

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE AN UNLAWFUL MURDER OF UNFORTUNATE FULLER

POLICE CAPTURE SUSPECT AFTER A LONG CHASE

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rant charging him with obtaining \$60 by false pretenses from T. B. Lester, a perfumery dealer. This warrant was issued in the early part of January, and as no effort had been made to serve it before, it is evident that it was only brought into use on this occasion as a means of holding the prisoner until his connection with the graver charge of murder can be investigated.

Seifert is a man about 38 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, blond, and formerly wore a mustache. He is a licensed pharmacist, and once owned a drugstore in Woodland. Nearly all the time he has been in San Francisco he has been employed as a solicitor. His last occupation was soliciting advertisements and floor space patronage for the Juvenile Fairyland Carnival at the Mechanics' Pavilion. When he first came to San Francisco he was accompanied by his wife, and stopped at the Royal House on Ellis street.

His first venture was to contract with Charles Conklin, the ticket-broker, for a portion of the floor space of the premises at 710 Market street, representing that he intended installing a perfumery counter. He did not pay any rent, but had some effects moved in, including a desk and some medical books. Then he sublet a portion of the place to T. B. Lester, receiving \$60 on the representation that he had paid three months' rent in advance. When Lester ascertained that Seifert had no claim on the premises he secured a warrant for the latter's arrest. Seifert refunded \$35 of the money and promised to pay the balance, so the charge was not pressed, although the warrant was left in the hands of the police. Upon this old complaint Detective Hamill and Captain Callundan arrested Seifert yesterday.

When Seifert was arranging for his perfumery counter he became acquainted with Emma Searight, an acquaintance of Nora Fuller, and engaged her services to sell perfumery for him. She reported for duty several days, but Seifert never appeared at 710 Market street after he made his first arrangements. It is thought he became acquainted with Nora Fuller through Emma Searight, and may have knowledge of other men who knew her. Whether anything was found among his effects to connect him with the case the police refuse to disclose. In fact they will not admit that his arrest has anything to do with the Fuller case.

Seifert often wore a silk hat and a frock coat, and was fond of the society of young girls. He is said to have passed a number of small checks drawn on the Western National Bank that were returned as valueless. So far as known no complaints have been filed against him on this score.

The last time he called was only a short time ago. Seifert was met by the proprietor of the Winchester House, E. Rolkin, and was informed by him that there was a letter at the hotel for him. "Seifert called for the letter and it was handed to him by the night clerk. The clerk at the time knew that Seifert was being shadowed by the police, and he took particular attention to notice after Seifert left the house whether or not he would be cautious and hurry to the back streets. Night Clerk Johnson says that he watched Seifert that

LEONOR MAUDE FULLER disappeared from her home on the afternoon of Saturday, January 11 last, shortly after 5 o'clock.

The girl, who was 15 years of age, was the eldest daughter of Mrs. Alice Maude Fuller, who resided at that time at 1747 Fulton street. Mrs. Fuller was divorced from her husband and lived with her four children at the modest residence on Fulton street.

For some time previous to the disappearance of Mrs. Fuller's daughter, the mother had contemplated securing a position for her child in order to help bear the burden of maintaining the family.

With this object in view Eleanor Maude Fuller (formerly known as Nettie Fuller) answered various advertisements in the papers.

On the morning of Friday, January 10, the following advertisement appeared in a morning newspaper:

WANTED—A young white girl to take charge of a child and do light housekeeping. Apply box 1230.

Mrs. Fuller claims that she was the first to notice the advertisement and called the attention of her daughter to it. The child applied by letter for the position and on Saturday, January 11, received the following answer:

If this letter does not reach you in time to call at the Popular Restaurant, 50 Geary street, please write to the proprietor, Mr. Bennett, at the Popular Restaurant, 50 Geary street, for Mr. Bennett. JOHN BENNETT.

The letter was delivered at the Fuller residence too late for Nora to go to the restaurant to meet Bennett at 1 p. m. and she decided to keep the appointment at 4 p. m.

