

CATHOLIC PRIEST KILLED WOMAN

New York Murder Mystery Solved After Investigation Of Several Days.

VICTIM WAS A SERVANT

Cut Her Throat While She Slept —Tells Ghoulish Tale To Police.

New York, Sept. 15.—Hans Schmidt, an assistant priest of St. Joseph's Catholic church at 405 West One hundred and twenty-fifth street, was arrested yesterday morning, and confessed that he had murdered and then dismembered the body of the girl, parts of whose body have been found in the North river during the past few days.

The murdered girl, whose name was Anna Aumuller, was a servant in the pastoral residence of the Rev. Father Braun, pastor of St. Boniface's church on the Southeast corner of Forty-seventh street and Second avenue, where Schmidt, from December, 1910, until May, 1912, was a curate. Schmidt's only explanation of the cause of the murder was that he "loved Anna."

Catholic church authorities of the New York diocese, headed by Monsignors Mooney and Lavelle, who are vicars-general of the diocese, held a conference after receiving reports of an interview with Schmidt in the Tombs by the Rev. Father Evers, to learn whether or not Schmidt really is a priest of the Catholic church. Schmidt made statements to Father Evers about being "ordained a priest by St. Elizabeth of Hungary, who told me to kill Anna as a sacrifice of blood," and made many more wild statements that incline to the belief that he is insane. There are reasons to believe, according to the church authorities, that Schmidt is an impostor. For some years, however, he has performed the duties of a curate at two churches in New York, at Trenton, and at St. Louis, and, according to his own story, he was a priest in Germany before coming to America from Bavaria in 1907.

Schmidt, according to Assistant District Attorney Deacon Murphy, and Police Inspector Faurot, confessed that he entered a room on the third floor of the apartment house at 68 Bradhurst avenue, two doors north of West one hundred and twenty-fifth street, at midnight on September 2d, and cut her throat while she slept.

He tasted the blood then, he says. When he was sure that the girl was dead, he dragged her body to the bath room of the apartment and there dismembered it. Then he wrapped the parts of the body up in either five or six pieces, he doesn't remember which, and when daylight came he took the packages aboard Fort Lee ferry boats during several trips and dropped the packages overboard.

These trips, so he told the police in his confession, took up the better part of the day following the murder, and the next. Toward dusk of the second day, while trying to wash away all signs of his crime from the flat, he came across a part of the mattress which was soaked with blood that he could not obliterate the stains. Whereupon, Schmidt told the police and others today, he took the stained cloth of the mattress at nightfall to a vacant lot in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

In a "gospel tent," on the lot, a religious revival was going on when Schmidt came there with a bundle under his arm. All about the lot are stones like those which Schmidt used to weight the five or six parcels containing the head, upper torso, lower torso, legs and arms of the girl he had murdered. He told the police during an early morning visit to the lot that he had got the stones for weighting the body at this place.

Some boys were playing about the lot near the tent, Schmidt asked them to help him gather firewood. The boys, glad to have a bonfire, started to help him. And they stood a while he burned the bloody clothes.

Schmidt was taken to the station during the afternoon, where he said he was both hungry and sleepy. He ate a hearty meal and then promptly went into a sleep that was interrupted only by the visit of a Catholic police chaplain. It was learned later that Schmidt during a string of statements about his connection with the church, which were at variance with statements he had made earlier, said that he was "an inspector, and once was arrested in Munich as an impostor."

Courier Feinberg, after hearing Schmidt's story, held a hearing in Inspector Faurot's office at headquarters, after which Schmidt was held on a charge of homicide.

The pictures of Anna Aumuller, found by the police, show a rather pre-

ADOLPH ROBERTS LAID AT REST

The funeral service over the remains of the late Adolph Roberts was conducted from the residence of William Roberts, No. 162 South Front street, Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of Christ Episcopal church officiating. After the service at the home the body was taken to Cedar Grove cemetery for interment. The pall bearers were J. B. Dawson, Durham Stall, E. J. Land, James Smith, Allie Harrison and Joe Hardy.

