GEORGE A. THACHER ANALYZES SLAYER

Criminologist Who Cleared Wehrman Murder Mystery Outlines His Steps.

PART OF STORY DOUBTED

Expert Says Confessed Assassin Is

degenerate and dissipated, an inmate of the State Insane Asylum at Salem

for the past two years, confessed yes-terday that he killed Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her little 4-year-old boy in

a high regard for family affection and such a maudlin tender feeling for mental defectives that they are unwilling the car and out of the other.

tal defectives that they are unwilling to confine them in institutions.

The hairs in Mrs. Wehrman's dead hand tell the story. These hairs were brown, but of different colors, some being lighter than others. The testimony in the Pender trial showed that Mrs. Wehrman's fingernalis had foreign matter under them, and the hairs were found in her hands. A part of this evidence was mostly the cause of Pender's convition, because some of the wiftnesses swore that Pender's face was scratched from cheek bone to chin. With these witnesses, or rather with the prosecution, the fact that Pender's office to talk to his told him that the prosecution, the fact that Pender's Mrs.

With these witnesses, or rather with the prosecution, the fact that Pender had black hair was entirely overlooked.

Mother Discovers Murder.

This boy's mother, Mrs. Sierks, was the woman who first saw the dead blody of Mrs. Wehrman through the cabin window. She also saw blood on the outside of the house and on the sill. Instead of raising the hue and cry and telling the neighbors what she had seen she went back home quietly with her 15-year-old daughter and her s-year-old boy and spent the night.

Mr. MacLaren promised John to be his friend and stand by him always. Here Dr. Steiner suggested that he with her 15-year-old daughter and her his friend and stand by him always. S-year-old boy and spent the night. Here Dr. Steiner suggested that he The next day she went to the house again and finding it still padiocked on the outside and seeing through the window Mrs. Wehrman's exposed body opened the door and called us in, saylying on the bed she decided to go to ing, "Gentlemen. I'm terribly sorry, sat work there. It is said that she met some of her neighbors on the way and Then in the presence of all of us talked with them about other matters,

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Q.—Of course you did not have anything to do with the killing of Mrs.
Wehrman, John?
John shook his head.
Q.—But you knew her, didn't you,

The rest of the case is public history Dr. Stelner has courteously furnished me all the data in the John Sierks case. The young man was committed in September, 1912, just a year after the murder.

Uneasiness Is Shown. On the day after Mr. MacLaren talked with John Sierks, John began to talk o the attendants in the laundry, where he has worked, saying: "I might as well cut my own head off now; the detective has cut some of my hair off." detective has cut some of my hair off."
He said to Dr. Steiner next day when he talked to him and before the doctor said anything about Mrs. Wehrmanthat he was 20 miles away when Mrs. Wehrman was killed. He manifested great uneasiness and evidently realized that his guilty secret was in danger of being discovered. Dr. Steiner placed him in the criminal instane ward Saturday.

Expert Says Confessed Assassin Is

Defective Like Tronson, Having
Child's Brain—Imprisonment
of All Such Urged.

By GEORGE A. THACHBE.
John G. H. Sierks, 25 years old, a feeble-minded man, native of Oregon, degenerate and dissipated, an inmate said no, it was a Smith & Wesson, and he said no, it was a Colts. said no, it was a Colts.

Drinking Boasted About.

work for J. L. Smith five miles from man and her little 4-year-old boy in September, 1911, in her lonely cabin Hillsboro, in the direction of Scappoose for a year ending November, 1911. The September, 1911, in her lonely cabin near Scappoose. This is the crime for which John Arthur Pender was convicted by a jury in Columbia County and sentenced to be hanged, and whose sentence has since been commuted to life imprisonment by Governor West. Mr. Pender has spent more than three years in Jail, has been practically under sentence of death for a year, and his family has spent thousands of dollars in trying to clear him, and the state also has spent many thousands of dollars in trying to convict him of this terrible murder.

People of Nation Blamed.

All this happened because the people of the rest of the United States have such a high regard for family affection and also to Mr. MacLaren, about overhearing his mother say to his sister that he high regard for family affection and also to Mr. MacLaren, about overhearing his mother say to his sister that he high regard for family affection and also to Mr. MacLaren, about overhearing his mother say to his sister that he high regard for family affection and also to Mr. MacLaren, about overhearing his mother say to his sister that he was not asleep. He said that he whose the time of the toric of the united States have such a high regard for family affection and also to define them in institutions. for a year ending November, 1911

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"Bugs," Is Explanation.

I asked him why he put up with a thing like that and he replied, "Oh. I did not want to raise any hell in the family." I told him he was the limit, and he responded, "I guess I am bugs'; they say I am. At any rate, I'm in here." "Burs." Is Explanation.

Early last evening Mr. MacLaren came to the insane hospital and Sierks was brought down into Dr. Steiner's office. Mr. MacLaren began to talk to him in kindly fashion and told him that he was suspected of

John told in a broken voice and with tears in his eyes the motive and facts of the killing.

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NEARLY 3000 HEAR EVANGELIST SPEAK

People From 11 Churches at First Union Meeting Held In New Tabernacle.

