

HATCHET MURDER OF SERVANT GIRL STILL MYSTERY

Young Swedish Servant in Home of Joseph Sykes in Kountze Place Found in House with Head Crushed.

CERTAIN MOTIVE NOT ROBBERY

Crime May Have Been Done by Robber Surprised at Work or By Moral Pervert.

NO CLUE YET TO PERPETRATOR

With no arrests made yet in the case of Ada Swanson, the domestic found murdered with a hatchet Friday evening in the home of Joseph Sykes, 2023 Spencer street, and only slight clues and indefinite theories yet in the hands of the police, the newest development in the frightful crime is the positive proof by microscopic examination that criminal assault upon the young woman was not accomplished, although probably attempted.

Coroner's Physician S. McClellan made a careful investigation of the condition of the body, supplemented by a microscopic examination, and says the suspected criminal assault and ravishment of the body had not been accomplished, according to results of the examination. He said, however, that indications pointed to an attempted assault, rather than robbery, as the motive for the frightful crime.

Meager Descriptions. Two meager descriptions of suspects, given by Miss Rogers, next door neighbor east of the Sykes house, and by John Gaynor, a painter working at the Rogers place, are the extent of clues as to the identity of the brute who committed the crime, so far secured by the police.

Miss Rogers, an invalid, says she observed from her window that a man entered the rear of the Sykes house between 11 and 12 o'clock, but she did not see him leave the house. Gaynor, the painter, gave the detective the information that about noon Friday, while he was painting next door to the Sykes house, he saw and heard a well-dressed, clean-cut young man appear at the rear of the Sykes house, ring the kitchen door bell several times, and tell the girl when she appeared that he "had come to fix the pipes." The stranger carried no tools, Gaynor declared, and did not look like a workman.

Admitted Man as Workman. Miss Swanson let him into the house, the painter said, and that was the last seen of him by Gaynor. The latter, neither the painter nor Miss Rogers, could give good descriptions of the man they saw enter the house.

However, Police Captain Dempsey and Chief of Detectives Maloney, with six detectives, are giving their entire personal attention to the case. They have not yet reached a conclusion as to the probable motive of the criminal in entering the house. Although no evidence of intended robbery is available, and there seems to be considerable evidence of attempted criminal assault, the officers have delayed forming any conclusions until further investigation is made.

The Murder was Evidently Accomplished

Interview Chasm. A girl friend of the victim will be interviewed by the police, in hope of getting some further theory on which to work. The officers are confident that if robbery was intended by the criminal, the girl would have put up a fight to prevent it, after the man gained entrance to the house by the use of pretending to be a workman. They are especially confident that Miss Swanson would have died fighting, rather than submit to assault. Mrs. Silva Ober, the girl's sister, called at the house in person about 2 o'clock, ringing the front door bell several times, and then went away, thinking that Ada had gone to the dentist's, when she made no response. A man who usually cuts the Sykes' lawn also called at the house later in the afternoon, and went away when nobody seemed to be at home. Neither caller was alarmed by the deserted condition of the house and suspected no foul play.

Girl a Domestic

Miss Swanson had been a domestic in the Sykes home since last October and was a well-ordered, careful girl. She was left alone in the house in the morning when Mrs. Sykes went out to make some calls. The girl, herself, intended

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ITALY'S MONARCH IS ALSO A SOLDIER—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy at the head of his regiment, which is now about to enter the great conflict raging in Europe.



THREE PASSENGER TRAINS IN WRECK

British Special Carrying Troops Hits Local and is Telescoped by Heavy Through Express.

MORE THAN 400 CASUALTIES

CARLISLE, England, May 22.—Three trains collided at 6 o'clock this morning on the Caledonian railway at Gretna, near this city, causing the death of about eighty persons and the fatal injury of many others. The total casualties probably will reach 400. Fire in the wreckage added horror to the accident.

One train was a troop train; another was a local and third the express from London to Glasgow.

