

MURDER ON SHIPBOARD

A Captain, His Wife and the Second Mate Brutally Butchered.

Further Particulars of the Sickening Deeds Perpetrated on the Bark "Fuller."

The barque Herbert Fuller, bound from Boston for Rosario, put into Halifax on the morning of the 22nd inst., towing a small boat. In the boat were the bodies of three murdered people. On board the barque was a man heavily ironed, suspected of the awful crime. The tale the remaining survivors of the crew have to tell is the worst since the brutal crime on board the Saladin half a century ago was reported, and for which four men were executed in this city.

The dead are Capt. Nash, in command, his wife, and the second mate, August Blandberg. The man suspected of the awful deed is Charles Barnes, first mate of the Fuller. The motive is shrouded in mystery. The Herbert Fuller sailed from Boston week before last, under command of Captain Nash, who was accompanied by his wife. She was bound to Rosario with a cargo of lumber. The murder occurred at two o'clock on the morning of the 14th instant. Details of the crime are difficult to secure, as the crew and a passenger, Lester H. Monk, of Boston, have all been placed under arrest pending an investigation, and warned not to talk by United States Consul Ingraham. The two most important witnesses are the passenger, Lester H. Monk, and a sailor named Brown, who was at the wheel at the time the murders are said to have occurred.

THE PASSENGER'S STORY.

Monk occupied a stateroom next to that occupied by Captain and Mrs. Nash. He says that he heard a woman scream and someone run on deck. He ran out, revolver in hand, and up to the deck, where he met the mate, and there they faced one another. The mate also had a drawn revolver. Then they spoke and said to one another that a murder must have been committed. Monk is a Seaman Brown, who was at the wheel when Leslie Monk, the passenger, was awakened by Mrs. Nash's death shriek and discovered the murders, has made a statement which is very damaging to Barnes. He says that he saw the captain at the wheel he could see through a window in the chart-room, where Captain Nash slept, and that he saw the captain roll from his couch, while Barnes stood over him and struck him with an axe as he lay on the floor. It is believed that the second mate, August Blandberg, was the first victim, Captain Nash the second, and the latter's wife the third.

Pilot William White boarded the Fuller in the morning six miles south-east of Devil's Island. At that time she was heading that way, but before he got to her, her helm was put down and the vessel headed off shore. He immediately surmised there was something wrong; had the vessel, as he believed, been the property of her navigator she would not have acted so queerly. As Mr. White neared the ship and rowed around the stern, those on board told him to "be careful of the next time, as it contains corpses." He then asked what was the matter, and the steward, who was apparently in charge, said: "There has been murder aboard," and that the boat contained the bodies of the captain, his wife and the second mate, Pilot White brought the ship into the stream and she was boarded by Capt. Stewart, of the government steamer Argus, who on hearing what had occurred, put back to shore as rapidly as possible and informed the chief of police.

THE SCENE OF THE MURDERS.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the tug Argus came alongside with Medical Examiner Finn, Detective Power, Deputy Chief Nickerman, Sergt. Lehan and Police Officer Goulding. The cabin door was then unlocked and the officials and reporters entered. Here a horrible sight met their gaze. Passing down the stairs through the forward companion, the first door opening on the starboard side, was the room that had been occupied by the ill-fated second mate. The bed ticked which had been of a light colored material was dyed a dark red, and everything about the place was in disorder. Passing from there to the next room the sight, if anything, was more horrible than in the second mate's room. The bed was sticking to the side of the cabin with gore which had soaked through onto the floor. On the bed were numerous locks of dark brown hair which had been chopped from the head of the victim by the murderer, as he must have repeatedly struck the poor woman on the head with the axe. Two yellow garters were on the bed and about the room were various articles of wearing apparel. The place where the captain met his death was in the after cabin or chart house. Here he had slept on a stretcher, so as to be ready at any moment to go on deck when called. This room was strewn with books, papers and other articles, and looked as though a struggle had taken place between the murderer and his intended victim. The stretcher was overturned, but the bed was not soaked in blood as in the other two cases, there being more blood on the carpet and pillow than on the bed, showing that in his struggles the captain must have overturned the bed, and was then put to death while on the floor. The ceiling of this room is spattered with blood. The captain's log book was found in this room, and it was an entry after the murder. It is dated Wednesday, July 15. The reporter started to take it away, but before he finished Detective Power took the book away and refused further perusal of it. As far as the reporter got, the entry was as follows: "This day, 5:30 p.m., the steward came to me and told me the sailors had come to a man's stateroom to him in reference to a sailor named Charles Barnes' conduct of guilt in regard to the murder which took place on board. At once got each man's statement. Then, upon taking the strength of those statements, we concluded to put him in irons at daybreak. At 7 p.m. all hands were mustered aft and thoroughly searched, and no other weapon was given them but their knives. Each man was

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going forward it is safe to say that the number of producers during the coming season will be increased by fully 25 per cent. over last year, and that the product will be doubled. T. M. Gibson, of the Slooan Boy, came down Tuesday with a fifty-ton shipment of ore, which goes to Everett. After another month the mine will be a regular shipper. F. G. Proctor went up to the London yesterday. He says the ore streak recently discovered by Major Von Moerkert continues to hold its own, and he is satisfied that it is permanent.

