

POLICE UNABLE TO FIND WOMAN

HUSBAND CONFINED TO HOSPITAL UNDER GUARD

Officials and Relatives Believe That Mrs. Houck Was Murdered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—

A fruitless search was conducted today by police and relatives for the body or hiding place of Mrs. Gladys W. Houck, wife of a staff physician at St. Elizabeth's hospital here who dropped out of sight last Wednesday. The husband, Dr. Knute Houck, who also disappeared on Wednesday, was brought back today from Hornell, N. Y., where he was picked up on a street apparently suffering from a mental breakdown.

Houck, held under guard at Gallinger hospital, gave police no clue as to the whereabouts of his wife. Still in a highly nervous condition, he told a disconnected story of how she had "left" him and how he himself had vanished from his home the same night.

Weeping bitterly, Houck admitted that he and his wife had had "trouble" and that the night before she disappeared he had beat her.

"I was dirty and contemptible," he said. "Then I awoke from a good dream to see her slipping out of the door."

The 30 year old physician dismissed the opinion that his wife might have committed suicide. She had threatened to end her life on several occasions, he said, but he felt sure she would never carry out such a threat.

Expressing confidence that once he got home again he would find his wife waiting for him, Houck said she probably was with friends somewhere.

Although baffled in their attempts to get some line on Mrs. Houck's movements after her disappearance, police generally are of the opinion that she was murdered. This belief was strengthened by the finding of some woman's night clothes in a box of trash on the back porch of the Houck home, but it was established late today that stains on the garments were not from blood.

Relatives of the missing woman also were insistent in their belief that she is dead. They scouted the theory that she might have ended her life or run away from home. She would not have gone away, they said, leaving a three year old son in the house.

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GREEN CASE NEARS END

Jury Expected to Get Liquor Embellishment Charge Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The fate of Col. Ned M. Green, deposed prohibition administrator for northern California

and Nevada, who has been on trial in the United States district court here on a charge of having embellished government liquor, was expected tonight to be left to a federal jury tomorrow afternoon.

When the court recessed late today both the defense and prosecution each still had 45 minutes in which to submit their final arguments. It was believed the submission of these arguments will take up the entire forenoon and that the noon recess will be followed by the issuance of the court's instructions by United States District Judge A. F. St. Sure.

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DRY ACTION PROMISED

Prohibition to Be Local Problem Soon, Andrews Declares

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Within a few months, the government will have stopped the operations of bootleg rings on a national or interstate scale, and when that time arrives, prohibition will become a local problem with each community virtually able to determine how stringently it wants the Volstead Act enforced, Lincoln C. Andrews, federal prohibition enforcement chief, told 300 manufacturers of malt beverages here today.

The government, Andrews said, has three immediate objectives: To stop the smuggling of liquor into the United States from abroad; to halt diversion of commercial alcohol to the beverage trade; and to close old time breweries still manufacturing real beer.

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Visiting Boyhood Scenes

Dr. L. C. Henderson of Spokane, of the U. S. bureau of animal industry, in which service he has been for many years, is visiting in Salem, accompanied by his wife. They are guests of his brother, R. G. Henderson, of the Kort Cafe. Dr. Henderson was "Charlie" Henderson in Salem, his birthplace, as a boy. The visitors will be here till after the holidays.

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MADAME KALICH COMING TO SALEM

Sundermann's "Magda" Booked for Elsinore Theater on January 6

Henri Gressitt, who has been bringing famous attractions to the Pacific coast for many years, is here all the way from New York to inform us that we are to have the exceptional pleasure of having the great Madame Bertha Kalich, in person, in Sundermann's "Magda," which she produced last season with such success in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other large cities of the east. This will be Madame Kalich's first tour to the Pacific coast in any of her great successes, such as "Fedora," "Maeterlinck's 'Monna Vonna,'" "The Kreutzer Sonata," "Maria of the Lowlands," "The Witch," "Therese Requin," "Jitta's Atone-ment," "The Riddle Woman" and numerous others.

It is certainly delightful to learn that the theatergoers are to have something really fine in the drama which has been so neglected in the past few years as all of us have realized, and wondered if it would ever return.

"What a treat you will have when Madame Kalich appears here" for the first time in her greatest of all her successes, Sundermann's

"Magda," which has really caused a sensation in every city in which she has played," said Mr. Gressitt, "and the reason is very simple when you think of what a great artist Madame Kalich is and has been for many years. Without disparaging any of the women on our stage, I think I can honestly say that I cannot recall one name that can do the work that Kalich does, for she is a superb genius and has been recognized as such the world over. She has been called by practically every critic the Bernhardt and Duse of the American stage, and there is really no one else to compare her with in my day, and I have seen them all. Then Madame always surrounds herself with a very fine company of players, and the combination is wonderful. Add to this Sundermann's masterpiece, 'Magda,' and you can anticipate a treat that you will remember to your dying day."

Madame Kalich is making a world tour that will take her to London, Paris, Brussels, Rome and Berlin, where she will give 'Magda' in German, with Sundermann present, and at the same time she hopes to produce the play which he is writing for her.

Mr. Gressitt told of the Madame's triumphal tour in the east, and particularly about the number of performances which have been sold out even before her arrival, and wound up by saying: "Madame Kalich comes to the Elsinore theater on Thursday evening, Jan. 6, under the auspices of the Salem Woman's club, which fact will please many friends of this well known organization."

"MADAME BUTTERFLY" WINS MUCH PRAISE

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trative wonder of her voice. The famous Duet of the Flowers must have left some mark in the walls of the theatre, so vital it was. "One Fine Day" was all that the most musically surfeited could hope to hear.