Help Arrives Quickly. Assistance arrived quickly. Firemen, after getting the flames under control, joined in extricating the dead and wounded. The adjoining fields soon had the appearance of an immense mortuary.

The dead mostly are soldiers. The troop trains collided first with a local train and before the occupant were able to get clear of the wreckage of this accident, the London-Glasgow express crashed into them. Locomotives and cars, shattered and splintered, were hurled about in confusion.

Fire broke out and was soon burning so fiercely that rescuers were driven back. Fire brigades were brought up, but because the fire was put out many travelers planned under the wreckage were burned alive.

Some of the victims were so mangled that their rescue from the wreckage was impossible. Several others who were extricated died soon after.

Doctors performed heroic services. One physician, Dr. Edwards, responded to the appeals of two soldiers, who were limping from the leg. Facing the scorching flames, he amputated both legs of one soldier and one leg of the other. One of the soldiers died from the shock.

Stratton Mine Sold to Portland Gold Mining Company

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., May 22.—The sale of the Stratton Independence mine to the Portland Gold Mining company, was reported today from apparently reliable sources. Officials of the Portland company declined to affirm or deny the report, which stated that the sale had been ratified at a meeting this week by the directors of the London syndicate owning the property. The Stratton Independence mine was last sold to the English syndicate for \$11,000,000 by the late W. A. Stratton.

New List of British Cabinet is Nearly Ready for the King

LONDON, May 22.—There was a further conference at the residence of Premier Asquith today of cabinet members and prospective members. The premier made much progress with his nominations that he may be able to submit to King George later in the day a list of the proposed holders of the principal portfolios. It is not known, however, whether these announcements will be made before the minor offices are filled.

Mexico City Suffers from Food Shortage

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Mexico City continues to suffer from shortage of food, especially corn. State department dispatches today said that when an attempt was made yesterday to distribute corn to 850 people there was not a sufficient supply and about 250 people fainted during the crush. Several demonstrations have taken place, the official dispatches say, and in one such yesterday a crowd invaded the Chamber of Deputies, where a convention was in session, and cried: "We are hungry."

Carranza agency dispatches today say Carranza troops under General Gozales marching on Mexico City are near Tumba.

VERDICT OF JURY IS FOR ROOSEVELT

Panel Finds Charges by Colonel Against Barnes True, Consequently No Libel.

DEFENDANT THANKS JURORS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 22.—The jury in the trial of William Barnes' suit for libel against Theodore Roosevelt today returned a verdict in favor of the defendant after considering for more than eleven hours the question of placing all the costs of the action upon the plaintiff. It is the belief of the jury, everything Colonel Roosevelt charged is true and, therefore, the plaintiff, not having been libeled, is entitled to no damage.

Jury is Pleased. The foreman of the jury, Warren W. Summers, announced that the verdict was for the defendant and then the jury was polled. Ten jurors answered, "For the defendant." Then the clerk intimated, called the name of Edward Burns and waited. Burns, a big, rosy-cheeked republican, stood up in his seat and in a deep voice said, "For the defendant."

After the announcement of the verdict attorneys for Mr. Barnes objected to its receipt. The objection was overruled, the jury was thanked by Justice Andrews for its services and then it filed out into the courtroom. Colonel Roosevelt broke off shaking hands with his counsel and several newspaper men he had known for several years and hurried to the jury room. There he thanked the jury and shook hands with each member and said:

"In my whole life I shall work in the interest of the public and none of you gentlemen shall ever have the chance to say that I have done otherwise."

The colonel was then photographed with the jury.

Forty Ballots Taken. After the picture was taken the colonel turned to the jury and continued: "I am moved by this verdict that it is possible for me to express. None of you, I assure you, will ever have cause to regret your action. I am especially gratified that such a verdict came from a jury composed of men of every political faith."

