

The Murder of Mrs. Bings

No New Developments-The Police Following Up Every Clue.

Claivoyant Pictures the Tragedy, the Murderer and His Route.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

There is absolutely nothing new to report in connection with the horrible murder of Mrs. Bings on the Indian reserve on Friday night. The provincial and city police forces are combining their efforts in a systematic search and are carefully following up every likely avenue to the detection of the perpetrator of the deed. That this is difficult work can easily be imagined. The vast territory requiring to be watched, the chances of eluding arrest, which every succeeding hour increase, are all against the police in their work, but under the direction of the heads of the department the task is being performed with a carefulness which it is hoped will bear fruit in the arrest of the murderer.

The funeral of the murdered woman is taking place from the family residence, Victoria West, as the Times goes to press. The remains will be interred in Ross Bay cemetery.

Miss Harris, who lives with her mother on Milne street, was placed into a hypnotic trance yesterday afternoon and taken by Dr. Dumain to the scene of the murder. She was followed by a large crowd whose morbid curiosity scarcely became them, over the supposed route taken by the murderer.

Last evening, a Times reporter called at Mrs. Harris's house, where although the occupants were in bed asleep, he was finally admitted by the mother. At his request the girl was awakened and the following strange interview took place. Psychologically speaking the interview was sensational in the extreme. The girl with quick erratic movements answered in jerks the questions put to her, and it was very evident that she was still under the influence of some power that was forcing her to tell her story. From her general behavior it would seem she was under the same hypnotic influence that had caused her to describe the movements of the murderer as she had seen them in her so-called trance in the afternoon, when the easily impressed crowd were carried away by her occult demonstrations.

To say that the girl is the easy victim of any more strongly minded individual would be putting it mildly, for during the conversation, her questioner, thinking carefully upon an answer put a question to her, and concentrating his entire force of will upon the question and answer required, the girl in reply answered exactly as wished, which goes to prove that in the afternoon she was influenced to give voice to a cleverly concocted story, which though strangely descriptive, lacked detail.

Finding that the girl arising from her slumber was in exactly the same state, that is to say, still under some powerful influence, she was allowed to repeat the story as was told in the afternoon, with occasional interruptions.

"Where, after the influence had been brought to bear on you, did you find yourself?"

"Standing looking at the body of the murdered woman, who had nothing on but the stockings. The man then removed them, and after wiping his hands on them proceeded to cross the bridge, not looking back until he almost reached the middle. He crossed over on the left hand side, and about the centre of the bridge he took from his pocket the stockings and threw them over into the water. He was dressed in a dark suit of clothes, with a striped plaid shirt, a sash that of some dark material, and there was a patch on the knee of the right leg of his trousers. He had a growth of hair on his lips and cheeks, but his chin was clean. He proceeded across the bridge and hid for some few minutes behind some cars at the depot. Passing through the small gate he crossed along by the Queen's Hotel, crossed Johnson street through the lower alley to Yates, quickening his footsteps as he went. Turning to the right down Yates he made for the water through one of the wharves, searching for a boat. In fact the idea to get away on a boat was uppermost in his mind, as soon as he had left the bridge. He came up from the water and skirted along Wharf street, hesitating at Jones's boatshop, where he again searched for a boat. From there he went on to James Bay bridge, stopping about three-quarters of the way across to remove his coat, and here it was that I saw he had a patch on the right elbow of his shirt. His intentions here were evidently suicidal, but on second thought he replaced his coat and proceeded across the bridge, turning to the right and going down the bank, again looking for a boat. From there I saw him go to Baker and Colson's wharf, and then towards the Chamer, always searching for a boat."

Asking the girl if he met anyone here, she said: "Yes, a lady, and in order to avoid her he crossed the road."

Here comes the part where the interrogator thought of obtaining an answer suggested by himself. He asked if the woman was dressed in a light brown cloak, white shirt waist and dark skirt, to which Miss Harris replied: "Yes, that is how I see her. From there she said the man retraced his steps until he again arrived at Jones's boat house, where she says she was brought back to her normal state by Dr. Dumain."

It is a very clever story, but into her mind at the instigation of some strong-minded party and serves to show what influence some individuals have over weak and semi-witted beings who are made victims of the worst form of hypnotism.

This afternoon the girl is going over the ground again, conducted by her mother and Dr. Dumain, and more sensational details are looked for.

B. C. ORPHAN'S HOME.

Ladies' Committee Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon.

The usual monthly meeting of the ladies' committee of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage was held yesterday afternoon at the home. Mrs. McCulloch, the president, occupied the chair.

Routine business was disposed of and a letter from Rev. Canon Paddon was then read. The writer requested that the five children of Mrs. Horn be allowed to return to the mother's home. A special committee reported that Mrs. Horn is a confirmed invalid and dependent upon charity for support. As Canon Paddon is determined to have the children sent to their mother, and threatened legal proceedings, the request was granted.

The visiting committee reported that four children have been admitted during the month, and also that the kindergarten school under Miss Glover's direction is in a satisfactory condition.

