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GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON ITALY; AUSTRIAN NAVAL AND AIR FLEETS ATTACK COAST TOWNS

DISMEMBERED CORPSE OF WOMAN UNearthED ON SHORE OF YELLOW MILL POND; "MURDER," SAY POLICE

Gruesome Find Is Made By Workmen Who Operate Steam Shovel in Immediate Vicinity of Discovery of Emma Gill's Discovered Body—Medical Examiner Has Little Hope of Discovering Woman's Identity—Legs and Head Sawed Off.

The torso of the dismembered body of a woman sewed in a sheet and clad in undergarments that afford but faint hope of the victim's identification being made, was discovered about 9 o'clock this morning near the eastern shore of Yellow Mill pond, just south of the plant of the City Ice & Coal Co.

Buried at a depth of 5 feet, it was brought to light through the action of a huge steam shovel, used in excavation work. Promptly the police and coroner began an investigation, with the result that they concurred in the belief that murder had been done.

Until Medical Examiner Garlick late this afternoon completes his autopsy, begun this forenoon, there will be only conjectures as to the nature of the crime.

He said, however, that examination of the torso convinced him that the woman was in a normal condition when death overtook her.

The head, arms, and both legs had been sawed off, close to the body. The medical examiner inclines to the belief that the body has been buried possibly a whole year. The woman was of ordinary stature, and probably about 30 years of age.

Dr. E. M. Garlick, medical examiner, began a preliminary examination of the torso at the city morgue this noon. He was called away before he had completed his investigation which he will resume this afternoon. When he refused to discuss the case officially until his examination is completed, Dr. Garlick is known to the belief that the case is clearly murder. His investigation, thus far, have disclosed these facts:

The body is apparently that of a young woman. There are no distinguishing marks on it, which an identification might be established.

The body apparently has been underground for about a year and is in an advanced stage of decomposition. When found, the torso was sewed up in a white bed sheet. The stitches were with heavy cord and were securely, though clumsily, worked. The torso was clean shaven, and the hair and saw little nightgown, both of fine texture.

The legs were sawed off just below the hip sockets. The sockets displayed the markings of a saw. The head was severed midway between the shoulders and the hips.

The hands are slender and evidently those of a woman unused to manual toil. There were no jewels on the body.

Medical Examiner Garlick took samples of these feet and clothing that covered the body. They are in such condition that identification marks cannot be distinguished.

The remains were buried this afternoon in the poor farm at Lakeside. Discovery of the torso was made about 9 o'clock this morning by Chas. Simmons, of Glenwood avenue, employed by the city ice & coal Co., in removing a ridge of dirt left by the immense steam shovel of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company employed in the excavating of the lot.

As Simmons was guiding the two-horse scoop shovel on its course through the three foot ridge, he noticed what appeared to be a bundle of rags roll over in front of the scoop. His nostrils were immediately greeted with an unbearable odor. Stopping the horses which seemed somewhat frightened and nervous, he stooped down to investigate the mass when he observed what appeared to be the elbow of a human being, that projected through a rent in the cloth.

Other workmen gathered around the object and when it became assured that a portion of a body was wrapped in the cloth Harry E. Husted, manager of the City Ice & Coal Co., was called to the spot. He at once ordered all work in the vicinity stopped and immediately telephoned to Coroner John J. Phelan, who notified Medical Examiner E. M. Garlick.

Dr. Garlick on his arrival made minute examination of the bundle partially opening it with a sharp stick. It was found to be wrapped in several coverings of a sheet of good texture. Investigation disclosed the torso of a woman apparently of large stature or intensely bloated. The right arm was still intact, and showed hands of intense whiteness. The lower section was in an intense state of putrefaction and the skin covering the body had passed beyond recognition of any marks that it may have borne in life.

Beneath the sheeting, the torso still retained a cotton ribbed undershirt which appeared to be a dress.

cover or part of a chemise tied at the top with a colored ribbon. These have not as yet been fully examined for marks, though sections were taken by medical examiner Garlick as possible clues in the investigation.

The spot in which the body was buried, probably to a depth of five feet, was, until two weeks ago, very secluded, having been covered with a dense mass of brush and vines, and a fence in height. It is bounded on the north by the City Ice & Coal company which rears its fence and coal pockets high above the street. Yellow Mill pond is on the west side and runs to form a cove in which the torso was found.

