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BAFFLES THE POLICE

Victim Believed to Have Been Slain by Secret Society.

Detective Gets Instructions Over Telephone and is Never Permitted to See Employer.

Paris, March 21.—What appeared at first to be merely a crime of a nature not infrequent in Paris has developed into a mystery which is taxing the powers of the most able detectives in the country.

An aged dealer in vanilla, named Hanni, was, yesterday, found dead in a narrow passage leading to his rooms in the Boulevard Voltaire. Unwoven hemp was bound tightly round his chin and twisted strongly round his neck. If any doubt that foul play had taken place existed it was removed by the discovery that two of the dead man's ribs had been broken as the murderer knelt upon his body and drew the hemp taut round his victim's throat.

The case was put down as a murder for the sake of money. But nothing had apparently been touched in Hanni's rooms. Further, the police discovered that "Pere Vanille," as Hanni was called, was in the habit of receiving visits from a large number of people of the most suspect type. Next it was found that Hanni had travelled widely, in India, Madagascar, South America, the Cape and elsewhere, and had kept in touch with many of his foreign acquaintances. He was, it seems, a member of secret societies, and, the police allege, addicted to the worst vices.

The case was mysterious enough when it was rendered, yet more baffling by the statement of a private detective named Gerson. He says that on February 10th he received a letter, signed Hanni, asking him to make inquiries concerning a well-known and much-respected family. Gerson agreed to do so, but was never allowed to see his client. But every day Hanni telephoned, always from a different place, and took down the detective's news over the wire. The detective was forbidden absolutely to give any information to any one but Hanni himself.

Three days before the murder the detective received a telephone call from a man who said he wished to see him on behalf of Hanni. A young Jew called, tried to learn what information the detective had obtained, offered a bribe, which was rejected, and then, losing his temper, swore to "stop Hanni's mouth." The detective reported the incident over the telephone to Hanni, who seemed greatly alarmed.

On Thursday evening Hanni telephoned to the detective that certain information must be obtained by Saturday morning, "because the steamer leaves that day." But on his way to Hanni's house, yesterday, the detective read in the newspapers of the murder of his invisible client.

To-day inquiries show that certain papers, including a diary, have vanished from Hanni's rooms. The mystery, however, is unsolved. The police have one clue in finger marks—not the dead man's—on a mirror in Hanni's rooms.

DESTINED FOR MUSEUM.

Scientists Eat Meat 100,000 Years Old.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—The Academy of Science has just dispatched a well-equipped expedition to the valley of Santauriakh, in Northern Siberia, in order to excavate the remains of the mammoth which has been discovered about 200 miles from the village of Kasachfa.

The cranium and part of the right forelegs were exposed through the action of water, and hair-covered flesh was found adhering to the bones. The Arctic foxes had actually begun to eat it, and water has now been poured over the exposed remains so as to form a protective coating of ice.

The scene of the discovery is so remote that the journey there will occupy two months. The remains will be transported by some fifty sleighs, drawn by reindeer, to the River Lena, and the final stages of the journey, from Irkutsk to St. Petersburg, will be completed by train.

Russian scientists attach the greater value to the discovery, inasmuch as the mammoth now exhibited in the Zoological Museum at St. Petersburg is known not to have reached full development. It is estimated to have attained only twenty-five years.

These mammoths are believed to have lived about 10,000 years ago. The remains of the first one discovered were in such an excellent state of preservation that some of the remnants of flesh, after being thawed, salted and cooked, were actually eaten out of curiosity by some Russian scientists.

A Stag Impaled.

London, March 21.—Lord Rothschild's staghounds met yesterday in the vicinity of Aylesbury, and at Bierton, a village two miles distant, the stag was impaled while trying to jump some iron railings. It was so badly injured that it had to be killed.

Child Carried Through A Culvert.

London, March 21.—Florrie Biddle, five years old, was playing, yesterday, by the side of rain-swollen stream at Edmonton, and fell almost at the mouth of a culvert. She was carried under two roads for 200 or 300 yards before she was rescued.

SPEAKS MANY TONGUES.

