DUG UP FIVE BODIES

Grewsome Murders Unearthed at La Porte, Ind.

ONLY TWO BODIES IDENTIFIES

Clearing House For Murderers Discovered After Woman, Who Conducted the Place, and Her Three Children Were Burned to Death.

La Porte, Ind., May 6.—One of the most grewsome murder mysteries ever unearthed in this section of the country came to light when the bodies of five persons, all of them murdered, were found in the yard of the home of Mrs. Bella Gunness, who, with three of her children, was burned to death on the night of April 28.

So far, only two of the bodies have been identified. These are Andrew Helgelein, who came to this city from Mansfield, S. D., for the purpose of marrying Mrs. Gunness, whose acquaintance he had made through a matrimonial bureau. The other is that of Jennie Olson Gunness, a Chicago girl, who had been adopted by Mrs. Gunness. She disappeared in September, 1906, and it was said she had gone to Los Angeles to attend school. The other bodies were those of a man and of two children apparently twelve years of age. So many bones were missing in the latter two that it is not known whether they are male or female.

The body of Helgelein was dismembered, and the arms, legs, trunk and head were buried in different parts of the yard.

It is believed by the authorities that Guy Lamphere, who has been under arrest since the burning of the Gunness home, on the charge of murdering Mrs. Gunness and her family, committed the Helgelein crime. Lamphere is a carpenter, and the manner in which the body of Helgelein was dismembered leads to the belief that it was done by somebody familiar with the use of a saw.

There have been rumors that Jennie Olson Gunness had knowledge of the manner in which the first husband of Mrs. Gunness came to his death in Chicago. Little is known, however, on this subject.

It is known that Helgelein had loaned $1500 to Mrs. Gunness and that he had another $1500 in his possession just prior to his death. It is considered probable that he was killed by Mrs. Gunness or by Lamphere, or by both of them, in order to procure the cash he had and to avoid the necessity of repaying the loan he had made.

Lamphere, against whom a strong case of circumstantial evidence exists in connection with the burning of Gunness home and the death of Mrs. Gunness and her three children, denies all knowledge of the bodies found. He has said, however, on other occasions that Mrs. Gunness was anxious to send him to an insane asylum because of his knowledge of her career. It was current gossip, however, that Lamphere was insanely jealous of Mrs. Gunness and of Helgelein, and it is well known that the woman stood greatly in fear of him, and had asked for police protection.

Lamphere, when told of the discovery, said: "My God, five bodies. What wouldn't that woman do. I always thought something was wrong out there. Several people came out to that farm who never were seen to go away. One was a man, big, with black hair and mustache. Mrs. Gunness told me he was Jennie Olson's sweetheart. He was around there about two years ago. Then one day a man and woman drove up with a baby. They went away without it. Now, that's all I know about it, but I guess there must have been others. I ain't sure just when that big man was there."

The search by which the bodies were found was instigated by John Helgelein, the brother of Andrew, who has always believed that his brother was murdered. He noticed some recently upturned earth in the yard, and suggested to Sheriff Smutzer that an excavation be made to see if his brother's body could not be found. It was dug up after a brief search.

While questioning Joseph Maxson, a hired hand on the Gunness farm, John Helgelein learned of the mysterious diggings of holes by him, all of them being filled at a later date by Mrs. Gunness. The remains were only four feet under ground, and were enclosed in a gunnysack.

The discovery of the bodies led expressmen to tell of the delivery of five trunks to the Gunness farm during the last six months, and this fact has caused the authorities to work on the theory that the place was a clearing house for murderers. They suspect that wealthy persons, after being lured to Chicago and killed, were packed in these trunks and sent to La Porte, and disposed of.

These developments also caused the authorities to recall that the two husbands of Mrs. Gunness died under suspicious circumstances, both meeting violent deaths. The first, Max Sorenson, was insured for $8500, and the second, Gunness, for $3500. This insurance was paid over to Mrs. Gunness by the companies.

Dug Up Baby's Body With Spade.

Haddonfield, N. J., May 6.—A colored man, employed as a gardener for Samuel Bergen, a lawyer of this place, dug up a dress suit case with his spade, and upon opening the case the body of a female infant, dressed in fine clothing, was found. There were no marks of identification on the clothing or suit case that gave any clue. The body was turned over to an undertaker and the police are investigating.

CAUGHT IN LANDSLIDE

One Man Killed and Fifteen Injured Near West Newton, Pa.

West Newton, Pa., May 5.—While eating their noon-day luncheons, the twenty-five men employed at the Pittsburg Coal company's mine No. 2, at Scott Haven, had almost miraculous escapes from death. Edward McCracken was killed. Fifteen were hurt, and some of them are not expected to recover.

