

# FIVE ARE HELD IN MYSTERY OF 2 DEAD WOMEN

Bodies of Theatrical Workers Found Mutilated on Bleak Lake Shore.

## POLICE TIP BY PHONE

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Early today the police arrested a man who they believe may be able to throw light on the mystery surrounding the finding of the bodies of the two women, both young and pretty, beside the roadway that fringes the lake in Grant Park. Life had been extinct about five hours. Investigation established the victims' identity, but the authorities still are searching for the young women's male companions on a wild automobile party, which they believe ended in the tragedy. "I was driving by there with my wife and daughter and saw them," the man declared. "I was driving by there with my wife and daughter and saw them," the man declared. "I was driving by there with my wife and daughter and saw them," the man declared.

The young women were Miss Marie Ramey, also known as Rhodes, and the other woman, who was identified as Mary Thompson. They lived at the Geneva Apartments, 500 North Dearborn street, with Robert McCarthy and James Meeks, electricians with the Jane Cowl Company.

McCarthy and Meeks identified the bodies. Sylvia and Pietro Citti, delicatessen and wine merchant at 309 West Illinois street, also are being held. An unidentified informant who told them in charge of the undertakers rooms where the bodies lie that he had seen two young women answering to the names of the slain actresses quarrelling with two men at Michigan avenue and South Water street. The men, he said, apparently were trying to take the women into an automobile which was waiting at the curb.

Shortly before 9 o'clock Sunday morning a man dressed in a black overcoat and a black derby hat walked into the Insurance Exchange Building. "Take me up to the fourth floor," he ordered Tony Yanley, 2300 West Twenty-first street, who is a man, according to Yanley's story, "If you'll go down to the foot of Jackson street in Grant Park at the lake front, you'll find a couple of dead women," a man's voice told the police operator. "I was driving by there with my wife and daughter and saw them."

The call was traced back immediately to the insurance office of Conkling, Price & Webb, according to telephone officials. From that time the man in the black overcoat and derby hat disappeared. The police found the bodies of the women lying about ten feet apart. On the grass between them and surrounding them in a twenty-foot circle were pools of blood. One, the Ramey girl, was lying face downward, one hand stretched ahead, one hand, covered with blood, resting behind her head. Examination showed that her hand had been deeply cut between two of her fingers.

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# First Assembly of League of Nations Gets Under Way

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GENEVA, Nov. 15.—Despite non-participation by the United States, the delegates to the first meeting of the assembly of the League of Nations today announced their readiness to take up the work of the world at the end of the future. The future potency of the league may hinge upon the outcome of the present meeting.

Standing before a cheap wooden desk, with a background of potted palms, Foreign Minister Paul Hymans of Belgium rapped for order shortly after 11 o'clock and the meeting was under way.

"The hopes of millions of peoples of all nations are upon us as we begin our work," Hymans declared. "The end of history's greatest conflict has left the world exhausted and full of doubts and fears. We commence a new world era in which men hope to find a new basis for their relations and differences and to end armed quarrels."

Roll call at 11:15 o'clock showed all the delegates present but those representing the United States and Liberia. Occupied plain wooden benches like those of an American schoolroom.

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# FARMERS MAY ASK MEMBER ON SERVICE BOARD

Secretary Recommends Stockyards Be Placed Under State Supervision.

## FARM HEAD TO SPEAK

Appointment of a farmer on the Public Service Commission of Indiana, and for the placing of the stockyards of the State under the supervision of the State Service Commission, will be asked of the next State administration, according to the recommendations of the Indiana Federation of Farmers' Associations, by Lewis Taylor, secretary, in the annual convention of the organization today.

The convention opened this morning at 10 o'clock in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, with the president, John G. Brown, of Moscow, presiding. It was announced at the morning session, that the evening session would be held in the Assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce, when J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will speak. Mr. Howard was to have spoken at the morning session but did not arrive.

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# G. O. P. LEADERS SLATE NEW FOR JOB IN CABINET

Reputed Deal to Place Chairman Will Hays in United States Senate.

## FUTURE HELD IN VIEW

Republican leaders received with mingled emotions reports today that Senator Hays would be given a place in Harding's cabinet and that National Chairman Will H. Hays would be given News' place in the United States Senate. This plan seems to have been agreed upon by a conference of prominent Republicans at West Baden, where they have gathered to discuss problems confronting the party. Chief among those at the party are Joseph B. Keating of Indianapolis, Republican national committeeman, and Fred W. Upham, Republican national treasurer and author of the "boys get the money" slogan.

Political observers give a report a great deal of credence to the plan. The decision was reached through a fear that Senator New would present a vulnerable candidacy if he came up for reelection in two years. Although Republican leaders, however, are not in office this fall, they are under no delusion as to its cause and they are none too timid to bet that the chance of their next State ticket, which will go into the field alone. They, therefore, are anxious to obtain the strongest Senatorial candidate possible.

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# GAS CO. BINDS SELF TO MAKE \$2,750,000 PLANT IMPROVEMENT

\$1,000,000 Betterment to Be Accomplished by Dec. 31, 1921, According to Contract With City Signed Today.

## SHORTAGE CLAUSE ALSO INCLUDED

The Citizens Gas Company bound itself to make \$1,000,000 worth of improvements to its plant at the earliest possible date before Dec. 31, 1921, and it proposed to make \$1,750,000 worth of further betterments "as soon as the same is reasonably possible," in a contract amending its franchise signed by officials of the company, the board of public works and Mayor Charles W. Jewett today.

The contract also provides that in case of a shortage at any time up to July 1, 1921, the company shall provide gas to consumers in the following order:

1. Consumers who use gas for cooking, lighting and water heating in homes, hospitals, hotels and restaurants.

2. Consumers who use gas for industrial and commercial purposes.

3. Consumers who use gas in stores, grates or other heating appliances for heating purposes.

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