

GIRL FOUND SLAIN BY STRANGLER

Fourth Murder In Few Days Puzzles Pittsburgh Sleuths

BODY IS FOUND BY FATHER

Miss Kate Schnabel Left Her Home In Glenshaw Thursday Night to Go to Hotel; Not Again Seen Alive.

Detectives working in an effort to clear the mystery surrounding the murder of Katherine Schnabel, 20-year-old daughter of Joseph Schnabel of Glenshaw, a suburb of Pittsburgh, who was strangled last Thursday night near the Hotel Jackson in Glenshaw, announce that the only clue which may lead to the identity of the girl's assailant is the soiled handkerchief which was found near the scene of the crime.

Miss Schnabel was employed at the Hotel Jackson, in Glenshaw, and went home during the night. Thursday night she left home about 10:30 o'clock, saying she was going for a walk.

When she did not return to her home it was supposed she had decided to stay at the hotel during the night. Michael Martin, who was sitting on the porch of the Hotel Jackson Thursday night, heard a scream, but as it was not repeated he paid no attention. Friday evening Joseph Schnabel, a brother, called at the hotel and Jackson asked him why his sister did not report for work Friday morning. Schnabel said she left for the hotel Thursday night.

An alarm was spread and a search begun by the girl's father, her brother and Jackson. After a search, the three came upon the body partly concealed in the clump of bushes. The face of the girl was soiled and bruised and finger marks were plainly discernible on her throat. Wounds also were discovered on her head and body.

Deputy Coroner John Black was notified and when he viewed the body, which had been taken to the hotel, nearby, he declared that the girl had been murdered and notified the county detectives. An automobile load of detectives were rushed to the scene and immediately began searching in the bushes and undergrowth for clues.

The girl evidently fought valiantly to elude her assailant, as the bushes for several feet in diameter were trampled and broken down. The body was taken to the county morgue, where a postmortem examination was made by Dr. C. B. Schilder, coroner's physician.

Residents of Glenshaw are aroused over the murder and threats are heard of lynching the murderer if he is apprehended. No one who has been questioned had seen any strangers in the neighborhood Thursday. The road traveled by the girl from her home to the hotel, which is about half a mile away, is sparsely settled and in many places very dark. The boldness of the attack has surprised the neighborhood, as it occurred within 300 feet of the hotel, where many persons were visiting. The place where the body was found is located in a gully surrounded by a dense growth of bushes and vines.

This case makes four unsolved murders city and county detectives are trying to solve.

ANCIENT MEN HAD HORNS

Diggers After Bones In Susquehanna Valley Find Prehistoric Skeletons.

Archaeologists traversing the Susquehanna river valley, visiting sites of Indian villages and digging up aborigines and other relics, are said to have made a most astounding discovery on the Murray farm, near Athens, in finding the bones of 68 prehistoric men.

The average height of these men when their skeletons were assembled was seven feet, while many were much taller. Additional evidence of their gigantic size is found in the massive stone battle axes in their graves. The average age of these men is said to have been from thirty to forty.

Another amazing point of this discovery is the allegation that "perfectly formed skulls were found from which horns grew straight out from the head."

STRIKING MINERS IN RIOT

Deputies Fight I. W. W. Men In Minnesota With Rifles.

Rioting in the strike of miners on the Cuyuna range in Minnesota broke out when I. W. W. pickets attacked working miners. Deputies rushing to the aid of the miners were driven back by a fusillade of shots.

The deputies, after receiving reinforcements, opened fire on the rioters, dispersing them. As far as is known, none was killed. The disorder followed efforts of I. W. W. leaders to force a shutdown of the iron mines.

Tax on War Profits.

A 10 per cent profit tax on manufacturers of munitions of war was agreed upon by Democrats of the senate finance committee as a substitute for the munitions taxes proposed in the house revenue bill.

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WILSON CONFERS WITH RAIL MEN

Arbitration Rejected After Mediation Fails

Representatives of both sides of the controversy between the railroad companies of the United States and their employees are in Washington for a conference with President Wilson in a final effort to avert a strike which would tie up the freight traffic of the country.

Proposals to arbitrate their differences with the railroads have been definitely rejected by leaders of the four brotherhoods of employees, who have been authorized to call a general strike.

A personal message from President Wilson was taken to New York by Secretary Tamm.

If the president should fail to persuade the two parties to submit their differences to arbitration it is likely that he will go before congress and recommend the passage of emergency legislation. What character this possible legislation would take could not be learned. It is feared, however, that both the department of justice and the postoffice department, in addition to congress, would take definite action.

The government, it was said authoritatively, will not tolerate a serious dislocation of the mails' transportation service. There are two laws under which the government might bring action to compel the operation of mail trains. It would be necessary for every railway in the country which transports mails to operate from one to 50 trains daily for the carriage of mails.

