

POLICE BALKED BY LITTLE GIRL'S LIES

Playmate of Julia Connors Admits She Fabricated, and Three Men Arrested Are Released.

FINGER PRINTS NO AVAIL

Florence Molz's Story Breaks Down—Another's Clothing Found with Dead Girl's Indicates Possibility of Second Murder.

After sticking all day to a story that led to the arrest of two men as suspicious persons in the murder of twelve-year-old Julia Connors, in The Bronx, Sunday morning, Florence Molz, of No. 3558 Third avenue, broke down last night, after many hours of interrogation, and told Coroner Shoung that she had fabricated her entire statement.

Following this breakdown, both the detained men were at once released, and the police said they were without a clue. As a result of the strange mental condition indicated by Florence Molz's conflicting tales, she was taken in charge by an officer of the Children's Society.

A feature of the case that is puzzling Police Captain Price and that suggests the possibility of a second murder is the fact that a piece of girl's underwear and a pair of tan shoes which did not belong to Julia were found in the pile of her clothing that lay in the vacant lot a few feet from where her body was found.

Florence Molz persisted in her imaginative stories some time before the police extracted the truth.

"Do you realize, Florence, that the things you have told Captain Price might lead to a man's losing his life?" said Coroner Shoung, when the girl was taken before him at a private hearing in his office.

"Yes, sir," she said. "I'll tell you everything just the same as if I was at confession. I never tell lies."

The gist of the story then told by her was that Saturday afternoon she met Julia Connors in Crotona Park. They were accosted by two Italians, she said, who offered them money and nice things if they would go with them. They refused to go with the men, and started to run away.

Then she gave a vivid account of how she saw one of the two Italians seize Julia by the arm and drag her into a cellar. She saw the man knock the little girl down on the floor, she said.

This, in brief, was the story she had told the detectives Sunday night, and following her lead they had arrested two men, one, Giovanni Gerissi, of No. 3379 Third avenue, where he keeps a coal cellar, and the other a youth whom they found idling yesterday in Crotona Park. Both of these men Florence unhesitatingly placed her hand on as the two Italians who had accosted her and her playmate.

The youth picked up in Crotona Park, when pointed out by Florence as one of the "three Italians" who had accosted her, is not an Italian, according to the police. A definite alibi was also found for him. Witnesses at the place where he worked testified that he was of their own knowledge at his place of business at the time he was said by the girl to be looting in the park.

Then Contradicts Herself. But yesterday before the Coroner, although she stuck to her story in the main, upon being pried with questions she contradicted herself in detail many times and became especially inconsistent as to time.

"Did you tell any one when you saw your little playmate attacked?" she was asked.

"Yes, I went to the policeman on the corner, and he told me to run along, he didn't have time to bother about it," she answered.

"Did you say anything to your mother about the men?" she was asked.

"Yes," was her ready reply. "I went home about half past 6 and told her all about it."

"Send for the girl's mother," the Coroner ordered, and the proceedings halted until Mrs. Dora Molz was brought and put on the stand, while the daughter was taken away.

Questions put to Mrs. Molz by the Coroner brought from her vigorous declarations that her daughter was an exceptionally truthful child; but further questions elicited the fact that the story she had told her mother Saturday night did not agree with the one told the police and the Coroner.

"She told me," the mother said, "that she met the Connors girl in the park. She did say two Italians accosted them, and then she ran away. The last she saw of the Connors girl, she told me, was when she saw one of the men grab her by the arm and drag her into a lot. No, she did not tell me anything about seeing her knocked down in a basement."

"What time did she come home Saturday evening?" Mrs. Molz was asked.

"About 4 o'clock," she answered, going on to explain how it was impossible for her to have been out later than that.

"Did she ever tell you of letting men take liberties with her or of seeing a boy in Crotona Park who insulted her?" the coroner asked, referring to details of the testimony given by Florence.

"I don't believe she ever told you such a thing; it is impossible," cried the mother.

Girl Admits She Fabricated. The girl was brought back and ordered to repeat her story in detail, just as she had told it to the police and the coroner, but she began to falter, first contradicting herself more than ever, and finally admitting that in the many respects in which her mother disputed her she was telling romantic falsehoods.

