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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 Gruesome 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 Amuler, 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 imposter. 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 four room flat 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 around while he burned the bloody bed-clothes.

Schmidt was taken to the Tombs

BAND MEMBERS PRACTICE.

Sixteen Musicians Dispensing Melody Last Night.

Sixteen of the twenty-five members of New Bern's new brass band were engaged in practicing when a Journal reporter dropped in at their headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night. Instruments have been ordered for every member of the band but these have not arrived and the instruments now being used were rented for a few days.

The band members are anxious to begin practicing so that they can furnish the music for the Fair, if necessary, and the manager, R. C. Minich, requests any person in New Bern who has an instrument of any variety to loan it to the band for a few days. He will be personally responsible for any instrument loaned and will guarantee to return it in as good condition as when received.

There are several persons in New Bern who own band instruments that they are not using and the use of these for a few days will be greatly appreciated.

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 fall entirely to reach the coast of the United States. The average point of recurve, however, is on the lower coast of Florida.

Mr. L. F. Bohrans who has been assisting the local manager of the National Biscuit Co. the past week, has returned to Washington, D. C.

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 imposter."

Coroner 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 Amuler, found by the police, show a rather prepossessing girl, although some persons who knew her said that the photographs "flattered her." She was about twenty-four years old. Schmidt, whose age the police recorded as thirty-three years is a sallow-faced young man, with glassy eyes, whose general appearance and actions caused many to think that he is addicted to drugs.

U. S. MAY DEPORT MRS. PANKHURST

Militant English Woman To Be
Detained At Ellis Island Pending
Inquiry.

SHE HAS A POLICE RECORD

Under Three-Year Jail Sentence
She May Be Barred as "Un-
desirable Alien."

Washington, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Emeline Pankhurst, leader of the English militant suffragettes, will have to run the gauntlet of the Ellis Island immigration inspectors and possibly go into the United States Courts in New York, before she will be able to land in this country to fill her lecture engagements.

Anthony Caminetti, Commissioner-General of Immigration, declared again today that Mrs. Pankhurst would be treated exactly like any other alien who desired to enter this country.

"The right of Mrs. Pankhurst to enter the United States will be determined on legal grounds alone," said Mr. Caminetti. "The fact that she is a militant suffragette will not have the slightest bearing on the case. If she can show that she has not committed a crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, she will be permitted to land. On the other hand, if she is found to have committed such offenses, she will be ordered deported."

"If the case comes to me on appeal from Ellis Island, I will pass on it with an open mind. Mrs. Pankhurst will get a square deal. She will be advised of her rights from the start, and protected in them."

At the office of Secretary of Labor Wilson, it was said that a request had not been made on the State Department to obtain the police record of Mrs. Pankhurst in London and send it to New York for the use of the immigration authorities in passing on her right of admission into this country.

On her arrival at New York Mrs. Pankhurst will be required to appear before a board of inquiry consisting of three members. This board will inquire into her record in London and ask her questions regarding her theories of government, with a view to determining whether she is a proper person to enter the United States. This procedure is the same as any alien is required to go through if any question is raised as to the right of entry.

After completing its investigation the board of inquiry will make a report to the Acting Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island with a recommendation that Mrs. Pankhurst be deported or that she be permitted to land.

The Acting Commissioner will review the findings of the board of inquiry and approve or disapprove them. If he should concur in a recommendation that the suffragette leader be deported, Mrs. Pankhurst could appeal immediately to the Secretary of Labor. In that event the case would go first to Commissioner-General Caminetti, who would then review it and then pass it on to Secretary Wilson.

In case Secretary Wilson should approve the recommendation of the immigration authorities and order Mrs. Pankhurst deported, she still would have recourse to the courts in New York and could apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TODAY

VAUDEVILLE.

Shaw and Eddy.
A comedy singing, talking and eccentric dancing act. They are good, too. Well received last night.

PICTURES.

"The Trail of Cards."
A drama by Selig revealing the smuggler's secret. Intensely interesting.

