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ROBIN UNDER FIRE BEFORE THE GRAND JURY

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TINY BURN ON GIRL'S FACE LEADS TO CONFESSION OF MARIE SMITH'S MURDERER

Florist's Helper Trapped Into Admission of Guilt by Sleuth Posing as Chum.

SLAIN IN A HOTHOUSE.

One Man's Persistence Upsets Detectives' Theories and Frees Suspect Unjustly Accused.

A slight burn on the nose of nine-year-old Marie Smith, who was murdered in the woods near Asbury Park last October, is responsible for the arrest of Frank Heidemann for her murder. Heidemann is said to have confessed to a detective. He had intended sailing from New York at noon today for Honduras.

In solving this mystery of crime Sherlock Holmes has been outdone and the circumstances afford an amazing tale. But for the persistence of a citizen, in the face of scoffing and scorn of professional detectives, the derisive laughter of the police of Asbury Park and the jibes of the populace the mystery would never have been solved.

Wrong Man Arrested. All Asbury Park was willing and eager to accept the theory that Marie Smith had been slain after an atrocious crime had been committed by "Black Diamond" Williams, a negro pugilist.

The police, the county detectives and New York detectives engaged by the County Prosecutor, all held that Williams was guilty and insisted upon his detention in jail in the hope of breaking him down and compelling him to confess.

Williams was submitted to a horrible third degree, in that he was compelled to place his hand on the badly battered face of the little girl victim and swear he was innocent. Even then the professional detectives of crime were not convinced.

"Give me more time and he will come across to the confession," was what they said.

But there was one man in Asbury Park who, alone, for some time denied to differ with the police. He was the employer of the little girl's father. He wanted to solve the mystery and see that the perpetrator of one of the foulest crimes that had ever darkened Asbury Park's history was punished.

Found Burns on Girl's Face. The day after Marie Smith's body was found in the Deal Woods (Handicraft C. Miller, the owner of a fertilizer plant, accompanied by the girl's father, made a minute investigation of the woods. Every one was willing to believe the girl had met her fate in the woods where the body was found. Miller, though, knew he had searched that spot when the child was missed. His further search was rewarded by finding two leaves with blood spots on them in the roadway, 20 yards from the spot where the body finally was discovered. He kept this discovery to himself.

Then Miller went to the undertaking room and examined the girl's body. Two physicians had done the same thing the day before. There was a mark on the girl's nose and one under the left eye.

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Did You Ever Feed Peanuts to a Squirrel in the Park?

After satisfying his appetite the squirrel refuses opened and cracked peanuts, but if given one wholly intact—one that will be preserved—he will skurry and bury it in the ground for future emergency.

That's the sort of a Real Estate or Business bargain you should buy—one that will endure and prove a "nest egg" on some rainy day.

Many rare bargains—and you can take your choice—are advertised in The World every day in the week, especially on Sundays.

SEE WORLD ADS. FOR BARGAINS.

MURDERED GIRL WHOSE SLAYER HAS CONFESSED.



GRAND JURY HEARS ALL ROBIN KNOWS OF BANK METHODS

He Is Ready to Answer All Whitman's Questions and Tell Even More.

Joseph G. Robin went before the Grand Jury this afternoon, after spending the morning in Justice Gleeser's part of the Supreme Court as a witness in a mortgage case against the Northern Bank.

He indicated that he was not only ready to answer with alacrity every question put to him by District Attorney Whitman and the members of the inquisitorial body, but also to volunteer information that might not be asked for directly.

He told his lawyer, Samuel J. Goldsmith, that he wanted to tell the Grand Jury everything he knew from personal experience about the State Department and its methods of examining into the condition of certain banks.

"My client is in a very nervous mood today," said Mr. Goldsmith, "and he is prepared for a long session. He is determined not to withhold any knowledge in his possession which may be of value to the Grand Jury in its present investigation, and to help it to a thorough understanding of the things that are going on in the State Banking Department."

Prepared for Long Session. The Grand Jury expect to sit until after 6 o'clock today, and to continue with the examination of Robin tomorrow and the next day if necessary.

In the Supreme Court Robin was the first witness called in the trial of "Henkle, an trustee, against the Northern Bank," which had been transformed in passing into "Henkle against the Superintendent of Banking, Oton H. Cheney," because the Banking Department is in charge of the Northern Bank.

The case is that of William Henkel, Jr., as trustee in bankruptcy of Flockling & Company, manufacturers of auto-bodies at No. 34 West Forty-ninth street, against the Northern Bank for the return of \$100,000 loaned to the Flockling on a chattel mortgage, on the ground that a bank cannot loan money on a

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AMERICAN TROOPS OUT TO SEE FIGHT JUST ACROSS LINE

Mexican Federals and Blanco's Men Face to Face Near Douglas, Ariz.

