

Man Treadway Says Killed Peirce Missing

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see if by any chance he had come in late Saturday night, and if she had to make up the bed.

To her astonishment she saw that the bed had not been slept in. That the bag was gone.

Mrs. Chast was surprised, the more so as the tenant had left behind him the coat that had long in the closet, the clean linen fresh from the laundry and a necktie.

Is Important One

The necktie may be extremely important. It was an old and faded light blue tie but it bore the maker's name inside, and the place of manufacture, Columbus, O.

It seemed to the police a coincidence that "Al" Smith should have fled to Ohio, the state where the tie presumably was bought.

All the belongings of the lodger were taken to city hall.

Detective Hendrey spent more than an hour canvassing stores and dwelling in the neighborhood, but could not learn of a visit by Peirce's bag to either of them.

However, the hour was late, according to the prisoners' account, that Mrs. Chast said she probably would have heard nothing anyhow, and would store in the neighborhood was covered and every household fast a sleep.

"It seems as though we would have to accept the story told by Treadway as in part true at least," said Detective Belslow. "And look for another man or possibly two other men in connection with the crime."

Belslow Revises Views

"I at first received word from Detective Hendrey, who was sent to look up the Electric and Spruce street lead, that he had not found Smith, I feel sure that we had the right man in Treadway."

"I still believe that when the true story of the murder is told it will be shown that Treadway had a real part in it, he being quoted as saying he saw Peirce."

Detective Hendrey was so impressed with what he learned when he visited the neighborhood of 414th and Spruce streets, looking for "Al" Smith, that he did not lose a minute calling Detective Belslow on the telephone so that immediate efforts might be made to trace and capture Smith.

The police by its means intend to reimburse their lost cost. Treadway, however, the many questions and statements they have dug up, tending to confirm his guilt of participating in the

Peirce's Hair Brushes in Treadway's Baggage

Another scrap of evidence furnished by the police was the finding of additional articles said to have belonged to Henry Peirce in Peter Treadway's baggage. These were a neck scarf, a comb and two military brushes.

It was pointed to by another find in the search of the suspect's luggage. This was that he had a necktie, a comb and a pair of military brushes belonging to Peirce.

The new evidence about "Al" Smith's attitude about the story told by the man and woman under arrest was that the police had learned.

Patrolman Laddie, of the Fifteenth and Locust street station, was sent for by Captain Souder today to the apartment above the car he had seen on Sunday morning going out of Walnut street, and being driven by Peirce.

Captain Souder has not been able to confirm a story told by Marie Williams that a letter had been passing to the man who was seen on the street at Walnut street, and that they offered the man a drink, which he had refused, and gave him a dollar.

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of detectives, the prisoners' narrative to them, came into view with the other passengers, the crowd surged forward to see the pair. The detectives tried to edge the prisoners towards a few public cars but the main gates, by Marie Williams, who seemed to delight in the publicity, objected.

"They came to see us," she said "and we went to see them."

It was through a double line of people that the girl and her companion were taken to the street and whisked into an elevator at City Hall.

The excitement of the noisy crowd was followed by a quieter but more tense and more prolonged period of quizzing at the hands of the detectives.

First of all, Peirce's fingerprints were taken with great care. Then the detectives tested most of their hopes of proving that Treadway struck Peirce and killed him.

The examination of both man and girl began a few minutes after the prisoners were whisked into the City Hall cell block.

The chief of the Detective Bureau conducted the examination, assisted by Detective Belslow, head of the murder squad.

The man, Peirce, was a pronounced drunk when he was taken away with the police officer to be searched, but nothing was discovered in his clothing, except a returned again for further questioning.

Stories Told Together

Captain Souder and Detective Belslow examined their dossier in questioning the prisoners, and they returned to the police station.

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Black Coffee as Bracer Is Asked by Treadway

"And make it black, too, for a bracer," said Peter Treadway, suspect in the Peirce murder, when he was asked this morning what he wanted for breakfast.

He and Marie Williams, his blithe fellow prisoner, had, beside their coffee, bacon and eggs, French fried potatoes.

Breakfast followed a brief sleep on beds in the City Hall cell block, but at that the prisoners got more sleep than Detective Belslow. He went home at 6 o'clock this morning and returned at 9, without any sleep at all.

