

# I AM READY FOR TRIAL, SAYS FRANK TELEPHONE GIRLS HELP POLICE TRAP BURGLARS

## THIEF SHOT RESISTING ARREST

Trio of Robbers Surprised as They Are Looting Store Caught in Long Chase.

The presence of mind of half-a-dozen girls employed at the Atlanta Telephone Exchange, at Ivy and Edge-wood streets, in notifying the police when they saw burglars breaking into the candy store of Michael Koloff, across the street, resulted in the capture of two negro burglars early Wednesday morning.

In the chase and battle which followed the arrival of the police one of the negroes, Will Walker, was shot in the right leg by Call Officer Watson, but was not wounded seriously.

The other negro, Dave Smith, was found hiding in a cellar on Houston street half an hour later by Plain Clothes Officer Gresham and Captain Mayo.

The police declare that the burglars would have escaped with their booty had it not been for the telephone girls and Chief of Police Beavers has extended his personal thanks and congratulations to the girls for their presence of mind.

Miss Glass Crash.

The young woman, while working at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, heard the sound of breaking glass as the burglars smashed the window of the candy store.

Looking out of the exchange window the girls saw the two men enter a store. A third posted himself on the corner as lookout.

As the several of the young women watched the burglars, another of the girls telephoned police headquarters and notified the police.

Assistant Chief Jeff, Captain Mayo, Call Officers Watson and Anderson and Policemen Williams were on the scene in an automobile. As the car, driven at top speed, dashed up to the front of the candy store, the girls stood on the sidewalk as the officers came and ran. The police, thinking he was the only man in the store, started in pursuit and were called back by the telephone girls, who were gathered at the windows of the plant.

Call Policemen Beck.

"Come back," they cried, "there are two others in the store."

As the car turned and started hurriedly back to the store, two negroes dashed out of the front door and ran up Ivy street, with the police in pursuit. The negroes turned down Auburn avenue and ran to the plant of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, where they separated.

One of them disappeared in the darkness, but the other was seen to run around to the back of the plant. The police surrounded the place, and Captain Mayo went into the darkness after him.

He flashed the negro in a few minutes, and the burglar ran out into the open on the rear side of the plant, directly toward Officer Watson.

Leaps at Policeman.

The policeman yelled three times at the negro to halt. The burglar, however, continued to advance, and as he struck at the officer, Watson leaped aside and fired, the bullet penetrating the negro's leg.

The wounded negro was sent to the Grady Hospital in the ambulance, and the police continued their search for the other burglar. Half an hour later Captain Mayo and Officer Gresham found him crouching in the darkness of a cellar on Houston street. Gresham came upon the negro suddenly, and the burglar was probably thinking the officer was alone, leaped up with a curse.

Gresham covered him with his revolver, but the negro continued to advance. As Gresham was about to restrain Mayo came up and covered the negro and he surrendered.

When the policeman, crowded with police and reporters, passed the telephone exchange on route back to the station, they were appalled by the scene which was crowded with men, guns and who were responsible for the capture of the two negroes.

## Port Tampa Negro Shoots 3 Whites; 2 Victims May Die

TAMPA, July 23.—Three white men, Ernest Chaney, Walter Chaney and T. B. Austin, were shot by Columbus Hawkins, a negro, at Port Tampa to-day.

The three white men, with G. C. Mead, went to Hawkins' house, in the negro quarter, at an early hour to collect a debt which they say Charles Bell, another negro, owed Austin. When they rapped at Hawkins' back door he told them Bell was not there. They went to the front door and were met by Hawkins. He claims they began to shoot, and shows a small wound in his finger as proof.

Hawkins opened fire wounding three of the four. All of his five bullets found a target. All of the white men are seriously hurt and it would not be surprising if Ernest Chaney and Austin die. They had been drinking.

Marshal Walker found Bell in the house and rushed him and Hawkins to the county jail here to avoid trouble.

The three who were wounded were taken to the hospital. Ernest Chaney, followed the death of Austell Thornton, one of the best-known young bankers in Atlanta, near Asheville, N. C., early Wednesday morning.