TEST IS TO BE SEVERE.

Great Quantities of Ammunition Held in San Antonio Freight Yards.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 15.—All the United States troops stationed here and practically all the citizens of the town are lined up along the border around Niggerhead Mountain waiting for the battle which seems imminent between the Mexican Federal troops and the insurgents under Gen. Blanco and Col. Lopez. Captain Johnson and Lieutenant Sterling of the United States troops scattered their men along the entire border to prevent any violation of neutrality by either side.

After maneuvering in the moonlight all night both Mexican armies seemed prepared for the engagement. The Mexican Federal troops have practically deserted the town of Agua Prieta, massing practically their entire strength on the battle line. The crest of one of the foothills of Niggerhead Mountain separates the contending forces, neither having yet ventured to attempt an attack. The insurgents formed a line near the crest of the hill and directly in front of their camp.

The scene of the coming battle is the identical spot where the same forces were engaged Sunday when Gen. Blanco withdrew after a brief skirmish, designed "to feel out" the Federal position.

From points of vantage on Niggerhead Mountain the United States troops and citizens of Douglas have a fine view of the entire battle field, both forces being in plain sight.

WASHINGTON FEARS OUTBURST IN FAVOR OF MEXICAN REBELS.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Arenthous exists here as a result of the dispute over the detention of Edwin M. Blatt of Pittsburgh and Lawrence Converse of Glendora, Cal., in the Mexican jail at Juarez, that there will be a widespread outburst of pro-revolutionary sentiment in this country such as existed at the time of the Cuban revolution, and from advices received here today the incident has served to fire the warlike spirit of many Mexicans as well.

Senor de la Barra, Mexican Ambassador, has forwarded to his Government the demand of the State Department for the immediate release of the American prisoners, and it is believed they will be liberated.

These men, the State Department claims, were captured on a segregated American land at a point on the Rio Grande opposite Guadalupe, Chihuahua. The scene of capture, State Department officials assert, does not lie within the Chamaizal Zone, which forms part of the city of El Paso, and the ownership of which is now the subject of arbitration between the United States and Mexico.

Where the men were arrested the fieble Rio Grande has shifted its course at various times. This fact, it is pointed out, however, does not raise any question of boundary in connection with the case, as the scene, as placed by the Department, is sufficiently removed from the line to establish it in the jurisdiction of the United States.

The Mexican Government, it is said, before answering the requests of the State Department to liberate the two men, will obtain further information as to the exact point of capture from the boundary commissioners of the two countries.

MEXICO SUSPENDS FREE GOVERNMENT.

MEXICO CITY, March 15.—The measure to suspend for six months certain personal guarantees was passed unanimously yesterday by the permanent commission of Congress.

The promulgation of this law, which was drafted at the request of President Diaz, will be made by publication in the Diario Oficial, and by notices posted in

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HARDEN FIRED SHOT TO SCARE MAN TO CONFESS MURDER

Publisher Admits Trick Didn't Work as Well as in Detective Stories.

HOOPS HAS INNINGS.

Defendant in \$150,000 Suit for Alienation Enjoys Grilling of His Enemy.

An extraordinary effort to solve a mysterious murder of a Chicago millionaire was told by Percival L. Harden on the witness stand in Justice Pendleton's part of the Supreme Court today, while explaining an incident which provoked a quarrel with his wife, Maude Alene, who is now the wife of William T. Hoops, against whom Harden's \$150,000 alienation suit is filed.

Harden had testified to shooting off his pistol in the butler's pantry in his Chicago home and of a subsequent squabble with his wife. He was asked to state how he came to fire his revolver.

"There had been a strange murder in the Eberley Club the night before," began Harden. "A noted Chicago millionaire had been killed. The newspapers were straining every effort to fathom the mystery. I met a friend who informed me that he knew a man who was at Eberley's the time the man was killed. The police didn't even know this or they didn't want to know it."

Tried Sherlock Holmes Trick. "I was anxious to land the story and decided to invite several friends to my home next night, among them this man who was present at the murder. During the evening he and I adjourned to the butler's pantry. I had placed the pistol and fired upward. It was my theory that if I got his mind distracted on some trivial matter and then suddenly revealed a cartridge that the mental scene of the night before might flash across his mind and he might confess and reveal the Eberley shooting."

"As he was drinking a high ball during a spasm of laughter, I quickly drew the pistol and fired upward. He realized against the cupboard, stared at me for several seconds, but his mouth was closed and."

"Well, did you get the information?" "That mystery is today one of Chicago's deepest—I don't think the assassin's name will ever be told and likewise the name of the man who was killed."

