

**MRS. GUNNESS DEAD**

**PLATES CONTAINING HER FALSE TEETH FOUND IN ASHES.**

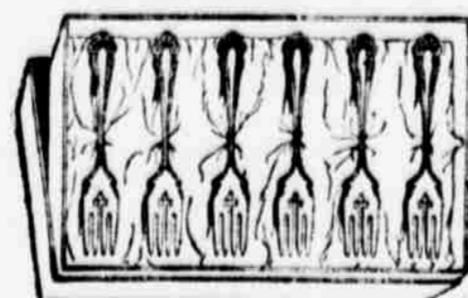
**Sheriff Still Trying to Get Evidence at Gunness Farm—Grand Jury Begins Its Work at Laporte—Officers Receive Threatening Letters.**

The autopsy held at Laporte, Ind., on the remains of the seven unidentified dead exhumed from Mrs. Gunness' private burial ground was completed and revealed the fact that one of the seven was a female. This was aroused new interest in the story of Jennie Olson of Oklahoma City, Okla., who was employed by Mrs. Gunness in the fall of 1904. Greening worked for Mrs. Gunness at the time that Jennie Olson disappeared and his story was to the effect that on a certain day in September a man and a woman came to the house and that night Mrs. Gunness asked Greening to sleep in the barn, for the couple, whom she said were the professor and his wife from the Los Angeles college, whom Jennie was to attend, would spend the night with her at the house and would require Greening's bedroom. In the morning Greening saw nothing of Jennie nor the man or woman and was informed by Mrs. Gunness that they had left on an early train, taking Jennie along. This body, which is now declared to be that of a woman, was taken from the same hole as was that of Jennie Olson and in that hole also were the bodies of Otto Budberg of Iowa, Wis., and the remains of a male person. All the bodies were dismembered, but the remains of the four were such that it was possible to identify the bodies of Jennie Olson and Mr. Budberg and it was made possible by the autopsies to determine that one of the other two was that of a female. The theory is now advanced that Mrs. Gunness may have on the same night, the night that Greening slept in the barn, murdered not only Jennie Olson, but also the man and woman. To Coroner Mack, Sheriff Smutzer and Prosecutor Smith this seems almost inconceivable, but they consider in the light of recent developments that nothing appeared impossible for this arch-murderer. The stomachs of the four victims in this hole have been removed and the contents will be analyzed for poison. The disappearance of Jennie Olson, as well as the couple, occurred in September, 1905, while Budberg was disappeared in May, 1907. His body was not nearer the surface than the others and his should have been the last placed in the hole.

**Grand Jury Gets Busy.**

The Laporte grand jury convened and began investigation of the mystery surrounding the death of fourteen persons at the farm of Mrs. Belle Gunness. Prosecutor Smith questioned the witnesses and the testimony is being noted by a court stenographer. Prosecutor Smith received another threatening letter from Brooklyn, N. Y. He is threatened with death unless he resigns his office and drops the Gunness investigation. He also received a threatening letter from Washington, D. C. Chief of Police Cochrane is in receipt of a letter from

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**Mrs. Gunness' Teeth Found.**

That Mrs. Gunness died in the ashes which destroyed her home April 23 was conclusively shown when a searcher in the ruins discovered the upper and lower bridges, containing the false teeth of the woman. The lower set of teeth tally exactly with the description and diagram furnished by Dr. L. P. Norton, the dentist, who built the bridge, and who identified the teeth positively as those of Mrs. Gunness. In view of the unmistakable evidence, including the finding one week ago of rings belonging to the murderess, Coroner Mack stated that he would render an official finding that the burned adult female body was that of Mrs. Gunness.

The town has been rent for two weeks by the discussions over the question, "Was Mrs. Gunness burned to death, or did she escape?"

But few skeptical persons now remain, and their argument is that Mrs. Gunness, after killing the children and setting fire to the house, threw her teeth into the fire.

Sheriff Smutzer is investigating the claim that William Riedinger, a farmer at Delafield, Wis., was one of Mrs. Gunness' victims. In a letter, David Hicken, a friend living at Waukesha, Wis., tells of the disappearance from home of Riedinger, who, after a visit from Mrs. Gunness, sold some crops, which netted him \$1,000, and left for some place in northern Indiana "to marry a wealthy widow," he said. A month later his hired man, John Hatzelmann, received a letter, instructing him to sell the stock and farm implements and put the money in the bank. Although the letter was unsigned and not in the handwriting

of Riedinger, the hired man followed the instructions and deposited \$500 in the bank, where it still is, for Riedinger never returned and was not heard from after that. Miss Jennie Graham of Waukesha, Wis., is seeking her brother, who left home to marry a rich widow in Indiana and was never heard from after that.

What is considered positive proof that Henry Gurholt of Scandinavia, Wis., came to Laporte and was put out of the way by Mrs. Gunness was supplied when Sheriff Smutzer received a letter containing a description of Gurholt's watch, which tallies with one of the watches found in the ruins.

**FLEET SAILS NORTH**

**BATTLESHIPS LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO FOR PUGET SOUND.**

Pacific Fleet of Cruisers Off for Santa Barbara—New Commander Makes First Speech at Banquet—Praises Enlisted Men.

The Atlantic battleship fleet, after 12 days of naval pageantry and merry-making at San Francisco, sailed for Puget sound. The fleet will arrive off Seattle on May 22. One-half of the ships will dock at Bremerton navy yard, while north, and the others will return to San Francisco for painting beneath the water line. Play days in Puget sound will be over before the end of the month and then the officers and men will resume the usual routine of man-of-war life. Orders call for the reassembling of the fleet in San Francisco harbor not later than July 3. On July 7 the fleet sails for Honolulu and after a week's stay there, goes direct to Auckland.

The Pacific fleet of armored cruisers under Admiral Dayton sailed south and Rear Admiral Sperry, in command of the Atlantic fleet, hoisted for the first time his commanding flag of blue. Being junior in lineal rank to Admiral Dayton, Admiral Sperry was compelled by naval regulations to fly a subordinate flag of red so long as the Pacific fleet remained at San Francisco. The long line of armored cruisers which sailed for Santa Barbara was headed by the flagship West Virginia, and included the Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington and California. The protected cruiser Charleston, flagship of Rear Admiral Swinhurne, also sailed with the fleet, but her destination is Monterey.

Last of the official entertainments at San Francisco for the Atlantic and Pacific fleets was the banquet tendered at the Fairmont hotel by San Francisco Knights of Columbus to the petty officers of the two fleets. Admirals Sperry and Thomas both spoke and there were in attendance Captains Sutherland of the New Jersey and Nicholson of the Nebraska. Admiral Sperry made the first speech since assuming command of the Atlantic fleet. He spoke directly and pointedly. He declared that the enlisted men of the navy were the bulwarks in the defense of the navy.

"Their training," he continued, "is entirely in the hands of the petty officers, who stand between the men and the commanding officers. We have now in the navy the most splendid body of young men that could be selected in all the world. Above everything else, they are American gentle-

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**Judge Hough, in New York, Holds He Has Right to Discharge Soldier.**

The right of President Roosevelt to discharge a negro soldier of the Twenty-fifth Infantry for alleged participation in the riot at Brownsville, Tex., was sustained by Judge Hough in the United States court at New York. O. W. Reid, the soldier, sued the government to recover \$123, as wages from the date of his dismissal to the expiration of his term of enlistment. District Attorney Stinson contended that the president had a right to dismiss the soldier. Judge Hough sustained this contention and directed a judgment in favor of the government.

**INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED IN 3 DAYS**

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