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Did E. O. Painter, of Jacksonville, Commit Suicide?

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BITTER FIGHT CERTAIN IN TRIAL OF FRANK

Defense Prepares to Show Glaring Discrepancies in Affidavit of James Conley.

"Development of a startling nature may be expected from day to day in the Phagan case," said Chief of Detectives Lanford Tuesday morning. "They may be expected right up to the date that the trial of Leo Frank begins."

"That we feel we practically have a conclusive case against the factory superintendent does not mean that we are resting in our labors to the slightest extent. We are a little more alert in our minds, that is all."

"The detectives are working constantly on new clues that present themselves and are investigating every story that is heard, whether it is told by a witness favorable to Frank or against him. We wish to go into every detail to establish our case against Frank, so that not a doubt of his guilt will be possible. That is, of course, if it still appears at that time that he is the guilty man as it does now."

With the continued activity of the detectives, it has become noticeable in the last few days that the defense is at work on its case. Both sides are preparing for a terrific battle when Frank is put on trial for his life. The trial is still held at police headquarters.

To Cite Time Differences.

Differences in the time given by Jim Conley in his affidavit and the testimony of Coroner's jury witnesses will be pointed out in the defense of Leo Frank against the charge of killing little Mary Phagan, it was revealed Tuesday. This will be the first time that the respectability of the innocence because of their many seeming deviations from fact.

One of the most glaring was the negro's declaration that while he was in Frank's office to write the letter Miss Corbin Hall and Mrs. Emma Clark entered. Conley said that this was a falsehood a few minutes after Miss Hall when she was on the stand at the inquest.

"A quarter to twelve," she replied. "I looked at the clock when I came down."

The negro said that he looked at the clock when he went in the office and that it was just four minutes of 1 o'clock. He had been in there a few minutes, he asserted, when the voices of Miss Hall and Mrs. Clark were heard.

\$50,000 Gem Theft Stirs Maiden Lane

NEW YORK, June 2.—(Baring Jewel) Robbery in taking the body from the second floor down to the basement on the elevator.

To Testify Elevator Didn't Run.

Two witnesses will be called to prove that the elevator did not run that day at the time the body is said to have been disposed of.

These two witnesses are Harry Deans and Arthur White. They were on the fourth floor from early in the forenoon until after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. If the elevator had been run they say they would know it. The experiment of running the elevator has been tried since the murder. It is said that it can not be run without the person on the fourth floor being aware of it.

Savannah Fighting Epidemic of Rabies

SAVANNAH, GA., June 3.—What is regarded as almost an epidemic of rabies is being battled here.

Three Savannah papers are taking the Pasteur treatment and four others were bitten by a puppy that has since been pronounced to have had rabies.

ROBBER RETAINS GALLOW.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 3.—The judge bill abolishing capital punishment in Illinois was defeated in the House today.

Bryan Lands Good Job for Publisher Of the Commoner

WASHINGTON, June 3.—President Wilson, after a conference with Secretary of War Garrison, to-day directed to appoint Richard L. Metcalf, of Nebraska, editor of William J. Bryan's paper, the Commoner, to be Civil Governor of the Panama Canal Zone.

Metcalf will succeed Maurice H. Thatcher, of Kentucky. It is expected the nomination will go to the Senate within a short time.

Militants Set Fire To Boats and House

LONDON, June 3.—Militant suffragettes set fire to the Long Bridge Boat Club house early today, destroying the house and about 30 boats. Most of the boats were of special design. The damage is estimated at about \$5,000.

Mrs. Flora "General" Drummond, the famous militant leader, and Lieutenant Mr. Emmeline Pankhurst, who was operating on yesterday for an illness induced by a hunger strike, was reported improved to-day.

Impure Water Said To Cause Pellagra

Special Cable to The American.

ROME, June 3.—Drs. Beala and Alessandrini announce that they have discovered that pellagra is a "chronic infection due to a toxic found in a colloidal solution in certain drinking waters. Their theory explains the peculiar topographical distribution of the disease, which is limited to the foot-hills of mountain ranges, more particularly valleys.

The Medical Academy of Rome has accepted the theory and will shortly apply preventive method.

Mercer Frats Get New Lease on Life

MACON, Ga., June 3.—Trustees of Mercer University have indefinitely "tabled" a resolution to abolish Greek letter fraternities at the school.

The proposal to eliminate fraternities at Mercer brought a number of prominent fraternal men from all parts of the state here, but none were permitted to appear before the board. Although he is a member of the K. K. K., Dr. Jamison is leading the movement to do away with fraternities.