The foreman of the jury said that forty ballots in all were taken before the verdict was firmly agreed upon. The first ballot, taken more than forty hours before the jury came in today was nine to three in favor of the defendant. It remained at that figure for about five hours.

Barnes Will Appeal

NEW YORK, May 22.—William M. Evans of counsel for William Barnes, announced this afternoon that an appeal would be taken from the verdict of the jury at Syracuse, which found in favor of Theodore Roosevelt in the trial of the libel suit brought by Mr. Barnes against the former president.

The colonel left the building in a crowd, through which were scattered several of the jurymen. Before they separated from the jury the colonel said to its members:

"Gentlemen, this is certainly a typical American verdict. I want to thank you again."

Statement for Roosevelt

A crowd gathered at the doors of the court house and cheered Juror Burns as he left the building. Colonel Roosevelt's attorney, John M. Bowers, issued a statement approved by the colonel, which said: "The verdict of an unanimous jury is that Theodore Roosevelt had justified the entire article in issue."

"The victory that Mr. Roosevelt has won is a victory for good government."

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Had a grocery stock including meat and bakery sales for years has been over \$4,000 per month, and 1914 sales were over \$100,000. This man has heretofore refused to sell unless he sold buildings; owing to sickness in his family he will sell everything for between \$5,000 and \$7,500 and rent building for \$45 per month. A business that you turn your capital 11 times a year, and it has been taken for years and can continue to do it for years to come, is worthy of your consideration. If you wear your hat down over your ears and signal with your hands level with your shoulders do not let about the city by any do business only with a thorough business man who will take pride in keeping up the property.

For further information about this opportunity, see the Want Ad Section of The Bee today.

MANY HUNDREDS SAIL FOR EUROPE

Nearly Three Thousand Persons Leave Port of New York on Five Steamships.

RESERVISTS ON THE STAMPALIA

NEW YORK, May 12.—More than 2,500 passengers were booked for passage to Europe today on five steamships leaving here. The vessels included the St. Paul of the American line, carrying 750 passengers, among whom were more than 100 Americans. William Marconi, the wireless inventor, who has been summoned back to Italy for war service, was one of the passengers registered on the St. Paul.

Italians Gather at Pier. Crowds of enthusiastic Italians gathered at the pier of the Italian line steamship Stampalia, upon which 800 passengers, many of them reservists, returning to Italy to enlist for the war, were leaving.

The new Russian-American line ship Carita carried 650 passengers and 600 tons of cargo for Archangel, Russia. About 500 passengers were booked for the French line steamer Niagara, which also carried mail and cargo for Bordeaux. The Norwegian-American line Kristianstad, leaving for Bergen, carried about 275 passengers, most of whom were Scandinavians.

Sixty immigrants, who were to have been deported to Russia today on board the Caritas, were allowed to remain here, owing to the appeal which had been made to President Wilson that deportation at this time would subject them to the dangers of war. Many women and children were in the number and the immigrants had been gathered from various Atlantic ports.

British Ship Sunk by a Submarine Off the Irish Coast

BREHAVEN, Ireland, May 22.—The British sailing ship Glenholm was sunk yesterday evening by a German submarine at a point fifteen miles off this port. The members of its crew have been landed here.

The Glenholm was on its way from Chile to Liverpool with a cargo of nitrate.

The submarine intercepted the sailing ship and signalled the crew to abandon ship. The ship was then sunk, the submarine firing thirty-nine rounds from its gun before the Glenholm went down.

Brehaven, or Castletown Brehaven, is on the southern coast of Ireland, on the north shore of Bantry Bay. The point where the Glenholm was sunk is roughly not more than sixty miles from Old Head of Kinsale, where the Lusitania went down. German submarines consequently are still active in this vicinity.

Carranza Troops Occupy Monterey

LAREDO, Tex., May 22.—Monterey was occupied by a force of 1,000 Carranza troops, under General Jose Santos, early today, the city having been evacuated recently by Villa forces. Telephone and telegraph communication immediately were established with Nuevo Laredo, opposite here.

