

# MURDERER SCHWAB HAS NO REGRETS.

### Frankly Confessed His Triple Crime When Arraigned in Police Court Yesterday.

### The Condition of His Cell of More Importance to Him Than His Perilous Situation.

## DEATH OF THE GRANDCHILD.

### The Son Bernhard Thought to Have a Fighting Chance for His Life—Police Officer McMullin's Story of the Murderer's Capture.

Frankly over the fact that his wife and son had left him, owing to his brutality, Franz M. Schwab favored his son's household, in Williamsburg, Tuesday afternoon and shot his wife, his eldest son and the latter's nine-week-old child. The woman died in a few minutes, while the child and its father were said to be fatally injured. Schwab made attempts to murder others of the family, but his pistol failed to go off. He was arrested a few minutes after the murder, and despite energetic efforts by a frantic mob to lynch him, was lodged in jail. He admitted the crime with perfect coolness and satisfaction.

Franz Michael Schwab, murderer of his faithful wife and would-be assassin of his son and tiny grandson, stood unconcerned before Justice Goetting yesterday morning in the Lee Avenue Police Court in Brooklyn to answer to the charge of murder. Three separate charges were made against him by Policeman McMullin, who caught him red-handed Tuesday afternoon. The charges were killing his wife, shooting his son, and shooting the baby.

The murderer's appearance is not prepossessing. His forehead sloped back rapidly and he had no occipital developments; his neck running right up into his hat. His eyes were a fishy blue, deeply sunken in his head, the shadows deepened by an extra large nose. His hair was hay-colored and very thin on top. He looked carelessly about the court room, with a slight degree of interest. As his eyes moved over the spectators, he saw no friendly glance or gleam of recognition in any eye. There were old-time acquaintances there, but they glared at him with

stern was peaceful and calm, and every few minutes one of her sons or a visitor would step softly in with uncovered head, and gaze upon the pale face. Outside, in the hallway, a lusty maid, with scrub brush and bucket, was washing up the bloodstains on the stairs, where the mother fell. The stains on the hall floor, made by the commingling life blood of the wounded Bernhard and his butchered baby, were also washed away, and only an occasional blood drop could be found to indicate that a tragedy had occurred.

### SCHWAB'S BRUTALITY.

The saloon was closely blinds being drawn down over the windows and doors, while a card on the door and windows notified the public that the place was not open, "on account of death in the family."

People in the neighborhood and strangers halted in front of the place, and talked in whispers, a steady stream coming and going all day. Inside, the sons told again the story of the tragedy, and their assembled friends insisted that the act of the elder Schwab was but the culmination of years of brutality.

All their friends and neighbors bore out the sons in their statements and declare that for years they themselves have passed Schwab on the street, refusing to speak to him.

Policeman McMullin yesterday explained how he happened to capture Schwab. "I was on Floyd street," he said, "when a boy ran up to me, and told me that there was a shooting scrape on in Schwab's saloon. I went down the street toward Throop avenue. Just as I passed the rear of the saloon I saw Schwab bustling out of the back gate. If there has been any shooting done," I said to myself, "this is the man who did it." I was convinced of this, as I saw him slip something in his pocket. I caught him, reached into his pocket, and pulled out the pistol. It was still warm.

"Then I took him around the corner. I didn't know what he had done, but I soon found out. A crowd came at me, and tried to take him away. They were yelling like wolves, and wanted to brash him. I had to fight my way out of the crowd with my club, and I left many sore heads. "Then I made Schwab run, and that's how I got him to the station house. It was the toughest job that I ever ran up against."

Bernhard's baby died at the hospital at 8:15 last night. At a late hour the medical authorities believed that the father had a fighting chance for his life.

## DEATH UNDER A MACHINE.

### A Steam Log Handler Gets Away and Grinds Four Men to Pieces in Its Wild Dash.

Seney, Mich., Feb. 19.—Four men were killed and seven others seriously injured at McKay's lumber camp, north of here, today. A steam log handler was being experimented with and the men were engaged in shovelling a wide road for the machine to work in. Suddenly the machine became uncontrol-



Franz Michael Schwab. He murdered his wife and little grandchild, and seriously wounded the eldest son in an effort to kill his entire family on Tuesday afternoon.

