

GRAFT ON CITY JOBS ALLEGED!

Contractors' Ring Here Accused of Robbing Taxpayers

That there is a contractors' ring in Seattle which is stealing thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money—

That aliens are being employed on public work, while hundreds of U. S. citizens are walking the streets jobless—

That the alien laborers are being paid \$3.50 a day by contractors, when the rate fixed by the city is \$4.50—

That the taxpayer is paying 25 per cent "graft money" on various street projects—

That Corporation Counsel Walter F. Meier has deliberately evaded the issue—

These are the charges made Thursday by the Association of Unemployed, claiming a membership of 5,000 Seattle workers.

ORDINANCE VIOLATED REPEATEDLY, CHARGE

The ordinance which provides that citizens shall be given preference on city jobs is being continually violated by contractors," W. R. Allen, secretary of the association, declared. "City officials know that the contractors are violating the law. Corporation Counsel Meier has refused to prosecute cases against these contractors unless specific evidence is presented in each case. He will not investigate the reports of dozens of citizens who have been refused jobs where aliens are now employed."

Allen said that contractors hired alien labor because they could get these men for \$2.50 a day, whereas the rate fixed for common labor by the board is \$4.50.

"Some of these aliens receive only \$2.75 per day, and are compelled to pay the boss 25 cents a day for the privilege of working," he stated.

Efforts of the board of public works to annul contracts where alien labor was employed was declared illegal by Meier, Allen asserted.

CHARTER PROVISION DECLARED VAGUE

Mayor Caldwell has asked the corporation counsel's office to draft an

Judge Not Hastily

Can a Murderer Be Identified by His Back?

(Editor's Note—Attention today is directed on the great number of circumstantial evidence murder cases about to go to trial on the Pacific coast. The Star has induced Walter S. Fulton, Seattle attorney, to write a series of articles dealing with famous circumstantial evidence cases. The series indicates that circumstantial evidence is often unreliable and dangerous to justice. These articles, however, are not intended in any way to influence sentiment regarding any of the murder cases about to come to trial. This is the third article of Fulton's series.)

By Walter S. Fulton

Did you ever pause for a moment to think that the back of your body might be as easily identified as your face is recognized? Do you believe that the shape of a normal man's back has a distinctive peculiarity, which impresses itself upon casual observers as a face does?

Or have backs, doubtless, like faces? These problems were important factors in deciding the guilt or innocence of Arthur Munos, tried for the murder of Ah Ming Ling in the year 1916.

Painful groaning and moaning pierced through the darkness of that night, summoning neighbors out of bed. In a little dilapidated shack was found an old Chinaman, shabbily dressed in his native garb, with deep incisions in his head. He was dead. An ax pointed with fresh human blood was resting near him. His trousers pockets were turned inside out, and the house paraphernalia was topsy-turvy. It was obvious that robbery was the motive for the murder.

POLICE ARRIVE AND FIND WITNESS

The police arrived on the scene and busily canvassed the area for information leading to the apprehension of the murderers. Their labor was rewarded by the discovery of a witness, Florence Hernandez, a giggling young girl, who was free and ready with her information. She supplied the officers with a clue to the murder by identifying the back

ordinance providing for the annulment of city contracts where preference is not given to American citizens.

"The charter provision is very vague and indefinite," the mayor explained. "It is difficult to obtain a conviction because contractors claim that citizens are not competent to do the work."

And in the meanwhile, according to the unemployment officials, aliens who can barely speak English are grabbing the jobs that by law belong to American citizens and heads of families.

CORNS

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Col. J. H. Darlington Head of Park Board

Col. J. Howard Darlington was elected secretary of the board of park commissioners Wednesday morning by unanimous vote of the board. He succeeds R. H. Farran, who resigned the position several weeks ago.

formation, Arthur Munos was arrested and charged with the murder. Later his two intimate friends were arrested as his accomplices.

