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FRENCHY TALKS.

Says His Real Name Is Ben Ali and That He's Not the Ripper.

Jamaica Police Think They Have "Knicio" in Custody.

He Answers Mary Minter's Description and Has Bloody Handkerchiefs.

Byrnes Traces Frenchy and His Knife to Queens County Jail.

Further Test of the Accusing Blood Stains Declared Necessary.

The police authorities at Jamaica, L. I., announced today that they had a man in custody supposed to be the murderer of "C. Knicio," who was the East River Hotel, Thursday night, April 23, with Carrie Brown, the woman afterwards found brutally murdered.

The prisoner is reported to be about thirty-two years of age, with light hair and mustache, and otherwise agrees with Mary Minter's description of the man who went to the hotel with the Ripper's victim.

He was arraigned before Justice Henderson this morning on a charge of vagrancy, and was held to await the arrival of Inspector Byrnes's detective.

The prisoner gave the name as Charles Holland, and said his business was that of an organ tuner.

When searched by Detective Ashmead two bloody handkerchiefs were found upon him.

Holland said he had spent the night of April 23, which was the night of the murder, with a woman in the New England Hotel, on the Bowery, in New York City.

He accounted for the blood stains on his handkerchiefs by saying that he had been assaulted on Street Island the previous night by two men and had the head cut using the handkerchiefs to staunch the flow of blood.

The prisoner was told that he would be taken to New York, there to be confronted with Mary Minter, who is "C. Knicio" into the barroom of the East River Hotel and to whom he gave ten cents to buy beer for himself and his companion.

The Jamaica authorities feel sure that Holland is the man wanted. He denies that he was ever in the East River Hotel.

At Police Headquarters this afternoon Inspector McLaughlin said he knew nothing whatever of the arrest at Jamaica, or of the circumstances stated above.

Chief Inspector Byrnes was not in his office, at the New England Hotel, corner of Bayard street and the Bowery, where the new suspect says he took lodgings the night of April 23, a reporter of THE EVENING WORLD found everything in confusion.

Repairs are being made in the building, he was told, and no lodgers have been received there since Sunday, April 13.

George Francis, alias Frank Sherick, alias "Frenchy No. 1," who, according to Inspector Byrnes's impression, is the New York "Jack the Ripper," who brutally slaughtered old Carrie Brown, is now in the Tombs, under a commitment granted by Justice Martin.

Frenchy occupies cell 63, on the second tier of the male prison, where he will be kept until the conclusion of the inquest into old "Shakespeare's" death, which will be begun a week from next Monday.

Inspector Byrnes today exonerates Frenchy from the accusation that he is the London "Jack the Ripper," and says that Frenchy has been in this country continuously for the past thirteen months, or during the time that some of the Whitechapel murders were committed.

But while the Inspector has freed Frenchy from the imputation of being London's Ripper, he today says what he considers another link to the supposed chain of evidence that a prisoner is the murderer of old "Shakespeare."

According to Inspector Byrnes, the knife with which the old woman's body was so horribly mutilated, has been identified by three prisoners in the Queen's County Jail, at Long Island City, as either the same or very like the knife carried by Frenchy while he was serving a thirty-day sentence there as a vagrant from Middle Village, just prior to April 13.

John Duffy, of Far Rockaway, one of the prisoners, alleges, according to the Inspector, that Frenchy tried to stab him with this knife or one like it.

Davis Galloway and Edward Smith, who were confined in the same tier of cells with Frenchy, also had seen him eating with the knife.

The jailers, the Inspector explains, were not aware that Frenchy had the knife in his possession.

One of the most important links in Inspector Byrnes's chain of evidence is still lacking, however, and that is the discovery of the man who was last seen with old "Shakespeare," and who occupied room 31 at the E. River Hotel when his slayer's face met her doom.

Capt. O'Connor, of the Oak street station, told an Evening World reporter this morning that there had been no new developments in the case.

"Even if there had, the place for you to get information is at Headquarters," continued the Captain. "The case has been taken away from here."

FRENCHY SAYS HE'S NOT GUILTY.

The prisoner Frenchy was seen in the Tombs his afternoon by a reporter.

He seemed anxious and willing to talk, but refused to say anything in English, which he related he only understood "Yeh-Hi-L." He came down from his cell at a brisk pace

between two keepers and looked eagerly at his visitor.

When questioned he stood with his nose between two bars and his black eyes glinted like a couple of shiny beads.

From his appearance he is by no means an idiot, as he has been described. He has been compared to every kind of a man, from a Turk to a black negro, but he looks really just what he is—a Jew, thin, gaunt Arab, with all the characteristics of his race.

Inspector Byrnes said in advance that Frenchy has no brains and is intelligently on a par with a South American monkey, and this statement was backed by no less an authority than Dr. Franklin Edson, Chief of the Bureau of Contagious Diseases of the Board of Health.