TRAIN MORE THAN ONE MILE LONG

WONDERFUL HOME OF BARNUM AND BAILEY TRAVELS IN FIVE SECTIONS.

When the Barnum and Bailey Great Show on Earth, is packed away for the night and speeding over the rails to its next point of exhibition, it lives in a rolling home over a mile in length. This wonderful train is divided in five sections. It is a congress of nations on wheels, a Noah's ark of animals and a world's fair of a thousand charms.

When the show is spread out for a day's business it covers fourteen acres of ground. Over it waves a sea of canvas, spotted with ten thousand flags and banners. No other show can compare with it in size, wealth or variety. The spirit of P. T. Barnum, the greatest showman who ever lived, still animates its faultless policy. The wonderful system of James A. Bailey, that has made the handling of the gigantic proposition possible, is still in evidence, urging it on from year to year to better and grander achievements.

This circus has spent many of its fifty-five years in touring Asia and Europe. This has kept it in constant touch with the lands whence come all wonders. Material for this year's street spectacle was gathered in this way. Agents have searched savage lands, artists and designers have worked for months in the foreign workshops of the show, experts have ransacked the art galleries of France and Italy, and the looms of China and Japan have been busy since early last fall making the silks and satins to clothe the people of the pageant. It has taken two years to turn out the equipment, and the management has spent \$1,000,000 on it.

All strange types of the human family are found in the three mile procession, together with their characteristic costumes, weapons, war vehicles, their music and their idols. Rich and fantastic carriages of state, gorgeous tableaux floats, fairy chariots bearing the myths of childhood, richly draped howdahs engines of warfare, pagan images, Italian statuary, horse fairs, fairy caravans, brass bands, barbarian orchestras, tom-tom players, weird pipers, silver chimes, cathedral organs, siren pipes, chanters, dervishers, castanet ballets, liltinis scenes, fete day pictures, mardigras pageantry and a thousand other spectacular sights unfold themselves before the eyes of spectators for an hour or more. The circus will be seen in New Bern on October 4.

A SUCCESSFUL PROTRACTED MEETING CLOSED.

A successful protracted meeting which has been conducted at the Baptist church at Fort Barnwell by the pastor, Rev. Hines, of Cove City, assisted by Rev. Truchbold, of Elizabeth city, has been brought to a close. The services were well attended and during the week there were twelve additions to the church.

The Old School Slate.

Remember the old school slates bound in red damask to prevent the noise of slate rattling that used to be come unbearable until manufacturers found how to muffle them? Stores selling school supplies used to carry great stocks of them, for it was a rare day in a room that did not see a slate or two broken; but where are they all now? Since the boards of health decided that they were insubstantial and decreed against them the whole tribe has disappeared.—Columbus Dispatch.

On the Safe Side.
She—If a wonder you wouldn't take a notion to use soap and water. He— I have thought of it, mind, but there's so many kinds of soap and it's hard to tell which is best and which is not injurious to the skin that I didn't like to take any risks.—Pack.

Quits a Difference.
"Let's see. You live in a flat, don't you?"
"Not exactly. We occupy a suite of apartments."
"What's the difference?"
"About \$35 a month."—Chicago Tribune.

Keep Busy.
If you keep reasonably busy the rhinoceros that you will get into little mischief. This recipe is good for a thousand uses.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Fashion Hint.
If some women were wedded to their husbands as they are to fashion, how they would love, home and obey!—New Orleans Picayune.

CAPT. DERRICKSON HOMEWARD BOUND

Skipper Of The Barge Berkes Is On His Way To Philadelphia, Pa.

HIS VESSEL FOUNDERED

Gives Graphic Account Of Terrific Storm In Letter To A New Bern Man.

Captain E. H. Derrickson, who was in charge of the barge Berkes which went ashore and was wrecked between Gull Rock and Bluff Shoal during the storm that raged along the North Carolina coast on September 3, and who was rescued after having been in the water for more than twenty-eight hours, has sufficient recovered to start to his home at Philadelphia, Pa.

