednesday afternoon. Her absence did not cause alarm immediately because she usually thought she had gone to a vacant house at Independence.

When she failed to return today search was begun.

Her husband died six months ago, leaving her the house. She had no financial worries and her health was good.

The body of Mrs. Beata Withers, 32, the first death victim, was found Wednesday, crammed in a trunk under a pile of clothing in the attic of her house. Investigators have been unable yet to determine whether she committed suicide or was murdered.

The other death was that of Mrs. V. A. Grant, whose body was found Friday in the basement of a vacant house. Two valuable rings and an earring missing from her person have not been found. The coroner has ordered an autopsy although death may have been from natural causes.

According to views held by several inspectors who have investigated the case, the deaths of the three women occurred under circumstances tending to link up a gruesome murder trail of an unidentified fiend.

All three women had been endeavoring to rent their houses and had placed advertisements in the Portland papers.

Wearing apparel and jewelry are missing in all three cases. All three bodies were hidden. No evidence of violence or of struggle had been discovered in any of the three cases.

EARL WILL QUIT RANCH FARMER TO RETURN TO ENGLAND FOR PEERAGE

BIG HORN, Wyo., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Henry Wallop, Earl of Portsmouth, plans to relinquish his role of rancher and dirt farmer and to return to his peerage and to the British house of lords early next month, he announced today.

Election Measures Under Discussion at Club Meet

Seymour Jones to Speak on Income Tax and Dennis Resolution, Men of City Invited to Attend Meetings of Six O'Clock Club

The first meeting of the year to be held by the Salem Six O'Clock club will be held Monday night, October 25, at 6:30. The Salem Six O'Clock club is an organization made up of the men of the First Methodist church, of Salem, but all men of the city are invited to its meetings.

LEAGUE OPPOSES STANFIELD VOTE

CITIZENS MAILED LETTERS BY ANTI-SALOON BODY

Statement Signed by Members of Campaign Committee of Society

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—All citizens of Oregon who believe in the principle of prohibition and the observance and enforcement of the law are urged by the Anti-Saloon League to vote against Robert N. Stanfield, independent candidate for United States senator. A form statement to this effect has been issued by the campaign committee of the league and thousands of copies of the letter are said to be now in the mails to members of the league and those in sympathy with the objects of the organization.

A statement issued by the Anti-Saloon League states that the league is "unalterably opposed to the election of Robert N. Stanfield." The statement continues: "The league, therefore, calls on all citizens of Oregon who believe in the principle of prohibition and the observance and enforcement of the law, to vote against the candidacy of Robert N. Stanfield for the office of United States senator at the coming November election."

KING CALLS FOR QUEEN

DIGNITY, PRESTIGE OF DYNASTY HELD THREATENED

LONDON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The Sunday Observer, with the caption "Sensational, prints a Vienna despatch that reports from Bucharest say King Ferdinand has sent a cablegram to Queen Marie in the United States asking her to return immediately on account of the scornful criticisms which disparage the dignity and prestige of the dynasty.

Political circles, the despatch adds, connect the reports of the queen having agreed with the king's message to her.

There is no confirmation of this from any other source.

INJURED IN WILD LEAP

SHELBY JUMPS FROM THIRD FLOOR, LANDS ON GRASS

S. R. Shelby, 30, a patient at the state hospital, jumped from the dining room window on the third floor yesterday, receiving two broken legs, a broken right forearm, and a dislocated left shoulder. None of the fractures were compound ones. It was reported last night, so Shelby is expected to recover soon.

Attendants were washing the dining room windows at the time of the leap, and had left one open. Shelby, according to the reports, sneaked into the room while their backs were turned, and made a dive for the window. He reached it before the attendants could stop him.

He landed on his feet in soft grass, or his injuries would have been much more serious. It was said last night by hospital authorities.

Shelby was received at that hospital August 23, 1926, and is a son of R. M. Shelby of Medford.

SHIP REMAINS SILENT

BRITISH CRAFT ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE FRIDAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Wireless stations tonight had received no further word of the British freighter "Eastway," which last night sent out SOS calls for assistance. Two stations, here, one at Bermuda and several ships at sea picked up the message. The "Eastway's" location was given as about 30 miles off Bermuda. It sailed from Norfolk on Tuesday for Brazil.

