

WIFE'S MURDER IN FAKE HOLD UP CHARGED TO MAN

San Francisco, Cal., July 15.—Henry Wilkens was arrested yesterday charged with the murder of his wife, Anna Wilkens, as the result of a statement alleged to have been made by Arthur Castor to District Attorney Brady and Police Woman Kate O'Connor, it was announced by I. M. Golden, chief deputy district attorney, here after Wilkens had been lodged in jail. Mrs. Wilkens was shot and killed the night of May 30, supposedly by one of three highwaymen in an attempted holdup. Arthur Castor, held in jail here on charges of passing worthless checks, is said to be one of the highwaymen.

According to Castor's purported statement, he and his brother, Walter, had arranged with Wilkens to stage a fake holdup of the Wilkens automobile. The Castors, it is claimed by the police, were to have robbed Wilkens of what money he had and also were to rob Mrs. Wilkens of her jewelry.

The holdup, Arthur Castor is said to have declared, was staged as planned, with Walter Castor wielding the revolver. In the holdup, according to the reputed confession, a shot was fired, but Arthur Castor is said to have denied that he knew who fired it, his brother, Walter, or Wilkens.

In the robbery, Arthur is reported to have said, it is claimed, Walter Castor took a wallet from Wilkens. After the holdup, continued the statement, the pair drove back into the city and the next morning Walker complained that Wilkens had double crossed him—that the wallet was empty and that Mrs. Wilkens had worn no jewelry.

Then Arthur Castor is said to have explained, he and his brother went to the Wilkens home, where Wilkens gave them three \$100 bills.

Two \$100 bills were found on the Castors when they were arrested the day following the shooting of Mrs. Wilkens. The brothers later were turned loose because of insufficient evidence against them. Wilkens claimed that he had been robbed of three \$100 bills in the holdup in which his wife was slain.

DALLAS SCHOOL TEACHERS HIRED

Dallas, Or., July 15.—A meeting of the Dallas school board was held in the office of Dr. A. B. Starbuck Friday evening at which the following members were in attendance: Dr. A. B. Starbuck, chairman; Tracey Staats, clerk; Mrs. Ora Cosper, W. L. Soehren and Mrs. Emma Craven and R. T. Turner, city superintendent of schools. Several matters of importance were brought before the board and given consideration. Chief among these were the election of two new teachers for the high school. These were Miss Ruth Jellinek, of Crete, Nebraska, who will be the head of the commercial department, and Miss Esther Fall, of Eugene, who will teach some of the commercial branches and first year in high school English.

The matter of selecting a principal for the high school, vice C. G. Everett resigned, and a manual training teacher to take the place of J. A. Griffin, recently killed in an automobile wreck, was deferred for future action at the request of the superintendent.

The \$10,000 bond of Tracey Staats as clerk was approved by the members of the board. The clerk was given authority to hire a contractor to make the contemplated changes in the assembly room at the high school and the superintendent was instructed to purchase new desks for use in the school.

The matter of the building of a new gymnasium for the high school created considerable discussion and it was decided by vote of the members that the erection of the building be deferred until the early spring of next year.

Dallas Store Sold. Dallas, Or., July 15.—H. E. Leonard, who with a number of his business associates from Portland, recently took over the larger part of the holdings of C. L. Crider, a merchant of Dallas, has disposed of the property to F. H. Blake, a retired merchant of Portland. It is the intention of Mr. Blake to move to this city in the near future and give the property his personal control.

Where Were Phillips and Mrs. Meadows On Night Before Murder?

Los Angeles, Cal., July 15.—Where was Mrs. Albert Meadows on the night before she was the victim of what has become known locally as the "stone age murder" because it was accomplished with a hammer and a rock? And where (the same night) was A. L. Phillips, husband of the woman accused of the crime? These were subjects of inquiry today, according to announcement by deputy sheriffs working on the case.

Mrs. Peggy Caffee, upon whose testimony the Los Angeles county grand jury yesterday returned an indictment charging murder against Mrs. Clara Phillips, now held at Tucson, Ariz., declared that the night before she accompanied Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Meadows on a ride in Mrs. Meadows' automobile to the lonely spot where the young widow's body was found Wednesday evening, she and Mrs. Phillips made a secret visit to Mrs. Meadows apartment and that Mrs. Meadows was not at home.

Says Jealousy Unwarranted. Mrs. Phillips is said by her husband to have told him before her hurried departure on the trip to El Paso, Texas, that ended in her being taken from the train at Tucson, that she killed Mrs. Meadows because of jealousy, which, he asserted, was unwarranted.

And according to the story of Mrs. Caffee, who was present during the alleged slaying, Mrs. Phillips accused Mrs. Meadows of having been intimate with her husband and of having accepted presents from the oil promoter.

