

WOODWARD CALLS IT A TRAP

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MAJOR BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN USED BY DICTOGRAPH

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE CHIEF BEAVERS OLD LANFORD BY COLYAR

A plot to assassinate Chief of Police J. L. Beavers is the amazing charge made by A. S. Colyar, Jr., the man who conceived and accomplished the alleged dictographing of Colonel T. B. Felder in connection with the \$1,000 bribery accusations placed against the attorney.

This sensational disclosure came to light Saturday morning. The charge was laid before Chief of Detectives Newport Lanford by Colyar. He declared that he would produce a man who would make an affidavit to the effect that an attempt was made to employ him to "set" Chief Beavers and also Chief Lanford. Colyar declared that this man would swear that if it were necessary that he had been instructed to "provoke a quarrel with Chief Beavers and shoot him to death." This man, Colyar asserted, would swear that he had been promised immunity from punishment for his deed.

This report created an intense sensation in police circles, and produced one of the greatest sensations of the Phagan mystery.

The name of this mysterious man has not been furnished to the office of Chief Lanford in the police station, where the affidavit was to be made. Up to a late hour Saturday morning, however, neither he nor Colyar had put in an appearance.

According to the story told by Colyar, this man is not a resident of Atlanta, but has been here several days. He is an old friend of Colyar. He said this man would swear positively that the murder plot proposition was made to him shortly after his arrival here, and that he would give the name of the man who engineered the deal.

Felder Charges Police Plot to Shield Slayer

Colonel Thomas B. Felder entered his angry and detailed denials of the Georgia of all the charges of attempted bribery contained in the affidavit signed by C. C. February, secretary to Chief of Detectives Lanford, and A. S. Colyar, a private detective with a spectacular career.

Colonel Felder declared the alleged dictograph record of conversation he had had with Colyar and February in Williams House No. 2, a "frame-up" and a fabrication.

The report that he had offered \$1,000 for the Coleman affidavit in the Phagan case and affidavit said to indicate graft in the Police Department was branded as absolutely false.

"The whole plot had been concocted, he said, to discredit himself and W. J. Burns and drive them from the Phagan case, so the guilty person might be protected."

"Every move made by the police in the Phagan case has been for the protection of the real criminal," said Colonel Felder. "The police have kept an innocent negro there in a cell for three weeks in the hope that they can crush a confession out of him and let the real culprit go free."

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COLYAR CALLED CONDUCT AND CHARGES IN INDICTMENTS

Records Show He Has Been Confined in Numerous Prisons and Twice in Asylum.

Who is A. S. Colyar?

The records show that Colyar was once confined in the Middle Tennessee Insane Asylum, and that more recently he was sent to Lyonsville, the East Tennessee Asylum. Information from Nashville is that he served time in prisons all over the State, as well as in Sing Sing, New York, and a jail in Virginia. Testimony from Chattanooga paints him as a wild adventurer who spends considerable time in prison and is always in trouble.

In Prison Many Times.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 24.—A. S. Colyar, a son of the late A. S. Colyar, of this city, one of the most brilliant lawyers and statesmen Tennessee ever produced. When not violently insane his mind works brilliantly, but always to the wrong end. He has been in prison time after time, but always evaded long sentences through influence of his father's friends.

Young Colyar's most noted exploit, as it is understood here, consisted in connection with the famous Mollinoux murder case in New York. He went from Nashville to New York, saw General Mollinoux and offered to have his son acquitted for \$25,000.

"Your son is innocent," Colyar is reported to have said. "One of my clients, now in the Tennessee penitentiary, is guilty. He confessed to me, for \$25,000 I can get him out of the penitentiary, bring him here, induce him to confess and save your son's life."

Next day, so the story here runs, General Mollinoux advanced him half the money. Colyar went back to Nashville, engaged a well-known pickpocket as a confederate, took him to New York and secured the money, guards and claimed the rest of the \$25,000. The ruse might have worked, but for the fact that the district attorney secured information about Colyar and blocked his plans.

