

## CANDIDATES FOR IDENTIFICATION.

The Woman Murdered on Cutler Mountain May Have Been One Of Many.

### WAS SHE MRS. BESSIE BOUTON?

She Has Been Missing Since October—Her Sister Believes It Is She—Butte Puts in a Claim.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 26.—"The hair is the same color as that which I dressed for the representative of Dr. J. Parker Pray, who sold me a small bill of goods early in October last," said Mrs. H. R. Crooks, a hair dresser of this city, to a city detective today.

The answer was in reply to a question by the officer, who presented a lock of the hair taken from the body of the Mount Cutler murder victim, and has almost convinced the officers that they are able to solve the identity of the victim.

While the hair dresser does not know the name of the female drummer whose hair she dressed, it is believed that she is none other than Mrs. Bessie Bouton, daughter of Charles R. Kempler, 406 Avery avenue, Syracuse, N. Y., and a sister of Mrs. Charles R. Nelson of Santa Barbara, Cal., who is reported as missing since early in October.

A visit from some member of the family to this city is anxiously awaited by Chief Reynolds. The descriptions tally very closely and except minor details are the same.

It is learned that early in October a woman believed to be Mrs. Bessie Bouton called upon a number of druggists and hair dressers of this city as the representative of Dr. J. Parker Pray, manufacturing chemist, 15 East Twenty-third street, New York. She sold a small bill of goods to Mrs. Crooks and had her dressed while she was in the store. For this reason Mrs. Crooks expressed the opinion that she would recognize the color and texture of the hair if she saw it again. When the detectives showed her a lock of hair taken from the body she expressed the opinion that it was the same.

While selling the bill of goods it was arranged that they should be shipped within a case to the Robinson Drug company, but Mrs. Bouton has never called upon the latter firm for its order, nor has Mrs. Crooks received the goods she ordered.

The detectives have been unable to find anyone in the city who has seen Mrs. Bouton since that time, although she was expected to call on several druggists and had called upon others. While in the hair dressing store Mrs. Bouton did not remove her gloves and the hair dresser did not see her hands and could not tell if she wore jewelry of any kind.

No word has been received by Chief Reynolds from Syracuse, but today he received a telegram from Chief of Police James Ross of Santa Barbara, Cal., as follows:

"Mrs. Nelson of this city thinks the murdered woman to be her sister, who left here in August with Milton Franklin. Lives in Syracuse, N. Y. Wire description."

The request was complied with and a complete description was at once sent west.

An examination of every hotel register in the city and inquiry at the leading roominghouses patronized by tourists failed to shed any light on the matter. The name of Mrs. Bessie Bouton does not appear and it is now believed that she stayed here under another name. An examination is on foot in an effort to locate Milton Franklin.

**BESSIE BOUTON.**

Denver, Dec. 25.—The News today says: "Bessie Bouton, believed to be the young woman who was found on Cutler mountain with a bullet in her brain and her face burned beyond recognition,

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was a guest at the Albany hotel in this city from May 2 to May 13. This has been established by the hotel register. "She was accompanied by a man and the couple registered as G. Bouton and wife. Bouton became a familiar figure at sporting resorts and when he left Denver, some time in August, he told his intimates that he was going to Syracuse, N. Y.

"The woman who knew the Boutons best was Mrs. Mary Madison, a maid at the Albany. Mrs. Madison told Mrs. Madison that her folks came from Germany, that her parents lived in Syracuse, N. Y., and that her maiden name was Kempler.

"Chief Doty of the Albany, in speaking of the Boutons, said: 'Bouton said they were from New Orleans and they registered from there. The description of the murdered woman fits well with Mrs. Bouton, there being no real points of dissimilarity that I can now detect. During their stay at the Albany hotel, Bouton told me her mother was sick and that she must go back to Syracuse. He objected and they quarreled, but finally they compromised by sending a package to Syracuse.'

"Dr. Sherman Williams prescribed for both the Boutons while they were at the Albany. He had the following to say:

"When I saw that the murdered woman's name was Bouton, I at once read the description given of her, for I remembered two patients of that name whom I treated at the Albany hotel last summer. The description printed in the papers tallies closely with that of Mrs. Bouton. This woman had a good set of teeth, but there was much gold filling in them."

"All describe Bouton as a tall and muscular appearing man."

### HER SISTER MISSING.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Charles Nelson of this city, believes that the dead woman found near Colorado Springs, Colo., was her sister, Mrs. Bessie Bouton.

The main point upon which the conclusion is based is the peculiar nature of the dental work shown on the teeth of the dead woman. Other circumstances support this conclusion. She says Mrs. Bouton left Santa Barbara last August for Los Angeles, going thence to Denver.

