

AGED COUPLE MURDERED AND BURIED BY SLAYER

Bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Freher Found with Skulls Battered Under Flooring of Woodshed Near Their Home in Buffalo—Robbery the Motive.

BUFFALO, Dec. 3.—Shrouded in mystery is the murder of aged Franz Freher and his wife, whose bruised and mutilated bodies were discovered buried under the flooring of the woodshed in the rear of their home. Charles Bonier, who is said to have purchased the house of the Frehers the day the couple disappeared, is under arrest. His housekeeper, Louise Lindholm; Kate Kahn, her relative, and two men suspected of being accomplices in a conspiracy to rob the aged couple of gold hidden in their house, are held by the police.

Both Freher and his wife were dealt four blows on the forehead by the murderer. The wounds were round, like the blunt end of a hammer. Each was struck over the right and left temple and then on top of the head. The blow on top of the head caused death in both instances, crushing in the skull and causing the brains to ooze out. The fourth blow struck Freher in the left eye, jamming in the eyeball.

Mrs. Freher was also struck a blow over the left eye, cutting the flesh. There were no other marks about the bodies. It seems that when the old couple were slain their murderer carried the bodies into the shed, fully clad. The grave was then dug and the two bodies hidden away.

Charles Bonier, who went to live with the Frehers on the very day they disappeared, was missing. On Tuesday, when the search was in progress, a summons was issued for Bonier and he appeared in the Police Court. He was ordered to appear again yesterday, but he failed to obey and is said to have left the city.

Because of the mysterious circumstances surrounding the disappearance the police became convinced that there had been foul work, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Bonier. Hardly had the bodies been found when there came a telephone message from Erie, Pa., saying that Bonier had been arrested there and was being held in jail.

Supt. Bull, of the Buffalo police, then ordered the arrest of Louise Lindholm, who was said to be Bonier's housekeeper. In the bosom of her dress was found \$70 in gold.

She was put through a rigid cross-examination by Capt. Regan and Chief of Detectives Taylor. She said Bonier told her the old couple had sold the house to him and that they had gone to a house of refuge to spend the balance of their lives.

"Where did you get this money?" the woman was asked by Supt. Bull. "It was given me by Mr. Bonier," she replied.

The woman was taken to the police station at once. She will be held without bail pending the investigation into the murder. Bonier will be brought back here and charged with knowing of the murder.

Kate Kahn, a relative of the Lindholm woman; George Mohr, a carpenter, and a man named Kuhn, were also taken to the police station later in the day. A trunk which had belonged to the murdered man and his wife was found in the Kahn woman's house, and it was discovered that the two men had visited the aged couple.

Freher was a cabinet-maker but he had not worked at his trade for a long time and was an invalid. The Frehers owned a house and lot on Cherry street and had money in the bank.

Last spring a white-whiskered man came to them to buy their home. He is said to have offered \$2,000, which the Frehers refused. On Friday, Nov. 20, the stranger moved into the Freher house, and on that day the old couple disappeared from the sight and knowledge of their friends and neighbors. Freher had been seen the day before, but no one in the vicinity of the house saw the couple on Friday.

On the day before Thanksgiving a relative called at the house with a basket of food. A stranger met her at the door and informed her that the Frehers had moved away.

The police were notified. Capt. Regan instituted John Doe proceedings to compel those who might know of the Frehers to come to court and testify. The first session of the hearing was held on Tuesday.

Among those called was Charles Bonier, the old man who was said to have bought the house from the Frehers. Bonier appeared in court, but the case was adjourned until yesterday, and then he did not appear. The police then began to look for him. The suspicion of foul play grew into a conviction that murder had been done. Inquiries among Freher's neighbors brought out the fact that an old shed in the back yard of the Freher home had been torn down recently and another one built nearer the house. The work was done by Mohr and Bonier in a pouring rain storm.

Bonier is known to have lived in Buffalo for nearly a year. Before coming here he lived in Gardenville, a village near this city.

Mohr said he had been well paid for the work of tearing down and rebuilding the woodshed. He had not noticed that the earth under the new building had been freshly turned.

No further information could be obtained from Mohr or from Kuhn. They will be held as witnesses for the present.

MAGISTRATE POOL SHE TOOK FATAL DOSE BY ERROR

Assistant Deputy Sheriff Nathan Metzger Alleges that He Was Defamed from the Bench in Yorkville Court.

"You are a forger and I wouldn't believe you under oath. Get out of this court-room."