The following donations for September were received and gratefully acknowledged: Mr. Edwin Johnson (Cornfield, B. C.), box of pears; Mrs. Alex. Wilson, clothing; Mrs. J. B. Lovell, jam; Mr. Rant, box of plums; Mrs. Leitch, clothing; Mrs. McNeill, clothing; Mrs. A. W. Belyea (Saanich road), box apples; Mrs. Timbary (Cornfield), box of pears; Mr. J. McElvaine, two boxes peaches; box of butter; Ladies' Aid, First Presbyterian Church, cakes; Mrs. W. J. Smith, clothing and boots; Mrs. A. R. Milne, clothing; Mr. Fisher (Metchosin), three sacks potatoes, one sack vegetables; Mrs. Vigor, clothing; Mrs. T. E. Harle, cloths; St. Mark's Church, Salt Spring Island, three sacks of vegetables and four boxes fruit; Mrs. Jackson, clothing; Mrs. J. Cochrane, clothing and hats; Mr. J. Cotford, further repairs to furnace; H. E. Knowles, milk daily; Colonist, Times and Globe Publishing Companies, daily papers; A. Friend, apples.

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FROM NORTHERN TRAILS.

An Explorer Who Has Traced the Edmonton Route.

Mr. V. H. Dupont, who for the past two years has been exploring and surveying in the vicinity of the upper Stikine and branches to ascertain the condition of the various trails, and if possible, a convenient and passable route between Edmonton and Dawson, arrived to-day on the Danube.

Mr. Dupont was exploring in the interests of the Dominion authorities, and is now en route to Ottawa to make his official report.

Speaking to a Times reporter this morning, Mr. Dupont said it was in 1887 that he commenced his explorations, and until a few days ago he has been engaged almost ceaselessly on his task; by no means an easy one.

The project was to survey from Edmonton to Dease Lake, at the same time explore a branch along the Stikine, communicating with the sea at Port Essington. In some places, particularly on what is known as the Telegraph trail, the routes are in bad condition. A light over a month ago the direction of a trail over the mountains was surveyed under the direction of a Mr. O'Dwyer; discovered the body of a man in a cabin on the latter trail.

This so-called Telegraph trail connects Ashcroft with Telegraph creek, and is covered with the bones of dead horses and dogs. Mr. Dupont stated that last year he explored the Peace River district and vicinity from Edmonton to the junction of the Findlay and Parsnip rivers, while another party worked from the junction into the Omineca. At Dease lake there is a party of explorers who made an arduous journey of 107 miles along the Stikine river toward the headwaters. The explorations of the past two years, according to Mr. Dupont, comprise the route from Edmonton as far as Dease lake, including the branch toward the sea communication at Port Essington. The remaining territory between Dease lake and the Klondike metropolis was explored some time previous, the entire route between Edmonton to Dawson has been explored, and awaits the action of the authorities as to whether it will be properly opened up.

Mr. Dupont's party consists of twelve men besides himself, five of whom arrived from the Danube this morning. The remaining seven, with the pack train in charge, are expected to arrive shortly.

In his conversation this morning Mr. Dupont made particular mention of the fact that the headwaters of the Stikine and Skeena form a distinct junction, while the headwaters of the Naas join those of a tributary of the Stikine, a fact apparently not traced on the map. Mr. Dupont and party are registered at the Dawson.

GOLD ON GREAT SLAVE LAKE

Prospectors Find Quartz Which Assays \$5,900 to the Ton.

Dawson Murderer Adjudged Insane--Will Be Sent to New Westminister.

News comes from Dawson of a rich strike on Great Slave Lake. A party of men slipped away quietly from Dawson a short time ago on a stampede to Great Slave Lake, N.W.T. These men had come in by the Edmonton route, and on the way thither had become aware of the quartz strike on Slave Lake, but not of its immense richness. Wm. Clarke, a guide of Athabasca, made the quartz strike. A Mr. McLean found the N.W.T. These men were instrumental in having some sixty locations staked and recorded. The silver lodes are found on the southwest side of the lake and the gold ones at Point du Lac, northeast end of Great Slave Lake.

Two companies were formed from the McLean party and by Dr. Hallwright, of England. It is said that the Hudson's Bay Company factor and Inspector Rutledge, of the N.W.M.P., are interested largely in the finds. The two companies have representatives on to make contracts to bring in machinery, including a smelter. The sworn statements of the assays showed that the richest ore went \$5,900 to the ton, and \$2,300 was the lowest per ton.

There is a very large lode, or in fact several of them, in sight traceable for miles and the gentlemen who left Dawson proceeded up the Yukon and out to Victoria. They will enter the Slave Lake country via Edmonton. The fact that they came by the Edmonton route shows that the confidence of the operator in the report sent here to them and they hope to get on the ground before the lodes in sight are staked.

The man who brought in the report said there were 250 miners and men stung along from Port St. John to the headwaters of the Findlay river, who were then down with scurry. One man of their own party was drowned in Slave Lake. He reported that Hanbury, the traveler, had started in at Hudson's Bay this spring and was crossing the northern country through the barren grounds.

