

# JAIL TRUNK MURDER MYSTERY SUSPECT

Radium has fallen in price from \$120,000 a gram to only \$36,000. Good idea to buy a carload while it's so cheap.

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**WEATHER**  
Tacoma: Rain tonight and Tuesday.  
Washington: Same, warmer east portion.

# HIGH STATE OFFICIAL INVOLVED

## IMPLICATE MAN HIGH IN ADMINISTRATION

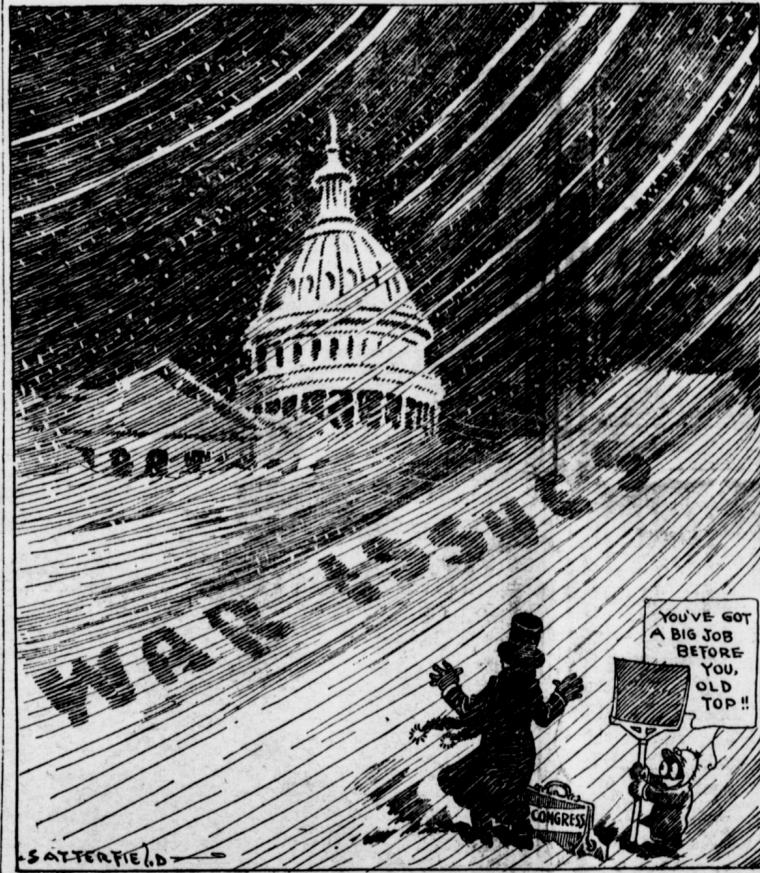
### GREECE NOT YET DECIDED

PARIS, Nov. 22.—The outcome of the Greek crisis today is as doubtful as ever. How far the allies have gone or will go with a commercial or economic blockade has not been made officially. It is reported that the allies' warships are searching Greek merchantmen, which would indicate that a literal, not a paper, blockade is to be established. Reports that Greece has finally decided to remain neutral are not confirmed. In the meantime the position of the Serbs is growing hourly more tragic. Kosovo is the scene of a big battle, while in the Monastir region another conflict rages.

### ARREST MURDER SUSPECT

PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—Formal charge of first degree murder was filed today against George Bartholomew, alias Edward Hopkins, alleged companion of the man whose body was found in a trunk in the Willamette river last Friday. That Bartholomew is the murderer is the firm belief of the police, who are satisfied the two men spent a month together in the vicinity of Albany and Salem and came to Portland together. Police still cling to the theory that the murdered man is John Linn, of Boston. The murdered man gave this name in both Salem and Albany. There are questions as to whether this is his real name.

### GET BUSY



Thirteen reasons why the advice "Get Busy!" is pertinent will be found discussed today on the editorial page. You ought to be thinking about them.

# FUND LOOTED OF \$15,000 BY FORGERY RING

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OLYMPIA, Nov. 22.—Forged warrants for injuries sustained by fictitious laborers on county road work in western Washington to the extent of \$15,032.40 have been unearthed by the state industrial commission during the last two weeks.

Burns detectives, working on the case, were expected to arrest one of the high employes of the department this afternoon. They are searching for an alleged accomplice, said to be hiding in Tacoma.

The fraud disclosure has caused more excitement in Olympia and, apparently in the state than any event in recent years. It is said here to be a certainty that a ring of officials on the "inside" of the industrial insurance commission operated in secret with expert forgers, and that some of the fake signatures on the warrants and claims are so clever as to be hardly distinguishable for the originals.

