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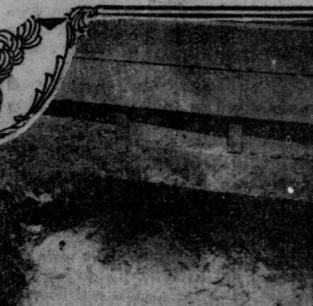
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Mrs. Donohue's Body Unearthed: Carpenter Suspected of Murder: Missing Man as Accomplice: Dog Aids Search

Pictorial story of the finding of the body of Mrs. Alice L. Donohue of Emeryville. Left to right—A. Lippi, deputy marshal of Emeryville, who arrested man accused of foul murder; Tony Fegoni and Frank Walsh, the boys and dog who found the body; Gustave Arkell, the carpenter accused of crime; scene where body was found, the cross marking ditch where gruesome discovery was made; Western furniture company's factory, Walsh holding dog, and hole dug by dog where the body was unearthed.



COUNTESS IS REFUSED HONOR BY SOCIALISTS

State Convention Turns Down Effort to Place Name of Noted Woman on Ticket

Poniatowski of Poland, Now Wife of American, Without Party Influence

Friends Vainly Tell of Her Sacrifices in Urging Her for Elector

The political aspirations of Countess Poniatowski of Poland, one of the most noted woman socialists of the day, received a severe blow yesterday afternoon when the state convention of the socialist party refused her a place as presidential elector at large. As the wife of an American the countess is known as Mrs. Cloudsley Johns of Los Angeles, her husband being the socialist writer and exponent, and her Los Angeles friends worked their hardest for her, but to no avail. Under the constitution of the national socialist party it is necessary for a person to belong to the party for one year before being eligible to an electoral position. And the countess has been a formal member only six months. It was in vain that her friends pointed to her lifelong record as a socialist, to her writings, to her strange and spectacular career, to her sacrifices for the party. They enlarged eloquently upon her loyalty to their cause, saying that within the six months that she has been formally affiliated with the party she has suffered a jail sentence for street speaking. The effort was futile. The convention refused to be dragged outside the national constitution, and the upshot was that Mrs. Mary Garbut, also of Los Angeles, was awarded the coveted position.

FIGHT MADE BY FRIENDS

Countess Poniatowski was not present at the convention and her fight was led solely by her friends. There was no attempt on the part of the convention to belittle her endeavors for the socialist cause or oppose her on personal grounds. She was defeated on a technical point, but the mere defeat on such a ground indicated that her influence in the workings of the party was waning. The countess has given up a life of social ease, wealth and position for her opinions and is known in Europe and the United States as one of the strongest persons fighting for the socialist principal. She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr.

NOMINATIONS MADE

Late in the afternoon the convention got down to the serious business when it elected its district presidential electors and nominees for congress. Nominations were made as follows: Presidential electors—J. C. Wraybright, Benjamin Chambers, J. H. Wilde, Oliver Everett, Henry Meyer, Mary F. Merrill, F. C. Wheeler, Mrs. Mary Starkweather, Mary Garbut and George W. Woodbey. Congressional nominees—D. N. Cunningham, A. J. Gaylord, O. H. Philbrick, K. J. Doyle, E. S. Misner, W. M. Pattison, A. R. Holston, N. A. Richardson.

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W. C. Johnson and Wife and a Chauffeur Dashed Down Masonic Avenue

A loud cry of horror and shrieks for aid a runaway automobile containing W. C. Johnson and his wife of San Jose and a chauffeur went hurtling down the steep incline of the Masonic avenue hill Saturday night and was dashed with terrific force against a telegraph pole. All of the occupants of the machine were cut and bruised, but miraculously escaped without serious injuries. The automobile was an entire wreck.

The accident was caused by the sudden snapping of a brake. Johnson had arranged to take out driving Dr. A. C. Kellogg and his wife, and drove up to their residence at 1349 Masonic avenue. The chauffeur stopped at a door below that number and started to take his machine alongside to where Dr. and Mrs. Kellogg were standing when the brake snapped in two. The next instant the enormous machine went careening backward down the hill, gathering momentum at every yard. The chauffeur, after a few tugs at the useless brakes, endeavored to allay the speed by zigzagging across the street, but a cry of horror from the spectators at the sight of a Masonic avenue car appearing over the crest of the hill forced him to abandon these tactics. He had just time enough to guide the automobile to one side of the road when the car passed by, missing the machine by about six feet. Mrs. Johnson, who with her husband was occupying the rear seat, shrieked out in alarm as the automobile began to shoot down the hill at a greater speed than ever, and her cries were answered by the shouts from the horrified spectators crowding the sidewalk. Unable to guide further, the chauffeur gripped his wheel and braced himself for the collision which he felt confident would come. Mrs. Johnson's shrieks died down and she clung to her husband, almost frenzied with fear. For a few brief moments there was an absolute silence, broken alone by the rush of the automobile smashing down the hill. Then it swerved and was hurled against a telegraph pole. Johnson and his wife were flung upward and would have been thrown out of the automobile had it not been for the fact of the machine having its covering and were pitched forward, the two landing in a heap in the front part of the automobile. Johnson is a prominent real estate dealer of San Jose. He and his wife returned home yesterday.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT NOT COMING TO CITY

Declines Invitation to Attend Trans-Mississippi Congress in San Francisco

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 30.—President Roosevelt has declined the invitation to attend the Trans-Mississippi congress at San Francisco beginning October 6. The report that the president had accepted is an error.

