

100 True Detective Stories

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There isn't the least doubt in the world that he's guilty, Chief, but how are we going to prove it? He's covered every approach to the case with an ingenuity equal to the fiendishness of the crime itself. There isn't a particle of evidence, circumstantial or otherwise, and the fact that the girl was five years old removes every motive from the man, all right, but unless we can nail something on him, he'll get away free!

The operative across the table from William J. Burns saw the jaw of one of the greatest detectives America has produced settle into a look of grim determination. The murder of little Miss Smith, near Asbury Park, N. J., was a crime that had stirred that section of the country to an unprecedented pitch of emotion. Detectives from three states had been working on the case, but only the Burns men had been able to locate the probable criminal. Even their hands seemed likely to slip out of their grasp simply for lack of evidence that would hold water before a jury.

Suddenly Burns' fist came down on the table with a resounding thump. "I'll get him," he growled. "I agree with you that Heidemann's the man—and I also agree that we can't take any chances. The case has attracted too much attention and a possible mistake, a premature arrest, might lead to a mobline. No, I'll make him confess, if it takes ten years of my life."

Third degree, Chief?" hazarded the operative. In a tone which showed plainness of vision and confidence in any such method.

"Hardly that," Burns replied. "From what you've told me of him, this laborer—Heidemann—hasn't any nerves. He wouldn't respond to anything short of the water-cure, and the violence of such treatment would invalidate any confession he might make. No, I'm going to get under his hide—torment him—tease him—pester him until he comes

through in sheer relief. It may take some time, but it's got to be done. It's the only way."

Late the same afternoon a short stocky man, dressed in the rough clothes of a laborer, elbowed his way through the crowd in an Asbury Park saloon and made his way to the bar, where he stood for some time, fidgeting several successive schooners of beer. An hour or so afterwards, the same man might have been seen in the neighborhood of the house where Frank Heidemann lived. And again, shortly after a local dog kennel.

The following morning, when Heidemann came down to breakfast, just an edge appeared to have been chipped from his usual stolidity. He looked heavy-eyed and drawn, as if from lack of sleep. But, for that matter, so did all the others around the rough table, for a dog had been howling all night outside the house, and the combined efforts of the boarders had not sufficed to put an end to the noise.

That evening there was a new face at the table. A man named Schindler, who said he came from Rochester, had taken the room next to Heidemann's, and, although the talk naturally turned to the subject of the Smith girl's murder, Schindler did not enter into the conversation, nor did Heidemann.

Again the dog howled outside the window for the entire night, but Schindler declared in the morning that he had not been in the least disturbed, but he neglected to add that he hadn't had any sleep because he had been peeping through the dog with pebbles thrown from a "sing-shot" some distance away!

By the fourth morning Heidemann and the other boarders, nervous and fretful from lack of rest, announced that they were going to leave and find some more quiet place. So Schindler, having carefully laid the stage, prepared for the final coup.

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here?" he asked of Heidemann, with whom he had struck up an acquaintance. "I know a place we can make a hundred times as much money without the slightest risk. Listen . . . You know the big public square in Yonkers?"

Heidemann nodded warily.

"The cashier of Shanley's place lives right around the corner," continued Schindler, his voice dropping to a whisper. "Most of their money is taken after bankin' hours an'—" he paused impressively, "the cashier takes it home with him in a little leather bag. His house is on a dark side street. It'd be a cinch to stick him up, cut the straps of the bag and make a getaway before the bulls got wise. But one man couldn't do it. I need some help. Are you on?"

After a little additional urging, Heidemann agreed. His half of the proceeds, he "probably argued, would enable him to put a thousand miles between himself and Asbury Park, and as Schindler said, the risk was practically nothing. A child could handle it."

Shortly before noon, a long distance call relayed some brief but explicit instructions to three of the operatives in the Burns office in New York, and that night a master thief, well-versed in his profession, crossed the brightly lighted public square in Yonkers. Scarcely had he turned the corner leading to one of the darker side streets, when a figure rose up in front of him and another closed in from behind.

"Hands up!" came the command, and as the man with the satchel hesitated, he was struck down by a crushing blow from behind, a blow that left him limp and apparently lifeless upon the sidewalk.

"Gawd!" ejaculated Schindler. "I believe I've croaked him," and he lifted his arm, a distant street light gleaming up something red and sticky that adhered to his fingers. Instantly his hand flashed back to his hip-pocket, and the muzzle of a blue-steel automatic covered Heidemann unwaveringly.