# KERSEY MAY WIN THE RICH HEIRESS.

### Miss Fair's Scruples Against Marrying Him Likely to Be Overcome.

### The Young Lady Will Try, It Is Thought, to Gain the Consent of Her Church.

### LONG ATTACHMENT BETWEEN THEM. Couple Left for Europe a Week Ago. Their Friends Think They Will Come Back United and Happy.

The old rumor of an engagement between Miss Virginia Fair and H. Maitland Kersey has again been revived. Society was kept busy yesterday discussing its probabilities, which it considers very strong.

The fact that Miss Fair and Mr. Kersey sailed for Europe a week ago yesterday on the same steamer, the *Majestic*, has lent color to the report, and those in a position to know consider this very significant.

Mr. Kersey's devotion to the beautiful young California heiress has been an open secret for several years. Nobody has ever doubted that she looked with favor upon his suit; indeed, an engagement between them has been reported on several occasions. It has always been followed by a denial.

### A WIFE STANDS IN THE WAY.

These denials, however, were made apparently in the spirit of regret, and while the reason did not accompany them, friends of the interested parties supplied it. According to them, Miss Fair and Mr. Kersey are deeply attached to each other, and it is only a third person who keeps them apart. This barrier to their marriage is said to be a former Mrs. Kersey, who, the story goes, lives out West, separated from the young Englishman by divorce.

Miss Fair is a very devout Catholic, and as such does not recognize a marriage with any one who has been divorced. She is too consistent in her religious beliefs, her admirers have always said, to let her heart influence her in a case like this.

When Miss Fair realized that a marriage with the man of her choice was impossible she took up the threads of her life in the old way, went about in society, received a certain amount of attention from various men, but never enough from any one to suggest that she as much as entertained a passing fancy for him. At Newport, last Summer, she had a number of admirers. The young son of Senator Bruce was among them, and frequently accompanied her on her walks to Bailey's Beach.

"She'll wait for Kersey, even if she dies an old maid," all her friends said, when it was suggested that Mr. Bruce might win her hand. They are still convinced of her loyalty to Mr. Kersey, although they now leave out the "old maid" part of their statement. The possibility of her ever becoming this is so remote that they have altogether banished it from their calculations.

Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, with whom she always travels. Miss Fair makes her home with Mrs. Oelrichs. They are devoted to each other and inseparable, consequently Miss Fair's journey is looked upon as quite significant. The fact that she chose the *Majestic*, of the White Star Line, of which Mr. Kersey is agent, and not one of the ships of the North German-Lloyd, with which her brother-in-law, Hermann Oelrichs, is connected, is also considered rather strange.

Some maintain that the selection of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont for travelling companions may mean that Miss Fair's views on marriage with one who has been divorced have undergone a change, and that the prospects are she will soon be able to overcome whatever obstacles may exist to her marriage with Mr. Kersey. Her brother, Charles Fair, has been in New York for several days. It is thought that his presence here may have some relation to the case.

Miss Fair is a daughter of the late Senator Fair, of California. She has lived in New York for several years with her sister, Mrs. Oelrichs, at No. 453 Fifth avenue, adjoining the residence of Frederick W. Vanderbilt. She is one of the most popular girls in the fashionable set, a petite brunette, attractive and stylish rather than handsome, although she has her share of good looks as well as wealth. Her fortune is estimated at \$15,000,000.

Mr. Kersey is an Englishman, and has resided in this city for a number of years. He was the representative of Lord Dunsraven in this country when the yacht *Defender* and *Valkyrie III.* were arranged.

## TO ARM PRIVATE POLICE.

### Attorney Joseph Steiner Says that Business Men Propose to Form a Vigilance League.

Some downtown business men are considering the feasibility of organizing private watchmen, who shall help the police to prevent burglaries. Lawyer Joseph Steiner has been retained by the business men interested in organizing the committee. He said yesterday that it would be organized in a few days, under the name of the "New York City Vigilance Committee." The motto of the committee will be "Protection for our homes and warehouses."

