

## CLUBMAN SHOT TO DEATH IN PLOT, THEORY

Influential Buffalo Man Victim in Baffling Crime—Black Mask a Clew.

OFFER \$6,000 IN REWARDS

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 21.—The original theory that Luther P. Graves, wealthy clubman, society favorite and former Yale athlete, who was shot to death Thursday morning, had been killed by a jealous woman, has been disproved, with the full report of Medical Examiner Dr. Charles E. Long was submitted. It was revealed that Graves had been wounded three times with a .45 caliber revolver and that the most serious wound upon the body had been made with the weapon held so close that the skin and clothing were burned by the powder.

The mystery of Graves' death has not been solved but the police have important new clues which they hope will lead to an arrest within a day or two. One theory is that instead of being shot by a burglar, Graves was the victim of a deliberate plot. There is evidence in hand indicating that the murderer was undoubtedly another man and that they fled in an automobile driven by a woman.

The police have in their possession a black mask which was picked up near the spot where Graves was killed. They had been informed by George Barnett, a chauffeur, that the mask belonged to him and that he had dropped it while returning home from a masquerade party. The police, however, are not satisfied with this explanation. The police and the district attorney said they were not yet certain that the mask could be eliminated from the crime.

Following the burial of Graves on Sunday, when a great crowd of relatives, friends and morbidly curious were at the cemetery, District Attorney Guy B. Moore and several investigators visited the scene where Graves had been killed. They had not yet got away from footprints in the mud, but the ground had been badly trampled since the murder that they were unsuccessful.

The Yale Alumni Association, of which Graves was a member, has offered \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification of the murderer, while a citizen's committee headed by Mayor George F. Buck has offered another reward of \$5,000.

## GOT 'EM OFF? WELL, BETTER PUT 'EM ON AGAIN

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o'clock. But last night those who took advantage of the warmth and were sprawled out on park grass, rambled home for the thermometer started to drop, accompanied by a cool lake wind. At 7 o'clock this morning it stood at 33.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Blossoms, butterflies, bathing beauties and beebees ushered in the first days of spring for New York.

The weather man promised a duplication of yesterday's temperature of 76, the thermometer March 20, had registered more than 100,000 persons appeared at Coney Island. Hundreds of them took a dip.

The shouts of kids playing baseball in vacant lots mingled with the rattle of lawn mowers.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 21.—Official arrival of spring here was marked by the "chilliest" weather in a month. The birds sang long and loud in protest.

DALLAS, Texas, March 21.—Miss Spring's return today was the first intimation Texas had that she had been away. About ten more days will see many backyard gardens well matured and leaves in north Texas fully out, it was decided. The winter has been unusually mild.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Spring came to bat in midseason form here today. The weather man promised temperature around 90. The kiosk registered 88 yesterday.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 21.—Buds and grass coaxed out by warm days shrived today when a cold north wind sent the thermometer below freezing. A bright sun and clear skies, however, followed the rain and half of the last two days.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—Another proof that woman is usurping man's role, Miss Spring made her debut today with a blustery wind and driving rain. Mr. Winter existed yesterday under a clear sky with a summer warmth in the air.

HOUSTON, Texas, March 21.—A dozen or more 1920 straw hats officially greet the spring today. But south Texas folks didn't wait for official spring. Exactly 14,000 automobile owners picked them into the country from Houston yesterday. The other owners failed to buy "good government" forces.

## White Ribbon Wearers Plan Nicotine War

Attack on Golf and Other Pastimes to Accompany Drive for Sabbath Observance.

EVANSTON, Ill., March 21.—A nationwide campaign for strict observance of the Sabbath and a determined drive against "My Lady Nicotine" are to be launched on April 3 by the W. C. T. U., headquarters of the organization here. Preliminary work of the campaign is already under way.

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