

MURDER IN NEW YORK; THE VICTIM A YOUNG GIRL

Rose Wheeler, a Stenographer, Lured to Her Death--Authorities Think She May Have Been Burned Alive--Suspect Under Arrest.

New York, March 28.—Spurred on by the discovery that Ruth Wheeler, the girl stenographer, victim of the sensational murder uncovered last Saturday, was smothered and stuffed while unconscious into the fireplace of Albert Wolter's apartments and there burned to death, the authorities today continued with added zeal the task of trying to develop the real motive for the crime. Coroners Physician Ohanlan is authority for the statement that Ruth Wheeler was burned alive.

After the autopsy on the body, he declared that the discovery of a remnant of a square of linen over the right nostril of the girl and traces of soot in the nostril and lungs convinced him that she was still living when after being strangled by the cord about her neck her body was set on fire by the murderer.

Hours of questioning of the closest sort have failed to shake young Wolter in his declaration that he had never seen the Wheeler girl and knew nothing of the way in which she met her fate. In his cell in the Tombs, where he is lodged on a charge of murder, he remains insistent in protestations of innocence, but steadfastly declines to explain the entry of

Ruth Wheeler's name in his memorandum book or to account to the satisfaction of the police for his movements on the day when it is learned Miss Wheeler visited his rooms in answer to an advertisement for a stenographer and was not again seen alive outside of the East 75th street house in which Wolter lived.

Information obtained from Kettie Miller or Mueller, Wolter's companion who was arrested yesterday was mostly of a negative character. A fresh trail in Wolter's case, however was struck by the authorities in a story told them by a young woman who confessed to having known Wolter well. Her tale of the many young girls who she said had been associated with the prisoner set the authorities to looking up the numerous girls whose names and addresses were found in Wolter's memorandum book to see if any of them are missing. The investigation is expected to reveal whether or not Wolter had any active connection with "white slave" operations.

Since the latter part of January, over fifty girls between the ages of 15 and 17 years have been reported missing to the police. All but 15 have accounted for.

AMERICANS SEEK HOMES IN CANADA

They are Coming Here in Large Numbers and Bring Much Money with Them.

Ottawa, March 27.—W. J. White, inspector of Canadian government offices in the United States, is very enthusiastic over the number and class of immigrants coming to Canada this year. He states that in the eleven months of the present fiscal year 86,488 immigrants had entered Canada from the neighboring republic showing a very satisfactory increase over the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, when the numbered amounted to 50,650.

The increase in number is no less gratifying than in the quality of the people who are coming to take up their homes in the dominion. "On one train crossing into Canada at North Portal, two weeks ago," said Mr. White "The new settlers thereon had in cash and checks a total of \$225,000 and in one day which I spent at the St. Paul office the settlers passing through in less than twenty-four hours represented a capital of a little more than \$1,000,000.

Mr. White said that statistics gathered from the incoming settlers from the United States showed that in round numbers they brought into the country, in cash or settlers' effects, \$1,000 per capita, and that this year every indication pointed to a large increase in the per capita wealth.

THE STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA OVER

Sympathetic Strike is Called Off--Carmen Still Out--Company Claim Gains.

Philadelphia, March 28.—The sympathetic strike in aid of the trolley men having been officially declared off yesterday by the Central Labor Union, there was general resumption of work today. All the men who went on sympathetic strike did not find employment when they reported, however, their places having been filled in many instances with non-union workmen.

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. is still operating with a limited number of cars. The company declares that it is slowly bringing its forces up to normal and say 14,000 cars are running today. The striking carmen deny the company is gaining recruits every day.

About fifty girls employed in a shirt factory, today were taken into custody for disorderly conduct. They are accused of making offensive remarks to motormen and conductors. They will be given a hearing later in the day.

Many factories employ wagons to haul their employees to work, as the latter refuse to ride on cars while the strike is on. The girls had been under police surveillance for some days, and it was finally decided to use drastic measures to stop the insults to the men at work on the cars.

BOODLING BANKERS BEFORE PITTSBURG GRAND JURY

Paid \$100,000 to Get Hold of Pittsburg Civic Monies and Are Now Telling Grand Jury Their Story--Some have Been Sent To Prison.

