

STORIES IN TRUNK MURDER CONFLICT Landlady and Employees of Victim Fail to Agree on Whereabouts.

HUNT MISSING HELPER Romance and Wedding Plans Revealed as Brother Identifies Body.

Italian detectives, pupils of the patient Petrosino, who shadowed the Black Hand all the way to Italy and was killed there, were out yesterday while other folks kept holiday, exploring the Mott street-Brooklyn trunk murder. The trail they were trying to follow grew murkier instead of clearing. Uncertainty developed as to some points that were regarded as established.

For example, the employees of Joe Ballaro, the murdered man, in the shop of the United Shoe Repairing Company, 329 Fulton street, Brooklyn, swore that their boss did not leave the shop for a minute all Tuesday afternoon. Yet Mrs. Marion Tharau, housekeeper of a furnished room house at 63 Cranberry street, has identified the body of Ballaro as that of a man who rented a room from her at 4 P. M. on Tuesday and returned in the evening with an excited companion whose face was terribly scarred.

Ballaro's helpers are positive that he did not go out on Tuesday, the last day of his life. They have told the police in detail just what work he was doing in the shop all day. Mrs. Tharau, who saw the body at the Manhattan morgue on Wednesday, is equally positive that Ballaro was her roomer. Her belief is supported by strong evidence. To the man who engaged a room from her and paid her \$5 a week, she made out a receipt, and Tony Shalro, because that was the name he gave and the name on the marriage certificate he displayed as proof that the woman he was to bring to the house was his wife. That receipt was in one of Joe Ballaro's pockets when he was found dead in a trunk in Mott street early Thursday morning.

Woman Interests Police. The receipt bore Mrs. Tharau's name and address. That is how the police came to know about her and to get her story. They were told yesterday that she attended a detective school at one time. From a professional detective's viewpoint this makes the woman interesting. Capt. Carey of the Headquarters detective bureau said yesterday he was going to question Mrs. Tharau himself to-day and try to ascertain how Joe Ballaro could be in his shop all Tuesday afternoon and yet be renting a room from Mrs. Tharau at her house at 4 P. M.

All of Ballaro's helpers except one have been thoroughly questioned. They say that their boss was still in the shop when they quit work at 8:30 on Friday night. They were washing his hands and getting ready to close up. Mrs. Tharau says it was about 8 o'clock that "Shalro," whom she has identified as Ballaro, reappeared at the Cranberry street rooming house with the scar faced man. She also says, according to her own story, that the pair went away about 9 o'clock and that was the last she saw of either of them until the scarred man and a woman wearing a white beaver hat called at 8 o'clock the next morning and inquiring if he had returned. It was that he had been murdered.

The lone Ballaro employee who has not been questioned is Salvatore Giordino, a bootblack. On Tuesday morning he received a telephone call and left the shop. He did not return. On Wednesday morning he was stopped in a barroom not far from the shop. "Your boss was killed last night," the bootblack said. "He was found in a trunk over in Manhattan."

The bootblack expressed amazement and said that if that was the case there was no use in his going to work, went away. The detectives are anxious to find Giordino and ask him about Ballaro's habits and friends—and enemies, if he had any. They were scouting for him in Brooklyn yesterday. He had worked for Ballaro three months. His fellow workers say they do not know where he lives.

Brother Tells of Romance. Nicolo Ballaro, who is a private at Camp Upton, identified his brother's body yesterday. He then went to the office of the homicide bureau and was questioned by Capt. Carey. He pictured the shoemaker as a bachelor, a home loving young man of the steady habits who was soon to be married. This last assertion interested the police, as a wedding ring was found in the dead man's pocket, and the police had heard vaguely that Joe Ballaro and another Sicilian had quarreled over a girl. The soldier said his brother was prosperous and usually carried several hundred dollars about with him. This was in line with the statement of Mrs. Tharau that her fitting lodger paid for his room from a roll of bills that must have contained about \$200. Capt. Carey, while open-minded about it, suspects that Ballaro was killed for his money. The Italian detectives shake their heads and say the motive was far less crude than robbery. They are deep in the mysteries of Sicilian vendetta and perfectly happy, although temporarily stumped.

It is admitted that the best chance of solving the puzzle is presented by the trunk that contained Ballaro's body. If the detectives can only trace the trunk to its manufacturer and find out its own—presently the job is finished, or nearly so. Of the work being done along this line Capt. Carey will say nothing. "That's one of the things we absolutely cannot talk about—the trunk," he said. The identity of Sarah Bania, the name pencilled on the outside of the trunk, has not been established. Mrs. Tharau suggested that the woman might be Sarah Baldo, a girl who had been known or heard of, but although Sarah Baldo is being looked for the police are not impressed by Mrs. Tharau's theory. But they are very anxious to find out whether Sarah Bania's name had been on the trunk for some time. A letter was written there after Joe Ballaro was crumpled in the trunk to lead the police on a wild chase.

SENDOFF COMMITTEE ASKS PART IN RETURN Seeks Mayor's Permission to Welcome 27th Home.

