

YOUTH CONFESSES FIENDISH MURDER OF APOSHIAN BOY

Officers Inclined To Believe Story After Checking Details—"Must Have Been Nuts" Says Confessor.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Philip Charles Edwards, 19-year-old high school graduate, was being held in jail as a suspect in the mutilation murder of little Dalbert Aposhian today while police checked the closing episodes of his story of the crime.

Yesterday and last night Captain of Detectives Harry J. Kelly at first, frankly disbelieving the youth but later hearing conviction that he was telling the truth, checked the story in its broad outlines and said he discovered facts which partially verified it.

Edwards first told his story to detectives in Los Angeles, where he was picked up as a letter late Monday night, and repeated it when brought here. Kelly said the youth told six officers and a shorthand writer that he met Dalbert on a downtown street shortly after noon July 18, the day the boy disappeared from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Aposhian.

Lured With Candy With candy, sandwiches and ice cream, Kelly quoted Edwards as saying, he coaxed the boy to go for a street car ride with him. At the end of the car line, Edwards told the officers, he told Dalbert he lived "over the hills," and they set off toward the brush covered mesa. There he hit the boy with a rock, Kelly said Edwards told him, and left the boy until after dark, when he returned in a stolen automobile and took it to the waterfront.

Kelly said Edwards told him he mutilated the body with a butcher knife at the waterfront, threw it in the bay and placed severed portions in a quart jar and threw them in, too. Divers furnished by the navy were to search the spot today where Edwards said he threw the jar.

Clerks Remember Kelly and his assistants took Edwards over the route he had told them he and the boy had taken. They said they found clerks in candy and ice cream stores who said they had seen Edwards with a boy. They found a rock and a napkin on the mesa, Edwards told them. Kelly said the rock was the one he used, and the napkin was one he took off the sandwiches he bought. Edwards produced a butcher knife, which the police were holding.

Last night six automobiles, including a car which was stolen the night of July 18 and recovered on the street two days later, were lined up in front of the police station. Edwards was asked whether the car was in the group. He picked out the stolen car.

"I guess I was crazy," Edwards told newspaper men when asked why he did it. "I must have been nuts." The youth said he had taken two years of law in high school and would defend himself.

"They will either beat me, or I will beat them," he said. Mother Unconvinced Mrs. Helen Graham, Philip Edwards' mother, said she did not believe her son killed the boy.

"The night of July 24, the day the boy's body was found in the bay," Philip said to me, "Mother, that was a horrible crime. The man who did that should be lynched without a trial." Mrs. Graham said.

The mother said also that she could not remember a night when her son had failed to come home within a few minutes after 10 o'clock. Philip Edwards failed to graduate with his high school class in June, but made up two credits in summer school and received his diploma last Saturday.

Upon finishing school he asked his mother for some money so he could go to Sacramento and get a job. She gave him \$5. He had reached Los Angeles when the officers arrested him.

Society and Clubs

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Kabeles Entertain Many Guests This Week

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. F. Kabele of 518 West Fourth street have as house guests for two weeks Rev. and Mrs. Harry R. Allen and sons, John and David, of Seattle, where Rev. Allen is pastor of St. Paul's English Lutheran church. Mrs. Allen is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kabele. Rev. Allen will deliver the sermon next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the local Zion English Lutheran church on West Fourth street at Oakdale avenue. The Allens arrived at the Kabeles home Tuesday evening.

The Kabeles also had as guests this week, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Trabert of Berkeley, Cal., where Rev. Trabert is pastor of St. Michael's English Lutheran church. He was also until recently president of the California Synod of the United Lutheran church in America. He was a classmate of Rev. Kabele in the English Lutheran Theological seminary at Chicago, Ill. The Traberts were dinner guests of the Kabeles Wednesday.

Visiting at their home on Tuesday morning was Reverend Junghaus of Hornbrook, Cal., an old friend of Rev. Mr. Sachs, who founded the Zion English Lutheran church in 1898 and who was its first pastor for many years.

No-Host Hiding Party Enjoyed Last Evening Taking advantage of the summer weather and the moon, which is nearing fullness, a number of Medford folk enjoyed a no-host riding party up the Antelope trail last evening, going out from the Dodge academy.

Supper was served by the side of the trail and guests returned by moonlight. In that group were: Misses Kathryn Dale, Dorothy Hughes and Margaret Holbrook, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. Stanley Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Clay John, Stanley Johnson, Ward Herron and Johnny Hanson.

Church Picnic Announced For Sunday in Grants Pass Zion English Lutheran church and Sunday school will have its annual picnic next Sunday in the park at Grants Pass. The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 Sunday morning, or 30 minutes earlier than usual, to be followed by a combination church service with sermon at 10 o'clock.

