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SLAIN BY AMBUSHED ASSASSIN ON THE CORNELL ROAD

SWISS DAIRYMAN IS TARGET OF RIFLE EARLY THIS MORNING

Body Is Found at Dawn by His Partner Lying in Ditch Beside the Highway. Victim Is Supposed to Have Been Murdered by an Enemy—Engaged in Saloon Row Last Sunday

While walking homeward along the Cornell road at a late hour last night Alexander Huber, a Swiss dairyman, 24 years of age, was shot and killed by an unknown assassin, supposedly an enemy with whom he had had an altercation. There was nothing to suggest robbery as the motive.

Huber had reached a lonely spot by the roadside as he walked towards his home. On the west side of the road there is a well-beaten path and near the path is a shallow ditch. When the assassin fired from the darkness Huber tumbled and fell into the ditch, where he lay prone upon his back.

The body was found there at an early hour this morning, the wan light of coming dawn directing the attention of a chance passer-by to the stark features of a man starting steadily towards the sky. Henry Nagell, Huber's partner in the dairy ranch on the Cornell road, found the body. Nagell was making his regular morning trip to the city to deliver milk to his patrons.

Police Go to the Scene. Horrified at the discovery of the body of his murdered partner almost in his path, Nagell hurried to Good Samaritan hospital and from there notified police headquarters. It was at 4:50 o'clock that the officers were informed of the discovery of the body. City Physician Zeigler, Police Captain Bailey and Patrolmen Phillips and Gruber hurried to the scene. The presence of the physician was found to be unnecessary, for the man had apparently been dead for several hours.

Walking Toward His Home. Huber was walking toward his home on the Cornell road half a mile or more beyond the end of Lovelock street, so the officers have been led to believe, about 1 o'clock this morning. He drank but little had never become intoxicated, and frequently made the lonely journey at a late hour.

A short distance south of the spot where the body was found is a small clump of trees, almost hidden from view by a tangled mass of underbrush and dense foliage. In journeying along the road Huber must have passed this place, and officers believe the unknown assassin there lay in ambush for his victim.

As Huber reached the distance dealer by the man concealed in the copse the assassin fired from a rifle, the ball entering the victim's back and passing clear through. Huber was hurled to the ground and started to fall. As he did so another shot was fired. Both went true,

the second bullet lodging in his back. It was removed at the investigation this morning.

Detectives Find No Clues. Detective Sergeant Beatty and Detective Hellyer were assigned to the case and at 8 o'clock this morning made a visit to the scene. There was nothing to indicate the identity of the assassin, and practically no clues were found at the place. However, the detectives say they have discovered information which may speedily result in the apprehension of the murderer.

In connection with the mysterious murder officers are discussing a saloon brawl which took place Saturday night at the Gruett saloon on Yamhill street between First and Front. In the imbroglio Huber and two of his friends engaged in a "free-for-all" fight with three other men. Jacob Leu, one of the other men, was severely injured, having not only been badly kicked and beaten, but struck in the face with a cuspidor.

As a result of the fight Huber and two of his friends, John and Andy Roth, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Huber was released from custody in the sum of \$150. That sum was deposited with the sheriff yesterday and receipt signed by the sheriff was found in the dead man's possession. His friends are bemoaning the fact that they aided him in raising the amount necessary to release him from custody and safety.

Sunday Row in Saloon. The row in the Gruett saloon was between men engaged in the dairy and milk business. Beatty of the strike to have been drinking, and one of them is said to have accused the others of adulterating his milk with water. It was an argument at first, but intensified and aided by frequent drinks it resulted in as fierce a row as often occurs in a Portland saloon.

Detectives are today endeavoring to ascertain whether or not one of the participants in Saturday night's affray may not have some knowledge of the slayer of Huber. The men were in police court this morning to participate in the trial of the cases resulting from the saloon brawl. All bore positive marks of having taken part in a fight, for bruises and darkened features were in great prominence.

Visited Saloons in Afternoon. Huber spent a greater part of yesterday in the city. During the afternoon he visited the Gruett saloon and last night spent several hours in the saloon with John Schuppe, a friend of Huber's. He was at that place at 8 o'clock last night, but later than that hour no trace of him has been discovered.

Chris Berg, who was in that saloon at that time, called at police headquarters this morning and told about Huber's visit to that place. Huber and Nagell were proprietors of the Mountain View dairy.

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DESERTED GIRL FORGIVEN BY PARENTS



MISS FLORENCE SCHENCK.

OPERATORS WILL NOT SURRENDER MISS SCHENCK RETURNS HOME

Peace Negotiations at San Francisco Come to End and Small Leaves. When Horseman Deserts the Girl He Deceived Her Parents Forgive.

Oakland, Cal., July 17.—President Small announced today that the peace negotiations of the telegraphers' strike are off.

Small leaves for Chicago within the next 48 hours. He says nothing will be done toward an extension of the strike until he holds a conference there Tuesday with some of the more important leaders of the local unions in the east.

