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WEB OF LIES BY CONLEY TANGLE POLICE

Claim Negro, Despite His Conflicting Stories, Is Strong Link in Case Against Frank.

A jumble of conflicting statements made by Jim Conley, negro sweeper at the National Pencil factory, confronted the detectives when they resumed work on the Phagan strangling mystery Thursday morning.

The detectives still held firmly to their theory that the negro was the most important witness against Leo M. Frank, in the face of the contradictory stories and lies in which he had been trapped.

They were strongly disposed to give full credence to Conley's second affidavit, although the negro's sudden anxiety to talk after three weeks of silence and the maze of falsehood in which he was at once involved served suddenly to shift the responsibility for Mary Phagan's death from Leo Frank to the sullen black man, in the judgment of many who have been following the evidence closely.

Chief Lanford and Detective Harry Scott, of the Pinkertons, announced Thursday morning, however, that they regarded the second affidavit of Conley as the final and conclusive piece of evidence needed in preparing a case against Frank.

Rejected First Affidavit.

Others who have weighed the evidence carefully declare there are many more significant indications that Conley was the slayer than there are reasons to believe that Frank is guilty.

The detectives rejected the first affidavit of Conley, in which he said Frank dictated Friday the notes that were found by the body of the slain girl Sunday morning on the ground that it was absurd and unbelievable to hold the theory that the murder was premeditated.

Yet they accept the second affidavit, which indicatesidentically the same thing, in that Frank met Conley at Nelson and Forsyth Streets before 11 o'clock Saturday morning, April 26, before the crime was committed, and told the negro to wait for him, later taking Conley to the factory with him, where Conley says that he wrote the notes at Frank's direction.

The negro in his second affidavit suggests no other motive that could have impelled Frank to ask him to come to the factory shortly before noon on Saturday. Conley says that Frank told him to wait secreted on the first floor until he heard a whistle. When he heard the whistle he says he went upstairs and Frank dictated the notes.

Why Many Suspect Conley.

All of this is inescapably suggestive of premeditation on the part of Frank, if Conley's story is to be believed, but the theory of premeditation has been scoffed at by everyone, including Chief Lanford and Harry Scott.

In fact, it never seriously was considered by anyone, say those who are inclined to believe the evidence against Conley greatly outweighs that against Frank. The assertion is freely made that it would be far easier to convict Conley, if the police were so disposed, than it will be to convict Frank. Here are a few reasons advanced:

When the factory superintendent was permitted to go before the Coroner's jury by his attorney, he answered all the questions in a straightforward, unwavering manner, never once being trapped in a lie or misstatement.

In marked contrast is the conduct of Conley ever since his arrest at the time of the inquest three weeks ago. When discovered at the factory, he was washing a shirt which he sought to hide from the person who had found him out.

He was taken into custody and gave his address as 92 Tattnall Street. Investigation disclosed that Conley was lying and that he had not lived on Tattnall Street for months, his actual residence being 152 Rhodes Street.

He was asked to write, and he told

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Eight Girls Sold at Auction in Caucasia

LONDON, May 29.—Eight native girls between the ages of 15 and 18 were sold by public auction last week at Tereklimakteb, Caucasia, according to an Odessa dispatch to The Daily Mail.

There was lively bidding before the eight lots were disposed of. The highest price, $105, was paid for a handsome Tartar girl named Orsalia Ashieff.

It is an immemorial custom of the Tartars and the Kalmucks to sell their superfluous daughters.

Says Husband Made Her Feign Happiness

NEW YORK, May 29.—A story of hardships to which she was subjected by her hurband, including long horseback rides over the Mexican mountains and threats of death, was told to-day by 22-year-old Mrs. Dace Charlet, who is suing Alfonson Charlet for separation.

Charlet is president of the Charlet Mines and Smelters Company.

"Sometimes he would threaten to shoot me if I was not merry," said the wife.

Society Flocks to Bishop Divorce Trial

NEW YORK, May 29.—Persons prominent in society in this city and Newport scrambled for seats in Justice Goff's room in the Supreme Court to-day when the divorce trial of Mrs. Abigail Hancock Bishop against Cunningham Bishop, a millionaire banker, was resumed.

Mrs. Bishop claims that her husband and another woman registered as Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Baer, of Philadelphia, at the Hotel Astor.

Grounded German Battleship in Peril

Special Cable to The Atlanta Georgian.

DANZIG, GERMANY, May 29.—Danzig harbor was all but closed today by the German dreadnought Koenig Albert, which went aground Monday and which has swung across the mouth of the Vistula River, preventing all but the smallest vessels from entering or leaving.

