

CHARLES SCHMIDT WAS MURDERED FOR MONEY!

IDENTITY OF BODY FOUND TIED IN SACK IN THE BAY LAST SEPTEMBER ESTABLISHED BY WIFE, WHO IS NOW IN THE CITY—TRUNK MYSTERY PARTIALLY SOLVED BY STAR INVESTIGATION

Through investigations conducted by The Star it has been proven almost beyond a doubt that one of the unidentified persons buried in the potter's field last summer was Charles Schmidt, who disappeared on May 27 under peculiar circumstances.

A thorough investigation at that time proved that the man had met death by violence and that the foul odor which had been used to bring it about, both hands and feet were cramped it gave evidence of having been stowed away in a box or trunk for transportation to the water grave, which gave up its dead two months later.

The body was so badly decomposed that an absolute identification was impossible, but many things in connection with the disappearance of Schmidt and the finding of the murdered man's body in the bay, coupled with the terrible sight witnessed in the vicinity of a certain shack near the foot of Pike street makes it almost certain that Schmidt was murdered for his money in the Pike street shack, bundled into his own trunk and thrown into the bay by those who killed him, to hide the crime.

Those working on the theory that the murder was committed in the shack have still the record of the occurrence. Three fishermen, whose names were never learned, left this city about that date. They have never returned. According to the eyewitnesses, the body was transported from the shack in a trunk that smelled of decaying flesh. Every action of the man who had the strange load carted off to his final dumping place was suspicious. The trunk was afterwards returned by the expressman alone. The shack was deserted from that date and the stranger, who hired the expressman to do the job, was never seen again by residents in that vicinity.

It was well known at that time there was a bad bunch of cut-throats and murderers at heart in that section of the city. The filling in of the water grave has in a measure broken up that rendezvous and driven out the gang.

According to the coroner's record the unknown body found in the bay was one weighing 165 pounds, height 5 feet 9 inches, brown hair, no beard, possibly a light colored mustache, and about 40 years of age.

Mrs. Schmidt's description of her husband tallies closely with the coroner's record. Her husband was 45 years old. Other points of resemblance are acknowledged by Mrs. Schmidt. She believes there can be no question, as to those who have taken an interest in the case, that the missing husband and the murdered unknown are one and the same.

Charles never would desert me. He was a good, pure man and there was no reason whatever for his doing so. Down in my heart I feel satisfied that I shall never see him on this earth again.

These are a few of the pathetic statements made to a Star man by Mrs. Ruby Schmidt, who for eight months has worked in this city as a domestic, dreading to leave the place where her husband, Charles Schmidt, was last seen alive. Her present circumstances are entirely dependent upon the proof of Schmidt's death. There is a legal tangle over property rights involving several thousands of dollars.

the ground, taking with her the sum of \$200, which she deemed sufficient to meet expenses until the arrival of her husband, who was to follow on the next north-bound trip of the Dolphin. In a letter to his wife, dated Seattle, May 27, Schmidt explained that he would take the Dolphin next day. This was his last communication to her of any kind, and since that day she has heard nothing of him or those who had last seen him the day prior to that date.

The first intimation that there was something wrong came to Mrs. Schmidt when she began receiving her husband's mail at Juneau with the Seattle forwarding stamp imprinted upon them, showing that her husband, a methodical man, had taken the precaution to order his mail forwarded. Letters addressed to her husband at Seattle came back unanswered and her fears increased.

About this time Juneau's population was quarantined during a smallpox scare and her efforts to solve the mystery were set back by the officials who refused to listen to her pleadings. However, she did write a letter to the Seattle police in the nature of a disappearance report. City Detective Frank Kennedy handled the case, but with little result. He, too, traced the missing man's footsteps up to the fatal date, but was obliged to give it up after several days of research on account of its baffling nature. It was not generally known at that time that Schmidt had a large sum of money in his possession, his wife says nearly \$500.

"My husband was not distrustful and would not think it wrong to take a man into his confidence. I remember on one occasion, shortly after we came to this city, a young man took him on a trip over to Kirkland to look at some land there which he wanted to sell him. We were desirous of purchasing a home. He came back, but told me that he did not like the land. I did not like the young man that took him over there," said Mrs. Schmidt, in answer to a query regarding her husband's inclinations and habits.

She says he was not a drinking man, but would take a glass now and then.

THEY ARE MAD

The maddest aggregation of human beings that ever whetted their appetites for a good dinner, and then didn't get it, are in Seattle today.

They are clerks and other employees of the legislature, who were asked to be "guests" of Seattle with the members of the legislature and, among other treats in store for them, they were to dine on board the big ship Minnesota as guests of J. D. Farrell.

This line of talk enabled the men behind the entertainment to fill up the special train, which would otherwise have carried a bare handful of souls over to Seattle.

The committee wanted to make a good showing, and so everybody was invited to come along, clerks, doorkeepers, messenger boys, pages et al., and the whole crowd made a big train load.

On the way over the special committee politely informed the party that the eating accommodations on the Minnesota were just sufficient for the members of the legislature—and no more.

