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WORK OF FIEND.

SUICIDE MYSTERY.

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JAILED AS A WITCH

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THE BLACK HAND

DASTARDLY AFFAIR.

TWENTY VICTIMS

Another Girl Victim is Found in New York.

ATROCIOUS CRIMES.

An Eight Year Old Child Assaulted and Slain—Police Believe a Maniac is Roaming the City, Possessed of an Impulse to Kill Women and Children—Several Women Have Been Killed.

The excitement caused in New York city by the recent atrocious crimes against women and children was greatly increased Thursday by the discovery of the body of an eight-year-old girl in a cellar of an East Side tenement. The child had been assaulted and then murdered, marks on her face indicating that perhaps the little one had been strangled. The suspicion that the child was choked to death, taken in connection with the murder of Sophie Kohler and of an unidentified woman by strangulation, leads the police to believe that there is a maniac at large in the city who is possessed of an insane impulse to kill women and children by the same method.

The body was lying on a strawberry crate, where it apparently had been placed several days ago, and its condition revealed the frightful treatment to which the child had been subjected.

The girl's body was stumbled upon by a woman who visited the basement of the house at 203 First avenue. It lay upon a berry crate with seemingly no effort at concealment.

"You can say for me," Coroner Harberger declared, "that the crimes in Berlin, of which the newspapers have told have not been strange enough and part as bad as the murder of this little girl."

At the coroner's direction Gaetano Ripollano, whose neighbor shop adjoins the girl's home, was searched and asked to explain his absence from his shop on last Friday. He established the fact that he had spent the day at his home.

The girl is said to have frequented Ripollano's place and a search brought to light a man's shirt which bore red stains.

The police was arraigned and remanded to the coroner, Giuseppe Bofano, Ripollano's partner, was questioned, but threw little light on the case and was not detained.

The police also began a search for a woman who is said to formerly roomed at the Pritschler house, but who left there after a quarrel and took lodging in the house where the girl's body was found.

When the news of the finding of the little one's body spread through the neighborhood excitement rose to such a pitch that the removal of the body was attended by a mob which caused almost a riot.

Many thousands of persons were in the nearby street when the wagon from the morgue arrived. At sight of the covered body many had their grief and rage in a babel of tongues. The police were compelled to use force to get through the street.

Soon afterwards the arrest of the colorist became known and the crowd charged the prisoner's shop. Ripollano had been safely removed to the Station House, but his shop windows were smashed and only the determined front of the police reserves who clubbed right and left, prevented greater damage.

John Kuschnico the Russian watchman under arrest as a suspicious person and who is said to have been seen in the company of the girl whose body was found in the areaway on East Ninetieth street, was remanded without bail on Saturday. The news was given in twenty-second street was secured.

Later it was decided to hold Bofano for examination. Bofano Messner, who is said to have been arrested as the colorist, was arrested as a witness.

A Woman Kills Herself and So Does a Man

Who Knew the Woman Well and Was Summoned as a Witness at the Inquest.

Amos R. Rumbaugh, of Washington, D. C., a close friend of Miss Laura Matthews, the young woman who committed suicide near Broadmoor, Colorado, Sunday night, added horror and mystery to the gruesome case by shooting himself through the head Wednesday, in the same manner adopted by Miss Matthews.

Rumbaugh committed the act in his room at the Alta Vista Hotel, the hour when the fatal shot was fired is not known as it was not heard by any one in the hotel and the deed was discovered only when officers went to his room to ascertain why he had not responded to the subpoena to attend the coroner's inquest. A hasty examination showed that the man was still alive, and he was taken to a hospital, but at a late hour the attending physicians say he cannot recover.

When the officers appeared at the hotel a bell boy was sent to Rumbaugh's room to see what was the matter. The boy found the door locked and could get no response. The officers forced the door open and there on the bed Rumbaugh was reclining, his brains oozing out onto the floor. A hasty examination showed that the man was still alive, and he was taken to a hospital, but at a late hour the attending physicians say he cannot recover.

