

JEKYL AND THE SCHMIDT TRACED BY WRITER

Dorothy Dix Says That New York Crime That Now Shocks the Country Is Similar to That Committed Year Ago by Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson

By DOROTHY DIX

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Just about a year ago the country was shocked and amazed by the announcement that the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the pastor of a fashionable church in Brookline, Mass., had murdered a young girl—Avis Linnell.

Today we realize with horror that the slayer of the girl, parts of whose body were found floating in the Hudson river, is a minister—Hans Schmidt, who has been officiating at St. Joseph's church.

The two murders are singularly similar. Both are what the French call "crimes of passion." Both first had betrayed innocent young girls, and both murdered their victims when the young women were about to become mothers and exposure and degradation from their high calling threatened the men.

And both men, Judas-like, killed with a kiss the women who still trusted them in spite of all that had gone before. Richeson, with his own hand, gave to the girl he had so basely deceived the medicine that was her death draft. Schmidt stole into the room in which his victim slept peacefully and unafraid, and cut her throat.

JUSTICE SWIFT AND SURE
Both crimes were coolly and deliberately planned, with every precaution to throw suspicion off of the right scent, and to evade discovery. And in both cases justice was swift-footed and neither tarried nor slept until she laid her heavy hand upon the culprit.

And the universal surprise and horror excited by the fact that these two crimes were committed by men who wore the liveries of heaven in which to serve the devil is an irrefragant and cautious world's highest tribute to the church. It shows how high an ideal of conduct her sons have set, and how seldom they follow the straight and narrow path of righteousness.

Few more brutal crimes ever have been committed than this murder of the Aumuller girl, fragments of whose dismembered body have been specked up from the river during the last week, as if the waters refused to hide so terrible a secret.

That a minister, whose life was consecrated to the service of God, could have committed such a deed, that he could have gone with his hands still stained with blood to minister before the altar, and listen with respect to his sermon, to the confession of other troubled hearts, staggered credulity, except that the man himself has admitted his guilt in a story as weird and sensational as any thing De Maupassant ever imagined.

"THE WAGES OF SIN"
It is a black romance, a story of forbidden love, a story of the triumph of the flesh over the spirit, the story of a love that led through sin to crime and death. It is a Yaggy grim and awful as life has ever offered.

At the parish house at St. Boniface church there was a pretty maid, assistant to the housekeeper, named Anna Aumuller, and with her Schmidt fell in love. He forgot his vows. He forgot his duty.

He forgot everything except that deep and lusty were her eyes, how white her skin, how perfect the curves of that body that even in its dismembered state showed classical proportions.

The summer that followed Anna Aumuller's coming to the parish house good Father Braun and his sharp-eyed assistant, who is his housekeeper, were away in Europe and there was no one to note the romance of the clergyman and the prettily maid.

And so love had its way with these two as it has with men and women since the world began.

LED STRANGE DUAL LIFE
Finally Anna Aumuller left the parish house. She was to become a mother, and she demanded that, cleric or no cleric, the father of her child should marry her, and he went through a strange mockery of the ceremony that his church holds to be a sacrament, never to be broken or violated. He took out a license at the city hall in his and the girl's right names, and then, telling her that he was a clergyman and so permitted to perform the marriage ceremony, he did it himself. Then he rented a little flat in Bradhurst avenue, in Harlem, and they furnished it meagerly and went to housekeeping.

It was a strange dual life the man led, serving in the church by day as Father Schmidt, wearing the sacred vestments of his calling, and at night, clothed in civilian attire, slipping to the apartment where he was known as A. Van Dyke. This secret life in the new home had gone on only for a little while when he determined to kill the girl.

