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CONFESSION OF BERT DELIGE

Made November 22nd, 1910 in the Jail of Centre Co. Tells How He Cut Mrs. John Baudis' Throat.

I, BERT DELIGE, make this a full statement, so far as I can remember, about the killing of Mrs. Baudis, at Scotia, Oct. 16th, 1910:

Saturday evening I went to Pine Top, stayed there Saturday night and Sunday all day. George Mayhew, Bud Delige, Aaron Delige, Bud Dixon, Teddy Delige, Tom Miller, Grant Jones, Mrs. Jones and Isaac Lykens were all there. We had whiskey, beer and some cider to drink. We had two four-gallon kegs of beer, but could not say just how much of the other two drinks we had. I drank some beer and quite a lot of whiskey and some cider but do not know just how much. We kept that up all day Sunday. Sunday evening we started for home, but can't say just what time it was when we left. Harry Delige, George Mayhew and Teddy Delige started ahead of me; they went across the hill the near way. Aaron and I went up the railroad to Waddle station and then took the main road and went straight home.

When we got to the Red Row, Mrs. Baudis came out of Wilson Ghaner's. When we got just opposite Curry's gate Mrs. Baudis passed us; we were both going the same direction, and she said "Good evening, Aaron," and "Good evening, Bert"; we both said "Good evening" and she went on. She was walking right smart, and went on towards Haugh's store. Aaron and I turned off to the path that leads to our house. We went into the house and I stayed a little while—not very long—and then started for Baudis'. I went up over the Church Hill and down a back road until I came to the main road that leads to Scotia. Then I went up the railroad, up the path that leads to the Company stable and down by Jacob Ghaner's shop, then on out the road to the mud dam, crossed the mud dam into the strip of woods, and then got on the main path again. From there I went up through the woods, crossed the fence, crossed the corn field and went over into the sod field; there I stopped. I had drunk so much that I could go no farther.

I think the three kinds of drink made me lose my head, and when I saw Mrs. Baudis coming, I just pushed her over and cut her throat. She screamed for help when I pushed her over, but I placed my hand on her forehead, pushed her back and cut her throat. I was standing back of her when I did it. Then I jumped over the fence, ran across the mud dam, into the woods and on to the railroad. I went out a short distance and then left the railroad and got on the main path which leads to the boarding house. I turned off below the boarding house and went down the main path until I came to a back road that leads to our house. When I came to a chestnut tree just below our house, I threw the razor back of it and then went on to McKivison's.

Q. Why did you kill her, what was your motive?
A. Well I was just out of my head. I guess the three kind of drink put me out of my head.
Q. Did you have any malice or ill-will against her?
A. No; none whatever.
Q. Did she owe you any money?
A. Well, yes; as near as I can figure it out she owed me about \$15.00.
Q. Did she refuse to pay you?
A. I never asked her for it.
Q. Do you remember passing any people on your way down there?
A. No.
Q. You did not pass a buggy with two people in it?
A. No.
Q. Did you see anybody while you were crossing the mud dam, any children?
A. No.
Q. How did you carry this razor?
A. I carried it in my hand.
Q. Where did you wash your hands?
A. I washed them in a mud hole just before I hid the razor.
Q. Did you see anybody on your way back?
A. No; I heard someone, but did not see anyone.
Q. What prompts you to make this confession now?
A. Well, after the hearing I made up my mind that I would wait until after the trial, and then after the testimony had all been given in I would make my confession. I wanted to hear just what they would say and how they would lie on me. But the crime was a weight on my soul and I wanted to be relieved of it. I have not yet been blessed, but am striving for it under the directions of our colored minister, Rev. Paul.

Must Stand Trial.

The mystery surrounding the murder of Mrs. John Baudis, at Scotia, this county on October 16, has been solved at last by the above confession of Bert Delige, the suspect who was arrested immediately after the crime, and has been confined in the Centre County Jail ever since. The above confession was made to his attorney, in the presence of several witnesses, on Tuesday morning. Miss Cronmiller, Mr. Chambers' stenographer, was present and took down the words of Delige, as printed above, and the same was kindly furnished the papers of the town as a matter of public information.

