

DISMEMBERED WOMAN WAS SEEN IN A PRIVATE HOUSE, SAY CAPTAIN PRICE, AND POLICE SEARCH FIFTH AVENUE, HUNTING FIFTH AVE. FOR MURDER CLEWS.

The Detectives Are Working on a "Nance Guilford" Theory in Their Search.

Drag Net Out for News of Mrs. Billings—A Bundle of Blood-Stained Garments Near Hoboken—Fragments Wrapped in Cohen's Papers.

CAPTAIN PRICE said yesterday that the woman was killed in a private house, and not in a flat or tenement.

The Journal's investigation proved that the man mentioned by young Rumpf was not the dock watchman he said he was.

The police made a house to house canvass of Fifth avenue and other fashionable streets for a missing servant, maid or governess.

A red-stained sheet, cut in four pieces, and a woman's vest were found at North Bergen yesterday. North Bergen is where Mrs. Karlinger disappeared.

The police will determine by photography and mathematical calculation the actual measurements of the missing Mrs. Billings's shoulders for comparison with the shoulders of the murdered woman.

An automobile driver told the police of a mysterious bearded man who carried bundles and who was seen on Monday night without his beard.

A young man named John Connors was arrested last night and closely questioned by Detective San Price, who is working on the murder mystery.

It is positively established that the murdered woman suffered at one time from an attack of pleuro-pneumonia. Mrs. Billings once suffered from this disease.

It is now almost certain that the manilla wrapping paper, as well as the newspapers in which the fragments were tied, came from the store of Mr. Cohen on Sixteenth street.

THE WORK OF A MIDWIFE IN A PRIVATE HOUSE.

Police Believe Some Favored Servant Was Killed and Disposed of to Avoid Disgrace.

The woman whose limbless, headless, mutilated trunk lies at the Morgue was killed in a private house of the more pretentious sort by an unskillful midwife in the endeavor to perform an illegal operation, and this house was the center from which the gruesome delivery of packages to the street and to the river was made.

Police Captain Price is the authority for this statement. He is in charge of the detectives who have worked on the mystery, and knows more about it than anybody except the murderer and his or her accomplices.

He refused to say on what he based his statement, which is at variance with the opinion of a few days ago, when he began a house to house search of tenements and midwife establishments in the central part of the city. Possibly the non result of this search has something to do with his present views.

The police invaded Fifth avenue yesterday and asked from house to house if any midwife or lady's maid or governess was missing.

It is obvious that the detectives believe now that some favored woman servant, companion or governess in a private family was the victim of the murder, that she died in her employer's house and that, rather than risk the notoriety that would follow an exposure of the crime, the unfortunate was cut to pieces where she died and scattered broadcast.

"Despite the positiveness of Captain Price's statement, he has not abandoned work on other lines. They are still endeavoring to trace the wife of George Billings, who is supposed to be the man who carried the bundles, leaving a note that she would not return and was going to seek independence. They have issued a circular asking for information of Mrs. Billings headed with her photograph.

Corresponds With Mrs. Billings.

The shattered form at the Morgue corresponds, as far as can be judged, with that of Mrs. Billings.

Mrs. Otto Karlinger, of North Bergen, N. J., who disappeared from home about the time the murder must have been committed, is another of those considered as a possibility in the hypothetical identification of the dead woman made as a basis of police investigation. This theory assumed importance yesterday after the finding, near North Bergen, of a package wrapped in manilla paper, which contained a sheet torn in strips and a woman's vest, all the rags being soaked with blood.

Up to a late hour last night the police made a headway in tracing the package.

One "identification" was effectively disposed of yesterday. Mrs. Haggerty, of Southampton, known in New York as Miss Annie Milden, about whom her former landlady, Mrs. Eggerling told a sensational story when she thought she recognized the body at the Morgue, returned to New York yesterday, and said to a Journal reporter: "The statements made about me by Mrs. Eggerling are all untrue. I have no identification of the body at the Morgue as mine. I am a busy woman with my living to make, and I have no time to be skulking at Coney Island or elsewhere, as this woman said I did, and I have no time to be mixed up in sensational adventures or to be murdered. I am not important enough for that. I did not disappear. I have been at home with my parents, and Mrs. Eggerling is a meddling woman in search of notoriety."

