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## BARBARA HOLZMAN MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED

### SHERIFF ARRESTED GEORGE BROWN SUSPECTED OF PORTLAND MURDER

#### DESCRIPTION FITS HIM IN EVERY DETAIL AND HIS STORIES ARE CONFLICTING

Sheriff Minto and Deputy Esch Shadow Him Since March 15 When He First Arrived, and Weld Strong Chain of Circumstantial Evidence About Him---Minto Recalls a Barber's Statement About a Scar on Supposed Murderer's Face, and Finds It on Brown's---A Fine Piece of Work by Local Officers.

Suspecting that a man giving his name as George Brown was the man wanted by the authorities of Portland for outraging and murdering five-year-old Barbara Holzman in a lodging house in that city on March 14, Sheriff Harry P. Minto and Deputy Sheriff Esch yesterday afternoon placed him under arrest with the result that this afternoon Detective Joe Day, of Portland, after an investigation of the case announced that he tallied exactly with the description of the fiend who took the life of the Holzman girl, also that his stories were conflicting, and left with him this afternoon at Portland, where he will be taken before Mrs. Nelson proprietress of the rooming house, for identification.

Had Him Under Surveillance. Sheriff Minto and Deputy Sheriff Esch have had the man under surveillance for some time. The first time they saw him was on March 15, and because he resembled so much the description sent out of the murderer of the Holzman girl, they paid particular attention to him. They followed him from place to place and learned that he was a hard drinking

### AGREED TO RETURN A MILLION

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, March 27.—Louis and James Duveen, millionaire members of the art importing firm of Duveen Brothers, were arraigned here today before U. S. Judge Martin, pleaded guilty to having undervalued imported goods and were fined \$15,000 each.

Both the Duveens, when privately examined before the United States district attorney, agreed to pay the government \$1,200,000 if the authorities agreed to restore the seized art goods. Outside the sugar case, this is the biggest amount ever recovered in a customs case.

Back From Antarctic. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Christ Church, N. S., March 27.—The steamer Terra Nova, which carried Captain Scott's British Antarctic expedition to the point whence the south pole dash began, returned here today. The Terra Nova's captain reported that he left the expedition in the shape and that all were confident of planting the Union Jack on the South pole.

Found Dead By His Safe. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, March 27.—Beside the open door of his safe, which had been rifled of \$1,000 in cash, Julius Debrovsky was found with a bullet in his body today. Debrovsky was a private banker and steamer agent. He died before an ambulance arrived. The police found a revolver in the room, one chamber of which had been discharged.

man. About the saloons they had an opportunity to study his demeanor but he seemed easy and collected, and gave no signs of being worried or troubled. He finally landed employment on a farm belonging to Eugene Eckerlen and the officers kept their eyes on him while they gathered more data concerning the case. Yesterday afternoon they decided that they were warranted in arresting him, and did so.

Story Conflicting. After advising him as to the cause of his arrest they began questioning him, and found he told a conflicting story. He told them he had been working at Greenburg, near Portland, for a Mrs. E. M. Flauner, but that he had quit on March 9, and gone to Portland. There he said he had stayed at the Salem Lodging house until March 13, and on the forenoon of that day he came to Salem and after staying here for a few days, went to work on the Eckerlen farm.

So far the story ran smoothly and nice, but it was when they commenced questioning him about the crime—the murder of the girl that the conflict came. He said he remembered the murder, and when asked if he remembered the description of the man, he replied in the affirmative and gave it to them exactly as given in the papers. He was asked where he read about the murder first, and replied that it was while staying with Mrs. Flauner, and also said that he had discussed the case with her. The officials explained to him that he had told them that he had left her on March 9, and that the murder was committed on March 14, and asked him to explain away the contradiction, but this he was unable to do.

Gave Saloon Number. In investigating the case the officers learned that he had given the number of the saloon located just below the lodging house where the girl was killed to P. C. Bugher, proprietor of the Annex Saloon, of this city. Bugher, it seems, was anxious to secure a saloon in Portland and Brown told him that a saloon at 107 Russell street in that city was for sale. That is the number of the saloon located just below the lodging house where the little Holzman girl met her death at the hands of an inhuman fiend. When questioned by the officers in regard to this, he positively denied giving the number to the saloon man; though the latter shows a memorandum in his books of the address as given by Brown and that marks another conflict in the story he tells. There are also many other conflicts but these two are those which the officers regard as the most material.

