

IT IS A CHALLENGE.

The Metropolitan Police Will Try to Do What Scotland Yard Couldn't.

ALREADY MAKING CLAIMS.

Inspector Byrnes Says They Know Who the New York Jack the Ripper Is, but

THEY HAVEN'T CAUGHT HIM YET.

Two Cousins Who Are Just Alike Except in Complexion Traced to the Fatal Room in the Hotel.

THE WRONG ONE IS NOW UNDER ARREST.

Developments at the Autopsy Show That the Murderer Was Not Skilled or Else Didn't Have His Regular Knife.

A NIGHT CLERK'S STORY OF A BLOODY MAN

NEW YORK, April 25.—The atrocious murder of an old woman in the Whitehall district of the metropolis has been accepted by the police as a challenge which will test the superiority which has been claimed for them over the best detective skill of Europe.

Inspector Byrnes down the East River Hotel mystery as they never worked upon a case before, but as yet they have found no certain trace of the murderer's movements after he left the body of his victim.

Confusion has arisen over the identity of the murdered woman. Inspector Byrnes announced positively this evening that the woman's name was Carrie Brown, that she generally went by the nickname of Shakespear, and that the murderer was an Algerian said to be named Francois.

Two policemen from the Eldridge street station, who have locked up Shakespear since last 20 years within a few years, identified the body as hers at the morgue to-day. On the other hand, reporters to-day found a dozen or more persons who say they have seen and talked to the old woman known to them as Shakespear since the murder was discovered.

Claims to Know the Murderer. Inspector Byrnes went to the Oak street station with Acting Inspector McLaughlin and Captain O'Connor about 7:30 o'clock to-day. Detective Sergeants Crowley and Dolan and two ward detectives were waiting for him. The whole party went into Captain O'Connor's office. Later on the reporters were admitted to the council. Inspector Byrnes said:

"I'll just say to you in an intelligent position to understand the statement that Mr. McLaughlin will read to you. There is a mystery about this case and there isn't a mystery. We know very well who the murderer is, but we don't know where he is. We know the murderer, and we know the man who locked up who is a relative of his. The relative and the murderer were companions of the victim woman who frequent the places around where the murder occurred, and they did all sorts of respectable things. They liked old women for companions better than young. They were vicious and desperate fellows. The man we have arrested is identified by two women as the man who went to the room with the murdered woman, but another witness positively denies this, and says that the man who occupied the room with the murdered woman was the relative of the man we have arrested, and we believe her. Now Captain McLaughlin will read to you the statement we have prepared.

The Man Now Under Arrest. Captain McLaughlin then read his statement, which, after giving the story of the crime up to Friday evening, continues:

On the evening of the 24th, about 10 o'clock, arrested a man named Francois, otherwise known as Frenchy, who had been in the room which occupied room 23 on the opposite side of the hall from the room in which the murder occurred. He had been running about with old women for some time and seemed to have a passion for that sort of thing. Since he was arrested he has refused to give any information whatever about himself except to admit that he occupied room 23 on the night of the murder in company with the woman who was murdered. He is under arrest, the housekeeper says just as positively that he is not the man that we have arrested, but that he was not in the room with the woman who was murdered, but that he was not in the room with the woman who was murdered.

How They Know They Were Cousins. "The way we fixed the relationship is this," said Inspector Byrnes, interrupting: "When one was asked the place alone he would ask the woman if they had seen his cousin. Both did this, and all the women understood they were cousins and of the same name. It is supposed both were nicknamed Frenchy."

"The light man is the suspected murderer," continued Acting Inspector McLaughlin, "and a search is being made for Francois, the man who was under arrest, refuses to give any information at all concerning his cousin, the suspected man. Francois is an Algerian and speaks very bad French. On January 24, this year, Francois was arrested for biting the arm of the woman, Mary Ann Lejos. They quarreled in a room adjoining the room in which the murder was committed. The woman was hurt by Francois, and when she objected he bit her. He is now under \$300 bail for the assault. The key to the room in which the murder was committed was carried off by the man. It is of brass, and on the tag are indented the figures 31. All of the women under arrest are now in the House of Detention. They are all acquainted with the suspected man."

The History of the Victim. "Now as to the murdered woman. About 15 years ago there appeared in the Fourth ward, an intelligent, middle-aged woman

much addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor. She soon became known to the frequenters of the low places which she visited as 'Shakespear' and 'Jeff Davis'. She was well liked by her companions because of her liberality when she had money, as well as on account of her superior intelligence. A woman has been found by Detective Sergeant Crowley, who knew her well.

