## ACTOR JORDAN MURDERS WIFE Then Took and Dismembered Her Body and Placed Parts In a Trunk. MADE A FULL CONFESSION.

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Says Trouble Started With Jealous Quarrel-Struck Ler, Found She Was Dead, Tried to Hide It.

Boston, Sept. 3.- A brutal crime was disclosed tonight by the discovery of the torse of Mrs. Honora Jordan, an acthe torse of Mrs. Honora Jordan, an ac-tress, aged 23 years, of Somerville, m a trunk in a boardinghouse at No.87. Hancock street, on Bercon Hill, this city. Later the head and bones of the limbs were found in the furnace of the Jordan home at Somerville, and the scalp, hair and other remains were taken from the kitchen range of the house.

house. -Chester Jordan, aged 29 years, an ac-tor, of Somerville, is held by the police, charged with the murder, and tonight, according to the officers, he made a complete confession of the crime.

complete confession of the crime. According to Jordan's confession, lie accidentally killed his wife Tuesday might in a quarrel at their home, and becoming desperate over what he had done, he went out and bought a butch-cr knife and, with this knife, a razor and shears, he cut up the body and placed the torso in a trunk. He then planned to take the steamer Harvard list night for New York and throw the parts of the body overboard. The fact that the Harvard was laid off owing to an accident disarranged his plans, and he was obliged to hire a hackman to take the trunk to a Boston boarding house to await a more favorable opto await a more favorable opportunity.

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DISCOVERY OF CRIME. The discovery of the crime was due to the suspicions of the hackman, Geo, I W. Collins, who had in mind the nu-merous robberies which have taken place about Boston recently, and sur-mising from its weight that the trunk contained silverware, notified the po-lice. Collins reported that he had taken the trunk from the North station this morning it having come in from Somer-ylle on a local train. The hackman stated that he left Jordan and the

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trunk this afternoon at No. 7 Hancock street. Sergt. Michael Crowley was detailed to go to the house and investigate. Jordan was not in, but the officer was shown the back room on the second floor which Jordan had engaged and found the trunk. About 5:20 Jordan re-turned and was committed to offer turned and was commanded to open

round the trunk. About 5:20 Jordan re-turned and was commanded to open the teunk. Jordan did not appear nervous or afarmed, but hestated to open the trunk, and it was not until after con-siderable argument that he produced the key to the trunk and inserted it in the lock. Turning his head, Jordan threw up the cover of the trunk and then sank back on his knees, burying his face in his hands and sobbing. Sergt, Crowley staggered back aghast at the disclosure, for in the open trunk before him fay a sickening mass of hacked flesh, a woman's torso filling the greater part of the trunk, while pieces of flesh from other parts of the body were stuffed into the corners. The entire interior of the trunk was bespattered with blood. There was no covering of any sort over the corpse. Jordan submitted to arrest without protest, and was taken to station No. 3 and locked up. Giving his name and address, he declared the body in the trunk was that of his wife, and said be was perfectly willing to tell everything concerning the case. For more than four hours Jordan was closeted with the police of this city, and time after time went over the horribie

For more than four hours Jordan was closeted with the police of this city, and time after time went over the hortble details. While professing that he was dazed when the crime was committed, yet by the clearness and conciseness of his tale it seemed apparent that, what-ever preceded the actual killing, the most careful plans were laid for the disposal of the body and the covering up of the crime.

up of the crime. Jordan's story of the murder was sub-stantially as follows:

JORDAN'S STORY OF MURDER. He stated that he was married in September, 1904, to Mrs. Honora Eddy, September, 1904, to Mrs. Honora Eddy, whose maiden name was O'Reilly and whose home was in Somerville. He did not know who his wife's first husband was or what had become of him. The couple went on the vaudeville stage, Mr. Jordan taking the part of a tramp and his wife that of a nurse, in a sketch. They went first to Butte, Mont., four years ago, but remained there only three or four weeks. Later they went to Chicsgo and appeared in some of the smaller theaters there, remaining three months. About three years ago they returned to Somerville and took a flat in the house at 509 Medford street. Mrs. Jordan, according to her hus-

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bend, had taken to drinking of late TAFT MADE and, he claims, was associating with other men, and he became jealous. It was in a jealous quarrel that the trou-ble started which ended in the death of his wife. Jordan declares that his wife struck him first, that be then knowled his Jordan declares that his wife struck him first; that he then knocked his wife down stairs, and was horrified to find that he had killed her. This hap-pened at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday. Fearing discovery, he conceived the idea of cutting the body up, taking it away on-one of the steamers and throwing it overboard and then reporting to the police that his wife had left him. THE DISMEMBERGMENT?