Presbyterians Write Praise of Atlanta

The executive committee of the Presbyterian Assemblies, of which K. O. Irwin is chairman, has finished up its work and formally disbanded.

The committee received letters from all parts of the country from Assembly delegates, loud in their praise of Atlanta.

After paying the expenses incurred by the General Assembly, the committee found a good balance in the treasury.

GRAND JURY GIVEN VICE FACTS BY FELDER

Attorney Boldly Declares That Police Are Protecting 'Houses in Our Midst.'

Accusations that Atlanta is honey-combed with vice and that the police and detective departments deliberately protect and encourage these conditions were made before the Grand Jury of Fulton County by Colonel Thomas B. Felder and Carl Hutchinson, Wednesday morning.

Both men declared they had conclusive proof to establish the truth of their charges, and that they had submitted sufficient evidence to the Grand Jury to indict every one of the 30 or more proprietors of disorderly houses whose names and addresses they had left with the members of the Grand Jury.

Colonel Felder came out boldly and charged graft of the worst sort and asserted that he had given the Grand Jury affidavits showing the alleged connections between the police department and the houses of disorderly conduct, as well as by reputable business men who were aware of the conditions.

It was announced at the outset of the Grand Jury probe that the conditions of the city would be the only matter taken up at this time. Foreman Beck said that the jury was following the charge delivered by Judge W. D. Ellis, who urged the Grand Jury, in view of the Mary Phagan tragedy, thoroughly to investigate the reported spread of vice in the city since the wiping out of the restricted district.

"We have resolved ourselves into a committee of the whole to follow the instructions of Judge Ellis," said Mr. Beck. "We propose to sift the matter charges and counter-charges that have been made and get at the real truth. If it is possible, we want to know if vice is protected, and if we find that it is, we propose to indict those involved in the disgrace."

Refrain Colonel Felder and Mr. Hutchinson, Mayor Woodward, who long has disagreed with Chief Beavers' vice policy, and C. C. Jones, owner of the Rex Saloon, were called before the Grand Jury. The Mayor and Mr. Hutchinson were before the jury about an hour each. The Mayor said he had given the Grand Jury a great amount of information in his report, much of which has been published in connection with his controversy with Chief Beavers. The Mayor was questioned closely as to his knowledge of existing vice.

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Catch Tarpon and Pelican? We Know Darn Well We Can

Atlantans are figuring conspicuously this year in the tarpon fishing off the west coast of Florida. The St. Petersburg Independent, in a current issue, tells how H. W. Brown, of Atlanta, who was fishing off Passacawilla with George Lisotte, landed four big ones in one day.

Mr. Lisotte, the serial Frenchman who makes two (two-ohs) trips where only one grew before, is well known to Atlantans. The only thing more plentiful than tarpon this year on the west coast are pelicans. Mr. Brown has sent to Atlanta a copy of a letter just composed by Lisotte, in which he refers to the automatic, the noble owl. The letter is as follows: "There's a curious bird called the Pelican whose mouth holds more than his belly."

He starts into his book. Enough grub for a week. Though I don't see how he pelican."

Cattle and Wheat To Go on Free List

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The free list of the Underwood tariff bill will be augmented by the addition of cattle and wheat, according to a statement of Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, after a conference with President Wilson today.

Senator Simmons today said the chief executive had signified his willingness to have the duty removed from both.

It is not expected that President Wilson will sanction any further changes in the measure.

Clark Picks Oct. 1 as Adjournment Date

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Speaker Clark's prediction that Congress will be in session until October 1 is believed to forecast a long wrangle over currency reform and a record-breaking debate on the tariff in the Senate.

While the Democratic caucus was adopting a resolution to limit the legislative program in the House, Speaker Clark observed that, with the work already cut out for it, Congress "will be here until October 1." Congress has been in almost continuous session for five years.

Atlantans Says U. S. Sailors Robbed Him

NEW ORLEANS, June 3.—Losing his way in Audobon Park here, W. E. Shiffet, of Atlanta, approached four sailors. He asked the way to the Westway ferry and as soon as he turned his back he was beaten to the ground and robbed of \$103, his watch and slippers.

Charging that the sailors were Cape on which was "U. S. S. Amphitrite," Shiffet and a policeman had the gunboat captain line up the entire crew. He couldn't identify any as his assailants.

Bathing at Piedmont All the Rage Fair Swimmers Come in Shoals



Miss Mattie Kelsing, one of the fair mermaids of Piedmont Park, and her human springboard—Messrs. McKinney (on the left) and Kelly.

2,000 Daily, Present Mark, Expected To Be Increased to 3,000 This Month.

Bathing at Piedmont Park has become the rage.

