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NET SPREAD FOR BUTCHER-KILLER

Police Believe They Know Identity of Slayer.

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Paris, but was surprised by several farmers.

"The hands and foot, only slightly burned, were brought to state police headquarters in Indianapolis where police easily identified the fingerprints as belonging to Miller because of a police record.

Left Home Wednesday

Miller left home Wednesday afternoon and had not been seen since, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Miller, told state police last night.

Leland had not been in the best of health and had suffered from arthritis since he was 15 years old, they said.

The youth had attended School 67 at 3615 W. Walnut st. and Washington high school until his health forced him to leave school as a sophomore. Lately the youth has been delivering automobiles for a local car dealer.

Arrested for Theft

In addition to being involved in the shooting scrape, Miller was arrested in May, 1938, on a charge of vehicle taking.

A brother, Roman, 15, and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Herring who live at the Alton st. home and Mrs. Jean Farmer, 270 N. Addison st., also survive the slain man.

The chain of events of what appeared to be one of Indiana's most bizarre murder mysteries was started yesterday morning.

Two men digging ditches about a quarter mile from the old log cabin, built in the early 1800's and reputed to be Montgomery county's oldest structure, saw smoke shooting up from the cabin.

Phones for Owner

The men, Jess Spencer and James Everman, ran to the home of Mrs. Paul Stoner, who telephoned Mr. and Mrs. James Chaffin, owner of the cabin. Mr. Chaffin has been

using the cabin as a place to store corn. "Sitting in a lonely field along a road known to the community as a 'lover's lane,' the cabin is two miles east of Ladoga. Quickly the word got around on the rural phone circuit operated by the Ladoga exchange and scores of farmers gathered to watch the fire. The time that the cabin burst into flames was fixed by Mrs. Mary Wilson, who lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stark. The Stark farmhouse, nearest the cabin, is about a quarter mile away, on Road 234.

Mrs. Wilson said she went out after the mail at 9:15 but noticed nothing then. Fifteen minutes later she looked out of the window and saw the place in flames.

The story then shifted to Advance, where Howard Troth, R. R. 2, Crawfordsville, and his brother-in-law, Alva Mitchell, 24, R. R. 2, were working on the latter's farm. They saw a car about 200 yards from where they were working.

Car Driven Away

They walked over, but before they arrived, the car was started up and driven away. They said they did not know whether there was one or more persons in the automobile.

They saw smoke curling up by the bridge and went to the creek's edge to investigate. Mr. Troth poked at the small fire and found the hands and foot, barely singed.

Sheriff Frank McCormick of Boone county in which the dismembered parts were set afire, at first thought the hands and foot were those of a woman. They were small, smooth-skinned. State police also identified them tentatively as those of a woman.

The hands and feet were rushed to state police headquarters where experts began to analyze them.

In the meantime the scene shifted back to the burning cabin.

Sees Body in Fire

Mr. Chaffin decided to go over and cut some wood and his wife said she would accompany him.

"I walked up real close to the fire and then I saw the body with the head lying close to it," related Mrs. Chaffin. She called to her husband. The body lay about 10 feet from the door, on the east side of the one-floor cabin.

Quickly they drove into Ladoga and called Sheriff McCormick. McCormick called state police

Il Duce's Friend



Madame Corabouff, above, beautiful French actress friend of Benito Mussolini, has been jailed in Paris on charges of aiding the axis. Known to the pre-war Paris stage as Magda de Fontanges, the 41-year-old actress caused an international sensation in 1937 when she shot Count Charles de Chambrun for revealing her friendship with "my Benito."

and they inched their way into the still burning cabin and retrieved the charred torso and the skull.

Authorities reasoned that the killer had at first decided to take the head along and burn it with the hands and feet, then for one reason or another, decided not to.

The torso, burned beyond any possibility of recognition, was taken to Cox Funeral home at Ladoga.

Can See No Motive

Folks in the Ladoga, Advance-Crawfordsville communities were shocked by the killing.

Nobody had seen any car drive away from the burning cabin.

Farmers Troth and Mitchell had been too far from the car on Racoon Creek to determine how many persons were in it, even whether the driver was a man or woman.

Women in the Ladoga district were nervous last night on the news that a killer possibly still could be in their midst and their husbands fingered their rifles and shotguns.

They were relieved today when they found that the case had no connection with their local inhabitants, that the principals were from Indianapolis, that the murdered man had been identified and that the killer was believed known.

SPANISH QUESTION PUTS U. S. ON SPOT

NEW YORK, April 12 (U. P.).—

The United States was caught today in the embarrassing position of opposing a diplomatic break with Franco Spain—a policy which six of the 11 United Nations security council members either favor or already have put into effect.

Poland's charge that the "existence and activities" of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Spanish regime is a threat to international peace and security is now on the provisional agenda of the council to be considered next week.

Five of the council members—Russia, Poland, Mexico, China and

Australia—do not maintain diplomatic relations with Spain now. France wants all United Nations to break relations with Spain.

The United States, Great Britain, Brazil and The Netherlands oppose drastic action against Spain, leaving Egypt—the 11th member of the council—holding the balance of power when Poland's case against Spain comes to a vote.

Both the U. S. and Britain hold veto power, however, over council action. But it is doubtful whether the U. S. would exercise its veto if a majority of the council favored action against Spain.

The United States is in the difficult position on Franco Spain of wanting to have its cake and eat it too.

A "state department spokesman"

in Washington insisted that Secretary of State James F. Byrnes has not issued any instructions to Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U. S. delegate to the security council, on the Polish charges before the council on Franco Spain.

C. F. HARTLING TO RETURN TO FIRM

Charles F. Hartling shortly will resume his duties as safety engineer with the Employers Liability Assurance Corp., after more than two years in the army.

An artilleryman, Mr. Hartling received battle stars for action in the Rhineland and central European campaigns during his 18 months overseas.

INDIANA BANKERS CONCLUDE MEETING

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 12 (U. P.).—Approximately 175 bankers

together with Purdue university agricultural and American Bankers' Association officials today concluded a two-day clinic here dealing with problems of agriculture financing.

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