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AFTER THIS SWELTERING WEEK, THE WEATHER FORECASTER HANDS OUT THIS BULLETIN TODAY: "TONIGHT AND SUNDAY OCCASIONALLY THREATENING, PARTLY CLOUDY, COOLER," AND AT THAT, TEMPERATURE READINGS FROM OTHER COAST POINTS SHOW SEATTLE WEATHER IS THE COOLEST.

'WHISTLING MURDERER' CAUGHT

Police Declare They've Fastened Guilt on Cigar Dealer Who Was Friend of Woman Found With Throat Cut

VICTIM OF MURDERER



Mrs. Blanche Coleman, found dead Saturday, with her throat cut, in her apartments in the Christie hotel, Fourth ave. and Olive st.

Bloody Clothes Found in Room of Suspect; Roomers Hear Murderer Whistling Popular Air as He Kills.

Her throat cut by a cold-blooded murderer, who whistled a popular tune as he committed the crime, Mrs. Blanche Coleman, 30, was found dead in her apartment at the Christie hotel, Fourth ave. and Olive st., early Saturday morning.

John Soudas, 23, proprietor of a cigar stand at 1613 Westlake ave., said to have been in love with the woman, is being held by the police.

Neighbors heard a man and woman quarreling earlier in the evening. At 4 o'clock this morning, they heard a stifled scream from the woman.

The man was whistling a popular song, evidently trying to drown the noise made by his victim.

A few minutes later they saw him leave the apartment, still whistling.

The police believe that while the woman lay dying on the floor, trying vainly to reach the telephone, the murderer, calmly keeping up his tune, bathed the bloodstains from his hands at the wash-stand, then, switching off the lights in the apartment, departed by way of the back door.

Find Bundle of Bloody Clothing in Room of Suspect in Denny Hill Hotel

His departure was witnessed by Mrs. Agnes Hennessy, who lived in the apartment next to Mrs. Coleman's, and by William McBroom, who occupied another apartment across the court.

Four hours later, Detective Captain Tennant and Detective Meyer Peyster arrested Soudas at his cigar stand, a short distance from the scene of the murder, after they had found a bundle of bloody clothing in his room at the Denny Hill hotel, 2015 Fifth ave.

Soudas stoutly denied any knowledge of the crime when he was taken to Captain Tennant's office and "sweated."

About 10 o'clock Thursday night, D. F. Stratton, who lives in the apartment adjoining that of Mrs. Coleman, on the opposite side to that occupied by Mrs. Hennessy, says he noticed a short, slightly-built man, wearing a cap and gray suit, lounging on a balcony outside Mrs. Coleman's door.

Roomer Awakened by Smothered Scream; Hears Woman Talking

"He stayed around all evening," said Stratton. "This was a very unusual thing and attracted the attention of several other who live in the hotel."

About 4 o'clock Saturday morning Stratton says he was awakened by a smothered scream.

"It wasn't loud," he said, "but I heard it plainly thru the locked sliding doors that separate my apartment from Mrs. Coleman's."

"I heard the woman's voice exclaiming, 'Now, sweetheart, see what you have done. You had better call a doctor.'"

"A man was whistling a popular air, which he broke off long enough to reply, 'I'll send for a doctor, all right.' "Then he laughed and resumed his whistling."

Mrs. Hennessy, who had been awakened in her apartment on the other side of Mrs. Coleman's, and who was also listening to the quarrel, corroborated Stratton's story of the affair in her statement to Capt. of Detectives Tennant.

A struggle followed. Then came the hoarse tones of the man again: "Now, do you feel better?" he muttered. "I'll get you a drink of water."

Describe Man's Apparel He continued whistling.

Stratton and Mrs. Hennessy say they heard him turning on the water in Mrs. Coleman's kitchen, and thought the altercation had subsided, as lovers' quarrels generally do.

Fifteen minutes later, however, when Mrs. Hennessy heard the man leaving by the back door, she hastened to her window.

She made a mental note that he (Turn to page 5, column 6)

RAILROAD MEN TO TAKE STRIKE VOTE

NEW YORK, June 17.—The four organizations of railway trainmen which have been refused demands for an eight-hour day, and time and a half for overtime are to take a strike vote, the result of which will be in the hands of the leaders August 1, when the demands will be renewed.

LOCAL BOY AT FRONT

Jimmie J. Hammond, son of Mrs. Jennie Hammond, 2423 West 57th st., Seattle, is with the expeditionary force of U. S. marines recently rushed to Santo Domingo for the protection of the American Legation there during the revolt against President Jimenes.

Young Hammond enlisted in the United States Marine corps at its local recruiting station, 101 First ave. S., on May 20, 1915.

CAN'T FIND PUGGINI

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Where is Giacomo Puccini? Every effort was made today by the reorganization committee of the General Petroleum Co. to get in touch with Puccini, composer of "Madame Butterfly" and other operas, who owns \$10,000 worth of the corporation's 6 per cent bonds, which are in a bank here.

