

A MURDER OF 20 YEARS AGO STILL A MYSTERY

Slaying of Edward L. Burdick of Buffalo in His Home is Recalled.

An unsolved murder mystery is that of Edward L. Burdick of Buffalo. It occurred nearly twenty years ago. The victim lived on Ashland avenue, a good residential part of the city, and was a prosperous citizen; head of a thriving business concern. At the time of the crime, February, 1903, his wife, whom he was suing for divorce, was living in Atlantic City, and the Burdicks consisted of Mr. Burdick, his three young children, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Hull and two servants. On the afternoon of the 20th, Mr. Burdick went home at the usual time, carrying a bottle of cocktails, which was never seen thereafter.

The Crime Discovers The children and Mrs. Hull retired early and Mr. Burdick retired to his "den." One of the servants, passing the room at 10 o'clock, caught a glimpse of him, and a little later heard him shaking the furnace. At eight o'clock the next morning the two maids went down stairs and found a rear window and the front door open. They suspected burglars, but a careful search showed that nothing had been taken. They went upstairs to inform the master of the house, but were startled to find his room empty, while the bed had not been slept in. Mrs. Hull opened the door of the "den," but seeing a huddled pile of clothing on a couch, was afraid to go in. Dr. Marcy was called, and going to the couch he removed the pile of clothing and found underneath the body of Burdick. The back of his skull was crushed in, and two fingers of his left hand were broken as though in a struggle. He had nothing on but his shirt, the rest of his clothes being scattered around the room.

"I AM STILL CRAZY." German, in Asylum Since 1912, Gets a Shock on Release. Paris, Nov. 28.—Hermann Meyer, a German, who was confined in 1912 in an insane asylum at Metz in the Sarre district, was released last week cured. On leaving the asylum, his belongings, which according to reports had been kept during the period of confinement, were returned to him. They included several gold twenty mark coins. Hermann Meyer, who knew nothing of the war and nothing of what since has happened to Germany, went on out happy. Proceeding to the nearest beer hall, he took a long pull, then another. Then he laid down a twenty mark piece. The waiter handed him change—exceeding a thousand marks in notes, more than Hermann had ever seen in his life. Getting up he returned to the insane asylum and requested the doctors to admit him again.

WIFE SOUGHT INDIAN CURE

Ohio Authorities Convinced She Killed Others in Religious Despondent Mania.

Lancaster, Ohio, Nov. 28.—Dr. Karakas Red Wood, a Circleville "Indian healer," who says he cures by "thought and prayer," was appointed by Mrs. Florence Henderson, who, with her husband and four children, was found dead in their home here, in an effort to rid herself of real and fancied ills, it was revealed here after a search of the Henderson house. A letter from Red Wood, dated Sept. 1, offered to cure Mrs. Henderson by the "Hindoo occult absent method."

This helps to substantiate the theory officials are working on now, they asserted, that the woman killed herself and her family in a fit of mental depression, brooding over imaginary ills. Red Wood's letter acknowledged the receipt of \$1 and a lock of "auburn hair" and asserted that his "new star" could be cured. An unmailed letter found in the Henderson house, written by the dead woman, dated Sept. 9, noted the receipt of Red Wood's missive and expressed gratification that "it can be cured."

As a further indication of a motive for the tragedy, officials said a scrapbook was found with a notation in pencil on the bottom reading "Ezekiel, 16-18." This reads: "And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee, thou must in thine blood live. Yes, I said unto thee, thou must in thine blood live." This would indicate, said the officials, religious fanaticism entering into a mind brooding over physical ills. Officials here are marking time, pending the result of chemical tests of the vital organs of the adult Hendersons, being made at Columbus by State chemists, and the completion of a series of other examinations. They still hold to their belief that the dead woman was responsible for the tragedy.

SHOOTING FIANCEE; KILLED NEAR HER

Northport Man Mortally Wounds Girl Who Jilted Him in Her Home—Menaces Her Landlady.

Huntington, L. L. Nov. 30.—John J. Letich, twenty-five years old, of Northport, was shot and probably fatally wounded in his seven-month-old fiancée, Miss Sandrissa of Louisa avenue, Huntington. The girl is dying in the Huntington Hospital with a bullet wound in her temple. Letich had driven to the house in his automobile, to receive back an engagement ring, Miss Sandrissa having told him she had decided not to marry him. The girl and Letich went to the living room and had been sitting there a short time when there was a shot and a scream.

Scudder and his wife were in the kitchen. Mrs. Scudder sprang from her chair when she heard the shot and almost collided with Letich as he ran from the living room. "You big brute," she said to him. "What have you done?" Letich pointed his pistol at her, she said, but she struck the weapon as he fired, the bullet just missing her. Letich fled into the yard, where he had his automobile. Scudder grabbed a shotgun and followed. He said he fired into the air to frighten Letich, but that Letich circled the house several times. Scudder then fired directly at him. Letich was killed as he sat in his automobile.