Thornton's death was the result of tuberculosis, which was in following an attack of pneumonia eighteen months ago. When Dr. Friedman came to this country last winter with his serum, heralded as a cure for consumption, Thornton went to New York and underwent the treatment.

While Dr. Friedman, who is at Bellevue Hospital there in demonstrating his cure, he also did a great deal of work in hotels among patients who flocked to Manhattan from all over the United States.

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Thornton received his injections at the hotel where he was stopping, and it is said that Dr. Friedman himself administered them. It is also declared that the German physician charged young Thornton with a fatal error in the treatment, one person Wednesday morning placing the sum at \$2500.

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He was prominent in society and club circles, being a member of the Piedmont Driving Club, the Capital City Club and of practically every other prominent social organization of the city.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the family home, No. 411 Peachtree street. Interment private at Oakland.

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He is survived by his widow and two children; also his mother, Mrs. Albert Thornton; his brother, Albert Thornton; his sister, Miss Jane Thornton, all of Atlanta.

## Shoots Stepmother To Reunite Parents

BARB LAKE, IND., July 23.—Martin Straburger tried to kill his stepmother, and then ended his own life, that the man might be cleared for a reconciliation between his father and divorced mother.

It is the theory held by many here as the solution of the double shooting at Frank Straburger's country home, in which the second Mrs. Straburger was wounded and Straburger's son Martin killed himself.

## Postmasters Named For 3 Georgia Towns

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The President to-day nominated the following Georgia postmasters: Joseph M. McAffee, Canby, Cherokee County; Annie K. Bunn, Cedar-leville, Polk County, and George Eason, Rockmart, Polk County.

## FRIEDMANN 'CURE' FAILS THORNTON

Young Atlanta Banker Sinks Rapidly and Dies at Asheville Following New Treatment.

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## RIVALRY, MINUS DISCORD, ABOUNDS IN BOOSTER BUTTON BEAUTY RACE

Candidates for sponsorship of 500,000 Club growing numerous.



Miss Maud Stebbins, new entry of brunette type and one of the prettiest in contest.

Veritable Shower of Coupon Votes Received, Showing Enthusiasm in Competition.

Rivalry in Atlanta's booster button beauty contest threatens to equal that immortal mythological event in which Ate, Goddess of Discord, flung a golden apple at the feet of Paris marked for the first-born.

But no such disastrous result as the destruction of Troy is expected unless Birmingham or Memphis should steal Atlanta's prettiest girl and then outrank the Gate City in the census of 1920.

Atlanta felt sure that the girl elected "the gem" of the "500,000 Booster Club" will glory in her leadership and be present to act as queen of the celebration when the 500,000 population is counted in 1920.

One of the fillet candidates nominated Wednesday is Miss Maud Stebbins, of Venable street. She is a brunette, though not extreme, and gives the brunettes almost an equal place with the blondes in the number of candidates.

Each day brings in new candidates, and a snowstorm of coupon votes for the favorite. It is a wonderful contest indeed. But why should it be?

The prettiest girl in Atlanta! Just think of it. Clip the coupons that appear each day in The Georgian. Nominate your candidate. (VOTE.)

## Bacon, Needed at Capital, Unable to Address Assembly

Senator Bacon will not be able to address the General Assembly of Georgia in response to the invitation extended him last week, on account of the absolute necessity of every Democratic Senator being in Washington while the tariff bill is before Congress.

In a letter expressing deep regret, Senator Bacon also included a letter from Senator Kern urging him not to leave the National Capital at this time because of the existing strained relations with certain nations.

The letter was read in the House and Senate Wednesday morning, and resolutions of regret at Senator Bacon's forced declination were adopted.

## Cardinal Gibbons 79; Felicitated by Pope

BALTIMORE, MD., July 23.—In a modest chapel at the home of T. Herbert Striver, at Union Mills, near Westminster, Md., Cardinal Gibbons this morning celebrated the mass of thanksgiving that marked the 75th anniversary of his birth. Only members of the family of the host were present.