Phillips has declined to answer the point blank question of newspaper men: "Where were you last Tuesday night?"

"I cannot answer important questions of that nature," he said. "Would you say you were with someone, then?" they persisted. "I can't tell where I was," he answered.

"Where did you meet Mrs. Meadows?" "Is it true you had met her only three times and then only in your wife's presence, as Mrs. Meadows' father, Fred Tremaine, says?"

"That is an important question," he answered with a smile. "Relatives and friends of the dead woman, who was only 26 years old and had been a widow only a few months, rallied to her defense and asserted that any aspersions on her character and reputation has basis only in 'idle gossip.'"

The coroner announced the inquest over Mrs. Meadows' body would be held Monday.

Phillips has been detained as a material witness and will be held as such, according to the sheriff's office, at least until his wife is brought back to California.

W. I. Traeger, sheriff, is in Tucson expecting to bring Mrs. Phillips back with him. Phillips is not under arrest, but deputy sheriffs have been detailed to remain with him constantly.

Mrs. Caffee was permitted to go after she had testified before the grand jury.

Mrs. Phillips, who is 23 years old, is said to have had a brief experience with a comedy motion picture company as a "bathing girl." She also has been employed as a chorus girl.

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OPERATORS ARE DETERMINED TO REOPEN SHOPS

Chicago, July 15.—Virtually abandoning hope of an early settlement of the railroad strike, following the failure of last night's conferences, railroad executives today prepared to make a determined effort to reopen shops with non union employees according to a high official of the United States labor board.

This official who declined to be quoted directly, said peace moves would be suspended for the present as the carriers and strikers were unable to find any common ground for starting negotiations when Chairman Ben Hooper sought to get them together yesterday.

The stumbling block in the path of settlement, it is said at the railroad board was the union's demand for restoration of seniority and other privileges to the strikers. The roads indicated to Chairman Hooper that the men who have struck by their employers and the new employees called will be protected in the seniority they have thereby attained.

RUMORS OF SALE OF PORTLAND CLUB RIFE

San Francisco, Cal., July 15.—Rumors continue to fly in San Francisco about a proposed sale of the Portland club of the Pacific Coast baseball league. The latest report is that Ovie Overall and Frank Chance, former pitcher and manager, respectively of the Chicago Cubs, are dickering for the northern franchise. William M. Klepper, Portland president, is in California and the three may get together.

Friesen Granted Divorce. Dallas, Or., July 15.—At a session of the circuit court held Friday afternoon, Judge H. H. Belt granted a decree of divorce to Henry Friesen of Dallas. The custody of two minor children was allowed the wife, although Mr. Friesen agreed to pay a stipulated sum monthly toward their support.

GAS GENERATOR IN DALLAS SHOP BURNS

Dallas, Or., July 15.—The fire siren blowing at about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon drew many Dallas people to the plant of the Dallas Machine & Locomotive Works, where the explosion of a gas generator had done a small amount of damage to the interior of the frame shed in which it was housed. Fortunately no one was injured by the explosion as the room happened to be vacant at the time. Part of the city fire department and the departments maintained at the Southern Pacific shops, the machine shops and the mill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, all responded at the alarm, but their services were not called upon to any extent. Carl Gerlinger, head of the Dallas Machine & Locomotive Works, received minor injuries from a fall sustained by slipping on the sidewalk, but these injuries were not of a serious nature.

POLK INSTITUTE DATES SET FOR NOVEMBER 1-2-3

Dallas, Or., July 15.—Announcement from the office of Josiah Willis, county superintendent of schools, states that the Polk county teachers' institute will be held in Dallas on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 1, 2 and 3, in the high school building.

One of the principal features of the three days session will be the presence of J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, who will deliver an address to the teachers and explain the workings of the new course of study in the grade schools, which will be revised at that time. The program of the sessions is now in the making and will be announced as soon as it is completed.

During the coming school term there will be 152 teachers employed in this county. According to the laws of the state it is compulsory that all grade and high school teachers attend the institute, which will have both morning and afternoon sessions.

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FATHER ROO TO PUBLISH BOOK ON POPE ALEXANDER

Silverton, Or., July 15.—Father P. Roo, celebrated author of "History of America Before Columbus," which was published in 1909, is now actively interested in revising and improving the compilation of a new history to be called, "Material for a History of Pope Alexander VI." Father De Roo has been living at Mt. Angel college for the past eight months, his home being in Portland. He stated to The Capital Journal correspondent that the learned people of the world in accepting histories would not take the history in beautiful English as they once did, but must have facts, and for this reason in his history, "America Before Columbus," he has documents in fourteen separate languages to prove his English text, and in the book which he is now preparing documents in seven languages. Father de Roo is, himself, a learned man speaking with versatile ease eight languages and with a reading and understanding of fifteen. For all of the material he has accumulated—he has traveled extensively for it—most in Europe, visiting the archives in Rome, where he secured much valuable data. He is a member of the Archeological Club of the Land Van Waes, and of the United States Historical society and also an honorary member of the American Catholic Historical society of Philadelphia. Father De Roo is in receipt, this week, of a document from Rome written in 1489 called, "Old Document in Low Latin." He plans to have the book printed in Flanders, Belgium. Although he is 84 years of age he intends to accompany his work to Europe and expects to have it completed by early fall.