"I may swing for this," Schindler continued, "but it won't be because you snitched. I'm not going to have you blubbering to the cops about it. If you know any fingers, swing because when I count three I'm goin' to fire."

"Stop it!" pleaded the other. "I'm not going to say anything. I couldn't if I wanted to. I wouldn't dare. They might get me for that Smith affair."

"What's that?" Schindler demanded. "What'd you mean?"

"That Smith girl that was killed down at Asbury," Heidemann's voice rose in a quaver of terror. "I did it. I wouldn't dare tell."

"No, you're right you wouldn't," agreed the other, but there was a new note apparent in the way he said it. Then, still keeping Heidemann covered, he addressed the "cashier" who lay prostrate on the sidewalk. "Get up, Joe, and slip the bracelets on him. We've got what we want—a confession before witnesses."

"My name's not 'Schindler,'" he explained, as Heidemann looked at him in comprehendingly. "It's Burns—William J. Burns—and this 'cashier' is one of my operatives."

NEW GOVERNOR OF THE CANAL ZONE POSES FOR PICTURE WITH FAMILY



Jay J. Morrow, new governor of the Panama Canal Zone, is shown here with his family on the steps of the governor's house which overlooks the canal from Balboa Heights. With Governor Morrow are Mrs. Morrow; Miss Alice Morrow, the governor's sister; Mrs. Mary W. Butler, sister of Mrs. Morrow; Mrs. James E. Morrow, the governor's mother, and the children of the Morrow family.

JOHNNY ADAMS A SELF-MADE MAN

New Chairman of Republican National Committee Has Risen Rapidly.

Dubuque, Iowa, June 23.—John T. Adams, the recently elected chairman of the Republican National Committee, like many other national leaders, is a self-made man.

In 1881, "Johnny" Adams, as he was then known, started to work for a Dubuque door and sash company at \$3 a week. His promotion was rapid and, since 1906, he has been president of the company, which is now regarded as one of the largest of the kind in the country.

Since early manhood, Adams has taken an unusual interest in community affairs. One of the first community projects to attract his attention was a city mission organized by the Dubuque Congregational church. Later for several years, he was president of the city's general hospital.

School affairs of Dubuque always have attracted the attention of Mr. Adams. He served several terms as a member of the local school board. During the war, he was a member of the state council of defense and was active in Red Cross and other drives for funds.

His interest in American politics is believed to have been inherited from his father, who was an American of old stock. The father practiced law in Massachusetts and was a member of the legislature of that state at the time Daniel Webster was a member of the state senate. His ancestors on his mother's side come from New Hampshire, where they lived for several generations.

The family moved to Dubuque in 1862. John T. Adams graduated from the Dubuque high school in 1881. His education since then has been acquired by constant reading. His private library at his beautiful home here is regarded as one of the most complete in Iowa. Mr. Adams is a student of modern languages and reads French and German almost as fluently as English.

Mr. Adams first attracted attention in politics in 1908 when he was selected to conduct the primary campaign in Iowa. In 1912, he managed the Taft campaign in this state. In the same year, he was elected national committeeman from Iowa. He was re-elected national committeeman in 1916 and again in 1920. During the Harding campaign, Mr. Adams was in charge of the Western Republican headquarters in Dubuque.

Mr. Adams is married, and is the father of three children, Elizabeth 17, Susan 13 and Paul 9.

GREEK WINS WIFE OF SAILOR SHIPMAN

The many-featured case of George Shipman former sailor in the United States Navy who came here last spring and started action to have the marriage of his former wife Elizabeth Shipman to Gus Geurukos shoeshine king made null and void has at last ended, unless Shipman desires to set up independent action and allege that the testimony of his former wife given at her divorce trial here was untrue.

After several hearings on various phases of the matter, Judge W. F. Hardin was asked to set the divorce verdict aside in which Mrs. Shipman obtained freedom from her former sailor husband. He considered the matter for weeks before deciding not to set the verdict aside, which was asked on the grounds that the woman had sworn falsely in order to obtain the divorce which freed her to marry Geurukos.

Shipman then instituted action charging his former wife with perjury. This action has been not pressed. Attorneys say the only recourse of the former husband is to start a new suit, charging his former wife with falsification in obtaining a divorce. He is not expected to do this and the last chapter in the case has been written, it is believed.

PLEGED TO COMBAT CLASS LEGISLATION

Cincinnati, Ohio June 23.—A national organization pledged to combat all class legislation wherever it appears in this country was formed here Monday. It was stated that an active campaign in opposition to the United States Grain Growers Inc. will be instituted at once.

