

# Mrs. Simensen's Brother Murdered

Chief of police, Peter Holt, a brother of Mrs. Hans Simensen's was shot and instantly killed Wednesday of last week while sitting in his office at Livingston Montana.

Word of the tragedy did not reach Mrs. Simensen until Sunday night as all of the deceased's family were at the coast when it occurred, the news being brought here by Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Greenland of Aneta.

Mr. Holt was a prominent man in Montana and several months ago his name appeared in an article published by one of the leading magazines of the country.

The following account of the murder is taken from a Montana paper:

Peter Holt, Livingston, Montana, chief of police and Martin Zollman, police officer and well known Montana flyer, who conducted an aviation school at Helena, were almost instantly killed by R. Davidson as they sat in the chief's office Wednesday a. m. No trouble is known to have occurred between the men. Holt came to Yellowstone park many years ago as a soldier later became a scout and led the Roosevelt party through the park in 1906. Davidson also had soldiered in the park. He was a laborer here. He was subdued by a fireman with a rock in his hand and is now in jail here.

J. P. Z. Evans, 68 year old curio dealer, was with chief Holt and Zollman when the assassin entered. He said Davidson appeared at the door, growling, "Now you — — — — I've got you now," shot Holt through the heart, and, turning, shot Zollman in the center of the breast. Evans jumped on the man, trying to choke him but was driven off by a blow in the eye from Davidson's gun.

The shots attracted Clyde Neal, a fireman, who beat Davidson down with a rock. Sheriff Clyde Gilbert, also drawn to the scene, took him in charge.

On his way to the chief's office Davidson tried to shoot Bob Bailie, city treasurer, but the gun missed fire.