

MAY EXHUME THE BODIES OF BABIES NURSE CARED FOR

NEW YORK, May 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Investigators of the career of Mrs. Helen Auguste Geisen-Volk, under arrest for alleged baby substitution at her baby farm, were told today that she worked with undertakers to fleece the parents of children who died while in her care.

Assistant District Attorney Ryan announced.

Mrs. Margaret Toohy, of the Bronx, whose 15 months old child, Agnes, was one of the twenty-three children who died during the past sixteen months after having been placed with Mrs. Geisen-Volk, told Ryan of the latest phase of the investigation.

She said that the woman had induced her to pay \$66 for a grave purchased from Jacob Herrlich, an undertaker who had his place of business near the baby farm. She later learned that her baby had been interred in Mrs. Geisen-Volk's private burial plot in St. Michael's cemetery where many other little victims of the baby farm have been buried, Ryan said.

Ryan is seeking a supreme court order for the exhumation of the Toohy child's body, for several witnesses have testified that Mrs. Geisen-Volk banged the infant's head against a wall when the child annoyed her with its cries the night before its death.

MILLIONAIRE'S WIDOW TO GET OVER MILLION SHE PAID GOVERNMENT

DENVER, Col., May 22.—More than \$1,000,000 will be returned to Mrs. Mary Deane Reed, widow of Verner Z. Reed, oil millionaire, by virtue of a decision yesterday of the United States supreme court, which held that the government had no right to impose an inheritance tax on trusts formed before the law taxing them was passed. It was announced here today. Such an impost, it was held, was unconstitutional, as it is of a retroactive nature.

Mrs. Reed paid \$978,000 tax on her husband's estate to the federal government in May, 1924. In July, 1924, she sued for the return of the money with interest at eight per cent, which brings the total due her to more than \$1,000,000.

INCH AND QUARTER REWARD IS PAID

PORTLAND, Ore., May 22.—The \$1200 reward offered jointly by Chief of Police Jenkins and Chief Inspector John T. Moore for capture of "Inch and a Quarter Jimmy" was today paid to J. P. Padden, who from his darkened window the night of April 19 saw Alexander Gerlach start to Jimmy his way into a nearby house.

Patrolmen Klopstein and Gump, who made the actual arrest of Gerlach, waived all rights to any part of the reward, insisting that to Padden went the capture.

SOVIET RUSSIA IS CHIEF FACTOR IN ARMS CONTROL

GENEVA, May 22.—(A. P.)—Soviet Russia today was made the crux of the situation faced by the international conference for control of the traffic in arms. Poland filed an amendment to the proposed convention to the effect that the country bordering on Russia would not be bound by that agreement unless the soviet government also was bound by it.

Russia refused to attend the present conference, giving as the reason that its purpose amounted to interference in domestic affairs.

Most of the forenoon session, however, was devoted to the question of the sale of armaments to governments. Representative Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, heading the American delegation, told the conference the United States favored the utmost publicity of statistics of arms shipments. He said America agreed that some sort of document should always be issued by the exporting country in connection with shipments but he believed the name of the exporting firm should be withheld because this would give information to competitors.

The conference finally adopted the principle that some document should always be given setting forth the consent of the exporting government to the sale of the arms.

Largest Ice Storage in State of Oregon Located in Medford

The new ice storage building of the Medford Ice and Storage company, 60 by 100 feet and 50 feet high, of reinforced concrete, costing \$50,000 and having a storage for 5,000 tons of ice, has just been completed and the work of filling it with ice started Monday and will be completed about August first, when the icing of refrigerator cars for fruit begins. This is the largest single storage for ice in Oregon. With this new building the company has storage for 10,000 tons of ice—one of the largest on the Pacific coast.

The company is erecting a 900-foot platform along the R. P. railroad and when completed they will be able to ice at one time a complete train of twenty-one cars.

This company has spent \$150,200 on buildings and equipment in Medford in the past year, ice all the cars for fruit and vegetables in southern Oregon and northern California and their ice plant has a daily capacity of 110 tons.

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ERROR BY BUSINESS AGENTS WILL COST DODGE CO. FORTUNE

NEW YORK, May 22.—An error in business procedure on the part of agents who negotiated the recent sale of the Dodge Brothers Automotive property to a group of bankers headed by Dillon, Read and company, will result in additional revenue of \$6,000,000 in taxes to the treasury department, making a total of \$12,000,000 in all on the sale of the property, according to Fred L. Woodworth, United States internal revenue collector, at Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Woodworth is in New York on a visit and made the statement when asked what the probable tax on the Dodge Brothers sale would be, the sale price having been \$146,000,000.

Mr. Woodworth said that the agents handling the sale failed to consult their tax attorneys until negotiations had gone too far to enable the percentages of the sale to be changed. The board of directors of Dodge Brothers should have called a meeting and carried a motion to divide the assets among the stockholders and discontinue the corporation, Mr. Woodworth said. Then the stockholders could have negotiated the sale of the property themselves, a non-taxable percentage, leaving the only tax that could have been levied by the heirs.

"This was not done," Mr. Woodworth said, "and the corporation sold the assets. The corporation will now have to pay a tax as a corporation and the Dodge heirs will have to pay an equal sum, as tax, the amount being divided pro rata among them. The total tax will be about \$12,000,000."

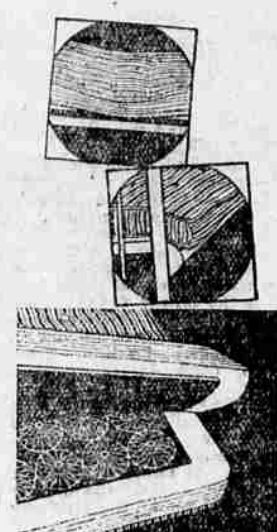
The tax attorneys were not aware of the nature of the negotiations for the sale until it was too late to make any change, and as a result the treasury department will be \$6,000,000 the richer.

"The error probably occurred because of an effort to keep the entire transaction a secret, no one being consulted, until matters had gone so far that they became more or less public property."

Warships Barred from Pact
GENEVA, May 22.—(By Associated Press.) The military committee of the League of Nations international conference for the control of traffic in arms and munitions today voted to exclude warships from the proposed control. The suggestion to exclude warships was made by Great Britain.

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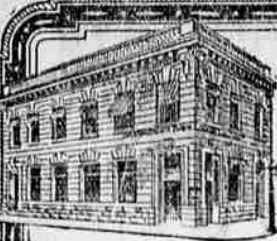
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