

been sold, some of it to unknown persons. Hermans, she says, also gave her three lady's hats which were hanging in his study. These were also the property of Miss Clausen. The expressman, who was up today—unknown—proves to be George Smith, a young fellow, the driver of express-wagon 119. Together with Mrs. Engleman's son he went to the preacher's after the trunk and guitar. This discovery completely disproves Hermans' story of having sent the trunk to Miss Clausen at her request and fastens on him a terrible responsibility.

Dr. Meacham was seen by a News representative this afternoon this afternoon regarding the result of his analysis of the stains upon the various articles found in the cellar. While he was not prepared to state that the stains were those caused by human blood, owing to the fact that during the long period that had elapsed since the perpetration of the deed, the blood corpuscles had become contracted, making it a hard matter to distinguish it from the blood of animals such as horses, dogs, etc. Nevertheless he emphatically pronounced the stains that he had examined upon the lower door of the furnace and upon the barrel found in the cellar to be undoubtedly bloodstains, beyond that he was prepared to give no further statement except that he would operate with a final test this evening upon the articles, including the smears on the paper.

Among the numerous relics that were unearthed today was a quantity of bloodstained religious tracts and various church and missionary literature, which although mislabeled to the extent that the type in places was illegible, bore evidence of having been used by the perpetrator of the deed to wipe his hands and clean his clothing; further a tin type likeness of police officer Larsen evidently taken several years ago was exhumed with a quantity of rubbish, bones, etc. The presence of the officer's likeness in such a place is accounted for on the grounds that he was a resident of the church building up to about ten months ago when he went elsewhere to live. It is thought Miss Clausen had the likeness given her while she was acting as a nurse to Larsen, while he was suffering from a spell of serious sickness and that the suspected murderer sought to destroy it with other effects of the unfortunate young woman.

On the occasion of Hermans' last visit here just prior to his departure on his alleged money raising tour, a meeting of local ministers was held, in which he was unfrocked and absolutely dismissed from his charge in the church, not for any reason of his impropriety with the missing girl, which fact had not at that date reached the ears of his co-workers, but solely from the fact that his church accounts were in such a deplorable state as to warrant the suspicion that there was a serious financial leakage for which the Rev. Hermans was responsible.

Miss Annie Samuelson disappeared January 28 or 29 last. It seems to have been demonstrated beyond any question of doubt that Hermans had been criminally intimate with her and that he had committed an abortion on her early in the month stated. Whatever became of her it seems cer-

tain that she was not cremated and that she was not buried in the basement. A singular circumstance is that a few days before her disappearance Hermans had a large lumber box made at the yards of Taylor, Romney & Armstrong, which he had sent to the church and for which he paid \$4.75. The officers think the preacher may have done precisely what the murderers of Chazal did when they shopped his body to Chicago. However, it may transpire that the box incident may be satisfactorily explained. On the morning of January 29 John Hansen, the ex-Methodist minister, declares that he met Hermans in the church at a very early hour. The pastor seemed mentally disturbed and he was perspiring freely. Hansen thought it strange that he should be stirring so early and that he should be so troubled and questioned him concerning it. He explained matters by saying that he had been to the depot with Miss Samuelson, who left for Ogden on the Union Pacific train. The officers this afternoon are endeavoring to clear up the box mystery.

A strong effort will be made to have Governor Wells offer a big reward for the bringing of Hermans to justice. His whereabouts are totally unknown, but as he is an educated, reading man it is almost certain that he has by this time seen in print the terrible charges against him. Were the evidence against him overwhelming the officers argue that he would have telegraphed his willingness to return and demand an investigation.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MAY 26.

Where is the Rev. Francis Hermans, the alleged slayer and incinerator of Miss Henrietta Clausen? Will the Governor offer a reward for his apprehension? In the event that he does will he ever be run down and brought to justice? If he is innocent of the appalling crimes with which he stands charged, why does he not telegraph his friends to that effect in this city? These and numerous other kindred questions array themselves in conspicuous forms in the minds of the officers who are at work on the case.

The dispatch from Chicago to the News today created a flurry among the police. The announcement that he was seen in the Windy city on Saturday last seemed to bring them nearer to the now thoroughly notorious suspect than any time since the bringing to light of the atrocious church crimes. If not nearer as to distance, at least so with reference to time. Chief Pratt inclined to the opinion that the dispatch was correct. Hermans, he said, has many friends in Chicago. The Rev. Mr. Mork says he has a few but adds that they do not live in that portion of the World's fair city where he is said to have been seen which was in the far south, near the stock yards. Hermans' friends, he states, reside principally in the western part of the city. The officers now assert openly and everywhere that there is no longer any shadow of doubt that Hermans is the murderer of Miss Clausen. They say that never before have they been able to forge so complete and strong a chain of circum-

stantial evidence in any case of great concern as in this. Now they are directing their efforts to discover, if possible, what became of Annie K. Samuelson. It is no longer thought that her remains repose under or about the church basement. Whatever her fate was it is certain that it was not the same as that of her baptist predecessor in sharing the minister's affection. The disappearance of her trunk; the purchase of the big wooden box a few days before she was last seen by her friends; the fact that there was only one fire built in the furnace by Hermans, all point to the correctness of this conclusion. It is believed that a clue to the whereabouts of Miss Samuelson's trunk as well as that of Miss Clausen has reached the officers. But as yet they are not disposed to be talkative on that point.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Rev. Francis Hermans, the Salt Lake preacher wanted in that city, was in Chicago last Saturday and is believed to be here still. On Saturday evening a travel-stained man carrying a grip and answering the description of Hermans was seen on the corner of Sixty-fourth street and Stony Island avenue. He inquired as to the direction taken by car lines in that section of the city.

The Rev. Mr. Mork, presiding Elder of the Scandinavian Methodist church in Utah, returned from his home in Brigham City on this morning's train, after an absence from the capital of two days. While at home he unearthed other matters of a damaging character to the suspected preacher. Before Hermans took his final departure for eastern haunts he visited Rev. Mork and wife at Brigham City, where he was their guest for a day or two. His work being of the same kind as their own, they were all on friendly terms. He talked over the death of the last Mrs. Hermans, whom the Morks also knew. He was anxious, he said, that Mrs. Mork should have some article or articles of remembrance from her and in order that this wish on his part should be realized he had brought with him from Salt Lake a little box or package of handkerchiefs that had belonged to his departed wife. These he wanted Mrs. Mork to accept. It seems, however, that the bundle was not opened until Sunday last. Then came a surprise in the shape of a kerchief bearing the initials, in one corner, "A. K. S.," which were the initials of Miss Samuelson, the girl who disappeared on January 28th or 29th last. Now it is thought that all of them may have been her property and that the pathetic dead-wife memento story was one of the preacher's many inventions. It is believed that he overlooked the handkerchief bearing the initials—that he was totally ignorant of it being among the rest.

A noteworthy incident that may indicate the trend of Pastor Hermans' thought on matters of articulation came to light last evening from Detective George Sheets through Detective Janney. Sheets who has been confined to his bed for some time past on account of sickness told Janney that several months ago—he cannot remember the exact date, Hermans walked into H. W. Fuller's pawn shop on Second South street, while he (Sheets) was present and asked the