

FOUL MURDER

Valley City, N. D., Aug. 28.—Herman M. Personius, a member of the local police force, was shot and instantly killed this morning at 1:30, by a desperado whom he was endeavoring to arrest in the Northern Pacific yards. He was the second police officer to be shot here in a few weeks on little or no provocation, by box car tramps, and the citizens are wildly indignant. If the guilty man is caught nothing can save a lynching.

About midnight last night several armed men entered the caboose of the Cooperstown local freight at Sanborn and robbed the train crew at the point of revolvers. The desperadoes then took refuge in a box car on a thru freight. The police here were telephoned and four officers met the train, two on either side. Dan Moore and Officer Personius on the south side of the track and Chief Burt and Officer Swanson on the north side. They arrested two men and Personius left Moore holding one of the arrested men while he went down the track about fifty feet to secure another man. In a moment four shots were fired in rapid succession and when the other officers reached the scene Personius was unconscious. Two shots took effect, one directly in his mouth, removing portions of two front teeth, and one in his chest just above the second rib on the right side. Death was instantaneous.

Besides the two men arrested here fourteen have been arrested at Casselton. The machinery of the law is at work all over this section of the state. Bloodhounds were brought here on a special train from Bismarck and armed men are scouring the surrounding country. Personius leaves a wife and seven small children.—The Minneapolis Journal,