

A Singular Vindication

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Nearly a hundred years ago, when New York city was what would now be considered a small town, a young man stood on a dock in the East river waiting for the arrival of a saliship that was coming up the bay. When the ship arrived, was docked and the dozen passengers that had come from England on her began to descend the gangplank the young man mentioned, scrutinizing each person, finally pointed to a woman with a patch over her left eye and called upon a constable standing beside him to arrest her. She was taken to the headquarters of the watch, where she proved to be a man. Then a young woman who stood by threw her arms about the man who had caused the arrest and silently wept tears of relief, with her head on his shoulder.

Ten years before, at seventeen, she had married Abel Williams, two years her senior, a clerk in the counting room of Edward Hooper, a china merchant. They were very happy, and a little girl was born to them. One evening when the young husband was playing with his little daughter several men entered and arrested him on a charge of embezzling money from his employer. For some time Williams was at a loss to understand why he, conscious of being perfectly innocent, had been charged with crime. Then, remembering certain suspicious circumstances connected with a fellow clerk named Skinner, he came to the conclusion that Skinner was the defaulter and had laid his speculations at Williams' door. Abel's books were brought into court at his trial and showed conclusively that some one had been covering up a loss of about \$20,000. He was not an expert accountant and floundered helplessly in his defense. He was convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

During his incarceration his wife stood by him, and when he stepped from prison she took him home, and the two began to plan for his vindication. Unfortunately an investigation would cost money. Besides, there was no clew, nor were there in those days detectives, as there are now. After considering the matter for some time they gave up hope of removing the stigma. Abel, having been a criminal, could not secure a position and was obliged to make a living by working at home. He was very handy with a knife and carved out trinkets that his wife sold for him.

One difficulty in the way of his vindication was that Skinner had left New York, and no one knew where he had gone. His disappearance confirmed Abel's suspicion that he was the real criminal and had covered up his own defalcation through the books kept by Abel. A criminal in one case is likely to be a criminal in other cases, and had Skinner remained in New York possibly he might have got into trouble that would have explained Abel's ruin. But Abel was not sure that Skinner was guilty.

While in prison one of the inmates whose cell was directly over Abel's appealed to him to assist him in making an escape. The man cut a hole in the floor and let himself down into Abel's cell. Abel permitted him to hide under his cot. Abel, who was employed on the prison books and accorded special privileges, also consented that the man should take advantage of them. He thus escaped, and Abel lost his job on the books and was relegated to a cell.

One day when Abel was at work making a toy ship a man walked in and stood looking at him.

"You don't remember me," he said. "I'm the man you helped to escape from prison. I've come to pay you for what you did and suffered for me. I don't know whether you are a bad un or a good un and don't care. I only know that I'm bad. A pal of mine who has got some valuable jewels that he and I took together on the other side of the big water is going to beat me out of my share. I can fix it so that he'll have to divide with you."

Abel told the man that he would not receive stolen goods.

"Well, then," continued the jailbird, "I can fix it this way: There's a big reward offered for the property. You're welcome to it."

Abel readily assented to this, and the man informed him that the party was bringing the jewels from Paris, where they had been stolen, to dispose of them in America. He was a one-eyed man and readily identified. He would arrive on a certain day and Abel could turn him over to the authorities and secure the reward.

To return to the party who had just discovered that the person arrested was a man. Mrs. Williams recognized Skinner. He was much changed from what he had been and had lost an eye. The fact that Abel was or would be vindicated by the arrest was a relief to the poor woman which caused a complete relaxation. For a few moments she wept on her husband's shoulder, then, turning to the prisoner, said:

"Skinner."

The jewels were found concealed in a wig worn by the criminal, and Abel received a reward of \$10,000. He at once employed an expert accountant to go over the books he was accused of tampering with, and it was found that the shortage had been determinedly transferred from the books kept by Skinner to those of Abel. The firm that had prosecuted him did everything in its power to atone for its action.

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SLAYER OF JUDGE KNOWLES SHOT DEAD

Lindel Bosworth Killed as He Barricaded Himself in Haunted House.

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 2.—Lindel Bosworth, alias "Honey" Budlong, who was killed Monday by a squad of New Haven and Bridgeport police near Stratford, was the murderer of Judge Willis S. Knowles of Rhode Island, who was shot on Labor day, according to the police. They declared yesterday that they have evidence proving that Bosworth slew the judge.

Bosworth was killed in the building known as the "haunted house." He was charged with the killing of Detective Dorman of the New Haven police force last Saturday and was trailed to the "haunted house," where he barricaded himself. He tried to open fire on the police with an automatic revolver, when his foot slipped. Before he could regain his footing a volley of bullets entered the building and one struck him in the abdomen.

