

SHERIFF WEAVING WET ABOUT HARRIS

Searches Pawnshops for Missing Watch and Ring.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

Poole Last Seen in Harris' Presence. Letter Next Day Had Plenty of Money and Whisky—Coroner's Jury Postpones Meeting, Awaiting Evidence Being Gathered by Sheriff.

Special to The Washington Herald. Rockville, Md., Aug. 16.—In pointing an accusing finger at Ollie Harris, who on Thursday afternoon last assaulted his aunt, Mrs. Clara Harris, with an iron bar, Sheriff Mullican is acting upon circumstantial evidence that young Harris had something to do with the killing of Henson Poole, the young man who was found murdered and napped up in a closet on this home.

A discovery this morning, to which Sheriff Mullican attaches importance, is the imprint of a bloody right hand on the door of the closet, possibly made by the slayer when he closed the door after handling the body of Poole. The door has been removed and the panel sawed out, and the hand print will be used in running down the culprit.

That Henson Poole was murdered for money which he was known to carry; that he was last seen alive on the night of July 21; that he was in the company of Ollie Harris that night; that he had displayed his money; that he was heard to invite young Harris to spend the night with him at Poole's cabin; that young Harris was present that night; that on July 22 Harris was seen with a large sum of money; that in the next few days he spent money liberally at the Rockville Masonic fair; that it was noticed between that time and his assault on his aunt, Thursday last, he acted strange and worried, and that last Tuesday a remark was made by some one in the store of George F. Lintinchem when Harris was present that he had detected a foul odor in passing Poole's house and saw a lot of flies, and believed that someone had killed a dog there, and Harris, it is said, left the store immediately.

Searched Pawnshops.

Sheriff Mullican is in Washington today making a systematic search and investigation of all the pawn shops in hopes of finding the watch and diamond ring of young Poole, which is missing.

Harris talked with Sheriff Mullican and Deputy Sheriff Hewitt freely about the affair on the train yesterday to Baltimore, but declined any knowledge of the affair. Harris discussed his attack upon his aunt, but refused to say what his motive was in assaulting her, though he denied that he was guilty.

The coroner's jury did not meet to-day, but will await the gathering of more evidence. Whether or not this evidence will be heard before the coroner, State's Attorney Waters has not decided. It is very probable that the case will be brought out at a later hearing before some justice.

The body of the murdered man was today removed and prepared for burial. Dr. W. T. Pratt, the physician who performed the autopsy, today removed the bullets from the skull of the dead man. They were of a .22-caliber, the same as that used in the rifle which was found in the home of the dead man.

Deputy Sheriff Reginald Cross is at present working upon the clew of finding a young woman to whom, it is reported, Harris had given a gold watch. Cross says he has the name of the woman, but would not divulge it, only saying that she lived in Washington.

Last Seen with Poole.

On the night of July 29 Poole was in the store of George F. Lintinchem at the Cross Roads, a favorite loafing place of his. Among those in the store that night was Ollie Harris. Poole made a small purchase and displayed a good, big wad of money, remarking that he was going to Washington the next day to buy a little big juice. The next morning Poole was seen by any one in or near Poole's store on Wednesday, July 21, when he hired a pair of horses from Richard Offutt. Poole drove to Washington and returned with a two-gallon jug of whisky, and later made his appearance at Lintinchem's store. Four young men, friends of his, were in the store. They were Ollie Harris, Charles Connors, Jr., George Rice, and Grover Lintinchem. Lintinchem closed up the store at 9 o'clock, and as he looked from the front door he turned to Poole and said:

"I am going to thrash my wheat to-morrow. Will you help me?" "Sure I will, in the morning." "I'll be over the first thing in the morning." After the store was closed young Connors and Rice left, leaving Ollie Harris, Poole, and Grover Lintinchem together. The latter walked over with them to Henson Poole's store, on the opposite side of the road. In describing what happened next young Lintinchem said to-day:

"I decided to go home, and I said good night just as I was leaving. I heard Henson Poole say to Ollie Harris, 'Come on over and spend the night with me.' Ollie said alright. That's all I heard. I did not look to see which way they went. I was not interested then." This was the last time, so far as can now be learned, that Poole was ever seen alive. The next morning, Thursday, July 22, Ollie Harris was seen coming from the direction of Poole's cabin, according to a statement made by Charles Connors, Jr., to-day, who said:

"I was standing out in front of my house when Ollie came by. He called me out and asked me if I did not want some whisky. I told him no. He came in and said I would have to take some, that he had quite a little. He pulled out a quart flask and told me to take it. I took it after a while. Ollie didn't say I took it. Was a little drunk. I could see that."