Harden admitted being a "prodigious spender and entertainer" during his early days in New York. He was a regular guest at the opera called "Fascinating Flora," at the Casino and knew Miss Bond intimately. He was known at her hotel as "Mr. Bond," but asserted that this fact "could be explained."

In Chicago Harden was equally lax in providing amusement for his few guests, he confessed. Recalling Dechy Day in 1901, he remembered a coach bearing the "Ladies of the Eberley Club."

"You remember also that you bought wine and was known to these ladies, don't you, and that they were on a strike that day?"

Separation a Joke. "Oh, yes, I recollect it very well, but there is sufficient explanation for that," he replied with a grin.

"Did you ever say that you considered your wife's separations a joke?" "We had so many of them, maybe I did."

"But you usually went after her with tears in your eyes and begged her to return?" "Yes, I did and I'll admit that, too."

In the Savor Hotel you kept and cried like a baby," he said. "Hoops can't."

Harden was presented several times from explaining further Hoops' connection with his marital mix-ups. He admitted that he had transferred the "Club Fellow" took his wife on one occasion when he was threatened with suit for revealing some of the indiscretions of another folk.

The defense claims that Harden's second and third marriages, which he testified to, were hypothetical because he sought to gain from her the return of the stock. He also stated that he had made transfers to a company known as the "Aristocrat" and also to the West End Publishing Company, when a New York society man refused

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Figures in Triangle of Love Now Engaged in \$150,000 Suit



HOOPS.

GOVERNOR DIX'S LETTER BEARER, COLLIN, IS OUT

Professor Who Let Hyde's Lawyer Give Note to Whitman Quits Albany.

Prof. Charles A. Collin, the lawyer who let the Dix letter to District Attorney Whitman get away from him, is no longer engaged in drafting bills for the Governor. He is not going back to Albany.

In an interview today Prof. Collin said he had not resigned from an office under the Governor, because he had held no office. He said the Governor had asked him to prepare certain bills, and that inasmuch as his work in that direction is practically completed, there is nothing further for him to do in Albany.

A report of a different sort comes from Albany. It is stated there, on the ground, that the Governor sent word to Prof. Collin that he would like an explanation of how the Whitman letter came to be delivered to the District Attorney by Stephen Baldwin, counsel for Charles H. Hyde. The professor is alleged to have packed up his effects and skipped out instead of making any explanation.

Prof. Collin appeared at Albany early in January, and it was soon known that he was engaged in preparing bills favored by the Governor. Among these bills was one that has to do with the development of the electric power from the water courses of the State, an important measure in which the Governor takes a deep interest. This bill was left in an uncompleted condition.

Gov. Dix has let Prof. Collin down easy. In an interview at Albany at noon today the Governor said:

"Mr. Collin has been engaged in some matter here which it was expected would be finished in three days. But on account of his engagements as a lawyer his work here consumed a longer period. I wish to correct the impression that he was the Governor's legal adviser. I have consulted myself of his knowledge and experience on State finances and other matters. His work is practically complete, but I shall hear from him in relation to certain matters."

FIRE IN CATHOLIC COLLEGE.

Flames Make Headway in St. Charles, Near Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, March 15.—St. Charles College, a Catholic institution at Hillside City, twelve miles west of Baltimore, caught fire this afternoon and at a late hour the blaze was reported spreading.

It was said that the main building had been destroyed and the other buildings sustained. At 6 o'clock the blaze got under way and it was believed to have spread.

Sunday World Wants Work Monday Morning Wonders.

ALBANY, March 15.—The Bryan bill providing for the resumption of work after a week's holiday, introduced by the Assembly today without opposition.



MRS. HARDEN HOOPS.

MELBER MURDER CASE FINISHED; GIVEN TO JURY

Judge Tells Jurors to Acquit Woman Slayer If They Believe Her Insane.

ALBANY, March 15.—Justice Howard's charge to the jury in the case of Mrs. Melber Melber, who killed her young son in an Albany saloon on Jan. 6 last, occupied more than an hour this afternoon, the case going to the jury at 2:30 P. M. The Justice told the jury that they were only judges of the facts in the case and warned them not to be swayed by emotion or by public sentiment, or to consider the consequences of their verdict.

The jury was the first, he said, to find the defendant guilty of any degree of murder or manslaughter, provided the evidence in their judgment warranted it, or to acquit her if they believe the contention of the defense that she is irresponsible by reason of mental unsoundness.

125-Asseburgh's George M. Palmer of Schenectady, associated with John H. Duzan of Albany, for the defense, began his speech to the jury at 10:30 o'clock this morning. He was followed by District Attorney Sanford for the prosecution.