Daniels 'Afraid' to umpire Ball Game

WASHINGTON, May 24.—As soon as Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, announced that he was going to West Point to attend the Army-Navy baseball game on May 31, he was invited to be one of the two umpires.

"No, thank you; it's a bit too risky," declared Mr. Daniels. "The game is in an open park and down to the bottom of the sea in a submarine, but I am not a brave enough man to attempt the job as arbitrator in a college baseball game. The job is too hazardous and too dangerous."

What Is in a Name? Gets Boy \$2,000,000

SEATTLE, May 21.—Through the action of the Superior Court here, Henry Francis Shoemaker, aged 45, regained his name, as his father, Henry W. Shoemaker, of Alton, Pa., has promised that the boy shall inherit \$2,000,000. The boy's mother, Mrs. M. M. Shoemaker, wife, gave the boy the name of Perry. Mr. Shoemaker, who died before he and his wife were separated.

Cemetery Sexton Dies Amid Tombs

COLUMBIAS, Ga., May 24.—O. H. Hartley, sexton of Hixson's cemetery, died of a heart ailment in the city here today.

SEEK INSIDE EVIDENCE OF POLICE GRAFT IN PROTECTION OF VICE

Sensational dictograph conversations in which Mayor James G. Woodward, Charles C. Jones, former Tenderloin proprietor and present owner of the Rex saloon, E. O. Miles, a private detective, A. S. Colyar, accuser of Colonel T. B. Felder, and Chief Lanford's clerk, February, all figure are made public by The Atlanta Georgian today.

The conversations, all reported by a dictograph installed in the Williams House, in the same room and by the same man who figured in the "trapping" of Felder, tend to throw new and startling light on the alleged plot to "get" Chief of Police James L. Beavers, who wiped out the Tenderloin and Chief of Detectives Lanford.

As reported by George M. Gearty, who took down the conversation as it trickled over the thin spin wires through the door between Colyar's room, No. 31, and Room No. 32, Mayor Woodward seems to be supported in his assertion that he was merely after evidence of graft in the police department.

The Mayor was present at the conference with February, Jones and Miles. The entire dictograph conversation in which he figured is given elsewhere.

Far more sensational is the conversation in which Jones, Miles and Colyar took part. Jones viciously attacked the police department, charging graft and crookedness, accused Marion Jackson, Men and Religion leader, of being the beneficiary of vice, and said he had been double-crossed in the wiping out of the Tenderloin.

Colonel Felder's name is mentioned time and again in the conversation of the three and more than one reference is made to the alleged offer of \$1,000 for evidence.

The entire sensation resolved itself into an apparent effort to secure from within the police department itself, through Clerk February, evidence of graft and crookedness. Jones directly charges that there has been protection extended to certain houses now operating in Atlanta.

The conversations make clear that fact that the Phagan case was merely a means to an end—that the men accused as conspirators were after graft evidence and not Phagan evidence.

Jones Attacks Beavers and Charges Police Crookedness

The following conversation occurred in room No. 31, at Williams House No. 2, 24-30 N. Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday evening, between A. S. Colyar, E. O. Miles and A. S. Colyar.

Colyar: It has been very warm today, hasn't it?

Miles: Yes, it has. I asked Mr. Felder if you mentioned Mr. Jones' name to him and he said no.

Colyar: He told me Monday night that Mr. Jones was a friend of his and he thought it an outrage the way they had done him.

Miles: You know I asked you this afternoon why you wanted to see Mr. Jones.

Colyar: If you don't want to talk, that's all right.

Miles: In what way?

Colyar: Tom told me they did you pretty dirty down here at the station house.

Miles: Yes. They closed up the houses I had. I had a lot of property.

Colyar: He told me they framed up on you.

Miles: There is no doubt but what it was a frame-up.

Colyar: Tom told me he would like to see the gang out of business.

Miles: The record now is (voice very indistinct just then). They never grafted me. Wouldn't be any use for me to give them any money.