August Eliason, who is a prisoner in the Tombs on a charge of abducting girls acted as interpreter.

He understands Frenchy's patois of French and Algerian, and repeated the questions to the prisoner.

Frenchy answered without hesitation all questions about his history; and as to the murder of Carrie Brown, he denied that he ever knew Carrie Brown, at least by that name, or "Shakespeare" or "Jeff Davy."

"I know of no old woman in that locality," he declared, "but none of them by name."

"Were you not at the hotel the night prior to the murder?"

"No, I slept in Brooklyn; I can't tell where. The police know, though. They went there and found I told the truth. On the night of the murder I slept in the East River Hotel, though, I went to about midnight. I gave 25 cents to E. d., the boy, and he took me to my room. I did not know the number of the room until the police told me later."

"Do you know that any woman who you had ever known was sleeping just across a hall?"

"No, I did not."

"How often have you slept in the East River Hotel?"

"Only that once. I was in there once before with a woman, but did not stay long. It was all alone that night. I was tired after work and fell asleep as soon as I got to bed. I awoke about 6 o'clock. No one called me. I walked out and did not meet any one on the way out."

"I was not there when I went to the hotel. I did not have any money with which to get drunk. The money for my bed I begged. Two cents here, 10 cents there and a nickel another place. I did not run away. I was looking for work when I was arrested."

"How do you account for the blood that was found on the cloth and underwear you wore that night?"

"On my clothes the blood came from a man with whom I quarrelled some time ago. They were old stains and did not amount to anything."

He then gave his explanation as to the stains found on his undergarments. It was plausible and worthy of credence.

Continuing his story, the suspected man declared, excitedly and with much gesticulation: "I never killed that woman. I never killed any man."

"Did you ever see Mrs. Ann Lopez in the arm?"

"To this question he would not give a direct answer, and claimed he did not know the woman by name."

"I met them all in prison," he said, "and would give some money now and another at another time. I had no particular friend among the women. I went with them all, old and young. It is a life to say I only liked old women. I never inquired their age."

He admitted having been arrested and locked up in the Queens County Jail, Long Island City.

He denied, however, that he tried to start a fire over there. "I was out of work and sick when I went there and was locked up as a vagrant. I was arrested when going into the place. Do you think the authorities would have permitted me to have a knife there?"

He said he was a native of Algeria and had a wife there. He was eight years in the French army there, and left two years ago and went to France and then to Brazil, and came to this country eight months ago. He is a sailor by occupation and says he is thirty-five years old.

His first name is Ben Ali, but he called himself George Frank here.

WAS IT FRENCHY'S KNIFE?

An Evening World reporter called at the Long Island City Jail this morning with a view to getting a more definite statement as to the alleged attack by Frenchy while a prisoner there to stab his fellow prisoner, John Duffy.

Also to find out whether the other prisoners, Galloway and Smith, had positively identified the blood-stained knife which was used in backing Carrie Brown's body as the one which Frenchy carried with him when he was arrested.

Sheriff Gardner admitted to the reporter that he had notified Inspector Byrnes of the knife incident and that Detective McNaught and Mulholland came to the jail yesterday with the knife.

Frenchy had been brought over to the jail several days previously, when the Sheriff identified him as a vagrant who spent a month in the jail from Middle Village under the name of George Frank, and who was released April 13, ten days before the murder.

According to Inspector Byrnes's statement Galloway and Smith said they had often seen Frenchy while the knife while eating his meals in the prison.

The murderer's knife is an ordinary table knife with a black wooden handle. The blade was about four inches long. It has a sharp point.

INVESTIGATION BLOCKED.

If such a knife is allowed in the possession of prisoners at the jail that fact in itself would be remarkable, and the reporter put several questions to Sheriff Golden with a view to bringing out the actual facts.

Was it a table-knife belonging to the prison or Frenchy's own personal property which he had with him when arrested?

Was Frenchy searched when brought to the jail, and was he known to have the knife? Was the knife positively identified by the prisoners as the one Frenchy had, or was their identification qualified?

When did the alleged attempted stabbing of the prisoner Duffy occur, and who witnessed it? Was it reported to the prison keeper or Warden at the time, and was the knife taken from a prisoner, Frenchy, or the murderer?

To all these questions, seemingly reasonable and in the interest of the truth, Sheriff Golden tonight refused to give any reason for his reticence.

MAYOR GRANT'S PLUMS.

Eight Important Appointments Made This Afternoon.

John H. Kelly Police Justice in Gen. Cochrane's Place.

Barney Martin Commissioner of Jurors and E. P. Barker Tax Commissioner.

Mayor Grant today negated some of the recent rumors to the effect that he would not accept any of his May appointments until after the return from Europe of ex-City Chamberlain Richard Croker by appointing the following municipal officers:

JOHN H. KELLY, a 35-year-old District Attorney, was appointed Police Justice in place of Gen. John Cochrane, resigned today.

