

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

MURDERED NURSE.

SENSATIONAL TRAIN OUTRAGE NEAR LEWES.

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.] Disfigured, unconscious, and soaked in blood from a gaping wound in the head, an elderly woman, Miss Florence Nightingale Shore, was found in a dying condition at Bexhill on a train bound from Victoria to St. Leonards.

Age about twenty-eight, slight build; 5 ft. 7 in. in height; clean shaven; dressed in a grey mixture or brown suit and trilby hat, without overcoat, and without luggage.

Miss Shore, who served for five years as a war nurse in France, was taken to the East Sussex Hospital at Hastings, where she died on Friday evening without having regained consciousness.

She has a severe lacerated wound on the left side of the skull, and when she was found unconscious in the train blood was streaming from that wound down her face.

When Miss Shore left Victoria by the 3.20 train intending to visit another friend at St. Leonards, she was accompanied to the London, Brighton and South Coast Station by Miss Rogers, the matron of Carnforth Lodge, and was seen by her to take a seat in a third-class non-smoking compartment at the rear of the train.

Miss Rogers took a seat temporarily in the carriage. A young man also entered and seated himself on the opposite side of the compartment. When Miss Rogers alighted from the train to the platform before the start, this young man offered to open the door.

It was then unoccupied, except by Miss Shore, who was in the corner in a sitting posture, and the railwaymen did not notice anything suspicious in her appearance. She was quite still, and her eyes were said to be blinking.

It was not until the train reached Bexhill that a stranger entering the compartment noticed that something was wrong. There were no signs of a struggle at first glance, and the position of the woman suggested that she had been deliberately placed after the attack with the object of avoiding suspicion.

Present information points to the theory between London and Lewes, and it is affirmed that during the journey Miss Shore and the young man were the only occupants of the compartment. The railway ticket, a necklace, and the money Miss Shore had in her possession are understood to be missing, but outrage, rather than robbery, is considered a probable motive for the murderous crime.

MAN DETAINED. A man who is said to answer in some particulars to the description of Miss Shore's assailant was detained by the police at Dover on Sunday.

Suspicion was aroused by an informality in the passport which he was carrying.

The man, it is understood, had travelled down from London with the intention of proceeding to Ostend, but is said to have broken his journey on the way down at Canterbury.

TOSSED BY MAD COW. MAN KILLED WHEN GOING TO REPORT "WELL."

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.] The irony of fate has had a tragic demonstration at Burton-on-Trent. A man named Morrice, aged sixty-seven, had just recovered from an operation, and was on his way to the doctor to obtain a certificate of fitness.

LEICESTER MAN'S FRENZY. RAZOR ATTACK ON WIFE FOLLOWED BY SUICIDE.

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.] Living apart from his wife, a collar made a frenzied attack upon the woman with a razor and then inflicted fatal injuries on himself. The shocking affair occurred at Leicester, and the man, James Peace, fifty-eight, expired while being conveyed to the infirmary in an ambulance.

When the police went to the woman's house they found the door locked, but forced an entrance, and in a room upstairs found Peace on a bed with his throat badly cut.

STABBED AFTER WEDDING. BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM IN THE SAME HOSPITAL.

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.] A woman, described as Florence Hooker, a native of Bath, is lying in a Chestnut hospital with a serious wound in her throat received within about twenty-four hours of going to the altar. In the same institution lies the man she married, suffering from a similar injury.

The couple went through the marriage ceremony in Bath on January 15, and went to Chestnut, the following day. They were apparently quite happy when they hired a taxicab in the evening for a moonlight drive to St. Arvans, a secluded spot about two miles away.

Within a short period some men in the village reading-room heard the sound of screams, and running to the spot found the woman lying on the ground. She had a wound in her throat, from which blood was flowing profusely. It had grown quite dark at the time, and nothing could be seen of the man.

The man was removed to the police station and thence to hospital, and search was made for the woman. He was found about midnight, similarly wounded, in a field and removed to the same hospital.

The couple are said to have become acquainted about six years ago. The man corresponded with the woman regularly while he was in India. Since he was demobilized, just before last Christmas, he has lived in Chestnut, but paid frequent visits to Bath.

BRUTAL CRIME. CHELSEA LANDLADY MURDERED IN A BEER CELLAR.

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.] The manageress of a Chelsea public-house, in which she lived alone, was found in the cellar early on Sunday morning in circumstances which suggested that she had been murdered.

While on his beat at 12.40 a.m. a policeman saw this victim of smoke coming from a grating in front of the Cross Keys public-house in Lawrence-street, Chayne-walk, within a stone's throw of Chelsea Old Church.

Doctors were sent for. The body was still warm when they arrived, and artificial respiration was tried, but without success.

It was then discovered that death was caused, not by burns, but from wounds. There were wounds about the body and the head, and the medical opinion was that they were of such a serious nature that they could not have been inflicted by the woman herself, nor could they have been caused by falling down the cellar steps.

At 10 o'clock the previous night she had closed the bars and said good-night to her customers. Mrs. Barford, who lives in some tenement buildings opposite, informed a porter that she was one of the last to leave. The hostess seemed in the best of spirits.

WOMAN'S TWO PETS. Mrs. Buxton, it was said, was never at any time communicative. As a landlady she was very popular with her customers.

At Christmas time, according to neighbours, Mrs. Buxton was robbed of some jewellery. Her customers often told her that it was dangerous for her to live alone in the building.

What happened between 10 o'clock on Saturday night and 12.40 Sunday morning? Mrs. Buxton did not go to bed, but she had had her supper. The construction of the building would render it easy for anyone to conceal himself inside before the closing of the house.

AN EASY HIDING-PLACE. The cellar in which the body was found is reached by a spiral staircase of about fifteen steps from the saloon bar.

Inside the entrance to the saloon bar are the stairs leading up to the top rooms and Mrs. Buxton's bedroom. On the first floor is a large room used for club meetings.

Owing to the position of the stairway at the entrance to the saloon bar it would be quite feasible for anyone to gain entrance to the upstairs rooms without being observed, but as far as is known, no one remained in the bars.

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