The forged warrants were cashed in three saloons—those of Dave Blake, 710 First avenue, Seattle, formerly of Tacoma; Arthur (Monk) Young, proprietor of the Locus saloon, 1211 Pacific avenue, Tacoma; and Eugene W. Kerns, 260 Main street, Olympia. Blake, in his Seattle saloon, cashed \$3,600 worth of the fake insurance checks, while the remainder was cashed by the other two saloon men.

First Disclosure Nov. 5. Discovery of the wholesale looting of the state insurance fund was made on Nov. 5. A new stenographer in the commission's office here, came across an insurance warrant for which there was no claim on file. It was for John Stark, a road laborer in Chelan county, who was supposed to have lost a hand. It was found that there was no such person working on the road, and that all signatures in connection with the case were forged.

An investigation was at once instituted. Thirteen suspicious claims were found. Investigation of them have proven that at least eight were complete forgeries. The 13 warrants totaled \$15,032.40.

Each of the suspicious claims was for a fictitious accident supposed to have been suffered by a laborer on county road work. The claims came from Kings, Pierce, Lewis, Cowlitz, Klittit, Kitsap and Chehalis counties. In each case forgeries had been made of the name of the man supposed to be hurt, the foreman or employer, and the physician. In each case, in order to make the case seem more plausible, a physician had been selected who lived in the vicinity of the faked accident.

Propose Grand Jury. Handwriting experts have been retained at Seattle today to work on the forged warrants, and claims, in an effort to determine the identity of the forger. In the meantime, Olympia is preparing to call a grand jury. The town is over-wrought with excitement. The grand jury will investigate not only the forgeries, but reports of an opium smuggling ring, and recent disclosures of alleged police graft in connection with the Olympia underworld.

Rumors are flying about connecting the name of Chief of Police R. F. Hall, who was arrested Saturday night, following his discharge as chief, with the official who is suspected of having engineered the forgeries.

To Investigate All. This official, also, is said by local officials to have been under scrutiny last spring in connection with opium smuggling. He was engaged in the purchase of a ranch near Blaine, and made several trips to the British Columbia line in an automobile, it is declared.

At that time, the United States officers cleared the official of any connection with the smuggling. But today's disclosures linking this official's name with the industrial insurance forgeries, have again renewed suspicion against him in the smuggling cases.

Prosecuting Attorney George F. Yantis today intimated that all these questions would come up before the grand jury. It was learned today that the total amount of warrants cashed by Arthur Young in his Tacoma saloon was \$4,144. Investigators do not connect the saloon men with the case, except that they innocently cashed state warrants that had every appearance of being bona fide.

In Office Four Years. Early investigation into the forgeries caused officials to believe that the treasury had been bilked out of \$50,000 to \$60,000 through the clever manipulations of the criminal. A close check, announced today, however, brought the total down to one-fourth the previous sum.

The state industrial commission was formed four years ago. The official under suspicion was appointed when the commission first organized, and has held one of the most important positions since that time.

In his position, according to the statement given out today by Chairman Floyd L. Daggert of the commission, this official could have allowed numerous forgeries to go through, and the only chance for a discovery was some small, unforeseen detail, such as in reality caused the disclosures.

According to Dave Blake, the Seattle saloonman, there was always a third person present when any of the supposed laborers came into his saloon to cash their insurance warrants. Displeased by Exposure. This third person was always the same man. Saturday Blake was called to Olympia to see if he could identify the suspected official as the "third party" who had always appeared when the warrants were cashed. Through a misunderstanding, Blake did not have an opportunity to see the official.

Chairman Daggert expressed extreme displeasure today because a Seattle newspaper had published details of the warrant fraud without permission. The published story caused Daggert to hasten his investigation. Heretofore, the investigation has been conducted secretly, and it had been planned to make arrests this week, and then expose the entire case. It will now be necessary to arrest first, and complete the investigation afterwards.

### Lays Bomb For John D. Archbold

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Nov. 22.—A bomb consisting of four sticks of dynamite, connected with percussion caps and wires, wrapped in oiled brown paper, was discovered in the rut of a road on the estate of John D. Archbold here yesterday afternoon.

It was the road on which Archbold always drives away from his residence, and the bomb was discovered only a short time before the Standard Oil president was preparing to leave home.

The would-be assassin must have been familiar with Archbold's movements, to have placed the bomb in such an unusual place, and it is on this theory that detectives are investigating today.

### FLASHES

NEW YORK—Congressman Tavenner announced today he would conduct an investigation of the Navy League to determine whether its members own stock in war trafficking firms.

EI CENTRO, Cal.—Puffs of smoke from Mexican mountains denote revival of several old volcanoes.

PARIS—Explosion on stern of French destroyer Escopette killed one sailor and injured several others.

HALIFAX—British steamer Oakfield is reported adrift in mid-ocean with her propeller gone.

