

FOX LAKE MURDERS JOIN UNSOLVED LIST

States Attorney Admits Little Likelihood of Discovering Killers

The year old gang killing that brought death to three racketeers, Sam Peeler, Michael Quirk and Joseph Bersche, and serious wounds to Vivian Ponc McGinnis and George Druggan, brother of Terry, on June 1, 1930, probably will go down as unsolved crimes, States Attorney A. V. Smith said last week.

The victims of gun fire were enjoying the comforts of a Fox Lake hotel at 1 o'clock in the morning a year ago when gangsters opened fire and slaughtered three outright.

Probe A Failure

Since that time Col. Smith has conducted exhaustive investigations with little success. The deaths, Col. Smith believes, were brought about by the slaying of Red McLaughlin, Chicago hoodlum, whose body was found in the Chicago river.

George Druggan, according to reports, boasted once about McLaughlin's death.

Robert McLaughlin, brother of Red and president of the Checker Taxi Cab company of Chicago, was one of the men questioned by Col. Smith.

"When I asked McLaughlin if Druggan killed his brother, I never saw a man hesitate so long before answering. Finally he said 'no' but I am positive he wanted to say 'yes,'" Col. Smith said.

Moran Is Gone?

George "Bugs" Moran and his erstwhile bodyguard, Leo Mongoven, have not been around the county for several months, according to reports. Other sources indicate, however, that Moran frequently visited the county resorts after his trial.

Now there are stories that he is in Europe, that Mongoven is in Ireland, and even that Moran has retired to his favorite hangout in northern Minnesota where he spent last summer fishing.

Mammoth Crystal Beryl Presented to the Field Museum; Weight, 1,000 lbs.

A mammoth crystal of beryl, weighing approximately 1,000 pounds, has been presented to Field Museum of Natural History by William J. Chalmers, member of the institution's board of trustees, it was announced today by Stephen C. Simms, director of the museum. The crystal has the form of a somewhat flattened tapering hexagonal prism. It is three feet two inches long, and has a diameter of two feet at the base, the widest part. It was discovered in a quarry at Albany, Maine.

The huge specimen in the near future will be added to the Chalmers crystal collection on exhibition in the department of geology, one of the finest collections of its kind in the world, which has for years been supported by Mr. Chalmers. It will be the largest specimen in the exhibit, and is a striking illustration of the size to which crystals may grow.

Beryl is a comparatively rare mineral, chiefly known in its gem forms of emerald and aquamarine, according to Dr. Oliver C. Farrington, curator of geology. It deepens somewhat

in color with increasing humidity in the atmosphere, and by observing these changes quarry workmen say they can foretell weather changes.

As the chief source of metallic beryllium, one of the lightest of metals, beryl is becoming of economic importance. Beryllium is useful in airplane construction and other work where extreme lightness combined with strength is an important factor.

Homeless Cur Blamed For Most Rabies Cases by Health Department

The homeless cur that knows no master's voice is chiefly responsible for spreading rabies in Illinois according to a statement issued at Springfield, by the state health department, pointing out that this disease reaches peak prevalence during the early summer and that a considerable incidence of rabies now exists in Illinois. To date this year the department of health has provided the Pasteur treatment for 182 dog bitten people and has examined in the laboratory 158 dog heads for rabies.

"The stray, ownerless dog is the reservoir of infection in the perpetuation of rabies" said the statement.

"He not only gives rabies to the home dogs but he bites nearly as many people as do dogs with an established home. He travels much farther and infects more domestic animals than do the home dogs.

"While not alarmingly extensive the prevalence of mad dogs and rabies is considerable in the state now. During the last 30 days the state department of health has provided the Pasteur treatment for 62 people who had been bitten by rabid dogs. Within the same period, 48 dog's heads have been examined for rabies in the department laboratories. Since January 1, no less than 182 Pasteur treatments have been furnished to dog bitten citizens and 158 dogs heads have been examined in the laboratories of the department of health.

The whistle on a locomotive makes a big noise, but doesn't pull the train.

Aunt Jane: Waiter, bring me two eggs, fried on one side, but not too hard; toast, with plenty of butter; canteloupe, not too ripe, but ripe enough, and coffee with just a little cream."

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