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POLICE CLOSING UPON MAN AND GIRL IN PEIRCE'S AUTO

Names of Companions of Victim on Night of Murder Known, Belshaw Declares

ALL ROADS ARE WATCHED FOR RED CHUMMY ROADSTER

What Was the Motive in the Peirce Murder?

Was it robbery and was the man and woman seen with Peirce professional crook who had pretended to be Peirce's partner in the Peirce murder, then attacked him?

Was it jealousy? This is one of the theories the police are working on. They believe Peirce and the "blonde woman's" male companion may have got into an angry altercation; that Peirce was struck down in hot blood and that his slayer stole his money and jewelry to make the crime look like a robbery.

Or was it a combination of both motives, the woman coveting Peirce's diamonds and plotting the crime, and playing on the jealous feelings of the other man to make him commit the murder?

The names of the man and woman who were with Henry T. Peirce, business man, who was murdered with a monkey wrench Saturday night at 2009 Market street, are known positively to the police.

Detectives also have located an apartment house in the neighborhood of Twenty-first and Walnut streets where it is believed the man and woman lived.

What is more, in searching the apartment occupied by the pair, the detectives have found fingerprints, and have had these photographed, for comparison with the bloody fingerprints found on the wrench used to kill Peirce.

These are the important developments of the day in the mysterious murder of Peirce, who was forty-five years old, married and lived in Fort Washington.

Names of Couple Known

Detective Belshaw, head of the murder squad, located the apartment in the fashionable section near Twenty-first and Walnut streets.

It was Detective Belshaw also who made the positive statement last night that the "blonde woman" and her male companion had been established.

"They are out of the city, I believe," said Belshaw, "I can say with some degree of positiveness that the big red 'chummy' roadster is now far from Philadelphia. Every garage in the city has been searched.

The design of the car has been sent broadcast, and it cannot remain undiscovered long. The murderer made a fatal mistake in making his getaway in a car of such conspicuous design and glaring color. Fortunately it was possible to get so detailed a description of the machine that any garage man who read it and made the car even a few minutes can make certain of its identity. To make the finding of the car in a short time even more probable, we have learned that it has a few scratches on its constant need of repair. Going at the speed with which the murderer and his companion must have set out from the city, the big car soon will need attention."

Finger Prints Photographed

Detective Belshaw, with detectives from the district attorney's office, and the police photographer, paid another visit to the room where the murder was committed this forenoon. They would say what they sought on this visit. It is known that they took photographs of the bloody handle of the heavy monkey wrench, which was used by the murderer as a weapon.

The police have sent out 400 "fliers" to cities and towns in every direction from Philadelphia, furnishing a minute description of the powerful automobile owned by Peirce, which was stolen, presumably by the murderer.

Detectives Kelly, Cunningham, and Dickerson, of the district attorney's forces, were assigned to work on the case today, with Detective Belshaw and his assistants.

The police are using every source to find the man and woman, the latter a blonde, who were with Peirce Saturday night.

Seek Man and Woman

Detective Belshaw said he knew positively that a man and a woman had been with the victim Saturday evening. "I believe jealousy prompted the crime," said Detective Belshaw. "A theory on which they took photographs of the man and woman, and in the case of Peirce's death may have been accompanied with him when they answered his advertisement of an apartment to rent."

"He wanted to rent the upper floor apartment at the Market street place and a couple who would take care of the one on the floor where Peirce was murdered—so that he could use it when he was forced to stay in town.

"It may be that he got in touch with some one who wanted to rent the apartment, and that the woman who wife aroused the jealousy of the husband. According to this theory, there may have been a fight in the apartment Saturday evening, and in the heat of it the husband may have struck Peirce over the head with the wrench in hot blood, with no deliberate attempt to kill.

Tried to Cover Motive

"Thereupon, if this is the correct theory, realizing that the man was dead, the murderer and woman companion sought to cover up the crime by making it look like robbery. They stole the man's money and jewelry and hid it in a safe in the house, so that it would appear that professional 'egg' had been at work there."

The police worked all day on what promises to be the most important clue yet in their hunt, and it was furnished by a business man who was a neighbor and close friend of Peirce.

