

MUCH MYSTERY IN THESE MURDERS.

Three Tragedies Yesterday for Police Here and Nearby.

Boy Slain with Pocket Knife, and Two of His Companions Arrested.

CONEY ISLAND CRIME.

Man's Nude Body, with Throat Cut, Found in Creek by Boatmen.

ANOTHER KILLED AND ROBBED.

Cultured Appearing Man Found Unconscious at Glenwood Fatally Kicked in the Abdomen.

Three murders, two of them mysterious, became known to the police of Greater New York and vicinity yesterday. The dead body of William Drobney, a Somerville, N. J., young man, was found near the Lehigh Valley Railroad station at Bound Brook with his throat cut. Two boys with whom he had been drinking had been arrested, but no motive can yet be ascertained.

The nude body of an unknown man, supposedly a laborer, with throat cut and skull crushed, was found by two boatmen in Coney Island Creek. There is no clue even to the man's identity.

MURDERED WITH A POCKET KNIFE.

William Drobney Found Dead and His Two Boy Companions Arrested.

Bound Brook, N. J., Oct. 16.—William Drobney, a young man of Somerville, was found murdered early this morning on the road leading to New Brunswick, along the river, about three hundred yards east of the Lehigh Valley Railroad station.

The throat was cut. His hat was found in the bushes nearby, and a common pocket knife, blood stained, was picked up by the police one hundred feet from where the body was found.

Two boys, Joe Smeener and Warren Streeter, of Somerville, who were last seen in Drobney's company, are in jail at Somerville charged with knowledge of the murder.

Edward Smalley, who drives the trolley stage, left here early this morning to go over to Frank Mulvey's Port Reading Hotel, just across the line, in Middlesex County. As Smalley approached the arch bridge near the county line he stumbled over Drobney's dead body. He hurried on to Mulvey's, who wired to the county authorities in Somerville, telling them of the murder and also that the two boys were being in a drunken state at about 11 o'clock. They were sober at that time, and had not quarreled. There is no known motive for the crime. Drobney, a farmer's son, had been in the city for a few days, and the two boys under arrest had been friends for a long time.

TRIED TO KILL HIS FORMER RIVAL.

Wedding Celebrated His Wedding Day by Stabbing the Man He Hated.

James Mino, of Summit avenue, West Hoboken, was married to Marie Nicolette on Saturday afternoon, and a few hours later he celebrated the event by stabbing Charles Mercandino, a former rival of the bride.

THIS MAN KILLED FOR HIS MONEY.

Fatally Kicked in the Abdomen and His Pockets Rifled of Contents.

The body of an unknown man, of medium height, apparently about fifty years old and of a cultured appearance, is in the morgue awaiting identification, which may prove the means of solving what now looks like a mystery.

A Day's Chapter of Accidents.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The Mail's Special Service has received the following reports on yellow fever: Florida, 16, one case, 22, one killed; Michigan, 16, one case, 22, one killed; Missouri, 16, one case, 22, one killed; New York, 16, one case, 22, one killed; Ohio, 16, one case, 22, one killed; Pennsylvania, 16, one case, 22, one killed; Virginia, 16, one case, 22, one killed; West Virginia, 16, one case, 22, one killed.



American Stage Folk Who Object to the English Tax Law. Edna May and Phyllis Rankin, of "The Belle of New York" company, now appearing in London, entered a protest at the American Embassy when the British tax gatherers demanded three per cent of their year's salary, but were told they must pay. Indignation meetings were held, and some threatened to return to America unless their managers would pay the tax.

QUEEN'S TAX JARS ON CHORUS GIRLS.

Casino Singers Upset by the English "Rake Off" on Salaries.

MADGE LESSING WILL PAY.

Laura Burt Illustrates Her Willingness to Abide by the Law.

The notion of Her Majesty's tax gatherers in compelling Edna May and Phyllis Rankin to pay into the royal treasury three dollars out of every hundred of their salaries for the current year has caused a dense cloud of gloom to settle down upon the stage of the Casino Theatre. At yesterday's rehearsal of the new Casino piece several of the front row chorus girls were so indignant over the news from London that they were unable to give proper attention to Mr. Lederer, chief stage director, while Mr. Rosenfeld, the anxious author, ran his fingers through his frenzied locks and groaned repeatedly.

THIEF BOLTS INTO SHERRY'S.

Diners in the Restaurant Disturbed by the Entrance of Negro Fugitive.

John Madison, a negro, bolted into Sherry's restaurant Saturday night to escape from several persons who were pursuing him after he had stolen a cloak and hat belonging to Miss Louisa Delters, of No. 122 Broadway street, Brooklyn.

WARDEN'S BULLET BORE NO MARKS.

County Physician McBride, of Paterson, N. J., held an autopsy yesterday in the case of Scandua Canova, killed on Saturday in the woods of Manchester Township by shooting a robin, as told in the Journal yesterday.

SERVES THEM RIGHT.

"It serves them right," said Manager McLean, "The Belle of New York" people ought to have known better than to go about among the curious English actors bragging about their big salaries. The English music tax law has been in force for years, but it is only since the London company went over there that the authorities have discovered that actors ever earned more than two dollars a week. I hear that some of our people are threatening to make us pay their tax. Yes, and take it out of their salaries. Otherwise—well, you ask Lederer."

SOME DISADVANTAGES.

Charles J. Ross, who is a land owner and a solid citizen, thought that American actors should pay without protest. But he added:

"All the same this is another instance of the inequality between the advantages employed by the English and the American music-hall artists. When the English artist comes over here his coming is heralded by a band of brass and a band of drums. He is received with a salute of cannon and a salute of 3000 per cent—often more—and is treated with open arms, bouquets of flowers and yards of press notices. Americans are sold to be popular in the English halls, but they have to appear at two halls daily

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