For some time District Attorney W. G. Runkle has been working on the case and carefully followed out every clue. The one important feature of the case was to secure the implement, or weapon, with which the fend cut Mrs. Baudis' throat. The wound being a long, clean, deep one, the conclusion was that it was made with a sharp-edged instrument like a razor. The fact that the colored man was a suspect of the murder, a razor was naturally considered the weapon that was likely used, if he was the guilty party.

Since the crime was committed the first important evidence produced was the bloody clothes of Delige at the habeas corpus hearing, and these the chemist declared contained numerous blood spots that he had examined and believed were human blood.

Bloody Razor Found.
Last Thursday the District Attorney was up at Scotia looking after further evidence. They knew that Walter Delige had been to Belleville frequently to see his brother Bert at the county jail, and natural inference from that was that the boy knew some thing about the affair, if the man in the jail is the one that committed the deed. Different parties began to press him closely on the matter but he held out firmly, stuck to the story that he knew nothing. When he was hard pressed and given to understand that there was no use trying to conceal that he had. He said that the thing

had been bearing down on his mind the truth any longer he broke down and admitted that he knew where his brother's razor was concealed and promised to take them to the spot. The following composed the party that went to find the razor: Walter Delige, District Attorney W. G. Runkle, N. E. Spangler, Esq., associated with the District Attorney, Wm. Burnside and Mr. Smith. They went out to a point about 100 yards from the home of the Delige family and a short distance off the "old road" towards an old double stump. At that point Walter Delige scratched the leaves away and the end of a razor was seen sticking out of the ground. The District Attorney called the attention of all present to the razor and drew it out of the ground and wrapped it in a newspaper. The razor was spattered with blood and covered with rust from being exposed to the moisture of the earth. The blade showed some nicks in it, and it was pronounced the razor of Bert Delige, by his brother Walter. The razor was carefully protected and sent to the chemist at State College for tests of the blood spots on it, to determine if it was human blood.

The finding of the razor was soon spread broadcast over the county and it was not long until it came to the ears of the prisoner. From that time on he displayed more uneasiness and his entire bearing changed. On Monday he was visited by his pastor Rev. Paul, of Belleville, and sister Nora, and in the evening there were rumors to the effect that the man had made a confession to them and to other parties, which later was confirmed.

Confession to His Attorney.
On Wednesday morning Edward R. Chambers, Esq., who was retained by the prisoner to defend him, went to the county jail and interviewed his client. Mr. Chambers asked him whether it was not true that when he was retained that he told him (Chambers) that he did not kill Mrs. Baudis. To this Delige replied in the affirmative. Then Mr. Chambers asked him if it was correct that he made a confession the night before to his pastor, Rev. Paul, of Belleville, he replied

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LOCOMOTIVE BLOWS WRECKS TWO TRAINS

BOILER HURLED 300 FEET; FAST MAIL CRASHES INTO IT.

THREE MEN WERE KILLED
Second Passenger Stopped Just Before Smashing Into Debris—Accident in Altoona, But All Its Occupants Escape Uninjured.

Death and the destruction of three huge locomotives followed a remarkable railroad accident near Altoona on Saturday. One freight locomotive exploded, and the boiler hurled 300 feet, dropping in the path of a fast passenger train. The speeding locomotive crashed into the wreckage of the explosion.

Both trains were going west, pushing up the steep grade just beyond that city. They were running on parallel tracks, the passenger rapidly overhauling the freight. Each train had two locomotives.

Without warning, the first freight locomotive exploded. The great mass of twisted steel was hurled forward and landed across the adjacent track. The passenger train was so close to the freight that it went smashing into the mass ahead before the engineer could throw the emergency brakes into action.

A third train, a passenger, coming down the mountain on another track, was stopped within a few feet of the wreckage, which was strewn in its path also.