Shortly after 4 p. m. Nora left her mother's house with the intention of purchasing supplies for the dinner for the evening at the Popular Restaurant. Mrs. Fuller was ill in bed at the time and expected Nora to return after she had finished her purchasing and had seen Bennett.

Lewis J. Parlone, a brother of Nora Fuller, returned to his home that evening and learned from his mother that Nora had gone downtown to answer an advertisement for a position.

Between 4 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. Parlone was called up by telephone and Nora conversed with him. He was positive that it was his sister that spoke to him over the phone.

She said that she was in the 1200 block on Geary street, and that she had a nice position at \$20 per month. She said that the family wanted her to go to work at once and to her brother to speak to Mrs. Fuller about the matter.

Parlone left the phone and delivered the message to his mother, who desired that Nora return home at once. Parlone returned to the telephone and delivered his mother's message to Nora. The girl seemed to hesitate in answering her brother, and then said that she was at 1200 Geary street and would return home as requested. Then the phone was hung up by the girl and the conversation ended.

From that time nothing was seen or heard of Nora Fuller until her body was discovered in a vacant house at 2211 Sutter street on the afternoon of Saturday, February 8, at 2 o'clock.

On that afternoon H. E. Deane, a clerk employed by Umbson & Co., the real estate firm, was sent to inspect the house at 2211 Sutter street.

The house had been rented by Umbson & Co. on January 1 to a man who signed the lease in the name of "C. B. Hawkins," who paid the rent for a month.

Deane entered the house and found that the real estate firm that the premises had not been occupied, and that the man who had paid the rent for which "Hawkins" had paid the rent, Deane was sent to the house to make an investigation.

Deane entered the house and found no sign of life there. The rooms on the lower floor were empty, and he proceeded to the upper stories.

In a small back room on the top floor, darkened by the lowered window shade, Deane discovered what appeared to be a person asleep in a bed. He saw some clothing on a chair and as he received a woman's body lying on a bed, he realized that something was wrong. He left the house quickly and sought a police officer. With Officer Hill he returned to the house, and the men were horrified to find that a woman's dead body lay on the bed.

A sheet, slightly stained with blood, was draped over the right hand side of the left hand side of a blood-stained towel on the middle of the body. The body was lying on a bed, and the clothing of the body was lying on a bed, and the corpse had evidently been in the bed for some time. The face was mildewed and discoloration of the limbs had set in.

Although Detective Sergeant Dillon had been called to investigate the finding of the body in a vacant house, he did not immediately come to the conclusion that it was a case of suicide or death by nature.

Chief Deputy Coroner P. J. McCormick coincided with Dillon and the two officers did not make a careful examination of the room and the clothing of the dead occupant, thus losing valuable clues.

The body was removed to the Morgue and the clothing of the body was not until the newspapers of this city decided a few hours later that a vile murder had been committed. The authorities went to work on that theory.

On the evening of the discovery of the body in the house at 2211 Sutter street investigation by the press proved it to be that of the missing girl, Nora Fuller.

MOTHER'S IDENTIFICATION. While the reporters and the detectives were working on the case the mother of Nora Fuller positively identified the clothing found in the room with the body as being that worn by her daughter on the day she disappeared from her home on January 11.



C. A. SEIFERT, WHO WAS ARRESTED AT ESPARTEO YESTERDAY ON SUSPICION OF BEING CONNECTED WITH THE MURDER OF NORA FULLER, AND WHOSE CAPTURE WAS EFFECTED ONLY AFTER A LONG CHASE BY DETECTIVE HAMILL AND CAPTAIN CALLUNDAN.

Many Bits of Evidence Showing How the Little Girl Was Lured to the Sutter-Street House and Foully Slain by a Friend in Human Guise Who Posed as Her Friend.

Hawkins," to the lease of the house at 2211 Sutter street was the same man who had inserted the advertisement for a nurse girl in a morning paper of January 10 and who had written to Nora Fuller in the name of "Bennett."

By a peculiar incident in finding out where the furniture of the room in which the body of Nora Fuller was discovered had been purchased.