The position of the warship is dangerous owing to the drifting silt which is threatening to sandlock the ship.

Militants Fire Hay And Farm Buildings

Special Cable to The Atlanta Georgian.

LONDON, May 29.—Having terrorized most of the cities of England, the militant suffragettes now are paying their attentions to the rural districts.

Three fires were reported to-day from farms near Richmond. Haystacks and farm buildings were burned and about the ruins were scattered placards and copies of The Suffragette.

'Champagne Truest Financial Barometer'

LONDON, May 29.—Walter Mumm, who is to marry Miss Frances Scoville, of Kansas, June 2, arrived in London to-day. In discussing the champagne trade he said:

"The best barometer in the world of financial conditions is the champagne market. There is more champagne than ever being drunk in the United States."

Good Cooks Kill Drink Habit, Says Duchess

LONDON, May 29.—"I believe a dinner well cooked is a better antidote to drink than any possible legislation," declared the Duchess of Marlborough.

Her grace, who was Consuelo Vanderbilt, made a brief address at the annual meeting of St. Pancras School for Mothers.

SEE PERIL TO LIFE IN CITY PLANT'S DEFEAT

Councilmen Assert Atlanta Faces Grave Problem Without Incinerator—Mayor Is Jubilant.

The action of the Supreme Court in declaring the crematory contract illegal Thursday revived the old fight between Mayor Woodward and the Council in all its fury.

Mayor Woodward was jubilant over the decision and declared that he would take the stump in opposition to the approving the contract by the people. He said the court action justified all his opposition to Council's business methods and that he was going to break the moral obligation for the $106,000 fire alarm system, which system is now about half completed.

Expressing the temper of the opposition, Councilman Claude L. Ashley, chairman of the the sanitary committee, declared that the city was confronted with a tragedy.

Predicts Epidemics.

"It is no longer a question of business methods," said Councilman Ashley. "It is a question of life and death. If that crematory is not put into operation so we can burn the garbage of this town the people will be dying like flies by fall.

"I am a poor man, but I will make one of $75 to put up the $216,000 to pay for the plant and bids our time for repayment. I had rather donate the money than to have Atlanta be without a crematory this summer.

"It is all very well to talk about fine distinctions in business methods at the right time. As regards a crematory that time is past. If Mayor Woodward would take my place for a few days and hear the complaints about garbage being dumped all around the city he would want a crematory as quick as possible at any cost.

Face New Conditions.

"I opposed this contract. I voted against tearing down the old crematory. But we are facing new conditions to-day. We used to dump all the garbage in one place outside the city. We were enjoined from that. Since the old crematory was torn down we have been forced to dump it around inside the city. The town is festering with decaying matter. There are more flies right now than I ever saw before. We are threatened with hundreds of injunctions.

"That crematory will be ready to burn garbage in about 30 days. There is fire in two of the furnaces now, drying them out. It is one of the finest garbage destructor plants in this country. Can the question of its relation to the health of this city be compared to any difference over business methods?

"Let's follow the court order and submit the contract to the people. They will approve it five to one."

Work May Continue.

Work may not be stopped at all on the plant, which is being erected on the city's property back of the Terminal Station by teh Destructor Company, of New oYrk.

Though the contract is void, Council is determined to pay for the plant, P. D. Canham, in charge of the work, said he would continue unless stopped by a court order.

On account of the vital health question involved an effort will be made to effect a compromise that will allow the plant to be completed, independent of the controversy.

G. A. R. Makes Plans For Decoration Day

O. M. Mitchell, chairman of a committee appointed by G. A. R. Post, No. 1, of Atlanta, to plan for the celebration of Decoration Day, has completed arrangements. Ceremonies will be held in the National Cemetery at Marietta.

Commander George P. Leavitt, of Post No. 1 will speak on "The Duty of the Day," while the tribute to the dead will be paid by F. A. Jones, of Tallapoosa. Two companies of troops from Fort McPherson will participate.

Rosalie Jones Quits Hiking to Fly

Suffragist 'General' in New Roll To Drop Literature From Biplane

"General" Rosalie Jones.

Yellow Circulars Will Announce Speakers for the Cause in New York Decoration Day.

NEW YORK, May 29.—"General" Rosalie Jones has added a new accomplishment to her abilities as a hiker, and on Decoration Day she will fly across Staten Island, distributing suffrage literature from an aeroplane. The general will ascend in a Wright biplane operated by Aeroplanist Brown.