According to other advices received from Dawson a mass meeting of citizens was held there on September 10th to protest against the recall of Col. Steele. Five hundred men were present. Arthur Goddard, the murderer of his cabin mate, James Prater, on June 2nd last, has been adjudged insane at the setting of the Territorial Court at Dawson and will be sent to New Westminister.

Norman Macaulay has sold his tramway at the White Horse, according to a report published in the Yukon Sun of Sept. 19th, to an English syndicate for \$41,000.

Stamps on Dawson to Cape Nome is still open. Three hundred left during the week ending September 19th.

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A LANDSLIDE

Occurs on the White Pass & Yukon Railway.

Passengers who arrived from the north by the steamer Dutch report the occurrence of a landslide on the White Pass & Yukon railway on September 28th. The slide occurred between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning at Rocky Point, about seven miles from Skagway. This is the place where the road may be said to commence its climb up the White Pass, and is just beyond the curve made up the right fork of the Skagway. The night track-walker goes off duty at 6 o'clock a.m. and the day man comes on at 7. It was between these hours that rocks broke loose from above and came down, tearing out about fifty feet of the track and demolishing a dry wall built on the valley side of the road. The day man discovered the mishap and walked to the nearest telegraph station at Camp One and informed the officials.

Superintendent Whiting went to the spot immediately and a work train from the westward was ordered down with a gang of men rapidly clearing the debris, putting the road in condition for travel again. All traffic was suspended for two days.

It is fortunate the accident occurred at a time when there was no train there.

D. D. MANN GOING HOME.

Will Not Build the Chinese Railway--Negotiations With Americans to Be Abandoned.

A letter has been received from D. D. Mann, who recently went to China to look into the possibilities of contracting to build 600 miles of railway, to the effect that he has looked carefully into the whole question and into the condition of the labor market and he does not think there would be any money in the proposed deal for his firm. He will return in a few weeks.

The following cablegram received to-day from Shanghai bears on the same subject:

"It is reported that the Viceroy Chang Ching has recommended that the Chinese government abandon negotiations with the American syndicate under a Washington contract for the construction of the Canton-Hankow railway, and grant a revision of the undertaking to the Franco-Belgian combination."

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Atlin and Its Creeks

A Late Arrival Talks of the Mining Activity of the District.

Excellent Hydraulic Properties Atlin City is Making Progress

A gentleman who has been prominent in Atlin mining circles during the past few months, J. M. Bogart, arrived this morning on the Victorian from the Sound. Mr. Bogart took passage from Skagway on the steamer City of Seattle, which arrived at Seattle yesterday morning at two o'clock. Shortly after leaving Skagway the steamer sustained an injury to her engines, which delayed her at Juneau for half a day for repairs, and this loss was responsible for another delay at Seymour narrows, the tide being too low to attempt the passage.

Mr. Bogart was interested in a claim on Wright creek, and seems inclined to regard that property from a pessimistic standpoint, and has recently disposed of it, apparently with considerable satisfaction.

Speaking of the possibilities of the various creeks, Mr. Bogart is of the opinion that Pine creek offers the best opportunities to the placer miner. The upper and lower portions are not producing to any great extent, but there is about a mile and a half of splendid property, which will inevitably bring the owners wealth. There are a large number of good properties on Wright creek, but unfortunately in many cases work on them was suspended during the winter. The operator being interfered with by the overflow of water.

According to Mr. Bogart, there is very little dispute over mining differences, the majority being perfectly satisfied with the decisions of Commissioner Irving. In a great many cases the properties in dispute were really not worth contending for, as subsequent operations on them have fully demonstrated. Speaking of the quartz possibilities in the Boulder creek country Mr. Bogart expresses the utmost confidence in them, some of the properties so far having turned out well. Mr. Bogart being himself interested in several quartz properties in the vicinity of Atlin. In this district there promises to be some excellent hydraulic properties. Atlin continues to make progress. Mr. Bogart says: the grading of streets is completed while substantial and imposing structures are being erected. At Skagway the recent earthquake tremors seemed to be the all-absorbing topic of general conversation. From the reports these "shakes" seem to be a regular thing at Skagway.

Mr. Bogart is registered at the Dominion, and will leave very shortly for Texas.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS.

New Westminster.....Oct. 3, 4, 5, 6
Salmon Arm.....Oct. 9, 10
Kamloops.....Oct. 11, 12, 13
Saanich.....Oct. 19, 20

Capt. George Brown, lately of S.S. Tees, was taken to Jubilee hospital this morning, seriously ill.

Mrs. A. Walker, of Union, is registered at the Occidental.

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(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Oct. 5--Stock market, morning board: Wer Eagle, rd. 305, 285; Payne rd. 116, 113; Montreal and London rd. 55, 50; Republic rd. 118, 116; Sales War Eagle, 2000 at 300, 3500 at 285, 7000 at 300 Payne 2000 at 113, 1000 at 113, 2000 at 113, 250 at 113; Republic 4000 at 117.

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