That the act of Rumbaugh was the direct result of the death of Miss Matthews is not doubted by the officials. He was to have appeared as a witness at the coroner's inquest to tell what he knew of his friend's tragic end. Rumbaugh claimed to be but a chance acquaintance of the girl but it developed that he knew her in Chicago and also knew C. A. Coey, of Chicago, and Dr. H. A. Thomas, of the "101 Ranch." He was frequently a member of the parties at which Miss Matthews and Rumbaugh were members.

Rumbaugh had sent the telegram to Miss Green, the nurse, to the livery stable about 5 o'clock Monday morning to see if Miss Matthews' horse had returned. It was he who had sent the telegram to Coey asking that he "do the right thing by the girl" and it was with him that Miss Matthews left the telegram. Rumbaugh's letter to Coey, which was enclosed another letter to Coey.

If Rumbaugh did not destroy the letter left him by Miss Matthews together with the letter to Coey, it is believed that the latter containing facts that may entangle other people. The telegram sent by Rumbaugh to Coey, taken in the light of his suicide, has more meaning than before.

Rumbaugh committed suicide on account of his love. Letters left behind, sent \$300 at once for expenses.

The officers say that the letter which Rumbaugh wrote to Miss Matthews, was enough to speak to him of "Laura" and to threaten him. Rumbaugh was about 28 years of age. A service medal of honor shows that he served with distinction in the Pennsylvania Infantry in the Philippines.

Two brief notes are all that explains the young man's act. One reads: "I have known and loved her, and reads as follows:

"Ship my body to Mrs. J. H. Rumbaugh, Mont. Pleasant, Pa., Westmoreland county. Notify the Traveling Commission, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Scotsdale, Pa. Amos R. Rumbaugh."

The second note was addressed to his mother, Mrs. J. H. Rumbaugh, at the above address. Rumbaugh wrote: "Dear Mother: There is nothing for me to say why I did this awful deed, so I say my love and my love and my love and my love. You and Charlie settle things up."

"Your son
"Richard R. Rumbaugh."

Against a Priest of Being Leader in Murder Plots

IN CITY OF NEW YORK.

Threatening Letters Were Revealed. Four Indictments Against the Armenian, Who is Central Figure in Rug Merchant Murder Case—Several Other Crimes Are Being Shown Up.

In New York four indictments now lie against Father Martoogossian, the Armenian, who, it is alleged, sometimes has aided his priestly robes to practice extortion and blackmail. The priest is just now the central figure in the conspiracy which the district attorney seeks to prove had for its object the robbery of wealthy Armenians and led to the murder of the rug merchant, Tavshanjian, and others, who refused to be financially blackmailed.

From the slayer of Tavshanjian, known in New York, the police hope to secure a confession establishing that the youth unwittingly was the agent of blackmailing terrorists. A frank which Hamartoonian had in Lowell, Mass., has been brought to New York and its contents may throw light on the investigation.

Ten years ago Mrs. Gilmore, now 80 years of age, was known as an exceptionally good nurse and was popular in the community. She was poorer than the rest of her neighbors, but managed to make her living by selling vegetables she raised in her garden and by raising chickens for the market. As she grew older she withdrew from intercourse with her neighbors and then stories of her eccentricities began to crop out. She was alleged to have seen visions; she followed one of the Paris children, sudden death and unhappy marriages, and in fact every calamity that befall the people individually and collectively. She never professed to believe in a necromancer, but her reputation was made by popular talk.

The incident that led to the recent proceedings was caused by the killing of a chicken, the Paris family lives in the same neighborhood as Mrs. Gilmore and her chickens annoyed them. One day the son threw a stone and injured a pullet, and Mrs. Gilmore is alleged to have said that if the chicken died one of the Paris children would contract whooping cough and die within two days. The chicken died in 8 hours and the day following one of the Paris children was smitten with whooping cough and died within the specified time. The incident caused much comment and finally the action brought by the father.

The court ignored the charge, saying that these are not the days in which Salem witch magister were possible. "The authorities have also arranged for the Paris children protection against any possible hostility on the part of the incensed neighbors."

CHARGES CONSPIRACY.

Woman Says She Wasn't Cheating Indians, But Helping Them.

