

JUDGE WING'S LOGIC.

He Exercises It in Behalf of the Cronin Suspects.

DAN COUGHLIN AND HIS KNIVES.

Two Witnesses Swear That He Possessed Them Prior to Dr. Cronin's Murder. Judge Wing Scouts the Idea of Conspiracy and Pays His Respects to the White Horse.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—In the Cronin trial the defense introduced some testimony in rebuttal of the evidence concerning Coughlin's possession of Dr. Cronin's knives.

August Lowenstein, a dealer in clothing, was put on the stand and testified that he sold to Dan Coughlin on April 20, the week before the murder, a pair of pants which Coughlin then and there put on. In doing so he took off the old pair which he wore and emptied the pockets, placing the contents on a chair. Among these things were two knives. The knives alleged to have been Dr. Cronin's property were shown him. He could not say positively that they were the ones he had seen but they looked something like them. The cross examination brought out the fact that the witness is a brother of ex-Detective Jake Lowenstein, Dan Coughlin's partner.

The next witness was Jake Lowenstein. He testified that he had seen one of Coughlin's knives quite often and the other he had himself carried. When shown the knives already in evidence, he said: "This one—the large one—is Dan Coughlin's. I know from the way it is ground, from the color of the handle and from its general appearance. It had been ground to a point on the sandstone at the station. As to the other, I know he had one just like it."

Judge Wing continues his address to the jury. The idea of a sane man while suspected of murder carrying for two weeks in his pocket the knives of the murdered man was, in Attorney Wing's mind, too ridiculous a proposition to be entertained for a moment. The conspiracy and its relation to Camp 20 next claimed the advocate's attention.

"A case of conspiracy must be established by the state beyond a reasonable doubt," he said. "Either such a case must be proved or this trial must be stopped and the prisoners discharged. And the only proof that such a conspiracy did exist is circumstantial evidence, and circumstantial evidence of a very flimsy nature. I have heard of many cases of conspiracy, but never have I heard of a case so absurd as this one."

No Conspiracy Proved. "There is nothing to show that a conspiracy existed. It may be true that factions existed in the society, that Cronin led one faction and somebody else another, but the only thing that can be made of it is that some men disliked Cronin for his stand on certain points."

The assertion that the murder of Dr. Cronin had been decided upon at a meeting of forty persons, many of them intimate friends of the doctor, and for no other reason than that he had read a report of a trial in another camp, the speaker characterized as nonsense and absurdity, and asked the jury could they as men believe it.

Concerning the White Horse. "As to the white horse hired from Dinan," the attorney continued, "is it likely that a man contemplating murder would have hired a horse from a place at which he was known? It has been frequently asked why, if Coughlin's connection with the white horse was innocent, why hasn't the man been brought back? Why hasn't the man come back? I wish he had come back. But the state with all its resources has been unable to bring him back and neither has the defense. As for the man himself, there is little reason why he should come back. It would have been too risky a thing to do with a prosecution able to identify anything and anybody. That man would have been identified by Mrs. Conklin. He knew it and stayed away."

Longenecker's speech. CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—State's Attorney Longenecker finished his arraignment of the Cronin suspects, and Judge Wing, for the defense, began his plea for Coughlin. Mr. Longenecker scored the suspects so roundly that little Kunze could not contain himself, while at the noon adjournment Mrs. Dan Coughlin went over to the state's attorney and asked him to be more tender with her husband.

The state's attorney summed up the case quite adroitly and gave the jury a good insight into it. He dwelt upon the inception of the conspiracy in Camp No. 20, the renting of the flat at No. 117 Clark street, the purchase of the furniture by "Simonds," the appearance of Burke to rent the cottage, why the cottage was rented, Iceman O'Sullivan's contract, the plot to get Cronin to the cottage, Coughlin's animosity, the fatal trip of May 4 behind Dinan's white horse hired by Dan Coughlin, the murder, the finding of the body, Burke's flight, O'Sullivan's refusal to identify the body, the finding of the clothes, and finally, the disclosure of the fact that Coughlin had Cronin's knives in his possession.

The State Springs a Sensation. CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—At the opening of the Cronin trial the state called Bernard F. Carberry in rebuttal. He testified that he was in Matt Danahy's saloon, at the corner of Clark street and Chicago avenue, on the night of May 4 and that he did not see Defendant Burke there, as testified to on behalf of the defense.

The state then springs a sensation that had come into its possession in the morning by showing by Officer Flynn that when Dan Coughlin was arrested two knives were found on this suspect and that the knives belonged to Dr. Cronin. To identify the knives Mr. T. T. Conklin took the stand and swore that they were identical in every detail with two knives carried by the witness for two years and given by him to the doctor shortly before the murder. He was not positive that they were the same, but believed them to be so. The testimony created a decided stir in the room.

Dan Coughlin looked steadily at the ceiling and tried hard to assume indifference, but the nervous twitching of his eyelids and hands told a tale of anything but composure. The defense will put in rebuttal evidence.

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