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MURDERER IS BEHIND BARS

Mystery of Umatilla Crime Cleared Up With Arrest of George Tracy.

ACCUSED FORMERLY DROVE GOLDEN RULE HOTEL BUS

Slayer of Andy Rabael Captured on Train This Morning—Local Officers Have Been on Trail Since Crime—Have Strong Chain of Evidence—Accused Has Been in California Since Brutal Deed—Recognized by Old Acquaintance.

George Tracy, alias C. W. Arnold, former driver of the Golden Rule hotel bus in this city, is lodged in the county jail, charged with the brutal murder of Andy Rabael, near Umatilla on the evening of November 23. He was arrested on train No. 10, between The Dalles and Biggs this morning while on his way back to the scene of the crime after having unwittingly eluded the officers in a dozen California towns.

While credit for the immediate arrest is due to Dell Smith, a former bartender at Echo, who recognized the accused man just as Smith was leaving the train at The Dalles where Tracy was getting on, it was due entirely to the successful work of Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Wilson that the identity of the accused man was discovered. These officers also threw out such a network all over the coast that it was impossible for him long to escape.

It seems that the officers have been aware of the identity of the murdered man, almost from the day of the crime. Taking up the scent at the very scene of the brutal murder itself, Sheriff Taylor traced it right back to Echo, where he found that Tracy or Arnold and the murdered man had hired two horses, early in the afternoon and that at an early hour in the morning Tracy returned alone. No questions were asked concerning the other man and no explanation for his not appearing was offered.

Has Been in California.

Tracy left on the best train for Portland from where he took the steamer Kansas City for San Francisco. After spending a week or two in San Francisco and Oakland, he jumped to Los Angeles, where he says he stayed two or three days before returning to San Francisco, then to Red Bluff, Redding and Portland. Leaving Portland yesterday he came to The Dalles on the steamer and was talking the train at that point for Echo, when he was recognized by Smith. The latter changed his plans about getting off and stayed on the train with the accused man. After a short time Deputy Sheriff J. J. Hecker of Sherman county, was found on the train and he was induced by Smith to place Tracy under arrest and bring him to Pendleton. In the meantime Deputy Sheriff Wilson had been notified by wire and was at the depot when the train pulled in about 6 o'clock this morning.

Sheriff Taylor had left Portland last evening for California in search of the accused man and as soon as the prisoner arrived in Pendleton Deputy Wilson sent a message to Ashland to head him off. He will, therefore return as soon as he can catch a train.

Denies His Guilt.

When first arrested Tracy was told that he was wanted on a charge of horsestealing. It was not until a few hours later that he was told by District Attorney Phelps and Deputy Sheriff Bert Wilson of the gravity of the charge against him.

Tracy or Arnold, as he insists his right name is, denies that he killed Rabael. He declares the dead man was as good a friend as he ever had and that he nursed him when the man who is now dead was sick at Baker City. He admits driving the horses on one of which Rabael rode to his death, but he declares that after leaving the livery stable in company with

DECLARE ALL UNION MEN WILL STRIKE

Spokane, Dec. 17.—The assertion is made today that every union working man in the service of the railroads involved in the switchmen's strike will be pulled off the job after noon Saturday if the demands and grievances of the strikers are not arbitrated. The strikers declare they don't care so much now for the six cents additional an hour but demand a moderation of the physical examination and an abolition of the age limit.

Rabael on the fatal afternoon that they rode together to a bridge just west of Echo, where he turned his horse over to a man with whom he was but slightly acquainted and whom he knew only by the given name of Lewis or Louis.

He says the third man was to take Rabael out to the White ranch where he had work for him and that Lewis had him get the horses for them from the stable. He says he waited out along the railroad track and at the depot all afternoon and up until late at night for the two men to return and that he finally went to the hotel and went to bed without having had any supper.

Though he was extremely nervous throughout his examination this morning he expressed no surprise when he was shown the picture of the murdered man or when told that he was charged with his murder.

While the officers are saying little they are jubilant over the capture and say they have the accused man enveloped in such a strong chain of evidence that it will be impossible for him to escape. They refuse, however, to say of what their evidence consists.

Well Known Here.

The accused man drove the bus for the Golden Rule hotel for two months or more, while it was being conducted by H. C. Brannetter and is therefore well-known in this city. He was married at that time, but his wife secured a divorce about four months ago. She was permitted to resume her maiden name of Belle Hamilton and together with their little daughter is now living at Echo, Tracy's infatuation for his former wife is supposed to be responsible for his return to Echo, though he says he simply returned because he had his California visit out.

