

ACCUSED OF TEN MURDERS

The List of Holmes's Supposed Victims Grows Daily.

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More Evidence of Guilt Found in the Chicago Cellar—The Janitor and His Wife Closely Questioned.

CHICAGO, July 25.—It is regarded as a rather uneventful day in police circles when the name of H. H. Holmes is not connected with the mysterious disappearance of one or more persons who were last seen in his company. Detectives who are thoroughly conversant with the Holmes case now believe that the self-confessed insurance swindler has been guilty of at least ten murders, and name the following as his victims:

- CIGRAUD, Miss, of Indiana, who was associated with Holmes for six months.
- CONNOR, —, daughter of I. L. Connor.
- CONNOR, Mrs. I. L., who left her husband for Holmes.
- DURKY, KATE, a girl whose life Holmes insured.
- PIETZEL, ALICE, found murdered at Toronto.
- PIETZEL, B. F., found dead in Philadelphia; for securing the insurance on Pietzel's life, on his confession that he had substituted a body for that of Pietzel, Holmes was convicted of fraud and is now awaiting sentence.
- PIETZEL, NETTIE, found murdered at Toronto.
- PIETZEL, HOWARD, last seen with Holmes at Indianapolis Oct. 21, 1894.
- QUINLAN, CORA, aged eleven, daughter of Janitor Quinlan; Holmes had her life insured for \$1,000.
- WILLIAMS, ANNIE, Holmes's stenographer and mistress.
- WILLIAMS, MINNIE, sister of Annie; Holmes says she was killed by Annie in a fit of jealousy and that he put her body in a trunk and sunk it in Lake Michigan.

The names of Miss Cigrand, Cora Quinlan, and Kate Durky have been added to the list of Holmes's supposed victims within the last forty-eight hours. Patrick Quinlan, a former janitor at the Holmes house, Sixty-third and Wallace Streets, was in the "sweat box" at Police Headquarters last night for several hours. Holmes, he said, first told him Mrs. Connor had gone to the North Side, to remain a few weeks, and he afterward said she had gone to California to live, and had got married there. Holmes had Quinlan's eleven-year-old daughter Cora insured for \$1,000, but whether or not he had ever collected the insurance was not known. Quinlan says he can produce his daughter, if necessary. Quinlan made many contradictory and improbable statements, and the police believe he can be made to tell a great deal more than he has yet told.

Mrs. Quinlan, the wife of the janitor, was in the "sweat box" for three hours this morning. The police believe that Quinlan knows a great deal about Holmes's affairs, and that he has confided in his wife. On leaving Police Headquarters Mrs. Quinlan was accompanied by a police officer, who would not permit her to speak to reporters.

Mrs. W. L. Doyle, a friend of Mrs. Quinlan, was next questioned for half an hour. Before her examination she stated to a reporter that a young lady named Cigrand, who lived with Holmes just before the Williams girl, and who came to Chicago from Indiana, had mysteriously disappeared.

To the police to-day Mrs. W. L. Doyle said that her aunt owned the house in Toronto where the two Pietzel children were found dead. Mrs. Doyle was shown a picture of the Pietzel children and of the excavations in the basement of the Holmes "Castle" here, of which she said: "Those are much better pictures than were in the Toronto papers of the house there, and of the children."

Asked how she knew the pictures were better she said: "I had a paper sent to me from Toronto, and the pictures in it were horrible."

Mrs. Doyle was asked how the paper came to be sent to her, and what interest she had in the case. She replied: "Well, you see, it's funny, but my aunt owns the house that Holmes lived in in Toronto. She rented it to him."

"Do you mean the house where the bodies of the two Pietzel children were found?"

"Yes," she replied.

Mrs. Doyle was asked if she knew Pietzel, to which she hesitatingly replied that she had met him, but she refused to say anything further about her acquaintance with the man Holmes is supposed to have murdered.

