

VERDUE SLAIN BY MISTAKE IS THEORY OF THE POLICE

Private Detective Had Questioned Children in the Neighborhood Where He Was Shadowing Woman, and Was Suspected of Different Motives.

Sleuths Disregarded Warning to Keep Away from the Block—Police Say They Expect to Have the Assailant in Custody Soon.

The murder of Frederick Adrian Verdue, the private detective, last night was due to a mistaken idea on the part of the man who killed him that he and his partner, Joseph Hansen, were trying to entice children from the block in Fifty-fifth street between Eighth and Ninth avenues.

There is a strong clue to the identity of the man who did the killing. The suspect lives in the block, and one of his children had been approached by Verdue and Hansen, who had been hanging around the neighborhood several days shadowing a woman.

FORMERLY A PAYMASTER. Verdue, who was once a paymaster in the United States Navy, lived with his young wife at No. 141 Montague street, Brooklyn.

Some days ago Verdue and Hansen were assigned to shadow a woman who lives in the Fifty-fifth street block near Ninth avenue.

Thinking to make friends with the children, Verdue and Hansen gave them pennies. This was reported to the mothers, and then to the fathers and brothers, and in a short time the two men were objects of suspicion.

VERDUE WARNED AWAY. When they went on duty last night Verdue stationed himself on the north side of the street in front of No. 351, while Hansen sat on a railing just across.

Verdue refused to go, and an argument resulted, which led to blows. The man in his shirt sleeves produced a club with which he struck Verdue over the head until the detective fell to the sidewalk.

Hansen went into Beckman's grocery store, on the corner, and telephoned to Police Headquarters that he had been assaulted by a gang of youths.

WIFE AT HIS BEDSIDE. The young wife of Verdue was at his bedside when he died. She has not been married long and was completely prostrated.

Acting Captain Handy took Hansen to the West Forty-seventh Street Court and from there he was sent to the Coroner's office.

Coroner Goldenkrantz remanded Hansen back to the West Forty-seventh street station until Monday morning on the strength of an affidavit made by Mary Hamilton, a negro girl.

STOPS RUNAWAY AND SAVES LIVES. The Evening World is in receipt from a letter from "Mrs. Van N." which recites a thrilling and courageous act on the part of a driver who stopped a mad-dog horse just as it was headed for a band of children gathered on the sidewalk on Second avenue, near Eleventh street.

John Ships Seizes Maddened Horse Just in Time to Prevent the Animal from Dashing Into a Crowd of Children.

The lives of some of these children were saved by the decision and quickness of the man, who put his own life in jeopardy to stop the wild career of the infuriated animal.

POISONED CANDY SENT HER. Up-State Woman Names Suspect and Asks Police to Locate Her.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Mrs. Mary Davis has asked the Glens Falls police to locate the sender of a package of poisoned candy which she received through the mails a month ago at Saratoga.

Boy Killed by a Wagon. Joseph Blasko, nine years old, of No. 463 East Seventy-third street, was killed by a wagon on the street in front of No. 41 East Seventy-third street to-day.

MILNER LIKELY TO ACCEPT. LONDON, Sept. 25.—It is reported this evening that the pressure on Lord Milner, High Commissioner of South Africa, has been such as to cause his acceptance of the post of Colonial Secretary, an official confirmation of the report can be had. It is recalled that the announcement of the new Cabinet members probably will not be made before Monday.

DETECTIVE F. A. VERDUE, WHO WAS MYSTERIOUSLY SLAIN; JOSEPH HANSEN, HIS COMPANION, AND SCENE OF THE MURDER.



FREDERICK A. VERDUE.



JOSEPH HANSEN.

BRITISH GENERAL TO SEE BATTLEFIELDS SHEELAN BOLTS FUSION TICKET

Sir Ian Hamilton, Famous as a Fighter in South Africa, Comes to Spend Furlough in America. Angry at Turning Down of Cantor He Withdraws Support of Greater New York Democracy from Low.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, bronzed by Africa's sun, walked from the steamship Lucania, of the Cunard line to-day, looked about him and called for an inspector to look over his baggage.