If the wind is favorable her route will be marked by a trail of yellow suffrage flyers, announcing the speakers at the suffrage meeting to be held later at Oakwood Heights.

A group of Barnard girls will be present to welcome the general as she alights.

Moose Congressmen Fight Party Reunion

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Progressive members of the House, in conference late yesterday, adopted a resolution offered by Representative Hinebaugh of Illinois opposing amalgamation with the Republican party.

Representative Murdock, Bull Moose leader, declared that the only way to get together was for the Republicans to adopt the name and platform of the Progressive party.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Atlanta and Georgia—Fair Thursday and Friday.

Loss of Home Makes Mrs. Theo Shonts Ill

NEW YORK, May 29.—Mrs. Hilla D. Shonts, wife of Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough, is in a serious condition as the result of the burning of her country home near Mobile, Ala., April 19 last, when she and her daughters were driven out by the flames.

A statement to this effect was made in the Supreme Court yesterday by Dr. E. B. Ligon, of Mobile, Mrs. Shonts' physician, on an application for the adjournment of a suit brought against Mrs. Shonts on a note.

Americans Victims In London Hotel Raid

LONDON, May 29.—American tourists were among the victims of a robbery at the fashionable Hotel Berkeley in Piccadilly early to-day. Armed burglars bound and gagged two porters, who were acting as watchmen, opened a safe and made off with a great sum of money and jewels.

Scotland Yard detectives were assigned to the case. It is believed the robbers fled to France. The Berkeley is one of the best-known hotels in London and much frequented by American tourists.

Senators Thirsty; No More Ice Water

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Economy, the fetish of the administration, hit the Senate ice water tanks today. There are no more.

If the Senators want ice they must pay for, as well as for something to keep it in.

When the Senators arrived at their offices to-day the various brands of bottled water, with their cooling apparatus, had been removed.

Carnegie's Valor Does Not Impress Schwab

NEW YORK, May 29.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, does not take seriously Andrew Carnegie's declaration that he would carry a gun and die for America if Japan attacked this country.

"I don't think Mr. Carnegie would go to war any more than I would, even if he does feel younger," he said. "The best way to insure peace is always to be prepared for war. America should build more battleships."

Spooning Approved; Jail for Mashers

PITTSBURG, May 29.—"Sweethearts may kiss and hug to their heart's content, but 'mashers' will be sent to jail."

These are the orders of Superintendent of Police McQuaide, who thinks that legitimate courtship should be encouraged in city parks here.

Nearly everybody in Atlanta reads The Sunday American. YOUR advertisement in the next issue will sell goods. Try it!

16 Are Graduated by Agnes Scott College

Agnes Scott College Wednesday gave sixteen young women diplomas. Besides, degrees, scholarships and prizes were awarded. The following young women were in the class:

Grace Lydia Anderson, Decatur; Olivia Ruth Bozarki, Montgomery, Ala.; Annie Candler, Atlanta; Kate Hutcheson Clark, Montgomery, Ala.; Frances Dukes, Whitman; Mary Lois Enzor, Troy, Ala.; Elizabeth Frances Joyner, Hawkinsville; Janie Wood Daughey, Atlanta; Mary Louise Van-Epps, Decatur; Emma Pope Moss, Marietta; Elvira Eleanor Pinkston, Greenville; Margaret Roberts, Valdosta; Lavalett Kennedy Sloan, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Florence Smith, Atlanta; Helen Maude Smith, Waukula, Fla.; Laura Belle Powers, Birmingham, Ala.

$1,500 Game Cocks Sentenced to Death

BOSTON, May 29.—Twenty-five game cocks, valued at $1,500, were sentenced to death by Judge Byram here. They will be put to death by the State.

The birds were taken in a raid on a cocking main.

STEVENS JOINS HUNT FOR SLAYER OF HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER

Aged Veteran, Crushed by Tragedy, Hastens Home From Chattanooga Reunion---Half-breed, Said to Have Attempted Attack on Girl, Sought.

William Stevens, husband and father of the two women who were murdered and their bodies incinerated in their home on the McDonough Road Tuesday night, arrived in Atlanta Thursday morning from Chattanooga in answer to hasty summons sent him by police.

The aged Confederate veteran was met at the train by city detectives and driven immediately to the scene of his devastated home. The old man was led, trembling, from the car to the automobile and driven off to take part in the hunt for the slayer.