Miss Cigrand lived with Holmes at Sixty-third and Wallace Streets just before he had the Williams girl there. The neighbors remember little of the girl—not even her first name. She was a stately looking blonde, about twenty-five years of age, and lived with Holmes something less than six months. When she went away Holmes told Jeweler Davis, as the latter claims, that he had succeeded in "marrying her off." This is very much like what he told concerning the disappearance of Mrs. Connor. He said at the time that he had married her off in California.

Miss Cigrand came to Chicago from Indiana. She associated but little with the neighbors, and even the other inmates of the building were in complete ignorance concerning her habits. Holmes was not often seen with her, and on these occasions he kept aloof from his acquaintances and introduced her to no one. Mrs. Doyle knows more about this girl, it is believed, than anybody else, but the Central Station officers will not permit her to talk about the case.

A. L. Jones, the man who purchased the drug store from Holmes, is positive that Holmes is guilty of the crime attributed to him, and insists that Holmes also ended the life of Kate Durky, a young woman who was for a time his practical slave. The girl had her life insured and helped Holmes in many of his shady undertakings. "Holmes was digging in that cellar day and night, and I now think that he was burying the bodies of those he had slaughtered," said Jones.

The excavation of the cellar of the Sixty-third Street house was continued to-day. The remains of a furnace that was possibly used by Holmes as a crematory were unearthed. The man who built it was on the spot early in the day and told the policeman on duty that Holmes maintained great secrecy concerning its construction, and said that it was to be used in his gas-manufacturing experiments. As no attempt was ever made to make gas, this story was clearly a fabrication. The furnace had an air-tight receptacle in which could be generated a heat of 2,400° Fahrenheit, and was just long enough to contain a body.

One of the workmen to-day found in a pile of rubbish a letter, signed "H. H. Howard," and dated May 5, 1895. The signature is one of the many aliases used by Holmes, and one of the commonest of the lot. The letter is in his well-known handwriting, and is addressed to an occupant of the building, to whom the detectives who took possession of the letter before the reporters could get hold of it refused to state. It is believed, however, that the letter was to C. E. Davis, the jeweler, who occupies the building with Druggist Robinson.

The letter inquires particularly as to the doings of Janitor Quinlan and asks where he now is. It then goes on in a jocular manner to discuss the fate of the Williams girls, and asks of the recipient whether he has seen them or their ghosts about the building. Special inquiry is made as to the partitions in the house, and, in conclusion, the writer expresses the belief that he will not have to stay in jail much longer.

A few more bones were found to-day in the same hole from which those were taken yesterday. They were vertebrae and a portion of a human shoulder blade.

It was thought this morning that the Holmes house would be pulled down, having been condemned, but P. R. Chandler, a broker, who holds a mortgage on it for \$12,000, advanced to Holmes with which to build, was told by the Building Inspector that all that was necessary was to improve the upper portion. This will be done at once. An order of foreclosure has already been secured from the court, and to-morrow or next day an order will be asked for allowing the improvements to be put on. The property is now worth \$40,000. Besides the principal there is \$4,000 back interest and taxes due on it.

Two curiosity seekers broke into the store-room in the house to-day. The two men ransacked the room, everything was turned upside down, and a portion of the contents carried away. Holmes's bank books and a stack of legal documents, however, were overlooked. One of the men, it is said, is preparing the manuscript for a book about the Holmes affair, and was searching for information.

The belief is gaining ground that Holmes's wife, who lives at the suburb of Wilmette, knows much more of the crimes of her husband than she cares to tell. It is probable that she will be put in the "sweatbox."

A man who gave his name as Capps, and said he was an attorney from Texas, inquired at the County Clerk's office to-day if the records showed that Henry H. Holmes was a notary public. The list of notaries showed his name, and that he had qualified

as such July 24, 1893. Attorney Capps wanted to find out if the signature of Holmes on the County Clerk's books was the same as one on a deed. Minnie Williams, according to Capps's story, had signed a deed in which she had appeared before Holmes, and which he had signed as a notary. After examining Holmes's signature in the records, Capps pronounced them the same. Capps refused to say for what purpose he wished the information.