



MORE BONES OF MURDERED GIRL ARE FOUND TO-DAY BY WORKERS SIFTING CELLAR DIGGINGS IN HUNT FOR CLUE

County Detective Walters Says He Will Seek to Learn Whereabouts of Bessie Guyer, of Mechanicsburg, Who, Dr. C. E. Ayres Says, Was Employed by the Physician in the Fourteenth Street House But Went Away—More Hair and Razor Found

CORONER SURE IT WAS MURDER

Eckinger Makes First Public Statement Since Bones Were Unearthed on Friday—Turns Case Over to District Attorney and Says it Will Require Prolonged Inquiry—City Police Not Yet Called Into Investigation

Investigation to-day in the mystery surrounding the finding last Friday of the skeleton of a young girl under the cellar steps at 133 South Fourteenth street, included search for further information regarding all former occupants of the house and the sifting of the diggings from the cellar excavation in quest of clues to the identity of the victim. Workmen, under the direction of Coroner Eckinger, were engaged in clearing out the hole in its original proportions with the result that many more pieces of bones were uncovered.

Among the articles brought to light were parts of a razor—a piece of a blade and a part of the handle. The coroner this morning made his first public statement regarding the mystery. He said he is convinced that murder was done. He said the case will require long and diligent investigation and called on District Attorney Stroup for aid, saying he knew that the Harrisburg police department does not have at its command the funds with which to pursue the inquiry. To County Detective James T. Walters, attached to the District Attorney's office, was entrusted much of the work of the inquiry.

Walters went to York to-day to interview Dr. Charles E. Ayres, one of the former occupants of the house, at 133 South Fourteenth street. Coroner Eckinger is in charge of the workmen engaged in clearing out the hole in the cellar and has cautioned those doing the work not to talk of their discoveries. He has also cautioned the members of the Stoner family, who now occupy the "mystery house," not to talk about the case or to permit any curious persons to view the hole in the cellar.

Detective Walters returned here this afternoon after interviewing Dr. Ayres in York. The detective said: "Dr. Ayres told me about living in the house and that he had a hired girl to take care of his two daughters, who were quite small at that time. She was Bessie Guyer, 15 years old, of Mechanicsburg. She left Dr. Ayres' employ to finish her schooling and he never saw her again. He had heard, however, that she married, but he did not recall to whom. I intend to learn whether this girl still is living."

More of Victim's Hair Found
Every bit of earth from the hole where the skeleton was found is being minutely examined to-day. By noon pieces of the vertebrae, parts of the pelvis bone, the breast bones and some of the smaller bones of the fingers and the

hands had been added to the bones previously uncovered. It was noted to-day the bone of one of the upper arms had been severed from the rest of the body which led the workmen employed on this gruesome task to believe that the body was cut up before it was buried.

Another peculiarity of this bit of bone is that it is black, presumably charred by fire, while the vertebrae are red-spotted like the rest of the bones uncovered on the first day. More parts of the skull were discovered to-day with another matted lock of the chestnut brown hair.

Bits of concrete, chicken feathers and some other miscellaneous materials were found in the dirt. These, the workmen believe, became mixed with the earth as the latter was being thrown in to make the grave.

The cellar, so far as the authorities have been able to determine, was cemented about 1896. Most of this cement has now all worn away in the cellar. There is scarcely any indication that a cement surface had been there. The plumbers who uncovered the skeleton on Friday are doing the work for the coroner in cleaning out the hole. Charles Thomas, 126 South Thirteenth street, this morning took three wheelbarrow loads of the dirt from the hole and wheeled it to the workshop of C. R. Cashman, at the rear of 206 South Thirteenth street. At noon to-day he said he is convinced that he had the "old ditch" completely uncovered as the walls at the side of the hole are firm and do not look as if they ever had been disturbed by a pick or shovel.

Murderer a Skillful Digger
The work has been difficult as the plumbers had to go through gravel and small stones. Cashman said he believed the murderer used a digging iron as the walls of the hole are unusually straight. He was careful to get the proportions of the old hole and with the removal of the barrow loads of dirt this morning he is convinced he has reached the bottom of the "grave." He believes a careful search of the excavated material will bring to light everything that had been put in the hole.