BASEBALL KILLS BOY

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Morgan Cunningham, 15 years old, while at the bat in a ball game at West Side park today was struck over the heart by a pitched ball and instantly killed.

REV. E. BAKER SCORES MODERN CHURCH GOERS

In Final Sermon the Pastor Arraigns Certain Members of Congregation Says It Is Deplorable That Men Pray on Sunday and Lie on Monday

OAKLAND, Aug. 30.—Very simply, dispensing utterly with the ordinary formalities of leave taking, Rev. E. E. Baker, retiring pastor of the First Presbyterian church, announced at the conclusion of his sermon tonight that, in accordance with the action of the local presbytery, his pulpit was declared vacant. The farewell sermon was a very remarkable one from a Presbyterian standpoint. It was filled with striking utterances, many of which were believed by hearers to be boldly unorthodox, while others mercilessly scored conditions prevailing in the life of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church and the life of the church in general.

ADHERES TO PRINCIPLE

"When I began my pastorate at this church," declared the minister, "I decided to make optimism the guiding principle of my work, and I feel that I am deserving of a great deal of credit for adhering to my principle. Any man who could live through seven and a half years of preaching in this city, in this church—seven and a half years of attack, criticism, gossip and bricks—surely deserves credit for preserving his optimism. If the minister were not dependent upon the people he is supposed to reform we would have a broader, truer, more effective work from the pulpit today. Instead, however, of allowing a minister free play in his work, he is censored and restricted by the congregation he is expected to uplift and benefit. The great trouble with the church is that we have put heaven too far away. When the church ceases to be a political organization, controlled by a coterie of influential men; when it ceases to be a select club, run by a particular few; when it opens its doors freely to the sinner and welcomes the outcast, then it will come to exercise its destined function in civilization and the world. It has always been a deplorable fact that men would pray on Sunday and lie on Monday. The religion that won't keep a man straight on Monday isn't worth a cent on Sunday.

MEMBERSHIP MEANS NOTHING

"When I hear a man make a long, glib prayer in prayer meeting I always want to watch him closely, because my experience has taught me to distrust him. I know of one man in this city who, not long ago, lost \$15,000 in a business deal to a man who had established a reputation for piety and prayerfulness. Membership in a church is coming to mean almost absolutely nothing in these days. The churchman must make a scientific test of the influence of Jesus Christ upon himself. That's the only true test of divinity. "Sin is not the fundamental fact of this world. God made the world good and sin entered into it afterward. It will disappear some time. There is only one future life to look forward to—that of eternal happiness. If it is part of the duty of a minister to preach hell fire, then I am glad that I am leaving it. The Christian should not lay too much emphasis upon a mere incident of life—sin."

LITTLEFIELD IS RECEIVER

WOODSTOCK, Conn., Aug. 30.—Congressman Charles E. Littlefield has been appointed receiver of the Wall street firm of A. O. Brown & Co., by Judge Holt of the United States court for the southern district of New York. Littlefield will be required to give a bond for \$250,000.

Gustave Arkell, Held on Suspicion of Crime, Possesses Two Incriminating Articles

Man Arrested in Connection With the Murder of Mrs. Donahue Is Said to Have Been the Author of Story That She Eloped

By Fred R. Becholdt
The murdered body of Mrs. Alice L. Donohue was exhumed yesterday morning. Two hours later Gustave Arkell, a neighbor, identified as the man who had shadowed her for weeks, was arrested. The corpse had been buried in a shallow ditch less than 30 feet from the spot where the clothes were hidden beneath the Western furniture company's factory near the foot of Sixty-fourth street, Emeryville.

Mystery of months, born of a murderer's cunning plan, which he had carried out to its smallest detail, became an array of circumstantial facts because a small boy was persistent. These facts now point like ugly fingers toward Arkell. As gathered by Captain of Detectives Petersen of Oakland they tell the story of the tragedy which The Call told yesterday morning.