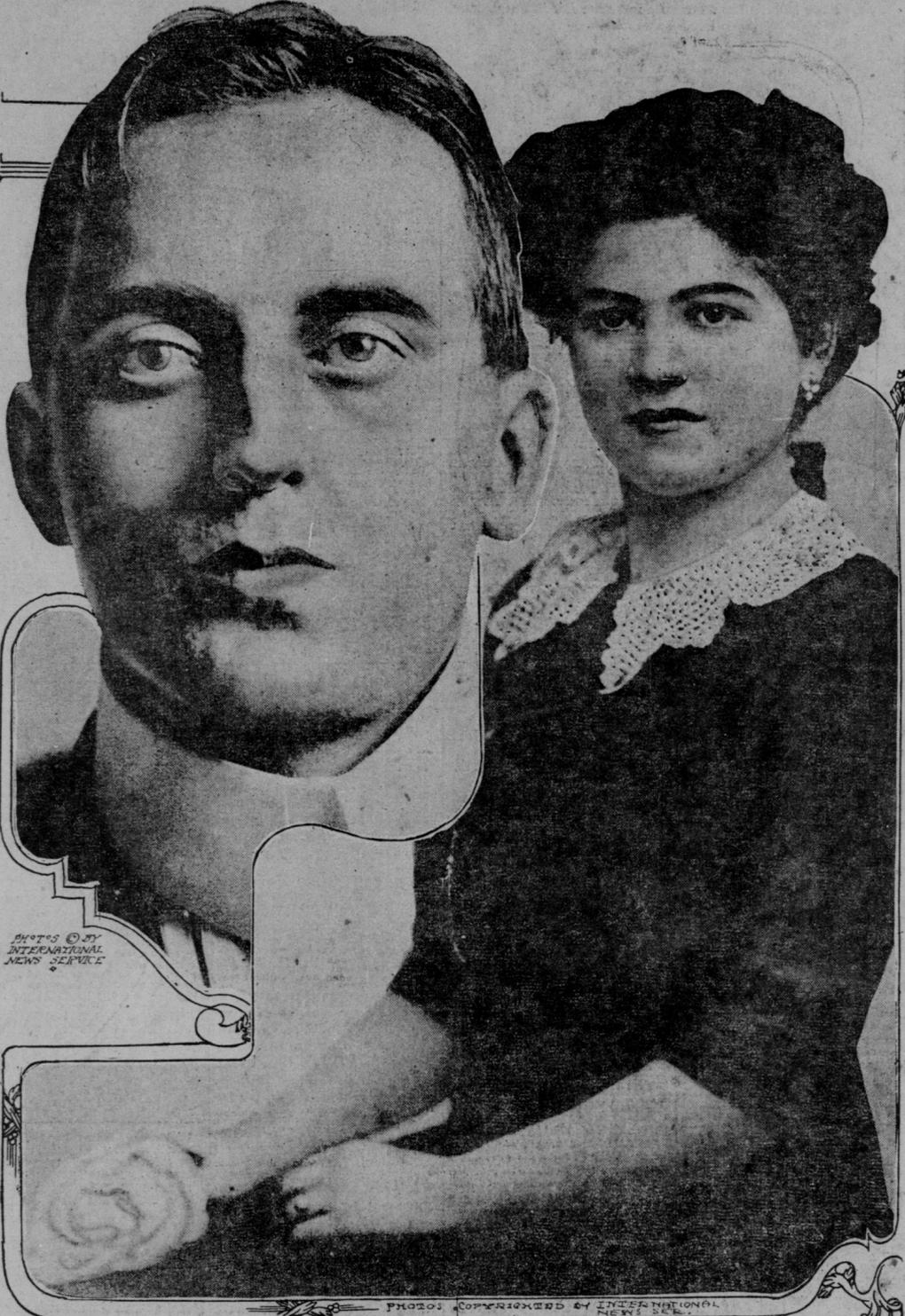
Perhaps he was driven to it by fear of the exposure that was almost bound to come when the child was born. Perhaps it was the result of a strange mixture of love and jealousy and conscience. His tortured soul no longer would let him indulge his passion, and yet he could not bear to give her up and perhaps see her go to another.

HIMES ST. ELIZABETH
It may have been some strange striving of his religion in him. At any rate, he made up his mind to slay the girl and to dismember the body so that it could not, as he thought, be identified, and he set about making the preparations with cold deliberation.

He went miles from where he lived to buy a knife and a saw with which to do his deadly work. Then he went into the room while the girl slept and cut her throat, and in the instant of doing it took the body in his arms and bore it to the bathtub, where the blood might be carried away into the drain. He cut up the body into nine pieces, tied them up into new, inconspicuous bundles and the next day, one by one, took them across the Fort Lee ferry and dropped them overboard into the river.

Only a mind diseased could have conceived such a plot—or a mind acutely cunning and already preparing for its defense a plea of insanity to stand between it and the electric chair.

Hans Schmidt, Man of Mystery, And Anna Aumuller, Girl He Killed



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Popular Prices for Grand Opera Season

Prices which will prevail during the opera season opening at the Tivoli October 6 have been announced by the Western Metropolitan Opera company. It has been decided to have the season at popular prices, ranging from 50 cents to \$2 for seats and \$3 for box seats.

Season subscriptions for boxes and seats have been opened, one for 25 performances being \$500 and 50 performances \$1,000. Boxes are transferable. Season subscriptions for seats have been planned with a coupon system, by which a book good for 20 seats will be sold for \$25, and 20 coupons good for 20 seats for \$24. Coupon holders will have the right of the first selection of seats for every performance. The sale will open Monday.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS TO GIVE DANCE FOR 1915

For the purpose of raising funds to entertain members of the order during 1915 a committee of the auxiliaries to the United Spanish War Veterans will give a dance at the German House on October 7.

