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CONVICT MURPHY IS CAPTURED BY BRAVE DEPUTIES AT RENO BUT HIS COMPANION, OUTLAW MILLER, MANAGES TO GET AWAY

MYSTERY ENVELOPS DEATH OF SCION OF NOBLE FAMILY

Count Van Asperen Van der Velde of Aristocratic Dutch Lineage, Despondent, Without Money, Home or Friends, Is Found Lifeless on Ocean Boulevard



COUNT VAN ASPEREN VAN DER VELDE.

JEAL FOUND ON BODY.

APPARENTLY gazing out over the boundless waters of the Pacific with his glassy eyes riveted, as if on some vision of his better and happier days, his body peacefully reclining on the dreary sloping sand dunes that flank the Ocean boulevard, the lifeless body of Count Van Asperen Van der Velde, formerly an officer in the Dutch army, was found at early dawn yesterday by J. Leigh Rowley of 1350 Forty-ninth avenue.

Without one bitter feeling let us part. And for the years in which your love has shed

A radiance like a glory round my head I thank you—yes, I thank you from my heart. Broken in spirit, discouraged, friendless, without hope and without means for daily sustenance, this young scion of a family of noble lineage, an ex-lieutenant in Holland's navy, an associate of princes of the realm, well versed in science and literature, a fluent linguist, and until recently blessed with ample wealth, he took himself to this lonely spot and there laid himself down to enjoy that everlasting sleep which he hoped might bring to him rest and peace out of his wretched existence.

Reared in the home of luxury, the son of one of the first families of Holland, he enjoyed every advantage that education, travel and social environment could give.

He became a lieutenant in the Dutch navy, but on the death of his father, who left him a large estate, he resigned his commission to look after his business interests. His travels were extensive.

He enjoyed the acquaintance of many of the leading European notables, among them Prince Henry of Prussia. He married quite early in life, and several years ago his wife, who now resides in Holland, obtained a divorce from him. She is reputed to be a beautiful woman and to have in her own name something more than \$1,000,000.

Five years ago he came to America, invested in plantations in Alabama and within a few months had lost the entire fortune left by his father, whose name the son bore.

Impoverished and helpless, Van der Velde drifted about the country, finally landing in California about two years ago. By accepting any kind of work that offered itself he managed to live. A year ago, however, he found himself out of work and money, and to keep himself from starving he stole a bicycle, hoping that he would be arrested and sustained

NOBLEMAN OF HOLLAND WHOSE DEATH IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY AND REPRODUCTION OF PHOTOGRAPH OF WOMAN WHICH WAS FOUND, WITH OTHER EFFECTS, IN DEAD MAN'S POCKET.

with prison fare. His calculations proved correct and he was thrown into prison, but soon after released on his showing that he was starving when he committed the crime. The story of his troubles at that time attracted attention. After this escape Van der Velde sought aid from Abram Binneweg of 830 Broadway, Oakland, a countryman. Binneweg assisted him for a month and tried to get him a position.

He was last December that he stayed with me," said Binneweg. "He was very weak from hunger and I gave him food. When he began to build up he asserted himself by joining the Salvation Army. That was enough for me and I told him to go. The last time I heard from him he was acting as a nurse in Dr. Simon's hospital in San Francisco.

"I suspected that Van der Velde would commit suicide while he was with me, so I wrote to his mother in Amsterdam for money to send him. She replied that she had no money to send, as her son had spent her own and his fortune and she was dependent on her daughter for the necessities of life. His committing suicide is just what I expected."

Henry Mioulet of 524 Nineteenth street, Oakland, was Van der Velde's most intimate California friend. They met a little more than a year ago, just after Mioulet arrived from the West Indies. "We corresponded frequently," said Mioulet, "until last June, when he failed to reply to my letters. The last time I heard from him he was a nurse at Dr. Gardner's sanitarium in San Mateo. He seemed to be happy there and had saved

some money. He didn't seem to me to be the kind of a man who would commit suicide. He often talked of going home."

O. F. Woods, manager of the Tremont House, where the Count had resided ever since the first of the month, was the last man that saw him alive. He said:

Van der Velde has made his home here off and on since last October. Last night at 7 o'clock he stated that he was going to San Mateo on the electric cars, and departed, taking with him his effects. He had been drinking a good deal lately and was inclined to despondency. I think he must have been almost penniless. I am not at all surprised at his sudden end.

Dr. Alvey of 536 Kearny street, who was a professional adviser and personal friend of the deceased, stated that the Count had a weak heart and he attributed that as a cause of his death.

Dr. Julius Simon of the Maudsley Sanitarium, where Van der Velde was employed from the beginning of the year until April 25, was greatly shocked to hear of his death. He stated that the unfortunate man had filled all requirements while in his employ and that he tried to prevail upon him to stay. He said:

The Count was a gentleman of remarkable attainments and of great travel. He was the frequent recipient of letters from Holland and also from Australia. He enjoyed the best of health and I never heard or knew of him to speak of any organic heart trouble. He was strong, active and vigorous when he left here.

