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HAD BEEN DEAD THREE DAYS

Partly Dismembered Body Found in Boston

WAS A MANCHESTER GIRL

Information of the Murder First Came from That City—Was Case of Malpractice—Five Arrests Made.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Five persons were arrested yesterday after the discovery by the police of the partly dismembered body of Miss Mary Boline, 22 years old, of Manchester, N. H., in apartments of Mrs. Jennie Shattuck of Jamaica Plains.

The medical examiner declares that death was due to an illegal operation. Mrs. Shattuck and Miss Hattie Hazlett of Cambridge were arrested in the apartment, and Dr. John Ferguson and his clerk, Miss O'Neil, were detained by the Manchester authorities.

Last evening the Fitchburg police arrested Anna W. Reed, 30 years old, charging her with the murder of Miss Boline.

The discovery of the girl's dead body followed the receipt of news from the Manchester police that they had been informed by a physician that a woman lay dead in a Jamaica Plain house. She had been dead three days.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Watts announced later that all five under arrest have been charged with murder and are held without bail. They will be arraigned to-day.

Through counsel, Ferguson denied connection with the crime, claiming he had been called into the case to identify the girl and afterward notify the police.

According to the Manchester police, who communicated with Captain Dugan of the local force, a physician came into the police station in the New Hampshire city and volunteered the information that the Boston police would do well to investigate the death of a woman last Tuesday at 46 Woodlawn street, Jamaica Plain.

Telephone communication was at once established with this city, and yesterday forenoon officers went to the house in Jamaica Plain. There was no one in the house, but on forcing the door to one of the chambers, the officers found the body of a woman on the bed. The neighbors stated that her name was Boline, but very little was known of her and no one had been seen about the house for some days.

PHYSICIAN'S STORY.

How He Knew of the Death of Miss Boline.

Manchester, Dec. 23.—It is stated by the Manchester police that the woman found in an unoccupied house in Jamaica Plain is a Miss Boline, who resided with her aunt in the Ray block in this city.

The first information that was received was from a Manchester physician whose name is withheld by the authorities at present.

The physician is said to have told the police that he accompanied her to the house in Jamaica Plain on Dec. 13. The woman in charge was going away and could not receive her and the doctor says he left them talking together. It was also said that a young woman accompanied the girl to Boston.

Wednesday, the lodging house woman came to Manchester and informed the doctor that the girl was dead. He went down Thursday and identified the body as that of Miss Boline and returned Thursday night.

After thinking the matter over, he went to the police with his story.

PHYSICIAN ARRESTED.

Dr. John D. Ferguson Placed Under Arrest in Manchester.

Manchester, Dec. 23.—Late yesterday afternoon local officers arrested Dr. John D. Ferguson of this city and his clerk, Miss O'Neil, at the request of the Boston police, and in connection with the discovery of the body of Miss Boline in Boston.

Neither would make any statement of the affair.

REPUBLICANS TO DRAFT WOOL BILL

Members of Ways and Means Committee Are Called Together.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Republican members of the ways and means committee, summoned by Representative Soren F. Payne of New York, former chairman of the committee, began yesterday the preparation of a revised wool tariff schedule based on the report of the tariff board and the message of President Taft.

President Taft having designated the report of the board as the most scientific series of statistics ever assembled on the subject, the administration and Republican leaders in the House have determined to draft a bill founded entirely upon the data of the report. With this bill they will go before the country.

Republican members of the committee who began work on the bill were Payne of New York, Daize of Pennsylvania, McCall of Massachusetts, Hill of Connecticut, Needham of California, Fordney of Michigan, and Longworth of Ohio.

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GIVES BRIDE TO BROTHER AS SHE LOVED HIM FIRST

Rich Georgia Planter Sacrifices Himself for the Happiness of Elopers.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 23.—Because his young bride has fallen in love with his brother, J. L. Beck plans to give her legally to the man she loves.

J. L. Beck and his brother, J. C., are wealthy planters who have lived together for years. Two months ago the elder, J. L., married a beautiful girl of 20. The younger lived with the couple, and soon brother-in-law and sister-in-law were strongly attracted to each other. Three days ago Mrs. Beck left home ostensibly to visit her parents, and about the same time J. C. Beck left for Macon.

The couple met here and engaged rooms at a hotel. A friend here notified the husband and he went to the hotel with officers, who arrested the couple. The husband questioned the wife.

"I soon learned," she said, "that I loved your brother better than you. Loving him, I did not think I ought to continue to be a wife to you, and when he asked me to meet him here I agreed. I just followed my heart."

The bride's answer unnerved the husband. He told her he didn't want her to live with him if she loved his brother and that he would not stand in the way of her happiness.

It is understood J. L. Beck will allow his wife to get a divorce, but will force his brother to marry her. "I will not wreck a woman's happiness," he said.

FIRE DEFENCE WITNESSES GOT RAISES IN PAY

Testimony at Triangle Trial Varies from Statements Made After the Disaster.

New York, Dec. 23.—The trial of Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, charged with manslaughter in connection with the Asch building fire, was resumed before Judge Crain in general sessions and developed the fact that most, if not all, of the witnesses called for the defense of the two proprietors are employees of the firm who have, since the fire, received advances in their salaries. In connection with such advances, it was noticed that without exception these witnesses testified to facts or incidents in a different manner than they had done when questioned within a few days after the fire by Assistant District Attorneys Bostwick and Rubin and the coroner.

Fannie Kritzberg of 35 Roebing street, Brooklyn, worked in the shipping room and passed through the Washington place doorway on both the eighth and ninth floors many times each day, but had not done so for the two months just prior to the fire. She said she was receiving \$7 a week prior to the fire, but was now getting \$9.