HUERTA MAY BREAK UP CONGRESS FIVE KILLED BY CHICAGO EXPLOSION

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 20.—President Huerta today threatened to dissolve congress and postpone the national election, unless the chamber of deputies confirmed his appointment of Senor Tamariz to the ministry of public instruction. In a message, Huerta declared that he had reforms in mind for the enlightenment of the people, and he felt confident that Tamariz is better suited than any other man to carry them out.

The recall of Felix Diaz was declared to be a shrewd political move on Huerta's part. It is reported that Huerta will appoint Diaz foreign minister to succeed Senor Gamboa. Under the constitution, a president of Mexico cannot succeed himself. If Diaz is appointed foreign minister and Huerta resigns to be a candidate for re-election, Diaz would succeed to the president's chair in the interim.

ADOLPH SUTRO TO TRY FOR AVIATION RECORDS

Adolph Sutro Jr. will try for passenger carrying records in aviation tomorrow morning off the exposition site, taking as passengers Arthur A. Knapp and Stewart Dodge. He hopes to land world's records for altitude, distance, duration, weight lifting and speed. Sutro designed his own hydroplane.

REFUGEES IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20.—Delayed by a fog at sea, the United States gunboat Yorktown, carrying many of the American refugees from Mexico, who were ordered out of Mexico by Secretary of State Bryan recently, arrived at the Los Angeles harbor today.

BRYAN WILL NOT CEASE SPEAKING

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Declaring that he has not altered his plans and that he intends to lecture whenever he deems it desirable or necessary, Secretary of State Bryan today issued the following statement:

"This evening is the last of the Chautauqua lectures for this season. The total income from the Chautauqua lectures this year is a little more than \$7,000. The net receipts, after taking out expenses, are somewhat over \$5,500. The number of whole weekdays which have been used for the lectures is, according to my recollection, seven. The remainder of the lectures were delivered at places near enough to Washington to enable me to leave here as late as 3 o'clock.

"I would not assume that the public was interested in these details were it not for the fact that the representativeness of a few of the newspapers have regarded them as a matter of great importance.

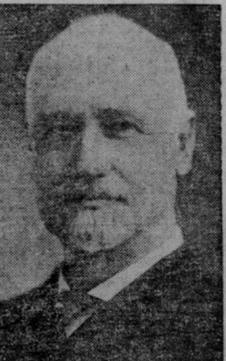
"The criticism that has been directed against my lecturing is no more bitter than that which I have encountered during other times, and for other things during my connection with politics. No man should enter public life if he objects to criticism, and he can not stay in public life if he permits criticism to turn him from doing what he thinks to be right.

"He must decide his duty for himself, and be answerable to the public for any mistakes that he makes. I regard lecturing as an entirely legitimate field. I lectured before I was nominated for president. I lectured between campaigns. I shall continue to lecture and I shall not believe that any person whose opinion is worth having will think the less of me for so doing.

"This closes the lecture subject for the present."

Struck by Streetcar and Skull Fractured

Struck by a McAllister streetcar at Van Ness avenue, George Newcomb, assistant business manager of the Building Trades council, yesterday sustained a fracture of the skull, concussion of the brain and internal injuries. Notman John J. Carroll was arrested.



FOR TAX COLLECTOR J. O. LOW

The candidate is the incumbent of the office. He has been endorsed by both Republican and Democratic parties.

All observers of public affairs are unanimous in their praise of Mr. Low's Administration of the very important office and urge his election.

"I'LL FIGHT FOR LIFE," SCHMIDT 20,000 WALK IN GAYNOR CORTEGE

Slayer Now Terror Stricken by His Fear of Death Chair

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Suddenly abandoning his air of resignation and martyrdom, Hans Schmidt, the supposedly mad priest who confessed murdering Anna Aumuller, declared in the toms that he would fight for his life.

For the first time a look of terror came into the prisoner's eyes at a mention of the death chair, and Schmidt confided to a fellow prisoner:

"I will fight for my life. If District Attorney Whitman expects, to get anything out of me he will find himself up against a stone wall."

However, on account of Schmidt's erratic mental condition, sudden change of attitude with revelations of more ghastly crimes would not surprise the police.

When Schmidt was asked about a confession he is alleged to have made yesterday relative to Euthanasia, he shrugged his shoulders and refused to talk. One of the beliefs of Schmidt's disordered mind is in the doctrine of painless death for cripples or persons who suffer. The police believe that if Schmidt had not been arrested he would be dealing in wholesale murder.