Whenever the battle scarred Twenty-seventh Division is set down in New York, whether this year or next, the New York Sendoff Committee wants to be in on the big welcome that is surely coming to the men who helped smash the Hindenburg line. Convinced that it has a legitimate claim to a part in arranging the celebration the Sendoff Committee wrote to Mayor Hylan yesterday placing itself and its machinery at the disposal of the city. It was the Sendoff Committee that arranged the two day celebration marking the departure of the division for Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, in 1917, and the committee accomplished that task without a single cent of its expenditure coming out of the city's treasury. Nevertheless the committee gave a banquet at the Biltmore for Major-Gen. O'Ryan and his staff, and on the following day it filled every man of the division with turkey and all the trimmings that ever went with a genuine warrior's feast. And then, just to make certain that none was overlooked, the committee fed every organization under arms near New York.

The committee started out as a private venture, but Mayor Mitchell took it over and made it the official entertainment body for the city. For that reason August Silz, chairman of the committee, made the new offer of the committee to Mayor Hylan. "Our committee," the letter to the Mayor says, "was a volunteer one and afterward made official by your distinguished predecessor, the late John Purroy Mitchell.

"It acted for and in the name of the city and its people, who organized and carried out successfully a two day celebration in honor of the Twenty-seventh Division's departure for Sparta, Greece. On that occasion the committee pledged itself to repeat on the return of the troops the accomplishment of these two nights which had been so generously praised by them and the public press. It is in fulfillment of that pledge that the committee once again places itself and its energies at the disposal of the city. The committee has the honor to see fit and, of course, under your direction."

SCHWAB TO RESIGN SHIPBUILDING POST Will Quit Emergency Fleet Corporation After Putting It on Economic Basis.

Charles M. Schwab, director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, announced yesterday that as soon as he has put the enterprise of producing ships upon an economic as distinguished from an emergency basis he will ask President Wilson to appoint someone to take his place and permit him to retire.

Mr. Schwab made it clear that he will not retire hastily and that the only reason which impels him is the pressure of his own business and affairs. He does not know how soon he will make his request formally and he intends to remain at his post as long as he may be considered at all necessary. "I am working now to put the Emergency Fleet Corporation in such a position as will enable me soon to ask the President to release me, and I will make my formal request when the change has been made from emergency to economic work.

"We will keep right on and complete the original programme of 13,000,000 tons of shipping. The plan for the future is to build for economic permanence, all our past work having been strictly emergency work. The plan then for all the shipping decided upon originally will go right on. We still contemplate employing all kinds of labor, and the standard of wages to be paid will be fixed by the Government."

It may be that James McDonald, 21 of 175 Marston street, Brooklyn, will help his wife to get out of there. He was in the street yesterday, and he was arrested by police, as a wedding ring was found in the dead man's pocket, and the police had heard vaguely that Joe Ballaro and another Sicilian had quarreled over a girl. The soldier said his brother was prosperous and usually carried several hundred dollars about with him. This was in line with the statement of Mrs. Tharau that her fitting lodger paid for his room from a roll of bills that must have contained about \$200. Capt. Carey, while open-minded about it, suspects that Ballaro was killed for his money. The Italian detectives shake their heads and say the motive was far less crude than robbery. They are deep in the mysteries of Sicilian vendetta and perfectly happy, although temporarily stumped.

WOMAN OF MYSTERY BURNED TO DEATH Imperious Recluse, Clad in Silks, Lived With Dolls and Parrot.

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The parade was headed by a small band that played patriotic airs. There were innumerable small paper banners which bore inscriptions calculated to irritate the hotel and restaurant proprietors. Some of them read: "Roast beef \$1 a cut, lamb chops at 75 cents each, and still the managements say they lose money"; "Abolish the tipping system"; "Do away with charity, justice for all"; "Hotel men are patriotic, they charge more and give less."

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The Sun Calendar THE WEATHER.

Eastern New York—Rain to-day colder at night; to-morrow colder and generally fair; strong south to west winds, shifting to northwest to-night. Southern New England—Rain to-day and to-morrow; to-morrow rain or snow, shifting to west and north to-night. Northern New England—Rain and snow to-day; to-morrow rain or snow and colder; strong south and west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. New Jersey—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. New York—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. Pennsylvania—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. Maryland—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. Delaware—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. Virginia—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. North Carolina—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. South Carolina—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. Georgia—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night. Florida—Rain to-day, colder at night; to-morrow fair, colder; strong south to west winds, shifting to west and north to-night.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau, taken at 4 P. M. yesterday, except high and low temperatures, which are the mean of the day.

Table with columns: Station, Temperature, Rainfall, Wind, Humidity, etc. for various cities including New York, Philadelphia, and Washington.

Barometer... 30.1... Wind... S.W. 15... Humidity... 75... Rainfall... 0.0... High temperature... 52... Low temperature... 42... Average temperature... 47.

EVENTS TO-DAY. Boat and Show Travellers of New York meeting... First meeting of the United War Veterans Association... Miniature Almanac... Arrivals—Thursday, Nov. 28.

