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MISS ETHEL KINRADE. Herkimer street, yesterday afternoon.

# THE TRAGEDY.

One of the Most Sensational Crimes in the City's History.

Well-known young woman slain by a tramp in her father's home, 105 Herkimer street.

The victim-Miss Ethel Kinrade, 23 years of age, shot five times and instantly killed.

The murderer-Unknown thug, 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, medium dark complexion, long, dark wavy mustache drooping over the mouth, wore a black slouch hat over his eyes, black overcoat, black undersuit.

Time-About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

To be foully murdered in her own home, in broad daylight, by a man who emptied the contents of a .38 calibre, five-chambered revolver into her body be-lore making good his escape, was the cruel fate that befell Ethel Kinrade, twenty-three years of age, second eldest daughter of T. L. Kinrade, principal of the Cannon-street school, yesterday afternoon. The deed was perhaps that of in insane man or a coward crazed by the fear of being captured.

The remarkable feature of the tragedy is that the mother of the dead girl was at police headquarters appealing for protection against the brute who slew her daughter when the murder was being committed. The case is one replete with pathetic features, and it is doubtful if before a crime in the city's history created such a profound sensation or stirred up so much indignation,

Although the police were quickly notified, and had the drag net out within ten minutes of the time of the shooting, scouring the city and surrounding ountry, no trace of the man sought for has been secured yet.

# TWO GIRLS WERE ALONE.

The murdered woman and her sister, Miss Florence Kinrade, a well known singer, were alone in the house at the time of the tragedy. Mrs. Kinrade left the rouse shortly before 3.30 o'clock to go to the police office and appeal for pro-cetion against a man who had haunted the vicinity for a week or more, terorizing the family with his suspicious actions. The thug evidently watched her eave, and assuring himself that the girls were alone, walked boldly up to the loor and knocked for admittance. The girls were dressing to go out. Miss ence Kinrade had already donned her street attire and was waiting for Ethel, who was upstairs, when the knock came.

Going to the door she was surprised to see a man about five feet seven nehes tall, of medium build, with a dark, wavy moustache, and wearing a louch hat and dark clothes.

She recognized in him the man who had been banging around the place for several days, and was preparing to ask him his business when he curtly demanded that she supply him with food. She volunteered to get him something to sat, and attempted to shut the door, when he brushed her roughly aside, and stalked into the hall, forcing her back towards the dining room. Startled by als abrupt entrance and frightened by his manner and appearance, the girl was reparing to call for help, when he gruffly demanded:

"Give me what money you have!"

"I won't," said the frightened girl, as she backed towards the stairs and ried to scream. The stranger produced a revolver and sternly commanded her

"If you yell, I'll shoot," he said.

The desperado repeated his demand that she hand over what money she She went upstairs to get it, and he attempted to follow. She screamed er sister Ethel to lock herself in her room, and returned with \$10, which

Having heard the noise downstairs and alarmed by her sister's warning, el bravely attempted to leave the house by the back entrance and summon. The burglar probably divined her purpose and moved forward to meet

### KILLED HER IN COLD BLOOD.

When Ethel was confronted with the man with the revolver she attempted cream for help. This alarmed the stranger, who said, "Don't scream or I'll tyou."

The unfortunate girl did not heed the warning, and her sister Florence, The unfortunate girl did not heed the warning, and her sister Florence, convinced that the man meant all he said, tried to wrest the revolver from him. She grabbed the arm that held the weapon, but he brutally thrust her aside, and turning the revolver on Ethel fired five shots in rapid succession. He stood so close to the girl when shooting that the flash from the powder burned her clothes and scorched the flesh. Death must have been instantaneous, as an examination of the remains at the morgue showed that three shots passed through the left breast within a radius of about three inches. Two of them probably pierced the heart. A fourth wound was discovered close to her eft ear, and the girl's face was frightfully burned, as though the weapon had en pressed against the head when fired.

### SISTER GAVE ALARM.

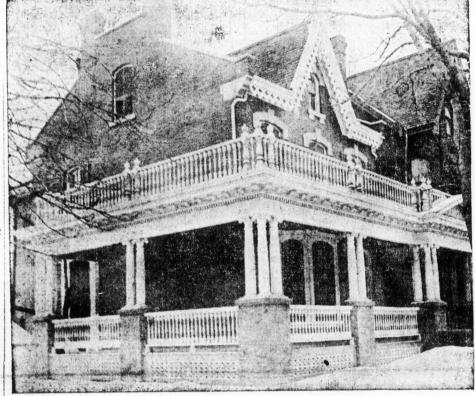
She sank to the floor without uttering a sound, while her sister, who had witnessed the awful tragedy, ran out of the house and across the road to the residence of Mrs. F. J. Hickey, 106 Herkimer street. Weeping hysterically, to told of the terrible tragedy that had been enacted in her home and, accompanied by Mrs. Hickey, ran to the grocery store of George Hunt, 121 licrkimer street. Rushing into the store, she cried out, "They have shot thel; they have killed Ethel."