C. H. Lahanier, clerk for Umbson & Co., rented the house at 2211 Sutter street on the morning of January 9 to a man who signed the lease in the name of "C. B. Hawkins." Hawkins gave his address as the Golden West Hotel and referred the real estate firm to that place for references.

By a peculiar incident the clerk at the hotel misook the name of C. W. Hawkins on the register for that of Hawkins and replied that the man was a guest of the house.

REFUSED TO SIGN RECEIPT. B. T. Schell, salesman for J. C. Cavanaugh, 850 Mission street, sold a mattress, pillows, blankets and quilt on the evening of January 9 to a man who desired the goods to be delivered that evening at 2211 Sutter street.

Larry Gillen, driver for Cavanaugh, delivered the goods at the house at 2211 Sutter street. When he arrived there he rang the bell and was met by a man who answered the description of the purchaser. Gillen took the goods inside the house and left them at the foot of the stairs.

To Gillen's request for a signature to receipt the man refused to give one, but simply made a mark on the paper. Richard Fitzgerald, a salesman for the Standard Furniture Company on Mission street, sold a bed, wire mattress and chair to a man on the morning of January

10. The stranger said he desired the same to be delivered at 2211 Sutter street before noon.

Thomas Tobin, an expressman, delivered the articles purchased from the Standard Furniture Company to the house at 2211 Sutter street, shortly after noon on the same day. Tobin was admitted to the house by a man and was requested to take the bed and mattress and chair upstairs. He did so and placed them in the small back room. He set up the bed on which the body was found.

The salesman and drivers who had handled the furniture and bedding positively identified the articles found in the room when they inspected them after the discovery of Nora Fuller's body.

The police were unable to locate the store where the sheets and pillow cases were purchased. The articles were undoubtedly new and had never been laundered, as the store tags were upon them when the body of Nora Fuller was found.

Fred W. Krone, proprietor of the Popular restaurant, 50 Geary street, said that at noon of Saturday, January 11, a man had come into the restaurant who had been known to him by sight for some fourteen years. The man told Krone that if any one called for him and asked for "Mr. Bennett" to send the party to his table. The man took lunch and left at 1 p. m., no one having called for him.

Krone stated to the police that though he had known the man for many years, he had not seen him for a few weeks. He did not see him again until eight years ago, when he returned one day. On that occasion the man informed Krone that he had given

up his trade of a printer and had become a minister.

The restaurant proprietor further stated that the man "Bennett" had again returned to the restaurant a few days before Nora Fuller disappeared.

On the evening of January 11, when "Bennett" asked Krone to send any caller to his table, the man returned to the restaurant about 5 and again told Krone and Miss Louise E. Chase, the cashier, that "if any one called and asked for Mr. Bennett" to send the party to his table.

THE DESCRIPTIONS DIFFER. Bennett partook of dinner and shortly after 6 p. m. paid his bill to Miss Chase who saw him go out and walk up and down on the sidewalk. She did not receive any call "for Mr. Bennett" and the last she saw of him he was walking up and down in front of the restaurant.

The descriptions of Bennett furnished by Krone, Miss Chase, the furniture salesman and the expressman, who sold and delivered goods to the man, all differed.

Krone described "Bennett" as a man weighing 125 to 170 pounds, height 5 feet 8 inches, heavy build, square shoulders, round features, dark mustache and eyebrows, peculiar drooping right eyelid, and dressed in long dark top coat, dark outer coat, trousers of same goods, black derby hat, diamond ring on right hand and heavy gold watch chain.

Miss Chase gave a description similar to that of Krone.

Schell, the furniture salesman, described Bennett as being 5 feet 9 inches tall, of round features, light hair and mustache and square shoulders and wearing a light tie, light topcoat, black Prince Albert

understanding as to the rent, which was to be \$90 a month. At that time he appeared to have plenty of money and I thought that he was perfectly good for the rent. He moved in a small stock of toilet articles and perfumery, but the stock came in small instalments, and he never had much that was of any value.