SONG SERVICE CONDUCTED

Yesterday afternoon I had a long Rev. Mr. Bulgin Outlines Campaign

with a choir of about 259 voices. It is planned to make the music a feature of all the meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Rose sang a duet with fine effect.

Words of welcome were spoken by Rev. W. O. Shank, who also introduced Rev. E. J. Rulein who will lead the

Rev. E. J. Bulgin, who will lead the meetings, and his assistants. Rev. Mr. Shank asked the co-operation of all the churches during the campaign.
"I am not here to find fault nor scare people," said Rev. M. Bulgin, as he began his address. "I am here to present the plain gospel of Jesus Christ in direct words.

No Stories to Be Told. "I don't expect to tell any death-bed stories to scare people into the king-dom, for that class don't last. I expect to hew to the line and the chips may

"I expect to preach long sermons.

If anybody gets filled before I am through, they can leave, as that is evidence that they have all their intellectual capacity can contain. Again, I want to get acquainted, and if anytellectual capacity can contain. Again, I want to get acquainted, and if any-body wants me to dinner, just invite me and see if I'll come."

After a duet from Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Rev. Mr. Buigin spoke from the text, "What Think Ye of Christ?" which, he said, was addressed to those who had come to ask him questions. The sermon was a discussion of the resurred tion and reality of Jesus Christ, wheth-

er he was a mere man or God.

Rev. Mr. Bulgin told of his own conversion after having been an agnostic and lecturer for infidelity, which he attributed to the prayers of his mother. His sermon abounded in sharp epi-grams. The sermon, he said, was the foundation of those which will follow. The subject of his sermon tonight will be "Unreasonable Demands of Infidelity.

At a meeting of all committees in the afternoon final arrangements were made for the evangelistic campaign for the month. Rev. Mr. Bulgin out-

lined the campaign "I work by faith," he said, "We have problems. We have to face Portland wrapped up in its commercialism, and the women tied up by society and fads, but God is on our side and we

Q.—But you knew her, didn't you, John?

A.—(After a little hesitation) Yes, Visits to Place Admitted.
Q. And you liked her?
A. (More hesitation) Yes, I liked her.
Q. Tell me about it, John. Did you go to the cabin?
A. Yes, some times. Mr. Wehrman was not there He worked in Portland, Q. Did you have any trouble at home. John?
A. Yes, there was lots of trouble at home.
Q. Did the family know about some of your bad habits?
A. Yes, it want to get away from hers.
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The only hope of society is to condition the properties of high bill-bad witchery of smiles. Then, with his series in power in their conduct than the in-bad was fine and they are more vicious and succession, only Sierks is more vicious and succession in a series of whirls, catches, swings of the observation with the role of a temptress. Straight into the arms of the waiting to be the properties of the wing as a moral in-because of which we have in their conduct. The asylum and they are foliated by the poppy and crushes it against the nostrils of her unwilling captive when he resists her dancing wiles an This is the substance of Mr. MacLaren's first interview with John
Sierks in the Insane Hospital. Sierks
has rather a dark brown hair, but
there are many light hairs in his head
and some are reddish brown.
In view of these questions and answers, it will be readily understood
why Mrs. Sierks and

Driven by H. C. Ewing.

Over its snowy, sparkling
bubbles rainbow lights dance, the spray
clings to the unbound tresses of the
air. No wonder the bubbles are copyrighted. They're a sensation all by
themselves. The bubbles and the EisFrench dancing act topline the excellent
bill at the Orpheum.

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oblige." A real tragedy happens and the girl has a chance to put her theories into practice and save the name of her employer's wife. There's plenty of comedy in the little sketch and Miss Haber puts over keen little slangy epigrams that keep the laughs rippling. In point of artistry Elsa Ruegger is one of the most important names in the realm of music in vaudeville. She is a 'cellist of distinction and rare ability. Invariably her programmes are delightful. The trio of selections, Lalo's "Reverie." "Ave Maria" from Bach-Gounod, and Popper's airy fairy "Butterfly." brought storms of applause, to which she generously responded with "I hear You Calling Me." Madame Ruegger's husband, Edmund Lichenstein, a director of note, plays violin accompaniments and directs the orchestra for her act.

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Gay Anna Chandler, with a wealth of original fun which she puts into her songs and a penchant for war ballads and topical verse, makes herself a

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Truly a dare-devil is a silm, black-haired one of the four Danubes, who are casting marvels. All four are wis stretched hands. Opening the bill is Mortimer McRae, a "narrer feller" of the bike, with Gertrude Clegg billed as "the perfect girl." Both are disciples of the cycle and are post-graduates in its tricks.

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BOYS

VICTIM HELD UP AT TWENTY-SECOND AND OVERTON.

Youth Jumps From Car, Snatches Bag Holding \$10, Gets Aboard Again and Car Races Off.

Two youthful automobile robbers held up Miss Rose Paukner Sunday night near Twenty-second and Overton to hew to the line and the chips may fall where they may, and if some of you brethren get hit I can't help that You will hear no stories, and I expect to use language that will offend no one."

"I expect to preach long sermons."