The opening of the mine is half way up a cliff 300 feet high on the west side of the Youghiogheny river. Near the opening, on a wide ledge stood the blacksmith shop and an engine-coaling shanty of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad. In and about the coaling shanty workmen had gathered to eat their luncheons. Suddenly there was an ominous grinding noise, followed by a tremendous crash and hundreds of tons of rock, loosened by recent rains rusred down upon the unwarned men, completely demolishing the shanty and partially destroying the blacksmith shop. Those in the shanty were caught under the crushed walls, while many of those outside were struck by flying boulders. An alarm was sounded and in a few minutes 300 miners poured out of the workings, with picks and shovels and released the imprisoned men. Mine Boss David Leake was standing near the blacksmith shop, talking with two strangers when the avalanche started and neither of the strangers has been seen since. It is believed by some that their dead bodies are in the debris.

DELEGATES ARE FREE

New Jersey Republicans Vote Down Taft Resolution.

Trenton, N. J., May 6.—The Republican state convention to select delegates to attend the national convention at Chicago named a delegation that is uninstructed. The convention also voted down resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Secretary Taft for president and favoring the renomination of President Roosevelt.

A resolution favoring former Governor Franklin Murphy for vice president was adopted without opposition.

The delegates-at-large are as follows: Governor Fort, Frank O. Briggs, John Kean and David Baird.

The platform strongly endorses the administration and policies of President Roosevelt and endorses Governor Fort. On the tariff it says:

"The Republicans of New Jersey stand for principles rather than details, and if changing conditions require an adjustment of tariff schedules, we most emphatically insist upon the full maintenance of the protective policy, that the revenues of the government may be preserved, American wages maintained at the highest standards, and American markets preserved for American industries. National prosperity has gone hand in hand with a protective tariff. The welfare of the people demands the continuance of this American policy."

Six Dead In Tenement Fire.

New York, May 4.—An early morning fire in a four-story brick tenement at 17 Humboldt street, Brooklyn caused the death of six persons and the serious injury of four others Every member of one family, consisting of a mother and four children, are among the dead. There were many thrilling rescues by the police and firemen and it was due to their brave work that the death list was not larger. A half dozen or more persons who were trapped in the upper stories were saved by jumping into life nets The financial loss caused by the fire is estimated at $10,000.

The dead are: Mrs. Dora Abrams and Sadie, Carrie, Anna and Charles Abrams, and Mrs. Jennie Cohen.

Baby Weighs Only 1 3 4 Lbs. at Birth

Pittsburg, May 6.—Dr. A. J. Colborn, of Connellsville, has furnished an affidavit with the story of the smallest baby ever born alive and healthy in Western Pennsylvania, a one-and-three-quarter-pound girl, which arrived Sunday at the home of George Hertzog, at Morrell, Pa. The baby is the second born to Mr. and Mrs. Hertzog. The first was a boy weighing two and one-half pounds at birth. Now, at the age of twenty-two months, it is as lusty as the ordinary child. Its newly-arrived sister is fully developed, and, although not at all lusty, will live.

Cleveland to Remain at Lakewood.

Lakewood, N. J., May 6.—The condition of former President Grover Cleveland continues to show daily improvement, according to a statement made by Mrs. Cleveland, and in order that his recovery may be hastened it has been decided that Mr. Cleveland will remain here indefinitely, as the climate agrees with him.

Child Killed By Rooster's Spurs.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 6.—Max Crockett, Jr., fifteen months old, died at Lewisburg of wounds inflicted by a rooster. The child fell in the yard and the rooster attacked him, sinking its spurs repeatedly into the child's head.

$250,000 For Storm Victims.

Washington, May 5.—The senate passed a house resolution appropriating $250,000 for relief of suffers from the cyclone in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana on April 24.



THAW GOES TO JAIL

Released From Asylum Pending Effort to Obtain Freedom.

MR. JEROME FEARS SLAYER

District Attorney Has Been Told That Thaw Made Threats Against Him. Would Rather Be Dead Than Stay In Insane Asylum.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 5.—Temporarily at least, Harry K. Thaw is out of the Matteawan hospital for the Criminal Insane. As a result of the proceedings on the writ of habeas corpus sued out in an effort to have him legally declared sane, he will remain in the Dutchess county jail until the final decision on the writ is handed down. The formal hearing in the case will come before the supreme court here next Monday.

The adjournment was taken upon the request of a representative of the district attorney of New York county to give District Attorney Jerome an opportunity to appear in person to oppose Thaw's release from the asylum. In the meantime Thaw will remain in the Dutchess county jail here instead of being returned to Matteawan. Thaw appeared to be in excellent health, having gained fully twenty pounds in weight since his transfer to the asylum from the Tombs.

One of the interesting features of the proceedings was an announcement that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, although she has brought suit for annulment of her marriage, will appear, if necessary, as a witness in her husband's behalf.

It is said that one reason why Jerome will bitterly contest Thaw's efforts to obtain his freedom is the district attorney's fear that Thaw, if freed, will attempt to do him bodily harm.

It has been brought to the district attorney's knowledge that Thaw has made threats against him personally. Thaw is said to have declared that Jerome's unceasing prosecution has been persecution, and that as the law seemed an inadequate means through which to punish the district attorney, personal satisfaction was the only alternative.