Miles: You told me you wanted to see Jones. It is not a question of lack of confidence, as what I told you was true as far as I know, but if he knows anything at all about it, I don't know just what it is.

Miles: I don't know anything. I just told them to go ahead and build their houses and move them across the street. Even some of them went and paid for them. Three or four days before they closed the houses, the Chief of the City of Atlanta...

Huerta Threatens to Assume Dictatorship

MEXICO CITY, May 24.—(Special.)—President Huerta has threatened to dissolve Congress and assume dictatorship over the legislative branch of the government unless the deputies opposed to the \$100,000,000 foreign loan cease filibustering against it.

This plan threatens the executive and legislative branch of the government. Huerta has been expected for some time.

If the opposition is successful and the loan is not secured, a crisis will follow.

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Dictograph Conversations in Which Mayor Took Part

Here is the entire dictograph conversation in which Mayor James G. Woodward took part as it was reported to the police. A copy is in the police files today.

A. S. Colyar, the man who engineered the entire sensation, of course takes a leading part. The conversation is first minutely between him and Chief Lanford's clerk, February and E. O. Miles, a private investigator, and a friend of Charles C. Jones, who comes later into the conversation.

Jones owned a number of houses in the restricted district closed up by Chief Beavers, which were conservatively estimated to have given him an income of \$40,000 a year. He is the owner of the Rex saloon, and is by no means poverty stricken, despite the huge dent Chief Beavers' reform made in his roll.

Mayor James G. Woodward, who has never hesitated to let it be known that he was not in sympathy with the Chief's vice crusade, comes into the conversation later and is reported in full.

The conversation took place on Wednesday afternoon in Colyar's room—the same room where Felder was trapped, and was taken down by George M. Gearty, a nephew of the president of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. Here is a copy of the record:

The following statements were overheard by me, by using a dictograph located in room 12 of the Williams House No. 2, 24-30 North Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Ga., said dictograph being connected with room No. 31 of the said hotel, and I saw Mr. E. O. Miles, whom I am personally acquainted with, Mr. J. C. February, whom I have known for several years, and Mr. A. S. Colyar, with whom I have only been acquainted for a short time, enter room No. 31 of said hotel at about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of May 21, 1913.

On account of Mr. February having locked the door to room No. 32, I was delayed in getting in. After having witnessed the three parties who have mentioned enter room No. 31 of said hotel, in the emergency, I used the key to my front door, which, with a little difficulty, opened the door. After closing the door and going to the instrument, it was unable to hear what was being said very distinctly on account of the windows of the said room being open. This necessitated another delay to close them, and after returning to my instrument I was able to hear the following. Several dashes indicate that the voice just at that point became inaudible.

Colyar:—You are not a Jew, are you?

Miles:—No, just wait a minute. I know (there noise made hearing indistinct). I have got several Jews (sound indistinct).

Colyar:—(Question incoherent).

Miles:—I am satisfied you ought, but you know when they go into it they are bound to put up a Jew.

Colyar:—(Conversation too loud to catch).

Miles:—(Mayor will give us absolute assurance that he will protect us).

Miles:—Will you bring the Mayor up here—right now?

Miles:—I think I can bring the Mayor up here right away. The evidence is in the found indistinct.

Colyar:—It looks like a frame-up on Felder and they couldn't detect (sound indistinct).

Miles:—You are not a Jew, are you?

Miles:—No, I am not. I spell my name M-I-L-E-S.

Colyar:—These sons of a gun down here can frame up anything on Detective Street. I told Felder I would get the goods and go outside of the county and I would meet you and him at East Lake.

Miles:—There is no occasion for your leaving town.

Colyar:—But I mean afterwards, I am afraid to stay here.

February:—If the Mayor and Felder will stay behind us like they said they would.

Colyar:—I would like to have the Mayor.

Miles:—But right now he may be busy. February can get Mr. Felder's foot now. It will take about ten minutes in any case, but he may be busy. I will bring him if he possibly can get here. (On a few minutes Miles returned).