"His venture was a failure and he did not do any business. I think that this was owing to the fact that he was not attending to his business. He was devoting nearly all of his time attending to the children's carnival that was being held at the Mechanics' Pavilion. I believe that he acted with this dramatic venture as advertising space agent.

"On February 1, as he had not paid me a cent on the rent ac-

count, I locked up his side of the store and to-day I still hold his stock, which is of no value. I have not seen him since February 1, but he has telephoned me several times, trying to adjust the matter.

"Though I only met him as a tenant, I understand that he was at one time connected with the German Hospital in this city, and that while there he had charge of some department. I also was led to infer that he was a member of the State Board of Pharmacy. He was a young man of engaging manners and personally I thought that he was quite a nice young man. When I first met him, he had money."

To Cure Grip in Two Days. Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause. Dr. W. Grove's signature on every box.

When one calls another a liar it may result in a job for the undertaker.

EFFORTS TO FIND BENNETT. From the time the body of Nora Fuller was discovered the efforts of the police and press were directed toward locating the man Bennett, who had inserted the advertisement and who was, without doubt, the same man who signed the lease for 2211 Sutter street with the name "C. B. Hawkins."

On the night Nora Fuller disappeared Lewis Parlone made a search for her at the Popular Restaurant and at Geary street. The girl had not been seen at the restaurant by any of the attaches and 1200 Geary street was a vacant house.

A Bennett left the Popular Restaurant at about 6:30 on that night and Parlone was called up by Nora Fuller between 6:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. and told by her that she was with Bennett's family at 1500 Geary street. The police became satisfied upon investigation that Parlone telephoned to her brother from a downtown telephone and that she had known Bennett for some time previous to her disappearance from home.

The girl never called at the Popular Restaurant for Bennett and yet about the very time that he was seen walking up and down in front of the place Nora Fuller telephoned to her brother that she was with Bennett and his family in the Western Addition and that she had a nice position.

VAGUE CLEWS FURNISHED. That Nora Fuller met her death on the night of her disappearance there is every indication. Henry Ascher, who resides at 2213 Sutter street, remembered seeing a man come out of 2211 Sutter street on the morning of January 11 and 15. He spoke to him and asked him if he had rented the house and was told by the man that he was an agent. It was on the morning of January 11 that Ascher saw a man come down the steps of 2211 Sutter street, and that the man was "Bennett" alias "Hawkins."

W. J. Lee, a trained nurse, claimed that on the evening of Sunday, January 12, she saw a man and a girl enter 2211 Sutter street, and that their appearance tallied with that of Nora Fuller and Bennett, alias Hawkins.

Outside of the evidence of Ascher and Lee not a person could be found by the police who saw any one go up and down in front of the place Nora Fuller disappeared until her body was discovered.

The family of Ascher, residing at 2213 Sutter street, and that of Mrs. Cohn, which resides at 2209 Sutter street, never heard a single sound proceeding from the vacant house or noticed any sign of life therein.

Madge Graham, a girl companion of Nora Fuller, repeatedly stated that she had heard Nora Fuller telephone to a man who she said was named "Bennett" and that when she had accompanied Nora Fuller to a grocery store Nora had asked her not to listen while she phoned to the man. Mrs. Fuller desired that the police that Madge Graham could not be believed, and that she was simply seeking to make a story for the newspapers. The clerks at the grocery store mentioned by Madge Graham could not remember ever seeing or hearing Nora Fuller telephone to any one named Bennett.

After the identification of Nora Fuller's body the police followed up a number of clues without any success. Hundreds of suggestions for making a rigid investigation followed, but nothing was gained.

GRANT CLOSELY QUESTIONED. In the few days following the discovery of the body the efforts of the police were directed toward ascertaining the whereabouts of a complete account of his relations with Nora Fuller. Grant became the attorney of Mrs. Fuller about three years ago, and it was learned that in August last he purchased a dress and jacket for the girl and had given her some money. Grant explained that the purchase of the dress and the small sums of money he had given Nora Fuller were in payment of the account for board of his daughter with Mrs. Fuller. The police were thoroughly satisfied that Grant knew where the body had disappeared and death of Nora Fuller.