Superintendent Miller of the Western Union, in speaking for President Clowry, in answer to a request from Commissioner Neill that a suggestion be made for a basis for settling the strike, declared the company is willing to re-instate all but a few of the strikers who were unduly prominent in the union.

WON'T TELL WHOSE COIN BORES TUNNEL

Spokane, Wash., July 17.—James Lynch, the big railroad contractor who was refused a franchise for a 7,000-foot tunnel through Cannon hill because he would not tell who was backing it, has started work on the project without permission from the council. Lynch refused to divulge what road or roads were backing him but added that the project would be a big benefit to Spokane. It is thought the tunnel is for the Northern Pacific, but Lynch says it will also be for trolley use. A meeting will be called by the board of public works to see whether or not work can be stopped.

THEOBOLD CHARTRAN IS DEAD AT PARIS

Paris, July 17.—Theobold Chartran, the famous painter who has painted many prominent Americans, including President Roosevelt and his wife, died this morning. He was born in France in 1849.

ARE INVESTIGATING ALLEGED TAMPERING

San Francisco, July 17.—The grand jury today began an investigation of the alleged tampering with the Schmitz jury.

ATTEMPT TO STEAL BODY FROM GRAVE

Ghouls Frustrated in Act of Exhuming the Remains of Mrs. Pet Magill in Cemetery at Clinton—Guard Is Posted.

Coroner Says Dead Woman's Husband Practically Conducted the Inquest When the Verdict of Suicide Was Returned.

Springfield, Ill., July 17.—Attorney General Stead says Coroner Jones must exhume Mrs. Magill's body if the charges warrant such action.

Clinton, Ill., July 17.—An attempt to steal the body of Mrs. "Pet" Magill from its resting place in the local cemetery was frustrated last night by the authorities. It is believed that the ghouls were friends of Magill and the greatest excitement prevails as the result of the attempt.

Suspicious actions of a party of men in the vicinity of the cemetery attracted the attention of a passer by last night. The citizen stepped behind a convenient post and watched the men. They went to the grave of Mrs. Magill and prepared to commence exhuming the body.

Seeing their purpose the man rushed to the home of United States Attorney Mitchell where he reported the official of what was being done. Mitchell hurried to the cemetery, but discovered that the ghouls had fled.

It is believed that Frederick Magill, the banker, who was arrested at San Diego, California, last Saturday charged with the murder of his first wife, has secretly communicated with friends and ordered them to remove Mrs. Magill's body before the authorities can exhume it and perform an autopsy.

Magill and his bride, formerly Miss Fay Graham, who was a chum of Mrs. Magill, No. 1, are now in custody charged with murder. The authorities are working upon the suspicion that they may prove groundless, but hope that an autopsy on the body of Mrs. Magill will prove that she did not commit suicide as was announced at the time of her death.

Yesterday United States Attorney Mitchell and the mayor of the city went to Springfield where they inspected the body of a chemist to examine the dead woman's body. This, it is believed, more lights and signals for the guidance of immediate action.

When it was discovered last night that the grave of Mrs. Magill was still untouched, the authorities posted a guard.

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STRAUS WILL BE HERE SATURDAY

Secretary of Department of Commerce and Labor Is Coming to Investigate.

Oscar S. Straus, secretary of the department of commerce and labor, will arrive in Portland Saturday morning to make a personal investigation of the work of his department in this city. He will reach here at 7 o'clock and will go to the Portland hotel, where reservations have been made for a party of four.

Secretary Straus' visit will be much of the same nature as that of Secretary Garfield, who was in the Rose City last Saturday investigating local conditions. One of the most important matters which the secretary has to consider on his trip to the coast is the question of marine lights and signals for the guidance of mariners. This subject has always been a bone of contention between the navy and the department and it is believed that an amicable settlement will be reached and a larger number of guides will be established wherever danger of collision seems probable.

So far no arrangements have been made for the entertainment of Secretary Straus, but the matter will be taken up today by the chamber of commerce, the Commercial club and the Concordia club. It is believed that a dinner will be prepared for the distinguished visitor who has jurisdiction over many important matters pertaining to Portland.

Mr. Straus is one of the leading Hebrews of the country and is a man of exceptionally strong character. He was appointed ambassador to Turkey by President Cleveland and, because of his peculiar fitness was taken into President Roosevelt's cabinet as secretary of commerce and labor.

Home Sugar for These Preserves. La Grande, Or., July 17.—The Amalgamated Sugar company will give \$4 in prizes at the coming county fair for the best variety of Union county fruits preserved with La Grande sugar.

SKIRMISH TACTICS EXECUTED BY JAPS NEAR TO PORTLAND

Little Brown Men of Mikado's Domain Numbering Between 75 and 100 Under Able Leadership Went Through Energetic Military Drill Last Sunday Two Miles South of Currinsville

Some 75 or 100 Japanese were seen last Sunday in a remote location about two miles south of Currinsville, a flag station on the Estacada branch of the Oregon Water company's line about 35 miles from Portland, executing with considerable ability a skirmish drill. The maneuvers were conducted under commands from one whose manner gave to him the appearance of a commissioned officer of the Japanese army.