RELIEF FUNDS SENT TO HELP QUAKE REGION

Hundreds Buried Alive in Armenia Following Terrific Earth Shocks

NURSES SAVE ORPHANS

Near East Relief Officials Say Need of Assistance Came at Unfortunate Time as Deficit Is Faced

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Dispatch of funds for relief work in Leninakan, Armenia, where an earthquake worked havoc last night, with scores killed or buried alive and thousands injured, was started today by the Near East Relief.

A sum of \$5000 was cabled to the stricken area as the initial relief fund and nationwide appeal for aid was telegraphed to all state commissions of the Near East Relief. The amount to be raised will be decided when relief workers in the field advise their headquarters of the extent of the stricken area's needs.

YOUTHS LODGED IN LOCAL JAIL

OFFICERS GIVE CHASE AND SECURE EVIDENCE

Broken Bottle Said to Contain Poor Grade of Moonshine Whiskey

Following a pursuit of four youths in a car out north Capitol street last night by local police officers, H. S. Rabena, Howard Hayes, and R. D. Garrett were lodged in jail. Rabena is charged with drunkenness, possession of intoxicating liquor, and breaking glass in a public street. Garrett is charged with transportation of intoxicating liquor, falling to stop at a through street intersection, and driving while intoxicated. Hayes is charged with drunkenness. A fourth member of the party was released.

The chase started when officers saw the car pass a stop sign without slackening pace. They pursued it, and saw the occupants throw two bottles out of the car. One of the bottles hit the pavement.

HEALTH OFFICER SUBMITS REPORT

BIRTHS AHEAD OF DEATHS IN MARION COUNTY

Plans Being Formed to Give All High School Boys Physical Examination

Communicable diseases in Marion county outside of state institutions were eight less during September than during August, according to the monthly report of Dr. Walter H. Brown, county health officer, presented at a meeting of the county health unit yesterday. There were 18 cases reported during August, and only 10 in September, excluding 18 cases of tuberculosis in the state tuberculosis hospital.

Births far exceeded deaths, according to the report, there being 74 births and only 29 deaths. Besides these deaths, however, there were 23 deaths recorded in state institutions and six deaths of non-residents. One stillbirth was recorded.

Regular daily hours have been set apart for the examination of school children, according to the report. Physical examinations have been given all football players and plans are under way to give them to all boys in the high school. Forty have already been examined.

The county educational campaign against diphtheria has also been started during September, the report stated. Talks have been given in Hubbard, Woodburn, Gervais, Silvertown, Turner, Stayton and Jefferson, and will be given in other towns soon. A film on diphtheria prevention is usually shown with the talk.

SLOOP LOST IN STORM

20 SURVIVORS ACCOUNTED FOR FROM VESSEL

LONDON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The admiralty announced that H. M. S. Valerian, a navy sloop of 1,250 tons, sank in the hurricane south of Bermuda. Twenty survivors are accounted for.

The British sloop Valerian was recommissioned at Bermuda in July 1925. She carried a complement of from 85 to 106 men. She was of 1,250 tons gross and indicated horsepower of 2,000. The royal naval list gave her commander as A. E. H. Wright.

BODY WILL BE EXHUMED

COURT SANCTIONS FURTHER HALL-MILLS PROBE

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 23.—(AP)—The body of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, one of the two victims in the Hall-Mills killings, is to be exhumed at New Brunswick Monday.

Announcement that Justice Charles W. Parker of the supreme court has signed an order granting permission for the disinterment was made today at Morris-town.

RICH AND POOR MOURN AT BIER OF LABOR HEAD

Worldly Mantels of Political Faith Cast Aside by Friends of Debs

GROUP OVERFLOWS HOME

Soft Autumnal Wind Rustles Requiem Among Fading Leaves as Funeral Ceremony Is Brought to Close

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 23.—(AP)—The human brotherhood that Eugene V. Debs gave his life to bring about was his in death today.

At the bier of the famous socialist in his comfortable Terre Haute home there came mourners from every social strata. Outside the flower-embowered parlor where lay the body, they left their worldly mantels of political faith, social convictions and religious beliefs to do obeisance to a beloved friend.

Capitalists, against whom Debs used his most effective invectives, were here at the funeral, because they loved the charitable visionary. And the seamed faces of labor whose cause was ever on Debs' escutcheon, streamed a benediction of tears. Rich and poor, lofty and humble, it was brotherhood of man much as Debs hoped for.