All members are asked to bring picnic dinners with them to the services, as they will continue immediately after from the church to the picnic park. Those having cars will assist those having none, in order to provide transportation for all. Rev. H. R. Allen of Seattle, son-in-law of Rev. Geo. F. Kabele, D. D., will deliver the Sunday sermon.

Redford's Guests Here From Phoenix Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Redford and little daughter of Phoenix, Ariz., who have been guests for three weeks of Mrs. Redford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley at their ranch home near Jacksonville, are leaving soon for a visit in Tacoma. They will return to Phoenix in the fall for the reopening of school, Mr. Redford being instructor of journalism. Mrs. Redford is remembered here as the former Gladys Hartley.

Loy Studios Closed For Summer Vacation Miss Ruth Loy closed her summer will resume those in this city and Ashland around September 1, after enjoying the summer vacation, being among those who plan to spend the warm mid-summer days in recreation.

Mail Tribune Star Enjoys Picnic Supper The river cabin of Herb Grey at Edgewood park was the scene last evening of a no-host picnic supper for members of the Mail Tribune staff, their families and a few friends. Over 30 guests enjoyed the supper and dancing, which followed on the porch overlooking Rogue river.

Food Sale Planned By Altar Society St. Ann's Altar society is making plans for a food sale to be held Saturday at the Reliable grocery and the members promise many tasty foods will be on display.

Clemenson-Porter Wedding This Evening

In the garden of the home of Mrs. Charles Hampson on Rogue river at Grants Pass, Miss Camille Clemenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clemenson of this city, and Robert D. Porter, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Porter, also of Medford, will be married at 5:30 this afternoon, the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Grants Pass officiating the ceremony. It was announced here today.

Mrs. Hampson is the sister of Mr. Porter.

Merrillweathers Visit George Eads Here

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Merrillweather of Los Angeles are guests of Mr. Merrillweather's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eads, and plan to remain in Oregon until the last of August. They will motor north to Lebanon the last of this week to be guests of Mr. Merrillweather's relatives.

Mr. Merrillweather is a member of the faculty at the southern branch of the University of Southern California. Mrs. Merrillweather is remembered here as the former Irene Eads.

The Barnes' Entertain At Garden Party

Sunday evening a group of friends gathered in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee Barnes in Glen Oak Court, where supper was served for fourteen. Contract bridge followed later in the evening. The guest list included: Miss Frances Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reames, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miksche, Mr. and Mrs. Max Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Triplett and Wm. F. Isaacs.

Guests Arrive at Noyes Lodge

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Noyes have as their guests at their river lodge, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Carlisle of Piedmont, Cal., who arrived in Medford this forenoon on the Shasta. Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Burnham, who have been vacationing at their summer place on the Umpqua, will arrive by motor this afternoon, also to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noyes.

Portlanders Guests Of Hartleys Here

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Balch and children, Bobbie and Helen, are welcome guests here at the home of Mrs. Balch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hartley. Mr. Balch joined Mrs. Balch and children here last Sunday and they plan to leave for their home on Friday.

An ordinance passed by the Santa Barbara, Cal., city council prohibits anyone from advertising for a wife or husband.

Home-cooked food sale Saturday at Reliable Grocery, under auspices of St. Ann Altar society.

FEHL ON STAND IN OWN BEHALF DENIES CHARGES

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you boys break into that vault and steal the ballots." C. W. (Chuck) Davis testified that he told FehI, Brechen and the Sextons, "If you are figuring on breaking into that vault, and stealing the ballots you will get into trouble." None made reply, Davis said.

FehI denied testimony of both the Sextons and Davis. He admitted that he had seen Mrs. Daniela leave the courthouse, after she had escorted her daughter-in-law to the auditorium. FehI testified that "when he left for the auditorium, he had no idea the ballots were to be stolen, or intended to be stolen, and if I had I would have attempted to stop it."

Says Kring Lied In regard to the testimony of Orlando L. Kring, that on February 6, FehI had suggested that Kring steal ballots from the vault, FehI denied that he did not know Kring very well on that date, that Kring was a spiritualist, and that he had met him during the campaign.

FehI testified that when he reached the auditorium on the evening of the robbery, there was applause as he entered the hall. "Was the applause for you?" asked Attorney Hough. "No," replied FehI, "it was for Mrs. Martin. I think she was entitled to it."

FehI admitted under questioning that Mrs. Martin, "had attempted to extol his virtues," in her introductory remarks. The witness outlined his general remarks that evening, and denied that he criticized or had spoken derogatorily of Judge Skipworth's ruling that the recount be held, and started the following morning.