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HENRY T. PEIRCE

Manufacturer and clubman, who was murdered in his apartment in the rear of his Philadelphia office, at 2009 Market street.

WHY QUESTION AGE?

Vauclain Is Finished With N. Y. Horse Show Incident

"Closed as far as we are concerned," Samuel M. Vauclain, as well as other members of his family, hold this attitude toward the incident of the New York Horse Show last week, when Little Fire Lady, entered by his daughter, Miss Patricia Vauclain, was disqualified.

Concerning the matter of the disqualification, Mr. Vauclain observed last night, "Why question a lady's age? That's not a particularly gallant attitude." Little Fire Lady's disqualification, he it known, was on the question as to whether the mare was four years old or only two, as the veterinarians claimed.

Later last week the Vauclains went to New York. They didn't go in connection with the affair of the horse show, but to see good-bye to Mrs. William Hamilton, formerly Miss Constance Vauclain, who sailed for Europe today.

SO IT'S GOOD-BY, BOOZE

Ten Demijohns Poured Down Drain at City Hall

Ten demijohns of whisky and other liquors were "wasted" at City Hall today.

The liquors had been seized by vice squad detectives and as this was the last day of the seizure, the demijohns, Room 543, Detective Charles Lee directed the contraband be thrown away.

It was poured down the insatiable drain at the southeast corner of the fifth floor, used by scrubwomen and janitors as a place to rinse their mops and throw scrub water.

Max Danan, proprietor of the establishment, believes the thieves broke the window to obtain a rare bird of paradise plum.

BREAK HAT-SHOP WINDOW

Thieves Get \$150 Beaded Bag From Chestnut Street Store

Thieves threw a brick through the display window of the Dagn millinery shop at 1506 Chestnut street, at 6:30 o'clock this morning and obtained a beaded bag valued at \$150.

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FAT THINKERS UNRHYTHMIC

French Dancer Also Says Thin People Are at Disadvantage

Mrs. Louise Le Gal told members of the study class of the Philadelphia Music Club, meeting in the Bellevue-Stratford today, that they were either too fat or too thin to understand rhythm properly.

She declared they could not think correctly in connection with their music if their bodies are out of harmony.

"As you sit and as you pose, so you are," she told the women students.

She was discussing Greek dancing, which, she said, is a remarkable combination of technique, plus mental and emotional expression.

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DEFECT IN ORDINANCE MAY SMASH BROWN'S JUSTICE PALACE HOPE

City Solicitor's Office Says Title Illegally Concealed Part of Judge's Ambitious Plans for \$5,000,000 Project, Arranged in Private Conference

BUILDINGS TO COST \$3,000,000 WERE CONTEMPLATED IN 1919, RECORDS SHOW, AND \$180,000 FOR ARCHITECT

Legal technicalities may halt work already started on President Judge Brown's \$5,000,000 dream palace of justice on the Parkway, invalidate contracts already let, and seriously jeopardize John T. Whim's fees as architect for the ambitious project of the president judge.

The maximum fees that could be collected by Mr. Whim under his contract are \$180,000. Of this sum he has already received, according to the county commissioners, \$270,440.

The technicalities raised against the original ordinance, which technicalities have been sustained in the courts, that the title of the ordinance does not state specifically the full purpose of the measure.

The law requires that the title shall be descriptive of the purpose of an ordinance so that "snakes" or "jokers" may not be slipped through a legislative body.

The original ordinance, the basis of the plans of Judge Brown, provides \$400,000 for plans and work on buildings for the juvenile and domestic relations branches of the court. It is an ordinance making an appropriation of \$400,000 out of the loan authorized by ordinance approved January 7, 1915, for the preparation of plans and preliminary work on the construction of buildings for the court.

6 HURT IN STORM OF WIND AND RAIN BODIES LOOMS UP

Traffic Blocked in Many Sections and Thousands Are Late to Homes

Six persons were injured in accidents due to slippery streets and blinding rain, and thousands were delayed in reaching home because of trolley blocks in the storm that swept the city last night.

Delayed by stalled motortrucks and other heavy vehicles, unable to negotiate the slick, icy trolley cars crept along, halting at intervals.

