

### PUT UP WENDLING AS A DEGENERATE

#### This to Be Burden of State's Case in Kellner Murder Trial.

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ing the case for the prosecution against Wendling, summed up all the circumstantial evidence against the prisoner, reviewing the details of his flight and capture. The prosecutor declared that every development tended to show that Wendling was guilty of the brutal murder.

Wendling smiled and at times laughed outright during the prosecutor's recital.

Mrs. John Valla testified that when she left St. John's Church on the morning of the tragedy, she saw Alma talking to the janitor, but on cross-examination admitted she was not certain the child was Alma Kellner.

Mrs. Rosa Staehle said she saw a child she supposed was Alma Kellner in St. John's Church on the morning of December 8, kneeling at the altar and playing with a doll.

The child was alone in the church when she left, the man having gone back.

### COLUMBUS CHARGES SCOUTED BY POLICE

#### Major Sylvester, After Investigation, Says His Men Are Not at Fault.

After receiving a special report on the two robberies alleged to have occurred in the home of A. C. Columbus, a paper-hanger, at 1416 Eleventh street, and the charges subsequently preferred by Columbus that he was not being given protection by the police, Major Sylvester today declared he was satisfied the police had been doing all within their power to apprehend the guilty person or persons and sift the case to the bottom.

As yet, there have been no arrests in the case, but several suspects have been taken to the Columbus home for identification. One of these was the negro man who called at the house to inquire for a Mr. Mason a few days before the first robbery, and about whom there had been some suspicion.

Second precinct officials today denied the charge of Columbus that they had not looked up this man until after the second robbery, although they had been requested to after the first theft was reported.

They declared that they had been on the lookout for the man constantly, but as he did not show up at his place of work and his address was not known, they only succeeded in locating him yesterday. The man was discharged as he did not fit the description of Mrs. Columbus' assailant.

According to the police of the Second precinct a patrolman was on duty at a corner across from the Columbus home at the time the second robbery took place, he said to have taken place and could have seen anyone entering or leaving the home. They would not discuss to what extent they suspected Mrs. Columbus of having "faked" the robberies, but asserted that they were looking into every feature of the case and had been investigating it thoroughly from the start.

Columbus today moved his family into a new house at 1416 Eleventh street for the reason, he declared, that the police were not protecting him.

### PRISONER OLD AND GRAY TELLS OF LIFE OF CRIME

#### Irresistible Desire to Steal From Boyhood, Defense of "Andrew Lee."

Nearly fifty years ago in Boston, George O. Coburn, then a sweet-faced and fair-haired tot of four, stole and secreted an old brass padlock with his mother and cautioned him not to touch it was his first theft.

Today in Criminal Court No. 2 of the District, the same George O. Coburn, under an alias of "Andrew Lee," now with gray hair and hardened features, a self-confessed felon, who has spent thirty-five of his fifty-three years of life behind prison bars for stealing, was convicted of housebreaking and larceny. Probably his career of crime is over—his last theft done.

Attorneys Carrington and Ridout, representing the veteran thief, made a vigorous fight to have him sent to an insane asylum instead of back to prison. They tried hard to convince the jury that Lee is a kleptomaniac—a person possessed of an irresistible instinct to steal.

**Dramatic Story Told.** Supporting this theory that the prisoner could not be held legally responsible for the thefts because of his alleged mental condition was the testimony of three alienists and Lee himself. Lee's recital of his crimes was one of the most dramatic stories ever heard in a District court.

Among other incidents of his life he related was the suicide of an older brother on the roof of their humble home, just over the spot where the loot of the boyhood thefts was hidden. The brother, Lee noted to Lee, who was then in prison, pleading that he remember the teachings of their mother and forsake his evil ways, but to no avail was that death message. Hundreds of times since did the youth, then the man, steal and steal.

Based on his opinion on a long hypothetical question covering the criminal career of the thief from the day he stole that padlock, through several prisons and up to the present time, three alienists, Drs. Arthur J. Hill, Julian Blackstone, and John W. Watson, informed the jury that Lee is insane, suffering from a form of insanity, the symptoms of which are kleptomania and criminal impulses.

**Long Life of Theft.** There was a hush in the courtroom as Lee recited with an occasional tear the story of his life. He recalled the theft of the old padlock from the cellar soon the first crime he committed, if it were a crime—then the theft of bright buttons from his mother's best coat, then glass stoppers from his mother's perfume bottles, and other trivial articles, gradually growing bolder until his first big job was the theft of a diamond ring.

