

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.



MISS ETHEL KINRADE, victim of the shooting at the home of her father, Mr. T. L. Kinrade, 105 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 before 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 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.

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 country, 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.

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

"Give me what money you have!"

"I won't," said the frightened girl, as she backed towards the stairs and tried to scream.

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

The desperado repeated his demand that she hand over what money she had. She went upstairs to get it, and he attempted to follow.

Having heard the noise downstairs and alarmed by her sister's warning, Ethel bravely attempted to leave the house by the back entrance and summon help.

KILLED HER IN COLD BLOOD.

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

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.

SISTER GAVE ALARM.

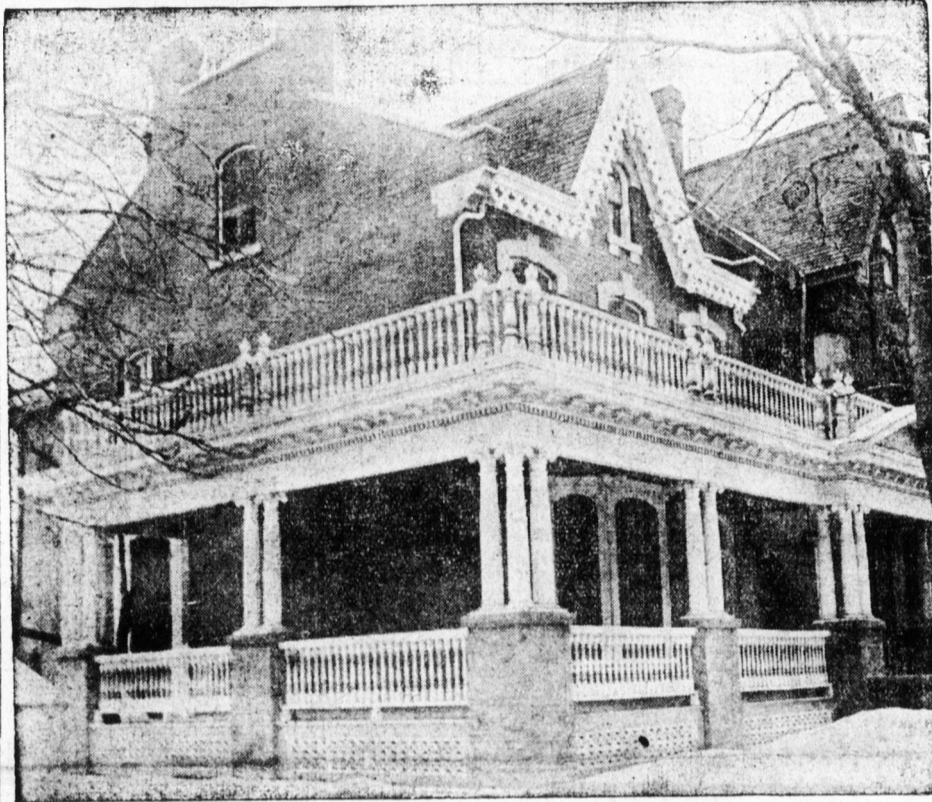
She sank to the floor without uttering a sound, while her sister, who had witnessed the awful tragedy, ran out of the house and across the road to the residence of Mrs. F. J. Hickey, 106 Herkimer street.

Mr. Hunt and a clerk, grabbing long meat knives and a hatchet, rushed to the Kinrade homestead.

He had his horse hitched up and was just preparing to start out on his afternoon rounds when somebody rang him up and informed him that he was wanted at the Kinrade house.

He 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.



SCENE OF THE MURDER OF MISS ETHEL KINRADE.

This picture, taken this morning, shows the Kinrade homestead to good advantage. It is a solidly built two storey brick house on the south side of Herkimer street, east of Caroline.

IS SERIOUS.

Mrs. Kinrade's Condition Causes Considerable Alarm.

This morning at the house where the terrible tragedy of yesterday was enacted there was gloom and sadness.

Mrs. Kinrade was first told that there was something wrong, and then the terrible thought came to her that her son was being brought home dead from Montreal, and the woman collapsed.

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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 thoroughly.

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through the room both going and coming. She ran out of the front door and gave the alarm.

"This morning when I interviewed her she told the same story about being alone with her 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.

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"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."

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CORONER'S INQUEST IS OPENED.

Jurors View Body and Comment on Brutality of the Murder.

A patrol wagon called at the house of Constable Robert Lentz yesterday afternoon shortly after Coroner McNichol issued the precept, and he was called out of his bed to summon the jury, all other officers being out after the murderer.

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.

CRIME CREATED A PROFOUND SENSATION

Charitable Officers Say Hamilton Is Winter Headquarters of Tramps.

No crime in recent years has created such a tremendous sensation as this brutal murder. The news swept like wildfire over the town and the tragedy was on every lip.

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 hobo's from all over the country.

How to Abolish It. Recently, when the municipal lodging house scheme was being discussed, the men who are pressing for the establishment of this institution, exposed the methods of these tramps. They seem to have a hard time impressing upon the aldermen that the evil really exists to the extent it does.

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 Kinrade 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 crazy man.

Chief of Police Smith was not anxious last night to venture a theory. "It is hard to account," he said, "for what these fellows will do in such a case. It may be that he became alarmed when he thought one of the girls was going to escape and call for help, and shot her. But then he let the other girl escape. All we have to go on," he said, "is the description furnished by a half hysterical girl."

There is little doubt that the murderer is one of the many tramps who make this city their headquarters in winter, finding cheap lodgings at the various institutions and spending their

time begging from citizens. It is a well-known fact that these characters, when afforded relief by any benevolent person, make it a trade to impose on their charity. That section of the city has been infested this year with characters of that type, and many complaints have been made at various times to the police about the frequency of their visits.

Had Tried to Break In. The Kinrades are charitable people. No wanderer who knocked at their door to appeal for relief was ever turned away without assistance.

Through the glass she saw the man (Continued on Page 7)