Mysterious Burglar Leads to Gems in Cave.

Paris, March 21.—The police of Pontoise have had under lock and key for the last six months a mysterious prisoner, whose identity they cannot discover.

He was caught red-handed in a burglary, and on being examined declared that he is a man of good family, for the sake of which he will not allow his name to be divulged. The police call him Marius Durand for want of a better name.

Durand told his jailers that he could show them a grotto in which treasure was hidden which had been taken from a house in Maisons Lafitte, near Paris. He led the police to a cave near the village of Sartrouville, and there they found a quantity of jewelry. He confessed that he had hidden the proceeds of twenty-seven robberies in half a dozen hiding-places which the police could never find.

Durand speaks French, German, English, Italian, the Alsatian patois and other languages. He says that he has worked on transatlantic steamers and has lived in Marseilles, Naples, Algiers and New York. He has been in prison in Strasburg, in Colmar, and several other places, but his name is still a mystery.

Irish Surgeon's Feat.

Belfast, March 21.—While working in a laundry at Ballymena, county Antrim, a girl named Gordon was caught by the hair in a machine and completely scalped. She was taken to the local hospital, where the scalp was sewn on, and she is making good progress.

Thieves In Black Silk Tights.

Paris, March 21.—Three notorious hotel thieves, who were dressed in black silk skin tights, were taken red-handed, last night, as they were collecting valuables in the bedrooms of a San Remo hotel.

Beri-Beri At Glasgow.

Glasgow, March 21.—Seven lascars were, yesterday, admitted to the Glasgow hospital suffering from beri-beri. They were removed from a liner which had arrived from the east.

YOUNG MEN VICTIMS

Poison, Opiates and Knife Their Weapons.

Gang of Five East Indians Confess to Series of Brutal Murders---To Be Investigated.

Bombay, March 21.—The Pioneer Mail publishes details of a terrible series of murders which have been recently brought to light in the town of Bangalore.

A gang of five men are under arrest, having, by their own confession, admitted to a number of gruesome crimes, the victims all being young men. According to the miscreants' confession, no fewer than eight youths have been done to death in various parts of the city. In each case the bodies, after being stripped of all valuables, were buried in the courtyards of houses or otherwise disposed of, and three graves which have been dug up by the police, acting on the information supplied by the murderers, have been found to contain the remains of five corpses.

The accused men admit that after they decoyed their unsuspecting victims they gave them poison, then chloroformed them, and, after removing the jewelry, cut their throats and buried them. Several more missing lads have yet to be accounted for. The greatest excitement prevails among the native populace, and the police have had to take special precautions to prevent the murderers being lynched by the infuriated mob.

After the five bodies were unearthed the police were enabled to take further steps, which resulted in the discovery of two more unfortunate victims. The accused, after interrogation, conducted some officials to a house in Cavalry road, situated to a well-frequented permanent police beat, and pointed out the floor of the kitchen, under which they stated a boy was buried. On digging down six feet the corpse of a youth was discovered, who had seemingly, from the position of the body and the contortions of the limbs, been interred alive. The murderers related that the lad was decoyed to the house, and, as usual, dosed with poison, this time chloral, which, not taking effect sufficiently, they tried chloroform. Before the boy was sufficiently unconscious the men were disturbed by a noise in the street, so they hurriedly buried him without cutting his throat, after removing all valuables. For the officials' inspection the miscreants produced from a cupboard in the wall a bottle containing chloral mixture, with which they had dosed the deceased. The body was later identified by the parents as their eighteen-year-old son. It is now awaiting a post-mortem. This murder, it is alleged, was committed as far back as October 9th.

Further investigations are being made, and the greatest excitement prevails in the city.

Probabilities

Toronto, Ont., March 21, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence (10 a.m.)—Southwest winds, fine and milder. Sunday, fair and mild.

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Wonderland Theatre—"Pierrott's Jealous Drunkenness," "Mr. Shortsighted Goes Shrimping," "The Deceiver," "House To Let." Song "Dreaming Love Of You," by Geo. B. Touhey.

