

'HEXERA' EVIDENCE IS SEEN IN ODD SLAYING

(Continued from Page One) with such power that it ripped through the victim's great short coat and a spectacle case in the vest pocket before it plunged into his heart. After that, the killer opened the coat and overcoat and plunged in the knife seven more times in a circle around the heart about three inches in diameter.

TOSSED FROM CAR Then, the victim was stripped of all his belongings and tossed out of the car into the roadway, where his dying groans brought a policeman on guard at the nearby home of Judge Harry S. Modewitt.

These new developments caused police to discard all previous theories of robbery. John Cohen, negro attendant in the garage where Bechtel kept his car, who was arrested as suspect, was released tonight after five hours of questioning.

Following the weird possibilities opened up by the new developments, police searched Bechtel's modest Venango street apartment from top to bottom. He found nothing connected with any mystic or secret organization.

CHURCH LITERATURE Beyond a number of books and church pamphlets and some correspondence with his employer, an insurance broker, they found nothing that might provide an index to Bechtel's character.

The only clue to the queer cuts on the victim's face was the strange voodoo beliefs of some of the superstitious farm folk of the Pennsylvania Dutch regions around Boyertown, Berks county, where he spent his childhood.

There, for over a century, strange arrival of the first German settlers, the strange belief in hexeral has persisted through the years. Farmers paint strange symbols on their barns to ward off the evil ones and to propitiate the good spirits of fertility.

HEX DOCTORS Each village has its hex doctors, who, with signs and incantations, can cure the ills of his neighbors.

It is in this country, back to the scenes of Bechtel's boyhood, that Philadelphia's murder squad turned tonight for an answer to the enigma.

In the meantime, Healy organized a detail of trained men to examine every detail of Bechtel's life since he arrived in this city eight years ago.

DEATH VEILED IN MYSTERY MANILA, P. I., Jan. 21. (Thursday) (AP)—Although evidence gathered so far indicates that Mrs. Mabel Tait, wife of an itinerant theatrical producer, was accidentally killed by a fall into the Pasig river, authorities continued their investigation today in an attempt to clarify several puzzling circumstances.

The woman's body was found by a fisherman in Manila bay Tuesday. A wound in the back of the head was at first believed to have been made by a bullet. Later autopsy surgeons said it probably was caused by a jagged rock in the stream.

Detectives advanced the theory that Mrs. Tait had walked over a cliff above the water after leaving a bridge game in her home for a stroll through the estate surrounding the residence.

There were points which tended to refute that theory, however. Although her dress was missing, her body was hardly scratched as it might have been by objects in the river. Water in her lungs appeared to be clear, while that in the river is muddy.

Authorities emphasized that no one is suspected, and the inquiry is only to determine whether all circumstances are reasonable.

If Viola Tuttle will call at the Age office she will receive a free ticket good for today only at El Portal theater.

N. Y. PROMISES TO ECONOMIZE

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (AP)—The city of New York, through its officials, today promised to end all district governmental living, stay within income and curtail extravagance. In return the representatives of forty banks promised to put \$250,000,000 at the city's disposal at once.

OUTLAW SENDS DEATH THREAT

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 20. (AP)—A death threat, believed sent by Oklahoma's arch outlaw, Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, was received today by acting Governor Robert Burns.

"You will either withdraw that \$1,000 reward or suffer the consequences," the note read. "No kidding." Although the letter was not signed, authorities said it probably was from Floyd, object of a statewide search since he robbed banks at Castle and Paden last Thursday and escaped with \$60,000 in loot.

"I have robbed no one but the 'mole man,'" the threat concluded. Mailed from Altus, it was not signed.

VETS TO HEAR BONUS TALK

A frank discussion of the veterans' bonus question will be heard Friday night when war veterans and their friends from the Las Vegas and Boulder City area gather in the Elks club to hear nationally known speakers discourse on the subject.

