

THE STAR FORCES ACTION IN THE JOHN KING CASE THREE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ARE IN AMERICAN WATERS

THE ALLEGED KIDNAPER IS GIVEN A HEARING AFTER BEING HELD FOR 94 DAYS UNDER DURESS IN THE FILTHY MUNICIPAL DUNGEON

MOVING EVENTS IN THE JOHN KING CASE

From June 13 to September 15, a period of 94 days, John King lay in the filth and vermin of the black hole villainously called the city jail, without a formal charge being filed against him, and deprived of his constitutional rights to prove his innocence during all that period.

As a result of the vigorous steps taken by The Star yesterday John King made his way to his room in the cell in the city jail at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Realizing that it would be useless to attempt to hold his prisoner longer without filing a formal charge against him, Chief of Police Delaney consented to turn King over to the federal authorities, and thereupon the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by The Star for King's release were withdrawn.

MURDERED HIS FAMILY

ASHLAND, Ore., Sept. 16.—William Monroe, a young married man employed on the city sewer as a laborer, left his work today about 10 o'clock. Going to his home on Eighth street, he asked to see his baby. He took a look, then whirled around, pulled a revolver and fired at his mother-in-law, Mrs. S. H. Dunlap, the ball making a fatal wound through the head.

FARMERS BUY MACHINERY

COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 16.—More than \$40,000 have been expended with the implement dealers of Colfax alone this year for farming machinery, buggies and wagons. The prospects are of the best for a good fall and winter trade on buggies and hacks.

Double Murder and Suicide

HOQUIAM, Sept. 16.—One woman and two men lying dead at the morgue is the net result of the worst tragedy that ever occurred in the city of Hoquiam, all the result of a lovers' quarrel. James Miles shot and killed John Sund and Helen Harrington, then turned the weapon to his own head and blew out his brains. The tragedy occurred in a barn.

JAPS TAKE MORE FORTS

RUSSIANS AT PORT ARTHUR CANNOT DEFEND THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF FAILING POWDER SUPPLY—JAPANESE RUSH RE-ENFORCEMENTS AND HUGE AMOUNT OF PROVISIONS TO LIAO YANG

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) CHEEFOO, Sept. 16.—The Japanese between September 8 and 10 assaulted and captured important fortifications two miles east of Golden Hill, near Port Arthur. The Japanese were able to hold the position, owing to the poor quality of the Russian powder, their shells falling short of the point for which they were aimed.

The Russians have placed mines under all public buildings, whatever, and stated that if the Star would withdraw its habeas corpus writ he would turn King over to the United States marshal, who had long been holding a warrant for the "yegg" man's arrest.

The federal warrant charges King with robbing the postoffice at Ferndale, Whatcom county, in this state, April 13 last. It was sworn out even before the arrest of King on suspicion of kidnaping, on June 13, and the marshal's office had refrained from serving it and taking King out of Chief Delaney's hands only out of courtesy.

They were told by Chief Delaney that a burglary charge would be filed against King if the kidnaping theory did not pan out, and they consented to wait, although after the expiration of forty-eight hours they would have been fully justified in demanding the prisoner.

The injustice done by Chief Delaney is rendered more evident by the fact that the Ferndale robbery was a desperate crime, for which King, if convicted, will receive a longer term than for any possible burglary.

King is having his preliminary hearing before Commissioner Kiefer this afternoon on the Ferndale charge. If found over, he will be confined in the county jail and cared for like a human being, at least pending his trial. He will also be allowed to give bail.

IDENTIFICATION NOW SAID TO BE COMPLETE

OFFICIALS FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE KIRKLAND SKELETON IS THAT OF EARL PLUMMER, AND THAT HE WAS MURDERED FOR MONEY

Coroner Hoye has decided to hold an inquest over the skeleton found buried in the deep woods several miles east of Kirkland. It is now believed to be the body of Earl Plummer, who disappeared from his home, 330 Sixteenth avenue, last September. The identification is as complete as possible under the circumstances and the relatives of the unfortunate man are satisfied that it is his body.

At that time both young men had intentions of going to Nome. Plummer is known to have had \$150 on his person when he left his home September 16. There is not the slightest reason for his committing suicide, as his life was free from anything that might lead up to such an end and his relatives firmly believe that he was foully dealt with.