Can Not Pass It Up. "We cannot pass this up," said Detective Joe Day this afternoon after he had interviewed the prisoner and found that to him he had told the same conflicting story as to the sheriff and his deputy.

"It is the only case we have run across yet," he continued, "where it looked as though we might have the man wanted for the murder of the Holzman girl. He answers the description of the man wanted exactly; answers it in the stoop of the shoulders, the height, the age, the face, the color of the hair, even down to the sprinkling of gray hairs in with the

Wrestle for Championship. Chicago, March 27.—Frank Gotch wired today his acceptance of the \$20,000 purse offered him by the Empire Athletic club for a match with George Hackenschmidt on Labor day for the world's heavyweight wrestling championship. Jack Curley, manager of the Russian, has posted \$1000 to go as part of a \$5000 bet. Gotch is guaranteed \$20,000 out of the purse. What Hack is to receive is not stated, but the match is considered certain.

Result of Sweat Shop System. Washington, March 27.—That sweatshop conditions are responsible for the New York holocaust was the statement here today of Vice-President O'Connell, of the American Federation of Labor. Conditions such as prevailed in the Triangle factory, he said, do not exist in a single union shop in the country. Organized labor would not tolerate such sweatshop conditions, congested quarters are not permitted in union shops, and adequate fire escapes are compulsory. I think the blame for the disaster is equally divided between the employers of the dead girls and the city authorities.

sandy ones in the mustache. He has a hat that answers to the description given of that of the murderer and the gray overcoat also fits it. "As to his guilt, I have nothing to say. If a man can call the turn he is called smart, but if he fails, he is called a sucker, and I am going to remain the sucker, but in view of the man answering the description of the murderer and in view of his conflicting stories—and he has lied to me 15 times this morning—we cannot afford to pass him up and I am taking him down with me this afternoon for identification."

Also Has Scar Over Eye. Shortly after the murder of the girl, a barber in Portland shaved a man who answered the description sent out of the murderer, and he said he had a scar over the left eye. While this was given publicly at the time not much attention was paid to it.

Wearing a mask, which gave her the appearance of a bandit, Miss Lillian Paxton, 27, charged with having forged a deed to a valuable piece of property on Twelfth street, appeared in Justice Summerfield's court today. It is alleged that she attempted to borrow \$10,000 on the property from the German-American bank of this city. Preliminary hearing of the case was set for April 1.

Carnegie Gave \$5,000. New York March 27.—Andrew Carnegie this afternoon contributed \$5,000 to the relief fund for the destitute relatives of the victims of the Triangle Shirt Waist factory fire.

Killed By Train. Oakland, Calif., March 27.—Struck by the San Jose local as he was walking along the First street trestle this morning, Edward Houston, a teamster, was instantly killed and his body hurled into the bay. Houston came here from Coalinga.

Will Hold Election in Mexico. Galveston, Tex., March 27.—Dr. H. J. Kellner, of Kansas City, who arrived here today from Mexico, declares that a general election will be held there in about 30 days under the supervision and protection of American troops. He says there will be at least five candidates for the presidency, including Jose Ives Limantour, minister of foreign affairs in the new Diaz cabinet.

A BLOODY TONGUED PATRIOT Alfonso Madero, the Mexican Opera Bouffe Generalissimo, Who Wears a Half Bushel of Ornaments, Talks Loudly.

DIAZ AND CORRAL MUST GO Like the Late Artemus Ward, Would Sacrifice All His Friends and Relatives, Not Excepting Even His Own Mother-in-Law, on the Altar of Freedom—Tells What He Will Do If Americans Set Their Feet on Sacred Soil of Mexico.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] El Paso, Tex., March 27.—The representatives of the insurgent Mexicans here and the federals in Juarez are talking peace today. The junta here predicts that within the present week Minister Limantour, for Diaz, will meet, either here or in Juarez, with Francisco Madero, when the latter will formally present his demands on the granting of which will depend his cessation of further hostilities. That a complete change in Mexico, anticipating less, will be demanded by the Madero's was declared today by Alfonso Madero. "Peace is impossible," he said, "until Diaz and Corral go. It is untrue that the insurgents have agreed to lay down their arms pending a settlement—the settlement must be made first.

"If America intervenes in Mexico, it will mean a most bloody war. The insurgents would immediately cease opposing the federals and would join with the Diaz faction in fighting the Americans. We will oppose even moral intervention, and will fight to the death against armed interference." Alfonso Madero said that Limantour had remained in Washington until he (Alfonso) had communicated with Francisco Madero in the field and obtained a promise that Limantour's passage through the insurgent territory would be safeguarded. He said that the rebels might easily have captured Limantour had they desired to do so.

