

THE BULLET THAT CAUSED WOMAN'S DEATH

Missile Battered, Caliber Unknown

Beaold Prosecution Will Probably End Today and Defense Will Begin, Though Its Nature Is Not Known

The prosecution in the trial of Anton Besold, the Bavarian butcher charged with the murder of his wife, will probably close its case this morning and the arduous work of the defense will begin with the afternoon.

Yesterday something in the nature of a sensation was sprung when Mrs. Besold's skull was produced in court and was found to contain a small hole in the back near the base of the brain.

When the body was exhumed and the skull examined, both at the grave side and during the preliminary examination, there were two holes in the head, one where the bullet entered at the left temple, a small neat hole, the other where it broke the skull in the right temple and lodged there, so that yesterday both attorneys and court officers were surprised when the little hole in the back of the skull was discovered.

It might have been caused by accidentally hitting the skull against some hard substance and a further investigation of it will be made. Any suicide theory that might have been advanced in the case recited a few days ago when it came to the examination of the skull.

Mrs. Besold was right handed. Her left hand at the time of her death was almost useless from the recent operation on the bones of her left arm. She was suffering from tuberculosis of the bones and could not have raised her hand to her head, for she wore a heavy bandage near the elbow. The shot that killed her was fired from the left side, entering the left temple, according to the testimony.

When the bullet that killed Mrs. Besold was fired from a revolver or rifle that pointed slightly downward, for the leaden pellet came out on the right side of the skull lower than on the left, probably showing that whoever fired the shot was standing to the right of the murderer's hand.

Dr. Campbell, the autopsy surgeon, yesterday created a sensation in court when he produced a bullet which he testified he had taken from the skull. He stated in evidence that the bullet had broken the right temporal bone, but had dropped back in the skull instead of outside, as its force had been spent by contact with the skull bones.

The bullet was of caliber anywhere from .32 to .38, the exact size being indeterminate because of its battered condition. But it was probably a .32 bullet from the testimony of expert gun men who were in court. Besold was known to carry a revolver of that size.

ELIOTS WITH A MOON GODDESS: JOSHES PORTRAIT OF OLD TSI AN CELESTIALS DECIDE IT A CASE OF INSANITY

Sam Lee Acts Queer in Chinatown, and Is Arrested and Will Be Examined as to His Mentality

Too much opium and rice wine, combined with the hilarious joy of the celebration of the Chinese new year, was an overtax to the brain of poor Sam Lee, a vegetable vendor, who because of his strange actions was yesterday arraigned before the insanity commission of the superior court on a charge of lunacy.

Sam Lee was arrested in Chinatown by the Chinatown officers Tuesday on the complaint of several Chinese merchants. It was alleged that Sam showed signs of a disordered brain when in spite of the warnings of the various merchants he insisted on drinking the sacred wine from the altar before one of the josses, with the remark that he had seen the wine there for three days and that any joss who was so inconsiderate of good wine as to leave it collect dust for several days ought not to have a chance to drink it.

Friends tried to persuade him to desist and said that the moon goddess was a gay old girl anyhow, otherwise she wouldn't be nudging Confucius in the ribs with her elbow. Insult followed insult and the Chinese were first alarmed and thought Sam Lee was sick from drink. Later his actions became so queer that without exception they fled from him and let him alone.

He wandered about the streets for several hours poking fun at the dignified merchants and making remarks about their personal appearance. When he was apprehended he was making violent love to a portrait of old Tsi An, empress of China. The portrait was a copy from the famous painting by Miss Carl of St. Louis, and Sam was trying to argue the portrait of the old woman into accompanying him to a 10-cent theater nearby, where he promised to show her the time of her life.

Yesterday when Lee was arraigned in court he was asked if he understood English. "I can't speak English," he answered in words the pronunciation of which showed his perfect familiarity with the language. When the laughter had subsided Lee was told that he was accused of being crazy and would have to answer that charge in court. When the term had been explained to him he became wrathful and announced in a loud voice that he was not crazy and that any man who said he was would have to answer the personal insult.