Inglit near Twenty-second and Overton and Overton the Stories and Stories an

ond street. It stopped at the curb. A well-dressed boy was driving the machine and another, about 16 years old, jumped from it and accosted Miss

Paukner. "I'll shoot if you scream," he said. Miss Faukner screamed, anyway.

The boy snatched her purse and jumped back into the car, which sped off down Twenty-second street.

Miss Paukner ran to a nearby house. From there she telephoned the police.

Detectives Hellyer and Tackaberry a
short time later arrested two boys riding in a small car after an exciting for several miles, but Miss Paukexplained to identify them, and the explained their flight satisfactorily.

They were released.

SURPRISE IN STORE FOR JINKS NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT.

hand and when another subject with just his heels and shoulders touching held up four men, the performance was extremely humorous.

While there was plenty to embar-rass the subjects, there was nothing

to offend the most sensitive of the spectators.

A cake walk scene with subjects in ridiculous costumes taking the parts of women and men closed the demon-One subject was trying to stration. One subject was trying to kiss his pariner, who had been awak-ened by Barnum, and the embarrass-ment of the latter, who could not es-cape, may be imagined. There were 15 numbers on the pro-gramme, all interesting. Barnum will return January 31, to remain for a week's engagement.

there are many light hairs in his head and some are reddish brown.

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The 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and why Mrs. Slerks did not raise the him hand they when she saw through the window Mrs. Wehrman's dead bedy lying on the bed. She knew and her daughter knew that John probably was the murderer. So she went home to think it over.

Weman Netifies Husband.

The next day she went back again and they late and the was combined to her home.

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The next day she went back again and the man found that nobody had discovered the dead body. That decided her to go to her husband, who was at work her before it could be stopped.

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CARRANZA CAPTIVE the band as far as possible, regardless of consequences for the prisoners. Santibanes was chief of the army

BROTHER OF MEXICAN LEADER VICTIM OF TREACHERY.

Release Terms Refused and His Staff Are Executed-General's Answer Order to Pursue the Enemy.

VERA CRUZ, Jan. 4 .- General Jesus Carranza, brother of Venustiano Car-ranza, is being held a prisoner by General Santibanez on the Isthmus of General Santibanez on the Tehuantepec. General Santibanez shot Carranza's entire staff, except his son, Abelardo Carranza, and Ignacio Peraldi. They also are held captives.

The executions of the members of

The executions of the members of the staff took place after General Al-fonso Santibanez had falled to induce Venustiano Carranza to make terms for their release for their release. Jesus Carranza was returning from Jesus Carranza was returning from a visit to Facific ports to report to General Venustiano Carranza here when he was made the victim of the treachery of subordinates. The greater part of his force had been sent forward from Santa Cruz over the Tehnantepec Railway. Carranza and his staff, who were traveling in the rear, were overpowered at San Geronimo.

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A series of telegrams purporting to have been signed by Jesus Carranza, but which, it has since developed, were sent by Santibanez, were received by General Venustiano Carranza. The majority of these urged General Carranza not to move forces against the captors of Jesus Carranza and suggested that arrangements be made for his release. Only vague terms were specified by the senders of the messages, but apparently the condition

taken before Judge Watkins, at On a charge of hunting fur-bearing

Back Hurts or Bladder

Bothers.

We are a Nation of meat eaters and our blood is filled with urle acid, says

When your kidneys ache and feel

On a charge of aunting rur-bearing animals without a license, E. F. Griguro must come before Judge Williams, of St. Johns. He was arrested on Sauvio-Island and his trial will come up later ROBBERS LET WOMAN GO in the week. Poverty Touches Highwaymen, Who Refuse to Take Last Quarter.

Two sighwaymen who held up Mrs. Cora Zimmerman and Mrs. Hattie Wilson at Milwaukle and Reynolds streets Shnday night permitted both women to go unmolested when they said they had only \$2 costs. Two highwaymen who held up Mrs.

only 25 cents The women had been to visit a neighbor and were returning to their home at 466 East Flanders street when the robbers accosted them. One of the men carried a gun. Both were unmasked. "Here's all we have," said Mra Zimmera had falled to induce Carranza to make terms case.

ansa was returning from acific ports to report to ustiano Carranza here made the victim of the subordinates. The greater The women had been to visit a neigh-Take a Tablespoonful of Salts If

of the robbers gallantly, "if that's your financial condition we wouldn't take a cent. Good-by."

The men disappeared in the gathering darkness. The women notified the police.

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The kidneys do their utmost to free the blood of this irritating acid, but become weak from the overwork; they get sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and thus the waste is retained in the blood to polson the entire system.

Sawmills Reopen at Everett to Fill

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Foreign Orders.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan 4.—Two lumber mills, employing a total of 700 men, will resume work tomorrow, and a third, employing 200 more, will start up January 15, it was announced today.

Large foreign orders and improvement in the Eastern market are given as the reason.

Seven Hunters Arrested.

Seven hunters were taken in custody Sunday and Saturday by Deputy Game Wardens Clark, of Portland; Larson, of Astoria, and Special Deputy Lonkey, of Sauvie Island. The guns Lade of Index of

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