In a letter written from Washington, N. C., by Captain Derrickson to a friend in this city he gives a graphic account of the storm and the wrecking of his barge which was loaded with more than seven hundred thousand feet of lumber that was being sent by the Neuse Lumber Company of this city to the Henry Dickson Company at Philadelphia.

The Berkes, in tow of the tug Curran, left New Bern on Monday, September 1, enroute to Philadelphia. In addition to the Berkes the Curran was towing two other barges, the Anna N. McNally and the Joseph Clinton. The Berkes, unfortunately, was at the end of the line and naturally got the worst buffeting about by the waves and wind.

Bad weather was encountered Tuesday, September 2, but there was nothing else to do but to keep going and the tug, with full steam on, made the best progress possible. Tuesday night the storm began to increase in fury and along about two or three o'clock Captain Derrickson says that all four vessels, which were then in the vicinity of Bluff Shoals, were being tossed about like pieces of cork. Early Wednesday morning the Berkes, which had during the night rammed a hole in the side of the Anna N. McNally and tore off her rudder post, broke from the two.

It was impossible for the crew of the tug to save the vessel and she soon went to pieces. Two colored seamen and a dog were on the vessel with Captain Derrickson but they perished in the waves, the body of one of the seamen has since been found and buried at Juniper Bay.

When Captain Derrickson jumped from the sinking barge he succeeded in getting hold of a large piece of timber which had been washed from the deck of the barge and for more than twenty-eight hours he clung to this. The wind and waves beat upon him with terrific force and time and again his grasp on this piece of timber was almost loosened, but with the tenacity of a person who knows that only between him and death is a frail plank, he succeeded in holding on to the timber until he was located and picked up by Albert Best, a fisherman of Stumpy Point.

The point at which Captain Derrickson was rescued was about fourteen miles from the place where his vessel went down. Captain Derrickson is sixty-one years of age and has followed the sea for more than forty years. He has sailed in many waters but according to his statement the storm in which his vessel was lost was the worst he ever encountered.

FIRST COTTON OF THE SEASON

A. B. DAWSON, OF JASPER, BRINGS NINE BALES TO MARKET.

The first new cotton of the season was brought here yesterday by A. B. Dawson, one of Craven county's most progressive farmers who lives near Jasper. There were nine bales of the cotton and these were purchased by G. W. Taylor and Son at a price averaging twelve and a quarter cents per pound.

Local cotton dealers had expected cotton to arrive on the market last week but the storm which visited this section had the effect of considerably delaying the crop. Reports reaching the city from points all over this and adjoining counties are to the effect that cotton picking and ginning is in progress and within a week or two it is expected that many bales will be brought to the market every day.

Prices on the local market are at present ranging from 12 1/2 cents for middling to 12 3/4 cents for good middling.

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RESIGNS AS MANAGER OF STANDARD SHOE STORE.

L. T. Barnes, who for the past three years has had charge of the Standard Shoe Store, has resigned and will leave Monday to accept a position as travelling salesman with Percy J. Straus, of Richmond. Mr. Barnes will cover the Southern States with a line of shoe findings. J. W. Rouse, who has held a position with the Standard Shoe Company for several years, has been appointed to fill the position made vacant by Mr. Barnes' resignation.

STORM WARNINGS AGAIN POSTED

WEATHER BUREAU SAYS THAT ANOTHER BLOW AP- PROACHES.

With the wind blowing strongly from the Northeast the water in Neuse and Trent rivers yesterday rose between twenty-five and thirty inches. Storm warnings were posted early in the day and many citizens were of the opinion that the city would be visited by another storm similar to that which played havoc all along the coast on September 3. Fortunately such did not occur. A long distance telephone message received late yesterday afternoon from Morehead City, stated that the wind there was blowing a gale and the water was high, but at that time no damage had been done.

The season during which the eastern coast of the United States is liable to visitations from the class of severe tropical storms known as West Indian hurricanes is now at its height. The period of their greatest frequency extends, roughly, from the beginning of July until the middle of November. During the last thirty-five years about ninety per cent of these storms have occurred during the months of August, September and October—September showing a slightly greater number than any of the others.