City Detective A. G. Lane is taking an active part in the search for evidence in the case and has high hopes of bringing the murderer to justice. Lane expressed a strong desire this morning to go to the spot where the body was found, and if he does so he will sift every bit of the loose dirt found in the shallow grave. It is the belief of those familiar with the facts in the case that Young Plummer was lured off into the woods near Kirkland and murdered for his money by his companion, who lacked sufficient funds to take passage for Nome.

The companion knew that Plummer had the money on his person and was the last person seen with the murdered man. His whereabouts are not known, but the wheels of the law are in motion and the authorities are determined to run the clew to earth. Plummer is the stepson of Col. Thomas M. Fisher, local Chinese inspector of this city.

When Plummer left home he changed his clothing for an old suit and neglected to take his cuffs. Mr. Fischer has kept the cuffs, and they are identical, as far as material, color and design is concerned, with the remains of the shirt found clinging to the bones of the skeleton. The revolver also resembles the one Plummer was known to have taken away with him.

Both Candidates Suit Liquor Dealers

OLMPIA, Wash., Sept. 16.—Before adjournment today the State Liquor Dealers' association adopted a resolution declaring both candidates for governor satisfactory to the liquor interests, and declaring the members free to vote according to the dictates of their individual conscience and political faith.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—It is learned this afternoon that on board the Lena is a high Russian naval officer, whose name is unknown and who has command of the Russian volunteer cruisers Lena, Korea and another auxiliary cruiser, his sole duty being to direct his fleet in the capture of vessels carrying contraband of war.

Admiral Goorich, it has been stated, has been aware of the officer's presence since the vessel's arrival and has communicated the fact to Washington. To this is now ascribed the fact that the authorities here and in Washington have shown so much concern and have displayed so much care in handling the matter.

The Lena was scheduled to start to Mare Island at 11 o'clock this morning, but at 1 o'clock she is still at anchor.

BREMERTON, Wash., Sept. 16.—Orders have been received by Admiral Barclay, commandant of the Puget Sound navy yard, from the navy department at Washington in reference to the arrival of the Russian cruiser Lena at San Francisco, with a high naval official in command of the Lena, Korea and another volunteer cruiser, aboard.

The nature of the orders is not known and it is a hard matter to determine their significance, as the only two vessels that might be available, the Albany and Concord, are out of commission. The monitor Wyoming is the only other warship which could be used in making a cruise in search of the Korea and other Russian vessels supposed to be in North Pacific waters.

FOUND NO WARSHIPS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—The cruiser Boston returned this morning from a cruise around the Farallones. She found no trace of a foreign war craft. Late last night she sighted a large vessel about 15 miles off the entrance of the harbor. The discovery caused some excitement, but it was soon learned the ship was the transport Sherman from Manila with 200 troops, \$2,000,000 in Mexican money for coinage.

COST HIM JUST \$10

HERMAN BLANKENSHIP FINED FOR ASSAULT AT GARDEN CITY

Herman Blankenship, of Garden station, was fined \$10 for an alleged assault upon Sophia Kropchies, of the same place, in the latter part of August. It took the greater part of the morning for Police Judge George to sift the matter down to a decision. Garden station was well represented, but Blankenship maintained that the greater part of them were his enemies, and pointed them out from the witness stand, much to their discomfort.

According to the testimony introduced, Blankenship tried to remove certain articles from the home of Sophia Kropchies. She had failed to pay for them, and he tried to get them back by force, and succeeded. Sophia Kropchies testified that she had been badly beaten and rolled up the sleeve of her dress to show the court a big scar caused by a blow from Blankenship's brawny fist.

It is rumored that there is a movement to oust Blankenship from the neighborhood, and this is the chief charge preferred against him in the last month or two.

PRINCE BORN

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) ROME, Sept. 16.—All Italy is in a fever because of the birth of an heir to the throne last night. All business is practically suspended. The Vatican is especially gratified. The new prince has been called the Prince of Piedmont and not the Prince of Rome or of Naples.

Cardinal Richelmy and the Archbishop of Turin will be asked to baptize the little prince, the ceremony being held at the castle of Racconigi. It is reported that the pope has transmitted congratulations to the king and queen through Cardinal Richelmy. This is not confirmed. The king and queen are being inundated by telegrams.

JURY OUT

Shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon the jury which has been hearing the trial of Mrs. Susan Rumbaugh, on the charge of murder in the first degree for fatally shooting her husband at Walsh lake in August, 1903, retired to deliberate upon a verdict. The entire morning was occupied with arguments to the jury by attorneys for the state and the defense.

