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CITY OFFICIAL A THIEF CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME.

W. R. Clardy, Head of the Sanitary Department, Imprisoned at Greenville, S. C., On a Charge of Assault With Intent to Kill and Forgible Robbery—He Drugs Woman and Pulls Diamond Rings From Her Fingers—Confesses to the Crime—The People Will Say "I Told You So"—The Man That Looked Well and Walked Well, But Proved a Criminal—A Most Interesting Case.

W. R. Clardy, chief inspector of the sanitary department of the city, is a prisoner in the Greenville, S. C., jail. He is charged with assault and battery with intent to kill and forgivable robbery from the person. He has confessed to the crime and will be tried.

In seeking about for a man with handsome face, straight soldier-like back and noble carriage the board of health of Charlotte found W. R. Clardy and made him chief of the sanitary police squad of the city. In his Confederate-gray uniform Clardy was one of the most dashing looking officers ever turned loose on the city. Those who selected him believed they had picked a trump card, for there was no end of comment about his splendid appearance and pleasant, agreeable manners. His record was not investigated. Barring a shy, evasive eye, he bore the countenance of an honest youth. But he is now a self-confessed criminal of the first rank. If he escapes the courts of South Carolina without a sentence of ten or twelve years in the penitentiary he will do well.

THE STORY OF THE CRIME.

First Sergeant B. S. Thackston, of the Greenville police force, arrived here last night. He came to get additional facts about his prisoner.

Last night, in talking with Chief Orr, of the Charlotte police department, and an Observer man, the South Carolina officer told the story of Clardy's crime.

"On the night of the 11th of August," said Sergeant Thackston, "a young man went to the tannery section of our city and called at the home of a woman of questionable character and knocked on the door. A man met him and told him to walk in. He said to her, 'This is an old friend; have you forgotten him?' The woman did not recall him, but told him that she was glad to see him all the same. Having made his way in, he chatted pleasantly and had a glass or two of beer the young man accompanied Ella Gibbs to her room.

DRUGGED THE WOMAN AND ROBBED HER.

"Nothing more was heard from Ella Gibbs until 6 o'clock the next morning when she staggered into the room of the mistress of the house and announced that she had been drugged and robbed of two very valuable diamonds and that her companion of the night before had disappeared. An investigation proved that the girl had been choked and otherwise mistreated. One of her fingers, from which a ring had been taken was bruised and lacerated. An examination of the room revealed the fact that the young Lothario had escaped through a back window, made his way round the house and over the front fence to the street.

"The stolen rings were valued at about \$450.

"We began to look into the case, but had very little to go on except a description of the man. We searched in vain for a clue but could not get anything. Several people saw the man after he arrived at the house. One fellow, who had seen him, in the afternoon, took a drink of beer with him that night. This fact led to his arrest.

CLARDY THE MAN WANTED.

"Sunday afternoon the young man who drank the beer with the arrested man, told him to walk in. He said to her, 'This is an old friend; have you forgotten him?' The woman did not recall him, but told him that she was glad to see him all the same. Having made his way in, he chatted pleasantly and had a glass or two of beer the young man accompanied Ella Gibbs to her room.

"At first Clardy denied everything, but after he learned what he had done he made a full confession.

"He told of taking the rings and selling them to Frank K. Gardner, a Charlotte jeweler. For the rings and a watch he got \$240."

"What will be the charge against him?" asked a reporter.

"We shall try him for assault and battery with intent to kill and forgivable robbery from the person."

The first news of Clardy's arrest came to The Observer late yesterday afternoon. The following telegram was received from The Greenville News:

"Sergeant Thackston will arrive in Charlotte to-night on No. 12. He will see an physician who has two diamonds pawned by a man named Clardy, who is said to be a sanitary officer of Charlotte. Clardy is charged with robbing and choking a woman in the tannery here. Clardy admits robbery."

CHIEF ORR ON THE CASE.

A reporter was sent at once to the police station where he called on Chief Orr and showed him the telegram. The news spread rapidly from department to department and from citizen to citizen. There were hundreds of people saying, as did the old man when the cow swallowed the grindstone, "I told you so." That is what the city gets for hiring an unknown."

As a matter of fact Mr. Clardy was hired by the month and was on probation. The board of health elected him on trial. He was suspended early yesterday morning for neglect of duty and leaving the city without permission, this being done before any one knew of the sensational charges at Greenville.

Chief Orr took up the case here immediately after getting the tip and found that Clardy had offered the rings to Garibaldi, Bruns & Dixon, who did not examine them, and sold them to Frank Gardner, on North

Troy Street. Mr. Gardner sold the rings to two traveling men before Chief Orr arrived. He will recall them.

A SIMPLE-MINDED FELLOW.

In addition to being a crook Clardy must have a simple mind. After committing such a serious crime in a city the size of Greenville he went back there inside of a month to be spotted and nabbed. To make his crime worse he was courting a respectable young woman in the South Carolina city. In applying for his position he did as on Y. M. C. A. paper, which had something to do with his application being considered seriously. After searching records for several hours, last night the reporter on this case failed to identify Clardy with any church, or Sunday school, but did ascertain that he belonged to the Business Men's League glee club.

There is no end to the people who will shout from the house tops to-day, those familiar old words "I told you so." A chorus of voices will resound from hilltop to hilltop. It is safe to say that the next chief of the sanitary force will have to have a pedigree and a reputation for character. Clardy had good looks and talked well.

The brazeness of the young fellow is more than ordinary men can account for. He went to Greenville soon after being elected to office and committed a foul crime, returned to this city, donned his pretty new suit, bossed around among the men under him, and then returned to the scene of his crime to be imprisoned. If Clardy robbed the city the fact has not been discovered. An investigation will be made to-day.

Clardy was a student at Clemson College, South Carolina, and the A. & M. College, North Carolina. He was well known in football circles while college boy.

NAVAL DESERTER ARRESTED

Greensboro Officers Take Into Custody Two Young Men, One Being Wanted at Norfolk—Other May Be Also, Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Sept. 2.—Yesterday morning, in response to a phone message from the Finishing Mill district a mile north of the city, stating that a couple of strangers were sleeping under a tree out there, two state highway policemen went out and arrested the two men. The names of the young men were Michael Fox and Crawford Waggoner. Upon an examination of the records in the office of the chief of police it was discovered that Fox was a deserter from the United States Battleship Franklin, having left the ship at Norfolk on the 25th of July. When questioned by the officers about the matter, Fox confessed that he was the man who had deserted, but said that Waggoner was not implicated in the trouble in the least. The authorities at Norfolk were wired of the arrest to-day and a search was made for the two. Waggoner was a deserter and a search was made for him.

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