

# POLICE AT SCENE OF MARYLAND MURDER

### Case Expected to Prove Very Sensational.

### TRACING THE REVOLVER USED

### Theory That Victim Was Shot to Death and Stabbed After Being Carried to Spot Where Body Was Found—Lack of Clues at Present.

The police of this city are hard at work investigating the case of the finding of a man's body in the woods on the Pyles farm, Prince George's county, Md., early Sunday morning. Since the finding of the remains, horribly mutilated by bullet wounds and knife stabs, the coroner's jury has turned in a verdict of murder, and the police authorities believe it will prove to be one of the most sensational cases of recent years.

Detective Sergeant Miller and Police Photographer Johnson, both of whom visited the scene of the crime yesterday afternoon, made written reports this morning to Captain Boardman, Chief of the Detective Bureau. Minute descriptions of the man, his clothing, the articles found upon him, and the revolver found lying close by his side, have been turned in by the detective and photographer.

Roll call at headquarters this morning was one of unusually long duration, Captain Boardman being closeted with his men for more than half an hour. Upon its conclusion a number of detectives started in various directions of the city in search of clues.

The revolver belonging to the dead man has been identified as one having been sold at Walford's sporting goods store in this city on January 2 of this year. The record at Walford's shows that the weapon was purchased by "Henry Thompson, of 712 Twelfth Street northeast," but upon investigation the detectives learned that no such person ever lived at the number given.

A slight discrepancy is noted between the revolver found beside the dead man and the one sold by Walford. The latter was engraved with the initials "T. M. D.—No. L. 7558." The one found has upon it "T. M. O.—No. L. 7558."

So sure are the police officials that the revolver described in the one figuring in this case that late this afternoon Detective Hartigan will visit the scene of the tragedy and examine the weapon minutely. Captain Boardman is of the opinion that some mistake might have been made by those who examined it yesterday.

Detective Hartigan, accompanied by a Times reporter, visited the house 712 Twelfth Street northeast, indicated in the gun merchant's sale book, but no one by the name of Thompson lived there. In fact, no one in the vicinity knew of a man by that name.

The local police feel sure that the man was murdered. Every wound on his body according to a statement made today by Detective Miller, was in such a position that the man could not possibly have killed himself. According to a report received this morning, the man had been stabbed clear through the body.

Theories of the Police. Owing to the terrible condition the body was in the police are of the opinion that it has been in the woods for some months past. The only plausible theory yet adopted by the police is that the man was

first shot and then removed to the woods by his assailants, where the murderous work was completed by the knife thrusts. The coroner's jury which held an inquest over the remains last evening returned a verdict that the dead man has come to his death as the result of wounds inflicted by unknown persons. The remains were then interred where they were first discovered.

Pictures of the dead man together with pieces of his clothing, the clipping of the Ayres shooting tragedy, a double-breasted watch chain and charm all were brought to this city and now repose in the safe at headquarters.

### Detectives Start for Scene.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, acting under instructions from Captain Boardman, a party of detectives left for the scene of the murder to make a thorough investigation into the matter. They will probably be absent for some time.

The murder has aroused more interest in police circles than any tragedy which has occurred since the murderous assault upon Mrs. Dennis last December.

### WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Fair tonight with rising temperature; Tuesday showers; light variable winds, becoming southerly.

### TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. .... 61  
12 noon ..... 63  
3:30 p. m. .... 71

### THE SUN AND MOON.

Sun rises, 5:08 A.M.; Sun sets, 6:44 P.M.  
Moon rises, ..... Moon sets 11:51 P.M.

### TIDE TABLE.

High tide, 5:33 A.M. and 6:17 P.M.  
Low tide, 11:35 A.M. and 11:59 P.M.

### STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today, 7:23 P.M.  
Lamps out tomorrow, 4:14 A.M.

### AMUSEMENTS.

National—"Under Two Flags," with Blanche Bates as "Cigarette," evening.  
Lafayette—"Lady Ursula," evening.  
Chase's—Polite vaudeville, afternoon and evening.  
Columbia—Harry Corson Clarke, with "What Happened to Jones," evening.  
Academy—"Human Hearts," evening.  
Kernan's—"The World Beaters," afternoon and evening.  
Fire—"Harry Ward's" minstrels, afternoon and evening.

### Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Co.

Delightful trips daily at 6:30 p. m. from foot 7th st. to Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Newport News. See ad. page 7.

### Lumber Still Low at 6th and N. Y. Ave.

T. & G. flooring still \$1.50 per 100 ft.

### GEORGE W. POE'S DEATH.

### Coroner to Hold a Post Mortem in the Case Today.

Coroner Nevitt will this afternoon hold a post mortem examination over the remains of George W. Poe, formerly of Chicago, and who, as the result of wounds mysteriously inflicted, died at the Emergency Hospital late last night. Owing to the incomplete evidence so far secured in the case, the Coroner has not decided at what time he will hold an inquest.

Poe was picked up in an unconscious condition near the corner of Eighth and E Streets northwest on the night of April 14 by Crossing Policeman Gawler and sent to the hospital. How he received his injuries has been a mystery, so far as the police have been able to find out.

The police of the First precinct this morning began a thorough investigation of the case under the direction of Lieutenant Amis. The police believe that the man fell on the street while intoxicated. Relatives of the dead man in Chicago have been notified of his death.

