

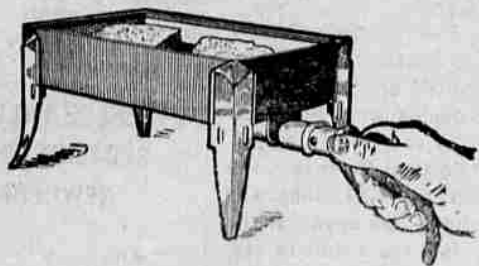
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FULL DETAILS OF FISHER MURDER

Shot in the Back by Disreputable Portland Lawyer

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Portland, Nov. 28.—A tragic feature of the slaying of Ralph B. Fisher, chairman of the grievance committee of the Oregon State Bar Association here today by J. A. Finch, the disgraced lawyer, second only to the killing itself, was the unexpected visit to Fisher's office of Mrs. Fisher. When Finch entered Fisher's office and with the words, "Hello, Ralph," on his lips fired the fatal shot, Fisher was waiting for his wife and baby son. Fisher's body had been taken away from his office but there were other ghastly evidences apparent which conveyed to Mrs. Fisher that her husband had been slain.

Fisher has practiced law in this city four years, coming here from Woodburn. His wife was a sister of Thomas B. Kay, woolen manufacturer of Salem. Fisher was 28 years old. He was the man who drafted the resolutions of sympathy to Mrs. Francis J. Heney sent by the bar association. Finch was born in this state and studied law in Albany, while working for a newspaper. Fisher conducted disbarment proceedings against Finch which resulted in his suspension for a year and it was Fisher's refusal to sign a petition urging Fisher's reinstatement that caused today's attack to be made.

Finch was either out of his mind when he shot Fisher, or he is playing a deep game, using his knowledge of the law to help him in his present dilemma. While he asserted in the most emphatic language that he did not see Fisher at all today and consequently did not kill him, he talks perfectly frank on all other subjects. He does not plead forgetfulness, on the other hand when the officers who examined him tonight declared to Finch that he had been seen in Fisher's office and had been arrested in the Mohawk building and other matters connected with the tragedy, he becomes very excited and told them they were "damned liars." He insisted that he is not insane. He says that the news that he was disbarred was a great shock to him. He denied that he had been drinking excessively since that event.

The tragedy occurred in Fisher's private office 322 Mohawk building, Third and Morrison streets. Miss Vera Burkhardt, Fisher's stenographer, was the only witness, and she fled screaming from the room. The assassin emerged deliberately from the room where lay his victim and was about to take the elevator when he was seized by Dr. Leonard, who detained him.

Attorney Chester V. Dolph, who was with Dr. Leonard and others, followed Finch to the elevator shaft, disarmed him with little difficulty, though he offered resistance. He insisted on being permitted to descend, but instead was locked in an office on the third floor and held until the arrival of the police. Finch was at once taken into the office from which the substance of smoke was still pouring and looked down upon the prostrate form he had slain. He gazed coolly and apparently unmoved upon the bleeding figure, uttered not a word, turned and walked out in custody of the officers.

"I wouldn't speak to him, and I'll get the rest of the bunch," he said to one of the officers who rode in the patrol wagon with him.

At the city jail he positively denied the murder to District Attorney Cameron. He had been in his own office nearly all day, he said, and had not been near Fisher's office. He talked confusedly and at times unintelligently, apparently under the influence of either drugs or liquor. Fisher, at the time of his death, was seated at the desk in his private office, awaiting the arrival of his wife and baby. Only a few moments before the entrance of the assassin the wife had called him by telephone, telling him she would be down presently and would bring the baby. Miss Burkhardt, who witnessed the tragedy, fell into a swoon after hysterically fleeing down the corridors of the building. Mrs. Fisher, who, with the baby, arrived at the office as the coroner was removing the last vestiges of the crime, was overcome by the ghastly spectacle.

"It was horrible to see, and still more horrible to think that I might have stopped him if I had seized the weapon," said Miss Burkhardt tonight. Just as he entered the rear door when I stood holding it open he drew a shining revolver from his pocket. He began shooting so quickly I could not scream a warning and I was not sure Fisher ever knew who it was who shot him, for just as he glanced up the man fired.

"But the face of the slayer will haunt me forever. It was drawn and horribly distorted. And there was a look of demontical triumph as he saw Fisher fall from his chair. But I could not stand it and ran screaming for help."

Fisher Wants Leniency

Ralph Fisher, as prosecutor for the grievance committee, took the matter in hand at 12.5 instance of the committee and immediately interested himself in the case to promote if possible the welfare of Finch, whom he believed was repentant for the moves he had made and whom he believed would do better in the future if allowed leniency from the court. He sent a letter to Chief Justice Dean in which he asked for the consideration of the court in Finch's case and made an eloquent plea in behalf of the man who he was prosecuting for the committee.

Married Salem Girl

Ralph Burrows Fisher, shot by James Finch in Portland yesterday, was well-known in Salem, having married Miss Bertha Lollita Kay, sister of Thomas B. Kay, and one of the prominent young women of the city, says the Salem Statesman. Fisher was born in Polk county, Oregon, 28 years ago, and came of Ore-

gon pioneers. When he was quite young they moved to Moonmouth, where he went to school with his brothers, Frank and George. His father conducted a livery stable there and was quite prosperous. Ralph Fisher graduated from the normal school at Moonmouth in 1899 and took up the profession of teaching, acting as principal of the Woodburn schools for some time when he went away, studied law in Troy, Ind., and was there admitted to the bar. He had been in the law business there for four years with offices in the Mohawk building.

HITCHCOCK MAY GIVE FULTON AID

Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 28.—A dispatch to the Washington Post says in part: "Senator Fulton is here to offset any influence which his colleague, Senator Bourne, may have exerted during the past week upon Mr. Taft. Mr. Bourne is in favor of the election of Governor Chamberlain. Mr. Fulton, on the other hand, does not believe a Democrat should be chosen, since the Republicans have a large majority in the legislature. Mr. Bourne has been hoping to persuade Mr. Taft to express himself in favor of Mr. Chamberlain's election. His colleague hopes that the president-elect will not only not be influenced in such a way, but may take the exactly opposite position."

Logic of Situation

"The logic of the situation is that if Mr. Taft expressed any opinion at all, it should be in favor of Mr. Fulton. The latter senator was advocating the nomination of Mr. Taft when Mr. Bourne was insisting that President Roosevelt should be nominated for a second elective term. Mr. Fulton worked hard in co-operation with the state organization during the campaign, and the state gave the Republican nominee a tremendous majority."

"Mr. Fulton had a long conference with National Chairman Hitchcock this afternoon and subsequently the two men saw the president-elect. It may be safe to assume that Mr. Taft will not inject his personality into the Oregon situation, in pursuance of the policy he already has announced, of not taking part in purely state controversies. But undoubtedly the sympathy of Mr. Hitchcock is with the senior senator and this may signify a great deal in the event he decides to exert himself in Mr. Fulton's behalf."

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