Unless these securities are deposited with the Mercantile Trust Co. before June 28, the date of the foreclosure sale, Puccini will not be able to participate in the benefits of that sale. All attempts to find him have failed.

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SEE THE SYNDICATE'S NICE MOUNTAIN



"SEE America First." Go to Mt. Rainier and meet the glaciers.

Not after the dictation of your own fancy, if you please, but as THE SYNDICATE directs you.

THE SYNDICATE says you'll have to ride in your own auto or in a crowded 30-passenger carry-all, or stay away altogether.

And THE SYNDICATE, mind you, is the boss on the mountain.

It is the Mt. Rainier National Park Co., alias Joe Blethen, C. D. Stimson, Herman Chapin, Sam Hill, J. C. Ternes, Chester Thorne, T. H. Martin, and others.

It is they who are THE SYNDICATE, to whom the government has turned over the management of affairs inside Mt. Rainier National park.

"People who ride in jitneys and 'for hire' cars can't come into our park," says THE SYNDICATE. "We will keep such machines and their drivers out. But if their passengers want to pay us \$2 per head, we will carry them in our own autos clear to Paradise Valley and show 'em our fine, big hotel."

What matter if it is more comfortable to make the trip in a small car? You mustn't. You can't.

You can ride in a big, crowded car with 30 other sweltering, dusty souls, if you like, clear from Seattle, and THE SYNDICATE will allow you to go thru the gates. Otherwise you get out when you get to the park.

If this is right, fair and just, doesn't it look as if the government, or THE SYNDICATE, or the United States constitution, or some other little thing, needs considerable fixing?

The Star wants to know.

STRIP FOR TROUBLE IN MEXICO

U. S. May Call Out Consuls; Carranza Troops Threaten to Attack

DELIVER ULTIMATUM

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The state department is considering a suggestion that the remainder of the American consuls in interior Mexico be brought out. Most of them came out several weeks ago for a border conference and have not returned.

Those remaining include Vice Consul Dickinson at San Luis Potosi and Silliman at Saltillo.

Mexicans will attack America troops if any more of the latter cross the border, or "if there is any attempt to move troops in any direction except north," according to a message Gen. Trevino has telegraphed to Gen. Pershing, Gen. Bell reported to the war office today thru Gen. Funston.

Trevino is believed to be acting directly under Carranza's orders.

Carranza is reported to have established the present location of the American expedition as a deadline. Authorities pointed to growing evidences of Carranza's hostility to the expedition's continued stay on Mexican soil.

The war department received private advices saying notices posted in Chihuahua and Juarez urged civilians to supply themselves with arms and ammunition.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 17.—Gen. Parker reported to Gen. Funston from Brownsville this afternoon that a detachment of Col. Bullard's command fired on a band of Mexicans eight miles east of San Benito, Tex.

It is not known whether any bandits were killed, as they scattered into the brush and recrossed the line.

Bullard said he would follow them across the border if he could find a good trail.

Travelers from Del Rio said today that 200 Mexicans have crossed the line there.

This could not be confirmed at Funston's headquarters.

American troops are building pontoon bridges near Del Rio and have machine guns trained across the river.

Funston said today that he had received no direct word from Gen. Pershing regarding the report that Gen. Trevino, Carranza northern Mexico commander, had issued an ultimatum against further movements by the punitive expedition or entrance of more troops into Mexico.

SEND MORE TROOPS

WASHINGTON, June 17.—An ambulance company, a field artillery company, and a field hospital corps ordered from Cheyenne, Wyo., to the Indiana training camp, today was diverted for service on the border.

THREE MEXICANS KILLED

BROWNSVILLE, June 17.—Three Mexicans are reported to have been killed in a clash with United States troops and a band of about 30 bandits, 10 miles east of San Benito, Tex., last night. There were no American casualties.

CONCERTS SUNDAY IN THREE PARKS

Wouldst listen to the bands playing in the parks Sunday?

Here's the program:

From 2:30 to 5 p. m. Cavanaugh's band will play at Alki beach, and the Second regiment band will play at Woodland park; from 7 to 9 p. m., Wagner's band will play at Volunteer park.

GET ANTI-WAR PLANK

CHICAGO, June 17.—An anti-militarism plank was drafted into the platform of the socialist party at the meeting of the national executive committee here today.

WILL ENFORCE VIRGINIA'S OLD BLUE LAW CODE

RICHMOND, Va., June 17.—Virginia will be paralyzed socially and economically tomorrow if authorities carry out their announced decision to enforce the blue laws.

Prohibitionists in power all over the state say anti-prohibitionists are trying to make the reform laws ridiculous by strict enforcement.

Authorities say they are going to arrest engineers of freight trains, chauffeurs, telephone and telegraph operators, bootblacks and confectioners, proprietors of amusement places, druggists who sell anything but medicine, cigar store men, newspaper workers from editors down, choir singers, street car employees, baseball players, golfers, theatrical men, and all who try to sail, row or run boats for pleasure or profit, fishermen, persons who do "unnecessary" house or farm work—everybody, in fact, who does not stick close to the straight and narrow, and be mighty careful how he does that.

