

# SAYS CONLEY CONFESSED

## Prominent Florida Girl Wounds Self

### GIRL WHO TESTIFIES FAVORABLY TO FRANK

MISS MATTIE SMITH.



Factory employe says she saw negro in plant early on day of crime.

### FAMILY SAYS SHOOTING IS ACCIDENT

Miss Inez Seebing, Leader in Jacksonville's Younger Society Set, Mysteriously Shot.

JACKSONVILLE, July 10.—Mystery to-day surrounds the cause of shooting of Miss Inez Seebing, the 17-year-old society girl who was found in her room Wednesday night with a bullet wound over her left breast. She will recover.

Members of the girl's family claim the shooting was accidental. The first report that went out, however, stated that Miss Seebing had shot herself as a result of dependency over the death of her mother. This was later disputed by members of the immediate family, as well as close friends of the girl, who say it was a case of pure accident.

The shooting caused a sensation in Jacksonville, where the Seebings have long been among the most prominent people, and curious persons went out of their way all during the day to take a look at the Seebing mansion.

Miss Seebing had just returned from a visit to Atlantic Beach, and was supposed to be visiting a friend when the shooting took place. As no members of the family were at home and the servants of the house had gone out for the day, nothing was known of the shooting until several hours afterwards.

The wounded girl when found was rushed to the Deoria Sanitarium, where every medical attention was given to save her life. Although shot just above the left breast chances for recovery this afternoon were said to be good.

A rather curious coincidence is the fact that Wednesday, the day that the near tragedy was the birthday of Miss Seebing.

Miss Seebing is a beautiful girl and one of the most popular of the younger set of Jacksonville society. She is noted for her hospitality among her young friends, whom she counts by the hundreds. Recently her father took her to Atlantic Beach, where a very pleasant ten days was spent in an effort, it is said, to dispel the growing dependency of the girl over her mother's recent death.

The Seebing family is one of the most prominently connected in Jacksonville. W. R. Seebing, the father of the girl, being an extensive real estate operator of this city. Her grandfather, W. H. Seebing, was formerly Mayor of Jacksonville and a Confederate general during the war between the States.

### Society Leaders, in Masks, See Risque Paris Play 'Love It'

Special Cable to The Atlanta Georgian.  
LONDON, July 10.—Wearing of masks by society women who attend risky theatrical productions, but who are ashamed to let their relatives and friends know of it, has come into vogue here.

A large number of women from court circles are daily attending the risqué French show, "I Love It," but all wear masks for fear of the censure of their husbands and of Queen Mary, who has forbidden any of the ladies of her court from entering the Middlesex Theater, where the production is on.

Clergymen are beseeching the censor to close up the theater, declaring it will delude all who see it because of its gross immorality.

### Trainmen Will Not Meet With Wilson To Discuss Strike

NEW YORK, July 10.—Intimation was given here today by W. G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, and A. D. Garrison, President of the Order of Railway Conductors, that they would not accept the arbitration of President Wilson and Secretary of Labor Wilson in the wage dispute of the trainmen.

Lee and Garrison said they would not go to Washington Monday to meet President Wilson and the Secretary of Labor.

### Kentucky Car Strike Spreads; One Dying

LEXINGTON, KY., July 10.—Striking street carmen announced this morning that all employees of the Kentucky Car Company and of the Lexington Utilities Company will be called out to-morrow morning, trying to stop street and interurban car systems here.

Demands will be served to-day for a nine-hour day with pay for ten hours, and reinstatement of nine discharged workmen. Some of the men have been sick since they were discharged.

The first violence occurred last Wednesday, when five men were injured in a riot. One of them, J. W. Bell, of Chicago, is dying in a hospital.

### Fly Pests Cost U. S. \$167,800,000 a Year

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Figured out in money, by way of nothing of the kind, the cost to the United States annually of supporting its fly population amounts to \$167,800,000, say Government experts who have been making a study of the results of the term-spreading activities of these insects.

It is estimated that the fly is responsible for an expenditure of \$50,000,000 for the handling of tuberculous cases, attributable to germs spread by the pest, while \$70,000,000 represents the cost of typhoid fever cases originating in the same way.

### 50 Grocers Freed From Prosecution

BIRMINGHAM, July 10.—The Government to-day allowed about 50 members of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association to be dropped from further prosecution in the conspiracy hearing going on before Judge W. L. Grubb, of the Federal court, on charges of violating a decree handed down in 1911.

District Attorney Street made a lengthy address in court yesterday in his new plea, the latest sensual prodigy of the Paris stage, and Criminal Jurisdiction says: "The Devil has them for good now."