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DEPARTURES—FRIDAY, NOV. 29. New York, N.Y., Nov. 29. Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 29. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 29. Washington, D.C., Nov. 29. Richmond, Va., Nov. 29. Norfolk, Va., Nov. 29. Savannah, Ga., Nov. 29. Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 29. Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 29. St. Petersburg, Fla., Nov. 29. Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 29. New Orleans, La., Nov. 29. Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29. St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 29. St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 29.

PUBLIC LECTURES TO-NIGHT. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Percy Hemus. "The Sons of Victory" by Percy Hemus. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Percy Hemus. "The Sons of Victory" by Percy Hemus. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Percy Hemus. "The Sons of Victory" by Percy Hemus.

BAKSA PROSECUTION WILL IGNORE REGAN TO BE AUGMENTED

Murder Trial to Proceed Regardless of Convict's Confession. James F. Regan, the Sing Sing convict who confessed to the murder of Mrs. Helen Hamel in her rooming house at 565 West Twenty-third street last February, will be entirely ignored by the District Attorney's office when the trial of Elizabeth Baksa for the crime opens before Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions this morning.

The District Attorney's office will proceed with the trial in its own way. Alfred J. Talley, who is conducting the prosecution, said yesterday: "There is no reason why Regan should be called to the stand by the District Attorney. If the defence attorneys believe him they may call him."

Several more witnesses remain to be called by the prosecution. Among these will be police officers and dental experts who will be asked to compare the imprints of teeth found on the arm of the murdered woman and the teeth of the accused. Two or three more days may be occupied in hearing these witnesses, so the defence will not open until probably after the latter part of next week.

Mr. Talley was unable to give further information yesterday regarding the five convicts, all said to be "paid" by Regan to perjure and other crimes, who are to be brought before the District Attorney. It is believed that they will be able to give important facts which will aid in either confirming or repudiating Regan's confession.

ANOTHER 'SUN' YOUTH IS KILLED IN ACTION Charles Krider in Thickest Fighting in France.

Another gold star must be added to the Sun's service flag, word having been received from the War Department yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Krider of 209 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, that their son, Bugler Charles Krider, had been killed in action September 25.

He had lived until January young Krider would have celebrated his eighteenth birthday and he would then have been eligible for service in the army. But when the war broke he was employed in the composing room of The Sun, and he saw more than one of his fellow workmen troop off to the front. The fever for service seized him, and he made a tour of the recruiting offices. Always, however, he was compelled finally to admit that he was only 15 years of age.

MILITARY POLICE TO BE AUGMENTED Maj-Gen. Bell Says Provost Guard Will Be Increased "Very Soon."

The Provost Marshal's guard, which must be relied upon to check rowdiness on the part of furloughed and demobilized soldiers and sailors in New York, is soon to be heavily increased. This information was given to The Sun yesterday by Major-Gen. J. Franklin Bell, commanding the Department of the East.

At present the guard, which has barracks north of the Municipal Building on the site of the proposed Court House, numbers only 300 men, under the command of Major P. L. Thomas. Recent explosions such as the attack made by soldiers upon the Bolsheviki meetings in Madison Square Garden and in the Palm Garden and an increasing disposition shown by men in uniform to knock the heads off parading and demonstrating "revolutionaries" have proved the necessity for a much stronger, much more active military police force.

"There is no doubt," said Gen. Bell yesterday afternoon, "that the guard must be largely increased very soon. Soldiers and sailors must be kept in order and in obedience to the law. They have no more right to disorderly conduct than other people have—less, as a matter of fact. The guard as now constituted is small because it was formed while we were at war and while we were unable to detail for the front the number of men that experience has shown to be necessary. We had to take limited service men because every man fit for active service had been sent overseas. Now, however, there will be plenty of men available. The guard will be heavily reinforced."

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FALSE ALARM STIRS SOCIALIST MEETING Police Gather, but No Rioters Make Appearance.

Several things combined last night to make possible the statement that the New York county Socialists held their meeting in the New York Casino, East 197th street and Park avenue, without the slightest trouble. The steady rain, the posting of police reserves and provost guards and the generous supply of turkey all served to keep any soldier or sailor interference among the things missing from the meeting.

The session was a celebration of the establishment of republics in Germany and Austria. Whether it was the rain, the turkey or the threat of Commissioner Dwight to use machine guns on disorderly combatants, the rumor that a large number of sailors, marines and soldiers were headed for the hall turned out to be false.

GOMPERS TO SPEAK HERE Will Address Mass Meeting in Century Theatre Sunday.

Reconstruction, Bolshevism and labor problems will be discussed at a public mass meeting in the Century Theatre next Sunday evening under the direction of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Charles Edward Russell will speak.

Gen. Bell's Talk Wins Cheers. The programme thereafter ran like a smoothly working motor engine without skips or misses. Miss Lucille Lawrence sang "The Three Stars," and everybody sang, under the direction of L. Camilleri, "Come, Thou Almighty King," "America the Beautiful" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Gen. Bell made a two minute talk which stirred up the crowd into a few words in memory of the soldier dead. Robert Lawrence directed the singing of familiar songs, "There's a Long, Long Trail," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Keep the Home Fires Burning," "The Home Fires Brought Back," "The Home Fires Brought Back," "The Home Fires Brought Back," "The Home Fires Brought Back."