Trunk Murder Mystery Leads to High Seas; Eugene Le Roy Sought in Crew of British Ship

J. Fernandez, wanted in connection with the death of Katherine Lou Jackson, whose severed body was found in a trunk opened here on July 24, led yesterday to the high seas. Police Headquarters, acting for the Detroit authorities, wirelessed the Captain of the British steamship Dryden to hold a member of the crew for the Rio Janeiro police.

Almost at the same time representatives of the Detroit police filed with the State Department in Washington an application for the arrest and extradition of Eugene Le Roy, should he attempt to land in either Brazil or Mexico. The State Department was requested to ask the Governments of those countries to co-operate in arresting Le Roy, reported to have salled on the Dryden on July 30.

Harry Marflett, British seaman, was the man who sent the police on their new hunt. Marflett was in the crew of the Dryden until, just before sailing

The quest for Eugene Le Roy, alias O. time, he was transferred to the Rombrandt, also of the Lamport & Hoit Line. Lying in his bunk on the Rembrandt Marflett saw a newspaper photograph of Le Roy. He was impressed by its likeness to a man who had been shipped on the Dryden after asking Marflett about the ship.

The seaman went to Lieutenant Michaol Lyons of the Weehawken police. Point after point of similarity was checked off by Marflett. Lyons notified Captain Arthur Carey, in command of the New York Homicide Bureau. Carey wirelessed the Dryden, bound for South American ports. He refused to say whether his request for an arrest had been complied with.

The man Marflett suspects to be Le Roy is young, dark, well dressed. nails were carefully manicured. his hands soft. Marflett said the prospective "sailor" admitted he never had shipped before, and that he planned to desert at the first English port.

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