Charles McCollie, fifty-three years old, of 1724 Memorial avenue, was struck and seriously injured by an automobile on Chestnut street near Girard avenue. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

A motortruck, driven by John Benner, forty-five years old, 254 South Fifty-seventh street, collided with a trolley car at Park and Columbia avenues. Benner was severely cut. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

A motorist struck Timothy Fowler, seventy years old, of 779 Palace street, at Third and Chestnut streets, last night. He was taken to the Jefferson Hospital, where she is suffering from injuries. His condition is critical.

Helen Luttrell, twenty-two years old, of 4505 Lancaster avenue, failed to see an approaching automobile at Lancaster and Westminster avenues last night. She was struck and five of her ribs were fractured. She was taken to the West Philadelphia Homoeopathic Hospital.

Charles Kuntz, sixty-four years old, of 2828 North Third street, while crossing Lehigh avenue at Germantown avenue was struck by the automobile of William Parker, who was driving on Broad street and the injured man in his car at the Samaritan Hospital, where he is suffering from a fractured skull, cuts of the scalp and several ribs broken.

Following the accident Parker surrendered to Patrolman Lake, of the Park and Lehigh avenue station.

Miss Danan, proprietor of the millinery shop at 1506 Chestnut street, was struck by the motor owned and driven by George W. E. Foster, of Melrose Park, who rushed her to the Samaritan Hospital, where she is suffering from a fractured fibula and hip and general shock. The accident occurred near Broad street and Indiana avenue.

Foster surrendered himself to the police.

PEIRCE CHILDREN AT PLAY, UNAWARE FATHER IS DEAD

Widow Shrinks at Prospect of Telling Little Ones Story of Tragedy—Has Not Yet Viewed His Body

The five children of Henry T. Peirce spent this morning playing on the drawing-room floor of their home on Summit avenue in Fort Washington, oblivious of the tragic fate of their father, whom they have not seen since last Wednesday.

They were drawing pictures of the house and of each other, and were in high glee until a visitor arrived.

Three-year-old Lewis, the youngest of the brothers, darted out on the porch as the door was opened, but his uncle, who was keeping a watchful eye on the boys, made him go back. There is a large and of frame. There is a low stone wall.

Upstairs, Mrs. Peirce, widow of the murdered man, was trying to reconcile herself to the violent death of her husband. But she could not muster the courage to tell her children of their father's fate.

CONCILIATION FAVOR FULL REVISION OF REALTY VALUATION

Finance Committee Approves Sliding Scale of Percentages in Assessments

Stormy Scenes Mark Meeting at City Hall

Conciliatory finance committee at a stormy session today approved a resolution recommending a revision of assessments on real estate and increases on a percentage basis where such increases are justified.

The session was continued from early last evening after hundreds of taxpayers exasperated over big jumps in their assessments had appeared yesterday before the committee and demanded relief.

In sharp contrast, the meeting today was attended only by members of Council and a few other public officials, but factional warfare flamed out and charges counter-charges were tossed about the meeting room.

The measure approved by the committee today was moved by Richard Weglein, president of the Council, and was seconded by the resolution of Councilman William McCooch, which urged the Board of Revision of Taxes to return to the old assessments.

Vote Is 8 to 3

Mr. Weglein's amendment was passed by a vote of 8 to 3. Councilmen McCooch, Hestell and Walter dissenting. It follows:

"That the Board of Revision of Taxes be requested to carefully examine and review all increases in assessments on dwellings, proposed or made for the year 1921, and in such instances where increases are inequitable, lower them so that equity may be done. The Council recommends that where assessments have been increased, said increases should not exceed 10 per cent on dwellings now assessed up to and including \$5000; said increase should not exceed 15 per cent on dwellings over \$5000 and up to \$15,000 inclusive, and said increases should not exceed 20 per cent on dwellings now assessed more than \$15,000, modified in each instance by the amount of the increase or data in possession of the board."

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In speaking for the amendment, Mr. Weglein said:

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FACTORY WORKERS PAID LESS THAN OFFICE EMPLOYEES

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Factory office employees in New York state received \$2.13 more a week during October than did the factory workers, according to a report made public today by the state industrial commission. It shows that factory office employees averaged \$31.06 a week, as against \$28.93 for the factory workers. Salaries of office employees increased 14 per cent since October, 1919, compared with a gain of 19 per cent in the earnings of factory workers.

