

MURDEROUS ASSAULT

ROW OVER A WOMAN RESULTS IN THE LETTING OF BLOOD.

VICTIM NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

John Hennefin and Alfred Ankorn Engage in a Quarrel That Gives Promise of Fatal Results.

No. 46 Wyoming alley at an early hour this morning was the theater of a shooting affray that bids fair to run a close second of the recent Hayes-McCaine trouble.

John Hennefin, employed in one of the local mines, was shot in the breast by Alfred Ankorn, a metalguider from Spokane.

Ankorn has been in Butte off and on for some time past, and while here this time but a couple of days is already known in police circles as a member of a gang of tramps which are now infesting the city. He was arrested last summer on a charge of vagrancy.

Ankorn says that he had been drinking when the trouble occurred, but that the shooting was purely an accident.

The Usual Woman. As is usual in such cases, there is a woman in it. Josie Olsen, over whom the trouble originated, has been for some time past a sweetheart of Hennefin, and as likewise, it is said, been receiving the attentions of Ankorn. These attentions, however, have never been requited.

Both believed they held certain inalienable rights over the woman, but Hennefin, being the first on the ground, claimed a prior lien. It was the usurping of authority over the girl by Ankorn, which Hennefin claimed was not his to usurp, that started the wrangle, which eventually led up to the shooting.

According to the story told by the woman, the enactment of the affray was substantially as follows.

Josie Olsen's Story. "Four months ago Ankorn came to the house and tried to induce me to run away from Hennefin with him. I wouldn't do it, and I didn't hear from him again until he came in here yesterday afternoon and showed me his gun, and threatened to shoot if I wouldn't go with him. I said all right, that I would be glad to go, but I said I to throw him off, because the other girls were afraid that he would make his threat good. This happened in my sister's (Maggie Winn's) place.

"When Ankorn came back last night Hennefin was sitting in the room. Ankorn grabbed me by the ear and told me to come with him, but I said, 'No; I know my own business, and know what I want to do, and I won't go with you.' He said I'd have to go with him. Then Hennefin got up and told Ankorn to let me alone; that if I didn't want to go with him I wouldn't have to. Ankorn pulled his gun right away, and struck Hennefin over the side of the head with the floor, with Hennefin on top. Hennefin tried to catch hold of the revolver, but before he could do it the other man pulled the trigger twice, and then I saw Ankorn get up and run out of the doorway and jump over the fence. I laid John on the couch and took off his shoes, and he talked with me till the officers came. That's all."

The Shooter Jailed. As Ankorn sped through the door and over the fence all trace of him was lost in the night. A short time afterward, however, Officer Cook was approached by a man near the Blackfoot lumber yards, who said that he had accidentally shot himself. Cook at this time knew nothing of the affray in the alley, and so rang for the patrol wagon, into which the man was assisted and taken to Murray & Freund's hospital. Afterward he was removed to the county jail.

Officers Cook and Murphy, meantime, as soon as they learned of the shooting, started out on a still hunt for the fugitive, not knowing that he and the man at the hospital were one and the same. When the clues they were following at last brought them to the Blackfoot yards, the gates were securely closed. "Frenchy" Quessal, the watchman, when ordered to open up, refused, and threatened to make it warm for the intruders unless they evacuated the premises immediately. The darkness did not admit of Quessal discerning the uniforms of his accosters, but when informed that they were officers of the law, searching for a man wanted, he threw wide the entrance and rushed headlong from the grounds.

Quessal's Queer Actings. The officers shouted for him to stop, but he paid no attention, and drawing their weapons they fired after the fleeing figure, two of the shots taking effect, one in the arm and one in the leg. He ran on, but soon bumped into another officer, who had just come on the scene. Quessal attempted to show fight, but a hard rap on the head with a pistol butt soon quieted him down. His wounds are not considered dangerous. The officers, after prowling around for some time longer, were apprised of the whereabouts of Ankorn and dropped the scent.

Hennefin in Hospital. Hennefin, who lies at St. James hospital, is in too feeble a condition to talk, but an effort will be made to obtain from him a story of the shooting, in order to definitely establish the identity of his murderer, as there is every prospect of his proving at present. Dr. Alexander stated this morning that he did not wish to operate, as he considered the case hopeless. An operation was decided upon, however, for 3 o'clock this afternoon. Dr. Alexander performing the operation, assisted by two others. A sister made the statement that the patient had been sinking rapidly.

Daniel Hennefin, a brother of the injured man, was in attendance at his bedside this morning. He said that John had always been a good boy at heart; but that he had been led astray through evil influences. The family has tried time and again to induce him to forsake his criminal associates and make his home with them, but their efforts had been of no avail.

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