Pittsburg, March 28.—This day is known as "Banker's Day" in Pittsburg. The district attorney before nightfall will have heard over one hundred officials and employees of the six city depositories tell what they know in reference to money being paid to city council men to secure the passage of bank ordinances in city councils during 1908.

Forty or more councilmen have confessed that they received money for the passage of the ordinance. Two bank presidents, one now serving a term in the penitentiary for bribery, have admitted that money

was paid to have the ordinance passed.

The grand jury wants to know who were the "men higher up" in the bribe giving and taking processes. Hence today's proceedings. It has been asserted in various confessions now in the hands of the district attorney that the city depositories provided a fund of \$102,500 to secure the passage of the bank ordinances, which include an interest rate of only two per cent., whereas other reputable institutions made written offers to pay 2½ per cent on daily balance. The bankers will be sharply examined on these facts in the district attorney's possession, it is said.

EIGHT KILLED ON U. S. CRUISER CHARLESTON

Manilla, March 28.—The report that a fatal accident had occurred on the United States cruiser Charleston, was confirmed today. Eight men were killed and several others slightly injured.

During practice at sea off Olongape, the breach block of a three inch gun blew off and in its flight across the deck cut through a steel stanchion and mowed down the men in its path. Seven of the victims were instantly killed, while an eighth died as the Charleston was hurrying to Cavite.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Rear Admiral John Hubbard, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, has ordered an investigation. The bodies of the victims will be buried at Cavite.

The Charleston, which is Rear Admiral Hubbard's flagship, today returned to the firing range. Her commanding officer is Commander John H. Gibbons. She is a protected cruiser of 8,700 tons and carries 68 guns.

Rear Admiral Hubbard, reporting to the navy department on the accident to the Charleston, which resulted in the death of eight men, ascribes the cause as probably due to premature discharge of one of the three inch guns. The cablegram was brief, but said that a rigid investigation would take place.

DROWNED BY THE OVERTURNING OF BOAT

Marblehead, Mass., March 28.—Fred L. Chase, aged 34 years, and Frank Ballard, 50, both of Marblehead, were drowned by the overturning of a small boat in which a party of four were returning from Tinker's Island to Marblehead Neck early today. The other two men reached the shore safely.

U. N. B. WINS GAME

(Special to the Mail.)

Flagg's Cove, Grand Manan, March 28.—The U. N. B. basketball team continued its victorious career by defeating the Crescents of North Head 42 to 17 on Saturday night. The college team had little difficulty in winning and had the game well in hand at all stages. Rigby was back in the game and starred for the U. N. B.

Tonight the U. N. B. team will play the Shamrocks at St. Andrews and on Tuesday night will play in Milltown.

BOY MADE ESCAPE FROM INDUSTRIAL HOME

(Special to the Mail.)

St. John, March 28.—Leonard Moore, a 17-year old lad under sentence in the Boys' Industrial Home, escaped this morning by breaking through a workshop window at the institution. He has quite a record.

St. John, March 28.—St. John is being treated to a driving snowstorm which set in at dinner time after a bright morning.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY KILLED IN A FIRE

Mate-Isalka, Hungary, March 28.—Two hundred and fifty people were killed and many others injured in the village of Oakoerite, when fire broke out in a hotel where a ball was being held.

A coach house connected with the hotel had been fitted up as a ball room and last night was crowded with several hundred guests when the fire started. It was first noticed when a woman's dress was seen to be ablaze and a moment later the gowns of several other women were in flames. A panic followed and in a mad rush to the exits many persons fell and were trodden to death by others. To make matters worse the roof fell in before the hall could be cleared and many injured ones and those who because of the rush at the door had been prevented from making their escape, were buried with the dead in the ruins.

STRUCK BY TRAIN BUT NOT INJURED

Utica, N. Y., March 27.—Tossed from the railroad tracks by a locomotive Gertrude Swartout, five years of age escaped without a scratch. The West Shore Railroad runs close to the Swartout home, and the little girl, running to meet her mother, crossed directly in the path of a freight train. The pilot of the engine three her to one side, and she struck several feet away in a ditch filled with water. This undoubtedly saved her from injury. The train was stopped and the engineer went back and picked up the child. She complained of a pain in her ear but otherwise seemed unharmed. Examined by a physician, it was determined that there was not even a bruise on her head or body.

