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The Georgian's Offer of \$500 Reward for EXCLUSIVE Information Leading to the Arrest and Conviction of the Slayer of Mary Phagan Has Caused Others to Offer an additional \$1,000. The Amount Now Stands :

\$1,500 REWARD!

NEGRO WATCHMAN'S ACCUSED BY SLAIN GIRL'S STEPFATHER

That Mary Phagan never left the factory after she entered it at 12:15 o'clock Saturday, the day of her murder, and that she was killed and her body dragged into the basement by the negro night watchman, Newt Lee, now in jail, is the firm belief of the child's stepfather, W. J. Coleman, and other members of her family.

As for Arthur Mullinax, former street car conductor, held on suspicion, Mr. Coleman told a Georgian reporter he thought it was impossible for him to have been in the factory when the girl was murdered. He was also very doubtful if J. M. Gant, ex-bookkeeper for the pencil factory, where the girl worked, had anything to do with her murder or knew anything about it.

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FORMER PLAYMATES MEET GIRL'S BODY AT MARIETTA

The little town of Marietta, Ga., where her body was first viewed upon the night of July 27, nearly fourteen years ago, will today witness the joyful funeral of Mary Phagan, the street young girl who was mysteriously murdered in the National Pencil Factory Saturday night, at whose body was later found in the basement where it had been dragged by unknown hands.

The body will be taken to the station in a hearse by the undertaker in whose shop it lay in state for the past two days, while thousands of people came to look upon it. The coffin will be of pure white, bearing the inscription of the young girl, being white, and only a simple plate, with the child's name will appear on the top.

Throughout the day at the girl's home there have been scores of people, and their willingness to be of what ever service they might to the family. The same word met them: "There is nothing that anybody can do—we must just bear it!"

FACTORY EMPLOYE MAY BE TAKEN ANY MOMENT

A sensational arrest will be made in the Mary Phagan murder mystery within a few hours.

SEEK CLEW IN QUEER WORDS IN ODD NOTES

Who Would Be the Most Implicated in Saying That the Night Watchman Did Not Do It?

While the tendency of the police straight through has seemed to be to doubt that Mary Phagan, the murdered girl, really wrote the small notes found beside her body purporting to give a clew to her murderer, the girl's stepfather, W. J. Coleman, thinks it possible that she may have written one of the scraps.

The detectives do not believe that Arthur Mullinax is guilty of the murder. They do not believe that J. M. Gantt is guilty of the murder. They place no dependence on the identifications of Gantt and Mullinax made by various persons before Chief of Detectives Lanford.

It is known that the signs of weakening on the part of Newt Lee, the negro night watchman, have had a great deal to do with the pending sensational arrest. The negro's attitude all along has led to the belief that he was shielding some one.

One moment he has almost admits that he is protecting a man who has befriended him and helped him, and an instant later he has suddenly gone back into silence with the solution of the mystery trembling on his very lips.

Black tried to remove the terrors that oppressed the black man. "We know you did not do the murder," the negro repeatedly was assured. "We know you are guiltless of the whole affair. But we know that you know exactly who did it and that you are protecting that person."

Leo Frank, superintendent of the factory, admits that he himself does not know positively of the girl's leaving the building. The police department, which strongly urged Coleman to-day the advisability of sending the girl into custody for Frank's own protection, heard serious and well-defined rumors against

Mrs. Wilson Cheers Dying Consumptive

President's Wife Takes Flowers to Lad in Poor District of Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The sympathy and charity of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson was illustrated a few days ago by her journeying from the White House to the bedside of a poor boy who is dying of tuberculosis.

Commits Hari Kari Over Jap Alien Bill

Chicago Oriental's Suijidal Protest Follows Bryan's Visit on Way to London.

CHICAGO, April 28.—A Chicago Crooner's jury to-day got its first introduction to render a verdict on the outside of Leo Kium, a young Japanese who ended his life as a protest against the proposed California anti-Asian land law.

Boy Loses Eyes as He Cuts Golf Ball

Acid's Lash Right Ruined by Acid in Sphere Which Which He Was Playing.

ARIZONA, April 28.—Richard Stelling, aged 15, of North Augusta, has lost his eyesight by a splash of acid from a golf ball.

When Mary turned from the window after receiving her money, he said "I think that instead of going directly out, she went to the dressing room, perhaps for a drink of water, as one of the notes found on the table in the room, and it is possible that she had left the building, locked her in. The negro watchman must have seen her go into the dressing room, and a little later seized her and dragged her."

Later developments in the story go to show that the spot where the girl's hair was found on the street ledge was not the scene of her struggle with her assailant. In the dressing room, it was said by a member of her family, there were plain evidences that the attack was made. She was also engaged in the room, for a strip of her new lavender dress was cut off from the front and bound around her mouth to keep her from screaming.

Ribbon Found Near Boiler. Another bit of evidence, it was said, that went to throw added suspicion on the black was a bow of the child's blue ribbon and a handkerchief found down near the boiler, where he constantly stayed.

"The negro evidently kept the child in the factory all day," Mr. Coleman said, "and was afraid to attack her until midnight for fear she would scream or somebody would hear. She may not have been knocked her senses, from the first, or he may have tied her. I do not know, but when Gant entered the shop it is more than likely that he knew nothing of the girl's presence there and simply went up and got his shoes, as he said, and went out again."

"All this about my having been seen on the street at midnight, or at any other time after 12 o'clock in the day I do not think can be true. I believe she remained all day in the building. After the negro did the work he was afraid to leave or not to notify the police, which would make appearances worse for him. Therefore he called the officers."

Mr. Coleman said he had at first given credence to a report that Mary had come home at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and that Mullinax, meeting her as she got off of the car, had taken her back to town with him. This report, Mr. Coleman said, turned