The clerks then got good and mad. As a sop to them, however, they were told that if they would be real good they could stay with the solons long enough to take a look at the big ship, but they would have to "hit the lunch counters" if they cared to eat, after that.

A number of them visited the Minnesota, but the majority were so disgusted with their treatment that they scattered as soon as the train pulled into the Seattle depot.

BRISTOW GETS NEW JOB

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.—Joseph L. Bristow yesterday announced his resignation as fourth assistant postmaster general to take effect January 20. Upon quitting the postoffice department Mr. Bristow will be appointed by President Roosevelt as a special commissioner to investigate trade conditions and freight rates between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.



DAME NATURE SENDS THE LITTLE CHAP OUT TO FACE THE WORLD.

Czar Officially Admits Disaster

NICHOLAS FOR FIRST TIME ADMITS THAT PORT ARTHUR HAS FALLEN—IN A LONG LAMENTATION HE TALKS ABOUT RUSSIAN SUCCESS IN THE PAST

(By Scripps News Ass'n.)

TOKIO, Jan. 14.—"The bravery shown by the Japanese navy is beyond comparison," said Major General Nadien, one of the paroled Russian officers who has arrived here from Port Arthur. "Its achievements are unparalleled. With the Japanese navy and the Russian army of the present day nothing in the world could withstand us. Our soldiers are uneducated. It is not so with the Japanese. Their bravery displayed by the Japanese soldiers is unrivaled. It seems shameful to kill such splendid men."

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—The czar today issued the order of the day to the army in praise of the heroic defense of Port Arthur by General Stoessel and his garrison. The order reads:

"Port Arthur has passed into the hands of the enemy, after a struggle lasting eleven months, during seven of which the brave garrison was isolated without hope. Nevertheless they sustained the sieges, hardships, privations and moral tortures without complaint, determined that the enemy would gain nothing without paying dearly."

"With a handful of men we withstood the enemy's furious attacks. My brave soldiers and sailors, let not this sorrow discourage you. Our enemy is brave and strong and it is extremely difficult to sustain the struggle at a distance of 10,000 versts, but Russia is great and powerful. During her national life of a thousand years she has given hard proof of her ability to overcome even more serious dangers. Each time she has arisen more powerful than ever and with full and renewed vigor."

"We are greatly grieved by the lack of success and painful losses, but let us not abandon courage. It is in sorrowful times, such as these, that the power of Russia renews itself. I am confident that the hour of victory is striking, and God will bless our dear army and navy in its efforts to crush the enemy and sustain the honor and glory of the fatherland."

"NICHOLAS."

GERMANY IS NEUTRAL

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JAPS ATTACK FRANCE

TOKIO, Jan. 14.—The Japanese press is sharply criticizing France for permitting the Russian second Pacific squadron to make use of Madagascar as a base of operations. The Asahi today says:

"It is no longer possible to overlook France's non-observance of neutrality, nor her disregard for the obligations of a neutral nation."

WILL RECALL KUROPATKIN

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph wires that a private telegram received there from St. Petersburg asserts that Gen. Kuropatkin will probably be recalled on account of ill health.

JAPS ESTABLISH NAVAL BASE

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—A telegram from Java states that a naval base has been established on the island of Labuan by the Japanese. British telegraph office on the island has ceased working for 12 days to conceal the presence of the presence of the Japanese.

READ THIS!

Some three weeks ago, shortly after the alleged conviction in St. Petersburg of Sazonoff, the assassin of Minister Von Plehve, The Star printed a story in which were related a series of incidents tending to show that the real assassin had escaped from prison, through a daring nihilist plot, and that the Russian police were trying to conceal that fact. The story of Sazonoff's escape, as told by fellow plotters, was also related. Today The Star publishes a story from the assassin's own lips, telling how he escaped. A dummy "Sazonoff" is now serving a 20-year sentence for the crime, having been convicted and sentenced with all due formality, in St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Mary McAlpin filed a divorce suit in the superior court yesterday afternoon against her husband, Benjamin McAlpin. She alleges desertion.

Senator Foster Will Keep His Agreement

THE OLD COMPACT BETWEEN ADDISON G. AND JOHN L., AND WHICH THE FORMER ALLO WED TO GO TO PROTEST TWO YEARS AGO, HAS BEEN REVIVED—IF NOT ELECTED WITHIN WEEK FOSTER WILL WITHDRAW IN FAVOR OF WILSON

Olympia Bureau Seattle Daily Star, Olympia, Wash. Staff Correspondence by Dan Dean and Will Windom.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 14.—"If the legislators of the state of Washington do not care to honor me with a renomination within a week after the first ballot has been cast I will retire from the senatorial contest and request my supporters to give their votes to ex-Senator John L. Wilson, pursuant to our agreement of six years ago."

The above statement is credited to Senator Addison G. Foster by a member of the legislature who is very close to the Tacoma man and whose word is above question.