Harris Paid Bills.

After leaving young Connors Ollie Harris walked down the road to Lintinchem's store, where he pulled out another flask of whisky and asked every one to have a drink. No one joined him. He went into the store and bought a hat and shirt from young Smith Lintinchem, another son of the proprietor, and pulled out a roll of bills to pay for them. He asked young Lintinchem what was the amount of his bill that he owed there and said he wanted to pay it. The boy told him he would have to wait until his father got back.

Sore of Skeletons Uncovered.

Navasota, Tex., Aug. 16.—Another lot of human skeletons, twenty-one in number, have just been uncovered by workmen while building a railroad grade near here. All were in one grave near the same spot. Seventeen skeletons were recently unearthed by the same laborers. People living in the section know nothing of the death of these persons.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, Aug. 16.—Arrived: Vonderland, Antwerp, August 7. Mianolis, London, August 7. Arrived out: Kroon, Bremen (Dutch), Hamburg; Columbia as Glasgow; Kaiserin Augusta via West at Hamburg; Kronland at Dover.

DRIVE IN ROCK CREEK PARK—No. 14.



NEEDED BY CITIZENS

Broker Says Rock Creek Park Fails in Its Purpose.

PLACE IS ACCESSIBLE TO FEW

Terence V. Powderly Favors the Movement in Behalf of the Mass of the People—Would Have the Roads Improved—Business Men Predict Better Accommodations.

That Rock Creek Park will in the near future be made of some real use to the people of the District and will justify its maintenance by the government is now practically assured.

Officials of both the national and District governments and many of the lawmakers at the Capitol are thoroughly in accord with the project inaugurated by The Washington Herald to open up Rock Creek Park to the public and to make it a place of rest and amusement for the citizens.

Rock Creek Park has heretofore been of no practical value to the majority of Washingtonians, and it has been frequently called the "upper crust," the automobile and carriage owners.

Ray E. Middaugh, a well-known real estate dealer, expressed himself in the most enthusiastic terms with regard to the movement begun by The Washington Herald to open up the park at Rock Creek.

"The government," he said, "spends money on the parks to make them of use to the citizens, and if they are not of use to every class, they fall of their purpose and do not justify their maintenance. It is plain to all that Rock Creek Park has not heretofore been of use to all classes of citizens. It should be, and will be, if the present plan is carried out."

Terence V. Powderly, chief of the immigration division of the Bureau of Immigration, said yesterday that he thought the project of opening up the park, and one that should meet with immediate success.

"I am heartily in favor," he said, "of all improvements that will have a beneficial result for the great mass of the citizens, and those alone who are possessed of wealth, and who will make Rock Creek Park, one of the most beautiful in the country, a place where every one without exception will take pleasure, and will derive benefit from going there with my approval and the approval of every sane citizen."

"In connection with the improvement of Rock Creek Park, I would like to call attention to the fact that the suburban roads within the District limits should be looked after more than they are at present.

"In places they are a disgrace to the authorities. This is noticeably so on the Rock Creek road, where the road is not only rocky, but the sidewalks, with every rainstorm, are overflowed with sand and mud. This road leads to Soldiers' Home and the reason given for not improving it was that a great deal of heavy hauling, in the way of monuments for dead soldiers, was being done, and that as soon as this was over, the road would be repaired.

"Since it is probable that soldiers will be continually dying there, and that people will insist upon raising monuments to them, it seems that the residents will have to wait a long time for any improvements. The excuse given for not improving the road was not a reasonable one, and it seems to me that in improving Rock Creek Park, the roads and streets of the District, especially in the suburbs, should not be forgotten."

Urges Vigor.

D. J. Callahan, general manager of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company, said yesterday that he thought the scheme to open up Rock Creek Park commendable and should be pushed with vigor.

"Rock Creek Park," he said, "should be made to surpass Fairmont Park in Philadelphia and Central Park in New York, and it will with very little effort, expended on it. I approve of all the ideas set forth for the development of the park and I would particularly like to see a suitable entrance to the park erected.

"It should be advertised more. Let the people know that Rock Creek Park is there and can afford them amusement and recreation." Alexander T. Hensley, of the firm of Swartzell, Rheem & Hensley, heartily approved of the movement and said that he had long thought that Rock Creek Park should be opened up and made more easily accessible.

"Our parks are the equal of any in the country," he said, "but Rock Creek Park has not been developed to its fullest extent as should be done. This should be effected, and the plans published in The Washington Herald since the movement was first started are carried into effect, it will be done."