In the lot a sewer was out through by the Pierce Manufacturing company about two years ago. The ground in dark loam above, followed by fill and, beneath, a layer of fine sand. In the dense cover of the undergrowth and the newly dug sewer excavation it was the spot in which the torso was found or two strong men to have dug the grave in which the carefully draped torso was found today.

Several other holes to a depth of two or three feet and neatly filled with earth have attracted the attention of the police and it is likely that they will be carefully probed for the head and legs of the body, which are still missing.

Other clues which are having close attention of the police are some clothing, shoes and underwear cast aside in the bushes some 50 feet distant from the spot in which the torso was found. These consist of a blue shirt, striped with white, a blue vest striped with white and bearing an indelible mark on the left arm, a pair of tan shoes, much worn and without string. In addition there is a much worn pair of fleecy lined men's undershirts and a twill shirt of nondescript color.

The spot from which the section was dislodged is about 75 feet west from the street, and in a direct line with the sewer excavation. It is about 20 feet from a giant and bark striped chestnut tree which stands out prominently as a marker to the grave. It is feared by detectives that the exact location of the grave which may have contained other portions of the body has been lost, for at a depth of about 25 feet wide and nearly thirty feet from the surface the big steam shovel has cut a trail 25 feet wide and nearly thirty feet beyond the spot near where the body was found.

Engineer A. O. Northrop, of 78 Courtland street, operator of the steam shovel which takes nearly a cubic yard of material at one bite of its big jaws, said: "I was first acquainted with the find by the shouts of Simmons who had rolled over what was apparently a bundle of rags. This lay about 35 feet behind my shovel and might have been dislodged by the pull of the lifting arm, rather than buried in that spot. If this is so, the head and legs may have long ago been dumped into one of the cuts and thrown down the embankment into the muddy bottom of Yellow Mill pond."

"I am not of that belief, however, for the odor of decomposition would undoubtedly have attracted the attention of the police."

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BRICKLAYERS WALK OUT AT ARMS CO. BUILDINGS

Immense Construction Work Is Temporarily Halted When Differences Long in Dispute Come to Head—Men Want 10 Cents Per Hour Advance, Change in the Method of Paying Off and Want Full Eight Hour Day.

The immense building operations of the Bridgeport Arms plant were interrupted this morning when 300 bricklayers walked out on the Stewart Construction company because of three of their demands would not be met.

The great activity that has resulted in buildings going up over night, dwellings disappearing in a twinkling, and putting arms experts to work as fast as they could be given space in which to work, is virtually interrupted today because the bricklayers were unanimous in their demands.

Three things were asked by the workmen. They wanted 70 cents an hour instead of 60 cents, which they receive now; they don't want to work only seven hours and a half a day; and they want the double check system of paying them their salaries on Saturdays abolished.

These demands have been made for several weeks and they came to a head when the men were perturbed by an order not to start work until 8:30. The entire working force walked out, leaving buildings in an uncompleted condition.

General opinion among some of the cooler-headed bricklayers and by persons connected with the construction plant is that the matter will be settled either tomorrow or within a three day period. The men don't return to work as expected, it is said others will take their places.

According to men familiar with union matters, the advance from 60 cents to 70 cents is contrary to union rules and this will be a basis for amicable adjustment.

The double check system, it is asserted, causes the men to lose an hour or two waiting in line for their pay after the whistle blows at Saturday noon. They want the system abolished as has been done by most construction companies. They assert that companies pay before noon, so that the men will not lose much time.

The men don't like to be cut down to seven hours and a half work, they say also. This was proposed this morning and they rebelled.

It is reported that the union will not sanction the demand of the men for the salary advance.

SUGGESTS BALLOT TO DECIDE WHO'S TO BE THE DEPUTY

In an effort to agree upon a candidate for deputy sheriff who will be satisfactory to the Italian speaking voters, former Deputy Louis E. Richards has suggested that the voters be given a chance to indicate their preference. The only men left in the race are Dan Della and Frank Faselino. Both have numerous supporters although Faselino claims to have a larger following than Della.

Charles E. Fink, who is in the interest of harmony, it would be a good plan to have the Italian speaking citizens of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth districts meet and vote for their favorite candidate. Then the voters in the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh could hold a meeting. Most of the Italian voters are in these districts. The idea of getting petitions doesn't meet with much favor because the leaders say the man who sees a voter first will get his signature.

Friends of Deputy Sheriff Abricio think he should be retained in office by Sheriff-elect Pease. The voters will make his appointment in a few days but hasn't indicated yet who the lucky man will be.