A wire screen of small mesh has been constructed and shovelfuls of the dirt from the hole are being thrown on the screen and carefully washed away with

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CUNNINGHAM RESIGNS AS DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Relinquishes Post to Take Up Private Practice of Law, Despite Fact Governor Urges Him to Stay at Higher Salary

Jesse E. B. Cunningham, Deputy Attorney General of the State since July 1, 1909, to-day tendered his resignation of the office to Governor Brumbaugh, who has accepted it to take effect on March 1, next. Mr. Cunningham's letter of resignation says: "I desire to express to you my sincere appreciation of the honor you have done me in requesting me to continue to serve in said office during your administration, and to assure you that the sole reason for my resignation is a desire upon my part to devote my entire time and attention to the general practice of the law in a private capacity."

Governor Brumbaugh, in his letter accepting Mr. Cunningham's resignation, expresses much regret, but says he is obliged to accept it, "much as it distresses me to do so." The Governor then writes: "You know that in frequent conference I have urged you to remain in the service of the Commonwealth, and have even made it plain that I would gladly recognize your splendid public service by any advancement in salary or service at my command. Attorney General Brown has also, as you know, joined me in this appeal."

Your convincing argument that this is the opportune time for you to inaugurate your long-cherished plans to take up for yourself the practice of

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LAWYERS TO DINE TO-NIGHT

Seventeenth Annual Banquet of Bar Association at Harrisburg Club
Seventy of the seventy-five members of the Dauphin County Bar Association have signified their intention of attending the seventeenth annual banquet of the association, which will be held in the Harrisburg Club to-night, beginning at 6.30 o'clock.

STATE ACQUIRES HICKOK WORKS, PAYING \$210,000

Historic Plant, Established in 1846, Purchased To-day for Extension of Park

COMPANY BUYS ANOTHER SITE

Announces It Will Erect Big Modern Structure on Nine-Acre Plot Situated Along the Railroad Just North of Cumberland Street

The Capitol Park Extension Commission to-day made its largest purchase, from every point of view, when it took over the property of the W. O. Hickok Manufacturing company, bounded by State and North streets, the Pennsylvania railroad and Poplar street, at a purchase price of \$210,000. It will be razed in connection with the plan to extend Capitol Park.

The property purchased contains altogether three parcels, 717 North street; the northwest corner of State and Poplar streets on which stands the old Bay shoe factory at one time used as a Capitol office building, extending through to North alley, and the large manufacturing plant extending from North street on the north to State street on the south, and from Canal street on the railroad on the east to Poplar street on the west.

The parcels contain in all about two and one-fourth acres. The property contains the extensive manufacturing plant of the Hickok Company and is considered to be one of the most advantageous manufacturing sites in the city, particularly in view of the railroad facilities afforded.

The purchase was made after very little conference. The commissioners considered that a purchase price of \$250 a square foot for a property, including the buildings covering such an extensive area, was fair to all concerned.

One-eighth of the Purchased Zone
The purchase constitutes about one-eighth of the total area to be purchased by the State. The entire area comprises twenty-nine city blocks, covering twenty-nine acres, of which nine are

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POSTOFFICE ROW IS ENDED

Elizabethville Controversy Results in Its Being Moved Into Quarters in New Daniels Building

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Elizabethville, Pa., Feb. 15.—The Elizabethville postoffice to-day was moved from the Eby property to the new building adjoining that was erected by W. J. Daniels, and with that change there came to a close a series of conferences in which Senator E. E. Beidleman, Congressman A. S. Kreider and the postal authorities in Washington, D. C., took part.

The controversy arose over the Federal authorities' alleged failure to carry out a contract made by a postal inspector with Daniels in which it was agreed to move the postoffice to the Daniels building upon its completion. After Daniels had gone to \$3,000 expense to fit up proper quarters, he claimed that on December 1, the time the postoffice was to have been moved, he was notified that his building was not wanted.

The Senator and Congressman then were prevailed upon to present the case to the Washington authorities.

HOW ZEPPELINS COMMUNICATE WITH OUTSIDE WORLD



THE WIRELESS CABIN ON A ZEPPELIN. This picture, drawn specially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere by G. H. Davis, shows the wireless equipment of a Zeppelin. The modern Zeppelin is equipped with a range of 120 miles. The aerial consists of 750 feet of phosphor-bronze wire, which hangs from the airship with a plummet on the end, and when not in use is wound around the wheel seen in the illustration. At night, when wireless waves are most efficient, a Zeppelin over England could easily communicate with the wonderful system of wireless stations in Germany.