"This girl is an enigma, coroner," said Captain Price, of the detective bureau. "She has told us a score of strange and conflicting tales. I do not believe we

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THE VICTIM OF THE BRONX MURDER MYSTERY AND HER "PAL."



JULIA CONNORS. The murdered girl.

CAMORRA VERDICT; ALL FOUND GUILTY

Thirty Years' Imprisonment for Enrico Alfano ("Erricone") and for Seven of His Copartners.

ONE CUTS THROAT IN COURT

Di Marinas Severs Artery and Tears Bandages from Wound After It Is Dressed—Prisoners Scream Like Wild Animals.

Viterbo, July 8.—The Camorristi who have been on trial for nearly two years on the charge of having murdered Gennaro Cuocolo and his wife in June, 1909, were today adjudged guilty in varying degrees. The verdict declares Corrado Sortino guilty of both murders; Nicola Morra, Antonio Cerrato and Mariano Di Gennaro guilty of the murder of Cuocolo; and Giuseppe Salvi guilty of the murder of Cuocolo's wife.

Enrico Alfano ("Erricone"), the alleged leader of the Camorristi; Giovanni Ropi, Di Marinas and the others are convicted of being instigators of the crime and members of a criminal organization.

The president of the court immediately sentenced the condemned men. Alfano, Sortino, Cerrato, Salvi, Morra, Di Gennaro, Ropi and Di Marinas were sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment and to ten years' police surveillance; Di Mattio to ten years and six months' imprisonment and ten years' surveillance; Ascritorio to ten years' imprisonment and three years' surveillance; Vitozzi, the priest, seven years' imprisonment and two years' surveillance; the others to five years' imprisonment and three years' surveillance.

When the accused men were placed in the iron cage to hear the verdict Di Marinas suddenly drew forth a piece of glass and cut his throat. He fell to the floor of the cage in a pool of blood, and general pandemonium broke loose. The other prisoners screamed like wild animals, shouting invectives and imprecations.

"Blood Crying for Revenge."

Rapi shouted: "This innocent blood is crying for revenge." Alfano raged around and recalled his brother's death, who, he cried, was a victim of injustice and a man who had suffered the martyrdom of innocence.

Vitozzi, the condemned priest, knelt weeping and praying. All the prisoners acted like maniacs, and the carabinieri had difficulty in forcing their way into the cage to maintain order and carry out the wounded Di Marinas.

The pronouncement of sentence was received with uproarious protests from the condemned men. One of them shouted: "We are innocent. This is legal assassination." Some of them shook their fists at the judge and others tore at the bars of the cage. They attempted in concert to harangue those assembled in the court.

In addition to the police and carabinieri within the building, a battalion of troops with fixed bayonets was drawn up outside. It was feared that some attempt might be made to rescue the prisoners.

Di Marinas is in a serious condition. There is a gash four inches long and half an inch deep in his throat. The glass with which he attempted suicide severed an artery, which was tied, but Di Marinas, the moment he was left alone, tore off the bandages and reopened the wound. Surgeons again dressed his injuries, but the wounded man declared that he was determined to die.

Verdict Proves a Surprise.

The verdict as a whole proved somewhat of a surprise, but it is generally agreed that the severity of the sentences is the last blow to the Camorra, which has practically been annihilated since the arrest of its leaders. The prisoners could not be sentenced to death, capital punishment having been abolished in Italy.

Before the verdict Alfano ("Erricone"), the principal prisoner, made a last protest, saying, "I have committed no crime. Indeed, my poor brother was literally murdered while he was a prisoner and I myself should have died of a broken heart if all my strength had not been used to keep me alive to hear the sentence of absolution. The jury cannot be deceived by such an infamous calumniation," and he pointed to Abbate-maggio with tigerish glances.

Giovanni Rapi, the treasurer of the

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AMERICA TIGHTENS GRIP ON OLYMPIAD

Meredith, a Schoolboy, Wins 300-Metre Run in World's Record Time at Big Games Abroad.

M. SHEPPARD RUNS SECOND

Richards Captures High Jump for This Country. While George Horine Fails to Do Better than Third Place.

News of Minute at Olympic Games

Four events were completed yesterday at the Olympic games in Sweden. The winners were as follows: 300-metre run—J. E. Meredith, United States, running high jump—A. W. Richards, United States, 10,000-metre run—Kolehmainen, Finland. Standing broad jump—Tselikiras, Greece. The point score for all fixtures is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Nation, Points. United States 59, Sweden 34, Great Britain 28, France 17, Africa 13, Germany 12, Denmark 9, Finland 4, Greece 2, Norway 2.