"This woman informed the detective that Shakespear's maiden name was Caroline Montgomery, and that early in 1918 she married a sea captain named James Brown. They lived together in Salem, Ore., for a number of years, where Brown died and left a good deal of money to her. With this she came to this city, to the Fourth ward, where she spent it freely. She has two daughters, Ellen and Anna, who live in Salem now. When on Blackwell's Island for drunkenness, the woman was most of the time in institutions in the city where she went to recuperate from her delirium. At these institutions she met a man named Lawson, who is a resident of Salem. It is said by several who know her well that the woman was discharged from Blackwell's Island only a few days before her death.

An Exciting Scene on the Street. Captain McLaughlin folded up his paper when he had finished, and Inspector Byrnes said that the statement had been made because he and his men had advanced before the public, and because he thought the publication would aid in the effort to capture the murderer. He was not sure the same facts would be true in the future, but he understood from the women. While the statement was being made, Frenchy had been taken out of his cell and away somewhere by two detectives who were waiting for him.

At 9:30 o'clock, a great shout was heard a block below the station house, and two men, close together, came half walking, half running, up the street and up the steps of the station house. They were "Frenchy" and an officer handcuffed together. One policeman walked before them, another behind. The crowd gathered about them, shouting, "Jack, the Ripper!" and "Frenchy!" seemed terribly frightened.

A Possible Clue to the Man. Night Clerk Kelly, of the Glamore hotel, a lodging house in Chatham street, which is a hotel to which the police attach some importance. He says that at 2 o'clock Friday morning a man whose description he gives as follows, came to the hotel. He is a man of about 35 years of age, of medium height, with dark hair, and is wearing a dark suit and a light-colored shirt. He is wearing a watch on his left wrist. He is wearing a ring on his left hand. He is wearing a watch on his left wrist. He is wearing a ring on his left hand.

The autopsy upon the body of the murdered woman was made to-day by Dr. J. H. H. Reagen, of the city office. It showed that the old woman was strangled and butchered almost simultaneously. It was impossible to decide whether asphyxiation or strangulation was the immediate cause of death. The brain and lungs gave evidence of strangulation, and so did the marks on the throat and the rupture of a few small blood vessels in the neck.

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prominence of the defendants do not affect the question. He finds nothing whatsoever which justifies the assertion that the rights of these defendants have been prejudiced by newspaper criticism or by outside pressure. But even if that were so, that influence does not justify the question of whether, whether it is supposed to affect judge or jurors.

But on a careful consideration of all that is involved in this indictment," he continues, "I am satisfied the case should be removed to the Court of Oyer and Terminer for other reasons, and one of these is the fact that the case is so complicated and involved, and which must necessarily arise on the trial, or on demurrer to the indictment, and which require most serious attention and examination."

A POLITICAL SURPRISE.

SENATOR REAGAN, OF TEXAS, RESIGNS HIS SEAT IN THE SENATE.

He Accepts an Appointment on the Texas Railway Commission—Hon. Horace Chilton Appointed by Governor Hogg as His Successor—Alliance Men Wild.

HOUSTON, April 25.—It was an official announcement in political circles this afternoon that Governor James S. Hogg mailed an official letter to-day to Hon. John H. Reagan appointing him to a place on the Railway Commission of Texas.

Mr. Reagan is now filling a seat in the United States Senate from Texas, and his appointment to the commission is a political surprise, as it is also announced that he had informed the Governor that he would accept of it. The resignation of Mr. Reagan was announced by Mr. Chilton, of Tyler, to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate made by Mr. Reagan's being placed on the commission.

Mr. Chilton is now Governor of the State convention at San Antonio last summer, and is now receiving the customary reward. As yet no other appointment to the Commission has been announced.

A dispatch from Waco says: A letter dated at Palestine yesterday, addressed to United States Senator Richard E. Coke, says:

I have been induced to accept that place on the Texas Railway Commission. I have notified Governor Hogg of my resignation, and he has accepted my resignation. I am now the Vice President of the United States.

This startling news comes with particular emphasis, following as it does upon the heels of the peremptory demand of the State Farmers Alliance made yesterday, that the Government should appoint a man and no other, as Railway Commissioner; that the man should be S. D. A. Duncan, of Dallas, and nobody else.

