

ARTIST FARM HAND'S STORY

Frank Zastera Tells How He Killed Mrs. Sheppard, Then Her Husband and Girl Last—Spoke to Her and She Screamed.

Matawan, N. J., May 19.—After more than fifteen hours of questioning by the police, Frank Zastera, the young Bohemian farm hand employed on the poultry farm of William B. Sheppard, at Wickatunk, confessed that he killed Sheppard, his wife and Jennie Bandy, the maid.

Assistant Prosecutor Stokes made this announcement. Zastera described the shooting, and admitted he had committed the triple murder for the purpose of robbery. The farm hand has lied, however, in regard to what he did with the money he took from the house. He told the police two tales regarding his hiding place, but both proved to be false.

This was Zastera's story of the killing: "I just felt like it all of a sudden. It just came to me to do it, and after killing one I couldn't stop. "Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard and Jennie and myself were up pretty late, playing the phonograph in the dining room. When I got to bed I couldn't sleep. About 4 o'clock I thought I heard a noise in the yard. I got up and put on my clothes. On my way to the yard I saw the repeating gun in the corner.

"I picked it up and aimed it at different things. Then I heard a step, and I hid in the parlor, near the door. Mrs. Sheppard had to pass it as she came down stairs. She was in her nightgown, getting milk for the baby. "I waited till she came back from the kitchen, then I spoke to her. When she screamed I fired, just as she got to the first step. She went down, but I sent two more shots into her. "Mr. Sheppard kind of leaned over the railings and looked down. I fired at him and hit him. He slid down the stairs. Before he reached the bottom I gave him another shot, and he fell across his wife.

"Then I saw Jennie, the servant, running away from me. I fired only once at her, but she fell through the door and didn't move."

Zastera is far from the typical farm laborer. He is an artist, a violinist, a worker in pyrography on leather. His home is at 347 East Seventy-second street, New York city, where, in winter, he lived with his respectable, comfortably situated family. He earned a good living by designing and decorating expensive purses. At night he attended art schools, having been a pupil at the Cooper Union and the National Academy of Design among others.

SPENDS OVER A BILLION

Appropriations Authorized By Congress Amount to \$1,026,000,000. Washington, May 19.—The sixtieth congress will have earned the title of a "billion-dollar congress" at its first session before adjournment is taken at the end of this week.

It is estimated that the total appropriations will reach \$1,026,000,000, the largest amount ever appropriated at a single session. The various items contributing to make up this prodigious aggregate are: Sundry civil, \$120,000,000; legislative, executive and judicial, \$33,000,000; army, \$95,382,000; postoffice, \$221,765,000; pensions, \$163,000,000; fortifications, \$11,500,000; agriculture, \$11,642,000; District of Columbia, \$11,500,000; diplomatic and consular, \$4,000,000; naval, \$122,662,000; Indian, \$9,000,000; urgent deficiency, \$26,000,000; public buildings, \$25,000,000; general deficiency, \$17,000,000; military academy, new immigrant station at Philadelphia, relief of cyclone sufferers in the south, etc., \$1,500,000; permanent annual appropriations, \$154,000,000.

Members of the appropriation committee, however, think they will run somewhere between \$850,000,000 and \$900,000,000. This would mean a deficit of between \$125,000,000 and \$175,000,000.

Girls Left Bound in Woods. Uniontown, Pa., May 19.—Members of the Pennsylvania state police county detectives and a large number of citizens are searching this vi-

city for the unknown assailants of Mary Kolesca, eleven years of age, and Helen Swink, thirteen years old, who have been seriously assaulted. Threats of lynching are made. The two young girls were found in a woods in a critical condition. Their clothes were torn and their hands bound.

Murder in a Soldiers' Home. Dayton, O., May 19.—Bitter enmity between two old soldiers culminated in a murder at the Soldiers' home, following a quarrel, when John Samuel, aged sixty-seven, deliberately threw from a second-story window of the barracks James B. ... aged seventy-three. Bowlin fell head foremost on the cement pavement below. His skull was fractured and he soon died.

Wouldn't Pay For Teeth That Whistle. Kansas City, Mo., May 19.—Four new false teeth caused her to whistle when she talked, declared Miss Emma Virginia Lee, of this place, and she refused to pay the dentist his \$46. When he sued and the case was explained, Justice Shoemaker decided in favor of Miss Lee.

