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TRACING HIS STEPS

The Man Wanted for Montgomery
County Murder Still at Large.

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and Taken to Rockville.

LOCAL POLICE ARE ACTIVE

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

BOYD'S, Md., May 15.—Mrs. Rosenstein, the second victim of the murder near Boyd's, in Montgomery county, is in a dying condition at the hospital here. There is no hope of her recovery.

ONE VICTIM DEAD.

Excitement in Montgomery County Over Rosenstein Murders.

Correspondence of The Evening Star.

BOYD'S, Md., May 14, 1899.

The suspected murderer of the Rosensteins, who boarded an east-bound train here at 8:20 Saturday morning with a pair of new number 10 shoes under his arm, made an exchange of shoes on board the train below Germantown station and threw the shoes from the train that he had stolen from the victims' store, and they were found yesterday afternoon and turned over

to Sheriff Horton G. Thompson, who brought them to the scene of the murder last night. They were identified as the shoes from this store. It is agreed that the crime was a well-planned affair, as the murderer called Rosenstein from his bed under the pretense of buying a pair of shoes, and when he came down to wait on him and turned his back on the murderer he dealt him one crushing blow on the side of the head and followed it with other blows.

His wife, hearing the struggle, made an attempt to come down from her room, when she was met by the negro who struck her and felled her to the floor. There is a strong suspicion that this man had accomplices, and suspicion points to John Alfred Brown and his common-law wife, Nellie Turner, who were Saturday night arrested by Sheriff Thompson and committed to Rockville jail through the information furnished by The Star correspondent.

It appears that the murderer, Brown, alias Taylor, is a relative of John Brown, and has been stopping with him since Wednesday last. And it is claimed there that he made threats against the people attacked and asked John to awaken him early in the morning. Brown's wife states that her husband overslept himself, and that Humphrey called him to account for not calling him as promised. Humphrey left the house about 4:30 a.m., and as it is only a distance of 300 yards to the scene of the tragedy from this house, it took but a short space of time to reach there.

Citizens Excited.

Great excitement prevails in the neighborhood today and groups of people from all parts of the county are coming in, discussing the crime, expressing hope of catching the murderer and swearing swift vengeance. The crowd seems to be quiet on the outer surface, but there is no doubt a strong undercurrent working, and it would be an easy task to throw it into a state of frenzy. Women, as well as men, are loud in denunciation of the crime and the perpetrators. A sad gloom prevails over the entire community. The Rosenstein family moved to Sidedell about six or seven years ago and have been known as thrifty re-brews. Boyd's is their regular station from

which they ship and get shipments of goods from Washington, Frederick and Baltimore, and they are well known throughout this section of the county.

Evidence Found.

Last night a searching party found the watch and keys that were taken in the woods back of the store, and also the boots of the negro that he wore during his work of murder. Today the undershirt was found in the woods about half a mile from the scene of the murder.

In his hurry to discard this garment the wearer tore it in half and also tore off the wristbands, that are supposed to have been stained with blood spots. In a close examination of the shirt where it was unbuttoned stains of blood from the hands were visible. The rod with which the murderer committed the deed was found by Jno. W. Williams at Boyd's, and is in his possession. It presents a ghastly sight, stained with blood. It has the appearance of once having been used as a drill, and where it had been struck with a hammer the end had been mashed down and flattened out, making sharp, jagged edges around the rod, which inflicted the rough and ragged cuts in the victims' heads.

Money in the House.

It was said today by Abe Goldstein, a close friend of the Rosensteins, who visited the store every Saturday for family devotion, that Louis made a confidant of him, and that he told him that he had the sum of five hundred or more dollars saved up, and that as he never used the banks he supposed he kept it in the house. As he no doubt had accumulated some money since then, the murderer probably secured \$500. Among the money missing are several gold pieces. There are also some pieces of clothing missing from the store. The checks that were in the pocketbooks, to the amount of nearly fifty dollars, were carelessly thrown aside by the murderer, and also the jewel box was left untouched, he evidently wanting nothing of such an incriminating character on his person.

Taken to Baltimore.

Medical aid to the victims was rendered by Drs. J. H. Stonestreet of Barnesville and J. E. Deets of Clarksburg, but they were convinced that there was no hope for recovery. Relatives from Baltimore came to take charge of the victims, and they decided to remove them to the Maryland University Hospital in Baltimore, which was done by a late train Saturday night. This afternoon a message was received from Moses, brother of Louis Rosenstein, that there was no hope for either of them, and when the contents of the telegram became known in the neighborhood the supposed peaceful-looking crowds of men were loud in their denunciation of the murderer.

Benjamin Vermillion, an engineer on train 60, B. and O., westbound, that left Washington at 7:05 o'clock Saturday night, says that he saw a negro answering the description of the murderer sitting under an overhead bridge along the B. and O. tracks near Stott's station, who made an effort while the train passed to cover his face by throwing his head between his knees. He was counting money at the time, but Vermillion's description does not compare with that of the man who committed the deed.