Here and there in the mass of humanity that engulfed the Debs' home and stretched for half a block in three directions was an enfeebled neighbor who had known this man since, as a pink-cheeked youth of 16, he first learned of the workers' problem as a fireman on the Terre Haute and Indianapolis railway. Later companions, Morris Hillquit of New York, Congressman Victor Berger of Wisconsin and Seymour Steadman of Chicago, who had stood shoulder to shoulder with Debs in the battle of socialism, had come to give testimony of their affection.

After the funeral ceremony at the Debs' home the body was taken to Indianapolis to be cremated. The ashes will be buried in a Terre Haute cemetery. Pall bearers were taken from the ranks of Terre Haute socialists and workers. There was no religious service as Debs was a member of no church.

Debs died in a sanitarium near Chicago Wednesday night after suffering a nervous breakdown a month earlier. He had suffered from heart trouble. He was nearing his 71st birthday.

"His love was all encompassing. It knew no geographical limitations, was not limited by race or creed," said Stedman, Debs' 1920 when the socialist leader, confined in Atlanta federal penitentiary, was his party's presidential candidate.

Berger, who is said to have converted Debs to socialism, Hillquit and William Cunniff of Chicago, also eulogized the Indianan.

Cunne, Debs' attorney, when he was convicted of obstructing the draft during the world war, recalled Debs' serenity at his trial.

"There was no bitterness in him," Cunne asserted, "when the newspaper reporter, whose testimony convicted Debs, met him outside the court and tears streaming from his eyes, cried: 'You don't blame me, Mr. Debs?' This exemplar of the Nazarene comforted him. 'No, my boy, you told the truth. I bless you for it.'"

"And when he came back from Atlanta to Terre Haute where he had been born and had lived all his life, I shall never forget his words at his own threshold. Thousands outside were cheering him. With arms outstretched to gather to his breast the wife who had been his comforter in darkness, he said: 'Home again. He is now home again, where winds of opposition can never touch him.'"

CAMPAIGN COSTS TOLD

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE RELATES EXPENSE FUND

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Total expenditures of \$27-326.94 on behalf of his campaign by all agencies was testified to here today by A. Scott Bullitt, democratic candidate for United States senator, in the senatorial investigation into his campaign costs.

FAN DIES DURING GAME

FLORIDA MAN SUFFERS AFTER EXCITING PLAY

BURNS SPIRIT SPEAKS

MEDIUM TELLS WHERE PORTRAIT CAN BE FOUND

PORTSMOUTH, England, Oct. 23.—(A.P.)—"Bobbie" Burns doesn't like the conventional portraits of him now in common use. He has made this known in a communication from the spirit world. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author and investigator of psychic phenomena, declared in a lecture here today. Instead Burns prefers a long lost portrait which has just been discovered.

Sir Arthur said Barrington Nash, an antique collector, saw the old picture in an antique shop but the face was at first unrecognizable. Then Burns' spirit spoke to Nash through a medium, telling him in a Scotch accent, of his dislike for the conventional Burns portraits and informing him that the picture in the shop was a better one.

Acting on the spirit's suggestion, Nash bought the old picture and on cleaning it found that it was a portrait of the Scotch poet, but presenting a maturer Burns than the modern public knows.

SOVIET BUREAU OUSTS TROTSKY

ACTION FOLLOWS MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BODY

Violation of Discipline by Factional Activities Held Reason

MOSCOW, Russia, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Leon Trotsky and Leon Kamenoff were ousted today from the all powerful political bureau of the communist party. Gregory Zinovieff, was expelled from the third communist international.

This action was taken late tonight by the central executive committee and the central controlling commission of the communist party, which then disciplined the three men for their factional activities.

They also strongly censured M. Platakoff, vice president of the supreme council of national economy; M. Sokolnikoff, former commissar of finance; M. Smilga, of the coal and oil bureau and M. Kaganovich, a member of the central executive committee, and Mme. Nikolaieva, as deputy member of the committee, as well as Trotsky, Kamenoff and Zinovieff, for violation of party discipline.

The resolution condemning the opposition group declares that Zinovieff rendered himself ineligible for further work in the third international, by his factional activities within that body. It further says that Zinovieff does not express the policy of the all-Russian communist party within the third international; that he earned the disapproval of the American, British, French, German and other foreign sections of the third international, thereby losing the confidence of all branches of that organization.

The case of the opposition group will be considered further at the fifteenth congress of the All-Russian communist party, opening next Thursday, at which M. Stalin will present the view of the majority.

