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Believed Nephew Lured Woman to
America and Then Murdered Her for
Her Money—Bullets Aimed at
Daughter Fall—Tells of Tragedy.

Believing they were about to capture August Eberhard, the grocer's clerk, who is sought by the police of New York city in connection with the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Ottilie Eberhard of Vienna, the police and a posse of citizens searched a thicket at Oakdale, N. J., finally capturing the suspect, only to learn that he was a tramp. The police do not think that the murderer will be captured near the scene of the crime. They say that anyone who could display such cold blooded cunning as was shown in the murder plot, would plan to get safely away before the crime was discovered. It would have been easy for the murderer to get to Paterson by trolley and from this place to get a train. A brother of Eberhard was found at Woodside, N. J., and he has furnished the police with an excellent photograph of the missing man. The brother was deeply affected when he learned the police are searching for his brother. He says that he did not know that Mrs. Eberhard and her daughter had intended to come to this country. He thinks his brother was also murdered. Friends of Eberhard are at a loss to account for his disappearance after the killing of his aunt and the wounding of his cousin and affianced bride.

There was a pathetic scene enacted when Miss Eberhard was taken to the scene of the tragedy. The girl showed a remarkable memory and accurately guided the detectives to the railroad tracks where her aunt was slain and where she herself was wounded. The girl was deeply affected, but she showed great courage and retold the story of the shooting. Miss Eberhard says she saw a flash coming evidently from behind a car on a siding nearby and then a second and a third. As her mother fell to the tracks, the girl felt a bullet graze her own neck, cutting a gold chain from which a locket was suspended. Suddenly Eberhard urged her to run as a second bullet plowed into her shoulder, and she started down the track screaming. Once she turned back to see if her mother was following her, and again there was a shot, which passed above the bridge of her nose, the blood from the wound half blinding her. She said her mother carried \$2,600 in her clothing.

It is believed Eberhard lured his aunt to America and murdered her for her money.

DESPONDENT, ENDS THREE LIVES

Woman Leaps from Ferryboat With Two Children in Her Arms.

Ill and despondent and fearful of the fate which might await her two little children if they were left alone to face the world, Mrs. Gussie Benson sought peace for all beneath the waters of the East river. The bodies of the mother and her little ones lie side by side in the morgue at New York awaiting burial.

For several years Mrs. Benson had lived with her husband and children on a South Dakota farm, but when her health failed, she decided to return to her old home in New York city.

Mrs. Benson sprang from a ferryboat with the children in her arms.

Boston Plans Aerial Route.

Aeroplanes will be carrying passengers and freight between New York and Boston within the next eighteen months, if the plans of the American Aerial Navigation company, which is being organized by a law firm of Boston are carried out. The company, according to the backers, is created for the purpose of manufacturing and operating aerial devices and the establishment of aerial routes for the transportation of freight and passengers in the United States, Canada and Mexico. According to the present plans, the first experiments will be made with small dirigibles, with a carrying capacity of two passengers in addition to the operator.

Ice Cream Eaten on Wager Fatal.

Thomas McMillan is dying at Ho bart, Okla., from the effects of too much ice cream, eaten on the Fourth of July on a wager with Fred Wakefield that he could eat more of the delicacy. Wakefield died ten days after the bout, having eaten at most a gallon. McMillan finished a few saucers behind the winner. Both were taken ill on the night of the Fourth.

Decrease in Immigration.

Immigration to America from all countries, particularly Russia and Japan, showed a marked falling off for the month of June, as compared with the same month of 1907, according to figures made public by the bureau of immigration and naturalization. The total immigration aggregated 31,847, compared with 154,734 in 1907, a decrease of 79 per cent.

Drew Murder Still a Deep Mystery.

Troy, N. Y., July 21.—There is still no trace of the murderer of Hazel Drew, whose body was found in Teal's pond, about twelve miles from this city, July 11. The affair is as completely shrouded in mystery as at any stage of the investigation, so far as tangible clues are concerned.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Big Increase in Real Estate Assessment of the State.

Thomas Is Only County in Nebraska
Decrease in Land Values—Mrs. Banner of South Omaha Fatally Shoots Her Brother-in-Law.

