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CUTS OFF WIFE'S HEAD AND BURNS IT

ries Headless Body 11 M and Hides it in Woods

Milwaukee, Dec. 8.—E. Ray Tomp-kins, real estate dealer of Whitefish Bay, and former member of the Milwaukee Normal school faculty, is in which he removed her head. He car-the county jail formally charged with ried her head to the basement and the murder of his wife, whose nude and headiers body was found today near Dougas bay, 11 miles from Mil-

Tompkins confessed that he strangled his wife until she became unconscious, placed her body in a bath tub and severed her head under a tap of running water, according to District Attorney George A. Shaugh-

Mrs. Tompkins disappeared from her home last Thursday. About 9 o'clock that morning she sent her two children, Marjorie, 10, and Robert 7 to school and told them she would not be home in the morning but would return in time to prepare lunch for

The girl said her father met her and her brother that noon and took them to lunch, sending them back to school and took them to dinner away from home that evening. When her mother did not return home that night she refused to go to school Friday, she said and called her uncle, William C. Conrad, and told him her mother was missing. Conrad notified the po- ed to killing his wife.

conditions at the Tompkins home which resulted in the attack on his wife, police said. Tompkins, they said, was found by detectives, hired by his wife, at an apartment with a woman said to have been a student at the normal school where he taught for 12 years.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. M. Harrell, decaased, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediately payment and all persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to immediately file same with the administrator with the administrator with the same with the administrator with the same with the administrator with the same with the wife, police said. Tompkins, they

Tompkins was to have received a predivorce settlement the day she disappeared. Tompkins was arrested and questioned regarding the whereabouts of his wife but he denied any knowledge of why or where she had gone.

The police, in their search for Mrs. Tompkins, learned from J. F. Dougas, owner of an estate on which the body was found, that Tompkins had talked bridge near foundry, convenient of with him regarding the caretaker's access for teams or trucks. home and that later an automobile of the same make owned by Tompkins had been driven to Lion's Den, wooded glen near Dougas bay. The imprint of the tire tread was the same

County officials took Tompkins to the Lion's Den this morning and he aided them in the search for his wife. The body was covered by muck, leaves and stones in a well-hidden spot. Tompkins turned to Sheriff Phil Westphal and in a choking voice cried: "Who could have done this thing?

Find the guilty one."

Three hours later according to Shaugnessy, Tompkins' nerve broks

in her home, Tompkins said, his wife addressed a letter to her father in which she detailed her troubles and told of her husband's infidelity. The letter said she intended placing he divided his property with her and consented to a separation.

"In his confession," as related by the district attorney, "Tompkins said he cares into necession of the letter.

"You are only good for tendi

"This taunt enraged him and he caught her by the throat, choking her into unconsciousness. He carried hes body to the bathroom where he placed it in the tub, turned on the water and went to the kitchen where he pro-cured a large butcher knife, with

placed it in the furnace. "Later in the day he placed the body in a trunk, carried the trunk and its contents to the garage, where he loaded it into his machine, and at his

convenience drove to the spot where

he hid the evidence of his act." Details leading up to the slaying of the woman, date back considerable time, beginning about three years ago when an apartment house, Tompkins owned and made his home, was under construction. He suffered a breakdown and was taken by his wife to his home in Bloomington, Ill., and later visited his wife's parents at Clinton, Ind. While there he showed indications of menta: disorder and, re-turning here was placed under the ob-servation of Dr. F. C. Studley, who declared him a paranoise, and liable to cause injury to his wife or other persons. Later in November 1922, Dr. B. B. Rowley also an alienist, attempted to have Tompkins placed in an institution for observation, declaring he thought him a potential killer. Neither physicians expressed surprise when advised Tompkins had confess-

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As a result, police said, a divorce notice or same will be pleaded in bar was to have been obtained and Mrs.

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as the tread of Tompkin's car. An investigation of the tonneau of the car revealed bloodstains, as did a pair of overalls identified as Tompkin's.

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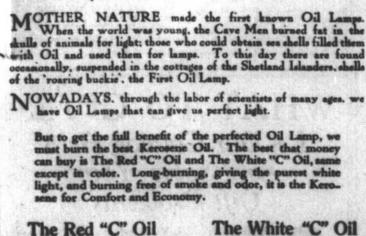
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