Justice Pool is alleged to have thus addressed Nathan Metzger, an assistant deputy sheriff, in Yorkville Court yesterday, and as a result the Magistrate was to-day served with a summons and complaint in a writ for \$2,000 damages for defamation of character and slander.

Metzger lives at No. 99 St. Mark's place. He was a witness before the Magistrate in a case against Eugene Hemmerling, when the Magistrate made the alleged slanderous statement.

Metzger, who represented Hemmerling, has been summoned as a witness, placing him in the position of a testifier against the Magistrate who declined to receive Metzger's testimony against the lawyer's client.

Metzger's wife is Mrs. W. S. Klee, who lives at No. 1219 Madison avenue. She was found dead to-day by a servant. She had taken carbolic acid by mistake.

After Mrs. Klee was discovered Mr. Klee sent at once for Dr. Hoffman, but nothing could be done, as the woman had died several hours before the body was found. Coroner Jackson held an inquest at the apartment on the medicine chest to get a remedy prescribed by her physician. Instead of the medicine she found a bottle of carbolic acid and without noticing her mistake took the deadly dose. She died without returning to the bed.

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HOW PRETTY MRS. MARY COLLINS THRASHED A MASHER WHO ANNOYED HER WHILE SHE WAS IN A MUSEUM WITH HER CHILDREN.



WOMAN'S FISTS LAND ON MASHER

She Knocked Him Over an Opera Chair in a Museum and Landed Hard on His Eye and Nose.

Mrs. Mary Collins, of No. 217 West Nineteenth street, is pretty, about five feet eight inches tall, weighs about 160 pounds. Her figure is perfect. She has laughing blue eyes and she gowns herself fashionably.

Mrs. Collins took her two children, a boy and a girl, to Huber's Museum yesterday afternoon. She showed the little ones the freaks and the animals and the skeletons and smiled with them when they laughed at the oily sentences of the gifted professor who lectures. But it was not to see the freaks nor to hear the lecturer that she had taken her children to the museum.

There is a moving picture show at Huber's this week, showing fast sorts of exciting scenes, most of which are calculated to hold the attention of children. Mrs. Collins was anxious that her little ones should enjoy this feature and secured a place well up to the screen.

Heard a Voice in Her Ear. The hall was darkened and the picture show began. Mrs. Collins was engrossed in the spectacle when she felt some one snuggling up to her and a voice whispered in her ear.

"Hello, dear," Mrs. Collins peered around, but could distinguish nothing in the darkness. Fearing a tight hand on the arms of her little ones, she turned again to the pictures.

A mustache brushed her cheek and a voice whispered: "Let's sneak out while it is dark and go next door and get a drink." Just about the picture show concluded, the lights flashed up and Mrs. Collins saw standing beside her none other than Isaac Moses. It was Isaac who had been whispering in her ear. He was crossing his mustache and looking at her with an affectionate smile.

Moses was taken to the East Fifth street station, where a serious charge was made against him. Mrs. Collins, as calm as though returning from an afternoon tea, returned to her home.

STAGES IN A LIFE OF CRIME AS A MAGISTRATE DESCRIBES THEM.

Thomas Whalen, sixteen years, of No. 614 East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, was in the Morrisania Police Court to-day charged by the Dev. R. Arthur King, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street and Brown place, with playing craps on the sidewalk in front of the church.

"Young man," said Magistrate Crane to the boy, "you may not realize it, but—
"Playing craps leads to smoking cigarettes;
"Smoking cigarettes leads to drink;
"Drink leads to larceny;
"Larceny leads to burglary;
"Burglary leads to murder, and
"Murder leads to the electric chair.
"You are fined \$3."
Young Whalen paid his fine and promised never to do it again.

EIGHT YEARS OLD, HE WANTS TO DIE

Willie Ulrich, of Hoboken, Found Homeless and Suffering with Cold, Says that His Life is a Burden.

Hoboken has an eight-year-old boy who is tired of life. His name is Willie Ulrich, and he was found lying across a railroad track in the D. L. & W. yards to-day, half frozen. He was waiting for a train to come along and kill him.

The boy is in charge of Postmaster Harry Bark, to whom, he tells a story of persecution at home. He says that his stepmother, who lives at No. 522 Ferry street, beat and starved him until he could bear it no longer, and day before yesterday he went out to roam the streets in the hope of finding warmth and food.

Alderman Richard Green, of Hoboken, who has a milk route, was driving across the tracks in the snow at 4 o'clock this morning when he saw a black spot on the ground to his right. He stopped his horses and investigated, finding Willie Ulrich nearly unconscious and praying for the arrival of a train.