Bosworth died Monday afternoon in St. Vincent's hospital after confessing that he had killed Detective Dorman. In Bosworth's pocket was a newspaper clipping describing the murder of Judge Knowles. Bosworth came from Rhode Island and before he died he provided that his body be shipped to Providence.

Start Investigation.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 2.—Investigation is being made by the local police to determine whether Lindel Bosworth, alias "Honey" Budlong, who killed Detective Bennett W. Dorman of this city and who died Monday from a bullet wound received while trying to escape capture in Stratford, was connected with the shooting of Justice S. W. Knowles of North Scituate, R. I., in September. There is no tangible evidence on this point, it is admitted.

RHODE ISLAND COAL

None of the Attempts to Utilize It Has Been Successful.

The presence of coal in Rhode Island was known as early as 1760, but none of the attempts made to utilize it have met with success. The coal beds of the state are unusually difficult to mine, and the attempt to burn the coal or to treat it as other coals have been treated has been unsuccessful.

To understand why this should be so, it is necessary to have a general idea of the geology of the region. The coal beds and associated rocks of this area, according to a report by George H. Ashley just issued by the United States geological survey as bulletin 614, have been subjected to intense horizontal pressure that has not only affected the internal structure of the coal but has compressed the beds and other rocks into great folds. The coal, which is relatively soft, has yielded more than the surrounding rocks, so that the beds have lost their original regularity and now occur in pockets, irregular in size and shape, separated by more or less extensive areas of thin coal or areas from which the coal has been entirely squeezed out. The varying intensity of the pressure from place to place has also resulted in considerable difference in the quality of the coal, which ranges from anthracite to graphite, containing moderately high ash as to very high ash and usually showing a high percentage of moisture when first mined.

The best coal found in the Rhode Island field approaches Pennsylvania anthracite in color, fracture, and luster; the poorest coal is full of distinctly visible quartz veins of considerable thickness and extent. Owing to its high ash and high moisture content Rhode Island coal does not have the best giving capacity of the average bituminous coals. It is reported to ignite very slowly, but when once ignited it burns very readily and gives an intense heat; it thus burns itself out quickly and requires more attention in firing than other coals.

LIGHT ON OIL TRADE

The Federal Commission to Make Full Investigation

TRANSPORTATION AND PRODUCTION

Pipe Line Cost a Feature of the Desired Information

Washington, Nov. 3.—A complete and thorough investigation of the oil business of the United States is being made by the federal trade commission, according to an announcement made yesterday by the commission. It states that the investigation was begun in response to resolutions passed by the Senate which was introduced by Senators Owen and Gore of Oklahoma.

"The information called for by the resolution," said the announcement, "necessitates a careful and complete investigation of nearly every phase of the production, transportation, refining and marketing of crude petroleum and its refined products in this country. The work of investigation under these resolutions has been continuously carried on by the federal trade commission. The commission is soon to issue a report dealing with one phase of the investigation, the cost of pipe line transportation of crude petroleum. No authoritative information dealing with present conditions on this subject has been available, and it was necessary for agents of the commission to obtain it not only from the books of the pipe line companies, but in some cases from the original expense vouchers. It is the purpose of the federal trade commission to issue reports dealing with one, or more features of the industry as rapidly as information on those subjects can be collected and prepared."

"It is quite apparent from the investigation already conducted that there is a wide difference between conditions existing in the several parts of the United States and that the petroleum industry is at present undergoing rapid changes, and certain branches of it, due to the European war, have been in an abnormal state. New processes for refining oil have recently been installed, and this is leading to marked changes in the refineries situation."

In its statement, the commission sets forth that many complaints have been received as to conditions in various branches of the oil industry. The statement says that the commission has already sent out agents to investigate charges of price discrimination in the sale of gasoline in various parts of the country.

"Recently there have been numerous complaints filed with the commission alleging discrimination between localities in the sale of gasoline," said the announcement. "Complaints have been received from California, Georgia, Idaho, Missouri and other states."

"These recent complaints alleging price discrimination between localities in the sale of gasoline have led the commission to send out agents to gather first-hand information on this subject. The result of such inquiries will guide the commission in determining if the alleged conditions are prevalent in the United States at large, and whether it will be desirable to take up that subject for immediate investigation, or whether it will be more advantageous for it to concentrate its efforts, as far as possible, to the completion of the reports on the whole situation, as directed by the Senate resolutions in which exhaustive investigation of the matters now made the subject of specific complaint would necessarily be included."

