

FOR THE LOVE OF A WOMAN

Horrible Double Murder Com- mitted by a Madly Jealous Japanese at Nanaimo.

Chops the Heads of His Two Victims to Pieces With an Axe.

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NANAIMO, B. C., Monday, Aug. 17.—The most sanguinary crime in the history of Nanaimo since Kanaka Joe hewed four Indians into pieces with an axe thirty years ago occurred yesterday in the darkness of the small hours.

Kido Matta, a Japanese, entered a shack on the outskirts of the city with the object of killing all the inmates, of which there were four.

In an outer apartment slept two men, whose skulls he cut open with terrific blows of a double-bladed axe, literally hewing them to pieces.

Satisfied that his work had been completed, the assassin made for an inner apartment, where a woman slept. The woman had taken warning and escaped through the window.

The husband was about to follow, but the cry of their child caused him to turn back. Felled in his most important aim, the murderer, unable to get the woman, of whom he was jealous and with whom he was madly in love, swore the man to secrecy respecting his identity, and then made for the bush.

The woman gave the alarm. When the police arrived they found the victims lying in pools of blood. The scene was horrible in the extreme. The room was splashed with great blotches of blood and the brains were protruding from the skulls of the dead Japs.

Every effort was made at once to capture the criminal. The police blocked all avenues of escape, and made the inhabitants of the district, who were aroused by the news of the crime, beat the bush all day.

In the dusk of the evening Matta emerged from the woods, making for water. He was seized by a constable, who handcuffed him after a struggle, in which the murderer attempted to stab his captor with a long knife.

He was brought to town, where the greatest excitement prevailed. He was lodged in jail, pending trial.