Four Children Burn to Death in Missouri. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Springfield, Mo., March 27.—Dr. E. D. Morris and four children were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed their home near Aurora. Dr. Morris rescued his wife and one child but perished when he returned to the building for the others. The children's ages ranged from one to 11 years.

### 143 CHARRED AND MANGLED BODIES NEW YORK'S TERRIBLE OBJECT LESSON

ONE GREAT PROCESSION WILL FOLLOW THE DEAD TO THE CEMETERY TOMORROW

Line of Mourners Seeking Admission to the Morgue Extends Six Blocks--All But 39 Have Been Identified, Mostly by Trinkets Found on Their Bodies--Five of the 14 in the Hospitals Will Die--Firemen Who Examined Ruins Say It Was Miraculous That Any Escaped Alive--Sweat Shop Conditions Are Blamed.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, March 27.—One hundred and forty-three blackened and mangled bodies, of which all but 39 have been identified, with 14 in hospitals, of whom five will die, was the final death toll this afternoon of the victims of the Triangle Waist company's fire in the Asch building. Four-fifths of the dead were girls.

With every newspaper in the city raising funds to aid the destitute families of the toilers who perished in the fire trap; with District Attorney Whitman seeking to convict those responsible for the horror, and Fire Marshal Beers holding a strict examination into the cause of the disaster, union labor is planning to make of the holocaust an object lesson which will prevent such sacrifice of life in the future. It has been arranged that the funerals of the victims, or most of them, will be held tomorrow in one great procession which will drive home to New Yorkers the need of adequate protection for its toilers.

Veteran firemen today after a survey of the burned building, declared it was miraculous that any one escaped alive. At noon today the line of those seeking admittance to the temporary morgues where the dead lie, extended for six blocks. Only half a dozen of the weeping women, who composed the greater part of the crowd, were allowed in the building at one time. District Attorney Whitman said this afternoon that State Superintendent of Labor Williams was actually responsible for the condition of the

building. Williams' department, he said, was required to pronounce buildings safe. On February 4 last Williams' deputy endorsed the Asch building, in spite of narrow stairways and inward swing doors. Whitman demanded a copy of this report. He conferred with Judge O'Sullivan of the court of general sessions and will instruct the grand jury to continue in session until an investigation has been completed. Fire Marshal Beers this afternoon summed up the results of the whole investigation into the fire so far. He is satisfied that the fire started under a cutting table.

"At 4:40 o'clock in the afternoon either a match or a cigarette stump started the blaze," he said. "Superintendent Samuel Bernstein and others at once grabbed the hose and buckets and started to fight the flames. Simultaneously Edward Brown and other machinists tried to get the girls in line to march them to the elevators and stairways. The poor things did not know what was meant, as the most of them did not understand English. "Terrible confusion resulted, and a perfect babel of tongues swelled higher and higher as the flames spread. The girls were seated at the sewing machines so closely that their backs touched. Stools, which had there been a fire drill, would have been pushed under the machines, blocked their way to safety, and the first fleeing victims, stumbling over the stools, were thrown into a struggling, screaming mass and remained

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BOISE HAS A \$130,000 FIRE TODAY CARLSON LUSK HARDWARE COMPANY'S WAREHOUSE IN HEART OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT, IS DESTROYED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Boise, Ida., March 27.—Beyond the control of the fire department, the Carlson Lusk Hardware company's warehouse in the heart of the business district, burned this afternoon, and at 2 o'clock it was feared that the entire wholesale district would go.

A high wind is blowing and the entire fire department is on the scene attempting to quell the blaze. The loss of the warehouse is estimated at \$130,000. It is covered only by small insurance.

She Thinks Banks Safe as Old Shoes. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Centralia, Wash., March 27.—A shipment of a half-burned mass of greenbacks and half-melted coin to the mint today signalized the conversion of Mrs. L. A. Leads to the idea that banks are fairly safe places to keep savings after all. Believing that such institutions were designed as a snare for the wealth of the thrifty, she previously deposited her money in an old shoe. In the hurry of spring house cleaning her daughter unknowingly tossed the shoe with some rubbish and burned it. The bills contained in it are fairly distinguishable, and it is believed can be redeemed. Mrs. Leads has deposited her remaining savings in a local bank.