These hurricanes have their origin in the tropical zone. They first move to the westward or northward on the westward equatorial drift of the atmosphere, and, after entering the eastward drift of middle latitudes, take a course to the northeastward. About eighty-five per cent originate in the area embracing the Caribbean sea, the Gulf of Mexico and the West Indies. The extent of their westerly course is subject to wide limitations, some traversing the Gulf of Mexico into Texas recurring to the northward and eastward, while others fail entirely to reach the coast of the United States. The average point of recurve, however, is on the lower coast of Florida.

New Star Theatre

Is now open to the public, showing the very best and latest pictures. This theatre is built on the plan of the first class moving-picture theatre of larger cities.

A cordial invitation is extended all visitors while in New Bern to visit the "Star" theatre, and for the visitors benefit the management announces that they will start matinee daily at 4 o'clock, so that one can have ample time to see the show before leaving on evening train leaving the city.

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CONVICT TRIES TO GET AWAY

MAKES DARING DASH FOR LIBERTY; BUT IS APPRE- HENDED.

Thinking that he could escape the vigilant watch of the guards, Ernest Spencer, colored, and who is one of the members of the Craven county chain gang, made a daring attempt to gain his liberty yesterday afternoon but, luckily, he did not get far away before being recaptured.

The convicts were engaged yesterday in working on the road near Jack Smith's creek. Apparently there was not the least discord among the men when suddenly without any warning Spencer made a dash down the road. Almost instantly the guards' Winchester's began to throw leaden pellets in the fugitive's direction.

Fortunately for Spencer none of these found a lodging place in his body, but he, hearing the whizz and whirr of the balls as they sped past him, decided to get out of range and at once he fell to the ground and yelled to the guards to stop shooting. Spencer is probably convinced that it is almost impossible to escape from the chain gang, and in all probability will not again make the attempt.

WILL OPEN NEW STORE HERE SOON

Two Beaufort Men Are To Locate Establishment In New Bern.

WILL SELL ONLY FOR CASH

Members Of Club Will Be Partic- ipants In Profit Shar- ing Plan.

Realizing that New Bern is one of the best cities in the State and believing that it is destined to become the leading city in Eastern North Carolina, N. F. Eure and William Bell, two of Beaufort's most progressive citizens, have decided to open up a retail and wholesale grocery store in this city and this establishment, which will for the present be located at the corner of Craven and South Front streets, will be thrown open to the public this week.

The new establishment will be one of the "E. B. Company Stores" which the proprietors are planning to open in several of the larger cities in Eastern North Carolina. This company buys large quantities of merchandise direct from the manufacturers, paying cash and therefore get quite a discount on their purchases.

Effecting a saving in this way they allow their patrons to get the benefit of this by selling them goods at a discount of from ten to twenty per cent. It is only members of the club, however, who can purchase at these prices. Club membership costs one dollar a year and this entitles the holder of a membership card to participate in the profit sharing plan. Those who do not hold membership cards are not allowed the discount which is allowed to members. Buying their goods for cash it is necessary for the owners to sell their goods at cash prices and like many other large establishments this plan will be carried out.

The exact date for the opening of the store has not been definitely decided upon but this will be announced later.

THAW'S CASE IS AGAIN CONTINUED

TILT BETWEEN NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNSEL AND JEROME IN FEDERAL COURT.

Littleton, N. H., Sept. 16.—Harry Thaw, in the joint custody of United States Marshal Nute and Sheriff Drew of Coos county, arrived this morning from Colebrook for arraignment in the United States court before Judge Aldrich on the writ of habeas corpus. Crowds were at the railway station to see him.

Court convened shortly after 11 o'clock. Thaw sat with his counsel, Lawyer Shurleff for Thaw, pointing out that the extradition hearing in the case was to be held soon, probably Wednesday, asked that the habeas corpus hearing be postponed. Jerome objected, saying that there were no Federal issues involved, and that he felt constrained to say that the writ had been obtained under circumstances which approached very near trifling with the court. He introduced an affidavit of a newspaper man setting forth that Thaw's counsel had told him the writ had been obtained, not to bring about the fugitive's freedom, but to safeguard him in the future against sudden removal, should extradition be granted.