### A SAENGERBUND REUNION.

### Members Entertain Their Friends With Speech and Song.

In the absence of a fixed program the Washington Saengerbund last night entertained its numerous members and friends at a social reunion. The large hall of the Bund was crowded with those who thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the Saengerbund. There were a number of impromptu speeches by Mr. Claudy, the president of the Bund; Mr. Levy, the comptroller; Mr. Lutz, and Mr. Minister, and in addition to musical selections, the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

The regular rehearsals of the bund under the direction of Mr. Henry Xander, the musical director, are held every Tuesday and Friday evenings. The members are already in training for the national saengerfest, which is to take place at Baltimore in 1903, and where they expect to win the Emperor William prize, a solid silver statue three feet high, representing a German Minnesinger. The prize is valued at \$15,000.

### RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS.

### Negro, Stabbed in the Back, Getting Well in a Hospital.

Arthur Tabbs, the negro who was stabbed in the back, it is alleged, by William Smith, another negro, now under arrest, is reported to be doing nicely by the surgeons at the Casualty Hospital. Tabbs and Smith, it is said, had an altercation Sunday morning on Third and a-half Street northeast, during which it is alleged Smith struck Tabbs with a knife. After the cutting Smith disappeared and it was not until late last night that he was apprehended by Policeman Johnson.

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### NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM GEORGETOWN

### Rev. George W. Graves Leaves Cherrydale Mission.

Mr. George W. Graves, of Georgetown, an evangelist who has been in charge of the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Cherrydale for nearly two years, preached his farewell sermon at that place yesterday. At the Maryland annual conference, recently held at Centerville, Md., this mission was attached to Potomac Circuit, which embraces Mount Olivet and Walker Chapel Churches, in Alexandria county, Va. When Mr. Graves assumed charge of this work it was with the intention of remaining only until the mission could be made self-supporting. Its success is now beyond the question of doubt.

Mr. Graves accepted this call without compensation. Under his able pastorate good work has been most successfully carried forward, and Cherrydale Mission has become a tower of strength in the community.

Rev. J. W. Gray, formerly pastor of First Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, was transferred to Potomac Circuit by the recent conference above mentioned, and will occupy the pulpit at Cherrydale for the first time next Sunday.

Much regret is expressed on account of the loss of Mr. Graves, as the congregation had become strongly attached to the young pastor, who has labored so successfully among them.

Mrs. Randall was the wife of Mr. John A. Randall, well known in this city.

### Injured Colored Man Improving.

The condition of Henry Baker, a young colored man who was painfully injured shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning by being struck in the head by a trolley pole on the City and Suburban Railway lines in Brightwood, was reported at Freedman's Hospital as being much improved this morning.

### Season Tickets Via B. & O. R. R. on Sale May 1.

Beginning May 1, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will commence the daily sale of regular summer excursion tickets, limited to October 31, returning, to all seaside, mountain and spring resorts at greatly reduced rates. Full information as to rates, routes and service cheerfully given at ticket offices, 707 15th st., 619 Pa. ave. and Depot, New Jersey ave. and C st.

### Summer Excursion Tickets.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that season excursion tickets to the various seashore, lake and mountain resorts will be placed on sale May 1.

### MATTERS OF INTEREST IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Mrs. Eliza J. Johnson, of 1636 Nineteenth Street northwest, and others have withdrawn their objections to the continuance of the wagon stand at Nineteenth and L Streets northwest. It will be recalled that last year persons living in the vicinity strenuously objected to the stand, and requested its removal.

Major Richard Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, has reported on this matter, calling the attention of the Commissioners to their order removing the stand from the location named, which it appears it is now desired to amend. If amended Major Sylvester suggests that it be done along the line of the report made by the Hack Inspector a few days ago.

Major Sylvester states that if this stand is in clean condition and the drivers are informed that their continuance at the place will require quiet and cleanliness on their part, the arrangement should prove satisfactory.

By order of the District Commissioners the compensation of Charles Turner, J. W. King, and A. J. Collins, subforemen on county road No. 1, is increased from \$2 to \$3 per day, to take effect May 1, 1902.

The District Commissioners today, through the Engineer Department authorized the culvert crossing a small branch on the line of Brightwood Avenue just north Xenia Street, to be rebuilt and extended at an estimated cost of \$40, chargeable to the current appropriation for construction and repair of bridges.

### FUNERAL OF MR. RHOADES.

### Obsequies to Be Held at an Early Hour Tomorrow Morning.

The funeral of Mr. John Rhoades, late of the United States Navy, will be held at an early hour tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock this morning at her late residence, 970 Florida Avenue.

The body was then removed to Oxen Hill, Md., where other services were held at St. Ignatius' Church and interment was made.

Mr. Rhoades was the wife of Mr. John A. Randall, well known in this city.

### Young Lady Painfully Injured.

Miss Sallie Fair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Fair, of 944 L Street northwest, met with a painful accident on Saturday last, which resulted in the breaking of one of the small bones in her left hand. She was riding a bicycle south on Teagh Street, and as she attempted to turn into L Street, eastward she lost her balance and was thrown to the pavement. The accident is attributed to the high wind which was blowing at the time.

Her condition is reported to be improving.

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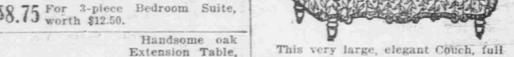
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