

HOUSEBOAT IS HEARD FROM

Mysterious Vessel Associated with Burke Murder New Down South.

SPOKEN FROM WICKLYFFE, KENTUCKY

Friends of Dead Man Go There to See Parties, but Miss Them and Hasten in Pursuit.

The mysterious houseboat which is alleged to have figured somewhat in the Herbert G. Burke murder at Florence, October 7 has again been heard from at Wicklyffe, Ky.

Watchman Daly at the water works reported having seen the houseboat and at the request of the two men traveling with it he watched it the night of the death of young Burke up to 5 o'clock, when he went off duty. He also said the houseboat was completely disappeared the following morning early, but where it had gone no one knew and in fact no one knew anything about the houseboat, neither had anyone seen it but Daly.

The clue was sufficient, however, to warrant an investigation by the friends of young Burke. It will be remembered that this story of the houseboat did not come to the surface until some six or eight weeks after the death of Burke. A visit was made to St. Louis, from which point the houseboat had departed, and it was learned that a young physician and his friend had actually left St. Louis City in a houseboat with the purpose of making a journey thence to New Orleans. The physician was an amateur photographer and also a writer, and he arranged with one of the St. Louis City papers to furnish occasional letters on the way down. This agrees with the statement made by Daly that one of the parties claimed to be a newspaper man.

Expected to Go to Wicklyffe. It was further learned at St. Louis City that the young man accompanying the physician had written back to his home at St. Louis City from some point on the Mississippi river above St. Louis, stating they expected to make quite a stop at Wicklyffe, Ky., and that mail could reach them there. The letter also told a story to the effect that the voyagers had stopped at Florence the night of October 7 or 8, with the intention of spending Sunday there. They used the boat at the water works inlet house and asked one of the men there to watch it. They then went up into Florence, visited the water works pump house and got their supper and about 10 o'clock started back for the boat. To their surprise the boat was gone. They searched up and down the river some little distance for it and then started down the river bank toward Omaha, thinking that it might have broken loose and drifted down stream. About a quarter of a mile down the old railway track that skirts the river there they met two men who said to them:

Looking for Dead Body. "We are looking for a dead body. Have you boys seen anything of one?"

The voyagers had not seen any dead body and so told them and asked them if they had seen a house boat drift down the river. The two men did not answer and after going a short distance further down the river bank they discovered the houseboat tied up to the bank. They took possession of it again and continued their voyage down the river. The letter had made the further inquiry as to what was the outcome of the finding of a dead body at Florence and asked for newspaper reports of the matter if there was any truth in the story.

A friend of the Burke family went to Wicklyffe, Ky., with the hope of meeting and conferring with the voyagers, but arrived there too late to meet the parties—they had left there a day or two prior to his arrival. This friend will go to New Orleans to see the parties on their arrival in that city.

PITTMAN UP ON TWO COUNTS

Colorado Highwayman is Bound Over for Robbery and Intent to Kill.

After being bound over Friday in police court for trial in the district court on the charge of robbing Eugene Atkins, hotel cashier, of \$700 in the kitchen of the Ter Grand hotel early Thursday evening, John Pittman was arraigned in police court Saturday morning on the charge of shooting at Officer Van Deusen with intent to kill.

Pittman refused to waive a preliminary examination, so Officer Van Deusen was put on the stand and told the story of how Pittman had fired two shots at him when he was trying to accomplish his arrest. The officer testified that Pittman fired one shot point blank at his face from a distance of only three feet, and after he had been thrown to the ground by the officer fired a second shot, which passed beneath Van Deusen's left arm.

Judge Crawford bound Pittman over for trial in the district court on the shooting charge and fixed his bond at \$1,000 at the request of Deputy County Attorney Magney, who thought the amount would be sufficient, inasmuch as Pittman was under another bond of like amount on the robbery charge.

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Pittman was evidently armed with one revolver too many, as one of the weapons was accidentally discharged in his hip pocket as he ran from the door of the hotel. When the negro grabbed the money he placed one of his revolvers in his hip pocket and it went off accidentally just as he left the hotel, burning a hole in his trousers.

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