CROWN PRINCESS OF SWEDEN

Stockholm, Sweden, March 28.—Crown Princess Gustave Adolph of Sweden, formerly Princess Margaret of Connaught, gave birth to a daughter today. The other children of the crown Prince and Princess are Prince Gustave Adolph born in 1906 and Prince Sigvard a year younger.

In a case in one of our Indian courts a jury had before it evidence that could not be in any way shaken. When the concluding stage had been reached the following interchange of conversation took place between the Judge and his colleagues in the administration of justice: "Gentlemen, are you ready to give your verdict?"

"Yes."
"What is your verdict?"
"Our answer is, sir, that you can do as you like with the men that have confessed, but we acquit all the rest."
"But is it possible that you have weighed the evidence?"
"Evidence like this can always be fabricated."
"Do you find that as regards these prisoners it has been fabricated?"
"Evidence can be fabricated."
"So the evidence is untrustworthy?"
"Unless a man confesses, who can tell he is guilty?"—Bombay Gazette.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT SPEAKS AT CAIRO

Cairo, Egypt, March 28.—Col. Roosevelt delivered an address before the students of the University of Egypt today. He was cordially received and at the conclusion of his remarks there was much applause. Mr. Roosevelt upon entering the hall of the University found it crowded by Egyptians, officers, students and women. Prince Ahmed Fouad, president of the University and an uncle of the Khedive, introduced Mr. Roosevelt with a brief speech in French. Responding to the welcome, Mr. Roosevelt expressed his thanks but said that his address was intended only for the students of the University. As a man who spoke frequently he warned his audience to have nothing to do with the man who did not make good his words by acts. The speaker referred to the assassination by a student last month of Boutros Pasha Ghali, prime minister of foreign affairs as a calamity to Egypt, and his denunciation of the assassin was received with great applause.

PRINCETON STUDENT A STOWAWAY

Plymouth, Eng., March 28.—Sewell F. Camp, the student who has been missing from Princeton University, for several days, arrived here a stowaway on board the Crown Prince S. S. Cecilia today. Camp, who is said to be the son of a banker of Watertown, N. Y., will be returned to the United States upon a steamer sailing from Cherbourg. He said that he had quarrelled with his parents and decided to run away.

JIM JEFFRIES TO TRAVEL IF HE WINS FIGHT

Chicago, March 28.—If James J. Jeffries wins from Jack Johnson on July 4th he will start his world tour on July 10.—The company will show sixty days in this country and sail for England on September 10. This was the result of a conference held yesterday between Sam Berger, Jeffries' manager and Harry Frazee, who are promoting the world's tour. It was also decided definitely that Frank Gotch and James J. Corbett will be members of the company. The other principals will be selected later on, for both Berger and Frazee favor taking the middleweight and lightweight champions along.

The man who is not afraid of failure seldom has to face it.

STOCKS RATHER DULL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

New York, March 28.—Business in stocks was in very small volume after the three days holiday, and the price movement was sluggish. Gains predominated over declines, Hocking coal rising 2½, Consolidated Gas 1 and Union Pacific, Pittsburg C. C. and St. Louis, Virginia, Carolina chemical and American Ice, large fractions.

WALL STREET TODAY.
New York, March 28.—Wall street—Noon—The stock market today felt the effect of an incipient crop scare. Free selling of stocks was accompanied by reports of continued unfavorable weather in the southwest to redeem the damage of the severe winter. Their was monetary hesitation as the extension of the holiday in London left the market without its usual opening initiative. The severe break in Westinghouse electric was an additional unsettling influence. The most notable declines were Anaconda and Sloss Sheffield Steel, 2½; American Smelting, 3½; Wells Fargo, 4; St. Paul Norfolk and Western Colorado and Southern Amalgamated Copper, Utah Copper, Tennessee Copper, American Sugar and Interboro Metropolitan, pfd., 2; Reading 1½ and Pressed Steel Car, International Pump and Consolidated Gas, 1½. The selling came to a pause before noon. Bonds were heavy.

Noon quotations were:
Amalgamated, 75½; Erie, 29½; Great Northern, pfd., 134½; Northern Pacific, 133½; Penna, 136½; Rock Island, 47; Southern Pacific, 126½; Southern Railway, 28½; Union Pacific, 184½; U. S. Steel, 83½.
Chicago—Corn, May, 63½; July, 65; Sept., 65½.
Oats, May 44½; July, 42½; Sept. 39½.