STANLEY. (From the B. C. Mining Journal.) At the Bonanza claim the foreman, Mr. Sam H. Reid, during a recent thunder storm, was lying on his back in bed, when he was struck in the neck by a flash of lightning which traversed the whole length of his body, leaving a bright red mark all the way, from his knee down zig-zagged. He was rendered unconscious and for several days suffered agonies, but is able to attend to his duties again. Several bush fires have occurred in this vicinity of late, one coming so close to the town that the bucket brigade was called out and ranged along the main street. The Vancouver shaft house, just above the town, was burned to the ground.

ROSSLAND. (From the Roseland Prospector.) The strike made in the west tunnel of the Evening Star last Friday sent the stock of that mine up seven cents, it now being quoted at 20c. The new find is an 8-foot ledge of good grade ore, carrying free gold, and was narrowly missed last fall when the tunnel was abandoned, although within a few feet of the ledge. This find will enhance the value of all the mines on Monte Cristo mountain. The Evening Star looks well in all its openings. Mr. Shaubert, from London, is in Roseland for the purpose of looking up mining properties on behalf of certain London syndicates. He thinks that in the next six months there will be many large investments of English capital made in Trail Creek. The Green Crown mineral claim, which the Miner states has no ground left, has been surveyed during the past few days by J. A. Kirk, a most reliable surveyor, who found the discovery post on the old Alabama claim, and the survey gives the Green Crown thirteen acres of ground clear.

On the Phoenix they are extending the shaft to a depth of 30 feet. They are going down on good ore all the way. On Granite No. 2, Corra, there is a fine showing of ore 30 inches wide in the shaft, which is down only 8 feet. The vein is widening as depth is reached. The shaft was commenced yesterday on Red Mountain. This claim is owned by the Kootenay & Columbia Mining Co., who also own the Wellington mine in the Slooan. and around the headwaters of Boulder Creek there are some good properties. Mr. Mackey, the pioneer of that section, is developing the Nevada, which has a ledge carrying much mineralized rock. The shaft is down an about eight feet. On the Neptune, near by Mr. Doyan and his partners have just finished their assessment work, and can show splendid indications. The ledge is a large one. On the Heaberbell, about 2,500 feet below the Neptune, two Scotch boys are working in solid ore, which they have had from the surface. Above the Nevada lies the Black Hawk, on which is a well defined ledge. The Golden Cross

REVELSTOCKE. (From the Kootenay Mail.) Cowley & Newell are hard at work on their ledge near town, and recent blasts have produced some very good looking rock. Wolcott & Kendall are turning out some likely looking rock from the Santa Nina, one and a half miles out. Reighly & Frisby left on Tuesday for their claims in the Jordan. They are going to test the claims thoroughly before saying anything. Four more locations were made this week on the hill near town. Good looking float having been found the hill is gradually being staked all over. Some new discoveries have been made on the other side of the river only a few miles from town. There is a possibility that rich claims will be discovered in this vicinity. G. J. Atkins and Wm. Kirkup went up the Big Bend trail to look over the ground of the French Creek and Gold Stream Mining Companies, and will probably decide upon the site for a sawmill to be put in this fall. Work on the Consolation at Big Bend is progressing nicely. The Kootenay Lumber Co. intend to begin operations at once clearing ground and preparing for the erection of a mill on their land at Lardau, on McRae's Creek to be put in this fall. The mill will have a capacity of 20,000 feet and be so built as to be easily increased. G. D. Scott, of the Kootenay Consolidated Mining Co., went in to Sable Creek to see how work is progressing on their claims. These properties on Sable Creek are very rich and will yet make a sensation.

Four arrivals of King of the Mountains and next day Victoria drivers were brought in and consisted of: Boy, Beach, Mutiner, very last, and the arrival from the City for the race. Perry last evening the kind of a Cariboo, bloods come follows: 1. 3/4 of a m. Hall's b.g. M. b.g. Wag. 5. Powell, 5. 2. One mile. Eriks, w. 4. B. J. Perry. Tolmie's, s. 3. 3/4 of a m. J. Taylor's n. 3. 3/4 of a m. night for agile bike. Brien, a. G. A. Kirk's s. Cassina, 2. bow, 5; and 1. da. a. 4. 3/4 mile. to carry 150. J. S. Byrne's. Kirk's s.g. C. Cariboo, 2. Don R. a. 1. Trotting a three in five. Davis Boy, a. Boy, a. and mox, a. 2. 1 1/2 miles \$150. Handic on, and \$20. Tompton's b. b.k. m. Black m. Vanda, a. shant, a. for age. En Reno, a. L. Prince's s. 5. J. Millington 4. 1 1/2 miles age. Entries: as to encourage is will be capped, thus unance for

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