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NINE-YEAR OLD GIRL ASSAULTED AND THEN BRUTALLY MURDERED

BODY OF LITTLE ANNA POLTERA WHO HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE MONDAY FOUND TODAY, BODY ALMOST NUDE AND THROAT CUT

Los Angeles, Cal., May 20.—Lying in a clump of bushes, with her face concealed and a gash in her throat, the body of Anna Poltera, a 9-year-old school girl, was found this morning in Griffith Park. The little one's body was nearly denuded of clothing and there was every indication that the child had fallen a victim to a fiend.

The little one was found at the rear of a small brick house in the wildest region of the park. The earth and undergrowth were trampled and torn, giving indication that the child had struggled with her assailant. The body was bruised and the gash in the throat had severed the jugular vein.

The child had been missing since last Monday. She lived with her father, Joseph Poltera, her mother, Marie, and a stepbrother, Edward, on the county road, near the north entrance to the park, about three miles from the Los Feliz school.

The last seen of the little girl alive was in Griffin Park at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, on her way home from school.

This morning Jasper Shaffer, a

park employe, found the mutilated body of the curly-headed child. Shaffer notified Albert Johnson, of the park police. Coroner Hartwell and Sheriff Hammell were summoned and started for the scene of the tragedy in an automobile.

There was a deep cut in her throat severing the jugular vein.

Joseph A. Dyson, a park employe, told the sheriff that yesterday he met Poltera, the father of the dead girl, on the road close to where the body was found, and asked him what he was doing there. The old man told him he had been to the Los Feliz school, looking for his little girl, who was lost.

While the officers were examining the dead body Poltera and his son, Edward, wandered up. When questioned he said:

"I am still looking for my little girl." When he was shown the body the old man broke down.

Kernit Roosevelt has been given a name of his own by the jungle natives; it is Bwana Mtoto, which translated into Chinook would probably read "tenas cultus."

BERKELEY STUDENTS ARRIVE

The Oregonian yesterday says: "Registered at the Hotel Arminius last night were several Berkeley students, who are on their way to their homes and other points, where they expect to spend the summer. Among the number is William Donald, the varsity hurdler at Berkeley, and a member of the Seattle Athletic club. He is now on his way to Seattle to train for the athletic meet at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition this summer. Another member of the party, I. G. Martin, who belongs to the Berkeley glee club and the band, has just composed a song entitled "June Time in Old Oregon," which will be dedicated to the rose festival. The following Berkeley students were registered at the Hotel Arminius: W. J. Baldwin, of Eureka; L. E. Whitman, of Berkeley; I. G. Martin, of Salem; William Van Dyke, El Paso, Texas; J. Altman, of Palo Alto; William Donald, of Tacoma; Ralph Matthews, of Salem; W. Allen, of Billings, Mont. The following Berkeley co-eds arrived in Portland on the same boat: Maud Cleveland, Dorothy Moore, Miss Fies and Miss Kenyon.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY OPENS AT DENVER, COLO.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Denver, Colo., May 20.—The Presbyterian general assembly opened here today with an address by the moderator, Dr. Baxter H. Fullerton, of St. Louis. More than 2000 delegates heard the address. Moderator for the ensuing year will be elected this afternoon.

JOHNSON STOCK IS DOWN

Philadelphia, May 20.—Jack Johnson's stock experienced a big drop in this city as the result of his battle with Jack O'Brien last night. Today the fight fans smile wearily when the big black's championship claims are mentioned, and predict a quick curtain when Jeffries enters the ring with the pretender.

Throughout the six rounds of last night's fight, Johnson failed to exhibit a bit of speed, and at no time did his blows have force enough behind them to put O'Brien down for the count. Johnson's showing was a distinct disappointment to ring followers who anticipated a real championship battle between him and Jeffries, and many a man who sat at the ringside last night ventured the opinion that the Philadelphian had the better of the mix, and had a decision been given would have won on points.

O'Brien today declared that he had little difficulty in covering himself from Johnson's attack, and though his countenance was on the receiving end of some painful punches he belittles the hitting ability of the black champion. Had the fight been to a finish O'Brien is confident he would have been returned winner.

Johnson has little to say about the fight, beyond the fact that he had the best of the argument.

"Yes, my showing was a disappointment to many," he said today, "but O'Brien had to hang on at all times to save himself."

Stanley Ketchel was an interested ringside spectator. Ketchel was disgusted with Johnson's work, and declared that O'Brien had at least an even break. He is certain of his ability to take Johnson's measure.