GIRL GIVES VERSION OF PEIRCE'S MURDER

Marie Williams made a statement in which she revealed the manner in which she and Peter Treadway met Henry Peirce, how the latter had been drinking, and how "Al" Smith and "Jack" rushed into the place and without a word of warning struck the victim with a blackjack, first knocking the glass containing a drink of whiskey from his hands.

"She related how she fled at the first blow, how she returned home and awaited her husband, who followed shortly afterward. Then she explained how Smith appeared at their room later and told them that they 'were in a jam and better beat it' with the men named as the actual murderers."

"She said that she pointed their journey to Wheeling and the manner in which they remained together until Smith and 'Jack' learned that Peirce had been slain, and how the gunmen left them at the door of the hotel and to go down the room which they had occupied."

"Peirce was killed," she said, "the man whose name she had not told me, but she said another man knew only as 'Jack.' Neither of us ever met the dead man before that night."

"Hubby and I had been to the movies, and started back to 2049 Walnut street, where we were living as Mr. and Mrs. West."

"We walked along Market street and bought some apples and some newspapers which we were going to read in the City Hall cell block. The night was so cold we got a box of love and junkies at a restaurant and shake them."

"From our house we walked to Twenty-first and Market streets. We met Peirce there. He was drunk, dejectedly so, and was standing by his auto. He was bowing to everybody

and speaking to them. He asked my hubby if he wanted a drink. My hubby refused. He doesn't drink. The other two fellows spoke up and said they wanted one. Naturally that opened the conversation. Noting that the crowd was getting worse, hubby decided it would be better for me to go home. I went home alone, hubby remaining with the crowd. My hubby came to the house a little while afterward.

"He told me Peirce didn't like the other fellows. He saw they were too drunk to suit him. He asked my hubby to bring me and get another girl and we could have a party."

"Hubby told me then that he had driven around with Peirce, who was on the street in his car. About that time the horn sounded several times. Hubby and I went downstairs to get in the car. A policeman was standing by the machine taking a drink out of Peirce's bottle of whiskey. The policeman had some thirst, for he emptied the pint."

Wanted More Liquor

"Peirce wanted more liquor, so he suggested we go around to his apartment on Market street, where he said he had a lot and would refill the bottle. As we drove by Twenty-first and Market streets the other two fellows, who were over at the house, were standing there. They made us go in with Peirce."

"This was about 12:30 o'clock. When we got upstairs Mr. Peirce took several drinks and became sick. The policeman looked as if there had been another party before we arrived. While Mr. Peirce was sick, hubby was filling the bottle and we were just going out then when Mr. Peirce said he wanted another drink. Just as he raised the glass to drink the two fellows came in. They ordered all of us to put up our hands, and Mr. Peirce was too intoxicated to obey. Smith hit him on the head with a blackjack and this knocked the glass out of his hand. I ran out."

Fell Over Gas Stove

"Hubby told me the rest. He said he ran out, too, after me. He says he tripped and fell over a gas stove and landed on the floor on his knee. I ran right home and hubby came in soon after me. We had been there about fifteen minutes and were ready to go to bed when the fellows drove up with Peirce's car."

"The men came upstairs and said they were going to leave Philadelphia. They said: 'You're in this jam just as much as we are, and you better beat it, too.' We were both frightened and we backed up right away. They did not tell us at that time that Peirce was dead. When we went downstairs we met a policeman, the same one. He was standing in front of the stove waiting for us. He asked me husband if this was his car. Hubby said, 'Yes, why?' He said that some fellows were trying to steal the tire off the back."

"Hubby finished him and gave him a dollar. The fellows asked him if

he wanted a drink. He said he didn't; he had plenty. We drove down to Eighth and Spruce streets after Al's baggage, and from there to Walnut street at Sixty-third street. We reached Baltimore at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and started for Cumberland at 6:30 that night."

"In Cumberland at 5:30 Monday morning our car stalled. Seeing it was too early to get into a garage, hubby and I ate in a restaurant. We got started again at 8:30 a. m. and went to Wheeling."

