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CHINESE WOMAN, OI SEN, CONFESSES CHINA COOK PULLED AS ACCOMPLICE

OI SEN WEAKENS WHEN SHE FACES VICTIMS UNCLE AND SAYS SHE KILLED SEID BING

Wong Si Sam, a Cook on the Steamer Dalles City, is Arrested, Following the Confession, But Strenuously Denies His Guilt--Confession in Full Withheld Until District Attorney Secures it in Writing--Causes That Led up to the Murder Are Not Known--Officers Looking for Others.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE]
Portland, Ore., Feb. 2.—Wong Si Sam, a Chinese kitchen man on the steamer Dalles City, was arrested this afternoon, and jointly charged with Oi Sen, the Chinese woman captured at Billings, Mont., with the murder of Seid Bing, whose dismembered body was found in a trunk in Seattle, whence it had been shipped from Portland. Wong was arrested at Fourth and Everett street a short time after the police reported that Oi Sen had made a confession to Seid Bing, uncle of the trunk murder victim.

Wong denied that he had participated in the murder and professed no knowledge of it, other than what he had gathered from gossip.

It is understood that the authorities are scouring the Oriental district for another Chinese, said to have aided in the murder.

Seid Bing and detectives decline to give out the contents of the woman's alleged confession, until the district attorney had secured a written one.

OI SEN Confesses.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 2.—Confronted here by Seid Bing, uncle of Seid Bing, whose mutilated and dismembered body was found in a trunk in Seattle, Oi Sen, the Chinese woman who was captured in Billings, today confessed

to Seid Back that she killed Seid Bing and shipped his body to Seattle from Portland, according to detectives.

The confession was made a few minutes after the woman arrived in Portland in custody of officers.

She was taken direct to detective headquarters from the depot, where Seid Back awaited her.

When she saw the stern-faced Chinaman, she turned to the officers. "I will talk to him. He can tell you what I say," said she.

The Woman Weakened.

The woman was ushered into a private room with Seid Back, and the officers withdrew.

For half an hour the couple talked excitedly, the woman almost screaming at times. Then Seid opened the door.

He told the officers that she had confessed, but was extremely reticent concerning the motive that led up to the killing, and declined to say whether she killed Seid Bing unassisted and cut up the body and shipped it, or was helped by another Chinese.

When asked by the detectives whether she had confessed, she said, "Yes."

The police are certain she had an accomplice.

Oi Sen will be questioned throughout the day, if necessary, in an effort to wring more details from her.

plans. French's charges are untrue from beginning to end."

A statement from Congressman Kent, of California, who made an investigation into the charges some time ago, said:

"Secretary MacVeagh has convinced me that there is nothing in these charges. I am sure from my thorough investigation that the government officials are acting solely in the interests of economy."

CONSCIENCE STRICKEN WANTS TO BE HANGED

AUSTRALIA HAVING BAD STRIKE TROUBLES

Brisbane, Australia, Feb. 2.—Troops armed with ball cartridges and with bayonets fixed, charged a great procession of strikers today and many of the latter were wounded. Women led the procession which derided the police. Many merchants are barricading their shops fearing new disorders this evening.

Re-elected the Boodlers.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—Despite a hot campaign by the citizens' association, Montreal elected five of her old council, alleged to be boodlers. Alderman Lavelle was elected mayor.

WE WILL NOT TURN OVER THE MINTS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE]

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Charges in a San Francisco newspaper by Harold French, a chemist of the San Francisco mint, that the Taft administration plans to turn over the coining of all money to the Guggenheim smelter trust, are denied in dispatches received here today from Washington, denying the French charges. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh said:

"We have taken pains to prevent the so-called trust from monopolizing the smelting and refining business. Refining branches of the mint have been closed as part of economy

measures. The mint is now under the control of the smelter trust, but it is not controlled by the trust."

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