BOSTON BRAVES MUST SHUN SOCIAL EVENTS

BOSTON, May 22.—Members of the world's champion Boston National baseball club have been forbidden by President Gaffney to appear at social events hereafter without special permission.

In a letter to the Rev. George P. O'Connor of Malden, made public today, Mr. Gaffney said he had issued orders to that effect, with a penalty of indefinite suspension for violation. After their success in the last world's series, the Braves became popular after-dinner speakers. The ban on social activities follows a slump of several days in their playing.

RECENT MURDERS ARE LIKE APACHES

Many Are Said to Have Left Paris After War Declared to Avoid Military Service.

POLICE ARE STILL IN THE DARK

Omaha's two latest murder mysteries, the deaths of Miss Ada Swanson, slain with a hatchet Friday night, and of Harvey Anthony, whose body recently was found in a cistern, resemble in many particulars the work of the notorious Apaches of Paris, according to information received by County Attorney Magney.

The Apaches, many of whom, according to dispatches from Paris several months ago, left France immediately after the European war to avoid military service, are said to kill human victims with no motive except that of brutality. In both the Swanson and Anthony murders and in a third mysterious murder of a young negro in Omaha, no adequate motives have been discovered by investigators.

Had Heard Reports

County Attorney Magney said that he had heard reports that Paris Apaches had come to the United States since the outbreak of the European war. No evidence was available that they had visited Omaha, he said, but added that such an event was not impossible.

Although three months have elapsed since the body of Anthony was found in a cistern, the authorities are no nearer a solution of the mystery of his death. Only a short time ago the cistern was emptied by direction of County Attorney Magney, with the result that Anthony's cap was found at the bottom.

"The finding of the cap further deepened the mystery," said Mr. Magney. "It apparently tended to strengthen the theory of suicide, yet physicians say Anthony was not drowned in the cistern, but was dead before he was placed there. The case is one of the most peculiar murder mysteries in the history of Omaha."

Lack of Motive

Brutality and apparent lack of ordinary motive characterize the murder of Miss Ada Swanson, who was slain with a hatchet Friday night.

The Schroeder-Rapp triple killing of last June still remains unsolved with the trio that they were shot by "two Italians." The police theory of this mystery is apparently borne out by dynamite suits brought against saloon keepers by the families of the dead men, in whose petitions it is asserted that liquor which they had drunk was the cause of their deaths.

ANTI-LOTTERY ARRESTS MADE IN SEVERAL CITIES

LOS ANGELES, May 22.—Anti-lottery arrests and prosecutions in New Orleans and other cities in the south and east federal officials declared here today will follow the jailing of Lawrence "Larry" Sullivan, former Goldfield promoter, and more than a score of other men charged with illegal use of the mails.

W. H. H. Young, known as the Los Angeles "lottery king" who is under arrest, is to be a witness before the federal grand jury next week, officials said, and they predicted that the information he would give would be of great value to the government. J. B. Buckley, another of the men under arrest, said, according to the police, that "Larry" Sullivan represented himself as an employee of the county district attorney, for whom he worked in connection with the McNamara dynamiting investigation and that he was therefore paid \$50 per week by the lottery men.

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, May 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Civil service examinations will be held on June 8 at Washoe for postmaster at Reno, Nev.

Dallas H. Coffin was appointed rural letter carrier at Lyons, Neb.; Ralph L. Gilliam at Tripson.

The postoffice at Halfway, Lincoln county, Wyoming, has been discontinued; mail to Marlinton.

RUSSIA GAINING ON BOTH FLANKS

Petrograd Says Teutonic Front Which Crossed San Can Get No Further.

BLOODY FIGHT IN GALLIOLI

LONDON, May 22.—A great battle still is raging along a 250-mile front on the eastern line. Although Russia apparently is gaining on both flanks, the decision must come along the sixty-mile front in the center, along the river San, in central Galicia, where the Austrians and Germans are still pressing the offensive.