Bijou Theatre: A Unique Picture, "A Tragedy in Egypt 3,000 Years Ago," and Ike's Comic Sequel in the London of To-Day," "John Robert Davis sings, "When Arrah Wanna Married Barney Carney."

Championship Game.

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THEY PREFER CIGARETTES.

United Kingdom Spends 75 Million Dollars a Year on Cigarettes.

London, March 19.—According to a recent estimate $75,000,000 are spent annually for cigarettes in the United Kingdom, $45,000,000 for pipe tobacco, and $5,000,000 for cigars. It is calculated that eighty per cent. of the men use tobacco in some form. The average consumption of cigarettes daily is eight per man. Pipe smokers consume at least six pipefuls a day. Assuming that a cigarette lasts ten minutes, and a pipe twenty, it is estimated that cigarette smokers spend on an average twenty minutes a day, and those smoking pipes two hours.

A prominent London tobacconist, on seeing the figures said: "The cigarette has gripped Britons as it has gripped the rest of the world." The clay pipe is practically dead, other kinds of pipes are being relinquished for cigarettes. Even hardened pipe smokers are giving way. Cigar smokers are coming into line, too. The chief reason is the convenience of the cigarette. This hustling age does not allow the leisurely pipe in business hours. In walking from one office to another or in returning from luncheon, there is just time for a cigarette. So the pipe is reserved till night. They appeal to all classes.

Wedding Party's Adventure.

London, March 21.—The carriage in which a wedding party was returning from church yesterday, at Hording, near Yarmouth, overturned. Matthew Chapman, the bridegroom, received a bad injury to his ankle, and was taken to the hospital, but the bride escaped with a scratched face. Mrs. Slaughter, who was also in the carriage, had her leg broken.

Female Slayer Escapes.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—It is reported here that Mlle. Maria Spiridonovo, who was exiled to Siberia, two years ago, for the murder of the chief of police of Tamboy, has escaped and is now in either Australia or New Zealand.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN

Against "Kid" McManus the Noted Burglar.

President Fargo of the American Express Company Will Not Press Charge---Sheriff Foley Gives $5,000 in Bonds.

Sufficient influence has been brought to bear upon President Fargo, of the American Express company, to have the charge against "Kid" McManus, of New York, of stealing bonds from its safe in Paris, France, withdrawn, and it is understood that the extradition proceedings now in process at Montreal will be dropped, unless the French authorities have other charges against the noted burglar. It is known that a clergyman here interested himself on behalf of McManus, who declared that the stolen bonds had been destroyed, and no longer existed. The clergyman was impressed with McManus, and believed that he spoke the truth, and made an affidavit to that effect. The reverend gentleman was also instrumental in getting a relative of President Fargo to use influence to have the charge of the express company withdrawn. Furthermore, Sheriff Foley, of New York, whom McManus once befriended, has given personal bonds to the extent of $5,000 to vouch for the truth of McManus' statements that the express company's stolen bonds were destroyed by the pal of the New York burglar.

Art Exhibition.

The exhibit of paintings that are now on view, are attracting much attention, chiefly because they are direct from nature, sunshine and atmosphere, blending softly together, while the drawing is vigorous and the coloring is forceful and full of harmony, this is a rare treat for all who are fond of art, as it portrays nature in its many moods. Kirkpatrick's Art Gallery.

Table full of remnants for Monday at Weese's wall paper sale.

Newman & Shaw's to-night.

JACK THE BURNER.

At Berlin a Firetug Keeps Police Busy.

Berlin, March 21.—Berlin is being searched high and low for a mysterious Jack the Burner, who has been setting buildings on fire in various districts of the city during the past fortnight.

Thirteen fires, involving considerable loss and danger to life, are attributed to his incendiary habits. The entire fire brigade is kept in "double alarm" and many firemen and horses are stated to be on the verge of exhaustion. The latest outbreak occurred yesterday at noon, exactly twenty-four hours after the preceding one. Although incendiarism in every case has been found to be the cause, the guilty person or persons have so successfully covered up their tracks that both police and fire authorities confess themselves completely balked.