George Ferris, one of Thaw's New Hampshire lawyers answered Jerome saying the application for the writ was entirely regular while the warrant on which New York sought Thaw was a mere subterfuge. "It is an honest endeavor on our part to get this matter before the court," he said. "We have no assurance that Jerome would not take Thaw at once if the extradition warrant were signed."

After hearing the arguments, the court suspended proceedings. No date was set for a future hearing. This was victory for Thaw, since the New York authorities were anxious to have the writ quashed.

Judge Aldrich later announced that the hearing on the writ would be suspended indefinitely. This means that Thaw will have a Federal writ to check his immediate return to New York if the Governor orders his extradition.

By agreement with the Governor and counsel, the extradition hearing is postponed until September 23. Judge Aldrich declared that a search of the statutes failed to reveal any law under which a man in Thaw's position could be extradited.

STAR WITNESS ABSENT.

Prominent Figure In Famous Case Disappears.

New York, Sept. 16.—Frederick L. Colwell, of Yonkers, regarded as a star witness against Governor Sulzer at his forthcoming trial on impeachment charges, has disappeared today, by says the Assembly's Board of Management managers.

What had been identified as Governor Sulzer's signature—"William Sulzer"—for "Mrs. William Sulzer," today was under the scrutiny of a handwriting expert of the board. The board heard his testimony at a further private examination of witnesses expected to testify at Sulzer's trial on impeachment charges.

Mrs. Sulzer's name was mentioned in the matter for the first time so far as yet brought out in this letter. Regarding the absence of Colwell, Aaron J. Levy, chairman of the board, issued a statement saying that information in possession of the board was that Colwell is absenting himself from the jurisdiction of the board at the direct instigation of the Governor and for the purpose of avoiding testifying against the Governor at his trial.

Mr. Levy added that a countrywide search had been made for Colwell recently without success.

BOUGHT WHISKEY FIFTEEN TIMES

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE STRONG CASE AGAINST JONES COUNTY NEGRO.

When Hub Bynum, colored and late of Jones county, faced U. S. Commissioner C. B. Hill yesterday afternoon to answer to a charge of retailing spirituous liquors without a government license, he felt confident that within less than an hour he would be walking the streets of the city as free and as light-hearted as a lark.

This, however, was before he had seen the three witnesses which Commissioner Hill had secured to tell what they knew of Bynum's offenses. Regardless of the fact that these gentlemen were present, Bynum, when placed on the stand, swore that he never sold whiskey to anyone, and in fact did not handle it in any way.

The first witness placed on the stand by the Government testified that he had bought whiskey from the defendant as many as fifteen times and when this evidence was corroborated by other witnesses all hopes and aspirations which Bynum might have held, quickly faded away. Probable cause was found and in default of a bond of two hundred dollars he was committed to the county jail to await the next term of Federal Court.

The Federal authorities are assisting the State officers in every possible way in breaking up the liquor traffic in Eastern North Carolina and during the past six months many offenders have been brought into court and received sentences. There is every reason to believe that there is a decrease in the number of "blind tiger" operators and illicit distillers and this fact is in a measure attributable to the work of the revenue officers.

DEER HUNTING SEASON OPENS

MANY LOCAL SPORTSMEN OFF IN SEARCH OF FLEET- FOOTED ANIMALS.

Much to the delight of local sportsmen the deer hunting season is now open and during the past few days many have gone out in search of these fleet-footed animals. The season opened on September 1 and will close on February 1. The season for shooting summer ducks is also open and many sportsmen who do not care about bagging the larger game have made several trips in search of these fowl.

On October 1 the squirrel hunting season will open. This is the season when all gun owners feel inclined to take a trip into the woods and take a few shots at these foxy little animals. On November 1 the wild turkey season will open and on December 1 the shooting of quail will be permissible.