### Negro Pugilist Not To Return to U. S.

Special Cable to The Atlanta Georgian.  
HAVRE, FRANCE, July 10.—"I will not return to the United States again. My home will be in Paris."

The statement was made by Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, under sentence of imprisonment in France, who studied the United States authorities' decision to try him today on the liner Colinhart.

### WILL FIGHT TESTIMONY STIRRING

Attorneys for Widow of Capitalist Declare Poison Evidence Will Be Shattered.

A positive statement from Dr. P. H. Harris, of the State Board of Health, that Joshua Crawford died of morphine poisoning instead of pneumonia, the announced cause of his death by the attending physician, Dr. J. W. Hurt, was the sensational development in the Crawford \$150,000 will case Thursday.

Dr. Harris was called to the stand at noon. Attorney Reuben Arnold, for Mrs. Mary Belle Crawford, the widow, to whom all the estate was left, pinned him to the assertion.

For the first time in his career, he said, he deviated from his custom of merely mentioning possibilities or probabilities.

"There was absolutely no trace of pneumonia or any disease of the lungs," said Dr. Harris. "Morphine poisoning very likely produced death."

Statement Unshaken.

Dr. Harris stood the stand for very nearly an hour, but his statement was unshaken.

No announcement would be made by the attorneys for the heir-at-law, who number more than thirty, but it was confidently understood they would not rest the case with the introduction of Dr. Harris, but would have other experts, and probably members of the family to take the stand in an effort to substantiate the evidence of Dr. Harris.

Attorney Arnold stated that the evidence of Dr. Harris would be torn to pieces when he put Dr. J. W. Hurt on the stand to tell of administering morphine and opium to Crawford in an effort to stop the violent fits of coughing and near congestion of the lungs, which he suffered in the last months of his life.

Widow Not in Court.

He intimated also that he would introduce experts to prove that the quantities of opium and morphine found in Crawford's stomach by Dr. Harris were not sufficient to produce death, nor more than a normal dose administered by the average physician.

Mrs. Crawford, the widow, was not in the courtroom Wednesday when the poison theory was advanced by Dr. Harris, and it was doubtful whether she would attend the hearing Thursday.

Heir-at-law to the estate and their friends attended in large numbers, and despite the fact it is a strictly civil procedure and no court official is presiding, it had all the appearance and interest of a sensational criminal trial.

### Beavers in Speech Warns Policemen to Keep Out of Dives

Chief of Police Beavers caused a stir Thursday morning when he went before the day watch and addressed the men on their conduct. His talk resulted from the recent scandal in which several policemen were found guilty of visiting a resort in the neighborhood of 137 Auburn Avenue.

"Any man who hangs around a negro dive has no place on the police force of Atlanta," the Chief said, addressing the men. "If you see any other officers engaged in discreditable practices and frequenting disreputable places, it is your duty to report it."

The Chief will make a similar speech to the night and morning watches.

### Queen of Greece Cables for Chewing Gum for Troops

NEW YORK, July 10.—Bolin G. Newland, secretary of the American Society of the Hellenes, asking for \$100,000 to buy chewing gum for the troops in the Balkans.

"To make him more certain why chewing gum was so urgently needed, Miss Constantinou, a lady in waiting to the Queen, cabled later:

"Chewing gum is against throat."

Mr. Newland cabled \$2,000 at once and is about to send the chewing gum.

### Congress Prepares For Investigation Of Mulhall Charges

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Congress was busy with a lobby investigation today. While the Senate lobby committee continued to report into the records of the wool lobby, the General Committee of the House, appointed by Speaker Clark yesterday, made plans for an inquiry into the Mulhall charges.

Charles H. Brown, chairman of the wool lobby committee, testified that his committee was not in 1909 and 1910 to attempt to interfere with tariff rates.

"I never even sought a clear for a member of Congress," said Brown.

### Showers for Friday, Weather Prediction

"Showers Thursday night or Friday," is the official weather forecast. Temperature was 87 at noon and 85 at 4 o'clock. The marks between noon and 1 o'clock varied everywhere from 84 to 85.

Temperature in Atlanta at 7 o'clock Thursday morning was 70. It was 71 at 8 o'clock, 73 at 1 o'clock and 75 at 4 o'clock. The highest gain of the day was made in the next two hours, for at 10 o'clock the mark was 81.

Maximum temperature a year ago was 81.

### U. S. Marshal Ready To Quit on Demand

PENSACOLA, July 10.—Thomas F. McGourin, for many years United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida, under Republican administration, said this morning that he expected to receive a demand for his resignation at once.

He did not say positively, but intimated that he would comply. It is understood that the Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, who was appointed to succeed McGourin.

Those who claim to know declare Frank L. Mayes, editor of The Pensacola Journal, will succeed McGourin.

