A TRANSLANTIC CHASE WITHOUT THE WIRELESS OR CABLE

The spectacular transatlantic chase of Dr. Crippen, accused of the murder of his wife in London, made by Inspector Dow of Scotland Yard, which resulted in his capture on Sunday last—a chase of many days with the fugitive under constant pursuit by British authorities, and the world looking on, recalls another very similar pursuit across the Atlantic’s wide expanse, that of having killed Thomas Briggs in a first-class compartment of a train on the North London Railway.

This crime started two continents and held the people’s interest at fever heat for many weeks, quite as the Crippen case has done both in this country and abroad. In the Miller case it was the nemesis of steam—its supremacy over the sea that was the murderer’s undoing, whereas in the matter of Crippen wireless telegraphy acted as the goddess of vengeance, but the pursuit and capture of Mr. Crippen for murder lasted as long as the one that ended a week ago.

Late in the evening of July 9, 1910, a passenger entered one of the first-class compartments of a train pulling in at Hackney station, not far from London, and taking a seat in the rear of the compartment, a quick retreat, for the interior showed plainly that a deadly struggle had taken place, leaving the body of the victim, that very evidently had been committed. The place was widely smeared with blood.

It was only a few hours later, however, that the body of a man, terri-}

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