It will come in the nature of a complete surprise to Mr. Foster's associates who, knowing the open rupture existing between the senior senator and the Seattle candidate,

pled support of Foster the Tacoma man would move every power and influence to elect Wilson for senator at the next legislature, which occurred two years ago.

How Foster deliberately repudiated his promise is common knowledge. How he "threw down" the Seattle man and turned tail to support Senator Ankeny is too well known to deserve repetition here. Even Foster's warmest friends have no defense to offer in behalf of his action.

Since then the two politicians have been at bayonet points and the existing bitterness between them has added a spice to the present struggle for senatorial honors.

That Senator Foster should finally determine to carry out his belated agreement will act as a bombshell in the camp of the Sweeney forces. And, if true, it will cause a revolution in the midst of the legislators.

who will find themselves, in the words of the inimitable Mr. Chalmie Fadden, "up against it."

Also, it will go down in the annals of Washington politics as the most remarkable chapter in a senatorial fight ever witnessed.

Your correspondents were unable to see Senator Foster up to a late hour this afternoon to corroborate the statement he is credited with.

The Star's informant, however, predicts that the Tacoma man will emphatically deny it in toto in order to prevent any further publicity of the affair.

Gov. Mead is very discreetly keeping his hands off in the senatorial fight.

A rumor was today circulated that the chief executive is quietly aiding the Wilson candidacy, but this is emphatically denied by the governor and his friends, and the report is probably without truth.

Mead is very friendly toward Wilson on account of the great fight the latter's paper, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, made for the governor during the campaign.

Yet Mead is also under deep obligations to Piles, who made a personal canvass of King county in his behalf, and whose work was quite effective.

The chief executive is lucky, however, in that both of his friends are from one county. Should any of his kind efforts be misconstrued by either of the two candidates, he can talk volubly about "for the good of the county," etc.

The new state land commissioner, Ross, is doing some very effective work for Wilson. Ross has turned over all the machinery of his office to Wilson, and as the commissioner has considerable clerkship patronage to dispose of and survey work throughout the year, Wilson has received some very tangible results.

Speaker Megler yesterday signed the bill appropriating \$50,000 for legislative expenses.

Dickson, of Kittitas, moved that the bill providing for the regulation of irrigation, as prepared by the McBride commission, be given precedence over all other bills that are printed, and that an additional 2,500 copies be printed for the use of the members of the house.

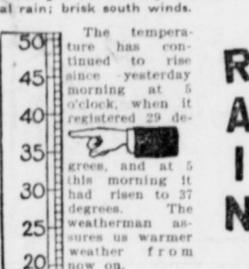
ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT

Because a Japanese snowballed Nick Paseto on Maynard avenue yesterday afternoon, Paseto, who was drunk, drew a revolver and fired two shots at Mike Avershana and snapped a third in his aged mother's face. The murderous action was reported to Officers Burdman and Wested, who arrested Paseto and he will be held on a serious charge. A formal complaint has not been filed against the man. Had the third cartridge exploded, the woman would have undoubtedly been killed. Paseto was so drunk that his aim was bad and the shots he took at Avershana were without effect.

The Weather Spotter

Watch this hand—it moves and will tell the lowest temperature for the past 24 hours.

Tonight and Sunday: Occasional rain; brisk south winds.



RAIN

Brady Wins

(By Scripps News Ass'n.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The senate this afternoon confirmed the nomination of John C. Brady as governor of Alaska.

CARTER GAINS ONE VOTE

(By Scripps News Ass'n.)

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 14.—Carter made a gain of 1 today in the senatorial vote. He is still 6 short of election. The vote was: Carter, 41; Mantle, 9; Conrad, Dem., 31; scattering, 12.

CONFESS

(By Scripps News Ass'n.)

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—Judson and William Mealey, brothers, brought here as witnesses from Foster, in relation to the investigation of the land fraud cases, made a complete confession today to Wm. J. Burns, in the government secret service.

They admitted they were employed to make fraudulent entries and to do similar work by the conspirators. The confession materially strengthens the government's case against Mitchell and Hermann and implicates State Senator Booth and Frederick A. Kribs timber agent, deposed Roseburg officials, and others.

Huber was convicted with the members of the former government for selling bogus government bonds. Minister Powell informed the Haytian government that the United States demanded the annulment of the sentence and would take drastic measures to enforce its demands if Huber were not released at once.

PHILOSOPHICAL TOWSER. BY FREDDIE GREEN'S CHUM, WILLIE B. GOOD.



TOWSER'S FINISH.

ONCE THERE WUZ A DORG HUZ NAME WUZ TOWSER AN' HE WUZ EN ORFL KIND DORG FUR FUN. EVRY DAY I USTER TIE EN O'FL TIN PAN ON HIS TAIL TO SEE HIM RUN EN HEAR THE CAN BUMP. HE GOT SO HE JES LIKED TO HAVE ME DO IT TO HIM EN WEND WAIT FOR ME AN BARK OF I DIDN'T KUM OUT. WE HOD LOTS OF FUN UNTIL HIS TAIL WORE OUT AND ALL THE CAUS WUZ BUSTED. THEN HE DIED.