Suspected Accomplice.

Today in an interview with a young man by the name of Thomas Knott, near Sidedell, the scene of the tragedy, Knott says he was working in the woods with John Alfred Brown, one of the suspected accomplices, and that Brown had arrived at work later than usual, and gave the light rap that had fallen about 4:30 or 5 o'clock as his reason. While working there at the hour of 10 o'clock the day of the crime Virgie Knott, his sister, appeared and called to her brother that Louis Rosenstein and wife were murdered, and John was all attention and told the young girl that "it wasn't and couldn't be so." The girl replied that it was. He then piled her with

questions, asking her if they were alive. She said, "Yes, but unconscious." He then said, "My God! S'pose that man would come to his senses! He would as lief say John Brown did it as not." He asked to be let off from his work, but young Knott would not consent to it on account of heavy work to be done.

John appeared greatly excited and agitated all the afternoon. He was told by young Knott that he would be a prime witness in the case on account of the murderer making his home his headquarters. He replied, saying "that he would not be there to testify against any one." Toward night, when the pocket book and keys were found, John said that he saw Humphrey go in the woods where the articles were found. Previous to this he feigned ignorance of the murderer's whereabouts. On the morning of the tragedy, on account of the eagerness of Brown's wife to implicate Humphrey Brown, alias Taylor, with the murder, and suspicious actions and the conflicting statements of John Brown, it was decided to place them under arrest. It is said tonight that the two children that were left behind by the Brown family, uncared for, made their way to Garrett Linthicum's, a farm house nearby, and are staying there for the present. Linthicum is only too willing to get rid of his charges.

It is reported that they told some one there that their mother, father and Brown, the murderer, left the house some time during the dark, and did not return until daylight. Their ages are four and six years. At this time this rumor cannot be confirmed. Sheriff Thompson and deputies were working at Forest Glen today, seeking traces of the fleeing murderer, but were unable to trace him further than a store there, where he made a purchase.

One Death.

A message was received from Moses Rosenstein, a brother of the murdered man, who is in Baltimore, at a late hour tonight, saying: "Louis Rosenstein died at 6:20 p.m. Kindly protect property. Expect robbers will attempt to enter there again tonight." Important developments are expected, and mutterings and threats are heard on all sides against the parties involved. As soon as the message announcing the death of Rosenstein was announced the people became highly excited. The women of the neighborhood are as loud in their denunciation of this terrible crime and the perpetrators as the men, and it can hardly be said what may be done in the next twenty-four hours.

ON THE LOOKOUT.

Local Police Watching for the Montgomery County Murderer.

The police authorities of this city and Baltimore interested themselves in the case as soon as they learned of the horrible crime. It was fully six hours after the murder had been perpetrated when the news reached here. During yesterday the police overhauled a number of suspects, one man falling in the hands of three different officers. Throughout the county the mounted officers made strenuous efforts to discover the murderer. They searched woods and inquired for strange colored men, and while several unknown persons were found, none of them tallied with the description of "Buck" Taylor. Freight trains were closely watched, and frequent visits were made to places known as resting places for tramps, but no trace of the fugitive was disclosed.

This morning about 2 o'clock the policemen on duty near the west end of the Navy Yard tunnel were informed that a colored man answering the description of Taylor had been seen on a train going to Baltimore. The officers had the operator on duty at the tunnel station notify the Baltimore authorities. When the train reached Baltimore the colored man was found sequestered in a freight car. He was placed under arrest and taken to the central station. Sheriff Thompson was notified of the arrest, and he went to see the prisoner. This afternoon Inspector Boardman had received no definite information concerning the man's identity, and he believes the man under arrest is not the murderer.

Late this afternoon Sheriff Thompson called at police headquarters and saw Inspector Boardman. He was just from Baltimore, and he reported that the colored man arrested in Baltimore is not Taylor. Sheriff Thompson told a Star reporter he was confident the murderer will be captured. The sheriff was told that a colored man answering the description of Taylor was reported to have boarded an electric car on the Great Falls line about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The man, it is reported, left the car some distance up the road and inquired the way to the Chain bridge.

So far as the local authorities are concerned, they have heard nothing of the whereabouts of Taylor since he purchased a pie in a store at Forest Glen Saturday. It was learned this afternoon that there is a colored woman living near Leesburg, Va., in whom he is interested. The statement was made that he had told friends last week that he was going there to get the woman, and if she would not live with him he said he intended to kill her. As many criminals are caught seeking shelter of such friends, the police think it probable that he has gone across the country, and he may cross the river at one of the bridges, or make his way up as far as White's or Edwards' ferries. It was also learned that his grandfather lives in Frederick county, Md., and he may have gone there, as he had stated he intended to pay a visit to the house of his grandfather.