

NEGROES DENY STORY IMPLICATING DOCTOR'S WIFE IN HIS MURDER

Assert Their Own Innocence and Declare Belief That Mrs. Mohr Knew Nothing of Crime

TELS OF DEATH NOTE

Spokesman for Prisoners Says Letter Threatened to Kill Doctor Mohr

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 4.—Another denunciation was sprung in the Mohr murder case this afternoon when the three negroes accused, with Mrs. Mohr, of killing the physician, denied their confession.

George W. Healia, chauffeur of the slain doctor's car, stated in his denial that another car followed the one occupied by Doctor Mohr and his companion, Miss Emily Burger. He believed, he said, that the car stopped at a cross street near where the stalled automobile of Doctor Mohr stood and that an occupant, creeping up from behind, shot the physician and Miss Burger.

Healia, when he made the denial, spoke through the bars of his cell in the county jail at Bristol, acting as spokesman for the trio.

Tell the people that we are absolutely innocent and that we believe Mrs. Mohr knew nothing of this crime. We have never signed a confession and anything we said to the Providence police was said in a joking way, or in a spirit of anger.

Dr. Mohr, to my knowledge, had been arrested by several prominent Rhode Island people. I found a letter in his car from a man living on Elmwood avenue in which he threatened the doctor and said that if he did not cease his attentions to the doctor's wife he would fill him full of bullets.

Cecil Victor Brown, who had previously confessed to having been the leader of the plot to kill Doctor Mohr, added to Healia's statement:

I see that the Providence police say that Healia saw Mrs. Mohr in Providence on Monday evening. That's a joke, for Healia was in Newport all day Monday and Monday night.

Following this came a denial that he had ever written or signed a confession of the crime.

Mrs. Elizabeth Blair Mohr today continued to declare her innocence of imputing the murder of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr. The police have learned that Mrs. Mohr was threatened with death if she disobeyed her husband, that he had beaten her frequently and that she had knifed down their 7-year-old daughter Virginia, when he thought she was spying on him.

PORTER ORDERED NOT TO PREVENT SHOWING OF 'BIRTH OF NATION'

Judge Ferguson Grants Petition for Injunction Against City's Restraining Presentation of Movie Film

SALE OF TICKETS LARGE

The negroes' protest against the presentation of "The Birth of a Nation" at the Forrest Theatre, tonight, has been in vain. Judge Ferguson, in Common Pleas court this afternoon, granted an injunction restraining Director Porter from interfering with the exhibition of the picture.

In granting the injunction, which was secured by the Eddy Producing Company and the management of the Forrest Theatre, the judge said:

"I am confident that the colored people of this city will not do anything unlawful. I do not think it likely that they will commit any breach of the peace. I approve of the Director's seal in the matter, but I can see that there is anything in the situation to cause me to grant the petition."

Assistant City Solicitor Ernest Lowen-Grund pointed out that Judge Sulzberger prevented the appearance here eight years ago of the picture, "The Clansman," from which the picture was taken, and that Thomas Dixon, the author, always wrote to arouse race hatred, and that a fight outside the theatre might cause a panic inside.

Meanwhile the public appears not to be the least perturbed about the matter, and there has been a constant line of patrons at the ticket office. The house was nearly full at the moment. No person was asked his money for tickets be refunded.

As a result of their protest, the Director prohibited the picture's presentation. The management, however, is determined that the picture will be shown.