Mr. Hunt and a clerk, grabbing long meat knives and a hatchet, rushed to the Kinrade homestead. In the meantime, Coroner McNichol, who lives at the corner of Bay and Herkimer streets, had arrived on the scene. He had his horse hitched up and was just preparing to start out on his aftermoon rounds when somebody rang him up and informed him that he was wanted at the Kinrade house. Mr. Hunt and his companion rushed into the house and found Ethel Kinrade stretched out on the kitchen floor, at the foot of the back staircase, in a pool of blood. Dr. McNichol, who examined the body, declared that she must have died instantly. The back door was open, showing that the murderer must have escaped by jumping over the back fence and going out of a lane that runs the full width of the street. Miss Plorence Kinrade collapsed after giving the alarm, and was removed to a neighbor's house. The body was taken to the morgue at the City Hospital and Coroner McNichol issued a precept for an inquest.

# NO CLUE YET IN KINRADE MURDER

City Detectives find It Difficult to Work Out a Theory, But Are Not Ready to Admit the Story That Murderer Was a Tramp.

Council Has Offered a Reward of \$500---The Whole Detective Staff at Work---Many Stories About Strange Man In West End.



SCENE OF THE MURDER OF MISS ETHEL KINRADE.

This picture, taken this morning, shows the Kinra homestead to good advantage. It is a solidly built two storey brick house on the south side of Herkimer street, east of Caroline. The cut shows the large verandah on the front and the east side. The steps to the verandah are at the west end so that, in order to reach the front door one must pass in front of the large bay window, and from inside the front room one could see all over the verandah. It was on the west side of the bay window in front of the house on which some instrument had been used in an attempt to pry it up. The house is of that substantial build in which a good deal of noise might be made without being heard outside.

# IS SERIOUS.

Mrs. Kinrade's Condition Causes Considerable Alarm.

This morning at the house where the errible tragedy of vesterday was enact. ed there was gloom and sadness. Mrs. Kinrade is under the care of a trained surse, and is so weak and in such a state of nervous collapse that her ca auses considerable atarm. The father s a broken man and the other children re in a fearful state. Earl Kinrade ar-ived in the city at 9 o'clock from Mont-eal, and could get no details of the ter-

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Mrs. Kinrade was first told that there ible thought came to her that her son The p was being brought home dead from Montreal, and the woman collapsed. and has been in a state of semi-unconsci fort the afflicted family.

### HELP IF ASKED.

Provincial Department Ready to Assist in Case.

ecial Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Feb. 26.—The Attorneyneral's Department stated this mornng that no steps would be taken in the atter of the shooting of Miss Ethel were asked for by or detectives. The fficial stated that that department fficial stated that that department cood ready to render any assistance assible when such assistance was asked for, but the practice was not to send, but the practice was not to send, inless asked particularly, to places which had organized police and detective

### Bain & Adams' List.

Ripe strawberries, tomatoes, wax eans, cucumbers, Boston lettuce, French ndive, pineapples, plums, pepper grass, anadian and California celery, rhubarb,

# POLICE TRYING TO GET THEORY.

Miss Florence Kinrade Examined by Detective This Morning.

Naturally, There Are Discrepancies in Her Story.

That the murder is a sensational mystery, with a host of baffling features. which may lead to startling developments at any minute was intimated by the police this afternoon, after detectives had gone over the ground thor-

The police frankly admit that they have abandoned the tramp and burglar This morning she seemed to be considerably better, but when the death of her think. Mayor McLaren had a conference daughter was mentioned she swooned with the Chief and Detective Bleacher theory. They will not say what they with the Chief and Detective Bleakley at noon, when the aldermen decided to offer a reward of \$500 for the capture

"The people have no need to be alarmed about tramps," said His Worship." This crime was not committed by any tramp or burglar. No, I don't think the police are looking for any

tramp."
Flossie Kinrade was too exhausted, after being examined for an hour by detectives this morning, to be interviewed again by newspaper men. Detective Bleakley this morning examined her Bleakley this morning examined her for an hour in the room where her sister was murdered, in an endeavor to build up a clear story out of the fragments that have been collected by different interviewers, and at different times.

"Of course, we must allow for hysteria," said the officer. "Last night she said that the man rang the door bell and said that the man rang the door bell and asked for something to eat. She said, 'Certainly,' and was going to get it when he rushed past her and said, 'If you have any money I want that too.' She ran upstairs to get him \$10 she had saved up. While upstairs, she said, she went to her bedroom, raised the window to call for help, but did not do so. She told Ethel to lock herself in her room, candidn and California celery, rhubarb, radishes, green sweet peppers, new cabbage, limes, spinach, squash, parsley, cauliflowers, green onions, Malaga grapes, cranberries, sweet potatoes, fresh cut mushrooms, grape fruit, oyster plant, Tangerina oranges, stuffed dates, stuffed prunes, green figs, layer figs, pulled figs, etc. Kindly favor us with your order as early as possible.—Bain & dams, 89, 91 King street east.

Break It Up.

