SEEK DEGENERATE IN MODEL'S DEATH

Police Say Depraved Man Killed Grace Roberts for Resisting Attack

ROUND-UP IN TENDERLOIN

Theory That Wealthy Club Member Committed Crime Abandoned by Detectives

A degenerate, probably a habitue of the Tenderloin, killed Mrs. Grace Roberts in the Wilton apartment house at Fifteenth and Poplar streets, according to Captain of Detectives Tate.

This announcement was made today after a conference of Captain Tate and all the detectives working on the case, at which all the mass of evidence collected was sifted and carefully weighed.

Captain Tate said he was convinced that the murder was committed by a low type of man, but robbery was not the motive. He said the murderer attempted to abuse Mrs. Roberts and killed her in a frenzy of temper when she tried to defend herself. It was intimated that the man probably was infatuated with her.

Announcement also was made that a round-up in the Tenderloin would start at once in following out the new clues upon which the police are working. This measure was decided upon after a conference between Captain Tate and "Charlie" Lee, former head of the vice squad, now in charge of the plain clothes men in the Second Division.

The police said also they believed the wounds on Mrs. Robert's face and head might have been made with brass knuckles.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

Many other startling developments in the case were revealed by detectives of the murder squad today. The most important of these were:

First. The police are convinced after following today's clues that a wealthy clubman from out of the city did not commit the deed.

Second. A further examination revealed the fact that Mrs. Roberts was beaten and kicked, but that death was due to strangulation. Her front teeth were knocked out, but she was not killed with the flatiron, as at first supposed.

Third. The negro maid employed by Mrs. Roberts, who had been sought for three days by the police, has been found. She was put through a "third-degree" examination at headquarters today.

Fourth. A further search of the dead woman's apartment revealed nearly one dozen men's collars, all sized 14½, which is a smaller size than that of the blood-stained collar found after the murder. This would indicate, the police say, that possibly a man lived in the apartment.

FAILS TO IDENTIFY SHIRT

The maid is Eleanor Gary, of 812 North Opal street. She was brought to headquarters by Detectives Callahan and Mahoney, of the murder squad. She was questioned for more than one hour and shown a satchel full of articles found in the apartment. She failed to identify either the bloodstained shirt or collar.

The maid told the detectives and Captain Tate that she had worked for Mrs. Roberts until a short time ago. She was employed by her for more than one month and was the only negro maid Mrs. Roberts ever had, she said.

The examination at the morgue showed not only that Mrs. Roberts's front teeth had been knocked out, but also that she had been kicked and beaten on the shins, legs and body.

Important steps toward solution of the murder have been made by the police in the last twenty-four hours. Not only has the driver of the taxicab which carried the murderer to the apartment house, at Fifteenth and Poplar streets, where the young model was killed, been found, but a prosperous-looking business man, who may figure in the case, has been grilled by detectives.

The name of this man is being kept secret by the police. He was found through letters found in the woman's apartments. He was closeted with Captain of Detectives Tate for several hours and was allowed to depart after he had been scrutinized by a girl friend of the murdered woman, by the negro janitor of the apartment house, and several taxicab drivers.

CHAUFFEUR WAITED HOURS

The chauffeur of the taxicab was Elwood Powell, 224 North Ramsay street. Powell waited for several hours outside the Wilton on the night of the murder after depositing his passenger there; he lost his time and nearly $20 for service.

Detectives have learned that one of the woman's many admirers had threatened to kill her on several occasions. He also is said to be the one who gave her the large diamond ring which was the only important piece of jewelry missing from her apartment after the murder.

This man also is said by the police to have showered gifts on the woman and helped her financially. Then she jilted him, detectives say, and one of the grievances he had was that the woman refused to return his ring. The police say he inherited $750,000 from his father, who was a brewer in a town in this state.

The taxi driver described his passenger, who is now a suspect in the crime, as about thirty-two years old, about five feet eight inches tall and of medium build. He said the man was of dark complexion and well dressed, wearing a heavy overcoat.

