

WIDE INTEREST FOLLOWS CASE

Most Sensational Murder Case in Recent Court History of State

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apparently contradictory statements concerning the time element in the death, and having to do with the removal of the body from the apartment, were brought out in the trial.

Dr. Paul B. Cooper, called to attend her after she fell to the floor under the deadly knife thrust, contradicted, according to state transcripts, an earlier statement and dictated a "confession" that the first statement was in error in several important instances. At the coroner's inquest and at the trial he repudiated the "confession."

Said Woman Alive

When taken away

In the first talk with police he said Mrs. Bowles was alive when he called the ambulance. Later, officials declared, he admitted she was dead when he called the ambulance and sent the body to the morgue. He was cited for violation of a state law for having removed a body without first notifying police and the coroner.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Bowles was the victim of a "murderous attack" by either Bowles or Miss Loucks or both.

They went on trial March 2. In concluding arguments the defense made the plea that the jury "hang them or set them free—there can be no compromise."

State Doesn't

Mention Possibility

The state made no mention of the death penalty, in outlining its case, however, it advanced its theory that while Miss Loucks plied the arms of the young society matron to her side, Bowles picked up the blade and dashed it into his wife's breast.

The defendants took the stand in their own defense, both calm under direct and cross-examination. They told substantially the same story, which was that Mrs. Bowles had come to the apartment in search of Bowles, who arrived later. Mrs. Bowles asked her husband about a divorce; he said anything she decided upon would satisfy him. Miss Loucks testified that she and Bowles had decided to see no more of each other.

And then, they said, Mrs. Bowles remarked "I can't go on like this—I'm going to make my life over again," to which she added—"There's only one thing to do!"

And Bowles inquired what that might be. "I'm going to get a glass of water," that was the answer.

Drugged to Floor

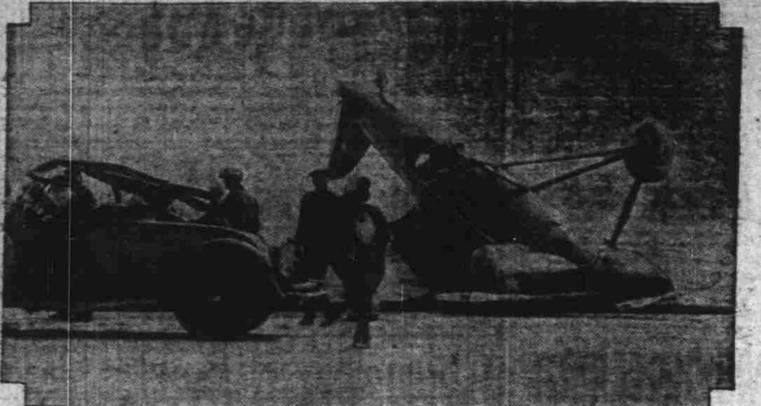
After stabbing the defendants agreed, she went to the kitchen. She seemed to stay there longer than necessary. Miss Loucks heard a cry; Bowles didn't. As they reached the door the woman's body crumpled, they said, and she fell to the floor.

Washington county got the trial on a defense motion for a change of venue from Multnomah county, attorneys for the defendants declared, prejudice was so strong against them a fair trial could not be obtained. Bowles is the son of the late J. C. Bowles, war-time shipbuilder of Seattle and Portland.

Throughout the long trial the families of both defendants, and the family of Mrs. Bowles sat in the courtroom. Frequently they were in tears.

The defendants bore up well under the strain. Occasionally Miss Loucks would wipe tears from her eyes; Bowles was solemn, haggard and attentive.

DESERT WINDS CAUSE TRIAL FLIGHT FLOP



Sudden gusts of a desert wind-storm over Lake Mead, in the Mojave desert, Calif., brought a score of persons near death when this airplane was hurled into a line of automobiles and movie sound trucks, just after completing a series of successful flight tests. Fortunately none was injured.

March 16—Trial resumed. Mrs. Howard testified.

March 17—Dr. Cooper on stand and denies statements alleged in second statement to police.

March 18—Defense opens case. Dr. Frank R. Menno on stand.

March 20—Court denies motion for directed verdict of acquittal.

March 21—Bowles testifies. Mrs. Bowles killed herself.

March 21—Miss Loucks testifies in her own behalf.

March 22—Defense rests.

March 23—Final arguments begin.

March 24—Arguments completed and cases sent to jury.

March 25—Verdict of acquittal returned.

Seek Method For Uniform Foul Calling

NEW YORK, March 28. (AP)—An urgent appeal to the rules committee to devise some means to assure uniform officiating throughout the country was voiced today by the national association of basketball at its final session.

After prolonged debate, during which the fact accused the west of sponsoring rough play and the east of declaring the east had originated the "block," it was decided to pass the buck to the rules body at its meeting here next month.

It was suggested, among other things, that the rules committee set out a moving picture of a model basketball game to be shown to coaches, officials and players in every section. Another scheme called for the manufacturers of sporting goods to send a crack set of officials throughout the land to lecture on the proper method of calling a game.

