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Salvationists Aid in War.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 5.—The small branch of the Anglo-Finnish Salvation Army in Helsinki has become effective in Petrograd. It has chosen a small, thickly populated section of the city beyond the Moscow gates and is working intensively. The workers make house to house visits throughout the district every morning and not only give aid to families suffering through absence of their wage-

earners at front, but take care of children and the sick, assist in household labor where necessary and conduct children to and from the Army's day nursery. The latter is newly established on American lines and in connection with it is a sewing and cooking school.

The Petrograd city relief committee for soldiers' families has donated 200 rubles monthly to the Salvation Army treasury in recognition of its work.

FOUL PLAY FEARED IN CASE OF MAN WHO WAS FOUND DEAD OCT. 22

BODY HAS BEEN ORDERED EXHUMED—ANALYSIS WILL BE MADE AT PORTLAND.

Many Evidences of Crime Alleged to Have Been Found—Dead Man Had Been Robbed of Between \$300 and \$400 in Money and \$200 in Travelers' Checks—Poison Suspected.

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 6.—Circuit Judge Anderson ordered that the body of James K. Whited, pioneer and wealthy rancher who was found dead at Muskogee, Okla., October 22, be exhumed and the viscera and contents analyzed for poison. This action was taken on petition of Thomas J. Whited, brother of the dead man, who, with another brother, Geo. M. Whited, has been following what at first was a blind trail but which developed rapidly ever since learning of James Whited's death.

The body is buried at Unity in this county. The court ordered that the body be exhumed by Earl G. West, county coroner, in the presence of Dr. Carl G. Patterson, county health officer. The court also ordered that the viscera and contents be sent to Dr. O. A. Binswanger, Portland for chemical analysis.

This action was taken after months of unceasing effort by Thomas J. and George Whited. They did nothing until the body of their brother arrived from Oklahoma for burial, about 10 days after death, but early in November they uncovered many evidences of crime.

It was found that the body had been robbed of every cent of money as well as of \$200 in travelers' checks. These checks have not yet been returned to the bank for payment. Mr. Whited was known to have between \$300 and \$400 just prior to his death and the fact that the money was gone and that he was not given to squandering money carelessly gave the first clue. The pockets were rifled, even the pocket knife being taken but the watch remained.

The investigating brothers then called in the aid of detectives. It was found that four hours after Mr. Whited's death, a man, between 25 and 30 years of age, had called at the station at Muskogee and had left Mr. Whited's suitcase, remarking that if he did not return for it that it should be left there. Other evidence, which the investigators are not willing to make public at this time, was uncovered and certain persons are already under surveillance in Oklahoma but no action will be taken until the contents of the stomach have been examined. Thomas Whited of Burnt River, who is in Baker today, did not make known why it was suspected that death came by poison but he averred that this was the theory on which they were working. The court order is to the effect that it is necessary to take the action ordered to get legal evidence.

"Common Scold" Fined.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—Convicted in the municipal court of being a common scold, Mrs. May Michaels, of 3914 East Birch street, was fined \$50 recently by Judge Crane.

Several neighbors testified that Mrs. Michaels used abusive language. They also said that after they cleaned their front steps, Mrs. Michaels threw mud on them.

TRAIN DID NOT RUN AT TIME TOLD OF IN CONFESSION OF CRIME

RAILROAD OFFICIALS PRODUCE SCHEDULES THAT CONFLICT WITH STORY.

No Special Cars on Night of Murder—Sierck's Tale That He Had Been Drinking Is Contradicted by Farmer—Other Discrepancies Are Found in His Story.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—That it would have been physically impossible for John G. H. Sierck, the half-wit who confessed at the asylum to the murder of Mrs. Dairy Wehrman and her little son on the night of September 4, 1911, to have traversed the distance from the Schmidt farm near Hillsboro to the Wehrman cabin far up the mountain beyond Scappoose, is shown primarily in the fact that no train service whatever was operating on the United Railways that night.

Without trains it would have been impossible for him to have made it in the time specified, that is, between 7:30 p. m. and 10. Over the rough country between Valle Vista and Burlington, thence to Scappoose and up the steep logging road to Parsons and the settlement is at least 26 miles.

