

# NO INDICTMENTS

## IN MURDER CASE

### MADE AT VIRGINIA

#### Twenty-Two Secret True Bills Returned in Road Fund Investigation.

VIRGINIA, Dec. 7.—Secret indictments were returned today by the grand jury against county employes in the sixth commissioner's district involving charges of padded pay rolls, and the presenting of fraudulent claims. The grand jury made a complete report at 10 o'clock this morning returning 22 indictments and one no true bill.

The grand jury probed to the bottom of the charges made it is stated. The bulk of the evidence dealt with the allowance of pay to road employes for work last summer. Return of the warrants is expected to be made early next week.

Range County Attorney E. L. Boyle refused to make public the names of the indicted men until the bench warrants issued this afternoon by District Judge Martin Hughes are served upon the defendants.

#### No Bills in Murder Case.

The real surprise of the report of the grand jury was the return of a John 'Doe' indictment against the murderer or murderers of John Alar, his wife and Peter Trepich.

Insufficient evidence was brought before the grand jury to warrant the return of first degree murder indictments against any of the suspects uncovered by the six men working in the sheriff's office, the Virginia police department and the state or federal detectives. Grand jurors showed in their return they were not satisfied that the evidence produced before them was sufficient to warrant any arrest. Jurors were frank in their statements that evidence thus far in the case was founded too much on theory and not enough on fact.

#### Evidence Appears Slim.

"Every detail that was available was introduced," said Attorney E. L. Boyle. "There did not seem to be anything that would stand the test of prosecution in court."

The grand jury reported a resolution to the effect that the gambling and liquor laws had been violated in the saloon of Joseph Weed in the village of Winton, and that, "regardless of the fact that Weed has been convicted and fined, he continued to violate the laws and permit violations in his saloon." The grand jury called upon the village of Winton to take "immediate steps" to cancel the license of Weed.

Investigation was made by the jury on matters reported by Rev. T. K. Leech, field manager for the range Law Enforcement league. In several instances there were considered too insignificant for action in the district court.

#### Speedy Three Days Work.

The grand jury has been in session for three days and is declared to have handled more cases and dealt with more investigations than any previous jury. The jurymen were complimented for their work by Judge Martin Hughes, to whom the report was made.

The failure of indictments in the murder case has failed to halt the investigators in their search for evidence. They declare they are not disheartened but are redoubling their efforts.