He is every inch the English army officer. He has been represented, Tall, lithe, and of that athletic, soldierly build which commands both attention and respect.

Arriving at the Waldorf-Astoria Gen. Hamilton was attracted by the grandeur of the hotel, the handsomely dressed women and men, and they were attracted to him, because of his distinguished bearing.

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SLAYERS WHO USED DYNAMITE TRAILED NEGRO WINS IN ROOSEVELT'S TOWN

Reward Offered for Capture of Men Who Blew Up Carriage-Killed Contractor and Got His Money. John Hicks Defeats William E. Lyster, Prominent Republican and Member of Leading Family, for Committee Seat.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Sept. 25.—This afternoon a reward of \$2,000 was offered by the County Commissioners and the Ferguson Company for the arrest of the parties guilty of the murder and robbery of Contractor Ferguson, whose carriage was blown up with dynamite while driving with Charles L. Morton, his bookkeeper, on the West Middletown road.

The robbers knew that Ferguson carried \$2,000 with which he was to pay off workmen, and they placed enough dynamite in the roadway to blow up a skyscraper, connecting the explosive with an insulated wire that extended to a battery concealed beside them in a dump of bushes.

They succeeded in getting the money. Two men, who were apprehended as suspects, have been identified as Frank Francis and Joseph Houston, former employees at the Ferguson camp. They disclaimed any knowledge of the crime and have not yet been accused of it.

Early to-day John Welsh, a resident of West Middletown, found the satchel in which Contractor Ferguson had carried his money. It was rife with the roll of bills amounting to about \$3,000. Some \$20 in silver were left in it, also some valuable papers, a coat, vest and collar were also found, but it is not yet known to whom they belonged.

Mr. Welsh found the satchel in a cornfield, a little north of the scene of the explosion. It had evidently been rife shortly after the tragedy by the man who was seen by Louis Liggett, a farmer, working near the scene, who guarded the satchel with a revolver.

Mr. Martin, the bookkeeper, who was in the buggy with Mr. Ferguson, was seriously injured, and has not improved. The excitement in Washington County is very high, and many citizens have formed independent armed searching parties and gone on the trail of the fugitive desperadoes.

The Sheriff of Washington County is also working actively on the case.

WIFE KILLED HERSELF. Mrs. Richardson Committed Suicide After Her Husband Scolded Her.

After her husband scolded her, Mrs. Richardson committed suicide by inhaling gas at her home, No. 322 West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, to-day.

Richardson, who is twenty-three years old, is an electrician and makes an excellent living. His wife was twenty-nine, according to the neighbors, was too fond of social pleasures for her husband's liking.

The Richardsons have a child, George, a three years old. The mother, after a heated argument with her husband, sent the child to Brooklyn yesterday, according to the neighbors, and there was another quarrel. Richardson told his wife that her conduct made it impossible for him to live with her. He then made arrangements to give up his flat and store his furniture. He left his home at about eight o'clock this morning and returned about eleven.

On reaching the house Richardson found his wife dead.

Herbert Barrett Committed Suicide, Leaving Letters Addressed to a Woman.

Herbert Barrett, who comes of a good old Staten Island family, committed suicide to-day by taking poison while walking along Richmond Terrace, West New Brighton. The reason for the suicide is not known.

Barrett was thirty-two years old and lived with his brother in Richmond Terrace. Letters on his person were addressed to a woman in Newark, N. J., where for a time he had lived.

LABOR RIOTS IN BERLIN. Striking Omnibus Men Beat Drivers and Are Charged by Police.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Table with shipping news including arrival and departure schedules for various ports and steamships.

ROBBER CAUGHT ON A STEAMSHIP

One of Three Highwaymen Who Robbed Mill Cashier of \$3,000 Near Woonsocket, R. I., Arrested on the Hypatia.