19 SEEK JOB AS COPS' SURGEON

Qualify for Position in the Bureau of Police

Nineteen physicians qualified today for appointment to the position of District Surgeon, Bureau of Police. The position carries fees for medical service. The eligible list includes:

Thomas A. Shallow, 5621 Hamilton street; Frank E. Boston, 815 North Sixteenth street; Maxwell Herman, 319 Pine street; Carl Smith, 5918 Christian street; James E. Scheehle, 1504 Christian street; Carl T. Koenig, 1734 Harrison street; Albert A. Fingles, 2229 Vine street; H. Cotter Boyle, 1416 Erie avenue; Adolph Cohn, 937 North Eighth street; Louis W. Schwindt, 1412 North Fourth street; Joseph C. Keller, 3709 Germantown avenue; Theodore Meinick, 1327 South Fifth street; Jacob M. Cahan, 1218 North Eighteenth street Franklin D. Benedict, 2503 North Eighteenth street William T. D. MacDonnell, 1215 Stiles street; Benjamin H. Shuster, 2348 Reed street; Harry Cherashore, 843 North Sixth street; Samuel S. Cooperman, 462 North Sixth street; William F. Kelly, 545 North Tenth street.

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$21,900 LOST TO CITY IN BYBERRY CONTRACT

Firm Awarded Work for Five Dormitories Had Offered Bid for $610,000 in November

PRESENT BID IS $631,900

Contract Was Readvertised Instead of Being Given to Next Lowest Bidder

Right on the heels of Mayor Smith's demand for economy comes the announcement that the city will lose $21,900 as the result of its somewhat peculiar method of handling bids for five dormitory buildings for the feeble-minded at Byberry.

Bids for the buildings were opened this afternoon by Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities. The lowest bid submitted was that of Edward F. Fonder for $631,900. Other bidders were Mitchell Brothers, $659,000; Charles McCaul & Co., $658,000; Henry H. Baron, $675,000.

As there is at present great congestion at Blockley, and the new dormitories at Byberry are desired to relieve the suffering, bids were first opened last November 6.

At that time the bid of Mitchell Brothers was $562,000 and that of Edward F. Fonder $610,900. The Mitchell Brothers were awarded the contract, but on receiving it asked to be excused from carrying on the work at such a figure. They said that death in the family had caused them to make mistakes in calculation, and to build the dormitories at the figure given would be ruinous.

The Department of Health then obligingly rescinded the contract with the Mitchells, but instead of awarding it to Fonder, the next lowest bidder, the bids were readvertised.

The Fonder firm, instead of adhering to its previous figures, raised the price to $631,900, while the Mitchells' bid, instead of being the lowest, is now the highest.

DR. W. REBER'S FUNERAL HELD

Noted Ophthalmologist Died of Pneumonia Contracted in Tennessee

Funeral services for Dr. Wendell Reber, noted ophthalmologist, who died Saturday, were held this afternoon at his home, 135 West School House lane, Germantown. Doctor Reber's death followed an illness of two weeks from pneumonia, contracted while attending the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology at Memphis, Tenn.

The Rev. Virgil Rorer, of the Arch Street Methodist Church; the Rev. J. F. Hughes, of St. George's Methodist Church, and the Rev. Dr. John Gordon, of Temple University, officiated at the funeral. Interment followed in Mount Moriah Cemetery.

T. HENRY PARKE

For Forty Years Prominent Ice Cream Manufacturer of City

T. Henry Parke, who for forty years had been a prominent ice cream manufacturer of Philadelphia, died last night at the home of his nephew, Philip Savage, of Elizabeth, N. J., where he was visiting. Death, which is said to have been due to heart disease, came suddenly, after an illness of only two hours. He was seventy-one years old.

Mr. Parke was born on the farm, Brandywine Manor, Chester County. The Rev. J. M. C. Grier, who was pastor of the Brandywine Manor Presbyterian Church for fifty years, was his grandfather. Mr. Parke was a member of West Hope Presbyterian Church, Preston and Aspen streets, for thirty-seven years, and was the oldest member of the board of trustees. He was also a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

The funeral will be held at the home Friday afternoon and interment in the West Laurel Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Charles E. Bronson will preach the sermon. Mr. Parke is survived by a widow and two children.