Arrested recently and placed in jail at Billings, Mont., charged with obtaining money from the Crow Indians under false pretence, Mrs. Helen Pierce says she claims to be a newspaper and magazine writer. She says she is glad she has been arrested. She was sent to jail in default of \$1,500 bonds. She says she is the victim of a conspiracy that she obtained several hundred dollars from the Crow Indians. This amount she said she used to pay her expenses to Washington and back.

Mrs. Gray admitted that she obtained the money from the reservation to investigate the charges that the consent of the Indians to the opening of 1,000 acres of the reservation was obtained by force. She thinks her cause will now attract more attention.

ARABS SLAY EUROPEANS.

Many Killed as Result of Extermination Doctrine.

Dr. Merle, who has arrived at Tangier, on a German ship which brought a number of Jews and other refugees from Casablanca, is the bearer of a report showing that the slaughter of the Europeans was the outcome of a holy war preached by the Arabs for the extermination of the Europeans.

On Monday a number of Arabs chiefs entered Casablanca and demanded that the harbor improvement works ceased and cited the natives to exterminate the Europeans. On Tuesday the natives began to attack the Europeans. The Arabs who were hanged to pieces. This was the signal for a general attack. At least 8 were murdered.

While the Jews and Europeans were talking refuge on board the German ship, the Mussulmans began to attack the laborers employed on the harbor works. They killed several men whose bodies subsequently were buried.

AGAINST COAST LINE.

Case Can't Be Carried to the Federal Court.

In an important case filed on Thursday Judge Cary held the circuit court decides in the case of W. C. Geraty, of Charleston against the Atlantic Coast Line Road, that the Coast Line cannot carry the case into the federal courts on the ground that it is a foreign corporation. The decision says that the road is estopped from contending that it is a foreign corporation because under the constitution all railroads must be domesticated and if it is not domesticated it is operated unlawfully.

LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES.

Three Men Killed and a Fourth Dying in Consequence.

Three men were killed and a fourth is dying as the result of the blowing up of a Burlington locomotive, drawing a freight train east of Breckenridge, Mo., Thursday.

Indiana Woman Accused of Causing Child's Death.

It is Alleged She Has Foretold and Caused Every Calamity That Has Befallen Evansville, Ind.

The filing of surety of the peace proceedings against Mrs. Margaret Gilmore, of Evansville, Ind., makes the latest case in which the law has been invoked against anyone accused of practicing witchcraft. The special charge was the causing of the death of a two-year-old son of John Paris, and the incident lead to the unfolding of the history of the aged woman.

In the last ten years she has been transformed in the public mind from a motherly old woman into a vicious misseer, the worst of her neighbors to be believed about her. The waving of a broom from her front door is enough to drive all the children in the community into their homes in fear.

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Two Columbian Have Fatal Row Over in Georgia.

Clarence Gilmore Claims That N. A. Burnside Made Improper Proposals to His Wife and He Shot Him.

A special dispatch from Baxley, Ga., says: Friday night, seven miles south of here, N. A. Burnside was instantly killed by Clarence Gilmore, his life long friend, schoolmate and boarder for many months. Both were from Columbia, S. C., a few months ago and had been engaged in the steam saw mill business. Gilmore came in last night and congratulated the sheriff. He stated that after retiring last night his wife informed him that during the day Burnside had made improper proposals to her. Gilmore got into his gun, entered the room of Burnside killed him using a shot gun.

The Columbia State says: A great deal of regret was caused here by the death of N. A. Burnside, the death of Mr. N. A. Burnside, No particulars could be learned all day long and that made the matter all the more mysterious. The death of Mr. Burnside and his wife, Mrs. Burnside, were well known and widely connected. Mr. Frank H. Gilmore left immediately for Baxley, Ga., to be with her. A special dispatch to the telegraph the State immediately after his arrival any particulars which could be learned.