BLOODY GARMENTS FOUND AT N. BERGEN.

Bundle Wrapped in Newspapers on a Hillside—A Letter to Devery.

Beside a large rock in a hollow on the steep brush-covered hillside between Schuetzen Park and Boulevard Park, North Bergen, N. J., was found on Tuesday night a bundle wrapped in newspapers, one a German daily of New York, dated August 27 last, containing a woman's vest, 38-inch bust measure, and eight strips of linen all bloodstained.

The shirt, which was of light ribbed material and of medium quality, was stained with blood. The linen strips appeared to have been torn hurriedly and used to staunch a rapid flow of blood. The blood marks appear quite new.

It was discovered by Detective Weinthal, of Hoboken, and Detective Sergeant O'Rourke and Wrenth of this city.

Chief Devery received a letter on Tuesday night that had been mailed in Jersey City earlier in the day. It was on four pages of note paper, undated, written in a rambling hand and signed "A. L." It read as follows:

"Dear Sir: I wish to call your attention to what may prove a clue in the mystery of the murdered woman. While walking along the hillside near Hoboken, I found a bundle of blood-stained garments wrapped in newspapers and tied with string. I took them home to examine. I took one of the corners and what I saw there made me think that this girl alone. Think it might interest you, however, I send you this letter."

Rumpf Talked to Two Men.

The Journal, in the course of its investigation yesterday, found that the boy Rumpf, who found the lower part of the woman's trunk in the North River, talked to another man immediately after finding it, though until last night he never mentioned the fact. The investigation showed that the man who stopped him when he was talking to the police, and who said he was a watchman, was nothing of the sort. His presence there at that time has a sinister look, and it is not surprising the police are hunting for him.

There is now little doubt that the wrappings on the package are identical with the outside wrapping of his packages of Sunday newspapers. He, of course, received a great many of these manilla wrap-

FIND THE HEAD, SAYS CAPT. PRICE.

FIND the head and the murderer will be found. Until there is an identification progress can now be made toward solving the mystery. Everything has been done that can be done by the police. The mystery is unlike the Guldenuppe case, because there is absolutely no clew as a basis for intelligent work. In the Guldenuppe case a cloth of peculiar and unusual design and cheesecloth were brought in which to wrap the body. Then the body was identified. It was easy to find the place where the oilcloth was bought, and this led to the discovery that Mrs. Natic was the purchaser.

In the present case we have a body bearing no marks by which identification can be made; the wrappings are old newspapers and common brown paper, which can be bought in a thousand places without exciting suspicion.

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Mrs. Gertrude Billings, Who Is Missing.

No. 122 West One Hundred and Ninth street, on September 20. She was twenty-four years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weight 130 pounds, 38-inch bust measure, and dark complexion, dark brown hair and large dark brown eyes. Her husband has been unable to recognize the fragments at the Morgue as those of his wife. The fragments of Mrs. Billings, sent out by the police, to whom it was furnished by Mr. Billings.

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MYSTERIOUS ARREST OF YOUNG CONNORS.

He is at the Twentieth Street Station, and the Police Will Give No Information.

About 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a detective connected with the Twentieth street station arrested John Connors at Nineteenth street and Tenth avenue.

The young man was standing on the corner when the detective ordered him to come along, and he submitted without resistance and almost without question.

The prisoner was taken to the Twentieth street station, and no one except the police was allowed to see him. Detective Samuel Price questioned him at great length. The detective refused to give any information about the prisoner or why he questioned him so closely.

Later last night a young woman inquired at the station if anybody named Connors was there.

"There is," said the sergeant.

"What is he doing?" asked the young woman, who announced herself as Connors's sister.

"On suspicion," said the sergeant.

"Well, I don't know much about it myself," said the sergeant, "I can give you no information about it."

The young woman protested that the arrest was an outrage; that her brother had done nothing, and she was sure he knew nothing about the matter of anything else in which the police were interested.