WU'S TASK IMPORTANT.

Officials State that Codification of Chinese Law Justifies Recall.

Diplomats and government officials are still wondering why Dr. Wu has been recalled, and why China is sending a new minister to this country.

Considerable credence is given the report that Dr. Wu is wanted at home to take charge of codifying the laws of the Celestial Empire. At first glance this would seem to be an unimportant work, but at least, several important reasons are given for the recall of Dr. Wu, and officials in touch with Chinese conditions say that the codification of Chinese laws as planned by the government will be of the utmost consequence.

It is the essential preliminary to an effort for the abolition of extraterritoriality and special rights of foreigners in China.

TRUST BLAMED.

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contended, but to nothing else. With ample waters to bring the sun-baked soil to the lush fecundity which some of the Western fields attain under national irrigation, it will support in comfort, almost in luxury, not less than 6,000 families, for the almost universal farm unit on these reclaimed lands is forty acres, and the land which must hereafter turn to the trust for water and power embraces 2,500,000 acres.

Animus of the Attack.

Though there is a difference of opinion between Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Newell as to the exact manner in which the lands may be taken, and though Attorney General Wickersham has handed to the Secretary of the Interior an opinion which holds that some of the phases of the reclamation work were not done within a strict interpretation of the reclamation law, the friends of Mr. Newell say the animus of the attack is not to be found in a construction of the statutes but in a fiercely fanned personal enmity which dates from the days of Secretary Ballinger's control of the Public Land Office.

It is clear that much of the work of the Reclamation Service had to be done in connection with the work of the Land Office, said a friend of Director Newell a few days since. "When Mr. Ballinger was land commissioner he and Mr. Newell had a number of arguments about the manner in which the work was hampered. As I recall it some projects in which the Director of the Reclamation Service was interested were so embarrassed by the attitude of Mr. Ballinger's office, that lengthy delays were occasioned."

There was a constant difference of opinion between the officials. When Mr. Ballinger came back to Washington as a member of President Taft's Cabinet, he was bitter toward Director Newell and was outspoken in his purpose of ousting him from his position.

After assuming office, Mr. Ballinger sent for officials of the Reclamation Service and asked them about the conduct of the office. Being told it would be better to consult with Director Newell than with his superintendents, he said that he didn't have anything to talk to Newell about.

Positions Were Offered.

Important positions in that office were offered to other people. A lawyer, now serving under Attorney General Wickersham, was asked to take the position of law officer. He deliberated for a few days, and courteously decided his berth with the Attorney General would be more conducive to comfort. The position of chief statistician, or publicity agent, was proffered to a Colorado man who considered the offer only long enough to learn that the salary was \$3,500 annually. He scorned it.

Other positions were tacitly offered, one official on the Pacific Coast receiving letters which asked him "if he would take a certain position in case it should be offered to him."

During the last week the storm center has shifted from Mr. Newell to Mr. Pinchot, because of the speech which the latter delivered at the national irrigation congress at Spokane on Monday, August 9.

In that address Mr. Pinchot made it plain that his purpose was to battle for the continuation of the Roosevelt policy of conservation. It was a direct challenge to the Secretary of the Interior, and it was so plainly worded that a veiled intimation came from Beverly two days since that Mr. Pinchot's official head would have to pay the price. It was said that because the venerable chief of the Department of Agriculture was prepared to stand with the National Forester, he might also be asked to leave the Cabinet.

Immediately local antiquarians began to wax reminiscent of stories of Spanish missionaries who met death as pioneers in the cause of Christianity in the remote past. Others tell of sailors who died while cruising along the Potomac, while some remembered whisperings long ago of foul play and homicide in connection with the disappearance of several victims who might have been buried in the spot.

Michael Angelo's Random Shooting.

Binghamton, N. Y., Aug. 16.—Michael Angelo, a Sicilian, wanted by the police for the killing of Thomas A. Lee and the wounding of Frank H. Powers, was captured this morning. After getting into a fight with two passengers on a street car early on Sunday morning on a slipper slipped from the car and fired five shots at random, one killing Lee, who had taken no part in the disturbance, and the other wounding Powers.

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VISITS COMMISSIONER WEST.

Distinguished Citizen of Glasgow Tells of that City's Progress.

Commissioner West was visited yesterday by Hon. James Shaw Maxwell, senior magistrate of the city of Glasgow, Scotland, and the chairman of the committee on parks, galleries, and museums.