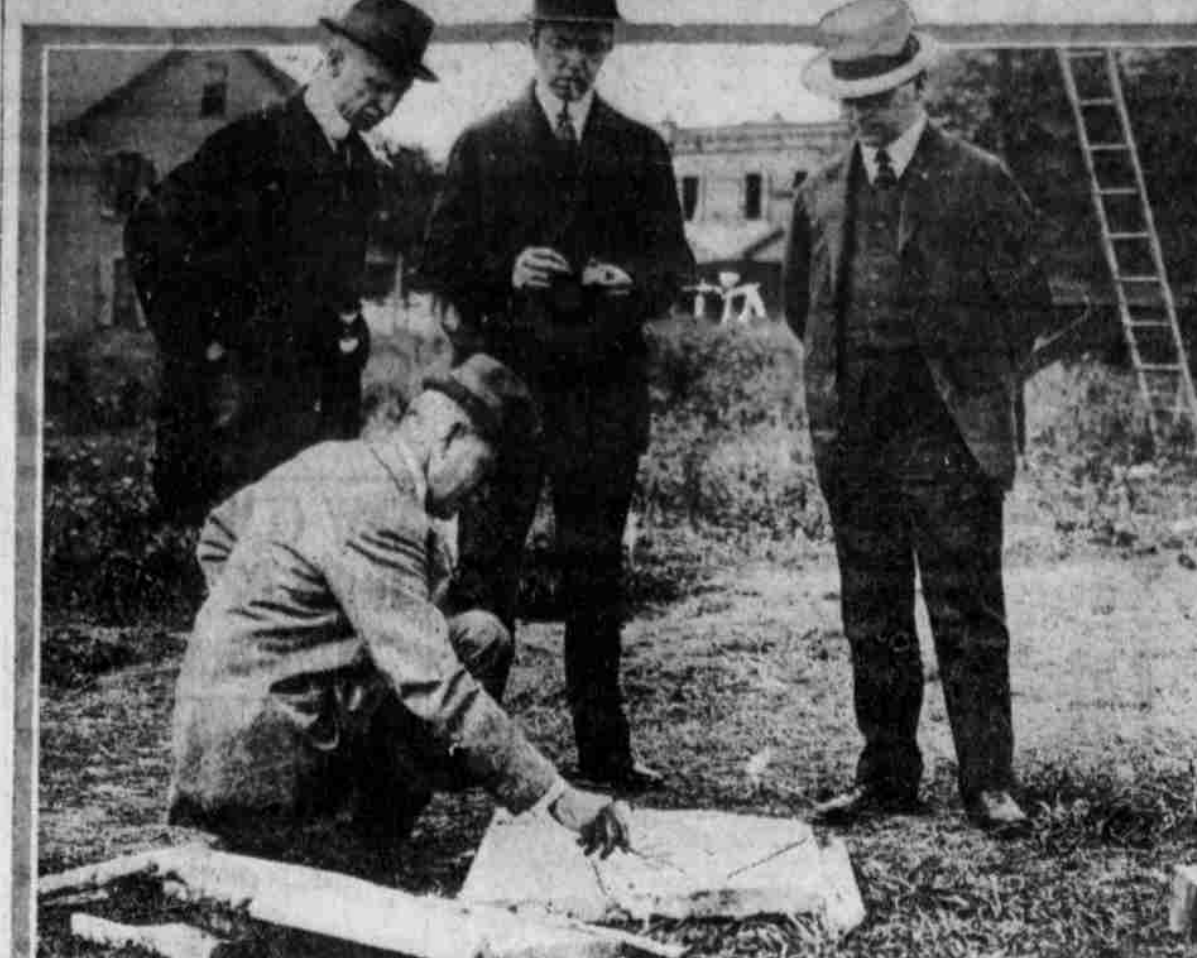
In nearly every city where the picture has been presented there have been protests by negroes. While they were successful in obtaining a police order against the picture in every case, this had been overruled in most cases by the courts.

In many instances it was learned that catering to the negroes regardless of the opinion of the remainder of the public was for the purpose of capturing the negro vote at the coming election.

In four cases the courts have enjoined city officials from stopping the film on the ground of race prejudice. In one case the court ordered the city to pay attention to the fact that the picture had been approved by the State Board of Censors, a body established by law.

Director Porter said he had learned that a large number of negroes had bought tickets for the picture, and he understood it was their intention to rise in their seats and protest against the picture in the theatre tonight. In view of possible trouble he said it was his duty to direct the public by preventing the production.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONERS AT EDDYSTONE



These members of the State board, from left to right, Chairman W. D. B. Ainey, Secretary A. B. Millar and John Monaghan, are closely following the diagram which W. A. Garrett, assistant general manager of the Remington Arms Company, is drawing on a stone in the course of his argument to persuade the board that it ought to grant permission to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to run an extra siding into the company's yards.

