

### PORTLAND YEGG HELD IN N. YORK AS A MURDERER

NEW YORK, May 18.—(AP)—Police today announced that Willard Watkins, an escaped California convict, had confessed to the murder of Robert Hastings, church organist and gem collector, who was found strangled in his apartment at the Hotel Adrienne.

Four diamond rings corresponding to the description of rings recovered as part of a \$25,000 collection which had disappeared at the time of the killing, was found on Watkins, police said.

some \$25,000 worth of gems missing from his room.

Watkins denied that he had any connection with the killing but admitted he was in the organist's room the night of the murder. Four diamond rings, corresponding to rings missing from Hastings' collection, were found in Watkins' possession.

Police say Watkins confessed he was one of four men who escaped from the San Joaquin county jail November 16, 1924 and that he served sentences at Richmond, Va., San Quentin, Cal., and Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—(AP)—Willard Watkins' record in Portland shows that he was arrested in October, 1919, for burglarizing the Ben Selling store and paroled. He was then arrested here in October, 1923, as H. B. Caswell, wanted in Pendleton for burglary. For this offense he was tried and sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary. A circular is now in the hands of the police sent from Stockton, Calif., where he escaped from jail with three other prisoners on November 3, 1926.

Florence is to have a paper, published by M. D. Morgan, wife and son.

McMinville spends \$80,000 for storage dam on Hoskins creek.

### MISSING GIRL IS CAUSE OF ARREST OF 3 SUSPECTS

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, May 18.—(AP)—Neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Max B. Rosenbaum, whose 10-year-old daughter, Beatrice, was held in police today to learn whether they could identify any of the three suspects as the man who drove away with the girl early Monday morning.

The last trace of Beatrice, subnormal mentally, was furnished by neighbors, who said they saw her get in a car with a strange man about 8:30 o'clock Monday morning near her home. Meager descriptions of the man said he was about 40 years old and was driving a small car.

Rosenbaum believes his daughter might have been kidnaped for ransom by someone who mistook the father for one of his five brothers, all of whom are successful Youngstown business men.

### STATE CONVENTION TRY AGAIN TO SOLVE MYSTERY

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 18.—(AP)—The state convention of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs is scheduled to open here this afternoon at three o'clock. Delegations began arriving last night, bringing additional visitors this morning so that by the time the session opens this afternoon, it is expected that there will be more than 400 women from all parts of the state present.

Miss Mabelle Hair, state president, is presiding over the meetings, which will be given over this afternoon to reports of the federation officers.

Tonight there will be a public reception at the Elks lodge hall, where a fine entertainment of music, readings and short talks will be presented.

Saturday's program is to include a talk by Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, of the University of Oregon, at the state federation luncheon at noon while Miss Lena Madson Phillips, national president, from New York City, will speak at the national federation banquet Saturday night.

### TRY AGAIN TO SOLVE MYSTERY

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—(AP)—An investigation is under way to determine the fate which befell Ambrose Bierce, noted California author and journalist, who disappeared in Mexico in 1913, when the land was in the revolutionary grip of Francisco Villa, the bandit leader.

Mrs. Helen Ingram of Hollywood, Cal., the daughter of Bierce, said today that the investigation is being directed by Colonel G. J. Vekard of the Mexican army, and now in Mexico City. Recent letters from him indicate, she said, a measure of success in clearing up the mystery.

Bierce, who was noted for his realistic wit and tales of realism in the early days of California journalism, was last heard from

### DYNAMITE HOME OF EXECUTIONER IN SACCO TRIAL

NEW YORK, May 18.—(AP)—The home of Robert Elliott, official executioner for four states and the man who pulled the death switch on Sacco and Vanzetti, was booby-trapped early this morning.

Elliott, his wife and two children were thrown from their beds by the explosion, but were uninjured. The house, located in Queens borough, Long Island, was damaged considerably.

The front porch was torn away, the front door blown down and every window shattered.

Threats were received by Elliott prior to the Sacco-Vanzetti execution and for a long time a police guard was maintained about his house; after the guard was removed the policeman on that beat had instructions to keep a special watch over the home.

### FRENCH GIRL WINS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

HUNTSVILLE, England, May 18.—(AP)—Manette LeBlanc of France won the women's golf championship of Great Britain today, defeating Miss Sylvia Marshall, three up and two to play, in the final 36-hole match.

Elliott expressed the belief that the bombing was done by sympathizers of Sacco and Vanzetti, radicals executed at Boston for the slaying of a paymaster. A new police guard was ordered around the home.

Police were unable to find anyone who heard or saw those who placed the bomb. Members of the bomb squad from New York headquarters estimated the bomb had a time fuse and had been placed either on the porch of the house or under it half an hour before the explosion.

Elliott was appointed executioner for New Jersey early in 1924. At the time he was executioner for Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is 54 years old.

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