FRANK SURVIVES ASSASSIN’S KNIFE

Jugular Vein Partly Severed by Convis’s Attack, But He Is Expected to Recover.

ASSASSIN, The Murderer of Two Men, Asserts That He Was Not Prompted to Act.

FRANK CRAVE IN CRISIS

Not Afraid to Die, and Wags That Issue! A Da Feuorgen—Gent

Fenris Place Investigation.

Special to The New York Times.

In a Chicago jail yesterday Frank Convis, who was imprisoned by Judge L. S. Stapp after a wild chase, was held for two and a half hours in a cell, during which, according to Convis’s statements, he was tortured by the police. The cell was filled with smoke and gas, and the dampness was oppressive. The police had been ordered to give Convis no food or drink, and had refused to allow him to see a doctor. Convis was driven by hunger to the entrance of the jail, where he was met by a police officer and was told to go back to his cell. Convis refused, and was dragged back by force.

Convis was reported to be very weak and pale, and his face was prominent. He was wearing a white shirt and black trousers. He had been given no food, and his hair was untidy. He was allowed to talk with the police, and was told that he would be taken to the hospital and given medical treatment. Convis was given a glass of water, and was allowed to drink it. He was then taken to the cell, and was allowed to sit down. Convis was given another glass of water, and was allowed to drink it. He was then taken to the cell, and was allowed to sit down. Convis was given another glass of water, and was allowed to drink it.

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tence. Before that trial he was examined by a lunacy commission, which pronounced him sane.

The man is 45 years old. He was born in Memphis, Tenn., but has lived in Georgia for twenty-five years. He was sentenced from Columbus, Ga., and has a wife there.

Creen asserted that there was no conspiracy. He said that he had an inspiration to kill Frank, and plotted alone to kill him. He told of aiding in the butchering of hogs Saturday morning, of hiding in his clothing a butcher knife made out of a file, and of carrying it to bed with him. It was with this weapon that he attacked Frank.

The assailant admitted that he had talked with other convicts about the Frank case, but said that they had not influenced him in any way. He took all the blame for the crime on his own shoulders and said that while he thought at the time that he was doing right he now regretted his act.

Read Only the Bible.

Supt. Smith said that Creen had not been permitted to read newspapers or anti-Frank literature. He read only the Bible, said the Superintendent.

"The Bible was furnished to him at the library," said Mr. Smith. "He studied it whenever he had an odd moment. He seemed to be getting religion. I knew that Creen was a bad man, but I never dreamed that he would attack a fellow-convict. I had instructed the guards not to pick a quarrel with him, as it might result seriously."

"Did Creen have any quarrel with Frank?" he was asked.

"No; absolutely not," said the Superintendent. "They appeared to be friends. That is why the attack is all the more shocking."

Superintendent Smith deeply regrets the attack. He has been on a great strain since Frank was placed under his care. He says the attack emphasizes the need of a place for dangerous convicts at the prison farm. He has several such prisoners now, and these he has to keep chained to prevent them from committing acts of violence.

An investigation of the attack probably...