Among those who believe the dusky fighter would be an easy morsel for Jeffries to digest is William A. Brady. "Johnson is overrated," said Brady today. "He would be very easy for Jeffries, and if the two meet Johnson won't have a ghost of a chance to win."

SHIP BEEF CATTLE TO THE NORTHWEST

San Francisco, May 20.—Shortage of beef in the Pacific northwest has resulted in large shipments of dressed beef and livestock from California to points in Oregon and Washington within the past 14 days. Montana and Wyoming have been unable to meet the demands of the coast states, which have been compelled to call upon dealers here for the shipments usually sent to Chicago.

All parts of the state have been drawn upon by the northern buyers. While the larger portion of the beef has gone out of the San Joaquin valley, San Luis Obispo has also been making some good shipments. The Newhall's Guadalupe ranch in San Luis Obispo has sent 75 cars of livestock to Oregon and Washington points since last Saturday.

The Chicago market will feel the effects of the heavy northern demand. Among the shippers who have benefited their product to the north is Isaac Bird of the Bald Eagle ranch near Athol, who usually ships from three to five trains of livestock to Chicago. There is also a much heavier movement from Arizona to Kansas points this year than ever before.

TELEGRAPH MEN GET DESERVED PROMOTION

San Francisco, May 20.—Harry J. Jeffs was promoted today from the office of chief operator of the Western Union Telegraph Company at San Francisco, to the position of assistant district superintendent with headquarters at Seattle.

Jeffs gained high commendation following the earthquake and fire of 1906, when he had charge of all the company's wires here. He met the emergency with ability and judgment, and it was under his direction that communication over Western Union wires was opened.

John A. Lowry is promoted from night chief to the position vacated by Jeffs, and Charles E. Donnelly, for 15 years repeater manager at Ashland, Ore., and recently night traffic chief here, succeeds Lowry.

Lowry has been in the Western Union service for 30 years. He began his career as a messenger boy, and gained his present high position through capability and application.

CALHOUN TRIAL IS GETTING IN THE REAL WARM CLASS

JOHN HELMS EMPLOYED AS A DETECTIVE BY BOTH SIDES TELLS HIS STORY COUNSEL CLASH AND EVEN THE JUDGE GETS ANGRY

[United Press Leased Wire.]

San Francisco, May 20.—John Helms, former detective of the United Railroads, whose introduction into the Calhoun case yesterday afternoon was like a bombshell dropped into a prayer meeting, was placed on the stand again this morning at the opening of the trial and told a story of the conspiracies, bribes, plotting and counter-plotting in which he said he was engaged at the direction of Calhoun and his subordinates and later for the prosecution.

All of Helms' testimony was given over the general objection voiced by the defense yesterday afternoon when his appearance on the stand totally disorganized the forces of Calhoun's counsel.

Helms resumed his story of the inner workings of the United Railroads detective bureau under questioning by Francis J. Heney. He told how, after he had left the employ of the United Railroads, that he was engaged by William J. Burns and sent back again to the United Railroads to work for them under the instructions of the prosecution's chief detective.

His story of how Burns turned the tables on the United Railroads and first got his information as to who had stolen documents from his office and where they had been taken, was heard with eager interest by a crowded courtroom.

A large detail of police officers in plain clothes and detectives was scattered through the courtroom and surrounded the prosecutors and their witnesses. An equally large number of hired guards surrounded Calhoun's table.

Calhoun looked serious this morning as did every man of his counsel except Earl Rogers, who showed amusement at the proceedings. Rudolph Spreckels was in court and told the United Press that he had all of his accounts of moneys paid in support of the graft prosecution from its inception to the present day with him and would, when placed upon the witness stand, give them to the jury.

Helms, when he came into the court was closely guarded by Detective Charles Gough, at whose home he has been staying since he was won over by the prosecution and came back to this city from Trinity county to testify against Calhoun. His story in part, as told today, follows:

"United Railroad officials and I rarely used the name of Platt, who sold us Burns' papers, but referred to him as No. 22. In all my reports about Platt's operations made to William M. Abbott, chief attorney of the United Railroads, I used this numerical designation.

"I was paid \$10 a day and all expenses during the time I was in the employ of the United Railroads.

"Acting on Calhoun's personal instructions, I hired a big automobile and a relay of men. Calhoun instructed me to have William J. Burns 'covered' day and night and report everything that he did.