Wills Probated in Court

Wills probated today were those of John Heisley, 6329 Stenton avenue, which in private bequests disposes of property valued at $38,367; John S. Warner, 18 West Tabor road, $25,500; Maria B. Elliott, 401 West Chelten avenue, $11,100; Helen Gillman, 925 South St. Bernard street, $8000; Mary F. Hild, 2153 Cedar street, $6300; Jane Meldon, Philadelphia General Hospital, $3500; Frank Edwards, 2315 Ella street, $2700, and Caroline Lange, Women's Homeopathic Hospital, $2000.

Two Killed, 24 Hurt in Collision

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Herman Swanson and Frank Wood, of this city, both motormen in the employ of the Jamestown, Westfield and Northwestern Railway, an electric line operated between this city and Westfield, were killed in a head-on collision near the Pennsylvania Railroad junction between Mayville and Hartfield stations. Twenty-four passengers were injured, of whom twelve were brought to a hospital in this city.

Hunger Drives Negroes From South

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 2.—Emigration of negroes to the East and Middle West from the South was attributed in resolutions adopted at an emancipation day celebration here today, in which several thousand negroes participated, as due to "the lash of hunger and necessity" and to the "larger percentage of personal liberty offered through the more liberal franchises existing there."

Dies in Train After Seeing Mummers

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 2.—When the excursion train containing persons from this region who went to see the mummers' parade in Philadelphia yesterday returned to Tamaqua last night, Hugh Hollywood, forty years old, of Coaldale, was dead in his seat. Heart disease is attributed as the cause.

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ART STUDENTS IN PANTOMIME

One of the features of the New Year ball at the Academy of Music last night was the pantomime dance, entitled, "Spots and Spats," done by Miss Ruth Anne Wilbur and Alfred W. Armstrong. The costumes worn at the dance were of the mid-Victorian era.

HIGHER NEWS POSTAGE BILL MAY BE BEATEN

Measure to Divide County Into Zones Will Be Stricken Out, It Is Expected

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The postoffice appropriation bill, carrying provisions for large increases in second-class postage matter and a one-cent rate for local drop letters, was reported to the House today by Chairman Moon, of the Postoffice and Post Roads Committee.

The increase in second-class postage rates, dividing the country into zones and putting a postage rate on newspapers and magazines varying from one cent to six cents a pound, has brought out sharp opposition. It is expected to be stricken from the bill on a point of order. Chairman Hay and Representative Harrison, of the Rules Committee, are opposed to bringing in a rule making the new legislation in order, virtually insuring its defeat.

SWINDLE TRIAL BEGINS

$100,000 Suit Against Father and Two Sons Under Way

Trial of members of the Lancaster Realty Company, indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for using the mails in a $100,000 swindle, started today before Judge Thompson in the United States Circuit Court.

The defendants are A. Ellwood Lancaster and his sons, Albert E. and George P. Lancaster. Their business, the headquarters of which was located at 109 Chestnut street at the time of their arrest, consisted, according to postal authorities, of swindling small sums from homeseekers in real estate deals. Postal Inspector Frank Wilbur Smith received many complaints and gathered enough evidence against them to obtain their indictment. The father has been missing, but he is expected to be in court after the trial gets under way.

JILTED, BUT CAN'T JOIN ARMY

Spurned for Red Hair; Rejected for Flat Feet

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 2.—Jilted by his sweetheart because he is red-headed, and rejected by his country because of defective feet, is the unusual situation in which Albert P. Legge, of Waukegan, Ill., finds himself.

After resolving not to dye his titian locks, this disappointed love today madly sought the excitement and danger of a military career by applying for enlistment at the United States Marine Corps recruiting station here. He was told that he had flat feet and wasn't wanted.

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KITCHENER, ONT., IN ROW OVER OLD NAME—BERLIN

Martial Law in Force to Prevent Rioting—Citizens' League Wants Pre-War Title Restored

KITCHENER, Ont., Jan. 2.—To prevent rioting over the possibility of this city's reverting to the pre-war name of Berlin, martial law is in force today.

Riots followed the municipal elections, in which David Cross, jr., with fifteen others, all members of the Citizens' League, were elected. The league favors the return of the name.

The office of the News-Record, which supported the Citizens' League, was dismantled by mobs before the military took charge. The city is quieter today.