"The Mistake."
A Biograph drama describing every day domestic troubles.

"One Good Turn Deserves Another"
A Vitagraph comedy featuring Flora Finch and John Bunny.

Matinee daily at 3:45. Two shows at night, 1st starts at 7:45, 2d follows immediately after close of first. Vaudeville follows at end of picture programme at each show.

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 Parti-
cipants 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 their 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.

WORK ON NEW SCHOOL BEGINS

CONTRACTOR STARTS CON-
STRUCTION OF BUILDING
IN SEVENTH TOWNSHIP.

Work on the new central school which is to be erected at Thurman, in the Seventh Township, was begun yesterday and will be rushed to completion just as rapidly as possible. This work was to have been started last week but the storm of September 3 caused some delay in securing material and the contractor could not take up the work at the time he had at first intended.

This school when completed, will be the only one of its kind in North Carolina. In the past the children of that township have been attending rural schools at different points of the township. This method has now been abandoned and as soon as the new building is completed they will be taught there.

Carriages will be secured and every morning these will make the rounds of the township securing the pupils and carrying them to school. At the close of the day's session they will be carried to their homes. This plan has been tried out in Western States and has proven entirely satisfactory.

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 Stallings, E. J. Land, James Smith, Allie Hardison and Joe Hardy.

Tickets for the performance Thursday night of "Mutt and Jeff" are now on sale at the Wood-Lane Drug Company's store on Middle street.

A SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION

"Mutt and Jeff" The Biggest Hit
Of The Season.

The best evidence a theatre manager can offer his patrons as to the actual merits of an entertainment that he is offering for your approval is undisputed facts concerning its success elsewhere. What is said here concerning the success of Gus Hill's production of Bud Fisher's great cartoon play "Mutt and Jeff" coming to the Masonic theatre, September 18, can easily be verified in the news columns of almost any newspaper. More than five hundred prominent newspapers throughout the country are running the clever Fisher cartoons daily. Millions of people open their morning paper at the "funny page" to see what new stunt "Mutt and Jeff" are up to. You can then imagine with what pleasure the people look forward to seeing these two funny fellows in real life, depicted by clever flesh and blood actors, who are physically fitted to properly portray every movement that Bud Fisher has conceived to be funny.

TRAIN MORE THAN ONE MILE LONG

WONDERFUL HOME OF BARNUM
AND BAILEY TRAVELS IN
FIVE SECTIONS.

When the Barnum and Bailey Greatest 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 lies spread out for a day's business it covers fourteen acres of ground. Over it waves a sea on 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 tableau floats, fairy chariots bearing the myths of childlore, richly draped howdahs engines of warfare, pagan images, Italian statuary, horse fairs, fairy carnivals, brass bands, barbarian orchestras, tom-tom players, weird pipers, silver chimes, cathedral organs, siren pipes, chanters, dervishers, castanet ballets, kirmis 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. Trueblood, of Elizabethtown, has been brought to a close. The services were well attended and during the week there were twelve additions to the church.

Mrs. Hugh Lancaster, of Bridgeton, who is seriously ill with an attack of typhoid fever, was brought to this city yesterday and placed in Stewart's sanatorium for treatment.

CAPT. DERRICKSON HOMeward BOUND

Skipper Of The Barge Berkes Is
On His Way To Philadel-
phia, 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 Currin, left New Bern on Monday, September 1, enroute to Philadelphia. In addition to the Berkes the Currin 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.

WILL BE GIVEN PRELIMINARY HEARING TODAY.

Hub Bynum, who was arrested near Maysville a few days ago by United States Deputy Marshall Samuel Lilly on a warrant charging him with retailing spirituous liquors without a government license and who has since that time been confined in the Craven county jail in default of bond for his appearance at a preliminary hearing, will be given a hearing before Commissioner C. B. Hill this morning.

During the past week the managers of the East Carolina Lumber Company, whose plant is located just across Trent river from New Bern, have had a force of men engaged in repairing the damage done to their plant by the storm and flood of September 3. This company suffered heavy losses during the storm.