

MURDER MYSTERY IN SADDLE RIVER TOWNSHIP (PART 2)

The following article was printed in The New York Times on July 23, 1908. It presents information that further complicates what was already a bizarre account of the murder. (refer to Part 1) Will our readers be able to formulate a plausible theory of the murder after Part 3 is presented?

WOMAN SHOT MRS. EBERHARD?

Growing Belief That Jealousy Led to the Tragedy Near Hackensack.

Ernest Held, a flute player attached to the orchestra on the North German Lloyd liner Deutschland, on which Mrs. Otilie Eberhard and her daughter of the same name arrived last week, paid a visit to the Susquehanna Hotel at Hackensack, at which the daughter is staying, last night and bade the young woman an affectionate farewell. The couple spent about twenty minutes together, during which time they exchanged lockets and swore undying love. At the parting both were in tears, and Held said that on his return from his next voyage he would make the girl his bride.

Before leaving Held expressed himself as believing that the murder of Mrs. Eberhard was the work of her nephew, August Eberhard, who is still missing. The girl, however, did not join in this belief, saying that she could never believe him guilty of such a crime. There is a growing belief here on the part of the authorities that a third woman will figure in solving the mystery.

It has been learned that Eberhard had a sweetheart, and that it had come to her knowledge that he sent to Germany for his cousin. Persons have been found who say that just after Mrs. Eberhard and her nephew and daughter passed down the tracks, a woman, accompanied by two men, followed in their wake. It was shortly after this that the shooting occurred.

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SOME COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- It is now evident that Miss Eberhard and Ernest Held were in love. This was not completely evident in Miss Eberhard's testimony as cited in Part 1. She did not state that there was a serious relationship.
- The information concerning Augustus and a sweetheart is distinctly "fishy."
- Could the two men and the woman seen on the tracks have been Ernest Held, Augustus Eberhard and either of the Eberhard women?
- As an afterthought, one of the comments made in Part 1 concerning the grocer might have been a misinterpretation. The article stated, "When Wehmann was seen he said the young man gave up his room with them a week ago on account of his daughter coming home to live, and Wehmann could not tell where he went." The sentence was someone confusing and we interpreted it to state that Augustus might have had a daughter; it could have been a reference to Wehmann's daughter.