

# CAMDEN'S LATEST MURDER MYSTERY

## Carrie Humphreys' Body Found in the River.

### A Scream, a Splash and Two Men Are Seen Running.

Police Officials Puzzled as to the Cause and Busy Running Out Clues—Sketch of the Early Life of the Woman.

The body of a handsome young woman, believed to be Carrie Humphreys, of Wood street, above Eighth, was found in the mud alongside the dock at Morris & Matbis' shipyard, at Cooper's Point, early yesterday morning, and certain circumstances connected with the case indicate that the police authorities across the river have a good-sized mystery to wrestle with.

While Thomas Holland, a riverman, was at work in a sparyard adjoining the shipyard shortly after 6 o'clock, he discovered a woman's hat, gloves, pocketbook and handkerchief on a pile of logs at the water edge. Policeman Cable was notified and a search was begun along the adjoining wharves for the owner of the articles. The tide was going out and in the shallow water the men discovered the object of their search.

The body was that of a woman, aged from 21 to 25 years, with regular and handsome features, and long, blonde hair. It was attired in a black Jersey, black cashmere skirt, navy blue stockings and buttoned gaiters. One wrist was encircled by a bracelet and rhine stones in gold settings were in the ears. Near the body was a caba containing a change of underclothing and a pocketbook.

In the pocketbook were a card of J. Cyrus Edenborn, modiste, 1620 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, and a bill of Edenborn's for dressmaking, made out to Blanche Humphreys. There were also two Walnut Street Theatre checks of May 12, two watch club tickets and three pennies.

The body was but slightly affected by the water and appeared to have been immersed but a few hours. At the morgue an examination was made and several bruises were found on the lower limbs.

#### A NEIGHBOR'S STORY.

Shortly after the news of the finding of the body had been circulated in the neighborhood Mrs. Margaret Coalmeirer, who lives at 326 Beach street, stated that about midnight she heard a woman's voice coming from the direction of the wharf. She looked out of her window and saw two men talking with a woman. The latter appeared to be arguing with her companions.

Suddenly she heard the woman cry "Oh, don't," the sound of a struggle reached her ears and the men disappeared. There is one point in Mrs. Coalmeirer's story which is of great importance in regard to its bearing on the discovery of the body. The woman she saw was quite stout. The drowned woman is of slender build.

Detective Warner went on the case with another official. Charles Simkins, a deck hand on the Vine Street Ferry, stated that two men and two young women went over on the boat about 11 o'clock and the men came back without the women some time later. Miller and his companion came to Philadelphia during the afternoon and after consulting Chief Wood started uptown with Detective Donaghy to investigate the circumstances of the girl's departure from this city. They found that she had been learning the trade of dressmaking at Edenborn's establishment, and that she had been frequently seen with a young man known as Harry Sparkle, who boarded at the Hotel Plunkett, Eighth and Spring Garden streets. At the hotel they were informed that Sparkle no longer boarded there.

Later in the day the detectives found their man. He said that he last saw the girl at Franklin and Vine streets on Monday night. She was accompanied by two men. He conversed with her for a short time and left her. He stated that the girl had frequently threatened to commit suicide and that he had once taken poison from her which she was going to swallow.

There is no charge against the man, and he agreed to go to Camden for the purpose of identifying the girl. Information obtained by the police later in the day was to the effect that the girl's real name was Carrie, and that she came from Shamokin. No arrests have been made.