Three trainmen were killed and a fourth is so seriously injured that he cannot recover. Passengers on the mail train were hurled about the coaches by the impact of the crash, but no one was seriously injured. The cars were smashed and splintered.

The wreck occurred near the great horseshoe curve, and houses within half a mile were shaken on their foundations, windows broken and dishes thrown from the shelves.

Scores of persons hurried to the wreckage but escaping steam drove them back. Only one body was buried in the debris. It was that of Engineer Harry V. Rorabaugh, of the locomotive that exploded. He was carried along with the wreckage and buried under it.

Fireman Isaac Reed, of Conemaugh, was on the second passenger locomotive, and when the crash came he was hurled out of the side of the engine cab and was crushed by his own train.

Andrew Furlong, of Conemaugh, a brakeman, and P. P. Riddle, a fireman, were in the cab of the locomotive that exploded, along with Engineer Rorabaugh, and both were hurled into a field nearby. They were terribly jangled and cut, but were not killed outright. They were taken to the Altoona Hospital, where Furlong died at 5 o'clock. Riddle cannot recover. The crew on the first locomotive, the mail train escaped injury, as did the engineer on the second train.

Soon after the freight and mail trains were piled up, an east-bound passenger train came down the mountain, but fortunately the engineer perceived his danger and stopped the train a few feet from the wreckage.

FIRE AT SCOTIA.

Two Families Have Narrow Escape With Their Lives.

Tuesday morning there was a bad fire in the company house at Scotia. It was a double residence occupied by the families of John Curry and Joe Reardon. Tuesday morning Mrs. Curry arose early as was her custom, and after lighting the kitchen fire he went over to the excavator at the works and adjusted the fire under the engine. It was early in the morning, and when he left, the lamp was burning in the kitchen and it was with difficulty by the smell of smoke and soon discovered that the house was afire. She grabbed her child and rushed down stairs to make her escape, but found the interior of the home down stairs in flames and it was with difficulty that she got out of the building and in doing so was badly burned about the arms, neck and face, and the little one had his hair singed and was scorched.

So rapid was the spread of the flames that the mother had only time to make her escape in her night clothes. The Joe Reardon family had a similar experience, as they simply had time enough to get out in their night clothes. Scarcely a piece of furniture was saved from the building by either of the families, and the worst part of it is that neither of them had a dollar's worth of insurance, therefore their loss is severe and will leave them in distress. The buildings were insured by the company. Since the fire generous neighbors have come to the rescue and are providing for the comforts of the two families until they can get new homes established.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that the lamp left burning in the kitchen by Mr. Curry, when he went to the excavator, exploded and set the building afire.

Coming East Again.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Shaffer of Dakota left for Rebersburg, Pa., accompanied by Mrs. Louisa Morris, Mrs. Shaffer's mother, who is returning to Pennsylvania to make her future home. Mrs. Morris, who has reached the age of seventy-eight, came west three years ago to make her home with her daughter, but the old lady has concluded that she prefers the east to the west.—Freepost Bulletin.

Those Campaign Claims.

"There was a Republican governor elected in my State."
"I see."
"And a Democratic governor in the next State."
"Here's a fine chance for an experiment. Let's see who has to start soup-houses first."

Next Thursday, December 1st, a full line of farm implements, live stock and household goods will be sold on the Wistar farm in College township, occupied by Harry Schreffler.

WHITE DEER SHOT ON LARRY'S CREEK

FINEST SPECIMEN EVER SEEN IN THIS SECTION OF COUNTRY.

IS GRANT HOOVER'S PRIZE
Animal is Almost Snow-White and Weighs About 250 Pounds—An Albino Deer is Considered a Freak of Nature Rarely Found.