"I subsequently bought a machine myself and rented it to the United Railroads at \$1000 a month, which sum was paid to me by William M. Abbott. I submitted all expenses in voucher form to Abbott.

"The first four men I hired to trail Burns were Henry Nelson, John R. Hayes, Cliff Middleman and a man named Zolber. These men were hired shortly after I had abolished the motor cycle squad, consisting of Ollie Hooper and Ed Kearns. The four men in the automobile worked in two shifts until they were arrested for following Burns. Then I secured a number of other men, the names of all of whom I do not remember. There were in the crowd John Murphy, an ex-prizefighter, a man named Stewart and a man named Bell. Bell was formerly in the employ of Burns.

"These men in the automobile made daily reports to me, which I turned over to Abbott. I left the city September 1, 1908, and returned November 19 of the same year. From the time of my employment by the United Railroads beginning May 3, 1907, and ending August 31, 1908, I did not meet Burns or any of the members of the counsel for the prosecution to talk with them. On November 11, the day after I returned to the city, I met Detective Burns and District Attorney Langdon at the latter's residence. After a brief con-

versation with them I entered the employ of Burns."

At this stage of Helms' story Attorney Rogers interposed the first objection of the morning. Heney asked Helms what conversation he had with Burns and Langdon. This was objected to by Rogers and Heney withdrew the question.

Continuing under Heney's questioning, Helms said:

"I worked for Burns then until February 14, 1909. After I had been employed by Burns I had a conversation with William M. Abbott. It was on November 17, 1908, in the Oak and Broderick street car barn. Acting on instructions from Burns I re-entered the employ of Abbott. Abbott engaged me at \$200 a month and all expenses. He told me that the prosecution was trying to get Platt before the grand jury and the United Railroads wanted Platt to make an affidavit that he had left its employ. I told him I would see Platt."

Heney then said: "Where did you see Platt?"

Attorney Stanley Moore and Attorney King for Calhoun interposed violent objections.

Attorney Byington for Calhoun declared:

"Your honor, this is throwing law to the wind."

Byington had failed to rise when he spoke and Judge Lawlor thundered: "You are throwing the ethics of this court to the winds and I want to warn you not to address the court again in such a manner."

Attorney Rogers declared that Detective Burns needed watching. Heney replied:

"You are talking so much about conspiracies, why don't you produce the letters from Superintendent Leach of the mint to Burns and from Burns to Leach, which were stolen from his office? Do you intend to charge that Leach needed watching, that he was mixed in a conspiracy?"

After this passage of words, the court overruled all of the objections of the defense and Helms continued with his story. He said:

"I met Platt by arrangement at the Mira Monte hotel, and told him what Abbott wanted. Platt said: 'Well, when you left here I went into the employ of Abbott and he twice paid me money in the Flood building. Once he gave me \$100 and another time \$125, but if Abbott wants this affidavit I will make it.'

"I then went back to Abbott and he described the form of affidavit he wanted Platt to make. Abbott denied that he had made any payments to Platt and then inserted in the affidavit which Platt was to sign that he (Platt) never received a cent of money from the United Railroads since the beginning of the graft prosecution.

"I took Platt and the affidavit before a notary public and Platt signed and swore to the affidavit and a duplicate. He gave them to me and I took them to Abbott."

Helms then told how Abbott had given him \$500 with which to get Platt out of town. He said he took Platt and his wife to Ukiah and started the mirror Trinity county, but that Platt came back to San Francisco almost immediately. Helms went to his home in Trinity county in August of last year and remained there until last April, when he returned here and met Burns.

Attorney Earl Rogers, for Calhoun, then began the cross examination of the witness. He spent much of a time in casting slurs upon Burns. Rogers brought up the congressional dispute over the secret service but Helms refused to testify regarding the government secret service, to which he formerly belonged. The cross examination brought out little and did not have much effect up to the morning recess.

Rogers asked the witness: "Isn't it a fact that Burns right now—as more men in the employ of the United Railroads, who are reported to him?"

"Yes, you bet he has," said Helms, "and the United Railroads has men on Burns' staff reporting all he does."

Well, it seems to be a case of dog eat dog, said Rogers. "That's just what it is," agreed the detective.

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COUNT LEO TOLSTOI HAS RHEUMATISM

Moscow, May 20.—Reports from Yessuys today state that Count Leo Tolstoi is confined to his room suffering intensely from rheumatism. This is the count's second illness within a few months. Less than a year ago it was believed that he was dying from rheumatism and attendant complications.