COUGHING CLUE IN TEXAS CASE

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 20. (AP)—The fact that W. S. (Shilo) Scrivner coughed continually was presented a jury here late today as the state's most telling point so far in his murder trial.

NEW CABINET FOR MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 20. (AP)—A new cabinet was announced tonight by President Pascual Ortiz after a day which saw the resignation of the finance minister and the foreign secretary.

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National Coal and Ice Company Coal burns slowly and evenly and maintains that uniform temperature so essential to a comfortable home.

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'BE YOURSELF' IN STYLE, THEY SAY



The Marquise Pierre de Casa Maury (left) chooses frocks that accent her slim beauty. Her evening gown is of steel-colored tulle embroidered heavily in steel tube beads. The Princess Caria Boncompagni Ludovisi (above) wears a black felt hat tipped with black wings. Rebooux designed it.

YATES GIVEN PRISON TERM

Sentenced to a term from one to 14 years, for passing fictitious checks, Birdsell Yates appeared before Judge William E. Orr yesterday morning in the district court.

FEDERAL COURT TO BE HELD HERE

Federal court will be held in Las Vegas this year on March 2, in the district court rooms, it was announced yesterday. It will probably be the last federal court hearing in the Clark county courthouse, as next year the rooms in the new federal building will be available.

RUSS WOMAN IN N. Y. SLAIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (AP)—Mrs. Tallana Kouteyneko, 32, said to have been a member of the Russian nobility, was shot and fatally wounded under mysterious circumstances tonight while in the bedroom of the family's top floor apartment of a six-story building at 63 Lenox avenue, in Harlem.

YOUNG COTTONWOOD TREES

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MAN IS HURT IN CAR CRASH

With details shrouded in mystery, an automobile accident about three-fourths of a mile east of this city on the Boulder highway was not fully recorded with either city, county or state authorities, and the identity of a doctor and nurse who are alleged to have treated an injured driver remained unknown.

A light coach, driven at about 40 miles an hour, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock was reported by witnesses to be swerving erratically along the highway, finally overturning and rolling off the road.

A passing milk truck is said to have brought the injured man to town. The car disappeared from the scene of the accident, believed under its own power, and is thought to be stored in a private garage.

He appeared later to say his mother had turned over his car and had been brought home by the driver of a milk truck, with four fingers of his left hand almost severed, and cuts and bruises on his head.

VALLEY COUPLE IS MARRIED IN CITY

Making a special trip to Las Vegas for the ceremony, Justice of the Peace R. F. Lowe of Mesquite married his son, Lloyd, to Miss Lulu Adams yesterday. The bride is from Bunkerville.

FARMER TELLS OF DEATH HOAX

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EL PORTAL NEVADA'S FINEST THEATRE

Thursday, Friday, Saturday JAMES DUNN & SALLY EILERS in "DANCE TEAM" Dunn and Eilers come across to give another smash hit as big as "Bad Girl." Corking good entertainment . . . also A Paramount Act and Cartoon and Paramount Sound News Carolyn Selby at the Wurlitzer Organ

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U. S. ENVOYS TO GENEVA LEAVE

ABOARD S. S. PRESIDENT HARDING, Jan. 20. (AP)—The American delegation to the world disarmament conference at Geneva, showered with flowers and wishes for success in their efforts toward peace and disarmament, sailed today for Europe.

Bands, flags and banners sent the delegation on its way. Dr. Mary E. Woolley, president of Mount Holyoke college, and Senator Claude A. Swanson of Virginia, the official delegates, gave assurance by last-minute addresses that they would do their utmost to promote the cause of world peace.

As the S. S. President Harding passed down the harbor, near Quarantine, Miss Ruth Nichols, famous American aviator, flew over the ship and then alighted alongside in her seaplane. Climbing the ladder to the ship, she presented to Miss Woolley a gift of flowers from Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt and the Women's International league for peace and freedom.

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BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 20. (AP)—Charles Reed Martin, who collected insurance policies amounting to \$13,000, related here today how he perpetrated the hoax.