The latest Petrograd communication states that this attack is being checked between the San and the great marshes of the Dniester. The Russian press, while admitting that the Teutonic forces have established themselves across the San, declares they can go no further in that direction. Petrograd also has been cheered by the official report that the Russians are again advancing against the Turks in the Caucasus.

On the western line Paris reports that the French have stopped a strong night attack of the Germans north of Ypres, and also have driven the invaders from the slopes of Lorette, thus giving the allies full possession of this important salient.

Seven Thousand Turks Lost. Concerning the Dardanelles, one of the most significant reports is the dispatch from General Sir Ian Hamilton, commander-in-chief of the British land forces at the Dardanelles, saying that the Australians have inflicted a loss of 7,000 men on the Turks. General Hamilton describes this as the Australian revenge for the death of Brigadier General W. T. Bridges, commander of the Australian forces on the Gallipoli peninsula, and states that only a few hundred men were lost in this attack.

Special dispatches from Athens say recent reports of success for the allies have been confirmed. The Turks, however, still hold the summits of Krithia and Kalandere.

No Formal Declaration. No formal declaration of war by Italy against its former partners in the triple alliance has yet been reported, but many incidents have occurred of a character indicating imminence of an actual state of war.

The organizers of the new British cabinet are taking a holiday over Whit Sunday, which probably means that the composition of the coalition government will not be known this week-end.

A Geneva telegram reports that Baron Premier Von Bajecz, Austro-Hungarian minister, has resigned, but Emperor Francis Joseph is said to have declined to accept his resignation.

United Commercial Travelers End Meet

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 22.—(Special.)—The seventeenth annual convention of the United Commercial Travelers of Nebraska closed its session here today. The next meeting will be held in Hastings May 18 and 19, 1916. The officers elected were:

Grand conductor, C. E. Harmon, Holdrege; grand junior, J. T. Hogan, Omaha; grand past counselor, A. Handley, Norfolk; grand secretary, F. H. Beale, Norfolk; grand treasurer, W. C. Alexander, Hastings; conductor, T. J. Cunningham, Grand Island; page, D. H. Day, Fremont; sentinel, C. R. Bufum, Lincoln.

The executive committee is Thomas Robinson, Lincoln, and R. A. Ekstrand, Hastings. Representatives to supreme council, E. E. Abbott, Beatrice; F. B. Trueblood, Grand Island; H. A. Fritz, Columbus; C. W. Hinkle, Omaha.

Mining Promoter Charged with Fraud

NEW YORK, May 22.—Raymond McCune, son of A. W. McCune of Salt Lake City, reported to be wealthy, was held today in \$20,000 bail for examination June 12 on a charge of using the mails to defraud citizens of Wilmington, Del., and other cities, in connection with investments in gold mining companies, with claims in Peru. Bond was furnished by a surety company.

The complaint charges McCune and others unnamed with having sold from \$20,000 to \$100,000 worth of stock in the Peruvian Exploration company and Maranon River Placers, inc., on the strength of favorable reports by McCune, who said he had been to South America and investigated the properties.

German Spy Swore Allegiance to U. S.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Records which were regarded as tending to substantiate the claim that Anton Kuopfer, who committed suicide in London while on trial as a German spy was a United States citizen have been found in Brooklyn, it was learned today. The papers on file there show that he swore allegiance to the United States in Brooklyn in 1912.

Accidentally Shoots Himself in the Head

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., May 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Roy Peoples, a well-to-do horseman residing near Mullin postoffice, accidentally shot himself with an automatic revolver early this morning at a rooming house over a downtown business block. The bullet entered the mouth and lodged in the brain back of the left side of the forehead. He came here yesterday with a friend on business connected with horse sales.