The point score in the track and field games follows: United States 25, Finland 6, Sweden 3, Greece 2, Norway 2, Germany 2, Bohemia 1.

The distribution of points is three for first place, two for second and one for third.

Stockholm, July 8.—Athletes of the United States added fifteen more points to their growing score at the Olympic games here to-day, and again carried off the lion's share of the honors. They ran one, two, three in the 300-metre run, James E. Meredith winning in the world's record time of 1:51.9-10; they finished second and third in the standing broad jump, first and third in the running high jump, in which the wonderful George L. Horine, the world's record holder, was third, while Louis Tewanima, picked up two points by running second to Kolehmainen, of Finland, in the 10,000-metre run.

The weather continued hot, which was considered favorable for the Americans, while an enthusiastic crowd of more than ten thousand persons enjoyed the string and at times spectacular struggles in the huge stadium. The disqualification of the United States team in the 400-metre relay race was the chief disappointment of the day for the Americans.

Hot Finish in 300-Metre Run.

A great cheer went up when the American flags flew together, proclaiming that the United States had won all the places in the 300-metre run, one of the most coveted races on the programme. James E. Meredith, of Mercedesburg Academy, Melvin W. Sheppard, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, and Ira N. Davenport, of the University of Chicago, finished as named in the final heat, and each broke the world's record in a sensational finish of one of the greatest struggles in the history of track and field sports.

Meredith ran the distance in 1 minute 51.9-10 seconds, and continued on to the half mile, where he was officially timed in a fraction of a second better than in 1 minute 52 1/2 seconds, a fraction of a second better than Emilio Lunghi's former world record, set in Canada on September 6, 1909, of 1:52.4-5. Sheppard and Davenport were only inches behind Meredith at the finish. Six of the eight runners in this race were Americans. Braun, the German crack, made a splendid fight, but collapsed within the cage to the tape.

Melvin Sheppard, whose remarkable work at the London Olympiad, when he won the 300-metre run in the record time of 1:52.1-5, made him the favorite to-day, was obliged to take second place to a younger man. His rival of four years ago, the Italian Lunghi, also has passed the zenith of his power and was unable to qualify this year.

Richards Wins the High Jump.

Besides this victory, which furnished the Finland's passengers satisfaction enough to compensate them for the voyage, the American team obtained more than its share of the other prizes. The running high jump was mostly a family party; it had been conceded to the United States from the beginning. Six of the eleven men who took part in the final were Americans. Almen W. Richards, of Brigham Young University, won first place quite easily, clearing the bar on his first attempt at 193 centimetres (about 6 feet 3-1/2 inches). George L. Horine, Leland Stanford University, the holder of the world's record of 6 feet 7 inches, was not in his usual form, and only succeeded in taking third place, jumping 191 centimetres. The German, Leusch, unexpectedly captured second place. Richards set a new Olympic record, as he broke the mark of 6 feet 3 inches made by Porter, also of the United States, at London four years ago.

Platt Adams and Benjamin W. Adams, both of the New York Athletic Club, took second and third places in the standing broad jump, which was won by the Greek Tselikiras, with a jump of 3 metres 37 centimetres (approximately 11 feet 7-1/2 inch), giving that country its first points.

Long Run Goes to Finland.

In the 10,000 metre run Finland's representatives covered themselves with glory. The long-legged Kolehmainen ran away from Louis Tewanima, of the Carlisle Indian School, who was unable to

WIDENS THE 8-HOUR LAW

Attorney General Decides It Applies to All Federal Laborers.

Washington, July 8.—Attorney General Wickersham has rendered an opinion which will extend the eight-hour labor law to every mechanic and laborer employed by the United States.