Mr. Maxwell stated to Commissioner West that he had taken occasion to visit the points of interest, and especially the parks and museums. He expressed himself as greatly impressed with the beauty and cleanliness of the city, and said that he had already written to the lord provost of Glasgow that Washington was not only at this time a most beautiful city, but that it was destined in course of time to become one of the superlatives of the world. The visitor told of the experience of the Glasgow authorities in tearing down the slum districts and providing decent and comfortable homes for the poorer class.

"All the property acquired by the city," he said, "is not necessarily made the site for tenement houses, but it is in the heart of the Blue army's lines, three stores or warehouses and the property rented at a profit to business men. The money thus obtained is used for the acquisition of property in the suburbs where land is comparatively cheap, and houses for the workmen are built and comfortable quarters supplied at a rent price which is not a burden to the tenant, and yet does not entail a loss upon the city."

Mr. Maxwell promised to forward to Commissioner West all available data concerning this movement in the city of Glasgow in order that the Commissioner may have the information in furtherance of an effort to improve the housing conditions in the alleys of Washington.

FEARS OF WAR SUBSIDING.

Bolivian Executive Is Inaugurated Quietly.

Thomas C. Dawson, the new Minister to Chile, who has just reached Santiago, says in a cable to the State Department that en route to his post he observed that public apprehension over war between Peru and Bolivia is rapidly disappearing in Southern Peru and Northern Chile.

Bad Roads Clogged Advance.

Bad and crowded roads clogged the advance of the two divisions into which Gen. Bliss split his forces for almost every hundred yards of a ten-mile march. Two roads led from the site of last night's alignment up to the advanced front that Gen. Bliss had decided to hold. The spruce road, a deep, sandy gully that led for more than three miles along low bottom land before climbing the hills ahead and one other about two miles to the east and paralleling the first, were the avenues of the advance. First these were piled infantry, artillery, and the slow moving commissary trains that necessarily measure by their own speed the speed of the whole army.

First over the spruce passed the commanding general and his staff with their heavy guns of the Tenth Army. After them the Seventh New York, equipped as a screen for the valuable artillery and wagon trains behind. Then came long lines of straining horses head down before the heavy guns of the New York and Connecticut Field Artillery.

Before one of the big auto trucks of the quartermaster's department at Washington had gone a quarter of a mile from the spruce road, it sank into a swampy sea and had to be dug out by the cursing escort. Ahead an ancient army mule wagon of the old-fashioned type broke an axle. Pails, bags of feed, camp kitchens, and officers' suit cases cluttered the road for ten feet around the calls upon all the ancestors of all mules were put up without feeling by the wranglers, even though the mules themselves had not been responsible for the broken axle. But mules like that sort of thing, as is well known.

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Gen. Bliss said this afternoon that he had yet to decide whether to make the major portion of the Blue army an attacking attack behind strong intrenchments at the upper end of this same body of water that pierces the Red lines.

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King Alfonso and Minister Return to Summer Capital.

Conditions in Spain are improved, according to a cable dispatch received at the State Department from Mr. Ide, American Minister at Madrid.

This conclusion is drawn from the fact that the King and the minister of foreign affairs have returned to San Sebastian, the summer capital. This is taken to indicate the confidence in the ability of the authorities to control the situation.

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BLUE ARMY KILLS TEN ESSEX SCOUTS

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tering down the road into the main street of the town. The aid yelled for the governor, and before the enemy's scouts had time to recognize the personage ahead of them, Gov. Draper had skipped into his car and was away down the road. It was an escape by a eyelash.

It was along this fifteen miles of debated territory between the main forces of the opposing armies that things were happening to-day while the main bodies of heavy artillery and infantry were jockeying for position. From Lakeville and Taunton, on the extreme left of the Red army, and from the King Philip Tavern where the wives of some of the regular army umpires have taken up their abode, came vague reports and piecemeal tales of sudden dashes, captures, escapes, and mad diversions.

Over in Taunton, which is in the very heart of the Blue army's lines, three spies of the Red army were rounded up in a restaurant by soldiers of Company B, of Holyoke, and the Roxbury Horse Guards, and another was picked off by a trolley car while he was trying to make his way back into the sheltering advance guard of Gen. Bliss' left wing. At Rock Station there was a sharp brush in the early morning, and fifty scouts of the Red advance guard were gathered into the Blue net.