Big Price for Rattler's Oil

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Jan. 2.—The market value of prime rattlesnake oil is $14.40 a pound. That price was paid here to John Blakemore, of Colorado City, Tex., world's rattlesnake king, for eight pounds of oil. This quantity was extracted from forty-eight diamondbacks, the most poisonous of the species. San Angelo boasts one of the few rattlesnake oil markets in the world.

Americans Who Fled Rumania Safe

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Seventy-five American engineers, who escaped from the Rumanian oilfields during the German invasion, have arrived at Gothenberg on their way home, according to a dispatch from Stockholm. The engineers quit the oilfields at the last minute. Several persons were killed when the rear car of their train was shattered by German artillery fire.

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BOARD MAKES OPENING FOR METHODIST UNION

Conferences Expected to Pass on Southern and Methodist Episcopal Merger

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—The final consummation or nullification of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Southern Methodist Church, which has been in session here since last Thursday, will "strike the dead center" when it adjourns tomorrow the latter part of the week. There will be no effort made at this meeting to force an issue on any point, and no move will be made in the direction of a formal final declaration. If anything like a minority report is made, it will merely be an affirmation of progress without any indication upon what the progress toward union is based.

Within the next few weeks many of the annual conferences will assemble and there the vote will be taken upon union. It is regarded as almost certain that this vote will be followed by resolutions adopted which will definitely submit the question to the union polling in such a way as to make it clear coming for a definite program of consolidation when one is finally reached.

Reports on the situation made by the Commissioners indicate that both sides of the two churches' members are well satisfied with the result.

One astonishing fact in this unique situation although the Commission has not actually stumbled or checked over anything there are conferences composed entirely of negroes over which the white Northern bishops preside. Only negro Methodists have undertaken organization of their own with their own negro bishops. Many Southerners would prefer to see the negro Methodists all in organizations of their own. Some of the M. E. leaders would prefer this plan, too. Many of the negro leaders wish to continue their organization with the Methodist Episcopal Church, because of the strength they find in such ecclesiastical union and white channels, as past.

RICH TYRONE BANKER DIES

A. A. Stevens, Blair County Bar Head, Owned Much Realty

ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 2.—Adie Allen Stevens, one of the wealthiest men in this section for twenty years president of the Blair County Bar Association, died at his home in Tyrone last night of arterio-sclerosis, aged seventy-two years. He was president of the Tyrone Gas and Water Company, vice president of the First National Bank of Tyrone, general manager of American Lime and Stone Company and the largest individual property owner in Tyrone. Formerly a Republican, he became one of the leading prohibitionists of the State and generously contributed to the cause. He was a member of the Methodist Church, a veteran of the Civil War and head of the law firm of Stevens & Parsons.

Beats Wife; Fined $1 a Pound

PUEBLO, Col., Jan. 2.—"What do you weight?" Judge R. A. Crossman asked Mrs. James Arris in police court. Arris was accused of beating his wife.

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HOMELESS, HE DIES IN BLAZING WAGON

Neighborhood Character Perishes While He Sleeps in Rear of Burning Stable

William Hoover, a character widely known in the neighborhood, was burned to death in a fire which damaged the garage and stable of Charles Betz, at 3078 Jasper street. Hoover, sixty years old and homeless, had crawled into a huckster's wagon in the rear of the stable. He was sleeping when the building was discovered in flames and was burned so badly when neighbors broke into the stable and carried him out that he died in the Episcopal Hospital.

Hoover and his brothers, Andrew and John, belonged to a family long resident in Port Richmond. Andrew, a fireman, attached to Truck 16, died several years ago, and John, a policeman, who was attached to the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station.

The fire was discovered about 9:30 o'clock last night, and burned for nearly four hours. Four horses were taken out by Furgus Fowler, but three wagons belonging to Betz and an autotruck owned by Fowler, of 1917 East Clementine street, were destroyed. Betz estimates his loss at $1000, while Fowler sets $2500 as his damage. The loss to the building, which is owned by Heath Brothers, Ruth and Clearfield streets, is placed at $2000. The origin of the fire has not been ascertained, but Policeman Pastre, who lives nearby, says he heard an explosion in the garage, or front end of the building.

The household furnishings in the moving van were owned by Ernest Vogel, of 4461 Orianna street, who was moving to Paterson, N. J.

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