Green put the boy in the wagon, wrapped him up in blankets and drove him with him to the nearest police station. He was in bad shape. His hands and feet were frost-bitten and his scanty clothing was torn to shreds.

SEEKING TO STOP 6TH AVE. 'L' CRUSH

State Railroad Commission Has an Informal Conference with Interborough Officials and Merchants.

Members of the State Railroad Commission are in conference to-day with Supt. Headley, of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, on rush-hour conditions on the Sixth avenue elevated line. The attention of the commission has been called especially to the state of affairs at the Eighth, Fourteenth and Twenty-third street stations.

C. L. Graff, representing the Retail Dry Goods Dealers' Association, was among those called to give testimony as to the overcrowding of trains and stations.

He stated the transportation needs of the retail dry goods district from Fourteenth to Thirty-fifth street, the chief protest being against the crowding of cars between 4 and 6.30 P. M. On the Sixth avenue line at this time, he said, seats and even standing room could be obtained by only a small proportion of passengers.

It was suggested that the Interborough Company start empty trains north from Eighth street as is done from Franklin street. A year ago, it was pointed out, a switch was installed at Waverley place for this very purpose, but never used.

The members of the Commission, who came from Albany to hold this informal hearing, are Col. George W. Dunn, Chairman and Commissioners Frank M. Baker and Capt. Joseph M. Diney. The Interborough Company was represented by E. P. Bryan, first Vice-President and Capt. Joseph M. Diney, Superintendent.

On behalf of the company Mr. Bryan stated that it was his intention to adopt every possible measure to relieve the strain.

Nobody Held for the Death of Ten Italians in the Subway. Coroner Jackson's jury this afternoon decided that the subway tunnel disaster at One Hundred and Ninety-fifth street and Eleventh avenue, which resulted in the death of ten Italian laborers on Oct. 21 was "due to miscalculation of the supporting strength of the timbers used in holding up the rock roof of the tunnel."

No one was held responsible. Coroner Jackson ordered the discharge from custody of Rufus C. Valle, the president of the work, and Richard Beyers, the foreman.

HURT IN A RUNAWAY. Deputy Street Cleaning Commissioner F. N. Gibson and District Superintendent W. E. Clark were painfully cut and bruised this afternoon by being pitched from a wagon in which they were being driven by Owen Mehan across Court street, near Remsen street, Brooklyn.

The horse attached to the wagon took fright and a sudden rush toward the curb overturned the vehicle. Both men landed against the curb. An ambulance was called, but the services of the surgeon were not required. The driver was dug out of a snowbank by "white wings."

SHIPPING NEWS. ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY. Sun rises 7:00, sets 4:31. Moon sets 5:32. THE TIDES. Hudson River. High Water. Low Water. Sandy Hook. 8:01 4:24 12:29 12:30. Hell Gate Ferry. 8:14 4:32 1:44 2:31. PORT OF NEW YORK. ARRIVED. Rheims. Bremen. Kansas City. Savannah. St. Irene. Southampton. Calcutta. Madras. Katakhdin. Norfolk. INCOMING STEAMSHIPS. DUE TO-DAY. Amazeon. Para. Molke. Hamburg. Arabic. Liverpool. OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS. La Touraine. Havre. Vigiencia. Havana. Necker. Bremen. Opland. Tampico. Liverpool. Charleston. Valls. Olveston. Monroe. Norfolk. Hubert. No. Brasil.

BURGLAR JUMPS 50 FEET. Lands on His Head but is Not Hurt and Starts to Run. The breaking of the glass in the entrance door at Wendell's Hotel on the Speedway, aroused two watch dogs, and in turn awoke Fritz Lux, the watchman, early to-day. Lux gave chase to the man who had broken the glass. The fellow jumped to the Speedway, a distance of nearly fifty feet below, striking on his head. Detective McCarthy, of the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street station, was on the ground when he ran toward him expecting to find him dead, but to his amazement the man got to his feet and started to run. He was captured. He said he was Jeremiah Ryan, of 516 Henderson street, Jersey City.

When arraigned in Harlem Court McCarthy said that Ryan confessed to having served two terms for burglary. He was held.

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DIED. ROGERS.—Dec. 2. EMMA T. ROGERS, nee Jeffrey, wife of E. J. Rogers. Funeral from her mother's residence, Mrs. Peter Farley, on Saturday, Dec. 5, 1903, at 9.30 A. M.; thence to the Church of the Holy Trinity, 284 St. and Amsterdam av., where a solemn mass of requiem will be offered for the repose of her soul. Interment Calvary.

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