Lena Handschuh of 78 East Tenth street said she was a forewoman on the eighth floor and that since the fire her pay had been raised from \$18 to \$25 a week, the increase beginning two or three weeks ago, or practically at the commencement of the trial. Reading from a statement made to him shortly after the fire, Assistant District Attorney Bostwick asked the witness if she had not then told him that she had always been obliged to turn the key, as the door was kept locked, but she denied this.

Louis Brown, a machinist on the eighth floor, said the door was not locked and denied the things that Mr. Bostwick read to him as his statement made shortly after the fire.

William Greenpan of 156 East One Hundred and Twelfth street gets \$25 a week now, while at the time of the fire he received \$20. He, too, denied many of the things he was supposed to have said in a statement to Mr. Bostwick.

IN DYING CONDITION.

Unknown Woman Stricken with Apoplexy in Boston Store.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Regaining consciousness just long enough yesterday to murmur "Esther Grossman, Esther Grossman," an unidentified woman is in a probable dying condition at the Grace hospital.

She was stricken with apoplexy while in a downtown department store last Wednesday and since being removed to the hospital has been devoid of the power of speech.

As no woman answering her description has been reported missing, the police and hospital authorities believe she came to Boston from some New England town or city to do some Christmas shopping.

ENGLISH LOCKOUT.

About 160,000 Operatives at Manchester Are Involved.

Manchester, England, Dec. 23.—The committee of the Lancashire Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' association at a meeting yesterday afternoon decided to lock out the whole of the workers in the mills belonging to the federation beginning on Dec. 27.

The lockout is a protest against the attempts of trades unionists to force weavers not belonging to the unions to join their ranks. At least 160,000 operatives are involved.

HILDA'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

BY LIZZIE W. GOLDWIN.

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This Christmas story really happened. It occurred at an orphan asylum situated in the United States, where a number of orphans and half orphans are received, some children being taken from parents who are unable to provide for them. The buildings are located in attractive grounds and near the margin of one of America's most beautiful lakes.

Christmas was coming on, and the children at the orphanage were invited to write letters to Santa Claus, mentioning such gifts as they would like to receive on the approaching anniversary. The boys asked for sleds, skates, bats, balls and such other articles as pertain to youngsters of their age. The girls would have dolls, doll-houses, toy pianos, kitchen sets and other girl toys.

Hilda was nine years old, and her affections had strengthened as her years increased. They were stronger than her love for playthings. Most children at that age doubt if there is such a person as Santa Claus, but the children of the orphanage, not mingling with the world, retain the innocence of their babyhood and their belief in the white bearded old gentleman who brings the Christmas gifts. Hilda was as innocent as the rest. She did not expect that Santa Claus would bring the children everything they asked for, but she did believe that he would read their letters and do what he could for all of them.

Hilda's letter was very different from all the rest. Instead of asking for toys to play with or some ornament to decorate her person Hilda wrote to Santa Claus:

I wish for my Christmas present this year to see my mamma.

The letter was sent with the rest to Santa Claus. Who transmitted them is one of those mysteries that is as inexplicable as Santa Claus himself. Nevertheless he received every letter and set himself to work to gather in the things the children asked for. But Hilda's letter puzzled him. He could cram a doll in a stocking or hang it on a Christmas tree, but he could do neither of these with Hilda's mother. Besides, Hilda's mother lived some distance away, and it would cost a good deal of money to bring her from her home to the orphanage. If Santa Claus could bring her in his sleigh drawn by the "eight tiny reindeer" the case would be simple enough, but there was only room for the toys in the sleigh, and human beings are not used to riding up brick walls, over roofs and down again on the other side. No wonder Santa Claus was puzzled. It looked as if Hilda's present could not be given her. That would be too bad, because she had asked for nothing else, and if she could not see her mother she would get no Christmas gift.

Hilda, innocent child that she was, didn't trouble her little head about all this. She didn't realize that she had given Santa Claus a knotty problem to solve. She had simply asked for what she wanted, just as she would ask for something in her prayers before going to bed.

Well, Christmas eve came at last. The children of the orphanage always receive their presents on the night before Christmas, and Santa Claus brings the gifts in person. On Christmas eve the children gathered in the schoolroom and while waiting for Santa Claus sang a Christmas carol. They had scarcely finished when there were a jingle of sleighbells without, a ring at the doorbell and a kicking of snow off Kringle's boots.

Every child rushed to the door at once. It was opened, and old Santa Claus, with a bag of gifts on his shoulders, came in, bringing a cold puff of wind with him. The children followed him back into the schoolroom, where a large Christmas tree stood, illuminated with electric lights and covered with spangles and toys. There are so many children at the orphanage that Santa Claus couldn't bring all the toys for them with him and had sent the larger ones before.

He tossed a jumping jack to one, a doll to another, a mechanical cab to a third, the matrons and other grown persons assisting in the distribution. "Poor little Hilda did not see her mother in the room and sorrowfully made up her mind that Santa Claus could not give her present. All the girls and boys received their gifts but Hilda.

When it was all over Hilda went upstairs to do some duty—for being one of the older girls she was assigned duties—and while she was at work she heard voices downstairs calling: "Where's Hilda? Hilda Burton, come here!"

Hilda went downstairs, and there stood Santa Claus waiting for her. "Are you Hilda?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I have a present for you that is too big to be put on the Christmas tree, so I must give it to you now."

He stepped aside, and there stood Hilda's mother.

She took her little daughter up in her arms and hugged and kissed her while the others looked on, some laughing, some smiling through tears of the happy reunion of mother and daughter.

How did Santa Claus get the gift to the asylum? For an answer for this you must ask the good people who contribute to the support of the orphanage.

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