SENATE BALLOT FARGE ON FOR FIFTIETH TIME.

After It Is Over Roosevelt Again Says Insurgents Will Never Support Sheehan.

ALBANY, March 15.—The British joint ballot for United States Senators, taken today, resulted as follows: Sheehan, 54; Latham, 11; Kerens, 1; O'Brien, 1; H. Brown, 1; Parson, 1; O'Connell, 1; H. Brown, 1; T. J. Ryan, 1; H. Brown, 1; T. J. Ryan, 1.

The position of the insurgents on the British ballot is exactly what it was on the first ballot, said Senator Roosevelt today. "We stand ready to take part in any future ballot without any change in our attitude toward Mr. Sheehan. We stand ready at any time to confer with reference to a satisfactory compromise candidate, but we will never vote for Mr. Sheehan."

Northcott Hill Passed. Albany, March 15.—The Bryan bill providing for the resumption of work after a week's holiday, introduced by the Assembly today without opposition.

Men Beaten With Shovels.

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GAYNOR ENDS STRIKE OF EXPRESSMEN AND WILL SETTLE DISPUTE

Men Decide to Go to Work Pending Arbitration of Differences After Conference of Ashton and Committee at Mayor's Office.

GUARD MORTALLY HURT IN ATTACK ON WAGON

Three Men Are Beaten With Shovels in Hold-Up by Strikers on Macomb's Dam Bridge.

The Adams Express Company strike will be called off at midnight as a result of a conference today between Mayor Gaynor, General Organizer William H. Ashton of the International Teamsters' Union and a committee of six strikers.

At a conference held yesterday in the Mayor's office Mayor Gaynor told the men he would not undertake to arbitrate for them unless they went back to work. They would not hear of this at the time, but promised to confer again with him today.

They found him in the same mind. Mayor Gaynor told them that he would be only too glad to assist them in adjusting their grievances with the company, and he felt confident that he could do so, but first they must go back to work.

These remarks were addressed to the committee of six, Mr. Ashton having nothing to say. When the men turned to him he advised them to adopt the Mayor's suggestion. The men consulted together and finally decided to call a meeting and urge that the strike be ended, with the understanding that the Mayor arbitrate for them after they returned to work. Mr. Ashton then announced that in his opinion the strike was at an end and the men would go back to work at midnight.

Wagon Attacked by Strikers. A gang of a dozen strikers and their sympathizers attacked an Adams Express Company wagon as it was crossing the Macomb's Dam Bridge today, leaving one of the three guards on the vehicle so badly that he will die and disabling the other two guards and the driver into a state of semi-consciousness.

The guard mortally hurt is George Lewis of No. 392 West One Hundred and Eleventh street. He was taken to the Fordham Hospital with a fractured skull and many bruises and cuts about the face and body.

The driver, Henry Smith of No. 23 East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, and the other two guards, John Muller of No. 82 Broome street, and Thomas Shanon of One Hundred and Fifty-second street and Bergen avenue, Bronx, had their wounds dressed by ambulance surgeons and went home.

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This done they had the strikebreakers at their mercy and dragged them down from the wagon. The four men were beaten with shovels and clubs and their clothing was ripped to ribbons. Lewis' skull was cracked with a shovel. Smith, the driver, managed to crawl away and telephone the police from a contractor's plant and the rescuers were hustled out from the Highbridge station.

Not one of the attacking party was in sight when the police got there, the approach of a Lafayette avenue trolley car having frightened them off. This afternoon strikers attacked one

of the company's wagons in front of No. 42 East Fifty-second street, stoning the driver and guards and cutting the traces of the horses. About thirty men surrounded the wagon and pelted it with stones and bottles. The driver and guards managed to escape without serious injury. The police arrived too late to make any arrests.

SCHOOL AFIRE, TEACHER LEADS PUPILS TO SAFETY. Kindergarten Children Excited When Flames Are Discovered in Rooms Above Them.

A wardrobe fire on the third floor of No. 29 Macdonald street, this afternoon, caused some excitement among the thirty children in the kindergarten class of Public School No. 8, on the ground floor.

The ground floor of the building is rented by the city as an annex to Public School No. 8. The two upper floors are occupied by the Richmond Hill Settlement House. Two nurses were in the upper floors when the fire was discovered.

Miss Alice Homer, in charge of the kindergarten class, was warned of the danger and with the assistance of two policemen, she got all the children out. The fire was extinguished after it had done slight damage.

Are You Going South? Here and there the South and West are being visited by the World Travel Bureau, Agents, New York, 100 West Broadway, Room 100. Telephone Broadway 1000. Check for the highest and lowest fares always open. Packages received for shipment to all parts of the world. Money order and travelers' checks issued.