That cold that is just beginning. Get after it now and break it up. A 20c. box of Parke's Laxative-Quinine Cold Cure will break up an incipient cold in twenty-four hours. These are chocolate coated and easily taken.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

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"This morning when I interviewed her she told the same story about being alone with ner sister. She changed her story of the night before, however, in this respect. She said that when she came down stairs with the money the man was standing in the hall, and she turned into the second parlor and raised a window. This window was up when we arrived. The shutters were not fastened. A woman's tracks, with the heels facing east and the toes west, and with one footstep facing south, were plainly to be seen out in the snow. They did be seen out in the snow. They did to be seen out in the snow. They did not go any further, and if any one got out this window they must have re-turned to the house again that way. Miss Kinrade deelared she did not get out this window, although she thought of that, but changed her mind. She de-clared that when she ran back through the house the second time she did not the house the second time she did not see the man going or coming, and then ran out to give the alarm. She said that she did not see her sister, and that the man when she first saw him in the dining room was standing partly in the hall and the dining room.

11 called her attention to the fact

right, she forgot to mention it this morning.

"Miss Kinrade was also somewhat doubtful about the description to-day, and was not sure whether the man had a dark or brown moustache, although she says she would know him again. She declares that she never saw him in her life before."

The police cannot understand how a tramp would permit one of the girls to go upstairs and run around the house while he shot the other one, rather than let her escape. "She may have received

let her escape. "She may have received the first shot standing up," said the of-ficer, "but she received most of the shots lying down."

An examination of the body to-day showed that Ethel Kinrade had been

shot seven times.

The police say that Mr. Kinrade assured them that Ethel Kinrade did not have a lover and no young man paid her attentions more than to see her home from a friend's house. He also de-clared that she had not an enemy in the

world.

Miss Florence Kiurade is said to be engaged to a Toronto minister. Her fiancee came up last night when he heard of the tragedy and was here to-(Continued on Page 12.)

# SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES



# CORONER'S INQUEST IS OPENED.

### Jurors View Body and Comment on Brutality of the Murder.

of Constable Robert Lentz yesterday Nichol issued the precept, and he was called out of his bed to summon the the murderer. He got the following jury together at once: Willoughby El-lis, John Work, Fred Skerrett, John Wells, H. F. Stenabaugh, John Hunter, R. B. Spera, H. S. Hooper, William Powell, E. B. Turnbull, John Guy, John

and J. Noble. The jurors met at the City Hospital at 8.30 last night and viewed the body in the morgue. It was fully dressed and the hat was still on the dead girl's head. Coroner McNichol showed the wounds to the jurors. There were three in the left breast. Two of these pierced the heart and the third one is likely to have done so, too, said the Coroner.

A patrol wagon called at the house of Constable Robert Lentz yesterday afternoon shortly after Coroner Menicola issued the precept, and he was called out of his bed to summon the jury, all other officers being out after the murderer. He got the following jury together at once: Willoughby Elis, John Work, Fred Skerrett, John Wells, H. F. Stenabaugh, John Hunter, R. B. Spera, H. S. Hooper, William Powell, E. B. Turnbull, John Guy, John Wilson, James Reding, James Byrne and J. Noble.

o'clock.

After the adjournment of the inquest Coroner McNichol stated that the crime was a terrible one. 'This is a thing that ought to be cleared up,' he said. Many of the jurors remarked on the brutality of the murder.

The jurors ordered that a post-mortem examination of the body be held, and Drs. Edgar and Balfe performed

# CRIME CREATED A PROFOUND SENSATION

## Charitable Officers Say Hamilton Is Winter Headquarters of Tramps.

uch a tremendous sensation as this brutal murder. The news swept like wildfire over the town and the tragedy was on every lip. The extras issued by rooms during the day. the newspapers were eagerly purchased by the big crowds that thronged the streets between the hours of five and six, and in every house in Hamilton the members of families read with horror the details of the crime. The affair instilled fear into the hearts of many, who have been troubled by tramps, and

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### HOW TO ABOLISH IT.

Recently, when the municipal lodging nouse scheme was being discussed, the rst HAMILTON HOME OF TRAMPS.

It is a well-known fact among men engaged in charity work here that Hamilton is the headquarters in winter of hoboes from all over the country. Some of these characters have frankly confessed to Relief Officer McMenemy and officers of charitable societies that this city is the softest place they ever struck, that they noise the fact abroad and that many of them year after year flock here when the cold weather comes. They pick out charitably inclined people, tip each other

# FEATURES THAT PUZZLE POLICE.

### Was It the Deed of an Insane Man? Some Think That It Was.

There are mysterious features in connection with the affair that puzzle the
police. Why this man should haunt
the vicinity of the Kiurade homestead,
peep in the windows, try to break in,
and finally murder the girl in broad
daylight, and yet not molest the other
neighbors, are points that have the police guessing. It suggests the act of a

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have been made at various times to the
police about the frequency of their
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Chief of Police Smith was not anxious last night to volceheeer a theory. "It is hard to account," he said, "for Ten cent plugs of British Navy for 7c.; Bobs, 8c.; Lily, 9c.; Empire, 8c.; King's Navy, 7c.; Starlight, 8c.; T. & B., bright plug, 10c.; Black Watch, 3 plugs for 25c.; at peace's cigar store, 107 king street cast. said, "is the description furnished by a

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