The rest of the day the Cardinal passed in repose. He received many greetings and letters of solicitation, including a cablegram from the Pope and letters of congratulation.

## TRACE FOUND HERE OF NEGRO SAID TO HAVE SEEN PHAGAN SLAYING

Sister of Will Green Tells Police He Slept at Home at Hour Girl Was Slain; Jim Conley, Factory Sweeper Again Grilled.

Here are Wednesday's important developments in the Phagan murder mystery:

Bloodstained glove of Mary Phagan is said to have been found on the first floor near the place the discovery of her pay envelope was made.

New evidence is found tending to establish the identity of the negro, Will Green, said to have seen the attack upon Mary Phagan.

New Leo, negro night watchman at the pencil factory, undergoes a grilling examination at the hands of Solicitor General Dorsey and his associate counsel, Frank A. Hooper.

J. M. Ganitt, expected to give sensational evidence for the prosecution at the trial, is in conference with the solicitor and present at the grilling of Leo.

Leo M. Frank tells Sheriff Mangum that he is eager for the trial to begin, and will be ready when it is called Monday morning.

Solicitor Dorsey announces that he will insist that there be no further delay.

It became known Wednesday that the defense in the Frank case had been informed that the negro, Will Green, who is said to have been shooting craps with Jim Conley the day that Mary Phagan was murdered and the Wil Green living at 105 Third and street, Atlanta, are the same person.

Private detectives in the employ of the defense have trailed the negro across a half-dozen States and have missed him by as small a margin as 30 minutes in some of the towns they have visited in the chase.

Traded by a Ring.

Charles Finn, proprietor of the Radu Jewelry Company, No. 107 Peachtree street, when he read in The Georgian that the defense was searching for a Will Green, recalled that he had a ring in his store which was to have been sold for by a negro of the same name, but which unfortunately had been left there without a claimant. He related this at peculiar, and notified persons interested in the defense.

A negro calling himself J. Will Green visited the store May 16 and displayed a rather ornate gold ring worth probably \$12 or \$15. He desired to have a Radu diamond set in it, and said that he would be around within a day or two after it. He never returned. It was about this time that the report spread around the city that the Phagan murder had had an eyewitness in the person of a

negro who was shooting craps with Conley.

A sister of the Will Green who left the ring at the jewelry store was seen Wednesday. She said that her brother had had a town about two months ago and that none of the family had heard from him since or had any idea where he was. She said he was working with some small circus or theatrical troupe when he left.

Leo Green, the detective who has been pursuing Leo, is known to be connected with a circus or show, additional strength thus being given to the theory that their identity is the same.

She thought the detectives were mistaken in believing that her brother knew anything about the crime. He slept practically all the day that Mary Phagan was murdered, she declared, and didn't even go downtown to see the Memorial Day parade, although he was urged by some of his friends. He was working night on the Southern Railway at this time, according to the state, joining the show people a few days later.

He failed to explain why he suddenly had left town without stopping to recover the gold ring of considerable value which he had left at the Finn jewelry store.

Ganitt Seen Solicitor.

J. M. Ganitt, a discharged employee of the National Pencil Factory, who Wednesday conferred with Solicitor General Dorsey and Attorney Frank A. Hooper, denied that he made the startling statement to them that he saw at 1 o'clock on the day that Mary Phagan was murdered Jim Conley and Leo Frank conversing together in Frank's office.

Intimation that Ganitt contemplated making such a statement to the prosecution is said to have come to the defense in an anonymous letter some time ago. The writer said in effect: "I was standing on the street the other day and heard Ganitt talking to some fellow. He told this fellow that he had stood across the street Saturday, April 13, and had looked through the window of the factory and seen Jim Conley talking to Frank in Frank's office."

"I don't think Ganitt is talking to the Solicitor yet, and, as he is not in very good financial condition, they went over practically the same ground that was covered in the inquest, quitting him about his actions the day of the murder and his whereabouts every minute during the time before he reported at the factory and

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