According to all reports, game this season is not so plentiful, but still there is enough to make it interesting for the hunter. The usual victory from the North, who will spend several weeks in this section in search of game, have not begun to make their appearance up to the present time but are expected to arrive about the first of next month. Eastern North Carolina is noted for its abundance of game and each year there are many visiting hunters in this section.

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CATHOLIC PRIEST MAY BE INSANE

Murderer of Anna Aumuller Is Probably Madman of Most Dangerous Type

IS NOW UNDER OBSERVATION

Telegram From Germany Gives His History For Many Years Past.

New York, Sept. 16.—Hans Schmidt, the priest who confessed that he killed Anna Aumuller with a butcher knife as a sacrifice to be consummated in blood tonight is at the observation ward of the Tombs prison under the watchful eye of Dr. McGuire, the prison physician. Warden Felton of the Tombs declared the man is insane—one of the most dangerous men ever confined in the prison, and in this view he was upheld by Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Wright.

From far off Mainz, Germany, there came to day to Monsignor Joseph F. Money, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York, a cablegram from the secretary of the Bishop, which said that Schmidt had been declared insane there and suspended by the Bishop. The message read:

"Schmidt born at Aschaffenburg Priest of diocese of Mainz. Ran away from Mainz because of attempted frauds, arrested by police; declared insane by court and discharged. Suspended by Bishop for acts and for representing false document regarding studies he pretended to have made. Then left diocese."

In his cell today Schmidt told and retold the story of his crime and how, after the woman was dead, he cut up the body with knife and saw and sank it, portion by portion, in the waters of the Hudson river from the stern of a ferry boat. "The Lord told me to do it," and St. Elizabeth, my patron demanded the sacrifice" were the only reason he gave for his deed, and he invariably added: "God in His own time will clear it up. God and Abraham knew why I killed her."

Alphonse Koelbe, Schmidt's attorney today testified that insanity will be the defense at Schmidt's trial. On the other hand, however, the district attorney assistants are preparing for a quick trial of Schmidt. They declare that Schmidt is a criminal and not an insane man in the eyes of the law. They say his excuses for his action are framed along the lines of religious mania, but that prior to his arrest his acquaintances never had observed such mental characteristics in him.

The portion of the body of Anna Aumuller in the Hoboken morgue were positively identified today by Anna Hirt, who had formerly served as a domestic with the dead girl. She also identified clothing and trinkets taken to police headquarters from the apartment where the murder was committed as having belonged to the Aumuller woman.

In the hope of branding as an impostor and pseudo-priest, the Rev. Hans Schmidt the alleged self-confessed slayer of Anna Aumuller, victim of New York's river murder mystery, church authorities today began a sweeping investigation of Schmidt's record and his pretensions to ordination.

We hope, of course, to be able to prove that this unspeakable monster was an impostor and had been using forged papers," declared Monsignor Lavello, vicar general of the Archdiocese of New York.

In his cell in the Tombs, with his coat as a pillow, Schmidt slept soundly through the night and arose this morning to partake of a hearty breakfast. He had little to add to his alleged confession of last night. To Rev. J. L. Evers, the Tombs chaplain, Schmidt was said to have made the following declaration:

"I was directed to kill her by St. Elizabeth, who is my patron, as a sacrifice, to be consummated as was the sacrifice of Abraham in blood."

To the police Schmidt is alleged to have said: "I killed her because I loved her."

The police believe, however, that he killed her because she was soon to become a mother.

With a view to clearing the mystery surrounding the murder of eight-year-old Alma Kellner, whose mutilated body was found in quick lime in the basement of St. John's Catholic church in Louisville, Ky., two and one-half years ago, the police today sought to obtain from Schmidt some statement of what he may know of this crime.

From August 1909 to March, 1910, Schmidt was a visitor in Louisville. Alma Kellner disappeared on December 3rd, 1910. Her body was found by Joseph Whaling, janitor at St. John's church, who is now serving a life time term in prison at Frankfort, Ky., for the crime. Whaling usually denied his guilt, and the jury did not consider the evidence sufficient to judge against him a verdict of first degree murder.