BULGARIAN ROYALTY ON A VISIT TO CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, March 28.—King Ferdinand and Queen Eleonore of Bulgaria, who arrived here last Monday to visit the Sultan, conclude their stay today.

Conferences between the Bulgarian and Ottoman ministers here are understood to have resulted in an agreement to conclude a commercial treaty and to delimit the undefined point on the frontier, to connect the Turkish and Bulgarian railway and settle the question of the allegiance of the border people.

A semi-official communication declares that the visit of the Bulgarian monarchs has had the happiest of results in cementing the relations of Turkey and Bulgaria.

Solitude is the salt of thought.

GENERAL WITH WAR RECORD DIES SUDDENLY

Washington, March 28.—Brigadier General Hawkins, governor of the National Soldiers' Home here, died yesterday suddenly at Glen Springs, N. Y. His death ended thirty years' service in the United States Army, embracing fighting in the Civil War, the Frontier Wars and the Spanish American Wars. He was 76 years old and apparently was strong and vigorous, until a few weeks ago. The breakdown came suddenly. He was compelled to relinquish his duties at the Soldiers' Home last Wednesday and was hurried by his physicians to Glen Springs. General Hawkins was governor of the Soldiers' Home for seven years.

CUT HIS THROAT IN WEST ST. JOHN HOTEL

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, N. B., March 28.—A man named Lars Anderson, with sixty-seven dollars in his pocket, was found dead with his throat cut and a razor in his hand in a room in the Carleton House at noon. He arrived from Tacoma, Wash., on Saturday with a ticket for Liverpool, but was too late to catch the Empress of Britain. He was about 35 years old.

IMMIGRANTS BEING RUSHED TO CANADA

(Special to the Mail.)

St. John, N. B., March 28.—There is a great immigration rush on. Some 4,200 people are now on the water bound to St. John and Halifax. The C. P. R. has put on an extra steamer and there are 15 sailings from England in April with all second and third cabins already reserved. The rush is expected to last till June.

BIG LINES BRINGS SMALLPOX

New York, March 28.—With one passenger having symptoms of smallpox, the big Holland-American line steamship Nieuw, Amsterdam from Rotterdam and Bologna was held up on arriving at quarantine today and 15 passengers who had occupied the same compartment were sent to the government isolation hospital on Hoffman Island for observation.

The steamer was ordered disinfected before proceeding to its pier. The Nieuw Amsterdam brings 600 Dutch farmers who will go at once to Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas.

SAD HOMECOMING FOR WAYWARD GIRLS

Hamilton, Ont., March 28.—Ruth and Stella Smith, the Grimby girls who were arrested in Los Angeles, California, and deported by the United States government after a relative who suddenly fell heir to a fortune had spent ten thousand dollars with them in champagne suppers and joy rides, reached the village Saturday and were heart broken when they learned of their father's death during their absence. The girls were not aware their home had been broken up. Neighbors cared for them until enough money was raised to send them to their mother at Fenwick.

RUSSIA TO BUILD ANOTHER NAVY

St. Petersburg, March 28.—The newspapers announce that the government is about to introduce in the Duma a naval building programme providing for an expenditure of \$375,000,000 during the next decade. The first installment of the programme will call for \$37,500,000.

YANKEE FISHERMEN POACHING IN CANADA

Windsor, Ont., March 28.—Game warden Chauvin with several deputies in a specially chartered tug seized over one hundred nets belonging to fishermen from Lorain, Ohio, together with a thousand pounds of fish in Canadian waters of Lake Erie last week.

OTTAWA BURGLAR MAKES CONFESSION

(Special to the Mail.)

Ottawa, March 28.—The mystery of three recent burglaries in Ottawa, was cleared up yesterday by the arrest of Severin Desjardines, the son of an alderman. A policeman, who saw a man at Currier's store on Rideau street early on Good Friday and who fired a shot at him as he was running away, recognized the man as Desjardines from a portrait in the Rogues' Gallery. Desjardines, after his arrest, confessed to two other burglaries at Odde and Major's.

FOR STREAM DRIVING.

The lumber operators have about finished hauling logs to the streams and are now making ready for stream driving. Mr. T. L. Morris, who hires men for most of the big operators, says that wages for drivers this year run from \$2 to \$2.25 per day.