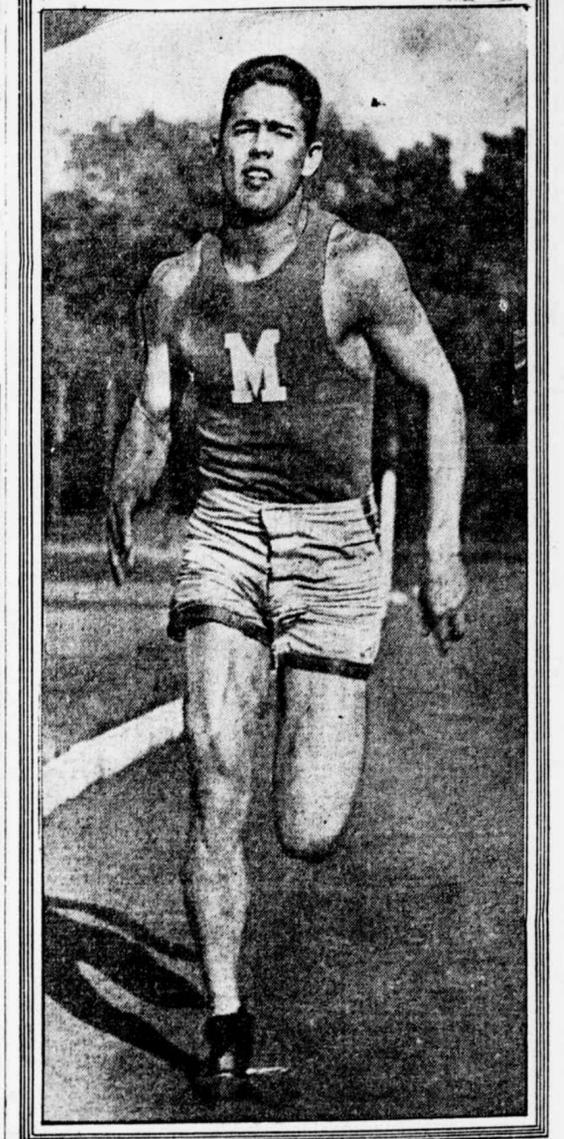
Storm Sweeps Clean Section Three Miles Wide and Eight Long

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DEWEY'S PURE CLARET WINES

SCHOOLBOY OLYMPIC WINNER.

J. E. Meredith, who won the 300-metre run in world's record time.



SUICIDE IN A TAXICAB

Londoner Directed Chauffeur to Drive to a Hospital.

London, July 8.—Dundas Slater, a well known theatrical manager and lately of the London Coliseum, shot himself with a revolver while riding in a taxicab to-night.

He had ordered the driver to proceed to Charing Cross Hospital. Slater died there half an hour after he was carried into the institution. He was for years the manager of the Alhambra Music Hall.

GIRLS FLEE FROM CONVENT

Slide Down Ropes Made from Strips of Sheet.

Cincinnati, July 8.—Tired of life in a convent and longing for the outside world, three girls, ranging from sixteen to seventeen years of age, made a sensational escape from the Convent of the Good Shepherd, at Carthage, near here, by sliding down improvised ropes made from strips of bed sheeting knotted together. Their liberty was short lived, and all they obtained for their trouble were some painful bruises, when the rope, which bore them as far as the second floor, ripped and dropped them to the ground below.

The girls are Cora Harr, of Dayton, Ohio; Louise Paag, of San Francisco, and Mary Hauck, of this city. After leaving the convent the girls said they went to the home of a woman in Carthage, where they obtained some clothing, but not enough to hide those worn at the convent. A juvenile court officer, coming to work, noticed their garb, and upon learning that three girls had escaped from the convent caused their arrest.

NEW RAILROAD TO GULF

Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Texas Route Laid Out.

London, July 9.—A little difficulty has been experienced here in obtaining pledges for the \$10,000,000 to be used in the construction of the new transcontinental line from Texas, on the Gulf Coast, to New York by way of St. Louis, Chicago and Cleveland. It is understood that the Illinois Trust Company, of Chicago, of which John J. Mitchell is president, will also find \$10,000,000 for the new road.

The states of Texas and Oklahoma have granted land for the new road, it is said, and \$20,000,000 is to be used in the construction of the line between St. Louis and Chicago. From Chicago to New York the route will be exploited as a high speed line.

George E. Mainwaring is credited with securing the money on this side.

FOOT OF HAIL IN NORTH DAKOTA

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BULLETS FLY IN SEAMEN'S STRIKE

One Rioter Is Killed in Manhattan and Two Policemen Are Shot in Brooklyn.

CHERRY HILL IN UPROAR

Spanish and Greek Oilers Centring of Wild Throng Following Fight in Sailors' Boarding House When Strike Breakers Appear.