He was hustled out and will appear in court for examination today, while Chinatown has settled back to the numdrum existence so rudely broken by Sam Lee. Protestant evangelical churches are planning a series of simultaneous evangelistic services in the different churches of the city to be opened early in March, preparatory to the visit of Dr. Henry Agnew Johnson. Beginning March 24 union evangelistic services will be held to be addressed by Dr. Johnson in the Temple auditorium. These services have been planned under the direction of the Church Federation, which has sent a call to all the churches to join in the movement.

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BUTLER MILDLY REBUKES SAVAGE

CONSOLIDATION PRESIDENT MAKES STATEMENT Names Those Whom He Found Fighting the Measure and Praises Those Who Are Aiding It

S. A. Butler, president of the consolidation commission, yesterday made the daily press, Senator McCartney and Assemblyman Hammon introduced in the legislature a bill which provides that two or more cities can consolidate if they so desire by a majority vote in each city. Senator McCartney's bill was referred to the committee upon municipal corporations, of which Senator Savage is chairman. This committee reported the bill to the senate with many obnoxious amendments and a recommendation that it do not pass.

Senator McCartney and Carter of Los Angeles endeavored to have the bill sent to the committee on judiciary, so that the law committee of the consolidation commission could explain the legal propositions involved. This was opposed by Senator Leavitt, who, we understand, fears the race track at Emeryville, in which he is interested, would suffer by this bill, and Leavitt was backed in this opposition by Senators Savage and Bell of Los Angeles county.

In the Los Angeles county delegation credit is due to Senators Carter and McCartney and Assemblyman Case, Hammon and Pierce for their earnest support of our measure, and we find the following senators and assemblymen either violently fighting the measure or extremely apathetic regarding its disposition: Senators Savage and Bell and Assemblymen Leeds, Thompson, Traque, Stanton and R. O. Bell.

Savage and Leavitt Blamed The frantic opposition of Senators Savage and Leavitt (the former claiming that the people of San Pedro do not care to be annexed, and at the same time breath saying that he does not care if they all desire consolidation, he would oppose it) aided and abetted by the one great interest that has so successfully dominated politics in California, respectively of party, is sufficient to prevent the passage of any meritorious measure, notwithstanding the public demand. It is indeed strange that two senators with this detrimental influence can thwart the will of practically all voters in our great city. Public sentiment was certainly represented when the bill was introduced by the city council of Los Angeles, the mayor, board of supervisors, chamber of commerce and Merchants and Manufacturers association, as well as all the voters—six to one—on the annexed strip, making it possible for a consolidation with San Pedro and Wilmington.

It should also be emphasized that over one-half of the registered voters of San Pedro have signed the petition asking that an election be called to determine the consolidation question. The responsibility for the holding up of the bill should be placed where it belongs, viz.: upon Senators Savage and Leavitt and vicious elements in politics.

SAYS POLICE HELD HER WITHOUT COMMUNICATION

Lulu Kinlock, who was arrested Thursday on a charge of vagrancy, stopped proceedings in Police Justice Chambers' court yesterday and finally persuaded the justice to send for Chief Kern. She complained that she was unable to get word of her arrest to friends outside of the jail, and that if she had been allowed to communicate with them she would have been able to secure bail.

ELKS HELP AT ARBOR DAY WORK

Touring Utahans Leave Autos to Plant Trees—Visit Theater at Night. Start for San Diego Today

Utah's Elks tried to corner the automobile supply in Los Angeles today. Every size auto make was in use carrying the antlered visitors in all directions, this being free-for-all day in autos. Most of the visitors went towards the foothills towards Pasadena, Monrovia, Altadena and other points where views of the mountains could be had.

Exalted Ruler Tom Homer and the two chaperones, Mrs. C. C. Slade and Mrs. E. F. Kaufman, each in different colored autos with friends led one brigade that headed for Sycamore grove, where arbor day festivities were celebrated by Los Angeles. Here hundreds of autos trimmed in flowers and greenery had concentrated and the Elks were given the center of the charmed circle as soon as the purple came in evidence.

Elks were pressed into service and a number of trees were christened in their honor. The women of the party were all presented with bouquets of flowers by the school children, and the pretty compliment was highly appreciated by the Elks delegation. Secretary A. W. Raybould and C. F. Warren were so busy making up parties of tourists at the King Edward hotel that they were in the last auto to leave and their chauffeurs had to make fast time joining the bunch of benzine buggies that preceded them.

WILL UNITE IN REVIVAL SERIES

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