Lincoln, July 21.—With assessors' returns missing from Custer, Gage, Grant, Nance, Scott's Bluff and Hooker counties, the real estate assessment of the state for this year is \$50,010,299 higher than last year. This indicates an actual increase in value of five times this amount, or \$250,051,495. Thomas is the only county in the state so far which shows a decrease in land values, the shortage being explained by a falling off in the number of acres under cultivation.

Judge Edgar Howard of Columbus appeared before the state board of equalization to discuss his protest against the alleged omission of \$9,000,000 worth of material from the returns made by the Union Pacific. General Superintendent Park of the Union Pacific, who had been cited to appear before the board, was not present, but A. W. Scribner, tax commissioner of the Union Pacific, appeared in his stead. Mr. Scribner contended that when Mr. Park said the Union Pacific had \$9,000,000 worth of material and other stock in Council Bluffs, Omaha and along the line to be added to the value of the property, he meant that this value was to be scattered along the entire system. Judge Howard insisted Mr. Park had told him this property was in Nebraska, and the board decided to order Mr. Park to appear in person at a date to be determined later.

Bridge Gangs at Work in Saunders.

Ashland, Neb., July 21.—Several bridge gangs are at work in Saunders county, replacing the bridges washed out in the flood of two weeks ago. Close around Ashland two bridges over Salt creek, a few miles west of the city, which were found stranded in fields below where they should have spanned the river, have been replaced on the piling and will soon be in serviceable condition. A force of men is also at work lifting the heavy girders of the new steel bridge over Salt creek, on Silver street, from the bottom of the stream. Over fifty bridges of various sizes were taken out by the floods in Saunders county alone.

E. J. Christy Only Stunned.

Genoa, Neb., July 18.—E. J. Christy, a miller who it was thought was burned to death in the destruction of the mill of Fonda brothers here, was found by some friends at Grand Island. While using a torch in the lower part of the mill, the explosion that started the fire stunned him. He does not remember, but now thinks he crawled out of a window and wandered in a half demented condition to Grand Island.

Tornado Victims Recover.

Geneva, Neb., July 20.—Mr. and Mrs. John Shively and Edward Fuesel, victims of the tornado in Jupe, are all able to be out, although Mrs. Shively is lame, and her husband's face is still bandaged. As soon as they are able, they will go east to have his nose treated. About forty of their friends and neighbors went into their oats field and had the grain harvested in half a day. This field was well sprinkled with broken boards.

Candidates File at Lincoln.

Lincoln, July 21.—Fred Abbott filed his application to have his name go on the Republican ticket as a candidate for railway commissioner. Lawson Brian filed as Republican candidate for state treasurer, to succeed himself, and George Anthes of Omaha filed for the Republican nomination for auditor. Edgar Howard filed as a Democratic candidate for congress from the Fourth district.

Fatally Shoots Her Brother-in-Law.

South Omaha, July 21.—Fred Banner, a young speculator at the stock yards, was shot and fatally wounded by his brother's wife. The bullet lodged in the brain. For the past few days the friends of Mrs. Banner say she has been practically demented. She was a widow when she married Banner and has a daughter seventeen years of age. It is said that Fred Banner and the girl, Miss King, have been going together for some time and that this is the cause of the shooting.

Guardsmen at Ashland Camp.

Ashland, Neb., July 21.—The first contingent of Nebraska National Guardsmen went into camp at the guards' new rifle range, two miles north of Ashland, on the Platte river. The first contingent, consisting of twelve companies and the Second regiment band, under command of Major George A. Eberly, will be here for ten days.

McKinley Club Elects Officers.

Omaha, July 21.—Charles E. Foster was elected president of the McKinley club; J. P. Palmer, secretary, and T. B. Dysart, treasurer, at the annual meeting of the club yesterday evening. R. B. Howell appeared before the club, representing the Fontenelle club, with a proposal to merge the Fontenelles into the McKinley club.

Veteran Found Dead in Bed.

Ainsworth, Neb., July 20.—George Rixley, aged seventy-six, was found dead in his bed. He was a civil war veteran and leaves a wife and six grown children.

SHUMWAY MUST PAY PENALTY

Supreme Court Rules Murderer Must Hang for Crime Near Adams.