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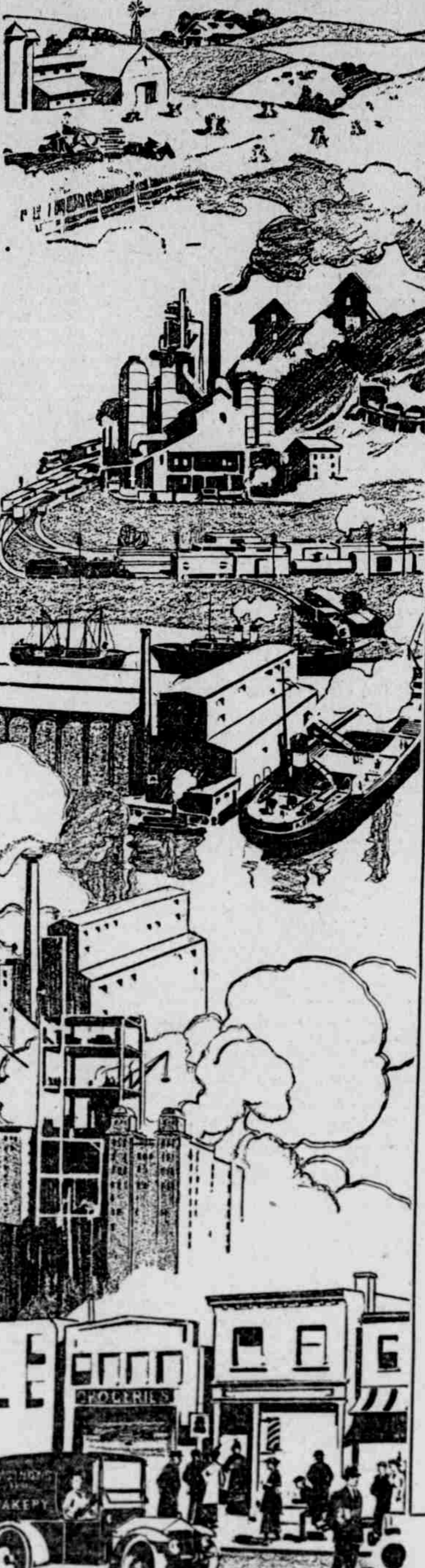
Explosion There With Bad Injuries for Seventeen Men.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 2.—Seventeen men were badly injured yesterday by a heavy explosion of a large quantity of powder at No. 1 plant of the Du Pont Powder Works at Carnegies Point, N. J. Most of them were brought across the Delaware river to this city on the company's boats and taken to hospitals. It is said that the explosion was of a cloud of white cannon powder, but the serious results were not so much from the explosion, as it occurred in a large room, so from the vivid flash of fire that enveloped the entire premises. The injured men were victims of this fiery visitation.

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GOVT'S RECEIPTS INCREASE \$11,000,000

Comparison With October of a Year Ago—Heavy Increase in the Ordinary Receipts.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Ordinary receipts of the federal government increased about \$11,000,000 during October, compared with that month last year, the total being \$93,243,133. Customs receipts increased about \$1,000,000 over October a year ago, but the big increase was in ordinary internal revenue receipts, which totaled \$92,243,133, an increase of about \$6,000,000. The excess of ordinary disbursements over receipts for the month was about \$2,777,000 compared with an excess of \$17,803,007 in October, 1914.

DEFENSE SUSTAINED.

Scores in Trial of Admiral Little by Court Martial.

Boston, Nov. 2.—An objection entered by Commander James L. Lattimer, counsel for the defense, against the activities of Lieut. W. B. Woodson sitting in the capacity of assistant to the judge advocate in the trial by court martial of Rear Admiral William S. Little, retired, was sustained by the court at the Charleston navy yard yesterday.

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neglect and careless methods were formally preferred against Rear Admiral Little in connection with his duties as inspection officer during the construction of submarine K-2, Lieutenant Woodson attempted to question witnesses and also addressed the court. He could not find any precedent, he declared, to show where the judge advocate was entitled to assistant counsel.

The question was discussed by the court at an executive session and Commander Lattimer's point was sustained. Owing to a delay in the preparation of the transcript of the testimony at the first session Monday the court ordered a recess until yesterday afternoon.

ALLIES TO BACK CARRANZA.
Great Britain, France and Russia to Exceed Recognition.
Washington, Nov. 2.—It is generally understood here that Great Britain, France and Russia intend to extend recognition to General Carranza in the same form as did the United States and at an early date.

WIVES AND MOTHERS

Have you ever stopped to realize how much the health of your family depends upon you? For instance, diet is a great factor in health, and you are responsible for it; then again, when any member of your family gets into a run-down condition, when the children are listless, cross and ailing, when somebody talks and drowns a cough, they look to you for help. Do you know that our local druggist, Floyd G. Russell, Prop. of the Red Cross Pharmacy, has a wonderful constitutional remedy known as Vinol, which is guaranteed for just such conditions? Many families in this vicinity have found it so reliable they are never without it.—Adv.