GOVERNMENT HAS PROOF THAT LENA WAS BUT ONE OF A TRIO OF VOLUNTEER CRUISERS IN NORTH PACIFIC WATERS—HIGH NAVAL OFFICER IN COMMAND OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET IS ABOARD THE LENA

and several passengers aboard.

VICTORIA, Sept. 16.—The naval authorities here deny any knowledge of the presence of any Russian warships in these waters. They claim the story that the Korea was sighted Sunday is without foundation.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 16.—Blue-jackets and petty officers from H. M. S. Grafton gave out the story last night that the Russian volunteer cruiser Korea had been sighted by a scouting destroyer of the British navy about 100 miles northwest of

Cape Scott, off Queen Charlotte sound, last Sunday standing south-west under easy steam and evidently heading for the straits of Fuca. The petty officers of the Grafton said that they heard that the Korea was bound for Esquimaux or Victoria to coal and refit for her return voyage to Petropavlovsk, Siberia, the only port available to Russian vessels in the West Pacific.

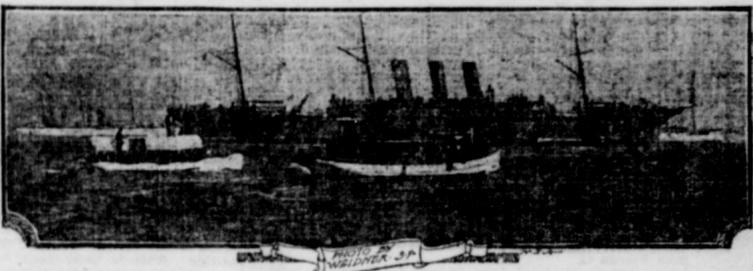
The Korea is a larger and better equipped vessel than the Lena. Her dimensions are: Length, 409 feet; beam, 49½ feet and depth 15 feet.

Her tonnage is registered as 3,857 and her horse-power as 567. She was built in 1899 at Flensburg, Denmark. The Korea formerly belonged to the Danish-Russian East Asiatic Steamship company and was, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen, on August 31, together with the same company's steamer Kitala, equipped as a Russian auxiliary steamer.

TACOMA, Sept. 16.—In local shipping it is believed the sailing of the Boston Steamship company's steamer Hyades for Yokohama and other Japanese and Oriental ports may be delayed on account of the reports of the presence of the Russian volunteer cruiser Korea off Vancouver island. The Hyades is scheduled to sail on September 21 with a full cargo, including flour, railroad machinery and other articles such as were confiscated by the Russian's prize court before which the Calchas was tried.



VIEW OF MAIN DECK, SHOWING SOME OF THE LENA'S GUNS.



THE LENA GUARDED BY UNCLE SAM'S NAVAL LAUNCHES, MANNED BY ARMED MARINES.

TO RAISE TOPEKA

Work preparatory to raising the steamer Topeka was commenced this morning, when the construction of the bulkhead on the after-part of the vessel was begun. The boats which are to hold the bulkhead together will be driven by compressed air, the apparatus for which was set up last night. The dynamo which will furnish the divers with light are also in working order, and this difficulty overcome.

BRITISH WARSHIP IS ASHORE ON THE ROCKS

H. M. S. SHEARWATER, PATROL BOAT, WAS WRECKED OFF THE ALASKAN PENINSULA SIX OR SEVEN DAYS AGO—ALL EFFORTS TO SAVE HER HAVE BEEN FUTILE

JAPANESE KILLED

O. Mari Iku, a Japanese section hand in the employ of the Columbia & Puget Sound railway, was instantly killed by being run over by a Northern Pacific passenger train at Van Asselt station shortly before 3 o'clock this morning.

JAPS USE AMERICAN MADE CARS

MUKDEN, Sept. 16.—The Chinese report that the Japs are running regular trains between Dainy and Newchwang with rolling stock, according to their statements, that came from San Francisco.

went on six or seven days ago. The Shearwater is the British naval patrol vessel to guard British seal interests in Bering sea. She was on her way to Esquimaux after spending some months in Bering sea and Alaskan waters.

cidental one. Yau was 28 years of age and had been in the employ of the company for some time. Steamer Centennial arrived in port from San Francisco today with 20 passengers and 600 tons of freight.