An almost snow-white, ten-prong buck weighing 250 pounds arrived from the headquarters of the Larry's Creek Fish and Game Club at Williamsport station over the New York Central railroad Friday afternoon. The deer was shot on the Larry's Creek club preserve by Grant Hoover, the insurance agent of Williamsport, formerly of Belleville. The animal is so near white that before it was killed it looked as white as a snow drift. There are a few dark hairs scattered throughout its coat.

Mr. Hoover shot the deer at a distance of 200 yards and the animal dropped at the third shot.

Pure white or almost pure white deer are not common in this part of the world. Naturalists say that such specimens have been seen are albinos, that is common deer that have freaked as to color. The deer's horns are unusually splendid. There are five prongs to the horn and in perfect condition. How this big white buck with his branching antlers could have escaped the hunters of other sections is puzzling the Larry's Creek club men. Some of them think the animal traveled from some other region and was still on its travels when it was surprised by the hunters.

When E. B. Lynch, the Fourth street furniture man, heard of the albino buck shot by Grant Hoover on the Larry's Creek Fish and Game Club's preserve he said that while hunting near the preserve about three years ago he saw a small albino deer in an old orchard in the mountains, but did not take shot at it for the reason that the horns were so short that he was afraid to run the risk of shooting the animal. He was wondering today whether the buck killed by Mr. Hoover might not be the same animal grown to maturity.

WANTS BIG DAMAGES.

For Injuries Received in An Automobile Collision.

A. M. Brown, a former resident of Pennsylvania Furnace, lumberman and president of the Farmers' National bank of Tyrone, where he now resides, has brought suit against S. F. Key, of Altoona, to recover \$25,000 damages for injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Altoona on July 21st.

In the accident referred to Mr. Brown alleges that Mr. Knox was driving his machine at a greater speed than permitted by law, and in the accident he was seriously and permanently injured. His skull was fractured on the left side, three ribs were broken; his left side crushed and bruised and permanently injured; his right eye was permanently injured and the sight thereof destroyed; and he was otherwise scratched, bruised, wounded and injured on many parts of his body. By reason of the injuries Mr. Brown alleges he will be a cripple for life, permanently injured and his life shortened. By reason of these injuries he has been unable to attend to his business or transact any lawful duties. He has been under the care of physicians and trained nurses at the Altoona hospital, at his home he has expended \$200 and upwards for attendance, nurse hire, medicine, etc., and will be obliged to continue an extended course of future medical attention by reason of the permanent injuries; that the annual profit of his business is \$10,000 and by reason of being unable to attend to his business has lost the sum of \$5,000; by reason of diminished earning capacity he has suffered damages to the extent of at least \$12,000; that his automobile has been damaged to the extent of \$1,250, and by reason of the injuries, temporary and permanent, he has been damaged to the extent of \$35,000.

Among the Sick.

Mrs. Annie Shultz, of Howard street, is improving from a slight illness which has confined her to her home.

Mrs. John Leopard is able to be around again, showing signs of regaining her former good health.

Mrs. Lucy Cox who resides over Shaffer's store, has been quite ill for the past week.

William Deratiné, the tailor, was compelled to remain away from his work for a few days on account of illness.

Mrs. William McKelvey of Lamb street, who of late has been quite sick at her home, is improving nicely.

Mrs. Evelyn Rogers, who has been confined to her home for the past week or more, has recovered sufficiently to make a visit to Philadelphia, where her friends hope the change may be for her betterment. Her son, Dr. Coburn Rogers, accompanied her.

The little six-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carpenetto, who has been quite ill with erysipelas, is now improved, and hopes are now entertained that the little one will fully recover.

Adjourned Sale.

Last Saturday was the date set for holding the sale of the real estate of John Marshall Heverly, dec'd., at Howard. Owing to a number of other important events held there the same day, very few were present when the property was offered, and in consequence the sale has been postponed to this coming Saturday, November 26th, at 2 o'clock, on the premises. This is a desirable property and should make a profitable investment. For a description of the property turn to page two of this issue.

Sheriff's Wife His Deputy.