CONTENDS 5 WICONISCO BARS ARE UNNECESSARY

No-License League Enters Protests Against Liquor Licenses Being Renewed—Fight Is Made Also on a Lenkerville Bottler

John Mackert, a beer bottler with an establishment in Lenkerville, on the outskirts of Millersburg, Upper Paxton township, is charged with violations of the liquor laws and the court is asked to reject his application for a renewal of his liquor license, in a bulky remonstrance filed by representatives of the Dauphin County No-License League with Prothonotary Henry F. Holler this morning.

Five other remonstrances also were filed. These are in opposition to the five hotels in Wiconisco township, which are classed by the remonstrants as "drinking" places. The proprietors are mentioned as J. H. Pontius, B. F. Welker, Andrew Hoffman, John J. Murphy and Edmund Umholtz. No specific violations of the law are charged, the petitions simply setting out that the hosteries are not necessary.

The Rev. Alford Kelley, who is heading the no-license movement, said this morning that the court will not be asked to allow hearings in connection with the Wiconisco remonstrances, the plain being simply to give the court an idea of the opinion of the township residents and "let it go for what it is worth."

The Lenkerville bottler, the remonstrants allege, has sold intoxicants to minors and permitted beer to be drunk at his place of business and a further claim is that the business is not a necessity. More than 600 persons have attached their signatures to the remonstrance. Of those, 273 are Millersburg electors, 255 are Millersburg women, 75 are voters in Upper Paxton township and 34 are women in that district.

To-morrow is the last day on which remonstrances to liquor license applications may be filed, and it was said to-day that four or five licenses will be opposed in papers to be filed with the court to-morrow. The applications of Harry F. Eckinger, for the Paxtonia Inn, and Harry A. White, for the Ann Street hotel, Middletown, are among those to which opposition will be expressed. It was said to-day that several Harrisburg hotels are likely to be attacked.

EXPLOSION KILLS TWO

Gasoline Engine Accident Makes Widow and Six Orphans
By Associated Press.
Reading, Pa., Feb. 15.—The explosion of a gasoline engine on the farm of John Hallman, in Herford, this county, to-day, resulted in the death of his 15-year-old daughter, Helen Viola Hallman, and of Mr. Hallman. Hallman leaves a widow and six children.

BURGLAR ENTERS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND STEALS \$30

Goes in Front Doors of Three Places After Picking "Burglar-Proof" Locks

THE POLICE ARE AMAZED

Cannot Understand How It Is Done Until They Try It and Accomplish Task in One Minute—Five Robberies the Night's Record

By removing the cylinders of so-called "burglar-proof" locks a burglar, with expert knowledge of his calling, entered three places, one of which was the new \$100,000 Harrisburg Public Library, at Front and Walnut streets, last night and made away with more than \$35, of which \$30 was taken from the library.

The burglar entered the front door of the drug store of Croll Keller, 405 Market street, and took \$5.50 from the cash register. There he removed the cylinder from the front door lock and did not replace it, giving the police a clue to his manner of entrance.

He also entered the front door of the store of John T. Ensminger, Jr., 214 North Second street. After ransacking the place and finding no money he took a telephone instrument with the coin box attached and departed. There, too, the cylinder of the lock was not replaced.

After gaining entrance in the same way to the Harrisburg Public Library he went to the secretary's office and pried open a fire proof case and took about \$30. He overlooked a \$2 bill. The fact that the burglar boldly entered the front doors of all three places, despite the supposed "burglar-proof" locks, floored the police. They, however, tried out his method on a similar lock at Police Headquarters and found that it could be opened after a little more than one minute's work. It was so simple they laughed.

PICKPOCKET DROPS EMPTY PURSES IN LETTER BOXES

Mail Carriers Have Found Five in the Last Few Weeks—Two Were Dropped in Box at Second and Walnut During Kreidler's Fire Excitement

Finding pocketbooks in street letter boxes has recently gotten to be quite a common thing for city letter carriers, but the important part of the find is that here isn't any money in the pocketbooks. This leads to the supposition that some pickpocket has stolen the purses, appropriated their valuable contents and dropped them into the boxes to avoid being "caught with the goods."