The movement took form under the auspices of the National Grain Dealers' Association. Representatives of business organizations from all over the country were present and while the immediate object of the attack will be made against the United States Grain Growers' reported campaign to pool the farmers' grain under a six-year contract the scope of the organization as planned is much wider.

Resolutions adopted declared that the grain trade and general business interests are directly menaced by adverse legislation—both state and national—arising on demand of organized special interests.

LOYAL ORDER MOOSE ACCLAIM OFFICERS

Toledo, Ohio, June 23.—The Loyal Order of Moose, in annual convention here Monday, by acclamation elected officers for the year, naming James F. Griffin, of Boston, supreme dictator to succeed Darium Brown, former Mayor of Kansas City.

Edward J. Henning, of San Diego, Calif., non assistant to Secretary of Labor James J. Davis, was elected Governor of Moose Heart for a term of six years.

J. Willis Pierson, of Dallas, Texas, was elected supreme vice-dictator, to succeed Griffin. Frank J. Monahan, of San Francisco, was elected supreme prelate to succeed Pierson.

GIVEN EQUAL LATITUDE.

Washington, June 23.—Acting upon a Federal Reserve Board recommendation, the Senate Monday passed and sent to the house a measure to give state banks members of the reserve system equal latitude with national banks in making loans which thereafter might be eligible for rediscount.

PUBLIC OPINION GOVERNS

Washington, June 23.—Japan has reached the point "where foreign policies must be based upon public opinion," R. Nakanishi of the visiting Japanese parliamentary delegation to this country, said in an address Monday night at a dinner given in the visitors' honor by several members of Congress who visited the Orient last summer.

DOKIES CONSIDERING FORMATION OF CLUB

A committee is in charge of plans for the formation of the proposed Charlotte Dokie club, it having been authorized at a meeting of Khorassans in Suez Temple Monday night to investigate prospective locations for the club rooms and to draw up a set of by-laws and constitutions.

One hundred or more Dokies attended the meeting which was called for the purpose of considering the formation of a Dokie club in Charlotte, a social organization membership in which will be restricted to members of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan. Another meeting will be held Monday, July 11, when the committee will make its report. Officers will be elected at that time also.

The committee in charge of preliminary arrangements is composed of T. T. Allison, chairman; Nat C. White, J. C. Caudle, R. G. Auten and J. F. Kelly.

REDUCTION UP TO CONGRESS.

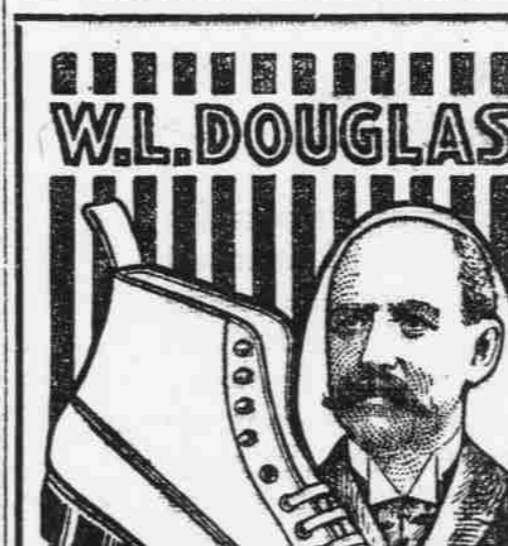
Washington, June 23.—The question of reduction of maintenance pay for unmarried former service men receiving vocational training to a point equal to the decline in the cost of living probably will be left to the determination of Congress, Calvin F. McIntosh, a member of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, said Monday in discussing reports that a cut in maintenance pay was imminent.

CHANGES PEONAGE EXISTS

Detroit, June 23.—Charges that peonage exists in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi were made here Monday night by U. S. Bratton, Detroit attorney, who formerly was a United States district attorney in the eastern district of Arkansas in an address before the twelfth annual convention of the National Association the Advancement of Colored People.

UNDERWOOD ATTACKS FRELINGHUYSEN BILL

Washington, June 23.—The first of the Frelinghuysen coal bills, providing for seasonal rates, was attacked by Senator Underwood, the Democratic leader, Monday as an example of "the old republican idea of using the power of government to help one man and hurt another, and to foster one industry at the expense of others." The bill was "unjust," he declared and would force domestic users to pay \$2.50 a ton more for coal in the winter. "This is a serious sum for the toiler," he added, especially in these Republican times of soup kitchens, bread lines and unemployment.



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