

POLICE BALKED AT EVERY TURN IN DEATH CASE

Disappearance of Comely Widow Likely to Be Unsolved Riddle.

By United Press
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 30.—The strange disappearance of Mrs. Ella McDowell Rogers, 29-year-old widow, from her fashionable apartment here last Oct. 7, may be listed among Louisville's unsolved mysteries.

Police admittedly were baffled today as they traced down clew after clew, vainly seeking some tangible motive for the pretty young widow's disappearance.

Philip Haynes, Negro janitor of the Barrington Manor apartments, where Mrs. Rogers lived, still was under arrest on an old charge, but he stoutly denies any connection with the enigma.

Mrs. Rogers last was seen by H. K. Harned, a young Dawson Springs (Ky.) banker, who escorted her to her suite on the night she disappeared. Harned left in a taxicab and boarded train for home.

Haynes was suspected when a peculiar gray substance was found clinging to the grates and mixed with ashes in the apartment furnace.

Physicians, after examining the residue, said they believed it came from human bones, but this must be determined by City Chemist Vernon Robins, who is returning today from a trip.

On the night the young widow dropped out of sight, she returned from an out-of-town trip. Her bags were found later, still unpacked.

Police turned their attention to Haynes when it was revealed he had been charged with molesting white girls. The Negro denied the charge, however.

Mrs. Rogers was the widow of Hamilton Rogers, a prosperous young newspaper and business man, who was killed in an automobile accident here in 1927.

She is described as extremely comely, an attractive dresser, and the possessor of a vividly magnetic personality.

FIRE TRUCK CRASHES

Six Ladders Smashed; No One Is Injured.

Six ladders on fire truck 29, of 2302 Shelby street, were shattered into splinters Thursday when the rear of the truck skidded into a telephone pole at Madison avenue and Southern avenue. The truck was answering an alarm at 2800 South Meridian street when a small automobile ran into the path of the fire wagon. Charles Humphrey, chauffeur, swerved the truck and the rear end skidded. No firemen were injured.

Gymnasts in Stunts at Homecoming



Above, standing (left to right)—Mary Lee Francis, Dorothy Rich and Helen Johnson; kneeling (left to right)—Elizabeth Holtzman, Kathryn Thompson, Marion Dandaker, Violet Wilhelm and Gretchen Klee.

Below—Bertha Boss (standing), Dorothy Rich (top), and Alice Teal (left) and Violet Wilhelm (on hands).

Alumni of the Normal college of the North American Gymnastic union were entertained today with stunts by the girls' gymnasium classes at the Athenaeum, as features of the second day of the three-day annual home-coming celebration.

Additional meetings will be held Saturday, and the festivities will end with a dance Saturday night at the Athenaeum.

A number of question were discussed today at conferences of physical directors of turnvereins. Those who were scheduled to speak were L. F. Swart, Philadelphia; Arthur Hermann, Belleville, Ill.; Ernest Senkewitz, Indianapolis; Leslie Boehmer, Pittsburgh; Ernest Klaas, Chicago; Otto Rost, St. Louis; Dr. Herman Groth, Pittsburgh; Emil Rath, Indianapolis; W. K. Streit, Newport, Ky.; Carl Hahn, Cleveland; Charles Geber, Pittsburgh; Andrew Lascari, Buffalo; Gustave Bachman, Cleveland; Alfred Wild, Chicago; Karl H. Heckrich, Minneapolis, and George Seibel of Pittsburgh, president of the American Gymnastic union.

GRAPE BELT OF CALIFORNIA HIT CRUSHING BLOW

Demand for Crop in East Is Far Below Call in Recent Years.

BY MAX STERN
Times Staff Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—A something has kicked California's \$50,000,000 grape industry with more than a half-of-one-per-cent kick.

California's vice-clad valleys and hills are wont to furnish virtually all of America's supply of grape juice. Last year 69,000 carloads of table and wine grapes went over the Rockies to fill the increased demand of grape and grape-juice addicts in a score of eastern cities.