### PROWESS OF MISS DEVINE.

### Holds a Whole Restaurant at Bay with an Enormous Carving Knife.

Among other harrowing tales told to Magistrate Brann in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday was one involving the personal prowess of Miss Annie Devine, twenty-one years old, of No. 139 West Twenty-fifth street. According to Policeman Madden, of the West Thirtieth Street Station, the young woman had a dispute late Tuesday night with Mrs. Rose Foster, who keeps a restaurant at the address given, about a week's unpaid board. The officer said Miss Devine seized an enormous carving knife and drove Mrs. Foster, her husband, who is a little man, and one of the waiters into a back room, and held them prisoners for over an hour, declaring on her honor that the first one to stick a head through the door would have his or her ears slit.

Mrs. Foster crawled out of a rear window and ran for the policeman. Mrs. Foster was cautious about making a

# WOULD DETHRONE EMPEROR WILLIAM.

### Attitude of Socialists Toward Kaiser Becoming More and More Menacing.

### Herr Bebel Attacks the Imperial Sway Over Navy and Military.

### Wants the Reichstag to Abrogate His Majesty's Power Over the Soldier's Life.

## PRIEST ASSAULTED DURING MASS.

### Lawyer Agenthe Rushed at the Throat of Father Rouzcka, of Lipine, and Was Prevented from Strangling Him to Death by the Congregation.

By Henry W. Fischer. Berlin, Feb. 19.—The attitude of the Socialists toward the Emperor is becoming more threatening every day.

The Reichstag leaders do not only manifest this bitter opposition to every proposal which is supposed to originate with the Kaiser, but every official who owes his position to direct imperial interference is certain to earn their implacable hatred. Yesterday, as I cabled you, Herr Richter startled the Reichstag with a scathing denunciation of Carl Peters, the veteran African explorer, who was called an incompetent officer and an impertinent busy-body. To-day Herr Bebel, in the course of the discussion of the military estimates, and

## Ellis Island Committee Here.

### The members of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization arrived here last night from Washington, and will

Herr Lenzmann, of the Freisinnige party, attacked the right of the Emperor to the absolute enforcement of discipline and authority in the army. Herr Bebel said that it was a shame that, in this age of progress and enlightenment, the ruler of a country governed by a constitution should be entitled to the autocratic right of even ordering men who have gained his displeasure to be shot without a previous military trial. He hoped that measures would be introduced during the present session to abrogate some of the arbitrary power which the German Emperor is now permitted to exercise over the army and navy.

## SETTLE OF SOCIALISTS.

So far do the Socialists stretch their enmity and so open are they in its utterance that they announced their resolve to-day not to attend the jubilee banquet which is to be given by the Reichstag on March 21 in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the creation of that body, simply because Baron Von Buol-Berenberg, President of the Reichstag, is programmed to propose a toast to the Emperor on that day.

Another radical and most persistent opposer of the throne was landed in jail in Munich to-day. Professor Guilde, of that city, has catered to the Socialist elements with several brochures which contained incriminating accusations against members of the nobility who stand high at court. His last effort is directed against the Emperor himself, which is construed by the authorities as a lese majeste, on which charge he was arrested, and as the sensational arraignment of His Majesty in the little book is founded only on rumors, and, therefore, will be hard to prove, it is anticipated that he will be severely dealt with.

## ALMOST A CATASTROPHE.

The little village of Lipine, in East Prussia, was aroused from its lethargic life this morning by what might have ended in a sacrilegious tragedy. It is an intensely devout Catholic community, and it is the custom with nearly all the villagers to attend early mass. Father Rouzcka, the celebrant, had hardly approached the altar when a lawyer by the name of Regenthe rushed down the aisle and, grabbing the venerable clergyman by the throat, threw him down and attempted to strangle him. The congregation was terror stricken. It was lucky for the priest that some of the men in the front pews had enough presence of mind to come to the rescue and prevent a catastrophe.

Father Rouzcka, when released, was unconscious, and it will be some time before he will be well enough to continue his sacerdotal functions.

The man who attacked him fought like a tiger and it took all the strong men of the little congregation to overpower him.

It is believed that Lawyer Regenthe is suffering from a temporary fit of insanity.

## FATHERLAND POTPOURRI.

Joseph Frichs, the Berlin photographer, exhibits a fac-simile of the comet, which, as I cabled yesterday, was discovered by Professor Lamp, of the Berlin University. It distinctly displays two tails thirty degrees apart.