SPAIN TO SEND VOLUNTEERS TO VILNA

MADRID, Nov. 23.—Announcement is made that the detachment of Spanish marine infantry, which will go to Lithuania as a part of the allied force that will maintain order during the proposed Vilna plebiscite, will be composed entirely of volunteers. It is said the men will be given special equipment, as Spanish troops are not accustomed to such cold as may be expected at Vilna.

TO SETTLE POLICY, THEN PICK CABINET

Harding's Choices May Be Determined by Marion Conference Next Month

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TREATY COMPROMISE SEEN

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

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GUARDS A DUBLIN COURT KILL THREE FLEEING PRISONERS

Return Fire of Sinn Feiners Who Seize Arms—Other Casualties Reported

It also alleges the court guard was fired on and, returning the fire, killed the three men. Clancy, it is said, was a member of the Sinn Fein "inner circle" which has been directing recent operations in the Easter rebellion. Clancy was an expert on explosives and McCalune is said to have been an officer of the republican army.

BRITISH SPREAD DRAGNET FOR OFFICERS' SLAYERS

All train services in and out of Dublin were resumed this morning after the city had passed the quiet night following Sunday's bloodshed and the activities of yesterday. The curfew law was strictly obeyed.

The night, however, did not witness any set-up in the work of the military, who were continuing their minute search of the city presumably for suspects in connection with Sunday's assassinations. Before the curfew hour several of the streets were cordoned off with barbed wire barriers and the soldiers examined all persons passing.

Strong military patrols manned every street and road, blocking out the city of Dublin last night, barred entrances of egress and ingress were closed, and even persons holding permits were not allowed to pass lines drawn through the outskirts of the city.

Reports reaching the center of Dublin during the evening indicated that virtually the whole military establishment in the city had been mobilized and employed in maintaining this cordon.

SMUGGLING PLOT LAID TO ROYALTY

Hohenzollerns and Others Accused of Sending Millions From Germany

It was asserted that the head of the banking firm had been enrolled in the German army and that the concern had "been known publicly as a special firm for the carrying on of contraband in goods and capital. It was said to have grown so large that it was able to buy eventually nearly 10,000,000 shares in the firm of Schlesinger, Trier & Co.

Replying, Dr. Wirth, minister of finance, said the public prosecutor had not concluded his investigation of the matter, and that these millions had gone there through an intermediary in contravention of German laws. The public prosecutor started an inquiry into the rights of this capital, and the firm's books have been seized. "Proceedings are pending against a number of persons who sent money to Holland, but I am unable to give exact details. It is correct that among the persons having accounts with Crussler, Phillipson & Co. are members of princely houses, and some of the Hohenzollern family. The finance department has been instructed to demand security up to the highest possible figure from customers from the Crussler bank."

Who then reads the list of people who do princely business, with this bank, must blush with shame. It has made a strange impression to learn that princely personages employed the Crussler firm as a letter bearer. Every effort will be made to apprehend Crussler by surrounding his office, but he was warned and succeeded in escaping.

Professor Kuhl, a member of the German People's party, declared Hermann Mueller was "trying to throw mud on the Hohenzollerns and the monarchy." He asserted that Crussler had only one vice letter bearer, Ernst Giese, in order to hand her a letter from the crown prince.

The Hague, Nov. 23.—(By A. P.)—Denial of any complicity by ex-Crown Prince Frederick William in the reported smuggling of capital from Germany was entered for both the former crown prince and his adjutant, Major Von Murbrecht, today by a member of Frederick William's suite.

The relations of the former crown prince toward the banker Crussler, the informant stated, arose from the fact that Crussler was the first man who placed himself at the disposal of Frederick William after the latter had fled across the Dutch frontier, the banker assisting the fugitive in his financial difficulties by lending him 5000 florins a tide him over the first period of his exile. Since then, it was added, the ex-crown prince has paid his way from funds which he received from former Emperor William.

WOMAN SH