It is to Mr. Stevens that the police look for valuable information leading to the murderer. He is the only person alive, besides the missing son, Wade Stevens, who knows the conditions which existd in the home.

Efforts to locate Wade Stevens Wednesday night proved futile. Police authorities have notified those of Chattanooga and Cincinnati, to which cities the boy said he was going to "hobo," to be on the lookout for him. Minute descriptions of Stevens and his companion, "Red" Merchant, who was seen with him at the Terminal Station Tuesday night, have been sent out. Police of Atlanta are making a thorough search of this city for the two boys.

Tells of Attempted Attack.

An important clew, given Sheriff J. A. McCurdy, of DeKalb County, who is in charge of the investigation, was revealed in the statement of a neighbor to the effect that a Mexican half-breed, formerly employed by Mrs. Stevens, had attempted to attack Nellie Stevens some time ago.

This declaration was made by Miss Josephine McCauley, 790 Glenwood Avenue, an intimate friend of both the slain mother and daughter. Miss McCauley said that only a few days ago Mrs. Stevens had told her of shooting at the discharged halfbreed when he appeared at the country home. Mrs. Stevens had said that she fired twice at the man, and that he escaped into the clump of woods adjoining the house. Sheriff McCurdy has ordered a country-wide search made for the halfbreed.

Discovery Wednesday morning that Mr. Stevens had purchased an axe some days ago offers a possible clew to the weapon used by the murderer in crushing the skulls of his victims. The axe is, so far, missing, though the ruins of the burned dwelling and surrounding vicinity have been carefully searched for it.

Axe Apparently Used.

The sharp, knifelike cut across the top of Nellie Stevens' skull seems to bear out the theory that the murderer used the axe to slay his victims.

Possibility that the weapon used by the murderer was thrown into the well near the house has led Sheriff McCurdy to order the well dragged.

Atlanta police and detective officials have joined with the DeKalb force to solve the mystery. Detective Chief Lanford assigned Mounted Policeman Hamilton, who was a close friend of the Stevens family, and Detective Rosser to work on the case. Sheriff McCurdy obtained this reinforcement Thursday morning when he held a conference with Lanford.

An unique incident of the blaze which burned the Stevens home to ashes was revealed in the finding of fifty-seven chickens dead in a coop fifty feet away. The coop was not even scorched by the heat.

They robbery was the motive of the murderer has been established by the disappearance of jewelry and a large quantity of money which Mrs. Stevens was known to have had in the house at the time.

Woman's Jewels Missing.

Neighbors stated that Mrs. Stevens possessed a diamond ring valued at $400 and two gold watches. These are missing.

Coupled with other theories as to

EDITOR TO TELL WHY HE MADE T.R. CHARGE

George W. Newett to Take Stand To-day in Libel Suit Brought by Roosevelt.

MARQUETTE, MICH., May 29.—George W. Newett, editor of The Iehpeming Iron Ore, which contained an editorial that resulted in a $10,000 libel suit by Theodore Roosevelt, today was prepared to take the witness stand in his own defense.

The testimony of the editor will deal largely with the sources of the information on which he based his charges that the former President "got drunk, and that not infrequently," and that he used profane language.

A trip made by Newett to Florida, during which he met a number of prominent persons who are alleged to have spoken of Roosevelt's alleged over-indulgence in liquor, and similar statements made to him by persons in Michigan, will form the basis of his testimony.

Newett will also tell of various articles which he saw in newspapers and magazines which influenced him to write the editorial now in question.

The lathpeming editor has not been well for some months, and as soon as the present case is ended he will go to a hospital for an operation.

Georgia Students Select Officers

ATHENS, GA., May 29.—At the annual elections by the University of Georgia students yesterday afternoon and last night, Rucker Ginn, of Royston, was elected captain of the baseball team for next year; Steve Crump, of Macon, captain of the track team; Roy David, track team manager; E. C. Westbrook, of Gainesville, president of the 1914 seniors; Frank Holden, of Athens, editor-in-chief of The Red and Black; P. Burford, associate editor; J. A. Johnson, president of the Athletic Association, and Hoyt Whelchel, J. B. Burch and Russell Patterson the trio from which the baseball managers are to be selected.

Delegates Named to Printers' Convention

W. S. Wardlaw and W. C. Caraway will be the representatives of Atlanta Typographical Union, No. 48, at the international convention to be held in Nashville next August.

Four candidates figured in the race for the honor coveted among the typos, and the two winners are receiving congratulations. Mr. Wardlaw is connected with The Constitution and Mr. Caraway with The Journal.