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JIM HILL WANTS RAILROAD TO COOS BAY MYSTERIOUS MURDER IS DELIBERATELY PLANNED IN INDIANA

WILL BUILD ROAD FROM COOS BAY ACROSS MOUNTAINS

NEW COMPANY INCORPORATED, AND JAMES J. HILL IS SAID TO BE BACKING IT—WILL BUILD INTO CENTRAL OREGON

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Tacoma, Wash., March 25.—Articles of incorporation have just been filed here for the Pacific Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. It is thought by railroad men that James J. Hill is behind the corporation, although the incorporators are all Tacoma men.

The articles state the company will build railroad lines in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California, and transact a steamship business be-

tween this city, San Francisco and other Pacific coast ports. The promoters of the enterprise say that one of the first steps of the new company will be to construct a railroad from the Coos Bay country, Oregon, 160 miles inland, traversing a rich agricultural country, Marshfield or North Bend will most probably be the ocean terminal of this road.

A. E. Law, one of the incorporators was for many years a leading official of the Northern Pacific railroad in the West.

KIDNAPERS CAUGHT AND IDENTIFIED BY THEIR VICTIM

[United Press Leased Wire.]

Cleveland, O., March 25.—Four notable developments occurred in the Whittia kidnaping case today. The first was the positive identification by Willie Whittia of the man and woman captured yesterday as the man who had taken him away from the Sharon school, and the woman who had guarded him during his captivity. After the identification the man said he was a plumber in Sharon, and that his name was James H. Boyle, and that the woman was his wife.

The second development of the day was the finding of the house in which Willie had been held prisoner. This identification was made possible by Willie, who said that from its windows he could see the signs "Thorpe's Hotel" and "Stone Church." The police found the house to be the Granger apartments, a downtown flat of the better class. Boyle and the woman rented a suite there on the second floor.

Mystery Comes Into Case.

Mystery surrounds the third and fourth development of the day. The first was the suicide of a woman named Mary Deiner, whom the police believe was connected with the plot. She swallowed morphine while standing on the street in front of an East End drug store, near the Granger apartments, and died on the way to the hospital in an ambulance.

The fourth development did not take definite shape until late this afternoon, when representatives of the press called upon Mrs. Maud Foraker, a sister of Mrs. Whittia, in Newark, O., and gave her a description of the Boyle woman. She at once burst into tears and exclaimed: "That woman again!"

She then became hysterical and could say no more for several minutes. When she recovered her calmness Mrs. Foraker would not explain her remark.

Police Seek Hidden Detail.

Throughout the latter part of the case the police and others investigating the kidnaping have felt that there was something behind the case that was being kept hidden by those most closely concerned. The first indication of this came last night, when the woman with Boyle, shortly after arrest, said:

"There'll be hell in Sharon tomorrow."

Mr. Whittia's subsequent actions and his apparent hesitancy about taking any steps that might expedite the prosecution of the kidnapers have led to further belief in its mystery.

The police do not believe that the woman arrested with Boyle is his wife, and they are bending every energy to pierce the veil of mystery with which she is surrounded. Mrs. Whittia's sister's remarks shows that the woman is known to the family, and Mr. Whittia has told the police that he knew Boyle slightly in Sharon.

These facts, taken in connection with the extraordinarily kid treatment that Willie Whittia received at the hands of the kidnapers have put the police on the qui vive, and their efforts are being exerted to discover the identity of the mysterious woman in the case.

Cleveland, March 25.—Mrs. James H. Boyle, known as Helen Falkner, the woman who held Willie Whittia captive, will not be taken to Pennsylvania but will be tried here on the charge of blackmail, the penalty for which is five years in prison and a fine of \$5,000.

Boyle will be taken to Sharon, Pa., and tried on the charge of kidnaping. The extreme penalty for that crime in Pennsylvania is life imprisonment.

The woman formerly was a burlesque actress in New York and evidently has had a varied career.

It is expected that Boyle will start for Sharon tomorrow for his preliminary hearing. The Mercer county, Pennsylvania, grand jury convenes the second Monday in April and the court opens April 19.

The police today returned to Attorney Whittia the \$9848 in currency found in the woman's possession when she was arrested, so that the real amount of money actually paid finally for the ransom of Willie was just \$152.