Sheriff Boyer, of Lewistown, and the two officers took to the western penitentiary at Pittsburg Ella Ritter and Sallie Varner, who will serve sentences varying from six months to two years on white slave charges.

THANKSGIVING, 1910.

Thanksgiving Day! And 'round the board
That all the joys of life afford;
With loved ones at our side;
With memories of a plenteous year,
And hearts that brim with love and cheer—
Let come whatever betide!
For all the loving Lord has shared,
For loved ones one more cycle spared,
We humbly kneel with bowed heads bared,
And homage pay
To God alway
This glorious Thanksgiving Day!

Thanksgiving Day! Each fertile field
Has given forth its generous yield
To fill each granary.
The luscious fruits and golden grains
From orchards and from boundless plains
Rewards our industry.
For all the summer's toil has brought;
For all the Lord in love has wrought,
Upon each home hearth's sacred spot
We kneel and pay
To God alway
Our praises this Thanksgiving Day!

Thanksgiving Day! From far apart
We gather 'round, heart close to heart,
And old love ties renew.
A smile for those we meet once more;
A tear for loved ones gone before,
And vows to be more true,
For all the joys of love and life;
For light that guides through storm and strife;
For harbor safe from tempests rife,
We kneel to pay
To God alway
Honor and Praise, Thanksgiving Day!

STATE COLLEGE GROWING.

Will Ask Money For New Agricultural School.

Because of the rapid growth of the student-body at the Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture in the last two years, the legislature will be asked to appropriate money for a new building. Without this added facility the agricultural institution would not be able to handle any more students than are enrolled at present.

The question of obtaining from the legislature another building has been placed in the hands of a special committee, in which the trustees and college are represented. The building is needed for the horticultural department.

In two years the number of students in the agricultural school has swelled from a few more than 100 to 525. The present building, although comparatively new, is crowded to the doors, and several of the departments of the school are being handicapped seriously for lack of room to expand.

"THE POET SCOUT."

The most remarkable character of American frontier history since the days of Crockett, Boone, and Carlton, is Capt. Jack Crawford, known everywhere as the Poet Scout. The man who can entertain the Savage Club of London for two hours at a banquet from 1 to 3 in the morning, hold John D. Rockefeller and 300 millionaires, Andrew Carnegie and 500 guests, and 400 laborers for an hour and three-quarters, capture 3,000 newshoes and hold them for an hour and a half, entertain for two hours and more 600 of the Bowers Bread Line, and shine as the star at the Camp Fire Club Dinner in New York, and at the Hamilton Club's Spiceman's Dinner in Brooklyn, entertain for two hours and a half 40 old actors and actresses in their home on Staten Island, kick eighteen inches above his head and write a poem of eight verses during a banquet, is no ordinary character.

Capt. Crawford will be at German's opera house, Thursday evening, December 8th, for the benefit of the Elk's relief fund. Admission 50 cents. Tickets are now for sale by the members of the Elk's lodge.

Foreigner Dies Suddenly.

On Saturday evening shortly after 6 o'clock Mike Barbie, an Austrian, employed at the Kittany Furnace as a laborer, while in the act of filling a "buggy" with ore, was seen to drop his shovel and fall over in a heap on the floor. Fellow-workmen at once ran to the man's assistance, and were horrified to find him dead. Undertaker Nixson was at once notified who took the remains in charge and brought them to his establishment on Allegheny street, where he prepared them for burial.

The deceased was a single man, and worked off and on at the furnace for the past eighteen years. He was a native of Austria, and was aged about 35 years. He was possessed of more than the average intelligence, and is said to have been at one time an interpreter in the New York police court. While working here he boarded with a family along the pike, near the furnace, and was well known among the furnace employes. The cause of his death was attributed to heart disease, hence no inquest was deemed necessary. The funeral was held on Monday morning at 10 o'clock and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Opinions and Decrees of the Court.