On the evening of the fire at the Kreidler grocery, at Second and Walnut streets, February 8, after the excitement was over and the crowd had dispersed, a letter carrier on his rounds found two pocketbooks in the letter box on the corner in front of the store, leading to the surmise that a pickpocket had been operating in the crowd at the fire and had gotten rid of incriminating evidence by putting the pocketbooks in the box.

One morning recently a letter carrier found a man waiting for him at a box in the upper part of the city, with the information that his pocketbook was in the box and he wanted it. The carrier found a pocketbook all right, but there was no money in it. The contents consisted of railroad tickets and passes. The man was told to appear at the post-office and identify his property, which he did, and the pocketbook and papers were handed over to him.

He was non-communicative as to how his pocketbook got into the letter box, but a little investigation on the part of those interested brought out the fact that the man had been robbed in a house in the neighborhood, had discovered his loss after he had gotten away and on returning to raise trouble was told where his pocketbook had been dropped. Then he began his lonely vigil on the box. The papers were of value to him alone.

Mail carriers report having found a total of five purses in letter boxes in the last few weeks.

STILL AFTER VAST FORTUNE

C. R. DeMin to Leave for Holland Soon to Claim Metzgar Estate
Further discussions toward securing the \$500,000,000 belonging to the Metzgar Estate in South Holland took place yesterday afternoon when twenty-five persons claiming themselves heirs to the Dutch general met at 1337 North Sixth street.

AUSTRIANS RENEW FIGHT AT ANTIVARI

Fleet Bombards Montenegrin Port and Aeroplanes Attack Palace of King Nicholas

THE STRUGGLE IN BUKOWINA

Decisive Battle in Northern Poland Looked For When the Retreating Russians Reach Positions on Which They Decide to Make Stand

After a long period of inactivity, fighting between Austria and Montenegro has been resumed. An Austrian fleet bombarded the Montenegrin port of Antivari and two Austrian aeroplanes attacked with machine guns the palace in which were King Nicholas and the other members of the Montenegrin royal family.

Of the great struggle in Poland, Galicia and Bukovina there is little new information. A decisive battle in Northern Poland is looked for when the retreating Russians reach positions on which they decide to make their stand. In Bukovina another important contest is in progress. The long drawn struggle in the Carpathians shows no sign of approaching an end. Both the Austrian and Russian war offices claim victories along this front.

German Comment on U. S. Note
German newspapers continue to comment on the American notes, some of them taking the stand that America's representations to Great Britain are more vigorous than those to Germany. It is asserted that the fault is England's on account of her use of the American flag.

A Rome newspaper states that Prince Von Buolow, German Ambassador to Italy, shortly will make proposals for the intervention of Italy in the war on the side of Germany, in return for territorial concessions.

German Troops are Advancing Rapidly everywhere in East Prussia, the Berlin war office says in its statement to-day. In Northern Poland, also, considerable gains are reported. Petrograd military commentators assert that Russia will gain an advantage in falling back to her own territory by depriving Germany of the use of the railroads which she employed effectively in transporting troops along the front when the fighting was on German soil.

In French Lorraine the Germans achieved a local victory, occupying positions which the allies were able to recover only in part by a counter attack. French warfare continues with varying degrees of intensity elsewhere along the front and both the French and German war offices in to-day's communications claim small victories.

GERMANY WOULD RELENT IF BRITAIN WERE TO REcede

Washington, Feb. 15.—Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador to-day presented to the State Department a note from his government announcing that Germany stands ready to consider receding from its announced intention of attacking British merchantmen, if Great Britain will withdraw its efforts to prevent foodstuffs from going to Germany for the civilian population.

British Steamer Damaged by Mine
London, Feb. 15, 2.25 P. M.—The British steamer Wavelet, 1,918 tons, Captain Cole, from Passau, Fla., January 5 via Newport News January 13, encountered a mine in the English channel and was badly damaged.

Czar Back From the Front
Petrograd, Feb. 15.—Emperor Nicholas to-day returned to Tsarkoe-Selo from a visit to the Russian army headquarters at the front.

WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 15.—Prices sagged again in the final hour, but held above their early low level, except for certain specialties which declined abruptly. The closing was irregular. The European situation which caused a further sharp decline in foreign exchange overshadowed all other developments into to-day's stock market.