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STILL PROBING MYSTERY OF WHOLESALE DEATHS

John M. Killin Tells Thrilling Story of Awful Disaster---One More Dead Body Recovered and Identified---Search Continues

ONE WOMAN YET REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED

Identified dead	79
Unidentified	1
Known missing	15
Reported missing	13
Total	107

One body, that of Harold B. Page of Denver, was found yesterday. Another is reported to have been found ten miles down the Arkansas river by a Mexican.

The woman at West Bros. & Whitton's has not yet been identified.

A number of changes have taken place in the missing lists. Those known missing have been diminished by two, one by the finding and identification of Harold Page and the other by the uncertainty introduced by a report that Daniel Alley (colored) of Pueblo, had been seen in Colorado Springs. Not much credence is placed in the latter report, as Alley was seen to get on the train at Colorado Springs and as he has two children in this city whom he would have quickly notified of his safety.

The list of reported missing has been diminished by Rev. G. W. Wilkinson (colored) of Canon City who has sent word that he is safe; by a report from Denver Mr Gartland lost four instead of five children in the wreck, and that the baby inquired for was not his; and by the removal of Frank Wilson (colored). No inquiries have come in concerning the last named since those first made and it is thought he is the same as the Rev. Wilkinson.

Word was received that Mrs. Sofia Gilchrist was at North Platte, Neb., and that she had not started for Pueblo as supposed. She was on the list of known missing, owing to the persistence of inquiries made by her friends during the entire week.

Until yesterday not even her initials were known. When two interested newspaper men inspected the body, the rings, which had not been taken from her hands, were inspected and the letters "J. H. S." were found engraved in a plain gold band, almost certainly a wedding ring. By queer coincidence those for whom the body has been taken in three cases family names beginning with the letter "S" although the other letters have not agreed. Miss Jennie Sharpless of South Bend, Ind., Mrs. L. E. Stevens, of Northampton, Mass., and Miss Florilla Stevens of Denver have all been for a time identified in the body, and that without knowing the inscription on the ring. Another corpse was later identified as belonging to Mrs. L. E. Stevens, who lost her life in the wreck. The other two women are both alive. Miss Sharpless has been located at Cheyenne canon and Miss Florilla Stevens at Boulder.

From a careful examination of the body and of her rings a number of facts can be assumed. She wore two plain gold band rings of the kind used for wedding rings. The one on which the initials are engraved is on the third finger with other rings worn on the same finger. The ring has been so narrowed that the tops and bottoms of the initials are well cut away. It looks like a wedding ring worn some twenty-five or thirty years. That it was worn on the left hand can be explained by the presence of the other wedding ring on the finger where these are always worn. The latter is comparatively new, quite massive, and appears to be the token of a second marriage.

The examination of a physician revealed that the unknown woman had been a mother of children, that they are alive have probably reached their maturity.

The woman in life stood five feet eight inches tall. She was slender, well proportioned, somewhat thin in her advancing age, and would probably weigh 125 pounds. She has plentiful black hair, quite gray in front above the brow, dark brown, plentifully streaked with gray on the back of the head. It is pressed in pompadour fashion, combed back in a natural fashion from the forehead. The undertaker has dressed it in exactly the same fashion as found. The face looks refined and intelligent in age, and must have been very pretty in youth. The features are nearly regular, the brow is of average height and neatly rounded, the eyes light, the nose almost Grecian in delicacy and slightly aquiline, the mouth is small with what must have been shapely lips. The chin is a trifle receding.

The teeth may give an excellent means of identification. The teeth on the right are immediately back of the "eye" tooth, known to physicians as the first bicuspid, is of gold, the corresponding tooth in the upper jaw on the other side is missing. All the other teeth are regular and sound.

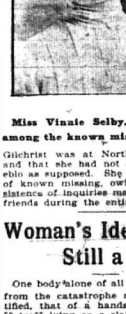
With the exception of a single vaccination mark on the left arm there is not a distinctive mark on the body. The hands are of good size but well shaped. A No. 6 A shoe was worn of black enameled leather.

She wore five rings when discovered: three on the third finger of her left hand and two on the third finger of her right. Aside from the two wedding rings already mentioned the most distinctive is one made from a gold coin, the center of which is cut out to fit the fingers. The milled edges of the coin are still sharp and deep, showing that the ring had not long been worn. The metal of a gold coin is very pure and soft; it would wear rapidly on the hand. This peculiar ring was worn with the heavy band ring on the right hand. Of the other two there is one ring set with two opals, each about the size of a No. 4 shot or of a small pea, between which are two tiny diamonds. The other is a thin chased gold band about ¼ inch wide. She wore a pair of diamond ear-rings, with stones ¼-carat in size.

The wearing apparel has been mixed up with that removed from other bodies, with the exception of a dark blue openwork stock collar. To this was found attached an Epworth League pin, of gold with center of white enamel. This letter symbol has enlisted the interest of the Epworth League membership of this city, and they have determined to discover the identity of the body.

The expression of the features is peaceful and resigned. Something indicates that there was a vision of this coming death, but that its approach was met with resignation.

The mystery can not last much longer. One so refined and bearing so many evidences of good family is sure to be sought shortly and to be located in this vicinity.



Miss Vinnie Selby, who is still among the known missing.

Woman's Identity Still a Mystery

One body alone of all those recovered from the catastrophe remains unidentified, that of a handsome woman of 50 to 60—lying on a slab at the undertaking rooms of West Bros. & Whiton. Evidently of refined connection, almost certainly having friends and relatives, probably sons and daughters, none have appeared to claim her. It is certain that the body is not one of those known or reported to be among the missing. It is a mystery, that it has been expected to be solved hourly, yet a week has passed, and the veil has not been drawn aside.

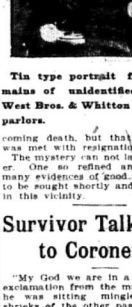
Unknown Identified

The body of the unknown woman at West Bros. & Whiton's was identified at 2 o'clock this morning as Mrs. Hattie Steffey of Alliance, O. Her son, Norman Steffey of Detroit, Mich., and a friend, R. H. Smith of Alliance, arrived early this morning and immediately made the identification. They were taken to the undertakers by Sheriff Beaman, who furnished the original information that enabled the son to locate the mother.

Survivor Talks to Coroner's Jury

"My God we are in a wreck." This exclamation from the man with whom he was sitting mingled with the shrieks of the other passengers in the coach, the lurching of the car forward and downward, a flash of lighting revealing the water rushing into the car and last the stiffled gurgle of the passengers as the rushing torrent engulfed them. These are the incidents which impressed themselves on the mind of John M. Killin at bridge 110-b Sunday evening as told before the coroner's jury yesterday afternoon.

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Tin type portrait found on remains of unidentified woman at West Bros. & Whitton undertaking parlors.

INDIAN CHIEFS

Are Rapidly Retiring Into the Background

THE SUNDAY CHIEFTAIN

However, is rapidly forging to the front, it is

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Journalistically speaking in the Rocky Mountain region—and then some.

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