The deceased was a native of this country, having been born in Lylesville, Md. His father was at one time a well-to-do farmer of this county. Mr. Burnside himself had some property in Georgia and he had been engaged here a few years ago when he was engaged in the lumber business in Columbia, but it is said that in the last year or two he has been in affluent circumstances and had been addled somewhat to intemperance. Mr. Burnside married Miss Clara Gilmore of the upper part of this township, a sister of Mr. Oscar Chappelle, the well known farmer. Mrs. Burnside moved to Florida about five years ago and her residence was in the city of Lylesville, S. C. Mr. Burnside's living relatives in this country are his half brother, Mr. W. H. Burnside of Lakeside, one of the most respected men in this country; and his only child, a young man named L. V. Pagett of Columbia. Another brother, Mr. J. W. Burnside, also a well known Richmond farmer, died at church at Mill Creek a few months ago and he was a man of high standing. Mrs. F. S. Burnside of 1474 Washington street is the step mother of Mr. Burnside.

Not long since, as the deceased was known to a man of pleasant address, of friendly manner and one of the best of his kind who would be suspected of being a man of any bad character. He was more also in a native of this country and he is said to be a native of Lylesville, Md. He is a son of the late H. C. Gilmore, a prominent farmer who was a near neighbor of the Burnside family. Mr. F. H. Gilmore is connected with the Lylesville family of Lylesville, a well known traveling salesman, are brothers of the young man in trouble. Mr. C. W. Gilmore is married man, his wife having died a few years ago. Mr. Gilmore, a member of another estimable family. Mr. Gilmore had just moved from Sumter about six months ago to the place where he is now located. He is associated with Mr. S. C. Gilmore, former supervisor of this county. Mr. F. H. Gilmore was a candidate for the same office last summer and was defeated by a very narrow majority and he is very popular in the county.

Mr. C. W. Gilmore is said by those who knew him to have always been a man of quiet disposition and never known to get into any quarrel. He was very much shocked to learn that he had got into trouble, the exact nature of which was unknown up to a late hour last night. But a rumor about the shooting had already gone abroad and had quelled over the matter of closing a saw mill during the summer months.

The reason why it was impossible to get any news of the shooting is because Baxley, Ga., is itself almost inaccessible, being on the Southern line between Macon and Brunswick, and in Appling county, about 20 miles from the nearest town. The killing probably occurred at the saw mill, some distance from the town of Baxley, and particulars were not obtainable.

HORRIBLE LYNGING.

Maryland Mob Kicked Negro to Death After Murder.

For the cowardly murder of Policeman John H. Daugherty, of Crisfield, Md., James Reed, a negro and Indian half breed, was kicked to death by a mob after he had been taken into custody. His dead body was, tied to a telegraph pole, where it was viewed by thousands and later cut down and thrown into the water. Reed was shot after he had been kicked to death when he attempted to arrest his pal, also a negro, Hilbery Jones.

After the murder Reed jumped on a bicycle, rode to the water's edge and escaped in a sail boat. He was run down by power boats and brought back to the town. As soon as he landed he was struck down unconscious by a member of the waiting mob, and, in a few minutes, he was lying lifeless beneath the feet of the angry men.

Reed was 22 years old. It is said that should his pal put in appearance he is likely to meet a similar fate. The great is the indignation of the people.

DREADED SEPERATION.

Devoted Girl Friends Tried to End Their Lives Together.

Threatened with being separated from each other, the Misses Louise Ondre and Nettie Day, two beautiful 19-year-old girls, of Atlanta, Ga., tried to end their lives by jumping into the Chattahoochee river. Locked in each other's arms they sprang into the water. They were seen by two men, who plunged after them and saved them.

Both girls belong to good families in Atlanta. Miss Ondre is a striking brunette and Miss Day is a perfect blonde and rather frail. Miss Ondre always alluded to Miss Day as "My little blonde sweetheart." The girls were madly infatuated with each other and say they do not care to live unless they can be together.

Is Raided and Assassins and Blackmailers Are Caught.

DOZENS ARE JAILED.

The United States Steel Corporation Was Back of Plan to Round Them Up—Twelve Murders in Two Years Are Attributed to the Organization Which is Composed of a Lot of Desperadoes.

After waiting for months and spending thousands of dollars and spreading a drag net that has caught more than four states, the United States Steel Corporation has rounded up what is said to be the worst gang of blackmail assassins in the country. Dozens of arrests have been made, and men are in jail in New Castle, Penn., Youngtown, Ohio; Sharon, Pa.; Plainfield, N. J., and Rochester, N. Y.