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"The police refused to give Connors's address or business. They did, however, tell the young woman that her brother was not being subjected to any great hardship, that he had received his dinner and that he would be released this morning."

Connors is about twenty-two years old, a smooth shaven and neatly dressed in dark clothes.

Two months ago Connors worked for Polhemus, a milkman, in Tenth avenue. Since then he has done nothing. He is known to the police in the neighborhood and the character given him by saloon-keepers and others is not good.

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Her father is William Robbins, and he has been in the office of Superintendent Smith, of the elevated railroad, for the last fifteen years. Mrs. Robbins has worried herself into a severe illness over her daughter's absence. Captain Price said yesterday that if Mrs. Billings is alive her silence at the present time is criminal, if she is aware of the suggestion that an attack of pleurisy about two years ago, and the condition of the lungs in the trunk at the Morgue indicate that the victim had had the same disease.

Mrs. Jeanie Reynolds, of No. 208 West Nineteenth street, who has been missing since the day she said she was going to sail for Europe, was seen last Tuesday by Mrs. M. E. Conkling, of No. 227 West Eighteenth street, with a stout man, walking toward Eighth avenue.

Mrs. Reynolds is said to have carried a large amount of money and two or three thousand dollars' worth of jewelry. Captain Price's detectives have been trying to find her.

Her husband, James Reynolds, a bullock of No. 107 Seventh avenue, went to the Morgue yesterday, but could not identify the fragments.

Mrs. Otto Karlinger, of North Bergen, N. J., disappeared from her home three weeks ago. Nothing has been heard from her. She was well furnished, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, had dark hair and eyes, and had no reason to leave home.

The neighbors of the Robbins family say they have overheard conversation which led them to believe that Mrs. Billings's parents know where she is.

HUNTING FIFTH AVE. FOR MURDER CLEWS.

Police Institute a House to House Search, Asking if Any One Has Missed a Servant—This Suggests an Entirely New Theory.

The police now believe the victim was a housemaid or some other female servant in a wealthy household. In following this theory they are making a house-to-house search in many of the fashionable sections of the city, seeking to discover what servants are missing.

The magnitude of this undertaking illustrates the working with which the department is in its first stage it will have taken in nearly the entire city between Washington square on the south and Forty-second street on the north. In all probability, if this canvass produces nothing, the search will be carried on to the uptown residence districts.

At the present moment, practically the entire police department is at work on the mystery. Every detective not absolutely needed to follow other criminals is now working on the murder. In addition, every patrolman is at work, and even young patrolling beats policemen are instructed to inquire on all sides for missing persons, and report such cases at once to their stations.

The questioning of the police in making these searches is definite. It is apparently according to set instructions.

The Police Catechism.

"Is there any servant girl missing from this house?"

"Have you heard of any missing servant girl?"

"Have you heard of any one missing?"

The servant girl theory is a new one. Heretofore, all opinions on the position of the victim have been that she was a woman unaccustomed to any form of manual labor, and all probably, however, a lady's maid would bear no physical evidence of work, nor in fact, would a housemaid, save in her hands. The police decline information on the lines they were working on, and the supposition that they have information leading them to believe the victim a servant is founded solely upon their question.

The house-to-house search yesterday ran through the district about Ninth street and Fifth avenue, and aroused much curiosity. A patrolman of the Charles street station made the following report:

"I asked at the door of a house in Ninth street, 'Did they miss any servant?' The door girl went upstairs to see the mistress, and time-by she comes back and says, 'Yes; they had missed three. The coachman's legs and arms are at work, and the waltress is gone to a wedding, and my mistress says she misses 'em very much.'"

Wanted, a Midwife.

In addition to the house to house search for a missing servant a systematic hunt is being made for an Italian midwife, who is reported to have moved suddenly from her home on the East Side.

The police say there is absolutely no evidence to connect the woman with the murder, but they want to ask her some questions.

The Italian newspaper that was found wrapped around the portion of the body found by Mrs. Billings in the area of No. 222 West Fifteenth street probably suggested her to the police.