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SEES GRADE CROSSINGS

"Death Traps" in South Philadelphia and Chester Pike Investigated

The first move toward the permanent elimination of the grade-crossing evil from this city and its outlying districts was made today when the Public Service Commission began the inspection of such of the "death traps" as are located in South Philadelphia, Eddystone and Chester on the Chester pike.

Ex-Congressman W. D. B. Ainey, chairman of the commission; A. B. Millar, secretary, and John Monaghan, commissioner, were those who composed the investigating committee. They left the Bellevue-Stratford shortly after 9 o'clock, and after examining grade crossings in every city in the Eastern States, returned to Chester on the Chester pike.

WORLD-FAMED PIANIST MISSING, WITH MONEY

Leopold Godowsky, Former Philadelphian, Disappears, Carrying Large Sum

The Philadelphia police are searching for Leopold Godowsky, one of the world's greatest pianists, and a former resident of this city, who has been mysteriously missing since Wednesday from his home, in Avalon, N. J. At the request of Madame Godowsky, the New York police have sent out a "tip" to every city in the Eastern States, and have detailed a squad of detectives to aid in the search.

Godowsky was last seen leaving a hair-dressing establishment at 4th avenue and 34th street, at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening. He left his home in New York early that morning to deposit some money in a New York bank and attend to some personal business. He had upwards of \$1000 in cash and about \$2000 worth of jewelry with him at the time.

COATESVILLE MAN DETERMINED TO WED HIS STEPMOTHER

Twice Falls to Obtain License, but Will Keep on Trying

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Albert E. Thomas, of Coatesville, Pa., and his stepmother, Mrs. Laura E. Thomas, came to Washington today in their hunt for a place where they can obtain a license to wed. The recorder here denied them a license when their relationship was revealed. They were denied a license yesterday at Baltimore, and prior to that in their home town.

TENDERLOIN COP DEAD

"Billy" Barry Knew Hundreds of "Crooks"—Proud of His Job

QUICK NEWS

BERNSTORFF DUE IN WASHINGTON MONDAY; MAY HAVE NOTE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—German Ambassador Bernstorff is expected in Washington again Monday, it was stated at his Embassy today.

BERLIN BANKS SUBSCRIBE TO THIRD WAR LOAN

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—The Municipal Savings Bank, it is announced today, has contributed \$11,250,000 to the third war loan. It gave \$7,500,000 to the first and \$10,000,000 to the second. The Agricultural Central Loan Bank for Germany has contributed \$5,250,000.

SHAKE-UP IN CZAR'S CABINET RUMORED

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times says it is believed that General Polivanoff, Russian Minister of War, will become Premier, with extensive powers to reconstruct the Cabinet.

BRITISH SUBMARINE IN RAID NEAR TURK CAPITAL

ATHENS, Sept. 4.—Another daring exploit by the crew of the British submarine which is operating in the Sea of Marmora was reported today. Part of the crew landed last week at Kretson, on the Gulf of Ismid, and dynamited the Gebize bridge on the Haldar-Ismid railroad, 28 miles from Constantinople. The Turkish soldiers guarding the bridge were killed.

TURKS BURN ARMENIAN TOWNS; SLAUGHTER INHABITANTS

ATHENS, Sept. 4.—Turkish troops have burned the Armenia villages of Ismid and Nicomede, slaughtering nearly the entire population of both towns, according to travelers arriving here today.

FOREIGNERS BARRED FROM BRITISH ARMY

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Americans will hereafter find it difficult to enlist in the British army. The War Office has ruled that only British subjects are eligible for service, and that all foreign enlistments must be immediately reported. Some exceptions may be made.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE TURK TRENCHES IN CAUCASUS

PETROGRAD, Sept. 4.—Russian troops in the Caucasus have captured Turkish trenches near Oltu, taking 200 prisoners and large supplies of booty, the War Office reported today. "In the coastal district Wednesday a Turkish attempt to dislodge Russian posts failed. The Turks were routed with hand grenades.