The Alliance men still here, after the conference adjourned yesterday. The DISPATCH correspondent interviewed several of these leaders and met but one who was in favor of the appointment of S. D. A. Duncan. A prominent Democrat said: "I am glad Reagan is on the commission. If there is a man in the State capable of making a commission more odious than it is that man is John H. Reagan." The commission report, according to opinion here, will be made by John H. Reagan, C. C. Foster and Judge J. W. Stanyon, of the Supreme Bench of Texas.

UNCLE SAM'S EXORQUE.

He Has Absolute Control of \$238,000,000 in Good Hard Money.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Mr. Leach, Director of the Mint, has this much to say about the condition of the United States Treasury: "The amount of money in the Treasury of the United States on the 1st of this month was over \$238,000,000, of which \$493,000,000 was trust money, held for the redemption of gold, silver and currency notes, and the balance of \$238,000,000 belongs to the Treasury just as absolutely as any property which the Government owns. How there can be any possibility of the Government failing to meet its obligations with this immense sum of absolutely free cash on hand is difficult to conceive. I hold that the Government of the United States has in its vaults a sum of money which is more than sufficient to meet all its obligations, and it is ridiculous to talk about there being any shortage of money, or any obligation of the Government being dishonored."

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SUNK BY A TORPEDO.

The Chilean Insurgent Flagship Blanco Encalada Sent to the Bottom.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST.

One Report Says 500, and Another That 200 Were Killed.

VESSEL OF SHARP-SHOOTER TYPE.

Built a Little Over a Year Ago, is Author of the Destruction.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LOST WARSHIP.

LIQUIQUE, CHILE, VIA GALVESTON, April 25.—The warship Blanco Encalada, which was one of the vessels taken possession of by the rebels at the breaking out of the insurrection, was sunk April 23 in Caldera Bay by a torpedo fired by the new gunboat Almirante Lynch. The destruction of the ironclad was attended by great loss of life, 200 persons, comprising half of her crew, being killed by the explosion of the torpedo.

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FOR TESTING MEDIUMS.

THE NOVEL MACHINE NOW BEING MADE IN A PITTSBURGH SHOP.

It is for the American Psychological Society for Use on Spiritualists—Their Alleged Evidence of the Immortality of the Soul to Be Tested.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The Psychological Investigation Society, of which Rev. Dr. Heber Newton, of this city, and the Rev. Miss Savage, of Boston, are the leading lights, has already attained the proportions of a considerable movement. The membership has reached over 250, and includes prominent clergymen, physicians and scientific men all over the country. A permanent organization has been formed under the name of the American Psychological Society. As the result of much preliminary experimentation and discussion, the society has decided to make use of a novel machine to test indubitably alleged spiritualistic evidences of the immortality of the human soul.

This machine is now building in a Pittsburgh shop, said to be under the personal supervision of Mr. Carnegie. It is called a "psychograph," and is to be made entirely of steel, in the shape of a flat tablet operating on a square and resting on steel legs 18 inches high. A movable slide about three inches wide, and running the entire length of the table, will form part of its top surface. The slide will be made of reversible type, connecting with a sort of circular typewriter arranged under the top of the table, which, in revolving, prints on an endless paper letters, or stops and starting of the movable slide.

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THE EMPIRE MOURNS.

Over the Sudden End of the Greatest Military Genius of the Fatherland.

SIMPLE FUNERAL PLANS.

According to Wishes of General Von Moltke, to Be Carried Out.

EMPEROR WILLIAM IS A MOURNER.

Fortification of Heligoland Engaged the Count to the End.

GOSSIP FROM THE GERMAN CAPITAL.

BERLIN, April 25.—Emperor William arrived in Berlin at 6:15 o'clock this afternoon, having interrupted his visit to the Duke of Saxe-Weimar as soon as he heard of the death of General Count von Moltke. His Majesty at once returned to the residence. A consultation was held at the dead general's house in regard to the funeral arrangements, and the suggestion that the body be taken on Tuesday to the von Moltke family estate for burial, in accordance with the wish expressed by the Count, was approved.

Religious services will be held in the general staff department Tuesday morning. The coffin will then be carried with imposing military honors to the railway station for conveyance to Kreisaun. The remains will lie in state between the hours of 11 and 5 tomorrow. The public will be admitted to take a last look at