PASSENGER TRAINS CRASH

Many Injured in Collision on the Reading Railway. Lewisburg, Pa., May 19.—Through a misunderstanding of orders, two Reading passenger trains collided at a curve just north of here. Both engines were badly wrecked, and a number of passengers and the crew of the southbound train were injured. A freight was standing on the northbound track, and orders had been issued to the southbound passenger train to lay at a cut-off a mile above town to allow the northbound train, known as the "cannon ball" express, to go up the southbound tracks around the freight. In response to a signal from the flagman of the freight car and in disobedience of orders, the southbound passenger came beyond the cut-off and collided with the "cannon ball" express.

The injured are: George Haupt, fireman, Shamokin, ribs broken; O. G. Neudoerfer, express messenger, Reading, arm and ribs injured; Harry Anthony, baggage-master, Port Clinton, hip and leg injured; Charles Smith, conductor, Shamokin, back wrenched; G. O. Roper, Williamsport, head cut; Walter F. Belshline, Williamsport, internally injured, head badly cut; G. Sommer, Williamsport, head and knee injured; Mrs. Roger Williams and fifteen-months-old baby Williamsport, body bruises; Mrs. William Waterhouse, Sunbury, knee, hip and arm injured, nose broken; Mrs. Johnson Baugh, Millhall, leg and back injured; Mrs. E. C. Yeager, Milton, face bruised; C. K. Sober, Lewisburg, head cut; Miss Edna D. Schoch, Lewisburg, face cut.

SLEW WIFE AFTER REVIVAL West Virginia Minister Chased Woman Around Garden and Cut Her Throat. Fairmont, W. Va., May 19.—Temporarily insane, according to his own statement, Rev. S. A. Coffman, aged fifty years, a prominent Methodist Episcopal clergyman, cut his wife's throat. A moment after the crime, he says, he regained his senses and realized what he had done. He surrendered himself.

Mr. Coffman lived at Rosstown, about three miles from here, and was in charge of two or three local churches. During the last week or two he has been conducting revival services and has been adding to the membership of his churches. Sunday he finished his revival and appeared to be well pleased with the result.

After midnight he and his wife were discussing the services, when he suddenly seized a poker and began striking her on the head. Mrs. Coffman succeeded in escaping from the house to a garden, but was followed closely by her husband. When he caught up with her another fight for her life took place, in which she was overpowered. Coffman had a knife, and when he had

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his wife powerless in his grasp he cut her throat, causing her instant death. According to his statement, when he looked on her lifeless body his sanity was immediately restored and he realized what he had done.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND

Remains of Miss Vanderbilt Discov- ered in Raritan Canal. Princeton, N. J., May 19.—The body of Miss Bertha Vanderbilt, assistant in the library of Princeton university, who disappeared last week, was found floating in the Raritan canal a short distance from here. The body was found by William Balke and J. Millwood Salte, two boy campers, while they were rowing up the canal. When they had reached a point about half a mile from the Carnegie lake aqueduct, into which it was believed Miss Vanderbilt fell, they found the body close to the shore.

Although parts of the girl's clothing are missing, there appeared to be no signs of foul play. A few slight scars, which may have been received during the five days the body was rolled along the bed of the stream, were on the face and forehead. Miss Vanderbilt was last seen at the aqueduct, and it is supposed that she was drowned in an attempt to ford the stream, which flows under the canal.

Woman Among Mrs. Guinness' Victims La Port, Ind., May 19.—Autopsies of the seven unidentified bodies exhumed from Mrs. Belle Guinness' private burial ground, revealed the fact, according to the reports of Dr. F. T. Wilcox and George R. Osborne, that one of the seven was a female. This revelation aroused new interest in the story that a man and a woman came to the house one night in 1904 to take Jennie Olsen to a Los Angeles college, as Mrs. Guinness told those about the place. The next morning Jennie and the man and woman were gone. Mrs. Guinness said that they had left on an early train for California. The body now declared to be that of a woman was taken from the same hole as was that of Jennie Olsen. In that hole also were the bodies of Ole Budsberg, of Iowa, Wis., and that of another man. The theory now advanced is that Mrs. Guinness may have, on the same night, murdered Jennie Olsen and the man and woman who had come to take her to California, and buried all three bodies, dismembered, in the same pit. The body of Budsberg, who was murdered later than this night, was found nearer the surface than the other three.

Mr. Cleveland Much Improved. Lakewood, N. J., May 19.—Mrs. Grover Cleveland declared the health of the former president has improved to such an extent that Dr. Bryant and his assistant will not visit Lakewood, except at intervals, then only to assure themselves that the improvement continues.

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The Wise Boy.

"What is the best place in which to keep fresh milk in hot weather?" asked the teacher. "Please, teacher, in the cow," answered the small boy who had just returned from a country holiday.

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