

THE MYSTERY YET UNSOLVED

FIVE DAYS GONE AND THE POLICE STILL SEEMINGLY BAFLED.

One Detective who Thinks He May Be On the Track of the Murderer of Annie Downey—A Search of the Rooms of the Various Single-Floored Houses—Life and Death—Was it a Madman's Work?

There seems absolutely no trace of the person who murdered Annie Downey, although it has been five days since the girl was found dead in her bed with a stone's throw of a police station. The murder was perpetrated by some individual at 2 o'clock in the morning; yet even at that late hour hundreds of persons pass and repass before the door of the house, for Prince street, between Broadway and Wooster, is unhealthily populous at night with rollers and disreputable women. Neither the door of the house nor the windows are closed. A Finnish servant girl, heard a cry during the night, nor was there a suspicion that there had been trouble in the lodger's room until the door was broken open in the late morning and the body of the murdered girl was found stretched out upon the bed. It remained by the body of its victim until it began to grow cold and stiff with the rigor mortis, and slipped out of the house after the doors had been opened in the morning, yet no one has been found who saw him.

Whether he left the house by daylight or in the night, he was not seen. He was not seen until he was identified, and the only clue that the police have to the murderer is the partial description of a man who was in the house, but left it seven hours after the murder. The police think that this man came back again later, but of this there is no usual report.

The search for the murderer has not yet appeared. A cheap watch and a brass chain that the girl wore were missing, but on her finger was found a diamond ring five or six times the value of the watch, and earrings still in her ears worth as much as the missing articles.

Nothing else in the room was taken. The girl, Annie, most of her possessions were taken, but her lover, nor even a coat or attendant, in the various houses in which she had lived during her short life of shame—she was but 21, and left the respectable home of her sister and brother only three years ago—her associates insist in saying that no man ever seemed to attract her attention, and that she was known to be unusually attracted to her.

Her life was an uneventful one. Her father was an Irish emigrant, who married after he landed here, and both father and mother died while their three children were young. An aunt adopted them, and she grew up in the household of her aunt, and in hotels and the lobbies of theatres. As she was a pretty girl, with black hair and eyes, and was christened "Curly Tommy" by those who knew her only as the flower girl. One day, when 18 years old, she told her aunt that she was going out to see a service, and accompanied. Her brother, her younger sister, and a friend searched for her, without success, and she was not seen by any one until a year and a half later, when she came back to her aunt in the Bowery. Her father had been for a month or more endeavoring to persuade her to come back, but she refused to do so. She had been with her for eighteen months, until she identified her dead body in the Morgue. The day before she died, she wrote a letter to her mother, in which she really wrote that she was going to leave her.

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THE MURDER OF HELEN JEWETT.

A Crime that Once Greatly Excited New York—Ogden Hoffman's Victory.

THIS CASE IS TO LIST. WASMA WATSON, 245 Washington street.

It is the five-story iron building 84 Thomas street. It stands on the south side of the street, between West Broadway and Hudson street. It is the second edifice from the corner of Thomas street to Broadway, and has changed the number. On April 9, 1876, the building was occupied by Mrs. Rosina Townsend, a noted woman. Several young women occupied apartments in her house. Thomas street was then a quiet thoroughfare. Private residences fronted the City Hall Park, and there were no hotels or houses of ill fame in the West Wall street. The old North American Hotel was in its glory, there was a saloon in West Broadway, a little yellow tavern occupied the corner of West Broadway and Hudson street, and on his left hip. A dozen witnesses were called to the stand. Mrs. Townsend and other witnesses had told a different story about the man Frank Rivers. He was the prisoner for the defense. Ogden Hoffman made an eloquent three hours' speech in behalf of the prisoner. Judge Edwards charged the jury to acquit him. The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" within minutes.

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His Engagement with the Confederate Steamer.

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CONFESSING MURDER IN HIS SLEEP.

How the Assassins of Jacob Miller in Chicago were Detected and Captured.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—One week ago Jacob Miller, a saloon and boarding house keeper in another street, was called to his door and shot dead by a party who had been waiting in the yard. The police arrested Capt. Jack R. Dixon, a yard hand, for the murder, and quietly locked him up. To-day the particulars of his capture, which are rather remarkable, were made public. On the day of the tragedy Dixon engaged a room at the Drivers' Hotel, but soon afterward returned to his home. He was last seen looking at a woman who was in the yard with a man, Barrett, who is employed in one of the packing houses. During the night Barrett was seen to enter the yard, and was seen to take a package from the man. Barrett was arrested, and confessed to the murder. He was found in the yard, and confessed to the murder. He was found in the yard, and confessed to the murder.

Mr. Ewing in a New Role.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Gen. Ewing appeared today in the light of an opponent of financial legislation for the first time since he has been in Congress. He was seen at the meeting of the Committee on Banking and Currency, which the committee is to hold on the subject of the currency. He was seen at the meeting of the Committee on Banking and Currency, which the committee is to hold on the subject of the currency. He was seen at the meeting of the Committee on Banking and Currency, which the committee is to hold on the subject of the currency.

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MAINE'S TWO LEGISLATURES.

THE REPUBLICANS STRONGLY IN THE REAR IN THE CAPITOL.

Protected by Four Hundred Armed Men—The Legislature Still Claiming to be the Only Legal Legislature—Is Blaine Frigorous.

AUGUSTA, Jan. 21.—The guard at the Capitol has been maintained at full force to-day, and so soon as the Legislature convened the Republicans have been observed. Four hundred men were quartered in the State House last night, and an equal number are to be on duty to-night. The expense is not less than \$1,000 a day, while the total expense thus far for maintaining the police to keep citizens from the Capitol will foot up \$3,000. It is worthy of note that during the entire conference no threats of violence have been made by the Fusionists; but, on the contrary, they have constantly counseled peace. Republicans know this, and know also that there has never been the least danger of an attack on the State House by the Fusionists, yet they have made their timidity the pretext for putting under way four or five hundred of their political strikers and bummers.

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THE SOUTH AMERICAN.

Horrible Murders by Revelling Negroes in the Province of Calchaes, Peru.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—There is a rumor current in the Stock Exchange this afternoon that the Peruvian and Bolivian forces in the province of Tarapaca have been surrounded by Chilean forces, and that negotiations for their surrender are proceeding.

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EXPLOSION IN A COAL MINE.

Severity of the 77 Men in the Pit Either Killed or Dying After Being Rescued.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—An explosion occurred in the Lyett colliery, at Newcastle-under-Lyme, at 8 o'clock this morning. There is little hope that any of those in the pit at the time of the calamity, estimated at from 70 to 90 persons, will be saved. Search for them is delayed by damage to the shaft. The explosion is attributed to the gaseous nature of the coal seam.

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