THE DISMEMBERMENT. THE DISMEMBERMENT. Jordan, according to his confession, went out and bought a heavy butcher knife. With this and a razor and shears he severed the head from the body and, after putting the scalp and skull in the furnace in the cellar, the legs and arms were cut from the body and the flesh sliced off in strips, leav-ing the bones of the hips practically bare. The bones were placed in the furnace and the chunks of tlesh pilled into a trunk with the torso. The trunk was taken to Somerville station and shipped to Boston some time Wednes-day.

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Jordan came to Boston and endeav-ored to secure passage for New York on the Harvard, but learned that the steamer was not running that day. The body remained at the North sta-tion over night, therefore. Early today Jordan engaged Hack-man Collins to take the trunk to the South station, where Jordan intended to board a New York train. He changed his mind, however, and, pur-chasing a ticket on the Cunard steam-er Ivornia, which was to scall tomorchasing a ticket on the Cunard steam-er Ivornia, which was to scall tomor-row for Liverpool, again called the same hackman and had him take the trunk to the Hancock street house Jordan then went off and brought a roll of wire, wire nippers and eight window weights, which he described as "sinkers," and several sheets of heavy describe every With these he stated drapping paper. With these, he stated, he intended to wrap up the parts of the body of his wife, weight then with the window irons and throw them into

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the Charles river. The weights, paper and wire were found in the room with the trunk. Jordan declared to the police that after knocking his wife down stairs and finding that she was dead he placed the body in the knichen and went to bed and to sleep. When he awoke in the morning he cooked his own breakfast in the kitchen, eating it in the presence of the body of his wife. In the afternoen, Jordan said, he dismembered the body.

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NO COMMENT On the Meeting Between Himself

And Senator Foraker At Toledo.

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## Said Vote in Vermont Was More Significant Than Maine Election Next Week Would Be.

Middle Bass Island, O., Sept. 3.-Neither Mr. Taft, Gen. Corbin, nor Representative Keifer would comment for publication today on the Foraker incident of yesterday in Toledo, with the exception of the general admission that the meeting between the candidate and the senator was brought about without the previous knowledge of Mr. Tafl. Comment indicating that the Repub-lican situation generally might have been improved if the Vermout majori-

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been improved it the vermont majori-ty had been less was made today by Judge Taft. . "The returns," he said, "are very satisfactory. In round numbers the ma-jority is 30,000, which is nearly what it was in 1204 and equal to what it was in 1900. It is an indication that there is no undercurrent against the Repub-lican party and there is no trend to-ward such a radical change in the opinion of the electorate as is essential to Democratic success in November. "It would, perhaps, have been bel-ter, from the standpoint of the party managers, if the majority had been less, in order that the danger of over-confidence might, be lessened among the Republicans, The vote in Vermont is much more significant as one cast under normal conditions than would be

under normal conditions than would be it is understood that the peculiar lo-cal situation there this year prevents cal situation there this year prevents a reduced Republican majority there having national bearing." James R. Garfield and Mrs. Garfield reached here today. It was announced that Mr. Garfield would put in four days on the stump in Maine. Mr. Garfield will go from here to his home at Mentor, O., and remain until notified by the national committee

notified by the national communication where and when he is to speak. committee

## PLANS FOR ASCERTAINING SENTIMENT FOR HUGHES

New York, Sept. 3.—With the purpose of testing the sentiment in Manhattan for the renomination of, Gov. Hughes it was announced today at the head-quarters of the Republican committee that at the Republican primary next Tuesday Gov. Hughes' name will be printed on the city ticket in nine as-sembly districts. Republican leaders in the county stated tonight that they would regard

stated tonight that they would regard the result of the primaries as morally binding upon them as to their attitude

binding upon them as to their attitude in the state convention. Replying to criticisms of the plan, Herbert Parsons, chairman of the coun-ty committee, said tonight: "There is no farness in the criti-cism that the enrollement is not repre-sentative of the Republican party. Un-der the law the enrolled votes, whether 10,000 or 100,000, constitute the party. That is the party to which Gov. Hughes has appealed. A supplemental enroll-ment would, not help Gov. Hughes or the Republican party." The assembly districts where the tests are to be made are in widely separated sections, from the lower end of the city to the Bronx, on both sides

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JUDGE PARKER SAYS BRYAN WILL BE ELECTED

New York, Sept. 3.—Former Judge Alton B. Parker, who has just re-turned from a visit to the Pacific coast, where he made several speeches for W. J. Burner, external speeches for



retirement from the undertaking business, and that on and after September 1st, 1908, the business will be continued by his son, Mr. Samuel M. Taylor, under the firm name of S.M. Taylor & Co. successors to Jos. E. Taylor. Same ad-dress-251-253-255 East First South, dress-251-253-255 Ea Salt Lake City, Utah.

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