A shudder swept through the courtroom as the downcast man pictured the contrast between the innocence of childhood and the pathetic spectacle of calloused convict, whose senses are shackled by an irresistible and irresistible craving to steal. He told how he languished for fifteen long years in solitary confinement in the Cherry Hill penitentiary, with only the vermin of the cell as company, but yet he could not drive from his being that impelling impulse to take that which did not belong to him.

"Twenty-four hours after I had turned my back on the grim walls of Cherry Hill I stole again," declared the old thief. "My long hours of misery and deprivation did not suffice to cure the great disease—my uncontrollable craving to steal."

"Since I was a mere tot I have stolen something nearly every day when I was not locked up. Never has there been a day when I was free from that awful feeling. Often I stole and threw away the loot. Never did I keep stolen property unless I was in need."

**Testimony Unshaken.** Assistant United States Attorney Harvey Given subjected Lee to a grilling cross-examination, but in no material instance was his testimony shaken. He sought not to hide nor conceal a single crime, confessing freely and frankly each offense as read from a long list by the prosecutor. More clearly did the cross-examination depict the character of the thief by Pope.

"He who, still wanting, though he lives on theft, steals much, spends little, yet has nothing left."

In rebuttal of the testimony of the three alienists for the defense, the Government placed on the witness stand Dr. Edward M. Brush and Dr. George Schwinn, the latter having charge of the

### WHITE TO LEARN CHARGES TODAY

#### Superintendent of Insane Hospital Goes to Department for Details.

Dr. William A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, will learn this afternoon the details of the charges which have been made against the administration of the institution under his charge.

An informal conference will be held at the Department of the Interior. In the absence of the Secretary, Chief Clerk Ucker will receive Dr. White.

The physician, who arrived home last night from Berlin, to find that certain citizens of Congress Heights had questioned the efficacy of the precautions taken at the asylum in handling patients, is unacquainted with the details of the charges.

"I do not even know with what I am charged," he said today. "Therefore, I cannot discuss the matter beyond saying, as I have said before, that I am willing to give any information, and meet any of the citizens interested, provided it does not interfere with any plans the department may have made looking to the final disposition of this case."

He will have an arrangement with the department officials this afternoon. At that time I expect to learn officially the state of the matter.

Chief Clerk Ucker outlined the policy of the department today. "We do not intend to order any immediate investigation," he said. "When I suggested that Dr. White call at the department, I did so merely to acquaint him with the situation. In the course of business the affair will be considered by the department."

### COMMISSIONERS SEE TWO NEW SCHOOLS

The Commissioners this afternoon formally inspected the Potomac School building at Tenth and E streets southwest, and the addition to the Benning school in the Anacostia road. Both buildings, according to Snowden Ashford, municipal architect, are ready for immediate occupancy. Each building contains eight rooms and will accommodate 220 pupils.

The Potomac School is of the extensive type, being so constructed as to be enlarged without changing the plans. The architect was Paul J. Peiz and the contractor, W. H. McCray. The building cost \$59,000.

The addition to the Benning School is of the colonial type and cost \$21,000. Burgess & Parsons were the contractors, the plans having been drawn by the municipal architect.

The Bunker Hill school for colored children in Bonker Hill road, Brookland, is the only one of the school buildings provided for in the last District appropriation act which remains unfinished. It is expected this building will be completed within two weeks.

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### COCKRELL HEADS WHITE CROSS FIRM

#### Officers and Directors Named for Baltimore and Washington Company.

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The officials were elected at a recent meeting of the stockholders of the company.

### BRIG. GEN. OAKES BURIED IN ARLINGTON

Funeral services for Brig. Gen. James Oakes, who died at the Emergency Hospital, were held from his apartments in Stoneleigh court this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. Herbert Knox Smith, of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment was made in Arlington Cemetery.

pallbearers, selected from members of the Royal Legion, were Brig. Gen. F. C. Smith, L. A. Matthe, Alfred Mordecai, C. W. Hobbs, W. M. Wallace, R. L. Hoxie, Col. A. L. Varney, and Lieut. Col. H. M. Kendall.

### TOLSTOY'S DAUGHTER MAY BUY YASNAYA

#### NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—In accordance with her father's wishes, it is reported here Count Tolstoy's daughter, Alexandra, will sell the rights to the first edition of Tolstoy's writings for the purpose of buying Yasnaya to divide among peasants. The land will fall to members of Tolstoy's family. The area of land is about 2,500 acres.

### LIQUOR TO AID IN CANCER CURE

#### NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The transfer tag appraisal of the property left Columbia University by George Crocker to establish a cancer research fund, is valued at \$780,075. The report shows that there are wine, in the cellar of Mr. Crocker's country home that are worth \$7,264.

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