

UNKNOWN MALE III
?-September 19, 1914

An unknown man, supposedly upon the waylands of the Colorado & Southern railway track near the Curtis beet dump a mile and a half from the city Monday morning. A pick handle covered with blood and hair, with which the crime had evidently been committed, was found about fifty yards from the body later in the day. Steven Monuck, a Russian, is held here as the murder suspect.

The discovery of the body was made by Section Foreman Carson and his crew from Uva. They immediately reported the gruesome find to Sheriff Carroll, who, in company County Prosecutor Paige, Coroner D.B. Rigdon and Deputy Sheriff John Payne went to view the body and surroundings.

Returning to the city, the Sheriff wired to points along the railway to arrest all suspicious characters, and later in the day Monuck was picked up at Chugwater. He answers the description in every particular of the companion of the murdered man and has been identified as such by a number of Uva people, where he and the Austrian stopped for the purchase of tobacco and eatables.

Stains supposed to have been made by blood were found on an outside shirt wrapped around a bundle carried by Monuck and there was also blood on his shoes. About seven thirty Sunday evening there was a rain and the tracks of the murdered man and his companion were plainly evident. Two sets of tracks led up to the point where the murder occurred and from there, one man's alone was visible. The shoes of the murdered man exactly fit in one and those of Monuck were identical with the other.

About five thirty Sunday evening the men were in Uva where the murdered man purchased a package of Tuxedo tobacco and the one identified as Monuck by O.C. Forest, who made the sale, bought a can of tongue and some cookies. These articles, or what remained of them, were found near the body of the murdered man and were later identified by the cost mark as the articles sold the pair by Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mouse who were walking on the track this side of Uva met the men about six thirty and while they were unable to understand what they were saying, believed the men were quarreling. Both at the store and later as the men were seen on the track, the one identified as Monuck carried a pick handle, supposedly the one that was later found near the body.

Still later in the evening, George Schwartz of Uva noticed the two men going down the track, and at this time, one of them was thirty feet ahead of the other. The pick handle was still in evidence. A party of Wheatland people also saw the men as they passed through here. They noticed the pick handle and that one of the men was carrying his coat. This was the one who was later murdered. His coat was found on the track, probably where he dropped it when struck.

After the pair passed this city, there is nothing to indicate what happened except the position of the body and the bits of property scattered about the scene of the murder. It is certain that the killing occurred some time between seven thirty and nine o'clock in the evening. The tracks were plainly visible as having been made after the rain.

The wounds on the murdered man's head indicate he was struck from behind on the back of the head. The skull is completely caved in. He was hit again across one