This season the total will be only 64,000 carloads. Vineyardists are counting a \$10,000,000 loss. Wine or "juice" grapes that last year brought \$45 a ton are bringing only \$25; table and raisin grapes have suffered a \$10 a ton drop.

The California Vineyardists' Association is trying to re-wet American thirst with "grape weeks," radio advertising, and other means. It is urging pulling up of vines of "marginal producers" to cut 190,000 tons from the annual market.

Raisins, which take 50 per cent of the state's grape crop, are "off" this year as a result of over-production. The slowness with which the usually thirsty east is taking the state's grapes is the subject of many explanations. Some of these are:

Low buying power among the foreign, particularly Latin, folks who crush the family winter supply for "juice," due it is said to too much stock speculation.

The fashion of making home brew

beer from prepared malt extract.

The fact that California's grape crop was a fortnight earlier and hit the east during the hot weather.

The "gin habit" among the younger set.

Heretofore prohibition has proved a blessing rather than a curse to California vintagers. The little clause put into the Volstead act by the brethren of the hard-cider belt that permits the crushing of fruit for juices "not intoxicating in fact," has saved millions invested in California vines.

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WOMAN FUGITIVE HELD

Escaped From Prison Five Months

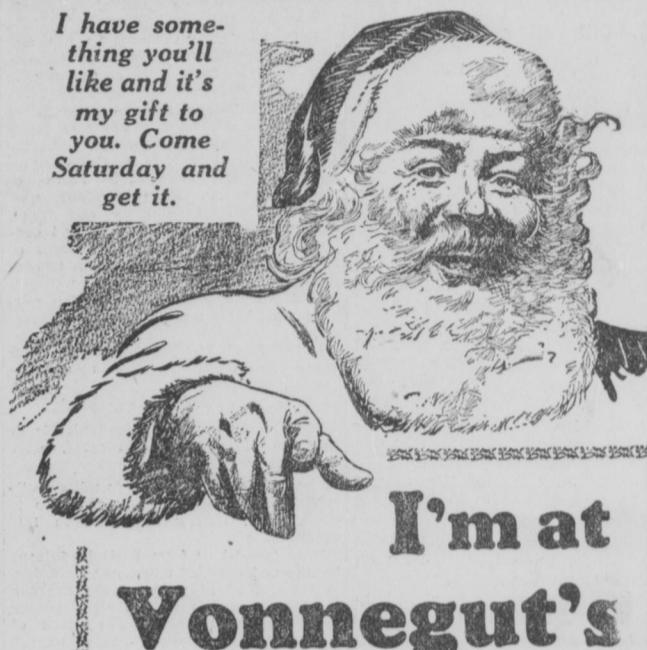
Age—Is Rearrested.

Mrs. Mattie Surface, 35, who escaped five months ago from the Indiana woman's prison after serving twelve days of a thirty-day sentence, was rearrested Thursday in a

grocery at 433 Madison avenue and charged with being a fugitive from justice.

An anonymous telephone call was the tip that sent police to the store, where they arrested Mrs. Surface and a woman companion, who gave the name of Miss Josephine Bryant, 24, of 934 North Delaware street. She was charged with vagrancy.

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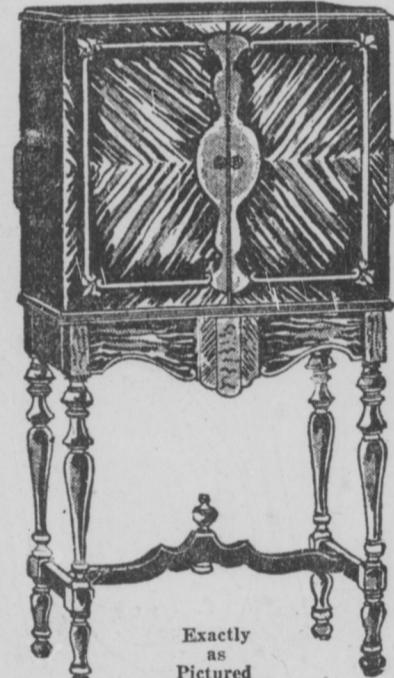
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