

## KLEINSCHMIDT A SECOND DURRANT

### Blanche Kerfoot Tells Hideous Story.

### ALMOST CRAZY ABOUT WRONGS

### She Says Young Athlete Assaulted Her Forcibly.

### THEN DEFAMED CHARACTER

### Raving and Hysterical, Girl Relates Events Which Preceded Bellos' Death—Poison Was Forced Down Her Lover's Throat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—(Special.)—That Harry Kleinschmidt, the young University of California student who is suspected of the murder of Frank Bellos, a fellow-student, is a monster only second to Theodore Durrant is the conclusion to be drawn from the statement made to the officials by Blanche Kerfoot, the girl for whose afflictions the men were rivals. He is accused by the police of having repeatedly assaulted Miss Kerfoot, blackened her character when she turned against him and finally poisoned Bellos.

Say Evidence is Complete. The Berkeley police today began the work of piecing together the bits of evidence against Kleinschmidt and, when they had completed the task tonight, they announced that they regarded the material at hand as sufficient on which to base their case.

In the next few days they will endeavor to strengthen their case by the examination of friends of Kleinschmidt, Bellos and Miss Kerfoot. Many of the friends of the three have left for distant parts of the state, little dreaming that the case would take the grave aspect that the deposition of Miss Kerfoot gave it, and hoping to remain away until the matter had all blown over.

### Blanche Kerfoot Nearly Insane.

Among these missing witnesses is a young college girl, a confidante of Miss Kerfoot, to whom Miss Kerfoot had related all her experiences with Kleinschmidt. This will be the strongest corroborative evidence to be submitted. This young woman in turn has written some confiding letters to Miss Kerfoot, which are still in the latter's possession and which will give the scandal a far wider scope.

Miss Kerfoot, District Attorney Everett Brown, of Alameda County, announced tonight, will be the chief witness for the state. She is in an extremely delicate condition at her home in Sutter Creek and fear is expressed that she may lose her mind. She is still in a hysterical condition and is under the care of two physicians. It was learned today that the young woman had not willingly made her statement to Marshal Vollmer and Deputy District Attorney Carey, who made the trip to Sutter Creek from Berkeley. For hours the young woman maintained that she could throw no light on the matter, dreading the scandal that she knew would result. Finally she broke down and told all.

### Haves as She Tells Wrong.

During the recital Miss Kerfoot went from one fit of hysteria into another. It was 8 o'clock in the evening when she began to relate the hideous story and it was 5 the next morning when she had concluded. At the end she lay weak and worn on her couch. Later in the day she began to rave, calling out the name of Frank Bellos, to whom she had been engaged. Tonight she is somewhat calmer, but at best it will be several weeks before she can make a statement before a jury.

### Tried to Induce Her to Die.

From Miss Kerfoot's story, the Berkeley police are working on the theory that Kleinschmidt is a second Theodore Durrant. He is large and muscular and was a member of his class football team. Miss Kerfoot is slight and graceful. The big athlete, she said, grasped her as a monster in his powerful grip and she was as helpless as a butterfly. Never, she said, did she willingly become his victim, but always was violently assaulted. Miss Kerfoot said that on the day of Bellos' death Kleinschmidt tried to induce her to die, saying that he would follow her to the grave. She says that he proposed that they take cyanide of potassium. It was this poison, say the police, that caused Bellos' death. Even on this tragic day, said Miss Kerfoot, was she again made the victim of Kleinschmidt's lust.

### Wiped Out Evidence of Murder.

Frank Bellos met his death on July 25 of this year on the lawn in the rear of the Kleinschmidt home. In one hand was a bottle of cyanide of potassium. At the time the coroner called it suicide, and at the request of Kleinschmidt destroyed the bottle of acid. This is now regarded as a significant fact and will be used at the trial.