Striking seamen and strike breakers participated in revolver battles on each side of the East River last night. In the waterfront district in Manhattan a man was killed and patrolmen had to face a fierce revolver fire in Roosevelt street. In Brooklyn a striker who had a fight with another man afterward shot two patrolmen, and one will probably die. He was captured after he had been shot in both legs.

Brooklyn's waterfront has had little trouble since the strike began, but last night the first real shooting occurred. Patrolman Kenna, of the Hamilton avenue station, saw two men fighting at the corner of Hamilton avenue and Imlay street and pursued one of them through Imlay street to Bowne and to Van Brunt. Here the fleeing man, who was Alexander Sabanno, turned and ran almost into the arms of Patrolman Williams, who, in turn, ran after him.

At the corner of Rapeye and Van Brunt streets Patrolman Hannely ran up to help Williams, but Sabanno turned and shot Hannely through the left lung. The patrolman dropped, but Williams chased the man further on, and finally cornered him at a lumber yard, where Sabanno hid behind a tree.

Policeman and Striker Shot.

He had a revolver in his hand and was pointing it directly at Williams. The policeman fired twice at Sabanno, who was pouring lead from the muzzle of the revolver. The Spaniard was shot in both legs, but wounded Williams in the left kneecap.

Finally Sabanno, who lives at No. 13 Conover street, was captured. He and the policeman were taken to the Holy Family Hospital. Amnito Gonzalez, of the steamship Granada, with whom Sabanno had been fighting, was locked up as a witness.

The strikers have headquarters at No. 17 Hamilton avenue, and there is a crowd of fifty or sixty men always hanging about the place, but the police have held them in check until this time. Most of them are from the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company's fleet.

The first trouble began in a seaman's boarding house and bar at Cherry and Roosevelt streets. Feeling had been running high all day, and the striking men had watched for the substitutes, and in several instances sent them home with aching heads.

Patrolman Doherty, of the Oak street station, was on post near the boarding house when a group of men crowded out into the streets and suddenly began to belabor each other. In the light and shadow of the arc lamp a bottle gleamed as one man smashed it on another's head.

That was the signal. Revolvers were brought into play, and the police say half a hundred shots were fired, while the brick walls of the houses rattled with the echo. Doherty ran over, and Patrolmen Jones and O'Connor, of the same station, came to his aid. One group of men—thought to be the strikers—pursued the other crowd down Cherry street and around into James Slip, where the fight led to the waterfront.

Bricks Are Hurlled.

On the way the three patrolmen began firing in the air, but the men they pursued turned, and, crouching in the shadows, fired at the policemen, who had to seek shelter in a doorway. Some one telephoned for reserves, and they came from the Oak street station in charge of Lieutenant Barry. Bricks were being thrown right and left when they got there.

Afterward a man was picked up shot through the head in the arseway of another sailor's boarding "joint," at the corner of James Slip and South street. Lieutenant Kinney had arrived with reserves from the Old Slip station, and he and Lieutenant Barry went through the house and took all of its occupants to the Oak street station to find out what they knew of the wounded man. They declared stoutly when arrested that a policeman had shot the man.

Dr. Savage hurried this victim to the Volunteer Hospital, but he had hardly been placed on the operating table when he succumbed to the effects of the nasty bullet wound in the back of the skull. There was nothing on him to identify him. Curiously enough, he had a printed identification card in his pocket, but had never filled out a line of it.

Thirty-seven Are Held.

Thirty-seven strikers were cornered by the police in a seaman's boarding house at No. 21 James Slip. They were taken to the Oak street police station. When the rioting was at its height reserves were present from the Oak street, the Madison street, the Old Slip and the Delancey street police stations.

This is the first trouble for some time in the neighborhood. Captain Bourke of the Oak street station has cleaned up the notorious old section, and Father J. B. Curry, of St. James's Church, has done a big part in the work. The patrolmen usually have things well in hand, and dashed into the middle of the revolver firing last night with all the confidence necessary to quell a mob of any proportions.

STRIKE ON OCEAN LINER

Union Leader Says 140 of St. Louis Crew Quit.

The crew of the American liner St. Louis was called out on strike yesterday when the vessel docked at Pier 62, North River, by two delegates of the Marine Firemen's

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