Detective C. H. Taylor, who was at once sent to look into the case, would not express an opinion as to the cause of the Count's death. There was certainly a large degree of mystery connected with it. The body was removed to the Morgue and an autopsy to determine the cause of death will be held to-day.

TEMPEST RAVAGES ISLANDS

Tremendous Loss of Life Is Feared.

Cayman Group Devastated by Hurricane.

Ships Driven Out to Sea Fail to Send Tidings of Safety.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 23.—A schooner which arrived here this morning reports that the Cayman Islands were devastated by a hurricane on the evening of August 11.

The houses at Georgetown, a village near the west end of Grand Cayman Island, were demolished. The vessels in the harbor were driven out to sea; two subsequently returned, but many others had not been heard from up to August 16.

It is feared that great loss of life occurred. All the trees and crops were destroyed and a famine is imminent. The people expect the Government of Jamaica to send supplies. Seven schooners were wrecked on the east side of the principal island.

No news has been received from Cayman Brac and Little Cayman up to the time the schooner left, but it was thought certain that these islands were devastated by the cyclone and that hundreds of persons had lost their lives.

ABANDONS CANVASS OF THE COLOMBIAN SENATE

Committee Is Appointed to Find Some Way for Arranging Canal Difficulties.

BOGOTA, Aug. 23.—Oscar Teran, a Representative from Panama, made a private poll of the House of Representatives to learn whether a resolution commending the Senate for rejecting the Panama canal treaty would pass if offered. As a majority of the members advised against such action, Senator Teran decided not to make the proposition.

The Senate and House have appointed a committee to find some way to satisfy the desire of Colombia for the construction of the canal in accordance with national interests, but without interrupting the friendly relations which the republic desires to continue with the United States.

GREEN PEAS SPROUT IN A CHILD'S STOMACH

Seven-Year-Old Girl Dies From a Strange Cause in Iowa.

CRESTON, Ia., Aug. 23.—A most peculiar death occurred here to-day. The 7-year-old daughter of John Ronte, a Burlington conductor, was taken sick ten days ago with what physicians pronounced dysentery. In spite of their best efforts the little one grew worse until her death to-day. An autopsy developed the fact that the child had swallowed green peas whole, that they had sprouted and were growing in her stomach. The case is said to be one of the most peculiar on record.

LOSES VICE PRESIDENCY OF SOUTHERN REPUBLIC

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Aug. 23.—The election of Alfredo Baqueriza Moreno, Ecuadorian Minister to the United States, as Vice President of the republic of Ecuador has been annulled by Congress on the ground that it was unconstitutional.

JOSEPH MURPHY, one of the escaped convicts from Folsom, was captured at Reno, Nev., last night by two brave deputies. He was armed, but was overpowered before he could draw his revolver. Outlaw Miller, who was with Murphy at the time, jumped from a bridge into willows growing on the bank of the Truckee River, after emptying his revolver at the officers, and escaped. The officers shot at Miller, and believe one of their bullets struck him.



FOLSOM CONVICT WHO WAS CAPTURED AT RENO AND HIS COMPANION, WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE IN THE WILLOWS FRINGING THE BANKS OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER.

Officers Meet Escapes on Bridge.

Pistol Shots From Both Sides.

Prison Birds Are Caught Off Guard.

RENO, Nev., Aug. 23.—This city is in a state of excitement over the appearance here of Murphy and Miller, two of the escaped Folsom convicts.

The pair made their appearance here to-night about 9:30 o'clock after traveling all day and ran into the arms of the officers. Early this morning Sheriff John Hayes received word that two of the convicts had left Carson City last night after spending the day there carousing about the saloons under the very eyes of the law and not being recognized. Upon receiving the intelligence that the convicts were headed this way, Sheriff Hayes called his two trusted deputies, William Maxwell and John Sharkey, into consultation and plans were laid for the capture of the two desperadoes.

Two cowboys were given a full description of the convicts and sent on the Carson road over which the men would necessarily pass en route, with instructions to inform the Reno officers by telephone if they passed the escapes.

About 7 o'clock this evening word came from the scouts that the men wanted had just passed Steamboat, twelve miles south of here, going toward Reno. All was then bustle and excitement at the Sheriff's office, and hurried preparations were made to capture the desperate men.

In the meantime the scouts kept the convicts in sight from the rear, following them into town. When Murphy and Miller entered the city limits the officers were again advised by the scouts that the desperadoes had entered the city. All the bridges crossing the river leading into the business portion were guarded by strongly armed men.

MILLER SHOOTS AT OFFICER. Deputy Sheriffs Will Maxwell and John Sharkey were given the Virginia street bridge, the most likely one for the convicts to attempt to cross. At just 3:30 p. m. the two escapes were in sight on the south end of the bridge, where Sharkey and Maxwell were stationed.

The men walked to the center of the bridge, stopped as though discovered, then continued. As they reached the end of the bridge the two officers stepped forward with a command to "throw up your hands or you are dead men."