The evidence in the hands of the police shows that Miss Kerfoot had broken her engagement with Kleinschmidt after he had attacked her. Subsequently she became engaged to Frank Bellos. The police say that Kleinschmidt tried to win the girl from Bellos and to do so rified

### NO MORE DELAY IN LAND TRIALS

### Bonaparte Goaded to Order Action.

### WILL WAIT NO MORE FOR HENY

### Bristol to Proceed With Hall and Hermann Cases.

### HALL'S PROTEST HEDED

### Bristol Indignant at Being Hurried. Delay Due to Legal Holidays, Which Prevent Heny's Completing Ford Trial.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 25.—Further postponement of the trial of the Oregon land-fraud cases is not to be tolerated. Because of complaints and criticisms, the Department of Justice has decided to take radical steps, which will force trials at an early day, and it is expected that District Attorney Bristol will soon receive instructions to proceed.

Only recently John Hall, under indictment, wrote the President, asking for trial. His request was transmitted to the Attorney-General and thence to Mr. Bristol, who replied that he could not proceed, as that was one of F. J. Heny's cases.

The Department says that, if Mr. Heny cannot get away from San Francisco long enough to prosecute Hall and Binger Hermann, some one else will be found who can take up this work. In fairness to those under indictment, the Department believes these long-delayed cases should be tried. It is probable that Mr. Bristol will be instructed to prosecute Hall and Hermann, as well as all others under indictment for land frauds.

"If John Hall is running the Department of Justice, the sooner the people of Oregon find it out the better. Further than this I have nothing to say."

This was the only statement that W. C. Bristol, United States Attorney, would make when the above dispatch was read to him last night.

It is evident from the dispatch that some one other than Attorney-General Bonaparte did the talking, for some time in September the Attorney-General, Mr. Heny and Mr. Bristol reached an agreement as to when the Oregon land frauds were to be taken up for trial. The understanding was reached after Mr. Heny and Mr. Bristol had made a joint report to Mr. Bonaparte, setting forth at great length the conditions regarding the land-fraud cases pending in Oregon. This report was sent to the Department of Justice on September 14 and a reply was received by Mr. Heny in San Francisco September 24, in which the Attorney-General concurred with the joint statement.

In this report Mr. Heny told of being held in San Francisco on account of the Tracy L. Ford trial, and promised that just as soon as he had finished with that trial he would return to Oregon and resume the land-fraud cases. This was acceptable to the Attorney-General and he so wrote Mr. Heny.

At the time the joint report was written and it was not written until after Mr. Heny and Mr. Bristol had visited Seattle and held a conference with Secretary Taft, and after both Mr. Heny and Mr. Bristol had held a conference

DENVER, Nov. 25.—Judge Robert E. Lewis in the United States District Court today announced that trials of the Colorado land fraud cases would begin on December 15 and ordered all defendants who have not already pleaded to the indictments to appear in court next Monday. December 11 has been set as the date for the convening of another grand jury, whose work is expected to be more far-reaching than that of the jury which indicted 12 men last summer for alleged land frauds.

The killing of Joseph A. Walker, Federal Secret Service Agent, at the Hesperus mine, near Durango, recently, when he was conducting an inquiry in the line of his duty, will probably be investigated by the grand jury. Chief John E. Wilkie, of the Secret Service, was in conference here today with District Attorney Earl M. Cranston and Lucien C. Wheeler, head of the agents employed in the investigation of land frauds, in reference to the Walker case.

### MAY BE EX-PORTLAND MAN

### Body Found With Skull Battered In Thought to Be B. Jensen.

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 25.—Hundreds of persons have viewed the body of the man found murdered by beating and garrotting in the outskirts of Redding last evening, but the face is so discolored and the skull so badly battered as to make identification impossible. Marks of seven blows were found on the skull and the neck was broken.

### CONFERENCE ON LAND GRANT CASE

### Government Attorneys Busy, but Townsend's Report Kept Secret.

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The daily cash statement of the Treasury does not yet show the effect of any considerable payments for the new certificates. This is partly because only 25 per cent of the face value of the amount sold is paid into the Treasury in cash, while the remaining 75 per cent is left with the banks on deposit. It is also due in a considerable measure to the time required for advices from the office to authorize the transfer of funds.

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The daily cash statement of the Treasury does not yet show the effect of any considerable payments for the new certificates. This is partly because only 25 per cent of the face value of the amount sold is paid into the Treasury in cash, while the remaining 75 per cent is left with the banks on deposit. It is also due