Lincoln, July 18.—R. Mead Shumway must pay the death penalty on Oct. 30 for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Martin, near Adams, in Gage county. This is the decision of the supreme court, which affirms the findings of the lower court, which tried and convicted the man.

Shumway was employed on the Martin farm. One day last spring Mr. Martin went to town, and while he was gone Shumway murdered Mrs. Martin, sixty years of age, stole what money he could find and fled to Missouri. He was tracked, arrested and brought back to Gage county and tried. The jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. The case was appealed on a technicality, but the supreme court affirms the decision of the lower court. Shumway is in the penitentiary.

Believed Truman Was Murdered.

Fairbury, Neb., July 17.—Robert Truman was found dead in his farm home, near Daykin, and the autopsy revealed that death was caused by two bullet wounds in the head. One of the bullets had lodged in the brain, and the other passed clear through the head. Mr. Truman owned a section of land near Daykin and had lived on his farm since the end of his second term as county treasurer. His estate goes to brothers and sisters. There is a general belief that he was murdered, but there is little evidence as yet beyond the course of the bullets.

Board of Equalization Meets.

Lincoln, July 20.—The state board of equalization, which meets today, will have to pass upon the values placed by the county assessors upon railway terminals. The value of railroad property in every town or city of Nebraska where there is any railroad mileage will have to be equalized by the board. Although some of the returns from the assessors have not yet been received, it is estimated that the new assessments will show an increase in actual value of real estate alone in the state of \$250,000,000.

Range Cattle Come Early.

Omaha, July 18.—Range cattle are pouring into South Omaha two weeks ahead of the usual time, in fact before all the range cattle from the Panhandle of Texas are arriving on the ranges. During the last week the Burlington has handled several carloads from Sheridan and other Wyoming points and from the Black Hills country. The Northwestern also reports a heavy movement in sight from the Black Hills. Railroad officials expect this heavy cattle business to keep up until time for grain to start to move.

Buethes Family Holds Reunion.

Tecumseh, Neb., July 18.—Twenty families of Buethes, about hundred persons in all, were present at a reunion of the family at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Buethes. The reunion was in celebration of the arrival in this country of the late Carl Buethes, father of several families represented, fifty years ago.

Bridge Foreman Killed.

Fremont, Neb., July 20.—D. C. Woolring, a bridge foreman, was accidentally knocked off a bridge at noon by a chain connected with a pile driver, which struck him on the temple and threw him into the river. He was dead when taken out. Woolring lived at Lincoln and his body was taken there.

Child Kicked to Death by Horse.

Tekamah, Neb., July 20.—Morris Christenson's three-year-old son was kicked to death by a horse. Hearing a scream, the child's mother ran to the barn and found the youngster almost lifeless, with the top of his head almost kicked off. The Christenson farm is ten miles north of here.

Stranger Killed by Train.

Blair, Neb., July 20.—Samuel C. Lessel, a stranger here, was killed by a train two miles north of here. Papers in his pockets showed he had \$100 deposited in a bank at Pocahontas, Ark. His skull was crushed and one leg was broken.

Glenn Jacobi Killed by Bolt.

Bloomfield, Neb., July 18.—Glenn Jacobi, who recently resigned as town marshal, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. He was in the barn feeding his horses. The lightning did not damage the barn. A wife and three small children are left.

Tressler Buys Barneston Herald.

Beatrice, Neb., July 18.—Edward Tressler of Table Rock has purchased the Barneston Herald. Mr. McCoy, who established the paper several years ago, is understood to have secured a government position, and this is his reason for selling.

Nebraska Farmer Shoots Himself.

Pawnee, Neb., July 18.—Frank Prebauer, a young Bohemian farmer living seven miles east, shot himself with a rifle and his condition is serious. Despondency was the cause of his attempted suicide.

Death of Judge Magee.

Council Bluffs, Ia., July 21.—J. E. F. Magee, formerly of this city, who was judge of the superior court from 1891 to 1899, died suddenly at his home at Independence, Kan. His brother, Harry G. Magee, left at once for Independence, and will bring the body here for burial. Judge Magee was born in 1861, and married a daughter of the late W. H. M. Pusey. Since leaving Council Bluffs, he has been engaged in the oil business.

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