The hunt for the incendiary is rendered difficult because the fires persist in breaking out in altogether different parts of the town. As soon as the attention of the police is turned in one direction a fire breaks out in some place miles away.

Prince's Big Gift.

Paris, March 21.—Prince Roland Bonaparte has just made a gift to the Academy of Sciences of a sum of $20,000. The money is to be distributed, not in prizes for completed works but in a way which will prove far more useful for furthering scientific research. Grants are to be made to those engaged on any new scientific labors which, in the opinion of the academy, may lead to important results, no matter how far or how little advanced the work may be.

Actress' Bold Venture.

Berlin, March 21.—Mme. Meta Illing, a famous continental dramatic star, sometimes called the Bernhardt of Germany, has undertaken the bold venture of founding an English theatre in Berlin, where she believes that there is a favorable field for an enterprise of this kind.

GANANOQUE TIDINGS.

The Tigers Defeated By Trenton Hockey Team.

Gananoque, March 21.—At Belleville, Thursday evening, the Tigers hockey team of this town, met defeat at the hands of the Trenton team for the second time this season. At half time the score stood 2 to 1, in favor of the Tigers, and at full time 4 to 3, in favor of Trenton.

The Shamrock basketball team, of the Young Ladies' Literary Athletic Club, went down to defeat before the Gananoque high school team at the former's club rooms, King street, Thursday evening, by a score of 11 to 10.

The Young People's Society of Grace church held a "temperance" meeting in the church parlors, last evening.

Walter S. Abbott, South street, has been confined to his home for several days past, seriously ill. Robert Lipman, late of the firm of Lipman & Deir, has removed to Smith's Falls, where he has purchased a moving picture show and will in future conduct it. Mrs. John Dickey, of Rockport, spent some time this week in town, the guest of her son, B. Dickey.

Mrs. Frank Lent, Market street, is visiting relatives in Boston. Mrs. George Hamilton, of Calgary Alta., spending the past few months in town the guest of her father, William Edwards, King street, has left for her western home. A. Gillies spent a short time this week in Kingston. E. H. Carnegie, of Montreal, is spending a short time in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carnegie, Sydenham street.

Victor Stunden, corner Wellington and Charles streets, left this week for Calgary, Alta., to spend some time there with his uncle, Mr. Crawford, of that place, and will, in all probability, settle there. Albert Richards, Hickory street, is in Ottawa, where he has secured a situation with the M. J. Wilson Harness company. Mrs. Richards and family will remain here for some time longer. Mrs. W. H. Jackson, spending a few weeks in Toronto, and other western points, has returned to town.

Mr. and Mrs. John James, Hopetown, will celebrate their golden wedding on April 13th. Mr. and Mrs. George Bond, Lanark, will celebrate theirs on the 15th.

WAS A FINE CONCERT

Given in Napanee on St. Patrick's Night.

Napanee, March 21.—E. J. Roy has sold his new steamyacht to a western firm, who will use her on the Rideau this summer. The purchasers carefully examined a number of yachts offered for sale but found none so much to their liking as Mr. Roy's yacht. The yacht is built of cedar, has a half-cabin, finished in mahogany, and a canopy forward of the cabin. The decks and combing are finished in black walnut, quartered oak, and maple, and are first-class in every particular.

The St. Patrick's day concert, held in the opera house, on Tuesday evening, was well attended and proved an unqualified success. Mrs. (Dr.) Lockridge acted as accompanist in her usual able manner. Mayor Ming was chairman. The following local talent took part in double quartettes: Mesdames W. S. Herrington, D. C. Macnaughton, C. A. Wartman and the Misses Herring, Wartman, Hall and Light. Their rendering of the "Harp Of Tara" and "The Minstrel Boy," was excellent. Charles Fisher also sustained his high reputation, in a couple of numbers.

The talent from a distance was also of a high order. Mrs. James Bawden, J. B. Doyle and J. D. Hayes, all of Belleville, were heartily encored. Mrs. James Grant, soprano, sang "Carmen" very sweetly. Miss Kate Bawden, brought down the house with her singing of "Rory Darling." The concert was one of the best ever heard in Napanee.