### BEAUTIFUL MODEL of a Famous Painter.

Who is she? Where is she? Order from your newsdealer, in advance, the Sunday Journal and learn about this fascinating woman, a chaste Sappho of the nineteenth century.

## Will She Be Married to H. Maitland Kersey?

Miss Virginia Fair, the California heiress, started for Europe last week on the steamship *Majestic*. On the same ship was H. Maitland Kersey, and rumor has it that the couple will return to this country as husband and wife. Miss Fair is one of the richest women in America, her fortune being estimated at \$15,000,000. Mr. Kersey is an Englishman, and is the New York agent of a big Atlantic steamship line.

establish their headquarters at the Hotel Cambridge. A special object of their visit is to make a careful inspection of the station on Ellis Island. They intend also to examine very thoroughly into the workings of the immigration laws, and the action of the Treasury regulations regarding them. On Friday and Saturday they will give hearings, at the hotel, to such as may have information of value regarding the operation of the various immigration and naturalization regulations.

## Lorraine to Have a Post-Office.

Elizabeth N. J., Feb. 19.—The suburb of Lorraine is to have a new sub-post-office, with a money order department. John A. May will probably be made postmaster. The change will take place March 1.

## THE YENAGA-ZICHY PRECEDENT.

Since the marriage of Mrs. Mabel Wright Yanaga and Count Bela Zichy Mr. Kersey is said to have renewed his suit. Although Mrs. Yanaga had obtained a divorce from her first husband, Fernando Yanaga, her marriage with Count Zichy was sanctioned by the Catholic Church, on the grounds that no marriage had ever existed.

The object of Miss Fair's trip abroad is said to be the desire to inform herself whether there may not be some reason for the Catholic Church granting a dispensation in her case, permitting her to marry Mr. Kersey.

It seems a plausible reason, especially in view of the fact that she did not wait until later in the season for her sister,

charge, so Madden made one of disorderly conduct, and the Magistrate sent Miss Devine to the Work House.

## See the beautiful new red colorings in the Cloisonne Vases and Jars at Vantine's.

\$5.50, 6.75, 9.75, 11.25, 20.00.

877 and 879 Broadway.



Bernhard Schwab.

### Victims of Schwab's Revolver.

Mrs. Christina Schwab, his wife, was instantly killed, while the son, Bernhard, lies in the hospital, dangerously wounded.

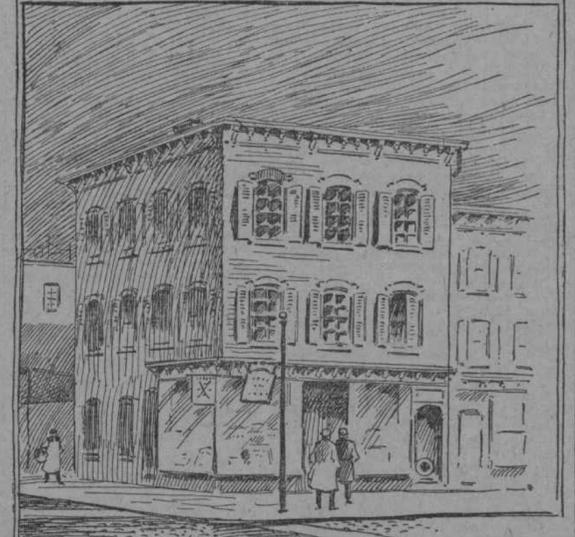
able and started down the road with great speed. The banks of snow on either side of the narrow road were so high that the men had no chance of escape. Four of the men were literally ground to pieces under the machine. Seven others were tossed on the snow banks and were more or less seriously injured.

### Two Women Killed by a Train.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Foster and Miss Irene Saunderlin, of Church Hill, this city, were run over at the outskirts of the city this morning by a Chesapeake & Ohio train and killed.

steely coldness. His boys were not there. "Franz Michael Schwab," said Justice Goetting, "you are charged with wilfully shooting and killing your wife, Christina. What have you to say?" Schwab gazed blankly about.

"He can't speak English," said a court official, and an interpreter repeated what the Court had said.



Where Schwab Shot His Wife.

The saloon on the corner is owned by the son Bernhard, who was shot by his father, and the door marked with the cross leads to the stairway on which the butchery was committed. It was usually kept locked, but through some fatality was open the day Schwab appeared.