Congress Warned FehI said he told the audience that complaints had been filed and "asked the audience to keep their feet off the walls." FehI, under further questioning said this applied to all organizations holding meetings there and not alone to the "congress."

FehI said that after the address, he had gone to his office on the second floor, and talked with John Glenn, acquitted county jailer, about a loan for \$1500 wherein Glenn was to give a trust deed as security. Following the Glenn conference, FehI testified that he had gone to the vestibule of the auditorium, and asked those present not to smoke, and then went to the south side of the courthouse, and had asked Leonard Hall, "not to heckle the speakers." He then said he went to the curb on Oakdale, by a night torch, and stood there for some time and talked to a number of people who passed. He said he remembered distinctly that Joe Daniels and C. W. (Chuck) Davis, had come around the northeast corner of the court house, cut across the yard and approached him. He also said he recalled that "Shorty" Bryant had talked with him for about 20 minutes.

"Mum" Was the Word Davis testified that at five minutes to ten, he and Daniela talked with FehI, all comparing their watches at that hour. Davis also testified that Walter J. Jones came up then, called FehI to one side, and said: "Everything is Okay now."

and FehI replied, "Mum is the word." When court adjourned, the direct examination had proceeded to the point where the evidence left FehI standing in front of the courthouse auditorium.

FehI testified that he recalled seeing the Rev. W. J. Howell, Newton C. Chaney, and several others on the north side of the courthouse, as they testified for the state.

FehI also recalled the incident on the south side, where Bert Lowry Jr., had said: "What's the matter Judge, won't they let into your own meeting?" and the witness said he had asked, "Who said that?" without a reply being received.

FehI corroborated defense witnesses in detail, relative to the meeting in the county court rooms, between five and seven o'clock, on the evening of the robbery. He said, at the suggestion of former Sheriff Schermerhorn, he had phoned L. A. Banks to come to his office, as there were a couple of warrants for his arrest.

In a short while Banks appeared, and Elsie Olson Brown, deputy clerk, was delegated to type a new bond. FehI said that between various delays the bond was not signed by Walter J. Jones and Claude Ward, and approved by the court, until near 6:30. He said he then went to his home with Jones and A. L. Hugg, returning about eight o'clock to attend the "congress."

Doors Not Locked FehI declared that the doors to the bond signing were open, and denied that Commissioner Nealon, as "far as I could see," had opened the door and supervised the meeting. FehI testified the doors were open; state witnesses said they were closed.

FehI testified that he had no interest in the outcome of the sheriff's recount proceeding, that it made no difference to me, who was sheriff, and that he had supported Everett Beeson at the election.

When FehI first took the stand, he gave a biographical sketch of his life, saying that he was born in Ohio and when 21 years old had moved to Tacoma, Wash. Twenty-five years ago he moved to Medford, where he engaged in carpentry, contracting, publishing, and various enterprises. He said last year he ran for county judge, and won the race, both primary and general elections heats.

FehI said he was under financial obligations to L. A. Banks and had been friendly with him for two years. Then L. Brechen had also rendered financial aid, and had helped him in the campaign, but FehI "felt no political—only personal obligations." The witness said he and his family had been friendly with the Walter Jones family for nine years.

Investigated Unemployment FehI said before he assumed office he had investigated the condition of unemployment in Jackson county and that at the peak of the distress 1100 families were being cared for last winter.

The state's objection to Attorney Hough stressing FehI's relief activity was sustained by the court.

A blue print of the courthouse was presented and FehI testified he was a member of the committee that helped formulate the plans. The state objected unless, "it is to show distance, and not to just show that he had something to do with it." The court ruled, the blueprints were to be used to show measurements, and not as "a self-serving document."

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JAMES W. HARVEY OF PHOENIX SUCCUMBS AT DAUGHTERS HOME

James W. Harvey, a resident of Jackson county for the last forty years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marie McClain in Phoenix Thursday morning, August 3.

He was born April 11, 1858, near Knoxville, Tenn. Prior to coming here, he resided at Chicago, Calif. Besides his daughter, he leaves two sons, Andrew Harvey of Roseburg and Joshua of Phoenix. Also one brother and two sisters, Chas. Harvey, Antioch, Calif.; Emma Boyd, Biggs, Calif.; Mrs. Ann Borness, Capitola, Calif. Also five grand children and three great grand children.

Funeral services will be held private at the residence of Mrs. McClain in Phoenix at 2:30 p. m. Saturday with Conger Funeral Parlor in charge. Rev. C. W. Roberts of Provolet officiating. Interment in the Phoenix cemetery.

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