### Forest Fire Zone Under Martial Law

MILL VALLEY, CAL., July 10.—Martial law was declared in Mill Valley to-day and troops were ordered to draft every able-bodied man for duty fighting forest fires that threaten to wipe out the town. The soldiers were expected to stop the exodus of men leaving with their families.

Fire-fighters were being made to get women and children to places of safety.

### Paving of 73 Miles of Florida Road Begun

MIAAMI, July 10.—Construction of 73 miles of paved road through Dade County near the coast, an important link in the Miami-McIntosh highway has begun.

The work is being done by farmers at a cost of \$100,000. The concrete rock is being used.

# NEGRO MADE BOAST OF KILLING A GIRL, AGENT DECLARES

Attorneys for Frank Will Put Main Reliance of Defense on the Startling Affidavit Made by W. H. Mincey and Now in Their Possession.

That Jim Conley, negro swooper at the National Pencil Factory, made a virtual confession to him that he attacked and killed Mary Phagan is the startling allegation made in an affidavit by William H. Mincey, until recently a solicitor for the American Insurance Company, of 116 1/2 North Pryor Street.

It became known Thursday that this affidavit, which is in the hands of the defense, will be the principal reliance, aside from the alibi which have been established for Frank, in bringing an acquittal of the accused man and obtaining a conviction against the negro.

No other evidence, in all of the more than two months' investigation of the mystery, has been so damning and so direct. The defense has practically only to establish the credibility of Mincey to assure itself of victory.

### GARRISON PLANS TO ABANDON 100 ARMY POSTS

War Secretary Calls Them Useless, Demoralizing, Wasteful, Ready to Fight Congress.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—The most radical and dramatic move in army history was made when William Woodruff, secretary of the War Department, announced that he had decided to abandon 100 army posts in the interest of economy and efficiency.

He intends to withdraw troops from 100 posts in the interest of economy and efficiency, and next Wednesday will start on a five weeks' tour of the posts to crystallize the opinion of the army.

Bores "Park Barre" System.

Secretary Garrison is disgusted with the "wasteful and extravagant way in which the army is being conducted," and lays it all to the system of maintaining army posts as part of the "park barre" into which every number of Congress dies his fingers.

There are at present 157 posts in the country, an average of one post to every 250 soldiers in the army. Forty states are represented.

The Secretary of War has made a preliminary investigation, which has proved to him that the maintenance of all these posts, which he believes that 100 are unnecessary, is not only demoralizing to the army, but the most extravagant way of wasting Government money ever devised.

Plans to Block Congress.

If Congress obstructs his policy of unifying the posts, the Secretary of War intends to use his executive powers of withdrawing troops from those posts which he believes are unnecessary. He declares he has absolute power in this direction, and, with the President's consent, could concentrate the entire army in Washington if he so desires. He intends to use this power in fighting Congress should the latter determine to nullify his policy of post concentration.

Mr. Garrison will be accompanied by Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, and Quartermaster General Alessie.

The plan of centralizing the army has been under consideration for several years. General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, on his last visit to Atlanta, stated that if the plan was put into effect Post Phagan would become one of the largest posts in the country.

### Saves Girl; Year Goes; Reward, Cold Stare

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Andrew P. Palmadore, of Washington, last summer, jumped overboard, dived and all, and rescued a young woman after she had gone down the second time. In the rescue he was obliged to put his arm about her. She gave him an awful glare, but he attributes it to excitement.

To-day he met the young woman on the street, and instead of heaving a wile of gratitude, she turned her head haughtily and did not speak.

### Huerta Wins Pivotal Battle With Rebels

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MEXICO CITY, July 10.—The most important military victory in the northern rebellion broke out against President Huerta was reported from Monterrey to-day by General Pablo Navarro, commander-in-chief of the Government troops in Northeast Mexico.

Four thousand rebels under General Carranza were defeated by General Navarro's column, and those of the north side were killed or captured where they were likely to restrain trade.

### Mexico Buys 80,000 Rifles as 'Paofifers'

Special Cable to The Atlanta Georgian.  
LONDON, July 10.—The Mexican Government has ordered in this city 80,000 rifles for immediate shipment. There are to be used in "pacifying" the country.

### Daniels Is Speaker At Perry Centennial

ERIE, PA., July 10.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels is guest of honor at the Perry centennial celebration here to-day.

He delivered the speech of the day standing under the shadow of the old redwood hick Nutcracker at the city park.

The Devil, Anunzio and Ida Rubinstein  
The decadent dramatist and the recently repudiated Russian dancer brought together again in his new play, the latest sensual prodigy of the Paris stage, and Criminal Jurisdiction says: "The Devil has them for good now."  
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