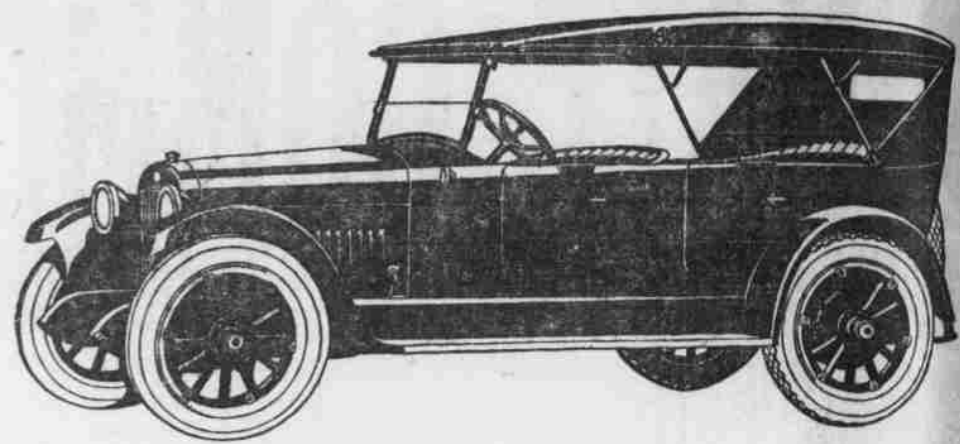
R. J. Valiton is leaving the first of the week on a business trip that will take him away from Salem for about two months. He will make stop-offs in Chicago, Toledo, Baltimore, New York city and Rochester.

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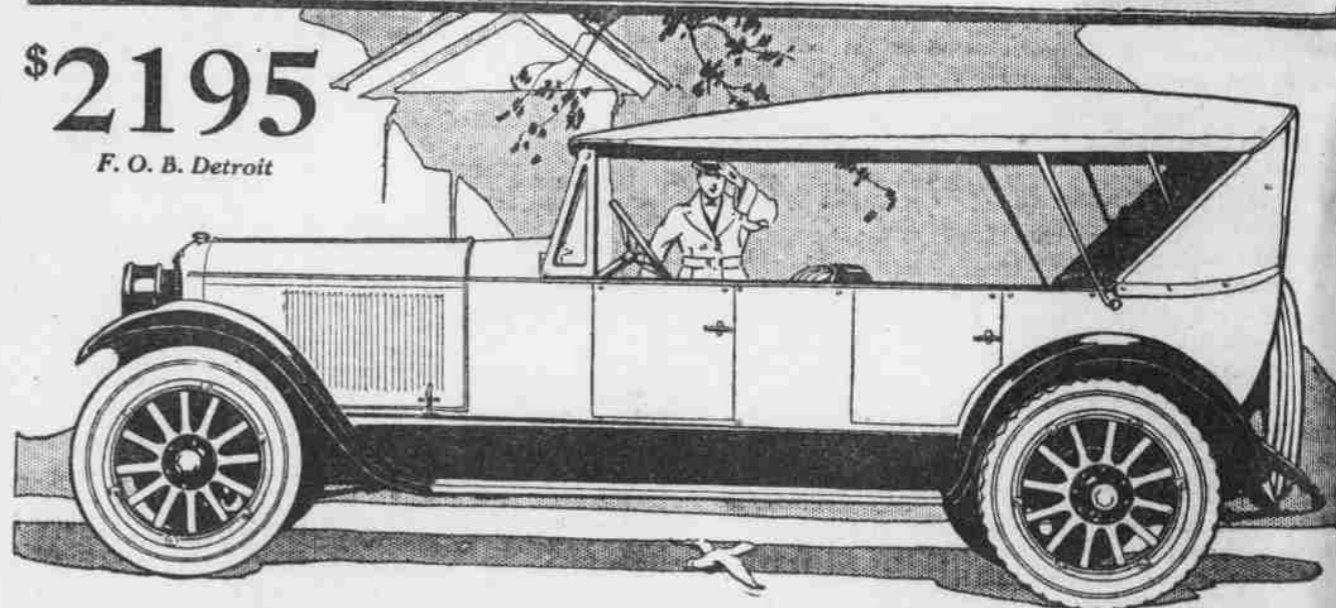
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