"We reached Wheeling about 4:30 o'clock and pulled up at Market street and waited for Al and 'Jack' to go and pawn some jewelry to get money for a room. Hubby and I waited in the car while they got a room at Beek's on Fourth street. They took 'Al' with me, while Al and hubby went to the garage with the car. When they came back hubby shaved and changed his clothes and went out with Al and 'Jack' to eat. I was tired and stayed in the room, Tuesday morning before hubby and I got my Al got up and went out after the Wheeling paper. When he came back he said we are going to split.

"We asked why, and he set down on the bed and read the paper. This was the first time we knew Peirce was dead. Smith and Al had \$100 between them. Hubby only had \$1. Smith and I left and we decided that we couldn't stay there and pay \$3 a night for a room. So hubby went out and pawned his suit. He got \$8 and we went to another place and hired a room. The next day we were arrested. We were both going to work and get money enough to return to Philadelphia."

Police Guard Clubhouse

Take Precaution Against Renewed Violence by Irish Sympathizers

New York, Nov. 25.—(By A. P.)—Throughout last night a police guard of ten patrolmen and a sergeant bent watch over the premises of the Union club at Fifth avenue and Fifty-first street, which yesterday was the scene of a riot when Irish sympathizers objected to a British flag displayed by the club as a holiday decoration. There was no resumption of violence.

Police authorities today expressed the opinion that the outbreak, which occurred at the end of a high requisition mass for Terence MacSwiney, former lord mayor of Cork, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, across the street from the club, was of spontaneous origin.

Boston and Maine Loan Approved

Washington, Nov. 25.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has approved a loan of \$6,000,000 to Boston and Maine Railroad for new locomotives and other equipment, the company itself to finance about \$1,212,000 to meet the loan of the government.

Deaths of a Day

WILLIAM LAWSON
Former City Commissioner and Court Tipstaff Dies Aged 88

After an illness of several years, William Lawson, a former city commissioner for two terms, and for twenty years a tipstaff in the Orphans' Court, until he retired five years ago, died last Wednesday night at his home, 1640 East Berks street, in his eighty-eight years. He came to this country in 1832, from Ireland, where he was born in 1842. He settled in the Nineteenth ward end of the Kensington textile district, and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in the Nineteenth Pennsylvania Regiment under Colonel Peter Lyle. Subsequently he enlisted in the navy, and was assigned to the U. S. S. Neptune until the end of the war.

As a young man Mr. Lawson became a follower of James McManes when the latter was a hand-loom carpet weaver in a house on Jefferson street west of Frankford avenue, in the Nineteenth ward. He followed the fortunes of McManes until the division war broke the ward leader, and finally rose to the distinction of Republican leader of Philadelphia in the old "Gas Trust" era.

Mr. Lawson was elected city commissioner for two terms. Later he was appointed tipstaff.

He was a member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church and president of the board of trustees; member of St. Paul Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 240; Palace Chapter, R. A. M.; Lu Lu Temple, Post No. 2, G. A. R.; Old Fellows, the American Protestant Association, Anti-Corruption Club and Eighteenth Ward Union Republican Club.

Three sons and a married daughter survive Mr. Lawson. Funeral services at his late home will be held tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be made in North Cedar Hill cemetery.

Charles C. Roberts

Charles C. Roberts, cashier of the American Ice Co., died Wednesday at his home, 5007 Florence avenue. Mr. Roberts, who was sixty years old, had been ill for some time with pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, one son, Walter Roberts, and one daughter, Ethel Roberts. Mr. Roberts will be buried from his late home tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in West Laurel Hill cemetery.

Dr. Walter C. Browning

Ill for several months, Dr. Walter C. Browning, an expert physician with Walnut street offices, died last Tuesday at his home, 6019 Ellsworth street. He was sixty-six years old, a graduate of

Jefferson Medical College and is survived by his widow and one son. Dr. Browning came into publicity some years ago in a legal fight for a fee of \$100,000 asked from the estate of Chris L. Magee, the Pittsburgh politician. The funeral will be held this afternoon.

Young Republicans to Meet

The Young Republicans of Philadelphia will hold a reception in their rooms, 217 South Broad street, this evening. The occasion will introduce eighty or more new members of the club.

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