District Attorney Jerome is said to have been kept informed of Thaw's recent actions in Matteawan by Dr. Amos T. Baker, acting superintendent of the state asylum. It is even reported that the district attorney is acquainted with a number of letters which Thaw has written recently from the asylum. All this will be used by the district attorney in his attempt to prove that Thaw is still insane.

Thaw, on his way from Matteawan to Poughkeepsie, made this remarkable statement:

"To be in the Matteawan asylum is a living death. At times I feel that I would rather have been convicted of murder in the first degree and electrocuted than stay in that place.

At my trial I should either have been convicted of murder in the first degree or acquitted. There should have been no half way measures in a case like mine.

"I am not insane now, and I should therefore never have been sent to that asylum. There would be no necessity of my coming to Poughkeepsie if justice had been done me. I am in good health now and feeling fine. I have gained seventeen pounds since the end of the trial."

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE

Woman, Pursued By Relative, Cut Throat and Fell Dead Running.

Philadelphia, May 6.—While suffering from temporary insanity, Mrs. Elizabeth McPhilomy, of Wayne, Pa., committed suicide on an open lot near the home of her sister in the northeastern section of this city by cutting her throat with a butcher knife under tragic circumstances.

She was visiting her sister, and while scantily clad left the house and was followed by her brother-in-law, who heard her get out of bed. As he approached her on the lot the woman drew the knife across her throat.

Then she ran on again, followed by the brother-in-law, but after going about 100 yards, Mrs. McPhilomy dropped dead.

Mrs. McPhilomy on Sunday made a will giving her sister all of her property, after which she divided her jewelry among her nieces. These acts caused a watch to be kept over her, but the family did not believe she would commit suicide.

IRWIN LEWIS SENTENCED

Chester County Farmer Who Killed Step-Daughter Condemned to Death.

West Chester, Pa., May 5.—Irwin W. Lewis, the Franklin township farmer, who was convicted recently of the brutal murder of his step-daughter, Mary Newlin, whom he buried alive in a "garbage hole" near his barn, was in court for sentence. Judge Hemphill condemned him to death in a short but scathing speech.

Lewis was unmoved, although he has recently been in an exceedingly nervous condition in the county prison. An appeal to the supreme court is to be taken in the case, so Lewis has a lengthy lease on life left.

Ten Inches of Snow In Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 5.—The fall of snow which began Sunday night was the heaviest since last November. About ten inches of snow has fallen. The precipitation is of great benefit to farmers and stockmen.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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THE OLD HORSE.

He is no longer a beauty, is old Bill. He is knockkneed, as you can see, where he stands there obedient to your will. But fifteen years ago those legs were as neat and trim as those of any thoroughbred. They have been sagged in your service. With a pride in his going qualities you drove him pell-mell over hard roads and pavements. And you let him stand by the hour at a hitching rack while you dallied. Stamping in summer to keep off the flies and in winter to keep his blood in circulation, pounded over pavements, what wonder he is bowlegged now.

His old head droops.

You remember when there was a lordly arch in that neck, "clothed with thunder." But you used the overcheck, causing a painful tension of the flexor muscles of the neck, hindering full respiration and circulation of the blood and causing quick fatigue. Now he can hold his head up only for a short time.

Note the bunches of gray hair on Bill's back.

Those are saddle galls made by your hard riding and his willingness to go your gait. You forgot to put a blanket under the saddle when you hurried to ride for the doctor or to catch up with other fellows up road.

He is sweenied also.

You did that. The collar of one set of harness failed to fit Bill's shoulders, and the hames of another set were not adjusted as well as they ought to have been. The seasons were dry and dusty, and his shoulders were often sore, though Bill never complained!

And his eyes are bad.

His normal angle of vision, as of all horses, is earthward, but you reined him up, causing eye strain. And you drove first with and then without blinders. Dust and lack of sunshade helped. And when Bill got a cinder or dust in his eye he never spoke about it and you didn't notice. You see, the animal simply couldn't wipe his eyes.

Blemishes?

Plenty of them. Note the bumps and scars on old Bill's legs. There was a time when he interfered and you did not have him properly shod. Turned into a field in winter that was fenced with wire, he could scarcely exercise himself without injury. You held his head so abnormally high with your checkrein that he often stumbled when moving.

Some good in him yet?

Of course. You have not quite succeeded in killing the faithful old fellow, and sometimes, when his digestion has been good and there is a level stretch of road, something of the old spirit gets into him. But it is pathetic to see how soon he is played out.

There he stands—old Bill.

As he is, so you have made him. You have abused him, and he still loves you and whinnies at your approach. He will live for you and work for you till he dies.

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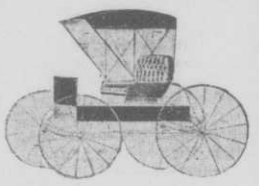
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