COURT LEVIES FINES

JOE BROWN DISMISSED AT CIRCUIT COURT SESSION

Jim Angelus was fined \$500, William Brown was fined \$250, and charges against Joe Brown were dismissed in circuit court yesterday. The men were arrested in a raid last summer on a moonshine establishment near Brodacs, in which John Kambrowski was killed.

Chris Angelus, who was present with the other men at the time of the raid, escaped and has not been apprehended since. The men resisted the agents making the raid; the defense held, because they believed they were hi-jackers.

Frank McGrath, captured with Harold Looney in another moonshine raid, was fined \$250, suspended during his good behavior. Looney, who pleaded guilty, will be sentenced Monday. A charge of lewd and lascivious cohabitation placed against McGrath has not been pushed.

DRY AGENTS GET SUITS

NEW PROHIBITION UNIFORMS MAKE APPEARANCE

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 23.—(AP)—The first uniformed prohibition agents in the east appeared on the streets of Newark today.

Colonel Earl McManus, chief enforcement agent, and four other agents, donned blue coats with brass buttons, broad breeches and puttees and brown caps. It was announced that 20 men would be in uniform within a short time, and that one uniformed agent will be in each raiding party, to assure bootleggers and roadhouse keepers that the agents are not hi-jackers.

ARRESTS TRAFFIC OFFENDER

William Leham was arrested by local police officers yesterday on a charge of driving a car without a muffler.

PRUN-PORT'S FUTURE HOME TO BE SALEM

Chamber of Commerce Committee to Put Its Okeh on Proposed Project

LOGICAL PRUNE CENTER

Committee Makes Investigation of Industry, Location for Proposed Factory Under Consideration

The report of the Prun-Port committee is to be favorable. Following the meeting at the Salem Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, to talk over the proposition of securing the factory of the Major Fruit Products company, making the syrup for Prun-Port, a committee was appointed to make an investigation of the matter, the members of the committee being George E. Wick, Frank Gibson, D. B. Jarman and George B. Gutekunst.

This committee has been holding meetings and going into the matter thoroughly, with the result that its members are satisfied to give the project their okey.

It is now a matter of a few days only till the enterprise will be thoroughly financed. Locations for the proposed factory are being considered, but there is nothing definite to report on this head. There is very prospect that this factory will be in due course of being need a large amount of room to carry on its business, and it is to be presumed that in arranging for the initial location this likelihood will be considered and a decision made accordingly.

Salem Natural Location

As has been related before, this is a proposition for locating in Salem the factory for making the syrup from which will be manufactured the delightful new beverage, Prun-Port, a pure fruit product the basis being Italian prunes the splits, culls and small prunes being available. They must be dried in prunes and only the Italian variety will be available to get the delightful twang of the taste of the beverage. Considering these requirements, Salem is the location in the United States for such a factory, because this city is the center of the most extensive Italian prune industry in this country, if not in any country.

VOTERS BEING TAUGHT

SILVERTON GROUP STARTS SCHOOL FOR BALLOTING

SILVERTON, Ore., Oct. 23.—(Special).—A school for voters is Silvertown's latest novelty. This is being sponsored by the local Lutheran Brotherhood and will be held before the coming election.

The purpose of the school, according to the Brotherhood, is to enlighten voters in an "entirely non-partisan way of the contents of the different measures to be voted upon at the November election. Candidates are positively not to be discussed."

TURNTABLE KILLS MAN

RAILROAD WORKER RUSHED BY TRAIN TO HOSPITAL

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Harry Moyle, 48, was caught in a moving turntable at the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company roundhouse at Rietz today, suffering injuries from which he died three hours later. His body was not released for 45 minutes after the accident happened.

Fellow employees worked desperately with cold chisels to free the injured man. He was rushed to a hospital here on a special engine, in an effort to save his life. He is survived by a wife and two sons.

TRUCK DRIVER INJURED

MACHINE HIT BY LOGGING TRAIN AT COQUILLE

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Elmer Hufford, a truck driver, was injured, perhaps fatally today when his machine was hit by a logging train at Coquille. Shortly after the accident, Hufford underwent an operation to relieve fractures in the temple and jaw. It was believed he was also injured internally.

BICYCLE IS STOLEN

H. Couchman reported at local police headquarters yesterday that his bicycle had been stolen from in front of the YMCA building.