A dozen murders in the Mahoning and Shenandoah valleys in the last couple of years are attributed to the gang. For headquarters the gang picked Hillsville, a quarry town in Lawrence county, Pa., a few miles west of New Castle. Here are located the immense quarries of the Johnston Limestone company. Hillsville, locally, is known as "Helltown." The quarries, full of caverns, afforded hiding places that could be searched for a week for suspects without results.

Detectives were started after the gang some time ago and came back as immigrants, going to Hillsville, where they took up their abode with the Black Hand members.

The raid was made Saturday afternoon, July 13th, by County Detective Logan, by Sheriff Frank Wad-Castle; Deputy Sheriff Frank McLaughlin, Detective Mehard, several New Castle policemen, and railroad detectives. The time selected for the raid was payday at the Johnson quarries.

As the men came up for their money a stranger with a check list scanned them. When a man wanted appeared the slugging started and by all the men were paid off, and nine suspects were still wanted. A house in the town was then raided by the police, and the missing nine men caught.

The men under arrest were charged with conspiracy to rob and being suspicious persons. Men and women of Hillsville, some of them, had told what became known as "flash talk." Every night, long flashes of light suddenly would be seen all over town. Finally it was explained that the Black Hand Deposits had been raided by Black Hand leaders to scare timid Italians into giving up money. The lights were ascribed to supernatural causes.

Nicola Caputo, who was suspected by the gang of being a detective, was subjected to abuses and torture such as few white men endure and live. He told his story in a justice's court at the hearing of some of the suspects.

Jim Roes, a grocer, who caused the arrest of Salvatore Exposito, says he was compelled to mortgage his home for \$300 to meet the demands of the Black Hand. Exposito is said to be one of the few real Black Hand men.

John Jodi, arrested in Youngstown by Chief McDowell and Detective Kane, is said to have conducted a school in which the men were taught the use of the stiletto. It is said that he had a rubber figure of a man, and on it were marked the places in which properly to insert the stiletto and cause instant death.

Joe Bagatto, who is said to have levied tribute money from Italians for months and finally left Hillsdale with \$11,000 in gold, is badly wanted.

Joe Pochoessa was murdered in front of Sam Sautlin's saloon, East Federal street, Youngstown, Sustainer Martone, a boy of nineteen, is under arrest for the murder. He declares he shot Pochoessa in self defense. When asked if he belonged to the Black Hand, he boastfully said he did. The murder of Pochoessa, the police say, was caused by his efforts to stop the blackmailing of arch-Italian women of Youngstown. The boy felt so secure that he did not go five miles away from Youngstown.

In South Sharon the police say that Sam J. Tallo and Sano Perone were murdered by the Black Hand. South Sharon workmen at the Steel corporation furnaces are said to have contributed \$8,000 to the Black Hand agents. Two men were arrested Saturday charged with attempting to blackmail a woman by threats of violence.

Owners of mills and other industrial establishments are still fearful of vengeance. One big cement concern near Newcastle, which has \$1,000,000 invested in a plant is said to be guarding against fire. In other mills extra precautions are being taken to guard against incendiarism.

FELL INTO RIVER.

Great Crush of People on Bridge Dashed Six In.

Half a dozen persons who were participating in the fireworks display at the dedication of the new \$3,000,000 bridge across the Charles river, connecting Boston and Cambridge, Thursday, were killed and three injured by the great crush of people behind them.

The accident occurred on the Cambridge side of the river near the end of the bridge. Six men and boys were pulled from the water by the police, and for a time it was believed that one or more had been drowned.

Investigation by the police failed to sustain the rumor that anyone had been drowned.

KOREAN ARMY DISARMED.

The Japanese Killed Forty Koreans in the Operation.

A dispatch received at the State Department from Seoul, Korea, says forty Koreans were killed or wounded in a fight precipitated by disarmament of the Korean army. The casualties on the Japanese side were slight.

Constable Valentine Shot and Killed by a Negro,

Who He Had Gone to Arrest on the Charge of Larceny—The Murderer Made His Escape.

About five o'clock Monday morning Magistrate J. I. Valentine of Cope set his constable, H. E. Valentine, to arrest Pink Franklin, alias Pink Porter colored, on a charge of larceny. Franklin lives on Mr. E. S. Spires' place about four miles from Norway.