Stanley Norris, of the Bell Telephone staff, underwent an operation, last week, for a rupture of the bowels He is progressing as rapidly as could be expected. Mrs. Allan Wagar, South River Road, slipped on the ice on Tuesday last, breaking her arm. Mrs. George Daly also had the misfortune to fall and break her wrist one day this week.

E. Francisco sold his matched team of bays to D. Jenkins, of Belleville, for $500. They were dandies. Mrs. E. A. Rixen, Deseronto, spent yesterday with her brother, John Gault.

"A spring tonic," compound syrup of hypophosphites, in 25c. bottles, at Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store.

BRUTALITY URGED CRIME

Boy Has Revenge For Wrongs of His Mother.

Milan, March 21.—A sensational tragedy was enacted at the Co-operative Union Restaurant here yesterday at an hour when that popular resort was thronged with diners.

A pallid youth was seen to enter hurriedly, and in an excited manner to make his way toward a table where Signor Pifferi, the director, was chatting with a party of guests. A moment later a revolver shot was heard, and the director started up, exclaiming: "I am assassinated." He then staggered, fell heavily to the floor, and died before medical assistance could be obtained. The murderer, who is barely sixteen years of age, made no attempt to escape. He turns out to be the victim's stepson. His mother, the Milanese Countess Vitali, contracted a romantic second marriage with the deceased director five years ago, when the latter was head waiter at the Olympia Theatre here. For a while things went well, until, it is alleged, Pifferi ceased work and began recklessly squandering the countess' fortune, and ill-treating her and her stepchildren, so that recently a separation became imperative. The boy assassin, Bertrand Vitali, declares that he was goaded to the deed through his stepfather's shocking cruelty towards his young sisters.

Before leaving home to execute his vengeance Bertrand embraced his mother and sisters with exceptional tenderness. This incident aroused anxiety in the countess' mind when she noticed her son's absence was unwontedly prolonged. After searching vainly for him in his favorite haunts she happened to pass the restaurant, and from the crowd before the closed doors she first gleaned tidings of the terrible tragedy.

Lately there has been quite an epidemic of similar cases in Italy. Only a few days ago a highly respected youth at Udono shot dead the father of his fiancee, a prominent citizen there, whose conduct with his children was in question.

WERE ROUGHLY SHOCKED

Temperance Drinks Contained Considerable Alcohol.

London, March 21.—Teetotallers have been roughly shocked by the publication of the report of the government analyst on the analysis on the so-called temperance drinks which shows an astonishing percentage of alcohol in certain favorite teetotal drinks. The liquor laws make beverages containing more than two per cent. alcohol taxable as intoxicants, but of 4,147 samples of temperance drinks, tested within the past four years, no fewer than 3,098 exceeded the limit. In several of the samples as much as eight per cent. of alcohol was found, while in a few, nine and ten per cent. was revealed. The chief offending drinks were ginger beer and herb beer. The temperance advocates were startled to learn that a child drinking a pint of some of the teetotal beverages consumes more alcohol than is contained in half a pint of champagne.

STUDENTS STRIKE.

Woodstock College Boys Walk Out As a Protest.

Woodstock, Ont., Mar. 21—One hundred and fifty students of Woodstock College went on strike because one of their number, a boy named King, from Toronto, had been suspended by the authorities for playing basketball after being ordered not to do so, because of some offence against discipline. They paraded down-town cheering and shouting to show their great displeasure at what they apparently considered was an unwarrantable act on the part of the college faculty, and remained in a state of insurrection for about three hours. At the end of that time the boys had tired of being out on strike, and perhaps were just a little bit hungry, so they went back to the college and promised to be good.

BORN.

KIRKPATRICK.—At The Rectory, Cardinal, Ont., on 18th March, 1908, to the Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, a son.

DIED.

HARPER.—In Kingston, March 21st, 1908, at the "Saints' Rest," Samuel Harper.
Funeral from the "Saints' Rest," at 2.30 o'clock, on Monday.

PATTERSON.—At her residence, No. 230 University Ave., on March 20th, 1908, Mary McCormick, beloved wife of Wm. Patterson.
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