Captain McClusky has provided his detectives with bits of the twine and brown paper which were found on the several fragments of the body. The detectives were instructed to visit all places where twine and paper can be bought, and by so doing Captain McClusky hopes to find the place where the murderer made the purchases.

Detectives McCafferty and Carey went out to make another effort to find the driver of the furniture wagon who was seen on the Seventeenth street pier before dark on Saturday. That this man has not put in an appearance is regarded as suspicious.

The names of furniture movers in the license books in the City Marshal's office were copied yesterday by the detectives, and each address will be visited.

HE TAKED TWICE TO THE MURDERER IN COHEN'S PAPER.

Cabman Lorsson Tells of a Man Who Carried Bundles. He Throws All His Waste in a Corner, and It Is Picked Up.

Among the stray bits of information brought to the police is the story of Eric Lorsson, driver of an electric cab. So far the police have been unable to act upon it, but they believe it of some importance.

Lorsson called at the West Twentieth street police station yesterday of his own volition, and was closeted with Captain Schmittberger. He said:

"I was in a restaurant last Friday night about 10:15. I left my cab in front. When I came out a man with two large bundles was standing in front of it. One of them was wrapped in brown manilla paper; the other was done up in newspapers."

"I want to go to the Hoboken ferry, at the foot of Fourteenth street," said he. "His voice was very low and had such a peculiar tone that I looked at him closely."

"I noticed that he was of medium height and build and wore a full beard. He had on a brown overcoat, as I recollect."

"I can't take you," I told him. "My storage battery has about given out, and I must return to the stable."

"He seemed badly disappointed. Turning, he went away down Fourteenth street toward the North River, with his heavy bundles."

"The man's looks somehow got fixed in my mind. When the story of the murder came out, I thought of it more and more."

"I was at the Williamsburg ferry at the foot of Twenty-ninth street last night, waiting for a fare. Suddenly a man spoke to me."

"I want to go to the Grand Union Hotel," he said.

"It nearly made me jump off the box. It was the same voice, the same queer tone of the man at the Fourteenth street restaurant I looked at him. He did not seem to be the same person. His beard was gone."

"The man asked me the fare. I told him, and he said it was too much. I think he recognized me and wanted to use this as an excuse to get away of the strange man corresponds in a way with that of the man seen by the boy Rumpf and R. J. Stein. By slanting his beard he could change his appearance, of course, but in Lorsson's case he recognized the man a second time by the peculiar inflection of the voice."

Lorsson lives at No. 122 East Ninety-eighth street. He has a good record for truthfulness at the New York Electric Cab Company's stables, Broadway, and Fifty-third street. The police say they can see no reason why he should manufacture such a story, but they admit that they can do nothing at the moment with the information. However, if an arrest be made, Lorsson may be valuable in identifying the murderer.

It is positive that the man was alone each time. He says he watched him for some distance, and that no one joined him.

Found Strange Bones in a Woods.

Reuben Jacques, night operator of the New York & New Jersey Telephone Company's exchange at Rahway, N. J., and several other young men in Coons Woods, between Amboy Junction and Coatsville, yesterday found an old cow's head, and a long lay about twenty feet from the house. Physicists to whom the bones were shown were unable to say if they are those of human being. The coroner will investigate.

DR. CARLTON SIMON'S VIEWS STRENGTHENED.

Dr. Carlton Simon, who made a microscopic examination of the fragments of the murdered woman previously found and whose deductions were published exclusively in the Journal, visited the Morgue last night and made a brief examination of the torso.

"I see no reason to amend my deductions in any manner," said Dr. Simon. "On the contrary, they are strengthened by the further examination accorded in the last find—the torso."

"I believe the woman was tall—say five feet, eight and one-half inches. She weighed 150 pounds, and about thirty years of age, had been a mother, had chestnut hair, tending toward dark brown, dark eyes, was evidently of Irish-American extraction, and not a working woman."

At the time of Dr. Simon's examination for the Journal of the fragments previously found, Captain Edward Connelly had not been heard from. This witness has said that he saw a woman who was company with a man on Saturday night toss a package into the river at the foot of West Thirtieth street.

The police say that