KING OF ITALY SIGNS WAR BILL PASSED FRIDAY

Extraordinary Powers Are Conferred Upon the Government for the Duration of Hostilities.

STATE OF WAR NOW EXISTS

Austrians Reported Concentrating Large Force on Upper Adige River.

WILL ISSUE TWO PROCLAMATIONS

BRESCIA, Italy, May 22.—(Via Paris.)—Frontier incidents were reported today from several points where the Italian Alpine troops pursued Austrian soldiers who had crossed the frontier.

VERONA, Italy, May 22.—The Austrian barracks at Rovereto, a town in the Trent with about 12,000 Italian inhabitants, was blown up today.

LONDON, May 22.—A dispatch from the Stefani News Agency of Rome says that King Victor Emmanuel signed today an act conferring extraordinary powers on the government "for the duration of the war."

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LONDON, May 21.—A state of war now virtually exists between Italy and its former allies, Austria and Germany, although no formal declaration has yet been made.

Austrian troops have been withdrawn from some of the frontier posts and all navigation services in the Adriatic have been suspended. An indication that the clash is not far off is seen in the fact that the Italian senate endorsed the action of the chamber in granting the government extraordinary powers in the event of war, for which the whole country appears to be enthusiastic.

Senate March on Austria. Simultaneously with the anticipated revolt of Italy into the war, Serbia's reconstituted army has fully recovered from the campaign which resulted in the Austrians being driven from Serbia and well armed and equipped, it is announced, have commenced a march toward the Austrian border, bent on another invasion of Austrian territory.

This Austria is being attacked from all sides and has still another enemy, an open secret for a long time that Italy and Roumania have an agreement to act in concert. Roumania, however, is awaiting the conclusion of an agreement with Greece and Bulgaria, which also are expected to join the allies.

Senate Passes Bill

ROME (Via Paris), May 22.—The Italian senate this evening, by a vote of 383 to 7, passed the bill of Premier Salandra granting plenary powers to the government in dealing with the situation that has arisen in the Balkans.

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The Day's War News

KING VICTOR EMMANUEL signed today a decree conferring upon the Italian government extraordinary powers during the period of expected war. Austrian troops are being concentrated in large numbers along the course of the Adige river, which flows from the Tyrol Alps into Lombardy.

KING VICTOR EMMANUEL will issue a proclamation to the Italian people, stating that Italy has been driven to war and appealing for popular support for the government's policy. Another royal proclamation will be addressed to the army and navy.

ALTHOUGH ITALY AND AUSTRIA are virtually at war, no reports have been received thus far of actual hostilities. A train which crossed the frontier from Italy, however, was seized by Austrians, who arrested the train crew.

RUSSIANS ARE CREDITED with having made little progress on the flanks of the Austro-German forces and apparently have not been able to menace their communications. The main struggle is being carried on along the San, from Przemysl northward for a distance of about sixty miles.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT from Petrograd states that attempts of Turkish forces to advance along the Black Sea coast have failed.

BRITISH SAILING VESSEL Glenholm was sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast yesterday. The crew was permitted to leave the ship before it was destroyed.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity
Fair, no important change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Temp.
6 a. m.	55
7 a. m.	56
8 a. m.	57
9 a. m.	58
10 a. m.	59
11 a. m.	60
12 m.	61
1 p. m.	62
2 p. m.	63
3 p. m.	64
4 p. m.	65
5 p. m.	66
6 p. m.	67
7 p. m.	68

Comparative Local Record:

Normal	1914	1915
Highest yesterday	75	76
Lowest yesterday	48	49
Mean temperature	60	61
Precipitation	.00	.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:		
Normal temperature	60	61
Total excess since March	1.8	1.8
Normal precipitation	1.8	1.8
Deficiency for the day	.00	.00
Total rainfall since March 1	4.7	4.7
Deficiency since March 1	.2	.2
Deficiency for the period	2.7	2.7
Excess for cor. period, 1914	2.7	2.7