Sergei Radansky took the role of Benjamin Franklin Pinkerton instead of George Brandt who was listed.

Madame Muira has a marvelous sensitivity to clothes. The lavishly kimono in which she appeared one after the other last night were proof of that.

A group of Japanese residents of Salem presented the prima donna with a gorgeous basket of scarlet poinsettias and another of golden chrysanthemums which immediately became a part of the stage scenery. Madame was most touching in her gratitude. One party for the performance came in from the Lake Labish celery meadows.

The half-hour ballet which preceded the opera was full of the tragic splendor of the Orient. Entitled "The Temple of the Sun," the act exemplified a season of sacrifice, in Syria, to the Sun God. The dancing, the costumes, the lighting, the properties were full of the rigid, inexhaustible beauty of the East that is so mad and yet so glorious.

It is interesting to the proud citizenship of Salem to know that W. E. Cuthbert, manager of the

Manhattan Opera company, declared the theatre which George B. Guthrie has given to Salem is at least fifty years ahead of its time, adding "there is no other theatre so distinctive, and none any more beautiful."

Performances on a level with the grand opera which left the audience amazed and delighted last night will come again and again to this beautiful theatre so suited to them; and Salem's part is to lend support, not once, but always, until the best in theatricals becomes a tradition.

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Bits For Breakfast

"A Perfect Tribute"

To the Elsinore theater:

After Salem's first grand opera last night, W. E. Cuthbert, manager of the Manhattan Opera company, said he had seen most of the great theaters of the world, and not one of them equals in distinctiveness the Elsinore of Salem. And he added that the Elsinore is 50 years ahead of the times, and said he was willing to have his name signed to the statement.

Some of the people of Salem have realized the truth of Mr. Cuthbert's words, and they have been confirmed by numbers of outsiders; but there has not been before such a perfect tribute by such an outstanding man; one qualified to speak with authority.

The people of Salem and the surrounding towns and of the tributary country did themselves great credit last night by filling the Elsinore for the first grand opera for the capital city. Nearly every seat was occupied.

The Japanese of Salem and surrounding country paid their great countrywoman, Tamaki Muira, "the incomparable" in "Madame Butterfly" the tribute of helping to fill the Elsinore last evening. This was one of the things that inspired her to put the finest touches of feeling into her part.

The next big thing at the Elsinore is to be Madame Bertha Kalich, in person, in Sundermann's "Magda," under the auspices of the Salem Woman's club, on Jan. 6th. She will not even appear in Portland, there having come about a mistake as to dates in booking.

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ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

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(Special).—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Madsen entertained at Sunday dinner, covers being laid for Mrs. M. J. Madsen, Lillie Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Madsen, Lulu Hjorth, Dora Hjorth and Clarence Hjorth. The Hjorths are visiting here from Green Bay, Wis.

Crystal spheres are supplanting the more ornate china and pottery bases for table lamps.

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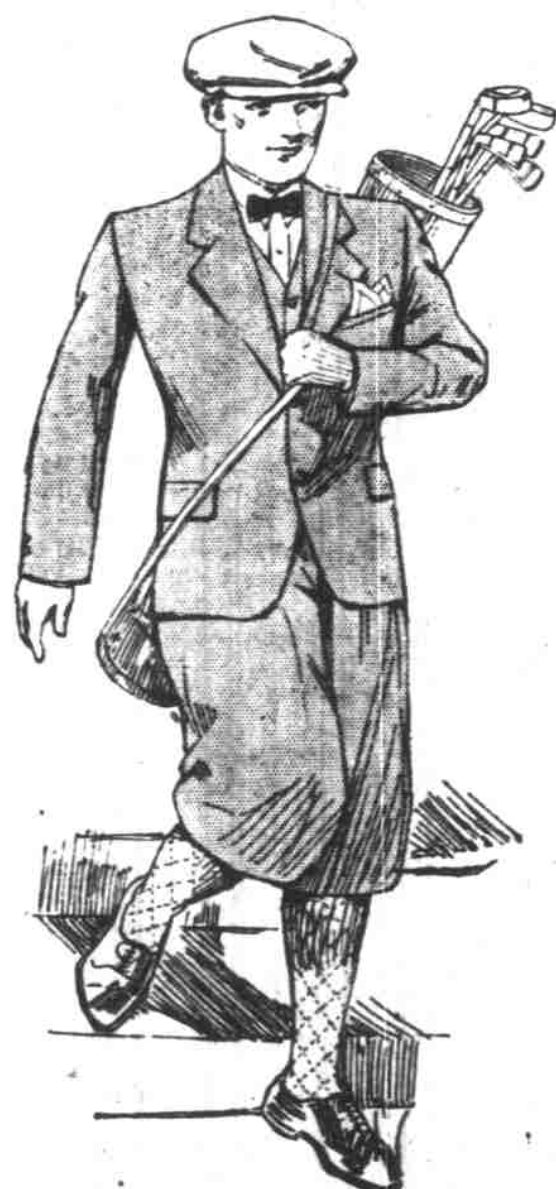
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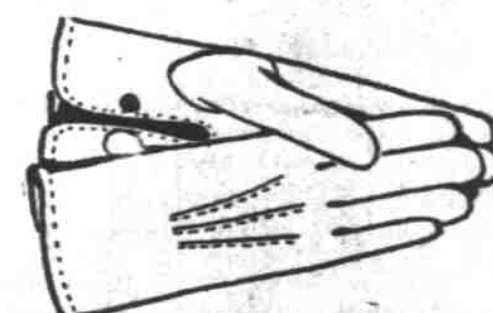
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