The First Battalion of the Twenty-second Engineers of New York, detached as a large-wrecking squad, took a little side trip under the command of Capt. Murphy, headed straight across country from the brigade camp at East Free-town toward the site of the Berkeley Bridge across the Taunton River, which was officially "blown up" by the Blue army engineers yesterday. The New York engineers failed to construct a pontoon in place of the bridge supposed to have been dynamited, but crossed the river on boats and theoretically, at least, established a base for holding this key to the enemy's position on the west bank.

Later they did a little bridge wrecking of their own in Plymouth County—enough to hinder the progress of the Blues toward the position Gen. Bliss has taken up.

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FUNERAL OF W. F. MACLENNAN.

High Tribute Paid to Treasury Official Consulted by Presidents.

The funeral of William F. MacLennan, for many years chief of division of bookkeeping the warrants of the Treasury Department, was held yesterday afternoon from his apartment in the Toronto, Twentieth and P streets northwest, Rev. Tyler Dennet, assistant pastor of the Church of the Covenant, conducted the services, and paid a high tribute to the memory of the deceased. Interment took place in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Mr. MacLennan had been prominent in official circles for many years, and was the trusted adviser of more than one Secretary of the Treasury. Former Postmaster General Robert J. Wynne, one of Mr. MacLennan's oldest friends, said of him: "He was in many instances the real Secretary of the Treasury."

Mr. MacLennan rendered valuable assistance to Gen. Grant when the latter was chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, and upon his election to the Presidency he often consulted Mr. MacLennan.

During the administration of President Arthur he was offered the post of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, but declined. Presidents Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley, and Roosevelt were all wont to consult him upon financial questions, on which he was a recognized authority.

The pallbearers were selected from among his friends and associates in the Treasury Department, including Charles H. Miller, acting chief of the division of bookkeeping; Joseph L. Enderle, Charles A. Jacquette, Henry C. Morton, Andrew T. Smith, Charles S. Steele, Samuel J. Millard, and Joseph S. Van Arsdale.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Rear Admiral E. K. Moore, retired, will be detached from duty as commandant of the navy yard at Portsmouth on September 1 and ordered home.

Policeman Household shot and killed a supposed mad dog yesterday in front of 303 G street northeast. The dog was so tame and so tame in the neighborhood knew the animal or to whom it belonged.

Harry Stephens, negro, when sentenced by Judge Kimball in Police Court yesterday to sixty days in jail, seemed pleased, and told the judge the judge was softer and more considerate than Judge Linn.

The Jolly Swastika Social Club, composed of women, left Washington yesterday to spend an outing of five days at Atlantic City. Among the members of their party was a reception at Fitzgerald's to-morrow evening.

Rites over the body of Clinton Vermillion, a resident of this city for more than thirty years, who died suddenly yesterday morning at his residence, 223 Seventh street, will be held from the home to-morrow afternoon.

Robert Dicks, negro, thirty-two years old, of 284 Fifteenth street northwest, engaged as workman on a new building at Robinson place, was struck on the forehead yesterday by a heavy piece of falling timber and painfully injured. He was taken to Freedmen's Hospital.

The Third Sunday School of St. Alphonse's Catholic Church has plans under way to raise \$1,200 for exterior repairs, so that the structure will present a fine appearance upon the occasion of the golden jubilee of the church, to be celebrated on the 15th of October.

Charging infidelity and abuse, Mrs. Beatrice Siffert filed suit in the District Supreme Court yesterday for an absolute divorce from Harry Siffert. The couple were married in Baltimore April 2, 1896. The wife is represented by Attorney W. A. Coombe.

The coroner's jury called to take evidence in the case of the death of Abraham Freedman, 1212 E street southeast, Saturday, by being run over by a wagon driven by William Demers, yesterday returned a verdict of accidental death, exonerating Demers from all blame.

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DIED. HERDMAN—On Sunday, August 15, 1909, at 2 P. M., in her eighty-second year, Mrs. C. HERDMAN, nee EDWARD H. HERDMAN, beloved son of S. T. G. and the late Susan B. Morsell, aged fifty-seven years.

MORSELL—Suddenly, on Monday, August 16, 1909, at 7 A. M., EDWARD H. MORSELL, beloved son of S. T. G. and the late Susan B. Morsell, aged fifty-seven years. Funeral from his late residence, 321 M street northwest, on Wednesday, August 18, at 10 A. M. Interment private at Glenwood Cemetery.

PROCTOR—On Monday, August 16, 1909, at 4:15 A. M., at his residence, 929 L street northwest, CHARLES W. PROCTOR, husband of Sidney G. Proctor, in the seventy-third year of his age. Funeral services will be held at St. Luke's P. E. Church, corner Fifteenth and Church streets, Wednesday, August