Murphy reached for his revolver, an ugly looking 45 Colt, but was quickly grabbed and handcuffed by the officers before he could use it. Miller got hold of his revolver, however, and exchanged shots with Deputy Sheriff Maxwell. Miller, after emptying his revolver without any effect, jumped off the bridge, a distance of twenty feet, into the brush and made his escape. Maxwell fired three shots at the escape and thinks one of them took effect, as the man could hardly run.

Miller was followed down the river bank about 200 yards. Then he was tracked and run up First street, bareheaded, keeping close to the river. No attempt will be made to-night to capture him owing to the heavy growth of trees, willows and shrubbery along the river. The officers have the territory well guarded and it is believed that Miller will be captured at day-break.

MURPHY IS SULLEN.

A Call correspondent interviewed Murphy in the City Jail late to-night, but he was very sullen and refused to talk much. He stated that he left Carson last night, after putting in an enjoyable day there. It was his intention to make Reno, then try to board a freight train for the East. When asked why he stopped while crossing the bridge, he stated that it was to remove his revolver from his coat pocket to a handkerchief in the front pocket of his pantaloons. He said that he would surely have killed Officers Maxwell and Sharkey if his revolver had not caught in his pocket.

"I would rather have been killed myself than to return to that accursed prison, he added."

When questioned as to who his companion was he emphatically stated he would not tell.

"Catch him and you will then know," he said, defiantly.

Murphy's whereabouts for the past week could not be drawn out of him. He said he did not see the officers until he was commanded to throw up his hands.

"I was dazed for a moment," he said, "and taken off my guard, so they got the drop on me."

SCOUT FOLLOWED CONVICTS. W. O. Craig, a scout from Davisville, who was instrumental in running the convicts to earth, in an interview said:

BAY YIELDS UP BODY OF MISSING LAD

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BENICIA, Aug. 23.—The finding of the body of Fred Potter in the bay near Martinez to-day confirms the suspicion which has been held by Solano County officers for several days past that the young man was murdered by a Greek fisherman.

Potter, who was 21 years of age and whose family resides in Los Angeles, went to work as a boat puller for a Greek fisherman named Antone Barry some five or six months ago. The fisherman's camp is located on the Sacramento River near Montezuma Slough. Barry went to Black Diamond last Tuesday and in the afternoon of the same day young Potter took a skiff and rowed toward Duttons Landing.

An American woman who lives on the bay shore near the mouth of the slough in which Barry's scow was located says that she saw Potter in the skiff when he got well out into the bay. She says that he was approached by a fishing boat in which was a young Greek named George Pansacola. She saw the two boats come together, but tells different stories of what occurred after that. She has said that she saw the Greek in the act of stabbing Potter three times, and again that she saw no trouble between the two men. She now denies having seen Potter fall overboard and says she does not know where the boats went.

DISAPPEARANCE OF POTTER.

When Barry returned from Black Diamond Tuesday night he found that Potter was missing from the scow and upon inquiry in the camp as to what became of the young man he became suspicious that there was something wrong. On Wednesday he made a thorough search of the surrounding tules for some trace of Potter or the skiff in which he was supposed to have left. Some said that Potter had left to look for work on a farm, and Barry waited until Thursday, thinking that he might return, but as he did not put in an appearance then Barry decided to report the matter to Sheriff Keys at Fairfield, as he felt that the case needed investigation.

Sheriff Keys, District Attorney Gregory and Constable Hyde left Benicia Friday afternoon for the scene and made a thorough investigation. They found that Pansacola had left for parts unknown Wednesday morning. The woman men-

ARCHBISHOP FARLEY WILL BE CARDINAL

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The World has the following from Rome:

It is asserted in Vatican circles that before next Christmas America is to have at least one more Cardinal, viz, the new Archbishop of New York, Mgr. Farley, with whom the Pope is personally acquainted.

The first consistory of Pius X will not take place before next month, probably about the 21st, owing to preparatory work which has to be performed by the Consistorial Congregation regarding the appointment of new Bishops throughout the world, and another consistory, at which several new Cardinals are to be named is to take place in the third week of December.

Of the monseignors, Merry del Val, Farley, Archbishop of New York, and Cagleari, Bishop of Padua, are certain of promotion.

Potter's body when found to-day was taken in charge by Coroner Curry of Martinez. An examination of the body revealed an ugly knife wound below the right shoulder blade, showing unmistakable evidence that Potter was murdered and his body thrown overboard. No motive can be given for the murder.

KNIFE WOUND IN BODY.

Pansacola is about 21 years of age and has not been in this country very long. He is believed to be in hiding in the Greek quarter of San Francisco. Constable Hyde left here to-night for San Francisco to search for him.

This is only one of many similar fatalities which have befallen a number of American and English boys who were likewise engaged in fishing with the Greeks. Owing to the isolated localities of the fishing camps on the river and the tendency of the fishermen to shield their countrymen the murderers have seldom been apprehended. The remains of Potter are being held by the Coroner until his family can be communicated with in Los Angeles.

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