

RELIGIOUS FANATICS  
MURDER SUSPECTS

Letters Curiously Alike Point  
to Wholesale Killings as  
Work of Maniacs.

BIBLE PASSAGES QUOTED

From Various Parts of Country  
Scrawls Are Sent All Showing  
Knowledge of Crimes and  
Speaking of "Sacrifices."

VILLISCA, Ia., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—

A Denver, Colo., the home of a band  
of murderous religious fanatics who have  
killed 24 persons in the last year, and  
who are spreading terror through the  
western states. Sheriff Jackson and  
other officials of this (Montgomery)  
county believe such to be the case and  
they are bending every effort toward  
discovering the members of this band  
before another "batch" of murders can  
be perpetrated.

Eight Murders Final Blow.

The last "batch" committed by the  
fanatics was the killing in this town  
early last month of J. B. Moore, his  
wife, four children and two visiting  
little girls. Previous murders, which  
are believed to have been done by the  
same band, were in Colorado Springs,  
where six were murdered; in Mon-  
mouth, Ill., where there were three  
victims; at Ellsworth, Kansas, where  
five people were sacrificed, and at Pa-  
ola, Kansas, where two persons were  
killed. Now Sheriff Jackson and other  
Montgomery County officials are trying  
to find the members of this band  
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be perpetrated.

These letters were carefully studied  
by the officers who hoped that hid-  
den somewhere in the rambling words  
of a crank, would be found a clew to  
the murderer. The entire absence of  
a motive for the crime led the officers  
in the beginning to search for a  
maniac of some kind—one with a homici-  
dal tendency. And the fact that some  
five or six "batches" of murders had  
been committed in exactly the same  
manner and with a similar instrument,  
all within a few months, turned the  
search in the direction of a maniac  
who was traveling about the country.

In studying the crank letters for a  
clew, the officers were following out  
a well-known fact that in many cases  
where crimes are committed by men of  
unsound mind the perpetrator will  
write letters to the officers and will  
refer to the crime. After studying  
hundreds of these letters the officers  
were struck with the contents of one  
which had been mailed in Chicago and  
which referred to numerous murders  
committed in Denver several years ago.

The writer of this letter is at least  
in earnest, he knows what he is  
writing about it or not," said Sheriff  
Jackson.

The Sheriff of Ellsworth, Kan., sent  
the Iowa authorities a copy of a letter  
received by him some time ago,  
following a family murder in that city,  
in which the murderer followed the  
exact lines of the Villisca murders.

The letter was mailed in Denver, and,  
although written in a rambling man-  
ner, showed much familiarity with the  
Bible. The signature was taken from  
the name in the Book of Isaiah. Several  
Biblical words were underscored in red  
ink.

"Circumstances have arisen which  
can be used to the advantage of the  
writer of the Ellsworth murderer,"  
wrote the Kansas Sheriff.

After a lapse of several days there  
was received another letter which  
pointed to Denver, although mailed in  
Wichita, Kan.

"The man who wrote that letter was  
the murderer of the Moore family, else  
he knows who did the deed," was the  
comment of every official who read it.

Letters Are Interlocked.

This letter, together with several  
others, was submitted to experts on  
chirography, insanity and criminology.  
It was a wonderful thing that the letter  
written evidently by a religious maniac,  
and, curiously, it fitted into the  
letter written from Denver to the  
sheriff at Ellsworth.

Its writer showed a familiarity with  
the other crimes of the hideous series.  
He quoted the same passage from  
Scripture as did the writer of the Den-  
ver letter. And certain passages led  
the officers to believe that at the  
exact moment of the Villisca murders  
a certain act was performed by others  
in Denver, thereby making sure that  
the crime had been the result of a  
conspiracy.

Blood Attestation Seen.

The weird letter spoke of "sacri-  
fices," etc., in such manner as to lead  
the officers to believe that the Villisca  
as well as the other murders were per-  
petrated as a kind of blood atonement  
in some horrible religious rites or cere-  
monies. And the writer of the fantas-  
tic letter promised that Villisca  
again should be "touched by the hand  
of the Lord," because the "error is still  
in thee."

"But there is no telling where this  
gang of fanatics may next strike," says  
Sheriff Jackson. "The police power of  
the different states should join and  
root this murder cult out of existence."

Meantime the people of Villisca and  
the surrounding country are taking  
precautions against another visit from  
the savage and fanatical destroyers.

DEMOCRATIC FOLK ACTIVE

State Offices Find Many Contestants  
in Washington.

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Democrats of Washington, called by  
State Chairman Charles E. Helfner,  
and presided over by him, today dis-  
cussed the campaign, received assur-  
ances that a full ticket will be nomi-  
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Paul Brosius' Investigation Near Gold Hill Reveals Poacher Who Orders "Move On."

### COLONIA DUBLAN IS DESERTED

Americans Leave Property in Possession of Rebels.

### EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—

A rebel soldier, Sam Jarvis arrived here on a freight train late today from Colonia Dublan, the American settlement 200 miles southwest of the border.

Traveling overland toward the west, he says, are the men who remained last week when the women and children were sent to El Paso, Texas, to move north through rebel territory, they preferred to take chances by joining the federal army of General Sanjines.

Jarvis said the men who departed early today from their homes of many years did not join the federals as fighting men, although the Americans are carrying a few rifles hidden at the time of the rebel confiscation of arms held by foreigners. They merely believe, according to Jarvis, that the federal army will offer better protection.

The village that a month ago contained 1200 Americans is deserted by its inhabitants, the rich fields untilled and the Americans' homes occupied by about 400 Mexican rebels, who have taken possession of everything left by the refugees. Jarvis remained to attend to the shipping to El Paso of two cars of provisions, which the men could not carry on their overland journey and which they believed would be of service to their wives and children now refugees in El Paso. The shipment of the provisions to Juarez was prohibited by rebel leaders, Jarvis says.

Jarvis, a young Mormon in his teens, believed he could not reach the border in safety unless in disguise.

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Paul Brosius came into Gold Hill and informed the authorities of his experience, but as there is absolutely no clew to the identity of the poacher, it is likely that this modern Robin Hood, who not only kills out of season, but spares not even the younger members of the deer family, will go unapprehended for this offense, at least.

Further down the trail, however, Brosius' earlier anticipations were more pleasantly rewarded by sight of a big six-point buck, who pranced along the trail ahead for several hundred yards before taking to cover, occasionally pausing to take stock of the two-legged intruder.

Brosius' experience is not at all unusual, except in that he surprised a "sooner" with his kill, for deer are frequently seen at short distances from town, several being killed last season almost within gunshot sound of Gold Hill.

### Oregon Electric Man Injured.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Cayrl Bee, a timekeeper on the construction work of the Oregon Electric, fell off a work train near Albany today and sustained severe but not dangerous injuries. He was brought to St. Mary's Hospital in this city.

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