In his confession, Sierck declared that he had been drinking all day at the Schmidt farm and had gone to bed at 7 o'clock, waking half an hour later to start on his trip. From Valle Vista to Burlington he says he rode on the electric train. Returning from the Wehrman cabin, he said he caught the midnight electric train at Burlington for Valle Vista.

The time cards in effect on the United Railways in September, 1911, show that the last train for Burlington and Portland leaves Valle Vista at 5:05 p. m., and that the last one returning toward Valle Vista from Portland and Burlington leaves Burlington at 6:05 p. m.

"Those were the latest trains we had on the run then," declared R. H. Crozier, assistant general passenger agent of the railroad company, today. "No special trains were run on that day, although it was labor day. I know that, because the only special trains we ever ran on the United were to take care of Fourth of July, Rose Festival and once or twice the circus crowds."

Freight service on the United could not have been resorted to by Sierck for the reason that the trains were operated exclusively by daylight. If a belated freight happened to pass Valle Vista at the time mentioned it would have been without his previous knowledge.

Records of the North Bank road show that no speeder was stolen from the company's shed at Burlington the night of the murder. Sierck had stated in his confession that he had taken this section man's vehicle and finished his trip by that means. George Johnson, then trainmaster and now chief clerk to the general manager of the system, declared today that as far as he could find, no speeder or handcar ever had been stationed at Burlington, even on the United or the Astoria line of the steam road.

With these striking discrepancies between Sierck's story and the facts, those interested in the case from an impartial standpoint declare the guilt of Sierck cannot be established by his confession. They say the whimsicalities of Sierck's undeveloped mind could readily be induced to frame up a confession to a crime with whose details he was familiar. He could not have known, it is argued, that these little details which are so vital to establish his story, were lacking in proof.

Thacher Believes Sierck's. The farmer Schmidt, at whose farm he was working, declared yesterday that Sierck had not been drinking on his farm. He says the man was there that night and was working next day.

But George A. Thacher, psychologist and investigator who secured the confession of Sierck, declares that the way the man reached the Sierck cabin is not essential.

"I have no opinion whether or not Sierck's mind was able correctly to piece together the various stages of the journey from the Schmidt farm to Parsons," said Thacher. "It is sufficient that he admits having reached there, whether the train service tallies with his statement or not. He told of the speeder and evidence was ready for presentation at the Pender trial that a speeder had been found ditched at Scappoose. Even that is not the point so much as the other features of his testimony."

Had Attacked Mrs. Wehrman. "Sierck was of the mental development of a child, say from 10 to 12 years, but with the physical development of a powerful man. He was ruled by the passions of the child, augmented by the experience of the man. Therefore in the light of certain humiliating acts of his life before the Wehrman crime was committed, it is easy to assume that he was a possible murderer, especially since it was known he had attacked Mrs. Wehrman on a previous occasion."

"The blood-stained hatchet with which Mrs. Wehrman's head was battered was found by the bed, Sierck says he chopped her with it, but he could not have split her skull. The blow having been only a crushing one. But it was enough to expect of a man of his mind for him to say he had chopped when he had only bruised."

"I have made a long study of Sierck, starting when a friend who knew the family told me Sierck had had intentions toward Mrs. Wehrman. That, combined with my own dissatisfaction with the evidence in the case against John Arthur Pender, led me to study Sierck closely."

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It is obvious that private hosts will not care to make their hospitality permanent. In fact many of the of-

fers of shelter in private homes were limited to a period of one or two months. The government has not assumed a definite responsibility in the matter, although evidently it will be compelled to do so soon.

The government is handicapped moreover by the fact that its resources are already strained by the necessity of providing lodgings for war prisoners and interned aliens.

A chief difficulty is industrial. The maintenance of 160,000 men, women and children, in idleness for months, or even years, is a prospect fraught with disastrous possibilities, but apparently there is no alternative. The English labor unions maintain with the greatest firmness that the English worker must have first claim in the English labor market.

Cathlamet Wants Road to Coast. CATHLAMET, Wash., Jan. 5.—A delegation of prominent Kelso business men met with the Commercial club here Thursday for the purpose of discussing plans for the building of the state highway from Kelso to the Pacific. The Commercial club will make every effort to have the road pass through Cathlamet.

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