In addition to being in San Francisco and other California towns, Tracy is believed to have been in Santa Cruz and to have passed a forged check for \$20 while in that city. The local officers have kept such close tabs on his movements that it seemed impossible for him to have maintained his liberty this long. A number

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MORE ABOUT COOK'S DISCOVERY CLAIMS

ARCTIC CLUB SECRETARY SAYS LOOSE AFFIDAVIT LIES

Asserts That Captain Confessed He Was Out For Money—Loose Persists in Story—Cook Has Danger From Another Quarter.

Will Ignore Affidavits.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—The committee investigating the records of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, now in mysterious seclusion, announced that this afternoon announced that the affidavits of Loose and Dunkle, made in New York, claiming that they fabricated the records for Cook will be ignored. The committee will base its decision entirely upon the records of Cook's trip to the north, as submitted by him.

New York, Dec. 17.—Another little flurry struck New York last night, which, boiled down, resolved itself into a series of charges and counter charges such as have been frequent since Dr. Frederick A. Cook, now in mysterious seclusion, announced he had discovered the north pole.

B. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic club, came out first with a statement indicating that Captain August W. Loose was prepared to repudiate a recent affidavit published in a New York newspaper that he had faked records for Dr. Cook.

After a hurried search Loose was found with his associate, George Dunkle. He denied that he intended to retract anything, stood by his affidavit and said on the other hand that attempts had been made to bribe him into a contradiction of his previous declarations. Dunkle confirmed him in this.

Captain Osborn of this city, secretary of the Arctic club, has written Captain Joseph Bernier and others that Captain August W. Loose's story of his dealings with Dr. Cook, as published in a New York newspaper was conducted for sale without regard to the truth.

Danger in Accuracy.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—Danger from another quarter threatens the reputation of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, according to a member of the committee now investigating his data sent from New York by the explorer. The scientist calls attention to the fact that the storms in the polar regions render it impossible for absolute accuracy in securing data, and says that Cook's figures will arouse more suspicion in the minds of investigators if they are absolutely correct than if they are inaccurate. The committee began its work today and expects to reach a decision within a fortnight.

ZELAYA STEPS DOWN AND OUT

Situation Grows Too Hot For Chief Executive of Nicaragua.

Dictator CENSURES ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES

No Longer Able to Withstand Demands of Nation, Tyrant Gives up Reins of Government—Favor Madriz as Successor But Estrada Objects—Zelaya Makes Weak Appeal for Sympathy—Talks of Patriotism and Self-Abnegation.

Managua, Dec. 17.—Jose Zantosa Zelaya has resigned from the presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of congress yesterday.

Apparently there was no other course to take. The people were aroused at the last. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports. Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace. Zelaya has surrounded himself with an armed guard. Unchecked, the populace has marched through the streets, crying for the end of the old and proclaiming the new regime.

Who will take up the reins no one knows nor cares. It is sufficient that Zelaya as director will be known no more. There is no doubt that congress will act quickly on his resignation for the people have demanded it. Madriz Choice of Zelaya.

Dr. Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice at Artigiano, who has been close to Zelaya, and is now his choice for president, is on his way here. He will arrive on Saturday. Madriz has the following, strong and influential, even among the revolutionists, but General Estrada, under whose command the great body of fighting insurgents now face Vasquez's troops at Rama, will have none of him. Estrada's word will bear weight in the choice of president.

Zelaya has known too, that Madriz is not acceptable to the United States and he sought to learn who would be looked upon with favor by that government as his successor, but the American government, so far as can be learned, has named no man, and the choice probably will be with those who have gained the upper hand.

Accompanying his resignation Zelaya sent the following message to congress: Zelaya Plays for Sympathy. "The painful circumstances in which the country is plunged call for acts of abnegation and patriotism on the part of the good citizens who are the witnesses of the oppressed of the republic by the heavy hand of fate. The country is staggering under a shameful revolution that threatens the nation's sovereignty and a foreign

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MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN REPLY TO CITY'S SLANDERERS

In hopes of offsetting some of the unjust and unfavorable advertising which Walla Walla has received at the hands of Walla Walla dyvekeepers, Mayor E. J. Murphy and five members of the city council have forwarded the following letter to the Evening Bulletin of Walla Walla:

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 17, 1909. The Evening Bulletin, Walla Walla, Wash.

With no intention of influencing the citizens of Walla Walla in the approaching municipal election, or of espousing the cause of either the liquor or prohibition forces, we desire, as representatives of the city of Pendleton, to most emphatically protest against the further publication by your newspapers and the circulation among your people of false and misleading statements regarding the effect of the local option law on the moral and business interests of this city.