Trumbull's Body Here; Arrived in New York Today With 8 Victims

The body of Isaac B. Trumbull, who was among the victims of the Lusitania, was brought to this city at 2 o'clock this afternoon from New York, where it arrived this morning from Liverpool.

A. H. Trumbull, brother of the deceased, accompanied the body here. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

The bodies of nine persons who perished when the Lusitania sank, first of the dead to be brought to New York, were landed in New York today from the American line steamer New York, which sailed from Liverpool on the night of May 15, eight days after the Lusitania was torpedoed. The dead aboard the New York were:

Charles Frohman, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Plamondon, Chicago; T. B. King, New York; C. T. Brodick, Boston; I. B. Trumbull, Bridgeport; A. R. Foley, Trenton, N. J.; Miss H. Ellis, St. Thomas, Ont.; Miss McBright, address not given.

SUSPEND PITCHER LEONARD
St. Louis, May 24—Hugh Leonard, star pitcher for the Boston Americans was suspended today for not being in good condition.

The Austrian Landsturm was captured up for examination.

TEACHERS AROUSED

Stormy Meeting of Board of Education Likely Tonight When Lawyers Will Be On Hand to Fight/Refusal of Salary Advances.

Weeping Even Unto Hysteria in Public Schools Today When Records of Board Disclose Those Who Are Affected.

Humiliation, indignation and weeping, even to the point of hysteria, were emotions paramount in the schools of Bridgeport today because the names have become known of the teachers who are to suffer by the enforcement of the so-called merit system in the public schools, and therefore are to lose their scheduled raise of \$50.

At least three lawyers were retained yesterday by individual teachers to fight their cases on the ground that they were treated unfairly.

The meeting of the board of education promises to be stormy in the extreme. One city official, it is known, will appear before the board this evening to demand to know why his daughter shall not receive her increase in salary. Several attorneys are expected to be present, and a delegation of teachers will ask to be admitted.

From reports about the city to-day, it is safe to say many of the teachers were actually furious at President Elmer H. Havens of the board because they allege he broke faith with them. In an interview he declared nobody would know who lost the increase.

In one West End school, a girl who had been affected by the "merit" system, and who is adjudged one of the best teachers in the schools, failed to appear to teach this morning. Her principal attempted to teach her pupils but she broke down in a flood of weeping, because she thought she might be credited with the act of "skunking" one of her best instructors. A storm of indignation arose in the schools this morning. It is asserted that many of the losses of increases may be traced to disagreements between supervisors and teachers.

"How can they mark us," cry the teachers, "when some of them don't visit a room once a year? How do they know what kind of teachers we are?"

Almost angered because they allege the thing would be ridiculous if it were not so pathetic, teachers have agreed to post a paper on the boards in their rooms upon which will be kept a record of the visits of the supervisor and the work done on the occasion of the visit.

Several of the brightest teachers in the schools were included in the list of those who lost, according to those who will protest.

ALLIES LEAVE 2,000 DEAD IN BATTLE AT GALLI POLI

Amsterdam, May 24—Official announcement was made here today that an attack by the French and British forces yesterday on the Turkish positions near Sedul-Bahr at the southern end of the Gallipoli peninsula had been repulsed. It was stated that the allies left 2,000 dead on the field.

TOMORROW'S THE DAY FOR THE BIG CIRCUS

Ringling Brothers' circus is due to arrive in Bridgeport early tomorrow morning, over the N. Y. N. H. and Hartford railroad, coming from Stamford, where it is exhibiting today.

The show will unload at Railroad and Hancock avenues.

The circus grounds will be located at Fairfield avenue and Auburn street.

The afternoon performance will start at 2. The night show at 8. The doors will open one hour earlier. Downtown ticket sale at the Jackson book store, 986 Main street.

The parade will leave the grounds at ten o'clock, moving in Fairfield, to State, to Main, to Fairfield and return to the grounds.

There will be no school tomorrow.

WEATHER FORECAST

Showers this afternoon and to-night; Tuesday probably fair

Government Arsenal at Venice is Target for Air-men in Raids That Extend to Many Towns Over a Line of 400 Miles—Little Damage Reported—Warships in Adriatic Sea Bombard Coast Towns in First Naval Engagement—Germany Joins Chief Ally and Issues Proclamation of War on Italy, is Unofficial Report.