It is said she traveled in company with two traveling salesmen, who said to have given her several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds.

### ANOTHER MURDER CLUE.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 26.—C. R. Kempler, this city believes that the girl found murdered on Cutler mountain, near Colorado Springs, is her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Bouton. She last heard of her daughter in October, when she was informed that she would leave Colorado Springs and go to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and reach Syracuse on Christmas. The description of the murdered woman fits Mrs. Bouton, the dentist being exact. Members of the family declare that if the dead woman proves to be Mrs. Bouton they know the man involved.

### BELIEVES IT IS HIS WIFE.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 26.—W. J. Bodno of Butte, a wealthy butcher, believes that the remains of a woman found dead on Cutler mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo., two weeks ago, were those of his wife, who eloped from here six weeks ago. About the time she left a former employee of the husband, who had been discharged, also disappeared. Bodno is now suing for divorce.

Upon leaving the woman drew \$1,300 from the bank and took it with her. She also took two small children. Bodno has made every effort to trace the latter, but without success. He and the missing woman had been to Colorado Springs and had often talked of the beauty of Cutler mountain. This and similarity of the dental work on the jaw of the corpse found to that done for his wife a few days before she fled, leads Bodno to believe his wife has been murdered. Bodno will go to Colorado Springs tonight.

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### A WANTON OUTRAGE.

Negro Church Celebration Party Fired Into by Unknown Parties.

Hanceville, Ala., Dec. 26.—While negroes were holding a Christmas celebration in a church at Stout's Mountain, a mining camp, a volley of shots was fired into the congregation from the outside. Rev. Clay, the pastor, and one of the negroes, were fatally, and another seriously, wounded. The shooting caused a panic. Later the dead body of Henry Jett, a white miner, was found near the church. It is supposed he was accidentally killed by one of his companions. John Jett and Ted Blackwell, both white miners, have been arrested in connection with the affair.

### Frick Buys Coal Lands.

Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—The purchase by the H. C. Frick Coke company of 1,000 acres of Connellsville coking coal land has just been confirmed. The Frick company is a subsidiary company of the United States Steel corporation and the property bought is said to be the last piece of coal land held by private individuals in the Connellsville region. The property lies near Uniontown, Pa., and the price paid is said to be \$1,000,000.

### Prosecution of Bulgarians.

Sofia, Dec. 26.—Reports from Adrianople indicate a recurrence of persecution against the Bulgarians. The Bulgarian government has notified the foreign representatives of the excesses and requested that they communicate with their respective governments, calling attention to the possible consequences and notifying them that Bulgaria declines to accept the responsibility.

### AMERICAN ATTACHES.

Arrive in St. Petersburg from Gen. Kuropatkin's Army.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Lieut.-Col. Walter S. Schuyler and Capt. Carl Richman, the United States military attaches with Gen. Kuropatkin's army, have arrived here, making the journey from Mukden to St. Petersburg in 24 days. After completing their formal calls they will leave immediately for Washington. Both officers have personally seen much fighting, having been present at the battles of Vafangou, Liao Yang and Shakhe. They express satisfaction with the treatment accorded them, but as they left the front under pledge not to reveal anything, they consider it would be improper to discuss the military situation.

### The General Fullerton Run Into.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—The bark General Fullerton, which arrived today from the Columbia river, in tow of the steamer Whittier, was run into by the Whittier on Dec. 25 and damaged to the extent of about \$1,000. The vessel was about eight miles south of the Columbia river, bucking a stiff southeaster. The hawser parted and when she tried to put another line aboard the Fullerton the Whittier's nose struck her. The Fullerton's guard planks were stove in and the woodwork in her cabin was much damaged.

### OREGON LAND FRAUDS.

Senator Mitchell May Appear Before Grand Jury.

Portland, Or., Dec. 26.—Senator Mitchell, and possibly Congressman Hermann, will have their much-desired opportunity of going before the United States grand jury and explaining away any charges that may have been made against them, tomorrow afternoon. Asst. United States District Atty. Hines, who is conducting the examinations before the grand jury, stated today that Senator Mitchell would be allowed to appear before that body in the afternoon. He did not know whether Congressman Hermann would or not.

The interest in the grand jury now centers around the nature of the charges against Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann. As yet, if any charges have been made, Mr. Hines refuses to state. It is not known what the charges against the legislators are, and they probably will not be known until after the session tomorrow afternoon.

## AGITATION FOR LIBERAL REFORMS

There is no Evidence of its Cessation Throughout the Russian Empire.

### M. WITTE AGAIN IN HIGH FAVOR

Moscow Social Revolutionary Party Condemns to Death Grand Duke Sergius and Police Master Treppoff.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—M. Witte seems again to be high in favor of the emperor and is almost a daily visitor at the Tsarskoe-Selo palace.