Scudder was taken to the office of Deputy Sheriff Wanzel, not under arrest, to be questioned by the Deputy and Special Officer Walker pending investigation by the coroner. Meantime the girl, unconscious and badly wounded, had been taken to the hospital, where she immediately was placed on the operating table. Surgeons said she probably would not recover. She had been employed in a dress factory here. Letich had been wooing her for several months. According to Scudder, they had been engaged to be married, but they were out automobile riding on Sunday night and when Miss Sandrissa returned to the Scudder home she was crying. Scudder questioned her, and the girl is said to have told him that Letich had jilted her. She told Scudder that Letich had agreed to call to get his ring. Scudder said he did not hear any loud talking or arguing after the young man arrived. It seemed to him scarcely a minute after she got up from the dining room table that he heard the shot and the scream. Immediately after the double shooting, Scudder, shotgun still in hand, ran into the home of Mrs. W. W. Nickerson

HELD AS PRINCE OF UGANDA.

African Quota Exceeded, Boston Arrival is Detained.

Boston, Nov. 30.—Stanley Kistigrid, 15, styling himself a Prince and saying he could have been King of Uganda in British East Africa had not the British disposed his late father, was held by immigration authorities on his arrival here from Calcutta on the City of Benares.

He said he was on his way to Tuskegee Institute, Ala. He has attended school in Colombo, Ceylon. He traveled first class and was in care of Miss Margaret N. Wilson of Chattanooga, Tenn., who had been engaged in Y. W. C. A. work in Madras. Immigration officials said he was held because he was without a legal guardian and also because the African quota of immigrants for the year had been exceeded.

He was arrested accused of trespassing. He told the police he traveled hundreds of miles a month free. He exhibited the goggles, which he says he wore to keep dust and wind out of his eyes, and then sat in a chair behind locomotives. He asserts that he rode the Twentieth Century Limited, the Wolverine and other crack trains in this fashion when the train employees were not looking. He was held by the police until relatives living at 226 Cleveland street, Syracuse, determine what is to be done with the wanderer. The second of a series of weekly dances was held last evening in the "Pentice Boys' Hall on the West Side. The dance was largely attended and a very enjoyable time was spent. A special orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

CONSTRUCTIVE LEGISLATION FOR SWEDEN

Stockholm, Nov. 6.—(A. P. by Mail).

The Swedish Riksdag in 1922 will deal with a number of new bills of national importance, according to a public announcement by a member of the present cabinet, K. J. Schlyter, minister without portfolio. Among the significant proposals to be submitted is a bill calling for extensive agrarian grants and reforms. This bill deals with ways and means of apportioning arable crown lands as homesteads to individuals, with safeguarded rights, for an unlimited period of time. It provides also for more extensive colonization of public domains by small farms, and for the expropriation of privately owned land, especially parts of the holdings of large companies and mismanaged agricultural estates.

Among the other issues to be considered next year is the eight-hour law, which will be disposed of in one of three ways either abolished, continued as a provisional measure, or enacted into a statutory law; a bill proposing that the police force in the cities and the provinces be reorganized; a new forestry conservation law designed to give the small timber owner greater privileges of cutting for personal use as well as for the market, and a new bill providing for the important reforms in the rent regulation law, aimed especially at abolishing rent profiteering. Laws giving women greater opportunities for holding public offices also are expected.

ARREST BOY GLOBE TROTTER. Syracuse Youth Wore Goggles in Beating Way—Held in Yonkers. New York, Nov. 30.—When asked by the police in Yonkers when arrested how he could travel so much free of charge, Edward Leinward, a fifteen-year-old globe-trotter, exhibited a pair of wind-goggles. "These do the trick," remarked the policemen. He was arrested accused of trespassing. He told the police he traveled hundreds of miles a month free. He exhibited the goggles, which he says he wore to keep dust and wind out of his eyes, and then sat in a chair behind locomotives. He asserts that he rode the Twentieth Century Limited, the Wolverine and other crack trains in this fashion when the train employees were not looking. He was held by the police until relatives living at 226 Cleveland street, Syracuse, determine what is to be done with the wanderer. The second of a series of weekly dances was held last evening in the "Pentice Boys' Hall on the West Side. The dance was largely attended and a very enjoyable time was spent. A special orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

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CODICIL WAS AMBIGUOUS. Ottawa, Nov. 30.—A curious will case from British Columbia has divided the Supreme Court of Canada evenly in every respect save insofar as any part is inconsistent with this codicil. The point was: Did the codicil give the two nieces \$25,000 additional, or was the \$25,000 to be in substitution of the bequests under the will? The British Columbia courts held that the gift under the codicil was not inconsistent and therefore additional to the gift under the will. Appeal was taken to the Supreme Court against this ruling, but as the Supreme Court divided evenly the appeal is lost. Judgments were rendered in two other British Columbia cases: Premier Lumber Co. vs. G. T. P. By., appeal dismissed with costs; MacDonald vs. Pier, appeal dismissed with costs, Mr. Justice Duff dissenting.

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