Constable Valentine pressed into service to assist him Mr. W. N. Carter and both went to Franklin's house to arrest him. On arriving at the house Valentine went to the front door and Carter to the back door.

Valentine knocked at the door and was admitted. Just as he got in the house the negro drew his pistol and fired at him. The ball entered his left side and passed through the stomach.

In the meantime, the murderer wrenched Valentine's pistol from him and it is supposed that in getting the pistol he fired, striking the negro in the shoulder, also one ball striking his wife on the arm, making a flesh wound.

Dr. Able of Norway and Dr. Jonathan of Cope and Dr. Burton of Cope attended the wounded man, giving him all the medical attention possible.

Mr. Valentine is about 27 years of age and single. He is a graduate of the Ochsner business college of Augusta, Ga. Mr. Valentine died at 7 o'clock Monday night.

The negro Franklin is at large and is being chased by a posse of men, who think they have him located in a swamp near the place of the shooting.

His wife was arrested and carried to Norway Monday afternoon. It is stated that she started the murderer wounded man with an axe to kill him while he was on the ground.

Two negroes who accompanied Franklin to the swamp have been caught and both are in the Norway guard house. One was severely whipped to get information, but this failed.

TWENTY-EIGHT CHILDREN.

Father a Methodist Preacher Who Is Hale and hearty.

The Rev. Abraham C. Ruebush, a one-legged Confederate veteran, of Port Lawrence, Tex., in charge of a Methodist church there, is the father of 12 boys and 16 girls, baby No. 28 having just arrived. Ruebush, who comes from Virginia stock and belonged to the Confederate army, is now 65 years of age, and has had two wives. He is active, strong and vigorous.

His first wife, now deceased, was Mrs. Elizabeth M. Davis, of Augusta county, Va., who bore him six boys and seven girls. His second wife was Miss Anne G. Adams, a Louisiana girl, who is now 47 years old and the mother of six boys and nine girls.

DISGUSTED WITH FILIPINOS.

Election of Dr. Gomez Disappoints Washington Officials.

The Philippine elections have been a great disappointment to the authorities showing that the masses of the people are still as little fitted for self-government as a lot of irresponsible children.

Superintendent of the selections for the local Legislature was the notorious Dr. Donnadore Gomez, a man who has been convicted of fraud, is a revolutionist and sentenced to the penitentiary.

He is out now only under a stay of execution. His right to a seat in the assembly will be contested if the fall does not get him first. There is reported to be among the natives of independence.

KILLED BY A TELEPHONE.

Shocked to Death While Holding a Receiver to His Ear.

Howard Grouch, aged 27 years, a conductor on the Citizen's Electric railroad, at Newburyport, Mass., was instantly killed the other morning at headquarters by receiving a shock from the battery of an engine on the Illinois Central fast fruit train. The explosion wrecked the train as well as another freight on a parallel siding. Both trains caught fire and were destroyed. The dead was an engineer and fireman and two tramps.

WHIPPED ALMOST TO DEATH.

Severely Lashed for Telling Tobacco-Growing Secrets.

John Lockert was severely whipped by unknown parties at Guthrie, Ky., early this week. Switches were used, the flesh being gashed and pieces of his clothing driven into his back. He is in a precarious condition. The men told Lockert that he had done a little too much talking last year about the time the tobacco plant beds were seeded and they had come for a settlement.

AGED MURDERER.

An Old Man Executed in New York Prison.

Charles Bonier, aged seventy-eight years, old and white headed, was electrocuted for the murder of Franz and Johanna Frehr at Auburn, N. Y., Wednesday. The old man walked to his death without a quiver, although the authorities had feared a breakdown. Twice the fatal current was turned on before the doctors were satisfied.

Found After Tenement in New York Was Burned.

BLACK HAND OUTRAGE

Fire Started in the Store and Spread With Such Rapidity that Score Met Death and as Many Badly Burned. The Bodies of the Dead Were Found in Many Unexpected Places Among the Ruins.

A shocking loss of human life and the destruction of property worth more than one million dollars, were caused by fires in New York and its immediate vicinity in the 24 hours ending at eight o'clock Sunday morning.