Jealousy is thought to have been the motive for the crime. The shovel found near the woman's clothing corresponds to a shovel owned by Arkell which is now missing. Captain Peterson has articles that belonged to Mrs. Donohue which were found in Arkell's possession. The prisoner is said to have two aliases, Alstead and Ost Dahl, under the latter of which he was accused by his wife in San Francisco of trying to poison her three years ago. To him a dozen stories that Mrs. Donohue had eloped have been traced. And the murderer had stolen from Mrs. Donohue's home the clothing which was found Saturday near where the body lay. To give an elopement story semblance of truth it was necessary to hide those garments.

That is the gist of the case against Arkell. He was sweated last night, and he denied accusation after accusation. His arrest and the accumulation of facts came in swift succession. It was a day of many developments.

These began when Frank Walsh, the boy who found the garments of Mrs. Donohue, and a young companion dug for a half hour where officers had spaded the afternoon before, in a ditch near the rear of the furniture factory. In a half hour they uncovered the drawn up knees of the corpse, and they fled white faced.

Meantime, Peterson had found that the spade which had been discovered Saturday was one such as well diggers use, and that Arkell had been digging a well before the murder. He began his investigation toward the prisoner.

As the circumstantial evidence tells its story it says this: Mrs. Donohue fled from her home the evening of June 11. She wore the garments in which her husband had seen her when he left the house for the Elks' lodge meeting—a skirt, house slippers and a kimono. These garments were on the body when it was found. Neighbors saw the woman run, and they saw her afterward leaning exhausted against her woodshed.

The murderer, who is supposed to be the man who had terrorized her night after night, followed her toward the scene of the crime, where he overtook and killed her. He killed her either because of jealousy, or as Theodore Durrant killed his victims. It was done in the black darkness of the flat lands and was done in silence. A towel found over the head of the corpse leads to the belief that the woman was strangled.

When he had killed her the murderer went to Mrs. Donohue's home and got the garments whose disappearance led to the belief that she had eloped—lent color to the stories which Arkell told all summer. The murderer took these things and hid them beneath the furniture factory. He made two of those mistakes which sometimes cause murder to be the most easily detected of crimes—he failed to take a pair of shoes and the hat pins which Mrs. Donohue would have worn had she left home. These articles Donohue found in their usual places.

After hiding the garments the murderer buried the body. He used a shovel, originally long handled, the handle shortened by sawing—the shovel which led to Arkell's arrest. He must have worked two hours or more doing all this. And while he was covering the grave the husband was in the desolate home, wild with anxiety. The next day Gustave Arkell, at work for a neighbor, said to the lady of the house "I have found a locket." He showed her a heavy gold locket. She asked him why he did not advertise for an owner. He answered that finders were keepers. "Perhaps I'll find the chain next," he chuckled. That locket, said to be in the possession of the Oakland police, is designated as the property of Mrs. Donohue.

Two days afterward Arkell, at work in the same household, began to take a keen interest in the case of Mrs. Donohue, then neighborhood talk. Daily he asked the woman to tell him what the papers said on the matter. Then Arkell began to talk of an elopement—a theory which the murderer made possible when he stole and hid the outer garments. Arkell talked mysteriously of the woman who lay in the fowl grave, and intimated that he knew men who had seen her in San Francisco. He hinted to women in the neighborhood that he could tell Donohue much. And his words came to Donohue, who withdrew the reward he had offered for intelligence of his wife. This kept on all summer. And then a small boy hunted his dog and found the garments which were stolen the night of the murder. Donohue offered \$100 reward for the body's recovery. The same small boy, incited by this sum, got a companion and a spade, and in half an hour what a murderer had managed with the help of night's blackness to make a mystery came to light as an ugly tragedy—one of the most carefully carried out murders in the history of western crime. Strangely enough, it was the garments themselves, by whose theft the existence of murder was first hidden, which brought to light essential facts of the tragedy. Following this discovery came quick investigation. In this were learned the movements of Mrs. Donohue the night of June 1. The story of these movements—of the woman's flight from the house where the mur-

DEREG FIRST CAME UPON HER

der first came upon her; of her tapping at her neighbor's window for help, and of the previous dogging of her footsteps—was told in Sunday morning's Call. That story is confirmed in detail by the facts which Captain Peterson now has in his possession.

FIRST SPOT SEARCHED BY BOYS YIELDS UP CORPSE

Husband Collapses as Wife's Remains Are Bared by Youthful Diggers' Spades
It was the reward of \$100 offered by the husband that brought about the quick discovery of the body after the finding of the garments. Frankie Walsh, the boy who had found the clothes the previous day, arose early yesterday morning and, with Tony Fegoni, a chum, began a search for the buried corpse. The same dog whose imprisonment under the furniture factory had been the means to the unravelling of the mystery joined the lads in their quest. With a large spade the boys sought out the most likely place for the body to be found. A soft, damp spot of land near the rear of the barnlike furniture factory invited search. The boys had found the right spot the first time. They had been digging for half an