

the case. She lived with him as his wife and says that on the morning of the day he disappeared he went out about 10 o'clock to buy something for dinner. He never returned and all trace of him was lost. She went to the police suspecting foul play. Then she went before the grand jury and told her story there, and together we induced that body to permit us to look into a safety deposit box in the Utah National bank, which was supposed to contain a collection of very valuable diamonds. The box, we found, had previously been opened and its contents taken. All that was left when the grand jury visited the bank was a gold nugget pin and a few French coins. These were apparently overlooked by the murderer or some accomplice in a desire to get away in short order. The woman here gave up the case for a time and left this city the following spring. Where she went I do not know."

Hon. C. S. Varian, was United States Prosecuting attorney, at the time and said Saturday that he remembered in part the woman's story of the French man's disappearance. She went before the grand jury as narrated by Prof. Andre and with himself and the gentleman composing it visited the bank and forced open the deposit box which contained little or nothing of value.

It queries at the Utah National bank brought out the information that the deposit box once contained a goodly number of diamonds and gold coin. The coin, however, it seems to be distinctly remembered, was taken away by Chazel himself. It is also thought there that he removed the diamonds, but there is nothing conclusive on this point. Chazel frequently came to the bank and sometimes the deposit box had to be opened for him several times a day. One day he was heard to quarrel with some fellow countrymen in the bank and then leave the place hurriedly muttering all the while to himself, in his mother tongue.

In the event that it shall be proved the body is that of Chazel it will naturally be most interesting to know who the murderer is and how many persons were mixed up in the frightful affair. It is very patent that the assassin had an accomplice, perhaps two or three. The box in which the body was shipped was made by a mechanic. The zinc lining was evidently not put in by a novice. It seems to have been sealed by some one who understood the business. In what building was the murder committed and who was the expressman who hauled the corpse to the depot? These are all nuts for the police to crack. Some one should be able to speak as regards some of these essential points.

As to the first important particular as to who the murderer is, ex-Deputy Sheriff Leon of this city, himself a Frenchman, who mingled freely with the colony here at the time, says without any effort at equivocation that the murderer is a Frenchman named Jules, who was well known here as the paramour of the notorious French courtesan, who was burned to death in a south Temple street shack in 1892. Jules, he says, left Salt Lake the summer following Chazel's disappearance, going to Spokane, then to

Chicago and New York. From the latter place, Leon declares he went to Venezuela with a party of six of his countrywomen where he now is.

Leon, it is quite certain, knows as much, if not more, regarding the movements of Chazel and Mile. Rolande, than any other person, and his story will carry considerable weight with some people. It appears, however, that he himself went to the bank on two or three occasions and represented himself as being a cousin of the missing man and asking for particulars as to his valuables. It is interesting that he did this simply on the ground of being desirous of obtaining a clue that would lead to clearing up the mystery.

The expressman, according to the statements of a man named Riley, is now on the Pacific coast.

The records at the U. P. freight office show that the box in question was received at the freight sheds on February 7, 1893, from which it was shipped prepaid to Chicago. The waybill, No. 138, which is signed by one G. M. Morgan, sets forth that the case contained household goods, shipped at the owner's risk and released to \$5 per hundred weight in case of loss or damage. The box was waybilled to Chicago via the Chicago, Union Pacific & Northwestern line and left Salt Lake at 5 a. m. Feb. 8th, on train 22 in car number 41,131. Messrs. I. K. Young and F. O. Webb, who were at the time in the employ of the U. P. as freight clerk and assistant cashier respectively, recall the incident of the case in question but beyond the fact that the box was conveyed to the depot in an express wagon by two men, one presumably the expressman, the other a dark man of medium height who was in a very excitable condition and seemingly anxious to vacate the premises and board the outgoing train. They can give no further particulars that can be relied upon as a means of identification of either the expressman or his employer.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Harry Devere and Paul Marcel, who last night notified the police that they thought the body in the trunk which was received here from Salt Lake was that of Joanes Prosper Chazel, told Lieutenant Smith that Chazel was a native of Lyons, France. His parents were very wealthy.

In Salt Lake he lived in style with Mile. Rolande, and the two were very happy and contented. Chazel had between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in the Deseret National Bank of Salt Lake. Mile. Rolande, Devere says, spent months, with the assistance of Chazel's family, and the Salt Lake and Paris police, in trying to trace the missing man. As she knew of no reason for his leaving her voluntarily, she was convinced that he had been murdered, especially as a number of Frenchmen, friends of Chazel, disappeared about the same time. All her efforts were in vain. She could find no clue to his whereabouts, but she and the man's parents have continued to hope of some day unraveling the mystery. The money which Chazel left in the bank at Salt Lake remains in the vault of that institution, as it is said the officers refused to turn it over to any person but the original depositor until there was clear proof of the latter's death.

Devere and Mariot were old friends of the missing man and up to the time of his disappearance frequently corresponded with him. In a safety deposit box owned by Chazel, Mariot says, there was found, among other things, a necktie pin which he himself a short time before presented to him. On the day of his disappearance Mariot, then in Paris, received a letter from Chazel containing his compliments and stating that he would soon start for Paris. Only a few hours later the letter was followed by a telegram notifying him of the disappearance and asking that the aid of the Paris police be invoked. The foreign authorities took the matter up, but as the body of the man was never found, the ground for arresting the suspects remained insufficient. Chazel was about 36 years of age at the time of his disappearance. The two men will visit the morgue again today to try and identify the remains.

Dispatches received early this morning from Salt Lake say that the body may be that of Chazel, whose disappearance in February, 1893, caused much comment.

As soon as the evidence given by Devere and Mariot took on such an important aspect, Lieutenant Smith notified the authorities at the Central police station, and telegrams at once began to fly back and forth between Chicago and the European and Utah cities. Devere and Mariot also sent a cablegram to Mile. Rolande apprising her of the discovery.

Marcel is not a Chicago man, but is visiting here. Regarding the new phase of the case he had this to say:

"I feel convinced that we have virtually unravelled the mystery. The general facts which, as yet are all we possess, as such as to lead me to have no doubt about the identity of the dead man. If it turns out to be true, it will certainly cause no little thanksgiving on the part of his family and friends, as the matter remained in suspense ever since the disappearance of Chazel in Salt Lake three years ago. None of his best friends ever thought his disappearance was voluntary and Mile. Rolande felt convinced that she would some day get to the bottom of the crime in connection with her husband's departure. Today I think will bring us very near to the consummation of her hope."

CHICAGO, March 27.—Henry Devere and Paul Marcel appeared at the Armory police station tonight and said they believed the body in the Wakem and McLaughlin box is that of Joanes Prosper Chazel, who disappeared from Salt Lake city on Feb. 18, 1893. They have seen the body and feel reasonably certain it is that of Chazel who lived with a woman named Rolande, on Franklin avenue, Salt Lake City, up to February, 1893, at what number the Frenchmen do not remember. Chazel lived with Mile. Rolande as his wife, any the men who called at the police station tonight said she is now in Paris, France, where she went in the hope that she would be able to find some way to clear up the disappearance of Chazel.

Devere and Marcel both believe Chazel was murdered, and that the motive therefor was robbery, as the latter was quite well off and carried jewelry.