

ONE SEIZED, ONE DEAD AT SEATTLE

Vancouver Man Admits
They Were in Pay of
"Oriental Nation"

TIME-BOMB SOUGHT

Plot Leader Is Drowned
and Body Found Near
S.S. Hiye Maru

SEATTLE, Jan. 20 (Special).—An unsuccessful attempt by two Canadians in the pay of an "Oriental Government" to blow up the Japanese liner Hiye Maru, and the mysterious death of one of the pair, were the fiction-like facts of a sensational plot laid bare today with the arrest of George Partridge of Vancouver, B.C., 22-year-old laborer.

The body of a man identified as Ralph Forsythe was found floating near the Hiye Maru, which was moved from the Great Northern Dock immediately upon discovery of the plot.

Partridge confessed, police said, to having been promised \$1,000 by Forsythe to assist him in placing a time bomb aboard the liner.

Forsythe, said to have been a school teacher, stepped into the water below the dock, taking the bomb and the timing apparatus with him. That was the last Partridge saw of him alive.

Police Search for Bomb.

Efforts to locate the bomb failed, but police discovered bits of electrician's tape and pieces of wire under the

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dock. A railway watchman saw Partridge huddling under the dock and arrested him.

Twenty police officers swarmed over the Japanese liner in search of the time bomb, but after an exhaustive hunt the belief was expressed that it had fallen into the water and sank. According to Partridge, it was set to explode at 1:30 p.m.

Vancouver Attempt Fails.

Partridge was closely questioned by police, and he told of meeting Forsythe, also a native of Vancouver, a short time before in that city. Partridge was quoted as saying that Forsythe had told him he had been hired by an "Oriental Government" to bomb the ship, and asked him to join in the plot.

They had planned to bomb the transpacific liner in Vancouver, but were not successful.

Partridge said he had been promised \$1,000 for his share in the bombing, but had received only \$35 to date.

He and Forsythe came here last night, and Partridge told police he assisted in fixing the timing device. Then the pair went to the dock.

Forsythe took off his clothes, after placing the bomb in a suitcase. Then he stepped into the water below the dock, Partridge said, taking the bomb with him, and swam toward the Hiye Maaru. His lifeless body was found floating near the ship some hours later.

What caused Forsythe's death was to be determined at an autopsy, Coroner Otto Mittlestadt said.

The Hiye Maru was finally moored between the Great Northern pier and Pier 400 after the police search was ended.