

# POSTCARD PENMAN BELIEVED NOW TO BE SLAYER OF BOYS

**Man Who Killed Josephs, and  
Other Boys Believed to be Lo-  
cated — Buffalo Grand Jury  
to Act Today.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Confident that they have established the identity of the man who, in a series of postcards and letters, confessed to the murder of Joseph Josephs, the seven-year-old Lackawanna boy, Michael Kruck, the New York newsboy and other similar crimes, the police of Lackawanna and Buffalo tomorrow will lay their evidence before the grand jury and ask for an indictment.

Meanwhile messages giving the man's name and description have been sent broadcast through the Eastern States. The last series of postcards received from the murderer was mailed from Boston Saturday-morning, the day the body was found. The news that the body had been recovered, the police think, caused the man to flee from that city but they are confident he will be captured within a day or two.

The principal evidence in the hands of the police, it is said, is a letter written under a New York date and mailed at Whiting, N. J., February 1, 1912. The handwriting on this letter tallies so closely with that of the postcards that it will be placed before the grand jury without expert testimony to support it.

The letter was turned over to the police by John Hoskyn, chief millwright of the American Chemical Agricultural Works of this city. The writer, according to Hoskyn, applied for work at the chemical works in September, 1911, and remained there four days. Upon leaving he promised to write to Hoskyn which he did four months later.

When Hoskyn saw reproductions of the Boston and New York postcards written to Chief Gilson and George Josephs, the murdered boy's father, he was struck by the similarity of the writing to that of the letter from Whiting and he at once turned it over to Chief Regan. After a conference with Chief Gilson of Lackawanna today the general message was sent out asking for the arrest of the writer of the letter but the police declined to make public the man's name.

The funeral of the Josephs boy was held at Lackawanna today. It was attended by hundreds of school children and business in the town was practically suspended in the hour of the funeral. Mrs. Josephs collapsed at the cemetery and is reported to be in a serious condition tonight.