IRON CROSS MELTED ON AVIATOR'S BLAZING BREST

PARIS, Sept. 4.—A German aviator brought down at Senlis recently was identified as Lieutenant von Baller, son of General von Baller, of the Wurttemberg forces. Officials of the American Clearing House, who chanced to pass in their automobile the spot where the machine fell, report that they clearly saw an Iron Cross melting on the aviator's blazing breast. They also saw a bullet hole through the body in the region of the heart.

FRENCH PROFESSOR'S LIQUID AIR BOMB WRECKS CHATEAU

PARIS, Sept. 4.—A well-known aviator describes how a 60-year-old professor of science joined the air service as sub-lieutenant to try out a new liquid air bomb he had invented. A member of the Academy of Science and an officer of the Legion of Honor, the professor offered his bomb free on condition that he be allowed to direct the first military trial. He took the obnoxious seat in a biplane during operations near Hebuterne and accurately dropped a bomb weighing 100 pounds on a chateau, the local German headquarters. When the smoke cleared away they saw the chateau had been virtually demolished. The airman asserts that the bomb is tenfold more destructive than the same weight of dynamite.

HAITIAN PORT PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW

U. S. Admiral Helps Local Government Enforce Law in Port au Prince

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Sept. 4.—Rear Admiral Caperton today proclaimed martial law in Port-au-Prince and other districts controlled by the American forces. He did so because of the difficulties the Haitian government is meeting in enforcing the laws.

The proclamation permits the Haitian government and congress to proceed with their constitutional duties. American laws will be introduced and martial law enforced.

NIEHOFF'S RUN IN TENTH BEATS GIANTS

Continued from Page One

first place in the pennant chase when they beat out the Giants, 3 to 2, in a tenning game here today.

With the score tied at two runs, Philadelphia came to bat in the tenth and Niehoff, the first man up, drew a walk. Bancroft drove a single to right, sending Niehoff around to third. Backer batted for Demaree and hit a high fly to right, scoring Niehoff with the winning run.

Alexander succeeded Demaree and held the Giants safe in the half of the tenth. Philadelphia scored first in the fourth. Paskert walked, stole second and scored on Luderus' hit.

In the sixth the Giants broke into the run column when Burns singled, stole second and scored on Merkle's hit.

The Phillies came back with another in the eighth, Killefer slammed a single to right, went to second on Demaree's out and crossed the plate on Stock's single.

FIRST INNING. Grant threw out Stock. Bancroft tried to steal third. Dooin to Grant. Paskert struck out. No runs, one hit, no errors. Bancroft threw out Burns. Bancroft threw Grant out. Robertson was safe on Niehoff's fumble. Doyle grounded out to Luderus. No runs, no hits, one error.

SECOND INNING. Cravath drew a base on balls. Luderus hit into a double play, Fletcher to Merkle. Whitted grounded out to Merkle. No runs, no hits, no errors.

THIRD INNING. Niehoff flied out to Burns. Dooin threw out Killefer. Demaree walked. Stock flied out to Burns. No runs, no hits, no errors.

FOURTH INNING. Schauer threw out Bancroft. Paskert drew a base on balls. Cravath flied out to Robertson. Paskert stole second. Luderus singled to right, scoring Paskert. Luderus singled third, when Robertson fumbled the ball and Whitted flied out to Dooin. One run, one hit, one error.

FIFTH INNING. Niehoff was called out on strikes. Killefer walked. Thorpe was caught off first, but Stock singled to left. Niehoff flied out to Whitted. Thorpe going to third. Schauer struck out. No runs, one hit, no errors.

SIXTH INNING. Bancroft flied out to Thorpe. Dooin was chased to the clubhouse by Umpire Klem on account of disturbing the pitcher. Meyers replaced Dooin. Paskert walked. Cravath flied to Doyle. Paskert out stealing. Meyers to Fletcher. No runs, no hits, no errors.

SEVENTH INNING. Luderus grounded out to Merkle. Whitted flied to Grant. Niehoff flied to Thorpe. No runs, no hits, no errors.

EIGHTH INNING. Killefer singled to right. Doyle threw out Demaree. Killefer going to second. Stock singled to left, scoring Killefer and took second himself on the throw-in. Bancroft struck out. Paskert lined out to Grant. One run, two hits, no errors.