Courts Denied Right to Limit Cost of Meals

County courts cannot limit the expense account for food for prisoners confined in jail on civil or criminal process to the actual cost of such food, according to an opinion prepared by Attorney General Van Winkle Saturday.

The opinion was requested by L. G. Lewelling, district attorney of Linn county.

The attorney general held that the sheriff is entitled to pay for services as well as food.

BACK FROM SOUTH

CLEAR LAKE, March 28. (AP)—Chester Pugh has returned to Clear Lake after having been in Oakland, Cal., for several months, and is now helping care for his father, C. W. Pugh, who has been seriously ill for some time. Mrs. Pugh has been receiving treatment and is reported as recovering and intends leaving Oakland April 1. Mrs. Pugh's many friends in Clear Lake will be glad to hear she is again in good health.

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The application requests that the packing firm be allowed to lay a submerged pipe in the Willamette river at a location about 500 feet below the Southern Pacific company's bridge crossing at Union street.

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Major Oscar O. Kuents of the corps of engineers in Portland asks that any objection from the standpoint of navigation be received in the Portland office before April 1.

COMPTON TO FAVOR WAGE REQUIREMENT

Any reduction in wages for laboring men will be opposed by J. C. Compton of McMinnville, prominent Oregon contractor for public road work. He was in Salem yesterday and stated that he was contemplating a minimum wage of 50 cents an hour for ordinary laborers during the summer season.

"Cutting wages simply means we pile up in winter months the burden of supporting families whose breadwinners have been unable to make a living in the summer months," said Compton. "I would favor a clause in state highway contracts making it mandatory for contractors to pay a minimum wage."

Compton said the outlook for road construction this summer was good.

Wheat Markets Will be Loaded Again, Forecast

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TENSE MOMENT ENDED HAPPILY

Jurors File in Smiling at Prospect of Freeing Two Defendants

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read it silently. The tense spectators, anticipating the verdict, leaned forward. But the court was not yet ready to read the verdict. He ordered the juror to locate District Attorney Lotus L. Langley and George Morry, his chief deputy, but they could not be found.

Judge Bagley unfolded the verdict once more.

"We, the jury in the above entitled court and cause," he read slowly, "find the defendant Nelson C. Bowles not guilty."

A ripple of applause started in the rear of the courtroom, but Judge Bagley sternly commanded silence and ordered there must be no demonstration.

Second Verdict

Read by Judge

A heavy silence hung over the courtroom while the court read a similar verdict acquitting Miss Loucks.

Mrs. Ada D. Fiesel, Miss Loucks' mother, rushed to her daughter and embraced her, tears streaming down her cheeks. Bowles rose

and embraced his mother, Mrs. D. A. Dinmoor, and his uncle, W. Lair Thompson, one of the defense attorneys.

The court turned his attention to the jury and thanked the 12 men for their work.

As the final gavel sounded the millionaire and his former secretary walked to the jury box and thanked each juror individually for the verdict.

The same nerves of steel that carried the defendants through the long trial carried them through today's climax without a break. They took no apparent notice of each other.

Bowles and Miss Loucks prepared to leave Hillsboro at once. Neither would make any statement. Indictments on a statutory

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Woman to Face Murder Charge

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 28. (AP)—A superior court jury acquitted Mrs. Marguerite Vogel, 56, of a first degree murder charge here tonight in connection with the shooting of her husband on their Lawrence farm February 6.



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Iva B. Bushey, Salem. (Automobile collision) ..	55.17
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CHRONOLOGY GIVEN FOR BOWLES CASE

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died from a wound inflicted "with murderous intention" by Miss Loucks or Bowles or both.

December 6—Miss Loucks and Bowles are bound over to grand jury.

December 11—Grand jury begins investigation.

December 20—Grand jury returns joint indictment charging Bowles and Miss Loucks with Mrs. Bowles' murder.

January 2—Indictments charging first degree murder returned separately against Bowles and Miss Loucks. Indictment involving statutory charge returned. Secret indictment returned in connection with alleged attack on Mrs. Howard.

January 8—Defense counsel attacks indictments. Arraignment continued.

January 12—Mrs. Howard reports second alleged attack.

January 20—Motions to quash indictments overruled by Circuit Judge Ekwall. State elects to prosecute on joint indictment.

January 23—Defendants plead not guilty.

January 30—Change of venue motion filed by defense.

February 4—Change of venue arguments heard by Judge Ekwall. State does not oppose the change.

February 7—Judge Ekwall assigns case to Washington county, Circuit Judge George R. Bagley to preside.

February 12—Defendants transferred to county jail at Hillsboro.

February 14—Judge Bagley sets March 2 as trial date.

March 2—Trial opens. First jurors called.

March 4—Jury completed.

March 5—Testimony begins.

March 9—Francis Nibler, juror, taken ill. Frank W. Jackson, one of two alternates, takes his place.

March 11—Two more jurors ill from influenza. Trial adjourned.

March 12—Influenza strikes two more jurors.