The statement recently appeared in the Walla Walla newspapers that the local option law "financially brought ruin." Brought no betterment, and of Pendleton, "that her stores have taken on a look of despondency," and the headline in the Morning Union of December 16, "The Camera Never Lies," are false and misleading and have undoubtedly been made maliciously, for the purpose of deceiving your citizens and wilfully misrepresenting the facts. The photographs

KING LEOPOLD IS NO MORE

Aged Monarch of Belgium Passes to Great Beyond Early This Morning.

PRINCE ALBERT WILL ASCEND THE THRONE

Old Ruler Gives up Brave Fight for Life at 2:35 a. m.—Collapse Comes Suddenly—End Comes Quietly and Peacefully—Doctors Were Unprepared—Son and Daughters Not Present at Death—Prince Albert Will Succeed His Father.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—King Leopold died at 2:35 o'clock this morning, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

Throughout yesterday bulletins issued from the sick room indicated progressive improvement. The bulletin posted at 6:30 o'clock gave the king's temperature, pulse and respiration as practically normal. Apparently the drainage of the wound was perfect as no fever was present all day. The king had been able to take nourishment.

The public at large was satisfied that the king would recover, but within the pavilion where the king lay, anxiety was felt, chiefly because of Leopold's great age. After a restless day the patient was able to sleep for a brief period early in the evening, and the night passed quietly. About 2 o'clock alarming symptoms appeared. Suddenly the king turned and called to Dr. Thiriar: "Tetouffe, docteur, tetouffe" ("I am suffocating.") Dr. De Page was summoned and the two physicians did everything possible to prolong life, but without avail.

Son Kisses Dead Father.

The end came quickly and, after a spell of weakness, peacefully. Prince Albert arrived at the deathbed about 25 minutes later. He was accompanied by Princess Clementine. Albert kissed the dead king and left the chamber weeping. Baron Goffinet, the king's secretary, started immediately for Brussels to notify members of the royal family. As he was entering his motor car he exclaimed: "To think that only yesterday we were still full of confidence, and now the king is dead."

It appears that the doctors were totally unprepared for a fatal termination. It was a man, acting as nurse, who first noticed the heavy breathing of the king. She called Dr. Thiriar to the bedside. Doctors Thiriar and De Page resorted to injections of morphine but these had no effect.

Soon after the end had come the ministers were notified. The first official to arrive at the death chamber was the royal chaplain. The ministers remained in the chamber for considerable time discussing in subdued

tones the sudden death and matters of state.

The king's coolness and courage in the heroic struggle won the admiration of all, for at no time did he seem to fear the result. Now that he is dead, it is believed that he was able to survive so long by the sheer force of his mentality.

When Goffinet emerged from the high walls of the royal gardens his pale face startled the newspaper correspondents outside. He paused for a moment and said solemnly, "The king is dead."

The king's death was announced by Dr. DePage, was due to embolism, a small blood clot probably being carried to the heart.

Baron Goffinet said death occurred exactly at 2:47 o'clock. Yesterday the king was in capital humor. He talked with Baron Goffinet about going, a few weeks later to the Riviera and, although his old troubles of oedema of the foot had reappeared in aggravated form he was hopeful as also were the doctors. The latter were anxious, however, because of the weak condition of the king's heart.

Regency Until Coronation.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The National Monitor announced today that pending the succession of Prince Albert to the Belgian throne, Belgian's government will be administered by a regency consisting of the council ministers.

Leopold's death occurred on the forty-fourth anniversary of his formal accession to the throne, although his kingship dated from Dec. 10, 1835.

King Regularly Married.

London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from the Central News Rome correspondent today says the pope has notified his Brussels representative that King Leopold who died early today, was regularly married to Baroness Vaughn at San Remo, Italy, in 1908. This information is said to have been given in order that protection of her reported marital rights may be afforded the baroness.

The funeral of the late king will be held next Wednesday, and Prince Albert will take the royal oath on the following day. The news of the marriage of King Leopold to Baroness Vaughn was received here with marked disfavor. A hooting and jeering mob surrounded the baroness' home, and violence was only prevented by the police interfering.