Martin was arrested in Livingston, Mont., where he had become known as a "good farm hand" under the alias of Charles H. Reed. Martin was a Jackson, Wyo., rancher before he decided to commit "suicide."

While collecting cattle with Fred Bollinger, his hired man, Martin said he rode his horse into Snake river. When he entered the stream he said he fully intended to commit suicide but after the raging waters had carried him off his horse, the desire for life became too strong and he swam to the opposite bank.

Bollinger returned to the Martin home and told Mrs. Martin her husband committed suicide. Martin, however, returned home early next morning to assure his family he was still alive.

Aided by his wife and Bollinger, he then went to Livingston where he obtained employment on a ranch. Fred Lee, insurance company investigator who was en route to Salt Lake City, with Martin today, while in Butte said his company had paid Mrs. Martin \$4,000 on a \$10,000 policy before becoming suspicious. A description of Martin was broadcast about a month ago.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

TO REMAIN HERE Mrs. James Thompson of El Centro arrived in Las Vegas yesterday and will remain here indefinitely. Thompson and his son, Leo, are local building contractors.

MOTHER IS ILL Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dewey left this morning for Salt Lake City where they were called by the sudden illness of Dewey's mother.

GO TO NEEDLES LeRoy and Richard Evans left yesterday for Needles, where they expect to spend the next week on a combined business and pleasure trip. Richard Evans, Sr., will return with the boys.

FROM EAGLE VALLEY Elizabeth Jones and Jeanne West of Eagle valley are spending several days in Las Vegas on a combined business and pleasure trip. They will leave for Los Angeles on Friday.

VISITORS LEAVE Mrs. W. J. Baldwin and son, Morris, of Los Angeles are spending several days in this city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Mott and family and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Mosbach.

QUEEN OF BALL Margaret Potter, a member of the Cleaners of the L. D. S. Mutual Improvement association, was elected queen of the green and gold ball which the church will hold next Saturday evening in the Eagles hall.

BACK FROM TRIP Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Nickles and family returned last night from a three day trip through Death Valley and points near Beatty and Goldfield.

STOPS OVER HERE Truman Thayer, resident of Albuquerque, visited at the home of his brother-in-law, James Little, of this city yesterday. He was en route for Kansas City where he has accepted a position. Thayer is a former resident of Las Vegas.

HERE ON BUSINESS Marion Stewart, Alamo rancher, returned to his home yesterday after transacting business in Las Vegas.

ON SURVEY C. C. Boyer of the state highway department is spending several days at Alamo making material surveys for the Las Vegas-Caliente highway construction. He was accompanied by Charles Doherty.

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ON ISLAND MISSION Maurine Wheaton, who has been residing in Las Vegas for the past five months, will leave tomorrow for San Francisco from where she will sail Feb. 1 for the Hawaiian islands to fulfill a mission on February 1.

HAS PNEUMONIA Donald, small son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Freeman of South Second street, is confined to his home with lobar pneumonia. Jane Ann Freeman is also confined to her bed with illness.

FROM GOLDFIELD Lewis Germain, miner of Goldfield, spent yesterday in Las Vegas on business. Joe McCann of this city motored to his home with him last night.

THRUSTON LEAVES Julian Thruston, Caliente attorney, left for home last night after spending a day in Las Vegas on legal business.

RETURNS TO JOB J. M. Dotson has returned to his work in Caliente after spending a few days visiting his family here.

VISITING HERE Dan McPherson, boilermaker foreman at the U. P. shops in Caliente, and his wife are in Las Vegas visiting their daughter and sons.

GOES TO CONFERENCE The Rev. C. H. Sloan left Tuesday for Reno where he will attend the Sierra Nevada conference for the next ten days.

NEWSMAN HERE Mr. and Mrs. Don Black of Los Angeles arrived in Las Vegas yesterday and will make their home here. Black is the new correspondent for the Los Angeles Times, covering Las Vegas and the Hoover dam area.

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