Officials have been instructed to apply the letter of the law.

BEGIN INQUIRY INTO WRECK OF THE BEAR

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—While federal inspectors viewed the wreck of the steamer Bear today, preparatory to starting their probe Monday, survivors arriving here were subpoenaed to testify at the inquiry.

Every effort will be made to learn what was responsible for the disaster which cost five lives.

BOY, 13, TO PREACH

SPOKANE, June 17.—Charles Flaunizan, 13, will preach the sermon and conduct the religious part of the Fathers' day exercises at the Interstate fair grounds here tomorrow.

A chorus of 1,000 boys will assist in the observance of Fathers' day.

A red rose for the father who lives, a white rose in memory of the father who is dead, are the flowers of the day.

ASTOR'S YOUNG WIDOW TO WED NEWSPAPERMAN



MADISON, N. J., June 17.—Madeline Force Astor, widow of John Jacob Astor, who went down with the Titanic, is to be married next week to Wm. K. Dick, part owner of the Brooklyn Times, according to a story appearing in that paper today.

The Times stated it is authorized to announce that the marriage will occur next week, and that the license has been obtained.

Dick, who is 28, is said to be worth from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. By the marriage Mrs. Astor will lose the income from \$5,000,000 left her by her late husband so long as she remained his widow.

At the Astor home it was stated that Mrs. Astor left on Thursday for Bar Harbor, where she plans to spend the summer.

Servants at the Astor home were surprised at the rumor of the engagement and were inclined to discredit it.

Dick and his bride will go West on their honeymoon, it is announced, and will return in about a month.

INQUIRY INTO DOUBLE KILLING IS POSTPONED

No new light was shed Saturday during the morning session of the coroner's inquest upon the deaths of Mrs. Corinne Wheeler and Miss Kate D. Swift.

Three witnesses were heard and an adjournment then declared until June 26.

Marshall DuBrulle, a neighbor of the murdered women, testified he saw one of them at 2:30 on the afternoon of the tragedy.

She was sitting in a window in her home as he passed by on his way downtown to pay a subscription for the Star.

Miss Margaret Williamson testified she saw Howard S. King, nephew of the murdered women, the morning of the same day, and W. H. Bishop told of rumors he had heard.

These rumors had previously been testified to by other witnesses.

W. C. McNichol, 466 Westlake ave. N., who conducts a fuel office directly opposite the house where the women were killed, testified Friday that Mrs. Wheeler had called on him the Sunday evening before the murder and told of prowlers lurking near the house.

She also asked him for advice in investing a small amount of money. She told McNichol, he said, that her nephew lacked the necessary training for handling business affairs.

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SUSPECT DENIES GUILT; 'SWEATED' BY DETECTIVES

John Soudas, suspected murderer of Mrs. Blanche Coleman, when confronted Saturday by the bloody clothes found by Captain of Detectives Tennant and Detective Peyster in his room at the Denny Hill hotel, explained the stains by saying he had cut his finger.

At the office of Capt. Tennant, the prisoner was "sweated" for nearly an hour.

"He is feigning insanity," said Tennant. "He says he has lost his memory, and while he denies the crime, he says he doesn't know why he did it, or what motive prompted him."

While being booked, following his interview with the captain, Soudas acted "queerly," according to Lieut. Hedges.

"He says he is insane," said Hedges.

Soudas rocked his head and chattered incoherently while he was being locked in his cell.

Bloody fingerprints left by the murderer on a sheet in Mrs. Coleman's bedroom were photographed by a Bertillon operator.

Later, when Soudas was arrested, the same operator took careful prints of the suspect's fingers while he was being "mugged."

The print photographed from the sheet and those taken from Soudas are said to exactly correspond.

PRIZES AWARDED IN SEATTLE ROSE SHOW

Mrs. F. F. Willard of Mount Vernon won the sweepstakes prize, a gold medal, at the third annual exposition of the Pacific Northwest Rose society, in the Commercial Club Friday.

Her exhibit was a deep crimson bloom, an Edward Mawley.

Hundreds of other beautiful exhibits are shown. The rose show will be open to visitors Saturday, a nominal charge being made.

WALKER TO SPEAK

F. W. Walker, U. S. commissioner of the National Association of The Manufacturers, will speak Monday noon at the Seattle Commercial Club. His lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views.



John Soudas, held by the police in connection with the Christie hotel murder.

JOHNSON VISITS T. R.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Gov. Johnson of California, vice presidential candidate with Roosevelt on the progressive ticket in 1912, called on Roosevelt at the Hotel Langdon today. Raymond Robins, of Illinois, chairman of the progressive convention, accompanied him.

HOW MANY HOURS MUST YOU WAIT? 48

We are keeping "Under Cover." But we will not keep "Under Cover" much longer. We will show our hand in Monday's Star. YOU WILL APPRECIATE IT. Denby said he hadn't been to Paris in two years. The truth comes out in "Under Cover," the new novel which begins Monday in The Star. It finishes Saturday. Just 48 hours to wait. Don't miss Monday's paper.