

A TRIPLE MURDER.

A Maine Farmer, His
Wife and Daughter

SLAIN AND BURNED IN THEIR
HOME.

No Arrests Yet Made But Four
Strangers Suspected.

Shirley, Me. May 14.—One of the most revolting crimes in the history of Northern Maine came to light yesterday, when the body of J. Wesley Allen, a prominent and prosperous farmer and member of the board of selectmen of this town, and those of his wife and 14 year old daughter were found lying among the smouldering embers of their home on the lonely stage road leading from Monson to Moosehead Lake. The bodies were burned so badly that only the charred and crumbling remains of bones were left to show that human lives had been sacrificed. On every hand were evidences that murder, and even worse, had been done.

Surrounding it all is an air of the deepest mystery, and the residents of Shirley and nearby towns are violently excited. The only clue to the identity of the murderers is furnished by a man named Johnson, who reported yesterday that he had been held up early that morning near Bunkerbrook, a few miles from here, by four men, all of whom were intoxicated, and one of whom, at least, closely answers the description of one of the desperadoes who held up the Willimantic stage last week.

The discovery that a tragedy had occurred was made by Chas. Tibbitts, who, while driving down the stage road with his children to the village school yesterday forenoon, came upon the ruins of the Allen farmhouse. He at once left his team and, on looking about, saw what appeared to be the remains of a human body lying among the ruins of the barn. He then proceeded to where the house had stood, and among the debris, pieces of charred bone were seen.

He then hastened away to the nearest neighbor, three-quarters of a mile up the road toward the lake, and told of his discovery, and, in a short time, the news had spread to all sections of the town. At first it was reported that four bodies were in the ruins, and it was believed that the fire and loss of life had resulted from the carelessness of a tramp, who had taken refuge in the barn, set the structure on fire by accident and then perished in the flames, which communicated to the house and overcame the members of the Allen family asleep in their beds.

From a careful examination of the premises and the surroundings, made by a representative of the Associated Press who visited the scene yesterday afternoon, however, it is evident that this suspicion was entirely erroneous. In the first place, there are only three bodies, and the remains found in the barn have been identified beyond doubt, as those of Mr. Allen, by suspender buckles, a knife and trinkets belonging to him found nearby.

The bodies found in the house were not near the sleeping apartments, and it is thus evident that the entire family were awake and not in their beds just before death came. Also, about 25 feet from the spot where Mr. Allen's body was found, on the ground outside the barn, there were two large pools of blood, about a foot apart, and in one of these was found a quantity of gray hair, just the color of Mr. Allen's hair and beard.

Mr. Allen and his wife had made their home in that locality for nearly 40 years and they were known and respected by everyone for miles around the countryside. Mr. Allen was known as a prosperous but very conservative man and those who knew him best say he never kept any large sum of money in the house. Thus, they say, the motive for the crime could not have been robbery. He was not known to have an enemy in the world, and from this they argue the motive could not have been revenge for any real or fancied wrong.

One of the neighbors expressed the belief that if the fire had not destroyed the bodies of Mrs. Allen and her daughter, a motive for the crime might have been found. He said that in his opinion, Mr. Allen was called from the house and while on his way to the barn was attacked where the patches of blood were found on the ground. His body was then carried to the barn and the structure set on fire to prevent discovery of the crime. Then the murderers went to the house where the two women were alone. What happened there will never be known, probably, but in the end, two more victims were left either dead or dying and a second building fired in the hope that traces of the crime would be obliterated. When found, the remains

of one of the women was lying in what had been the sitting room and the other was in the ell, the most distant part of the house.

The four men the officers are looking for in connection with the crime, are thought to be the same gang that participated in a sensational stage robbery at Willimantic last Friday. This affair was carried out in a most methodical and careful manner. The stage left Saugeville at the usual time and had proceeded only a short distance when a man stepped from the bushes at the side of the road, seized the horses by the bridles and announced that he was a deputy sheriff. While the stage driver was engaged in conversation with the stranger he was dealt a terrific blow on the head from behind which rendered him unconscious, and when he returned to his senses the visitors were nowhere to be seen. An express package containing liquor, which had been in the team, also had disappeared, and the driver's wallet, containing a small sum of money, was missing. The stage driver said the man who held the horses was an Indian, and he also believes he could recognize one of the others, of whom he thought there were four in all. The fact that Mr. Johnson, who encountered four men at Bunkerbrook yesterday described one of the men as an Indian, leads to the belief that they are the same quartette that took part in the hold up of the Willimantic stage.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)
May 13.—Mrs. Elbridge Staples, who has been quite sick, suffering from an attack of quinsy, is able to be out again.

Robert McKay, who met with such a serious accident, in the saw mill last Monday, is progressing favourably.

Miss Cudlip, of Boston is here visiting her brother J. B. Cudlip.

John Chapman, moved his family here from Penniac last week.

The Rev. Horace Sloat who is to be one of the principals in a happy event, which is to take place next Wednesday afternoon, arrived here last Friday.

Miss Frances Camber, spent Saturday here the guest of Mrs. Charles Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gregory, are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of a little daughter at their home last week.

Quite a large number of our men have returned from stream driving.

Last Friday evening a large number went from here to the delightful concert given in the Opera House, Fredericton, by the famous Canadian Jubilee Singers.

J. T. Mersereau, who has been here the last few days, returned to Chatham Saturday afternoon.

Friday, being arbor day, it was duly observed at the schools.

This evening the concert, which was given some weeks ago by the members of the Mission Band of the Calvinist Baptist church, is to be repeated.

The many friends of Edward Wheaton will be pleased to know he is able to get about again after his recent accident, which has laid him up for the past five months.

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