The zemstvos generally are increasing the budgets from 30 to 35 per cent in order to meet the increased demands of the Red Cross work for the relief of the reservists.

There seems to be no evidence of a cessation of the agitation in different parts of the country in favor of the liberal reforms. The situation is most acute in Moscow, where the university is closed and the students and other societies are in a constant state of ferment.

It develops that the social revolutionary party in Moscow before the demands of Dec. 18 and 19, issued a proclamation condemning to death Grand Duke Sergius and Police Master Treppoff, if during those demonstrations there should be a recurrence of "the police brutality which were witnessed in St. Petersburg."

Subsequently the students decided not only to cease attending school but demonstrate on the occasion of the burial of the victims of rioting of Dec. 18 and 19; to ally themselves with the labor movement and take up arms in their own defense. They also asked the professors of the university to back up their demands. As a result the latter obtained permission to make a searching inquiry into all the circumstances.

Gen. Kuropatkin, according to an interview with Prince Dolgoroukh, head of the Moscow Red Cross detachment at the front, has added his voice in favor of broader activity of the zemstvos. "This may be fraught with immediate significance later."

The reactionary Grushdinsk publishes a remarkable article against the bureaucracy, declaring that it was responsible for the French revolution, the fallen Roman empire and the decay of China, whereas Japan has retrograded because, while it overthrew the bureaucracy, it retained the principle of the sacred power of the sovereign. The paper expresses the hope that the bureaucracy is seeing its last days in Russia, and adds:

"Bureaucracy is more or less present in all countries except the United States, where the laws safeguard the liberties of the people to the fullest extent, giving equal opportunities."

The commission which is investigating the passport question has not yet taken up the subject of Jewish passports, either foreign or domestic, the whole matter having been temporarily postponed pending the decision of other points. Foreign passports, the commission says, shall be good for the period for which they are issued by foreign governments without requiring the holder, as now, to take out Russian passports at the end of six months.

### NEW YORK THEATRES.

With Many Changes Christmas Monday Was a Notable Day.

New York, Dec. 26.—With several openings and a number of changes of bills Christmas Monday was a notable day for the New York theater-goers. Edward Terry, the English actor, with a company from his native land, made his first appearance in this city at the Princess theater this afternoon in "The House of Burdette." At the Knickerbocker theater tonight Viola Allen entertained a big audience as Perdita in an elaborate production of "The Winter's Tale," while Maude came back to the Empire in an old favorite, "The Little Minister."

The New York inaugurated a new price scale, with seats running from 25 cents to \$1, with the production of "Home Folks." Fitz Scheff in light opera and the first two matinee productions of "Pussfoot" in grand opera were two of the other interesting events of the day.

Mr. Terry's play is an adaptation of George Mitchell's La Mancha. A large audience welcomed the star and his company, and he was repeatedly called before the curtain. Throughout the play the performers were given the heartiest commendation.

Cynthia Brooke, the leading woman, is an American, but has never acted in this country before, and she and Beatrice Terry, a niece of Ellen Terry, who is not a stranger to New York, were well received.

Crowded houses at the two performances in the New York theater today welcomed the presentation of "Home Folks," an American comedy by C. T. Dazey. "Home Folks" is of the type made familiar by "Old Kentucky," with the addition of a strong element of broad humor that kept the audience in laughter throughout the four acts. The action is laid in Illinois, soon after the close of the civil war, and there are many exciting as well as humorous scenes. William Ingersoll, as John Selby, a candidate for the legislature, and Crystal Heme had the leading parts.

One of the notable performances of the evening was Fritz Scheff's revival of the ever-charming "Ragtime," the first of a number of the better known light operas she will produce at the Broadway. She sang the role of Valdimir, which afforded room for the display of both her voice and her charm of manner, and was supported by an especially able company. Riching sang the tenor role of the war correspondent, and Louis Harrison was the reprobate pastor. The sprightly opera was finely mounted and its traditions maintained.

### Belasco's "Andrea" a Success.

Washington, Dec. 26.—"Andrea," the new tragic play by David Belasco, and John Luther Long, with Mrs. Leslie Carter in the title role, was given its first presentation on any stage in Convention Hall tonight before a brilliant audience that taxed the capacity of the newly-transformed theater. Among those in the audience were Secy. and Mrs. Morton, Admiral and Mrs. Dewey and Admiral Schley and many diplomats. The new play in its opening acts gave promise of equalling Belasco's best dramatic work. It was splendidly mounted.

### Moscow University Closed.

London, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the Russian university until Feb. 1 owing to recent disorders. According to the same source of information, during the riots at Razon, two railway bridges were blown up and an attempt was made to dynamite the statue of Alexander II, but only the steps were injured.

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