The fire wave struck Coney Island and before it subsided Steeple Chase park, a score of hotels and many amusement places, were in ruins and many persons homeless.

Four women were discovered dead in a closet where they had rushed to hide from the flames. The body of a woman was found lying over a child as though she had tried to protect it from the flames. Five bodies were found crowded around one doorway on the top floor, showing that they had been struck down while trying to escape.

After an all night search the ruins of six story tenement on Christs street, burned shortly after midnight, the bodies of the dead were there were twenty victims of the fire.

The bodies of the dead were found in all sorts of unexpected places to which the people had fled when the fire broke out. Almost all of the bodies were burned beyond recognition, many to such an extent that it was difficult to distinguish the sex. A majority of victims, the police believe, were women and children.

The burned building was a tenement common to the east side, with a store on the ground floor and apartments up stairs crowded with tenants, mainly Italians.

The fire started in the store and swept through the building with such rapidity that a fifth of the 100 tenants met a horrible death, another score, though they escaped, were more or less burned.

It is thought the fire was caused by an explosion, a citizen reported that he heard a loud report and saw the store window crack and fall to pieces. If this is true it is possible that the great loss of life is due to a "Black hand" outrage.

WHO WAS THE MAN?

One Is Being Sought in Connection With Actress' Suicide.

That a man had something to do with driving Miss Helen Bailey Trowbridge to suicide is believed by Pittsburg authorities. The woman was an actress and ended her life by cutting her throat at the American house Pittsburg, a few nights ago. Near her body was found an extract from Riley's poem, "The Blues." Before her death she had frequented the morgue and seemed to take a morbid interest in the bodies exhibited there.

The woman's body was covered with marks believed to have been inflicted by some person, possibly her lover, with whom she might have quarreled. It is said she tried earlier on the evening of her suicide to attract the attention of a man. Investigation is being made in Butler, Pittsburg, Pa., from which place she went to Pittsburg. Chicago relatives have taken her body.

INSANE MAN

Tried to Throw His Child From a Moving Train.

Frederick Ford, of Philadelphia, became insane in a New York Central Express car, and his wife, Mrs. Mary N. Y., and made several efforts to kill his two year old daughter by throwing her from the window of the train as it was speeding along near New York. Ford was arrested and also tried to make away with himself by leaping from the train, but was restrained, and held captive by members of the train crew until New York was reached, when he was sent to Bellevue Hospital.

A RIVER AT HIS PLEASURE.

Tobacco Magnate Pumps Baritan Almost Dry for His Park.

In an effort to make his two thousand acre park like fairyland, with gushing fountains, cascades and beautiful lakes, for his bride during their honeymoon, James B. Duke, president of the Baritan Tobacco Company, has pumped the Baritan river at Summerville, N. J., nearly dry.

Duke has on his estate artificial lakes covering an area of several hundred acres, besides numerous fountains and waterfalls and these are supplied from the Baritan river by a pumping station.

WHIPPED ALMOST TO DEATH.

Severely Lashed for Telling Tobacco-Growing Secrets.

John Lockert was severely whipped by unknown parties at Guthrie, Ky., early this week. Switches were used, the flesh being gashed and pieces of his clothing driven into his back. He is in a precarious condition. The men told Lockert that he had done a little too much talking last year about the time the tobacco plant beds were seeded and they had come for a settlement.

AGED MURDERER.

An Old Man Executed in New York Prison.

Charles Bonier, aged seventy-eight years, old and white headed, was electrocuted for the murder of Franz and Johanna Frehr at Auburn, N. Y., Wednesday. The old man walked to his death without a quiver, although the authorities had feared a breakdown. Twice the fatal current was turned on before the doctors were satisfied.

NORTH SEA TRAGEDIES.

Shipwrecked and British and Natives Fight.

The steamer Manuka from Australia, with news of fighting in the New Hebrides, has reached Victoria, B. C., in an encounter between Hebrides blacks and the native coast-guard band from the British cruiser Cambridge, to avenge the murder of a European trader, the blacks killed one blue-jacket of the landing party and wounded another blue-jacket.

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