

# MUCH PROOF OF MURDER

## MOUNT HOLLY STILL EXCITED BY ITS MYSTERY.

THE WOMAN BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM NEW-YORK AND TO HAVE RELATIVES HERE.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Aug. 9.—The murderers of the Nehrwein woman have not yet been found. The people living in the vicinity of the tragedy are now satisfied that the girl whose decomposed body was found in the pines near Atsion, on the New-Jersey Southern Railroad, did not die from exposure. It is asserted that she was the victim of foul play, and was not only killed, but assaulted and robbed.

The action of Coroner Carr in not empaneling a jury and holding an inquest when he was notified of the finding of the body has called forth expressions of indignation from all over the county. Several lawyers say he was derelict, as the law requires an inquest to be held on all persons who die unattended by a physician for a given time. When the Coroner viewed the body Dr. Braddock, of Medford, made an examination of the head to see if the skull had been crushed. Finding no fracture, he went no further in the examination.

Everything in the vicinity pointed to violence. The girl was lying on her back with her clothing torn and disarranged. Articles of wearing apparel were strewn around the ground for some distance, and her hat was found, 20 yards from the body, lying under a tree. The grass was trodden down, and the twigs and bushes showed that a fierce struggle for life had taken place. The spot chosen for the commission of the crime was not selected by chance. Evidently some one acquainted with the neighborhood had waited for an opportunity to murder the girl. The nearest house is two miles away. No screams could be heard. The railroad is a branch of the main line not much frequented. Sometimes a week would pass without a pedestrian passing. Concealed by a dense growth of pines and underbrush that lines both sides of the railroad for miles, there was but little chance of an eye witness telling the terrible story.

When the murdered girl stood on the platform of the little station at Elm, three weeks ago, she said she wanted to go to New-York. There was no train from that station that night, and H. C. Peters, the section boss, informed her she could get a train at Atsion. Mr. Peters was going down on his hand car, and invited the woman to accompany him. By the time they reached Atsion the train had gone. On the way down from Elm station the woman talked rationally and intelligently to Mr. Peters, but refused to tell when or how she got to Elm station. A freight train leaves Atsion in the evening and the woman asked permission of the conductor to ride in the caboose, offering to pay her fare. As the rules of the road did not allow passengers to be carried on freight trains, permission was refused. Some one on the platform spoke to the girl and she became frightened and ran off up the railroad. This was the last seen of the woman at Atsion. While she was at the station it was noticed that she carried a watch and wore a pair of gold or plated earrings and a scarf pin with a heart surmounted by a cross set in the centre fastened to the throat of her jersey. She also had some money—how much is not known.

When Coroner Carr examined the body nothing of any value was found. The pocket of her dress was empty, she had no rings in her ears, and no watch was found. The key to her sachel was missing and its contents were scattered in different places.

Mrs. Susan Weiler, of 160 First-avenue, this city, had her memory refreshed on Monday evening by a call from Mrs. Peter Bernhardt, a sister of Kate Nehrwein, who is supposed to be the woman whose death near Mount Holly has excited so much comment. Mrs. Bernhardt reminded Mrs. Weiler that Kate joined the society, the name of which appeared upon the card found among the dead woman's effects as early as 1862. Mrs. Weiler's connection with the society having ceased 10 years since, it is not to be wondered at that she had forgotten the fact of Kate Nehrwein's having been a member of it.

Early yesterday morning Mrs. Bernhardt and Jacob Nehrwein, one of the brothers of Kate, went to Mount Holly to see if they could identify the remains. Up to a late hour last night nothing had been heard of the result of their visit, although they had promised to communicate with John Nehrwein, another brother, who lives with his wife at 96 Avenue B. The latter has no doubt that the body of the woman found at Mount Holly is that of his missing sister, Katie Nehrwein.

The last he heard of Kate was about a year ago. At that time she was living with an Irish family on Jersey City Heights. Suddenly she abandoned her position without giving her relatives any notice of her intentions, and since then her whereabouts have remained a mystery. John Nehrwein is almost positive that the dead woman is his sister, because the peculiar behavior attributed to her by those who saw her in the vicinity of the spot where she met her death corresponds exactly with the fact that for a long time previous to her taking service with the Jersey City family Katie had been subject to attacks of temporary insanity due to an enfeebled constitution. Eight years ago these frequently recurring attacks made it necessary to send her to St. Francis Hospital, where she remained for some time.

Kate was about 52 years old, and had never been married. She, however, looked young for her years. There was a wart over one of her eyes and one or more cuts in one of the ears, worn out by earrings. She had a round face, dark complexion, and small, even teeth.