Schmidt intended to make a beginning in his dreadful work among the parishioners of St. Joseph's church, where he was assistant rector. In order to dispose of his victims Schmidt had stolen a book of death certificates from a physician, and these were to have been forged.

GIRL FEARS MURDER

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Vera Harris, the young girl who is believed by the police to be married to Dr. Ernest Muret, the New York criminal involved with Hans Schmidt, the renegade churchman, was found today. She is employed in the dressmaking department of a big west end establishment owned by Bourne and Hollingsworth. She has been living under the name of Vera Harman recently.

"I believe that I had a narrow escape from the same fate as Anna Aumuller in New York," said the girl. "I fear Dr. Muret and am afraid to say anything against him."

BELIEVES SCHMIDT HOCH'S KIN

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—That Hans Schmidt, renegade clergyman of New York, was a near relative, possibly a brother of Johann Hoch, slayer of four wives in Chicago, who was executed in 1905, was the statement today of Isidor Plotke, attorney who defended Hoch.

"My belief is based on the actions of Schmidt as related in the newspapers," said the attorney. "Hoch's real name was John Jacob Schmidt."

Gasoline Prices Do Not Affect Tractors

George L. Shields, local manager of the Rumley Products company, declares that the published statement to the effect that the present price of gasoline has made it impossible for his company to sell gasoline tractors does not apply to its oil pull tractors, for the reason that these machines are operated, not with gasoline, but with what is left after the gasoline has been extracted from the oil.

"The Rumley company's growth is due to the success of its oil pull tractors operating on kerosene and other cheap fuel oils. The company's business is in an exceptionally satisfactory condition."

Two Ex-Presidents and Other Noted Persons to Follow Body to Cemetery

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The family of the late William J. Gaynor, mayor of New York, today surrendered his body to the custody of the city and it will lie in state in city hall until the public funeral services Monday, after which it will be interred in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn.

For the next 48 hours there will be a succession of honors of the highest and most impressive order paid the memory of the dead executive.

The private services today at the Gaynor home were conducted by Rev. Dr. Frank W. Page, an Episcopal pastor and a brother of Thomas Nelson Page, the novelist. In addition to members of the Gaynor family only a few intimate friends were present. These included Robert Adamson, the mayor's secretary; Police Lieutenant Kennell, and Dock Commissioner Smith.

OVERFLOW SERVICE PROVIDED

It is estimated that more than 20,000 persons will march in the cortege. On account of the general demand for admission tickets to Trinity church, it has been decided to hold an overflow service in St. Paul's church.

Mayor Gaynor's body will lie in state at the foot of the stairway in the rotunda of the city hall guarded night and day by a death watch of firemen and policemen.

While the services Monday will have no military features, both the United States army and navy, as well as the government, will be represented. Among the representatives of the army and navy will be Major General Barry, commander of the department of the east, U. S. A.; Captain Glass, U. S. N., representing the commander of the Brooklyn navy yard; Rear Admiral Winslow, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic fleet; Major General J. F. O'Ryan, commander of the New York state national guard.

ENGLAND TO BE REPRESENTED

The British consul will represent the English government at the Trinity services. All of the officials of the city will be present among the mourners, as well as two former presidents of the United States, William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt.

MISS C. GRIFFITH KILLED BY TRAIN

Miss Caroline Lord Griffith of San Francisco, daughter of the late Captain Milton Griffith, was killed by a freight train at Pleasanton yesterday.

Miss Griffith had been visiting at the home of her brother, Charles Griffith, which is near the station, and about 11:30 o'clock in the morning, as was her custom, started for a walk. She was alone at the time of the accident.

She was a native of San Francisco and has lived here and in Ross valley, the family home having been for many years in the exclusive circle on Rimoon hill.

Her father was one of the pioneers and founded the first tug boat service. Her mother was Miss June Lord, a member of the New York family.

Edward L. Griffith, whose death occurred abroad several years ago, was a brother, and she is survived by her sisters, Mrs. James W. Hoop of Philadelphia, Miss Alice Griffith of this city and her brother, Charles Griffith of Pleasanton.

Last year Miss Griffith and her sister, Miss Alice Griffith, completed a handsome home at the top of the Pacific avenue hill.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

The White House

IN THE BOOK DEPARTMENT CROWDS

A Book for the Individual, —By— GERALD STANLEY LEE.

THE MEN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT is showing a most extensive stock of Autumn neckwear, also bath robes, dressing gowns, sweaters, caps, scarfs and motor robes.

A specialty is made of shirts to order. Prices \$4 to \$20, according to the material used.

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