

LOPERS BALKED; YOUTH IS SUICIDE

Foiled at Every Turn by Girl's Father, Serbian Blows Out Brains

GUARD HER, FEAR SAME END

A drama of love was brought to a tragic conclusion last night when Bogdan Kristonositz, a Serbian, twenty-five years old, blew out his brains in the home of his father, 1200 Christian street, following the frustration of his projected elopement to Elktion with Miss Mildred Kraachne, eighteen-year-old girl.

And she, prostrated by her father's refusal to permit the marriage, lies ill at her home, 1221 North Third street, where the knowledge of the young man's death is kept from her in the fear that she, too, might commit suicide.

They have been in love ever since their families came to this country in their flight from Serbia. She was a little girl then, but, like all Southern Europeans, she matured early, and three years ago she plighted their troth.

Again and again young Bogdan begged the girl to become his wife, and always she returned the same answer: "Ask my father." But so often as he asked my father, the latter would say: "I cannot let her marry you now, for she is making good money in the towel factory and there are five of us to be supported. You must wait."

Young Bogdan was in despair at these repeated refusals, and told his sweetheart at times that he would kill himself if they were kept apart much longer. She said that if he did, she would kill herself also.

At last he went to Mildred and said: "We must elope. There is no other way. We will go to Elktion next Wednesday and be married." She assented, and he bought the railroad tickets.

Yesterday she sent a message to her father, saying her father, suspecting her intention, had threatened her life should she marry without his consent, and that she was afraid to go.

Bogdan went to her home to plead with her, but she was ill with disappointment and fear and he could not see her. He returned to his home and shut himself in his room on the second floor with food, but Bogdan from behind the locked door told her to go away.

Supper time came and went, and finally Stephen Kristonositz, the boy's father, went upstairs and listened at the door. Alarmed at the continued silence, he unlocked the door and found his son on the floor with a bullet wound in his right temple and a revolver beside him.

In his stiffened hand was clutched a note telling of his hopelessness and of his unending love and of his wish that his picture be buried with him.

Today the small family sits in silence in the darkened parlor of the little three-room house while an aged woman prepares crepe bands to place upon their sleeves. A white crepe ribbon flutters from the front door and within five tall candles in a gilt stand brought from the church burn for the departed.

Parted by Suicide



MISS MILDRED KRAACHNE BOGDAN KRISTONOSITZ. He blew out his brains last night after elopement plans had been frustrated.

BLUECOAT SHOOTS BOY

Failed to Halt at Camden Patrolman's Command

A bullet from a policeman's revolver, fired at random after two boys who fled after his command to halt, struck one of the youths in the foot. The shooting took place near St. John Street Theatre in Camden last night.

James Martin, seventeen, of 610 South Sixth street, was running past the theatre with a companion when ordered to stop by Mounted Police Officer Quinton. The boys continued their flight, and a shot fired in their direction glanced from the sidewalk and hit Martin.

PASTOR CHASED AS BANDIT; BULLETS GIVE HIM WINGS

Sharon Hill Police Make Hasty and Incorrect Deduction—Rectified

Too much deduction plus vivid imagination caused the police of Sharon Hill to arrest the Rev. Samuel Jennings, a Negro, in mistake for a burglar.

And wrong impressions also made things uncomfortable for the clergyman. He thought that the two patrolmen who were using him for a target were two men in Darby who had previously threatened to attack him. That's why he kept dodging between bullets until captured.

The complications were unraveled by Justice of the Peace Jones. The trouble began when the home of Mrs. Eleanor Vandever, of Sharon Hill, was robbed. Investigation proved that the robbery was committed by a Negro, Mr. Jennings, on his way home from a late meeting, was taking a short cut across a field.

The two patrolmen saw him. "Stop!" they shouted. But the preacher ran and several shots only increased his speed. The clergyman sought shelter in a house and told the occupants he was being chased by highwaymen. Then the patrolman arrived and arrested him. When he was brought before Squire Jones the matter was explained and the preacher released.

ROBBED OF \$3000 IN GEMS

West Phila. Apartment Is Lopted by Sneak Thief

A sneak thief last night stole \$3000 worth of jewelry from the apartment of Samuel Dickson, sixty-third and Oxford streets. Another occupant of the apartment house saw a young man wearing a gray suit and cap leaving the house.

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BRUNEN MURDER ALARM DELAYED

Detective Parker Says Wife Waited Half Hour, Then Ran Screaming From House

Mrs. Doris Brunen, widow of John Brunen, the murdered circus man, is declared by Detective Ellis Parker to have waited almost half an hour after the shooting before she ran shrieking from the house and spread the alarm.

Brunen was shot as he sat in the kitchen of his home at Riverside. Mrs. Brunen rushed from the house in a frenzy, declaring her husband had just been shot, between 7:35 and 7:45 P. M., on the night of March 10. Witnesses have been found who distinctly heard the shot at exactly 7:12 P. M.

Furthermore, Harry Mohr's alibi is declared by Detective Parker to be "shot to pieces." Mohr is accused of having instigated the crime. Both he

and Charles M. Powell, the confessed murderer, are in jail at Mount Holly.

Four Beverly residents, in an automobile, were on their way to Camden, and arrived at Riverside at 7:08 P. M. the night of the murder. They stopped at a gasoline station, four squares from the Brunen home, but finding their tank almost full, they went on.

Thought Tire Blown Out

When opposite the Brunen home, on River road, a shot was heard. It was a loud report, such as made by a shot gun. A boy in the car exclaimed: "Daddy, a tire has blown out."

The machine was stopped and all tires found to be in excellent condition. At Taylor lane, Cambridge, just below Riverside, a Ford coupe turned into River drive, going in the direction of Camden, and was being driven at break-neck speed. The rear light was not burning, but by the lights of the Beverly car, it is said, the number of the speeding Ford was taken, owing to its suspicious actions. That number, it

is said, corresponds with the number of Harry Mohr's car.

Dr. S. R. Maul, of Riverside, Brunen family physician, arrived at the house at 7:50. The next day he is said to have refused to say how long Brunen had been dead when he arrived. At that time Detective Parker exclaimed: "I'll bet \$100 Brunen was dead half an hour before the alarm was given."

Woman Another Link

Another link in the chain of evidence is furnished by a woman of Cambridge, who was almost opposite the Brunen house when the murderer fired the shot. She insists there was no large touring car in front of the house at that time.

Mrs. Brunen has insisted that after firing the shot the murderer ran to the front of the house and, jumping into a large touring car, drove away. It ratted

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