The first statute under which the administration might institute proceedings is that prohibiting interference with the mails. A strike, as well as any other act which obstructs the transportation of the mails, would be comprehended in this law, it was said.

The second law is the conspiracy section of the federal statutes. The penalties under this section are two years' imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000, or both, in the discretion of the court.

There would be a serious situation, government officials say, if railroad employees should try to interfere with the mails.

The roads, being under contract to transport mails, will be held strictly to the execution of their obligations by the government and it is expected that they will throw the burden of responsibility for any failure to operate them upon their employees. A charge of that character would be referred to the department of justice and if evidence gathered should warrant criminal proceedings would be instituted against them.

SUBMARINE SIGNAL DEVICE

California Students Claim New System to Revolutionize Sea Warfare.

A group of University of California graduates announce that they have perfected a submarine signalling system that is destined to revolutionize modern naval warfare. The details of the invention are not available at present, as United States naval officers are investigating it.

The inventors declare that the device will make possible the signaling between various ships of a fleet during a naval engagement. Messages can be directed accurately to any station, and cannot be intercepted by any known instrument.

Norwegian Ship Bomb Victim.

The Norwegian steamship Ragnarok, from Gothenburg for Rouen, has been sunk in the North sea as the result of an explosion. Her crew was saved.

The captain expressed the belief his ship had been destroyed by an infernal machine which had been placed in the hold.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One.
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the XVIII article thereof:—

Section 16. The State, or any municipality thereof, acquiring or appropriating property or rights over or in property for public use, may, in furtherance of its plans for the acquisition and public use of such property or rights, and subject to such restrictions as the Legislature may from time to time impose, appropriate an excess of property over that actually to be occupied or used for public use, and may thereafter sell or lease such excess, and impose on the property so sold or leased any restrictions appropriate to preserve or enhance the benefit to the public of the property actually occupied or used.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so as to consolidate the courts of common pleas of Philadelphia county.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section six of article five be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 6. In the county of Philadelphia all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas of that county, shall be vested in one court of common pleas composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall extend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts and shall be subject to such change as may be made by law and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of the said court shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

In the county of Allegheny all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas, shall be vested in one court of common pleas, composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall extend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts and shall be subject to such change as may be made by law and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of the said court shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.

CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Three.
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section four of article nine, which reads as follows:

"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasions, suppress in-

to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiency in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time, one million dollars," be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate, at any one time, one million dollars: Provided, however, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. Said proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State, at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, for the purpose of deciding upon the approval and ratification or the rejection of said amendment. Said election shall be opened, held, and closed upon said election day, at the places and within the hours at and within which said election is directed to be opened, held and closed, and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of Pennsylvania governing elections, and amendments thereto. Such amendment shall be printed upon the ballots in the form and manner prescribed by the election laws of Pennsylvania, and shall in all respects conform to the requirement of such laws.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 3.

CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Four.
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Amendment to Article Nine, Section Eight.

That section eight of article nine of the Constitution be amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Section 8. The debt of any county city, borough, township, school district or other municipality or incorporated district, except as provided here in and in section fifteen of this article shall never exceed seven (7) per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, but the debt of the city of Philadelphia may be increased in such amount that the total city debt of said city shall not exceed ten per centum (10) upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two (2) per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the consent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law. In ascertaining the borrowing capacity of the said city of Philadelphia, at any time, there shall be excluded from the calculation and deducted from such debt so much of the debt of said city as shall have been incurred, and the proceeds thereof invested, in any public improvements of any character which shall be yielding to the said city an annual current net revenue. The amount of such deduction shall be ascertained by capitalizing the annual net revenue from such improvements during the time of such ascertaining; and such capitalization shall be estimated by ascertaining the principal amount which would yield such annual, current net revenue, at the average rate of interest, and sinking-fund charges payable upon the indebtedness incurred by said city for such purposes, up to the time of such ascertainment. The method of determining such amount, so to be deducted, may be prescribed by the General Assembly. In incurring indebtedness for any purpose the city of Philadelphia may issue its obligations maturing not later than fifty (50) years from the date thereof, with provision for a sinking-fund sufficient to retire said obligations at maturity, the payment to such sinking-fund to be in equal or graded annual or other periodical instalments. Where any indebtedness shall be or shall have been incurred by said city of Philadelphia for the purpose of the construction or improvement of public works of any character from which income or revenue is to be derived by said city, or for the reclamation of land to be

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Miss Tillie McKenzie of Baltimore, Md., spent a few days here visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. McKenzie, of High street.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Holzhauser and little daughter have returned from a week's visit with relatives and friends at Somerset and Johnstown.