London, May 24—Germany today declared war on Italy, according to unofficial advices received here from Paris.

Prince Von Buelow, Germany's ambassador at Rome, has left for home. He was recalled by his government immediately preceding the declaration of hostilities, unofficial despatches say.

Austria Strikes At Italian Coast
Rome, May 24—Naval and aerial attacks on Italian coast towns were Austria's first moves today in her war against Italy. Five towns, including Venice where the governmental arsenal is situated, were subjected to the aerial attack.

Official announcements say little damage was done and that the air raiders were driven off.

Austrian warships attacked the east coast of Italy, along the Adriatic. There was a severe bombardment for short time, after which the attacking fleet was compelled to withdraw.

Raid Covers a Wide Range
In the raid on Venice, the governmental arsenal is thought to have been the target of the hostile airmen. No damage is reported.

Porto Cosini, Ancona, Barletts and Gesi, seaport towns on the Adriatic, were also subjected to the attacks. The scope of the attack included 4 towns nearly 400 miles south of Venice where the first sortie was made. No casualties have been reported.

Russian Cruiser Sinks; 1,400 Dead.
Berlin, May 24—The Overseas News Agency today gave out the following:

"According to a Bucharest despatch, the Russian armored cruiser Panteleimon has been sunk with the loss of 1,400 men in the Black Sea."

German Aero Bombarbs Paris.
Paris, May 24—Another German aeroplane of the Taube type flew over the northern suburb of Paris this afternoon and in its flight dropped several bombs. No person was injured by these projectiles.

ITALY NOTIFIES U. S. THAT WAR ON AUSTRIANS HAS BEEN BEGUN

Washington, May 24—The American government's first official information of Italy's declaration of war on Austria arrived today in a message from Ambassador Page at Rome. It was dispatched late yesterday afternoon and said the Italian foreign minister had informed the Ambassador that after midnight Italy would

Italian Mobs Cheer Declaration of War

Rome, May 24—Enthusiastic demonstrations in favor of the war continued throughout Italy. In Florence, Venice, Genoa, Milan and the other centers of population, throngs fill the streets, cheering for the King and the army.

Most of the members of the chamber of deputies have volunteered for service in the army or navy.

The son of Lieutenant General Cadorna, chief of staff, is a Lieutenant San but claims the Russians have adopted counter-offensive operations with some measure of success.

Although not confirmed from any official source, reports are published here to the effect that Germany, faced with Italy as a new foe in the south, will have to shorten her western line and that consequently she is preparing to withdraw her men from the advanced line in Flanders. The reported evacuation of Bruges is a part of this movement.

AUSTRIA AND ITALY READY FOR STRUGGLE

London, May 24—After being virtually in a state of war for several days with her former partners in the triple alliance, Italy, beginning today, ratified this condition by a declaration of hostilities, direct at Austria-Hungary, with all the usual formalities. Furthermore, Germany is reported to have indicated her support of Austria-Hungary by a formal declaration of war against Italy.

The general mobilization of the Italian army and navy is said to have been completed and a state of war has been declared throughout the northern provinces of Italy.

On the Austrian side of the line,

consider herself at war with Austria."

On account of the mountainous nature of the territory, fighting of a difficult nature is looked for.

In naval circles it was thought the Italian fleet which is in the Adriatic would engage the Austrian fleet in these waters, relieving French warships on guard there to go to the Dardanelles.

martial law has been declared in the Trentino, the age limit for military service has been raised to 50 years and stringent measures have been taken to control the Italian population of the dual monarchy.

Demonstrations enthusiastically approving the war are reported from all parts of Italy, while on the other hand Vienna has offered the warmest support of the people to the government in the operations against the new enemy.

The latest official announcement given at Petrograd is the most optimistic issued for a fortnight past. It not only indicates a pause in the Austro-German advance along the river San but claims the Russians have adopted counter-offensive operations with some measure of success.

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SWISS INCREASE GUARD ALONG BORDER LINES.

Basel, Switzerland, May 24—The Swiss government is sending heavy reinforcements of troops to the southern part of Switzerland, and particularly to the Canton of Ticino. The purpose of these troop movements is to prevent the Italian irredentists in Switzerland from organizing a volunteer corps for service in the Italian army.

AUSTRO-GERMAN VESSELS WORTH \$20,000,000, SEIZED

Rome, May 24—The value of Austrian and German ships now in Italian ports which have become prizes of war is estimated at more than \$20,000,000.