

CLUE TO MURDER OF HAMILTON MAN

Writer of Anonymous Letter Says He Killed Him, and Gives Reasons.

MOTIVE NOT ROBBERY

Declares That Others Will Be Dealt With in a Similar Manner.

Hamilton, Thursday, March 14.—An anonymous letter stating that the writer had killed Thomas Georgieff, whose headless body was found at the bottom of a deserted gravel pit, Tuesday morning, and that there were others who would be served the same way, was the clue to the murder of a Bulgarian previous to his death last Tuesday morning, and that there were others who would be served the same way, the fact that the murdered Bulgarian previous to his death had just been discharged from a local hospital suffering from a venereal disease which ultimately might indirectly prove to be the motive for the crime, and the finding of a pair of trousers near the scene were the outstanding features of Hamilton's latest and most brutal crime.

The letter, which was written in Bulgarian, was sent to Simon Gregora, a boarding house keeper at 71 Burlington street, where the murdered man was in the habit of having his mail directed. It was stated that the writer had killed Georgieff and that there were others who would be served in the same manner shortly. It further stated that the dead man was no good, had never been any good, and that he had been enticed uptown by an offer to take him to Toronto for the purpose of giving him a Turkish bath. This latter inducement was supposed to have been a sure cure for Georgieff's ailment, according to his friends. He had often stated that he wanted to have one. The fact that he was suffering from a venereal disease which he had learned from a most reliable source last night, is significant, as it might possibly prove to be the motive for the crime. It is now stated that the victim never carried more than three or four dollars in his pockets at a time, and as this was known to his friends, the robbery theory is not substantiated. Consequently there is the possibility that he might have been contracting a similar disease, and that in revenge he was enticed to the vicinity of the gravel pit by putting him in a motor car, which was heard late last night speeding up York street, with a woman. Once there he was dragged down into the pit, where it was decapitated and the head taken away in an effort to conceal his identity.

CORP. VARLEY DISCHARGED.

Returned Soldier Speaks Well of Treatment at Hospital.

Corporal William Varley yesterday received his discharge from the military hospital at Salisbury, England, and returned home with his family at 100 Dore avenue. He speaks in high terms of his treatment while in hospital, and of the care of his wounds. He was a private soldier, who was wounded in Palestine. About eight weeks ago he was arrested on the charge of writing to his family and a critic of the treatment of home-bound war veterans.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

Apart from a successful British raid near Polygon Wood, in Belgium, and an unsuccessful German raiding attack southeast of Arras, Field-Marshal Haig has little news to report besides an increase in German artillery fire north of Lens and on La Bassée Canal, as well as in Belgium and near Cambrai. The British are delaying their offensive, if they intend to open it in this quarter, to permit the drying of the ground on the front. The new plan of co-operation, each of the allies must be ready to attack the enemy anywhere and at any time, so as to prevent him from concentrating his forces from one sector to another. The lack of system in the allied operations last year, the blame for this they attribute to the German, who was able to withstand the pressure. What would be the enemy's most damage, it is estimated, would be the pinning him down by local attacks while the allies launched a tremendous assault against some point affording them a prospect of completely piercing the enemy defence.

It has been noticed that the British casualties have steadily fallen throughout the winter. This comes not only from the new advantage of superior position, but also from apparent abandonment of the old plan of attrition warfare. The British are now powerfully against the enemy in the east, the allies had some prospect of defeating him in the west by their local successes, and the consequent steady discouragement of his troops and people. His losses in man power in the process were also heavy. With Russia out of the struggle, it is argued, the allies must introduce, sooner or later, stronger measures than attrition warfare to convince the German people of the military danger. The persistent allied bombardments of nodal points in the German communications suggest the formation of a grand strategic scheme. The ensuing six months may bring its realization.