NINTH INNING. Cravath fouled to Meyers. Luderus flied out to Burns. Whitted flied to Merkle. No runs, no hits, no errors.

TENTH INNING. Niehoff drew a base on balls. Killefer singled to right. Niehoff going to third. Becker batted for Niehoff. Niehoff sacrificed to Robertson. Niehoff scored. Stock flied out to Burns. Bancroft flied out to Robertson. One run, one hit, no errors.

EFFORT TO ENJOIN DU PONT TRAPSHOOTING AS NUISANCE

Suit Brought on Account of Noise and Stray Shots

ORGANIZATION APPEALS FOR AID TO OLD GUARD

WING OF DEMOCRATS

Support Sought in Mayoralty Fight Under Old Bi-Partisan Deal, With Minority Offices as Price

NO CHANCE OF FUSION

Democratic Voters Will Be Told to Stay in Ranks for Wilson Campaign Next Year

The Republican Organization leaders in their last preparation for the Mayoralty election this year, have invoked the aid of the Old Guard Democrats, who through an old-time bi-partisan deal would receive the support of the Organization for minority places in exchange for their refusal to be a party to fusion with the independents.

The Democratic vote in Philadelphia is a large part of the balance of power in any municipal election. The Democratic strength runs from 20,000 to 35,000. Four years ago, these votes were cast for Richard Blankenship, after the Democrats had arranged fusion with the Keystone party.

Announcement already has been made by the Old Guard Democrats that there will be no fusion this year, however. R. Gordon Bromberg, Old Guard leader and chairman of the Democratic City Committee, who was put up at the last mayoralty as the Democratic candidate for Mayor, has announced that he will not withdraw, and that the rest of the Democratic ticket will remain in the field.

OLD GUARD LEADS PARTY. The Old Guard Democrats have placed a Thomas H. Bluff in the field, and are counting on party loyalty to prevent any Democratic votes from going to the independent candidates. The Reorganization Democratic leaders are keeping out of the Philadelphia election, so that the Democrats this year will be led by the influence of the Old Guard leaders.

The Old Guard leaders believe eminent for President Wilson will keep the Democrats in line this fall, and already are sending word to the voters that the Democrats "must stay together this fall so as to present a united front against the Republican in the presidential election next year."

Frank J. Gorman is the only candidate for the minority County Commissionership. He filed on all tickets, including the Prohibition and the Personal Liberty, but has withdrawn from the Personal Liberty ticket. State Senator Richard V. Farley filed for County Commissioner, but his papers were refused because of an insufficient number of signers. Gorman is a Democrat, but it is expected he will have the support of the Democrats.

DEAL MAY HELP RYAN. The deal is also expected to help City Solicitor Michael J. Ryan in his campaign for election as a Common Pleas Judge. Ryan is regarded as the principal candidate for the Old Guard Democrats, although no word has gone out of the Organization, it is generally believed that he will receive sufficient support from the Organization to elect him.

Mr. Smith has not yet resigned as Public Service Commissioner. He said that he may not do so until after the primary election. The next meeting of the Board, at which he could resign, will be held September 14.

Mr. Smith, with Mrs. Smith, was the guest of the Vares on Congressman Vares's motorboat at the shore today. Congressman Vares will race his boat in the Bitterweet, in the Ocean City Club races today. Others in the party include Congressman and Mrs. William S. Vares, Senator and Mrs. Edwin E. Vares and State Representative Fred W. Whard, who will act as captain of his boat during the races.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, with much change in temperature; moderate variable winds. Light rain or drizzle in the afternoon. The storm that was near Bermuda yesterday has apparently moved nearly due north to Nova Scotia, while the Gulf storm has moved to the west of the Florida coast near Pensacola. The area of high barometer that covered most of the country east of the Rockies is slowly losing energy, while the great remains nearly stationary over Lake Huron. Light rains have covered the South Atlantic States, and cloudiness is increasing over the northeastern portion of the country, where temperatures continue to rise very slowly.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Observations taken 8 a. m., Eastern time.

Station Name, Date, Time, Wind, Velocity, Barometer, Clouds, etc.