BARNEY MARTIN, President of the Department of Tax, in place of Michael Coleman, resigned today.

DR. CHARLES E. SIMMONS, Commissioner of Charities and Corrections, reappointed; term six years; salary \$3,000.

BENJAMIN F. MARTIN, Commissioner of Jurors in place of Charles Kelly; term six years; salary \$3,000.

ABRAHAM B. LARSEN, reappointed Commissioner of Public Parks; term six years; no salary.

MICHAEL T. DALY, Commissioner of Accounts in place of P. Barker, resigned, salary \$5,000, term indefinite.

CHARLES G. E. WABLE, Commissioner of Accounts in place of Maurice F. Holahan, resigned.

CHARLES STRAUSS, a lawyer, Commissioner of E. R. in place of Frederick W. Devoe, resigned.

Commissioner of Public Works (City) announced in the will appoint Maurice F. Holahan as his Deputy in place of Bernard F. Martin, who resigned.

Of these appointments Mr. Barker is the present Commissioner of Accounts, Dr. Simmons is the present Commissioner of Charities and Corrections, Bernard F. Martin is Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. Tappen is the present Commissioner of Public Parks and Mr. Daly is Chief Clerk of the City Court, and Mr. Wible is Chief Clerk of the City Court.

John H. Kelly was born in this city in 1848. He was educated in the public schools; was Clerk of Ways and Means Committee of the Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses; Clerk to the Committee of Public Health of the House of Representatives of the Forty-sixth Congress, and Clerk to the Executive Judicial District Court from 1883 to 1891.

He is in the real estate business, with an office in the Stewart Building.

All of the appointees are Tammany Hall Democrats except Mr. Barker, who is a member of no party.

The new School Commissioner is a warm personal friend of Mayor Grant.

Tax Commissioner Barker is a resident of the Nineteenth District; Commissioner of Jurors Martin is a brother of Police Commissioner Martin and the leader in the Seventh Assembly District.

Bernard F. Martin has been Coroner and Order of Arrest Clerk to the Sheriff.

At one time he kept saloons on Bleeker and on Sixth avenue.

Police Commissioner Tappen resides in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

John H. Kelly accounts Daly belongs to the Eighteenth District, and his colleague, Commissioner Wable, hails from the Sixteenth District.

Commissioner of Charities Simmons lives in the Twelfth District, and School Commissioner Strass in the Nineteenth.

John H. Kelly, of the Fifteenth Assembly District, will probably be appointed to succeed Mr. Daly as Chief Clerk of the City Court at a salary of \$3,500 a year.

The Mayor has yet to appoint two Police Justices in place of Henry Murray and John B. Smith, a Dock Commissioner in place of James Matthews, and a Fire Commissioner in place of Anthony Eckhoff.

Such comment has been excited because Gen. Cochrane should resign so valuable a position as that of Police Justice.

His friends explain that the General, who is an old man of seventy-six years, dislikes the position of Police Justice, and has threatened to resign for a long time.

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Other denunciations have stated that Mr. Hutchinson's son had gone to Evanston to take a course at the law.

Not Ken's Cathedral Plans.

Architect W. W. K. M. has a claim to a share in the creation of Wm. K. LaFarge's designs for the new Episcopal Cathedral was today reported by Judge O'Brien, of the Supreme Court.

Injunction on the "L" Road.

Judge Traux today granted an injunction restraining the Manhattan Elevated Railway from sending another track through On Hundredth street and connecting with the second street. He with the National City and acquires the ownership of John L. Stewart.

Charged with Fraud on His Partner.

WALL ST. STOCK REPORTS.

Bear Raid Followed by Reaction to Last Night's Figures.

Surprise at the Favorable Weekly Bank Statement.

Nearly \$3,000,000 of Gold Shipped Outward—The Quotations.

After yesterday's reaction and the talk about the gold activity in bringing it about, the bears had hopes of engineering a serious break in prices today. They started out this morning by hammering the market vigorously, and the general reaction was to the effect that, as soon as they attempted to cover the market started on the up tack and a full recovery ensued.

In a majority of instances the final quotations were a fraction higher than yesterday's. The ceiling in regard to the course of prices in the immediate future is somewhat mixed, but it is not so gloomy as it was yesterday.

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RACING. EMERALD CITY.

A 10 to 1 Shot Surprised the Talent in the First Event To-Day.

BIG PLUNGE ON PARDON.

Hamilton Landed Khaftan, Defeating Charley Post in the Handicap.

Utterance Race Track, May 2.—The usual half-day crowd trooped out to the Guttenberg track today, and when headed by the racing program was an excellent one; the feature being the turf, field and farm handicap at a mile and a sixteenth.

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AN OBJECT LESSON.

Robbed of \$1,800 by Badgers.

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