VESSEL ABOUT TO START. Man Tried to Hide in the Hold, but Was Overpowered by Detectives and Taken to Police Headquarters.

Just before the steamship Hypatia was to pull out from her docks at the foot of Harrison street, Brooklyn, to-day, bound for Naples, (Detectives Farrell and Vecchis, of the Brooklyn board and ordered the sailing of the vessel be delayed.

There were 1,600 Italians on the ship, all bound for their homes, having saved sufficient money in America to live comfortably. The delay in sailing caused the greatest excitement among the foreigners.

The two men with the detectives were Edward C. Sherman, Cashier of the Saranac Woolen Mills at Blackstone, Mass., who was robbed of \$3,000 by three highwaymen near Woonsocket, R. I., last Saturday, and R. A. Hanlon, who is superintendent of the mills.

Sherman said on making his report to the police that the three robbers were all Italians and added that he believed they were discharged employees of the mills.

Hardyham Hamilton got aboard the Hypatia when he spotted Giuseppe Minnino, a former employee of his mill. Minnino was dressed in his clothes and carried a handsome gold watch.

On seeing Hanlon the Italian walked away hurriedly, and the detectives were too quick for him. The man struggled to free himself, and the gold watch, which he was wearing, was snatched from his wrist. He was taken to Police Headquarters, where he confessed that he was one of the three robbers.

The man was searched, and beside the watch and other jewelry, \$20 in cash and a draft for \$25, made out in favor of his mother, were found on his person. He was locked up to await the arrival of the Massachusetts authorities.

Minnino has been in this country only a short while. He is unmarried and about twenty-three years old.

ARRESTED COMPLAINT. Kierman Held While Appearing in a Larceny Case.

Patrick Kierman was held in \$1,000 for trial by Magistrate Pool in Jaffe's Market Police Court to-day on a charge of embezzlement. The complainant was J. Wesley Jones, President of the United States Volunteer Life-Saving Corps.

Kierman had been the complainant against Harry W. Semple, of No. 483 Sixth avenue, whom he accused of stealing \$80 from him.

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TRACY SUCCEEDS IN KILLING HIMSELF

Engineer Cut His Throat with Razor Two Weeks Ago, but the Wound Did Not Prove a Fatal One.

Edward Tracy, an engineer, shot himself in the head at his home, No. 308 Amsterdam avenue, early to-day and died a few minutes later. He tried, unsuccessfully, to cut his throat two weeks ago.

Mrs. Tracy hid the razor after her husband's first attempt to end his life, fearing he would try again. She hunted for the revolver, but could not find it. Soon after midnight she heard a shot in the bedroom, and, running in, found her husband on the floor, the revolver grasped in his hand. An ambulance surgeon came, but the man was dead.

REGINA COELI COUNCIL, 423 K. OF C. The entertainment committee of Regina Coeli Council has completed arrangements for their entertainment and reception to be held on Friday evening, Nov. 20, at Amsterdam Opera-House, Nos. 334 and 34 West Forty-fourth street.

The entertainment will be the highest class of vaudeville. The music will be under the direction of Brother Charles L. Van Buren.

Ruth Bryan to be Married Oct. 8. LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 25.—The marriage of Miss Ruth Bryan and W. H. Lewis, of Newport, will take place Saturday evening of next week at Fairview, the home of the Bryans. Rev. Dr. Sweeting, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Bryan is a member, probably will perform the ceremony.

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Advertisement for Gold Dust hair cream, featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing its benefits for hair.

Advertisement for Dr. Tobias' Venetian Liniment, describing its uses for rheumatism, neuralgia, and other pains.

Advertisement for Parker's Hair Balm, promoting hair growth and health.

Advertisement for Grape-Nuts cereal, highlighting its nutritional benefits.

Advertisement for Bed Bugs, offering solutions for pest control.

Advertisement for Doct-R-R Eyeglass Clip, 50c, for eye comfort.

Advertisement for DIED, mentioning a funeral for Walch.

Advertisement for Laundry Wants—Female and Male, seeking workers.