

# HELD IN URUGUAY IN TRUNK MURDER

## Fox, Arrested on Ship, Denies He Is Le Roy, Wanted Here as Wife Slayer.

### NEVER IN DETROIT, HE SAYS

#### His Arrest Is Based on Likeness to Man Said to Have Shipped Body to This City from West.

MONTEVIDEO, Sept. 15.—Moris Fox, who was recently arrested aboard the British freighter Dryden because of his resemblance to Eugene Le Roy, alleged to be the perpetrator of the Detroit and New York "trunk murder," was detained for identification today by the Uruguayan police when the Dryden arrived from Rio Janeiro. The action was at the request of the United States authorities.

Fox was arrested on Aug. 25 last when the Dryden arrived at Rio Janeiro, but in the absence of an extradition treaty between the United States and Brazil, he was detained on board the vessel until it proceeded to this port.

The police here, who possess only an inadequate description of Le Roy furnished by the American Legation, were said to be skeptical that Fox was the man wanted, basing their conclusions on preliminary questioning and an examination of documents produced by Fox to show that he was not Le Roy. A slight scar on his right leg, however, and several other characteristics were said to correspond with the furnished descriptions.

Fox declared that he could produce a score of witnesses to prove that he was in New York when the murder was committed and that he never was in Detroit.

"Why don't they let me go back to the United States immediately?" he asked. "I can show in a minute where I have been."

Fox produced a certificate from Toronto naturalization authorities, showing that he is the son of Max Fox, a naturalized Russian Jew, and that he was born in Russia in September, 1900. Reciting his movements since April, 1919, he said he was in Norfolk at that time and had joined the Seamen's Union, shipping aboard the steamer Lake Orange for Cuba in May. He returned in June to New York, where he started work with his father as a garment maker. On Sept. 9, 1919, he and his father went to Toronto, where he remained until Jan. 17, 1920, when he returned to New York and worked at the garment trade until he shipped aboard the Dryden. He went to sea, he said, because it was an off season in garment making and he was pressed for money.

The Uruguayan police today questioned the Spanish-speaking members of the Dryden's crew. These said that Fox neither spoke nor understood Spanish, a knowledge that Le Roy is said to have possessed. Later when Fox was questioned by the police he appeared to have no comprehension of Spanish.

Fox declared he had several opportunities to escape from the Dryden, especially at Santos, the principal port of call between here and Rio Janeiro, and that if he were Le Roy he naturally would have taken advantage of these opportunities.

Fox, who claims residence in Toronto, shipped aboard the Dryden from this port last August as an ordinary seaman. He explained an ignorance of seamanship by saying that he was heavily pressed by debts and wished to leave this city, where he had been employed as a garment worker.

Harry Maffett, British seaman, whose place aboard the Dryden was taken by Fox, furnished the New York police with information regarding Fox following newspaper accounts of the finding of the severed body of Katherine Lou Jackson in a trunk which had been shipped here from Detroit.

Maffett told the local authorities he was impressed by the resemblance between a newspaper photograph of Le Roy, charged with the murder, and Fox.

Orders for the man's detention were sent by wireless to the Dryden, and when the vessel arrived in Rio Janeiro Fox was detained for identification in a steel cell on the ship.

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