German troops have entered Odessa. The enemy thereby has made a further advance in his scheme to open a new route to the far east by way of Russia, the Black Sea and the Caspian. Odessa gives him an important naval base and furnishes him with a new route by water to Turkey. The counter-concentration of the enemy that the garrisoning of Salonica by the allies compels made the route of the Oriental Express from Constantinople to Vladivostok inadequate for the exploiting of the enemy designs beyond Turkey; the new water route by way of the Danube and the Black Sea just opened by the capture of Odessa, affords the enemy

MISS HELD GETS COUNSEL

W. E. Raney Writes Board of Education to Represent Her Interests in Connection With Case.

Miss Frieda Hold has engaged counsel to represent her interests. W. E. Raney, the barrister engaged, sent a letter to that effect to the secretary of the board of education. He also applied for copies of all the papers in the case. Mr. Raney's letter, also one from the acting minister of education, referring the board to legal advice in the Hold case, to the secretary of the board, were both read before the management committee yesterday afternoon. They were both read without comment of any kind to the without comment of any kind to the be ready for the board on March 21.

BRANTFORD WOMAN WAS FOUND DEAD

Had Left Home With Nothing on Carpet Slippers.

Brantford, March 13.—Clad in her nightgown and with nothing but carpet slippers on her feet, the body of Mrs. H. W. McIntyre, who left her home on Erie avenue about five o'clock on Tuesday morning, was found by her husband and son lying in the ice and snow in an open outbuilding on the hillside behind 48 Alfred street this afternoon. Sergeant Wallace of the police force and Dr. Fissette, the coroner, were called, but an inquest was deemed unnecessary. Death was due to exposure. Her husband, three children survive.

SCORE'S WAR-SAVING REDUCTIONS—BLU SERGE SPECIALS

Frank Score says: "War conditions must be met irrespective of profits and we never lessen quality that we may be able to lessen the price. So long as the splendid assortment of guaranteed indigo dyed blue serge bought by some year ago, on which we could command a much greater profit than we ask today, are going into this war-savings reduction period at prices that prevent the opportunity to buy right, and we are giving the men of Toronto the benefit of it—offering these high quality serge suits at \$34, \$36, \$38 and \$40, when these goods are gone we cannot repeat at any price." R. Score & Son, Limited, tailors and haberdashers, 77 King street west.

GARAGE AND SHOP FIRE.

Four Thousand Dollars Damage Done at Alice St. Address.

Fire of unknown origin, breaking out last night at 9:40 in the premises of 4-6 Alice street, did damage to the extent of \$4000 before the blaze was extinguished by the fire department. When the firemen arrived on the scene they found the building in a state of complete ruin. The fire had spread to the floors, where it was burning furiously. Four motor cars stored in the garage, and owned by the Adams furniture Co., were slightly damaged by fire and water. Several bales of sorted rags were also damaged. No reason can be given for the outbreak.

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needed facilities for a stronger aggressive policy beyond Turkey. While advancing an offensive in the west, the enemy was really preparing to invade the far eastern world. This is suggested by the fact that the British are vigorously prosecuting their campaign in Palestine. They have made another gain astride the Nabulus road and are apparently approaching the important enemy base of Nabulus.

The threat of an extension of German influence over Siberia not only concerns Japan, but it vitally concerns the United States and Canada, for such a feat would give the Germans a direct line of communication to the Bering Strait and so they could come within easy striking distance of Alaska. They could from their Siberian base attack North America, and could make a sea lane with minefields, supported by submarines, for their communications. The alternate route over the Trans-Siberian railway, if it got in German hands, would thrust a dagger in the face of China and Japan. Thus the enemy has vast dreams of point of realizing his vast dream of empire. The German menace to Calais seems like Napoleon's menace to London from Boulogne, a convenient matter for the attempted frightening of Britain into the keeping of her armies and on the defensive near home, while the whole continent was left open for exploitation and subjugation.