Another clue which was followed by the police, which accounts for the presence of a card bearing the name of M. A. Serebrensky of Port Arthur, Alaska, which was found in the pocket of a letter of introduction to Mrs. Fuller from her home, who lives at 209 Geary street. Mrs. Fuller and her daughter Nora had called at the Palace Hotel to visit the girl, which accounts for the presence of her card in the dead girl's pocket-book. Serebrensky called on the City of Peking at 1 p. m. of January 11, nearly five hours after the death of Nora Fuller from her home. It was thought that he might have left the steamer at the mail dock before the sailing, but letters mailed by him from Honolulu prove that he was a passenger on the ship.

The autopsy disclosed the fact that Nora Fuller died from asphyxiation through strangulation. Examinations by experts proved that there was no evidence that any effort had been administered to her, and further evidence was forthcoming that the girl met her death about twenty-four hours of her disappearance.

When Nora Fuller's body was discovered Cal reporters immediately made a systematic search of the house at 2211 Sutter street. There was not a single sign to indicate that the house had been occupied for more than a few hours on January 8, when it was rented by "C. B. Hawkins." This theory was subsequently verified by the expert investigations, showing the time of Nora Fuller's death.

TO BUILD NEW LINE TO COAST

Hill Plans an Extension to Eureka.

Northern Pacific and Great Northern Close Deal.

Branch Eight Hundred Miles Long Will Run From Weiser, Idaho.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Northern Pacific and Great Northern interests have closed a deal for a new through line to the Pacific Coast, English and American capitalists, headed by Lord Thurlow and George H. Proctor of New York, will build an 800-mile road from Eureka, California, to Weiser, Idaho.

From their main lines the Great Northern-Northern Pacific interests will build toward the same point from the north.

An entirely new territory, rich in forests, mines, agriculture and cattle ranches, is being opened up by the merger interests control of the finest harbor on the Pacific Coast not already occupied by the Orient. It will be a winter route over which most of the Oriental traffic can be sent when snow blockades and heavy traffic make the more northern routes impracticable.

The deal by which the two interests were brought into conjunction was effected Wednesday in New York. Lord Thurlow, who was in Chicago for several months, is expected to return to the city of the transaction. The plan will involve an outlay of \$25,000,000.

CONTRACTS ARE LET. "Contracts for the construction of the road were let to Drake & Stratton of New York just before I left," said Lord Thurlow. "I am on my way to California. Mr. Proctor is with me. The finance committee, as we are called, includes, besides Proctor and myself, Henry B. Twombly, a nephew of the Vanderbilts, and associated with them Robert Gilson, William R. Wilson, associated with President Clements of the Rutland road, and W. C. McGowan of Jersey City."

"The road will be called the Eureka and Eastern. It will open up a vast territory, rich in timber, coal and gold and copper mines. Proctor and myself have been in consultation with Hill and Hartman for several weeks, reaching an agreement only Wednesday. The construction of the road will be extended down to Weiser, where the Eureka and Eastern will meet it. The two roads will act in conjunction and Hill's interests will be ours. The terms of the agreement I am not at liberty to divulge—in fact, this is the first announcement we have made that the deal has been effected."

ROUTE INDICATED. There are a number of possible routes which the Great Northern may take in its extension to the Pacific Coast, as indicated by Lord Thurlow's partial outline of his plans is from Spokane almost directly south, tapping Cheney, Tekoa, Partridge, thence south following the Snake River to Huntington, with possible spurs to Mount Idaho, Enterprise and Baker City.

Lord Thurlow said further: "Eureka harbor on Humboldt Bay is one of the best on the Pacific Coast. Annual imports and exports from the port of Eureka are valued at \$6,000,000 and the city is the only one of its size in the world which has no outside connections. The road will cross the Southern Pacific at Redding and in its 800 miles will pass over the boundaries of three States—California, Idaho and Oregon. Actual construction will begin early this summer. Bonds are being now underwritten."

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