Arthur was in bed when detectives paid him a visit. No sooner had the officers informed him of the nature of their call, than he began uttering statements and making allusions that were equalled in recklessness only by Florence's testimony. The cause and meaning of these spontaneous outbursts have never been understood.

But they were most assuredly incriminating. They could be shaped like potter's clay to suit the hearer. For instance, when the officers questioned him he remarked: "I guess you got me in an awful mess. White lies for me." When he was confronted with his two alleged conspirators, he shouted:

"I knew I was goin' to hang before the year was over by knockin' aroun' with you'se guys."

Another remark he often repeated: "I sure have been havin' a streak of hard luck."

The activities of one of the conspirators was the nucleus of the prosecution's theory for the murder. It was in substance this: That he had been doing business with the Chinaman, thus placing himself in a position to observe the financial standing and familiarize himself with the manner in which the victim carried his money. They were occasionally interested in the same lottery game. The deceased was reputed to carry large sums of money on his person.

GIRL STUDIED HIS BACK

That after sufficient knowledge of conditions was obtained, he persuaded Arthur and his friend to abandon their legitimate employment for this easier way to eke out a living. That soon after the murder was conceived they visited the premises of the Chinaman, premeditatedly and systematically conspired to take life, ejecting Arthur to commit the criminal deed.

Florence's identification, extraordinary, of the slayer's back gained credibility by the fact that Arthur's affinity, whom he visited with frequent regularity, resided across the street from Florence. Naturally, she had a splendid opportunity to study his back when walking into the house.

"I have seen him call on her so much that he almost got on my nerves," she explained to the authorities.

Accordingly, she was the star witness for the state when the case was called before Judge Edward Judson Brown. Other witnesses testified that they had seen the three young men in the vicinity of the killing. Their actions appeared strange, some claimed.

STORIES DIFFER AS TO HAT

Florence contended that Arthur was alone. Some believed that Arthur had a hat on, while Florence claimed that the hat which was washed into the darkness on that evening had no hat above it. The witnesses hopelessly disagreed as to the color of the clothes the prisoners wore that eventful evening. Their recollections on articles carried by the defendants that evening ranged from a burlesque sack to a tiny tin box that "rattled like there was money in it." Others claimed that neither of the defendants carried anything in their hands. Florence was as flexible for the defense as she was for the prosecution—just as ready to answer questions in the negative for the defense which she had answered in the affirmative for the prosecution.

Judge Brown was not satisfied with the evidence, and he ordered the cases dismissed and defendants released, without placing their fate into the hands of a jury.

Zealous investigators of the case induced the district attorney to issue another complaint for the same murder and re-arrested them.

The law on "once in jeopardy" did not apply in this case. Otherwise, they could not be arrested for the same offense. The law gives immunity from further prosecution for the same crime to those persons who had been tried by a jury.

EVIDENCE HELD INSUFFICIENT

For some unexplained reason the next trial was set before Judge Cassidy, outside of Los Angeles township. The evidence was introduced. Except for some minor changes, it was the same as at the first hearing. And Judge Cassidy concurred with the learned opinion of Judge Brown on the law in the case, ruling that the evidence in the case was insufficient in law, therefore not justified for the deliberations of a jury.

Arthur is still wondering whether there is anything about a person's back which betrays his identity.

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- \$10.00 BLANKETS, \$7.95.
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—First Floor

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—Second Floor

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—Misses' Section, Third Floor

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Public Hearing on "Second Run" Goods

Chairman Phil Tindall, of the public safety committee of the city council, has announced that a public hearing will be held next Wednesday

In the council chambers, on the proposed ordinance making it illegal to sell "second-run" goods without advertising them as such.

You can easily learn to dance at Bright's, 1604 4th, cor. Pine.—Adv.

Suggestions for Your Labor Day Outing

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U. S. Army Leggings.....\$1.00	U. S. Navy Blankets.....\$6.00
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A Tents, 7x9.....\$7.50	Kapoc Mattresses, Silk Floss.....\$3.00
Wall Tents, 7x7.....\$7.95	Tent Files for 7x7.....\$4.00
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