From the moment the life-saver gets on his job in the morning until the closing time at night the beautiful pond is literally alive with bathers.

The daily average thus far has been something above 2,500, but Superintendent Dan Carey, of the Park Commission, expects the number to go well above 3,000 before the end of June—and then some.

Attendance Records Broken.

Never, says Mr. Carey, has the sport been so popular. For the early season—winter is still far away—small records are smashed higher than a kite, and there is some talk of keeping a lower level in the pond for fear that an unexpected excess in the number of bathers would make it rise above the banks.

Such things as aquatic records are yet to be established and smashed for the season. Right now there are some likely contenders for each and every one of the swimming and diving events, and they are not necessarily of the stronger sex.

Women go to Piedmont Park in as large numbers as the men. In fact, says Mr. Carey, the women and girls hold the attendance records thus far, and, unless something entirely unforeseen happens, they will come very near equalling the aquatic records when the men's race is held later in the year.

HELD ON GIRL'S CHARGE.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., June 3.—C. P. HUNTSVILLE, Ill., held for a charge made by a 13-year-old girl.

FLORIDA MAN HAD OVER \$1,000,000 ON HIS LIFE, TAKEN OUT THIS YEAR

Fell Off Ferryboat and Was Drowned. Alleged to Have Taken Drug--Organs Lost on Way for Analysis. Insurance Companies Probe Death.

\$999,000 Insurance Taken Out This Year

Painter secured his insurance on the following dates:	
February 13—Mutual Life	\$1,000,000
February 24—Penn Mutual	\$250,000
March—New York Life	\$250,000
March 15—Mutual Life	\$250,000
March 25—Mutual Life	\$250,000
April—Mutual Life	\$250,000
April 1—Equitable	\$250,000
April 15—Penn Mutual	\$250,000
April 21—Mutual Life	\$250,000
April 25—United States Fidelity and Guaranty	\$250,000
April 28—Equitable	\$250,000
April 28—Employer's Liability	\$250,000
April 28—Mutual Life	\$250,000
April 28—Travelers	\$250,000
May 2—Prudential	\$250,000
Total	\$9,990,000

Total issued in 1913 \$999,000

Unfulfilled:

March 11—New York Life	\$250,000
November 13—Prudential	\$250,000
October 16, 1912—Preferred Accident	\$250,000
June 1, 1913—Travelers	\$250,000
January 15, 1913—Mutual Life	\$250,000
New York Life	\$250,000
Federal and Miscellaneous	\$250,000
Illinois Commercial	\$250,000
Total previous to 1913	\$13,000,000

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., June 3.—Did E. O. Painter commit suicide?

That is the question everybody here is asking. Painter carried \$1,178,000—perhaps more—on his life, most of which was taken out in the past four months.

His death was unexpected and mysterious. One more mystery has been added to it by the disappearance of the dead man's heart, stomach and kidneys, forwarded from this city to the Johns Hopkins University for analysis.

Painter's death, so the life insurance companies suspect, was produced by an overdose of chloral, which overwhelmed him when he tumbled over from a ferryboat ostensibly on the way to his factory.

Those most free to talk of his death seem inclined to one of two theories, suicide or insanity, and the suicide theorists seem to be in the majority. But there are many who scout at either of these opinions and steadfastly maintain that his death was purely accidental.

Inquest Awaits Analysis

In the meantime expert physicians and chemists in Baltimore are ready to analyze the brain, heart, liver, lungs, stomach, and other organs of the dead man to determine whether they contain evidence of poison or disclose any other condition to explain his death.

Coroner G. D. Abbott, of Duval County, is holding in abeyance an inquest over the dead man. A jury has been impaneled, but has gone no further than to view Painter's body.

An autopsy was performed by four physicians, two of whom were acting at the instance of the Painter family, one for the State and the fourth called in by the others. But the body was dissected before the Coroner had seen it and had an opportunity to subpoena a jury.

Painter met his death in the river at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. His body was recovered and in an undertaker's morgue by 1 o'clock that afternoon and the autopsy was performed. The removed organs were sealed in a conveyer in the express office and billed to Baltimore before night. The two physicians representing the family, Drs. P. O. Perry and John Gay Boyd, went to Baltimore at the same time to be present at the analysis.

The shipment was made to Dr. Charles Simon, of Baltimore, but he is in Nova Scotia, and his assistant, Dr. C. E. Haas, notified the Jacksonville authorities that he was instructed to turn the shipment over to Dr. Charles Glazer, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, who refused to undertake the analysis until Coroner Abbott had a representative present. The Coroner designated a Baltimore attorney to represent him.

The beneficiaries named in the policies were either some mem-