EMINENT STATESMEN CENSURE PRESIDENT

LA FOLLETTE AND BRYAN EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS

Former Declares Taft Drawing Away from Roosevelt Policies—Time to Take Decisive Step—Bryan Says Message Was Tame.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 17.—"If President Taft expects to put forward the Roosevelt policies he will do well to go about it promptly and not leave congress and the people to infer, as well they may, after the experience of the last extra session, that he is waiting for the appearance of the Aldrich and Cannon program." Thus Senator La Follette closes an editorial in his weekly magazine today sharply criticizing President Taft and his recent message to congress. La Follette sarcastically indicates it is his belief that the president is drawing away from the policies of his predecessor. He calls attention to the brevity of the message to the special session, saying, "Everywhere thoughtful men were anticipating great state papers."

Regarding this last message to come from the White House, La Follette comments: "He was silent where he should have spoken strongly." The senator declares the people are anxious to see a definite official form of Taft's wishes regarding legislation. "The tariff was a bad job," he continues, "and the Balinger situation grows more tense if the truth were known."

Message Tame, Says Bryan.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—In the "Commoner" today William Jennings Bryan asserts as his frank opinion that President Taft's recent message was one of the tamest that ever came out of the White House. He says: "No honest tariff revisionists among the people can find a note of comfort in the president's reference to this important subject." Bryan declares it is plain that the coming special messages will not suggest anything unacceptable to the "special interests." "The president says the Sherman anti-trust law needs amendment," says Bryan. "He is mistaken, it needs enforcement."

HOLD CITIZENS AT BAY WHILE BANK IS LOOTED

Genonimo, Okla., Dec. 17.—While three bandits held a crowd of citizens at bay two others looted the Citizens bank this morning of \$1650 and escaped. They are being pursued by posse.

BEAN DECIDES FOR PHELPS

Famous Detective Bill Case Brought to Close. Victory For District Attorney.

INDEBTEDNESS WAS INVOLUNTARY, SAYS COURT

Efforts of Liquor Interests to Tie the Hands of District Attorney in His Prosecution of Violators of Local Option Law Blocked by Judge's Decision—Court Had Been Restrained from Paying Detective for Services

The famous detective bill case was decided by Circuit Judge Bean yesterday afternoon in favor of District Attorney Phelps and against the interests which are seeking to make the enforcement of the law more difficult. The decision is a decided victory for law enforcement and would seem to indicate that the district attorney has the power and the authority to employ detectives whenever it becomes necessary in order to secure the enforcement of the local option law.

It will be remembered that more than a year ago, when violations of the local option law became numerous that District Attorney Phelps employed a detective. In conjunction with Sam Bannister, a prominent resident of the east end of the county, this detective secured information which when presented to the grand jury resulted in that body returning a large number of indictments for violations of the local option law. Most of those indicted entered pleas of guilty after one of their number had been tried and convicted. The total amount of fines paid into the coffers of the county at that time being more than \$7000.

Detective's Bill Held Up.

In due course of time the detective's bill, amounting to \$255 was presented to the court. Commissioners Lee and Walker demurred to its payment for the alleged reason that they had not been consulted in the matter. Lee finally came to the conclusion that the bill should be paid aid therefore voted with County Judge Gilliland to that effect. Therefore, though Walker still held out, the bill was ordered paid despite his objection.

An injunction suit was then filed and a restraining order issued which prevented the court from ordering the bill paid. Frank Michaels and C. C. Cunningham were the names of the complainants in this suit, both being well-known taxpayers of the county. This is the suit that has been on trial and the one in which Judge Bean rendered his decision yesterday afternoon.

Indebtedness Involuntary.

The contention contained in the complaint was that the court had already exceeded the amount of the constitutional voluntary indebtedness. District Attorney Phelps contended that the employment of the detective was not incurring a voluntary indebtedness but an involuntary. He insisted that the law was being notoriously violated and that the local officers were unable to cope with the situation for the reason that they were too well known. He maintained therefore that an unusual state of affairs existed and that the employment of a detective was absolutely necessary and involuntary.

Judge Bean's decision conforms to this contention of the district attorney for the court holds that the debt was an involuntary, not a voluntary one, and that the court should pay. This will relieve the district attorney of the necessity of making the amount good out of his own pocket and is considered an important local option decision.

TERRIBLE RIVER TRIP IN OPEN ROW BOAT

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—Exhausted, half frozen and nearly starved, Levi Frank, his wife and nine children are in this city today after fighting their way for 100 miles down the Mississippi in open boats during the recent storms which culminated Friday night in a blizzard. During the blizzard, their rowing boats became stranded on an island, and the family was nearly dead from their five days exposure when rescued. Frank is in a precarious condition from sickness brought on by attempting to swim from the island to shore to summon assistance, and his daughter Ella is in the hospital suffering from pneumonia, and typhoid fever.