The following opinions and decrees were filed by Judge Orvis in his disposition of cases this week:

In the case of Jacob B. Lucas vs. J. W. Wagner, on an appeal from judgment of a Justice, wherein a rule was granted on plaintiff to show cause why the appeal should not be stricken off. Rule was discharged at cost of defendant.

In Edw. Iddings vs. B. T. Comley, a rule for new trial, the verdict of the jury was in favor of plaintiff for \$73.25. Rule discharged and judgment directed to be entered upon the verdict.

In E. E. Comely and William Bullock vs. J. W. Brusa. Certiorari, wherein the exception to the record of the Justice was sustained at costs of Comely and Bullock.

Levi and Ella Hamer vs. Eller and McKinney. Certiorari proceedings from docket of John W. Williams, Justice of the Peace, wherein judgment of Justice was reversed.

Some Interesting Questions.

Three days after the election, Béef Baron Armour announced the probability that food prices would immediately decline; and surely enough the price of Independence wheat generally have gone down. The packers who operate the great meat trust glibly explain that cause of these reductions is the abundant corn crop; and they discourse profoundly of the effects of cheap corn, and of the instability of the law of supply and demand, and so on.

Does any level-headed adult person, male or female, believe Mr. Armour and his associates were not as thoroughly posted in regard to the corn crop, and on all other conditions bearing on their monopoly, weeks ago as they are now? asks the Buffalo Courier. Why wasn't the discovery of impending lower prices made at least three days before election instead of three days after it? Had the result been a Republican victory in place of the Democratic landslide signaling a nation's resentment, would meat and other prices be falling off now? These questions are matters for popular rumination.

Some Thanksgiving History.

The manner in which Thanksgiving day was first instituted as a national festival has especial interest during the war for Independence eight public and general thanksgivings were ordered by the Continental congress, but after the general thanksgiving for peace in 1774 the proclamations were discontinued until 1789, when the first national thanksgiving was proclaimed by President Washington, the time designated being the last Thursday in November.

The special purpose, as recommended to congress, was to give thanks for the adoption of the constitution. In 1795 the suppression of the Whiskey Insurrection was recognized by a presidential call for a national day of thanksgiving. The practice of officially recommending the observance of a thanksgiving festival was gradually adopted by the states until it now has place among the great holidays of the nation.

High School Social.

The members of the Belleville High School, under the direction of Prof. Shultz, are arranging a Concert and Social Fair to be held in the new High School Building on Friday evening, Dec. 8th.

A number of competent entertainers will render an excellent program, after which the Fair will be thrown open. Booths, having for sale needlework, pennants, cakes, candies and Art products will be under the supervision of the various classes.

Chops Another's Arm With an Axe.

Two foreigners employed as section hands on the New York Central railroad near Hayes Run became involved in a quarrel and one struck the other on the arm with an axe, almost severing the arm. But for the arrival of Dr. Crippen, of Beech Creek, who was hunting in that vicinity, the wounded man would have bled to death. He was brought to the Lock Haven hospital.

Engagement Announced.

The engagement of Miss Emma Patton, daughter of Congressman-elect and Mrs. Charles E. Patton, of Curwensville, and William Ewing, of Uniontown, has been announced. Miss Patton, who has been in Paris since last January the guest of her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Gros, landed in New York last Friday.

Second Barn Burned.

Early Sunday morning the barn owned by Emanuel Zechman of near Middleburg was burned to the ground, one horse and all of his agricultural implements being lost. This is the second barn burned for Mr. Zechman in the past few years. The one burned was just completed.—Post.

Owner in Charge of Irvin House.

Hon. S. Woods Caldwell, owner of the Irvin house, Lock Haven, took charge of this old established and well known hotel himself, last Friday, the former landlord, C. Replogie, who has been conducting the hotel since having gone into voluntary bankruptcy.

Large Purchase.

John A. Kline purchased the mill property at Centre Mills consisting of the flour mill, two dwelling houses, bank barn, store house and stable, orchard, meadow, one field and mountain land, from the J. K. Moyer heirs for the sum of \$4,200.