Unless speedily checked in his vast designs the enemy will attain his most hopes. Owing to a certain dip in British home propaganda, it appears that the government realizes the true direction of the peril. The first item on the allied war program is apparently the elimination of Turkey as a base for the launching of the war open for the gaining of control of the Black Sea and the water. This is a most important off from exploiting his far eastern empire. If the allies established themselves in Constantinople as they established themselves at Salonica.

In spite of the cheerful reports of the British admiralty chiefs, the enemy is maintaining his own fleet of British vessels pretty much at the same level since three weeks ago. The admiralty return of yesterday shows 18 ships lost, 15 being of over 1600 tons. Maddened, perhaps, by losses of submarines in increasing number, the enemy is growing more savage in his behavior toward his victims, firing more frequently on lifeboats and on wounded men struggling in the water. The allies must be prepared to experience an outburst of enemy ferocity at sea unequalled before in this most fruitful of wars since the stone age.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS BEFORE COMMITTEE

Representatives of Toronto Attend and Put Forward Many Questions.

SPECIAL FRONTAGE TAX

Member for South Wentworth Wants Public Utilities Act Amended.

DOMINION POLICE TIGHTENING LINES

International Boundaries Are Being Well Guarded Against Escaping Defaulters.

STILL SEEK HOSPITALS

Military Authorities Continue Search for Buildings Suitable for Accommodation.

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PRINCESS PATRICIAS VETERANS HONORED

All Members Now in Toronto Asked to Attend at Heliconian Club Rooms Wednesday, March 20.

All members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, officers and men, are invited to be present at a reunion and entertainment to be held at 9 o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, March 20, in the rooms of the Heliconian Club, 801 Yonge street. Owing to the name of this famous Canadian regiment being associated with that of Princess Patricia, the event on Wednesday will be the numbers of the F.P.C.I. in Toronto, but the members of the Princess Patricia's party. An especially enjoyable feature of the evening's entertainment will be the singing of the national anthems by the Heliconian members composing the Chinese Club Company. The men of the F.P.C.I. in Toronto, who can arrange to attend the reunion next Wednesday are asked to send their names to the secretary, Frank Bell, 7 Nanton avenue, or to telephone North 6230.

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VETERANS CENSOR REPORTS OF PRESS

Oppose Excluding Press, But Will Control All Information Published.

CRITICISM WITHDRAWN

West Toronto Branch Re-scinds Motion Directed Against Major Boehm.

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Stop the Leaks Now

During the recent cold spells, when the thermometer got away down, we had our men hurrying to all parts of the city. In scores of homes and factories we were obliged to give temporary relief only, so great was the demand upon us. In many of these homes and factories there were lots of things wrong with the pipes, the fixtures, the stop taps, the lavatories. THAT SHOULD BE PROBABLY LOOKED INTO 'NOW' BY TENANTS AND OWNERS. This is the time to call in our experts and have them go thoroughly over the water supply, lavatories and heating systems. Phone us. We attend to this work in any part of the city.

SHANNON THE PLUMBER

Earlscourt Templars Entertain Soldiers

Loblaw's Hall Scene Last Night of Splendid Supper and Entertainment for War Veterans.

WARD ONE LABOR PARTY

Motion Protests Against Principle Involved in Superannuation Measure.

NORTH TORONTO COMPLAINS

On many of the side streets and even on many parts of Yonge street in North Toronto absolutely no attempt had been made by the roadway department to render traffic reasonably decent. There are many points where the roadway is so narrow that the water or snow piled up on the sidewalks would be a relief to the city workmen as seen in North Toronto, and there is a great deal of criticism of the way in which the crossings are neglected.

COMPLAIN OF SOOT

Complaint is freely made that the city authorities in burning soft coal in the Eglington Town Hall are subjecting the people living in the immediate vicinity to great annoyance and discomfort. The complaint comes principally from the women of the district, who say that the falling of the soot very often ruins their washings, while the ordinary travelers complain at the action of the soot on their hats. That coal can be obtained there is said to be no excuse for continuing to use the soft.

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