Boyle was put through a course of the "third degree" today in Chief Kohler's office in the presence of Whittia, Attorney Cochran, Chief Crane, the detectives who made the arrest and Thomas Boyle of Sharon, brother of the prisoner.

WOMAN TORTURED THEN MURDERED A REMARKABLE CASE

FACE BURNED WITH CARBOLIC ACID, MRS. CULBERTSON'S BODY GAGGED AND BOUND IS FOUND IN outhouse AT VINCENNES

[United Press Leased Wire.]

Vincennes, Ind., March 25.—In the supposed murder and torture of Mrs. Russell Culbertson of this city the police today face one of the most remarkable cases ever known in this state and are working upon the principal clue which is furnished by letters from another woman, who loved Russell Culbertson madly but lost his love.

Mrs. Culbertson, who was 25 years old, was found yesterday bound and gagged, suffering from burns about the face caused by carbolic acid, in an outhouse at the home of Joshua Brazleton, where she lived. She died today.

The young victim was a trained nurse and was married only three months ago, after she had nursed Culbertson through an illness.

Her friends say that she was exceedingly happy, her joy being marred only by the periodical receipt of threatening letters from a woman who had been her rival for the love of Culbertson. These letters which were delivered mysteriously at her residence, all breathed hatred and vengeance and threatening violence and death to the bride unless she should relinquish her husband to the writer. One of the letters, in the hands of the police, reads as follows: "Every one has a good word for you. That is why Russell cares for you and not for me. You have been true and I haven't."

"I tell you again to be on your guard. He shall suffer as I have suffered through you."

"Oh, how I hate you! I'll kill you if I can and then who'll get Russell? Ha! Ha! I will! He will then be mine!"

The police are investigating the case on the theory that the letters were really sent by the unsuccessful lover. They say they have information that will lead to an arrest. There

is a well defined opinion, however, that the letters may have been sent at a blind to delude the police, as the threats are so open and violent. On the other hand, some of the officers engaged on the case intimate that they were the work of a woman, driven insane by brooding over the loss of the man she loved.

Four threatening letters in all were sent to Mrs. Culbertson. The fourth was found today in the closet of her room, from which she evidently was dragged to her death. The last letter contained the single word "Goodbye," and was illustrated with rudely scrawled skull and crossbones.

The first letter was found last Friday night, having been pushed under the front door and was addressed to "Mrs. Culbertson." Saturday night a second letter was placed on a window sill at the rear of the house. Monday night a third letter was placed on the sill of the parlor window. The fourth probably was dropped by the murderers as they dragged the woman from her room to the shed where she was killed.

Carbolic acid evidently was forced down her throat, after she had been bound and gagged and probably rendered half unconscious in her struggle for life.

Mrs. Culbertson before her marriage was Miss Jennie Lee Overton of Dublin, Texas. She came here from Chicago, after having completed a course in nursing in that city.

The couple sloped to Lawrenceville, Ill., on January 6 and the announcement of their wedding came as a surprise.

There is no clew except that given by the mysterious letters and the police are far from a solution of the problem.

Two linen handkerchiefs and a three-ounce bottle which had con-

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PEOPLE'S BARGAIN HOUSE

STEAMER POMONA SUNK AT MILWAUKIE

The steamer Pomona which plies between this city and Portland, ran onto the rocks near the town of Milwaukie early this morning and sunk. No one was injured.

The steamer, which was under the captainship of Chris Pihum, was steaming slowly up the river along the Milwaukie shore, a dense fog covering the water completely, shutting off any view, and owing to this the boat ran onto what is known as "Milwaukie reef," jamming a large hole in her hull and slowly sank in 15 feet of water. There were not many passengers on board, however, and no one was injured.

The O. C. T. Co. will raise the boat and put her into commission again, as the only damage done was the tear in the hull.

This is the first accident which

has happened to any of the river steamers since the steamer Grey Eagle sank on the upper Willamette several years ago, and it was a surprise to all the river men that the Pomona went down, as the crew handling the boat was familiar with the river from Corvallis to Portland, and the ability of the captain as a navigator is questioned by none.

Cortelyou Has a Job.

[United Press Leased Wire.]

New York, March 25.—The directors of the Consolidated Gas Company of New York today elected George B. Cortelyou, who held three portfolios under the Roosevelt cabinet, president of the corporation, and he will assume his new duties at once.

LADIES WATCH THIS SPACE