SEATTLE—Edward Krause, on information filed from Juneau, Alaska, was charged today with killing William Christis, an old resident.

INDIANAPOLIS—Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of vice president, was successfully operated on today for an abdominal ailment.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Daniels announced as a part of the defense plan the building of several submarine and fleet bases along the Atlantic coast.

### TEUTONS SEEKING CHINA AS AN ALLY

TOKIO, Nov. 22.—Advices from Washington, D. C., that representations have been made to China to induce her to join the Teutons have aroused the keenest interest here today.

### What's Doing

**Today**  
North Tacoma Camp, No. 798, W. O. W., dance and social at Eagles' hall, 13th and E, Monday night. Music. Admission free. Lecture on Oriental and Immigration Problems by Dr. Sidney L. Gulick; First Congregational church; 8 p. m.

**Tomorrow**  
Boxing smoker; Tacoma School of Boxing; at Glide rink; 8:15 p. m.

"Goodie-goodie" sale; main floor Tacoma building; for benefit of war sufferers; all day. Last ceremonial of year celebrated by Afrit temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; afternoon and evening. Lecture on "Lewis and Clark and Other Explorers," by Prof. Edmund S. Meany; before Business Girls' club; Y. W. C. A.; evening. W. O. W. complimentary dance, tonight, Eagles' hall. W. L. Carnis, manager baseball club, will sign up players for 1916.

### - Talk o' the Times -

Edgar Wheeler, tall, skinny Times reporter, who's covering the Olympia story for us today, said just before he left that he's in terrible financial shape but he doesn't worry about it, and that's what makes him worry.

While Oregon is hunting Villa out in the chapparal of Northern Mexico, Gen. Canute Reyes is slipping around the flank to take Mexico City. It has been almost a month since the capital city changed hands.

"I'm through with married life, at least for 15 years," says Prima Donna Teyte, who, at Philadelphia, learns that her husband has divorced her at Paris for leaving him "for her art." That's the way of some of them. They go it "for their art" until they're 45, and then lassoo some old geezer to make a home for them.

From what we may glean from the war correspond-

### RENEW ATTACK

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 22.—A tremendous offensive in the Dardanelles has been undertaken by the allies, according to a Constantinople dispatch. The move is regarded as Kitchen's answer to suggestions that the struggle be abandoned.

### 500 Turks On Troopship Die

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Nearly everybody aboard a Turkish transport, carrying 500 soldiers in the sea of Marmora, perished, according to reports here today, when the vessel was mined and sunk.

### Tacoman Dies Of Pellagra

A Tacoma man yesterday afternoon lost his life as a victim of the mysterious disease, pellagra. The case was the fourth in the state.

Louis Swold, age 42, a laborer, without any relatives in this part of the country, passed away at the county hospital after a lingering illness with the affliction, now thought to be caused by non-nutrition, and after physicians of Tacoma and Western Washington had combined in an endeavor to assist him.

### Deny Disguising Troop Vessels

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Replying to German charges that the English are sending transports to the Orient disguised as hospital ships, admiralty officials today said they were absolutely false.

### Wilson Working On His Message

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22.—Completion of his third annual message to congress is occupying almost the entire time of President Wilson this week.

### Goritz Still Under Fire

VIENNA, Nov. 22.—The defenses of Goritz are still under heavy fire, and the Italians are bringing up fresh soldiers.

### Seattle I. W. W.'s Condoct Services

SEATTLE, Nov. 22.—Healed by a black coffin labeled "Joe Hillstrom," 400 Industrial Workers paraded the downtown streets here yesterday. There was no disorder.

### Mattingly Surprised by Olympia Looting Story

F. I. Mattingly, assistant commissioner of industrial insurance, in charge of the Tacoma office, declared today that he was as much surprised as was the public, over disclosures of fraud in connection with the insurance funds.

"I did not have an inkling of this affair until it came out in the newspapers," said Mattingly today in the insurance commission office, 610 Tacoma building. "Of course, an investigation into such grave charges would be handled directly through the main office at Olympia. If a local investigation has been conducted, it has been without my knowledge."

"I don't understand how false warrants to the extent of \$15,000 could ever get past the auditor and treasurer of the state, but, of course, I have not heard the details, and have no right to express an opinion."

### Lax System Somewhere, Declares City Controller

"I can't understand what kind of a checking system the state uses, if it allowed \$15,000 worth of forged warrants for industrial insurance to slip through before they were detected."

This was the expression today of City Controller John F. Meada, who keeps the books for Tacoma. "There certainly must have been a lax system somewhere," continued Meada. "Every office handling money always makes a check and recheck of funds passing through it. It's a sign of pretty poor work on somebody's part, or these forgeries would have been detected long ago."

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RIGHT NOW! MR TRUE!