Secluded Place Chosen. I. J. Helms, a barber employed in The Model shop at 81 Sixth street, with his wife was spending the day last Sunday near Currinsville and happened to wander some distance from the railroad into the woods. Attracted by the sound of gruff orders and occasional rifle shots they ventured further on until coming to an opening in the timber they saw between 75 and 100 Japanese training in arms.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms were not noticed by the Japs and their drill was not interrupted. Some had rifles and others sticks which they used as rifles. A skirmish drill was the nature of practice. At the command of their leader they would run to a certain position, fall flat on their stomachs and fire at a target. Again the command would be given and again they would spring up, find a new position, fall flat and fire at the target at a different angle.

Give the Affair Light Thought. Others beside Mr. Helms and his wife saw the Japanese in that remote place last Sunday. Three men who were looking for berries also ran upon the Japs. They thought little of the circumstance at the time but as they continued to think about it the seriousness of the occurrence came to them. It is thought that the Japanese are employed near there getting out logs or making ties. However, those who live near when they heard there were nearly a hundred of them, were surprised to learn that there were that many Japs in that section. The place chosen for the practice is near the Clackamas river, far from many habitations and a location little likely to be easily run upon. The training Japanese were seen about the middle of the afternoon.

ENGLAND WILL PREVENT AMERICAN-JAPAN CLASH

Lord Lansdowne Arranged Existing Treaty With View of Forestalling the Yellow Peril—Racial Sentiment Will Prevail.

London, July 17.—Japan will never get the slightest encouragement from England to disturb peace in the Pacific. On the contrary, the king and government of this country will strenuously combat any such tendency on the part of its far eastern ally.

Great Britain's primary objection to encouraging—or to permitting, if it can avert it—a Japanese attack upon America arises from profound racial sentiment. Its secondary objection is less insistent for the moment perhaps than the other, even though more practical, and comes from the conviction that a sweeping Japanese conquest might involve the integrity of the British empire in peril.

Lord Lansdowne went into the alliance with Japan, not to promote the Japanese peril, but to forestall it. For Japan to take the Philippines, according to the views held at present in the most authoritative quarters would be only less grave in its effect upon England than for the Japanese to take Australia.

WILSON MIZNER TO WED WRITER

Mrs. Helen Green to Become Bride of Mrs. Yerkes' Divorced Husband.

New York, July 17.—Wilson Mizner, whose marriage to Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes soon after the death of her millionaire husband created a sensation, is to try matrimony again. Mrs. Yerkes recently procured a divorce from him. At a banquet last night in the Rand hotel, Mizner's engagement to Mrs. Helen Green, a newspaper writer was announced.

Oliver Weidton Barnes, son of a millionaire, and the "white light" district's latest aspirant for fame in the money burning line, was the host. He and Mizner are partners in the Rand hotel, 142 Forty-ninth street. The story runs that Barnes embarked in the hotel business to show New York how one should be conducted.

EDNA BILLEK ON STAND FOR FATHER

Chicago, July 17.—Edna Billek, daughter of Herman Billek, who is accused of murdering six members of the Vrsal family, testified in favor of her father today. She described events at the Vrsal home preceding the death of Mary Vrsal.

Liverpool, July 17.—A jury today awarded damages of \$100,000 to Lever Brothers, the biggest soap manufacturers in the world, against the London Daily Mail, and Evening News, Lord Northcliffe's papers, in a libel suit which was brought because the papers attacked an attempt of the soap makers to organize a soap trust.



WILSON MIZNER

SECRETARY CORTELYOU TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT

New York Delegation Believed to Be Lining Up Behind Boom of Head of Treasury Department and James S. Clarkson Will Handle South.

Washington, July 17.—That a definite boom for Secretary Cortelyou for the presidency, supported by a live organization of conservative business men, is about to be launched here by a politician of national reputation. The informant predicted that Secretary Cortelyou would have the New York delegation to the next national Republican convention.

WOMAN REFUSES TO SPEAK WORD TO MAN FOR SEVENTY YEARS

Lawrenceburg, Ind., July 17.—Miss Sarah Ann Daniel, 95 years of age, died yesterday at her country home, two miles north of this city. She is believed to have been the oldest "old maid" in Indiana. For 70 years she had lived in this locality and refused absolutely to have any communication with men. Miss Daniel was one of the most popular girls in this county when young men became engaged to a young man who was teaching school. He visited her regularly, but at the close of the school term left the county without a word of explanation and Miss Daniel never heard from him again. She never saw him again after that. When her father died and later her mother, she was so heavily veiled at the funeral that her face could not be seen. All business connection with the farm she transacted through neighbors of her own sex.