

# FEARED BEATING, SHOT, SAYS BODDY

Terrified by Stories of Punishment Told by Other Negroes

## ARRESTED AS SUSPECT

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger  
New York, Jan. 27.—Luther Boddy, the Negro slayer on trial for his life for shooting and killing Detective Francis J. Buckley on January 5, told on the stand today before Justice Wasservogel in Supreme Court his story of the shooting and the events leading up to it. He said he was overcome by fear of a beating when Detectives Buckley and William A. Miller took him in custody. When he saw the green lights of the 135th street station house, he said, he got "excited and dizzy and reached for his gun."

Boddy, questioned by Herman Hoffman, a member of his counsel, told of stories he had heard from other Negroes about beatings administered by the two detectives. He had never been arrested by them before, he said.

Asked to name the persons who had told of being beaten, he named Thomas Robinson, Thomas Roy and a man named Jackson. In 1918 he testified Robinson, who worked in the same shop with Boddy, returned to work after an arrest, badly beaten, and said Miller and Buckley had done it.

In 1919 a Negro named Clarence Robinson told Boddy, the slayer said, that a Negro arrested for robbery had been freed by the Court because Miller and Buckley had "framed the case on him." Boddy feared, he said, that the same beating and "framing" would be done to him.

### Arrested in Public School

Boddy said he had received a letter from his wife, saying she was to be liberated from Auburn Prison, but not naming the exact date. On January 5, the day of the shooting, he went to Probation Officer Charles E. Allison, in Public School 50, to try to ascertain the date of the discharge. Allison told him to call up the next day and Boddy stopped to copy down the telephone number.

As he was leaving the office, Boddy testified, the two officers stopped him and asked him what he knew of the shooting of Policeman Rose, of Harlem. "I don't know anything about it," Boddy answered.

"You know all about it," the detectives replied. "We heard it was you who did it."

Boddy, he said today, denied the crime and they kept insisting that he was responsible. When they got to Seventh avenue, one of them cursed, the Negro told the Court, and said, "We'll get it out of you. You know what happens to a nigger that doesn't come across." As they went toward the station house, more threats were made, the last remark he remembers being, "You'd better come across."

"I got excited when I saw the green lights of the station house," he said. "I got dizzy. I stretched out for my revolver."

"The next thing I knew I was running down Seventh avenue with the revolver in my hand. After running a couple of blocks I stopped and got on a bus. Then I took a train to Jersey and went to my mother's house."

Boddy does not know whether his mother was asleep when he spoke to her or not, but he said, according to his testimony: "I got in trouble in New York. Don't ask any questions."

The Negro then told of his flight to Newark, and of his wild ride in a taxicab, dressed as a woman, toward Philadelphia, where he was captured.

### Elkton Marriage Licenses

Elkton, Md., Jan. 27.—Marriage licenses were issued here today in the following: Harry Doris, Philadelphia, and Helen McCloskey, Darby; Andrew Schneider and Minnie Cohen, Atlantic City; Warren Kelley and Mary Snel, Baltimore; Lobero Reialdo, Port Deposit, and Jennie Regano, Perryville, Md.; and Joseph A. Bird, Rising Sun, and Evelyn Dobler, Colona, Md. Joseph Mossman and Margaret Steig, Philadelphia, were refused a license, the prospective bridegroom being a minor.

## WARRANT FOR TOWNLEY

### Embezzlement Charge Faces Him on Release From Jail

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—A warrant has been issued here for the arrest of A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan League, charging him with implication in the alleged embezzlement of \$3000 from the Scandinavian-American Bank of Fargo.

The warrant, which was issued in the Cass County District Court, will be served on Townley when he is released next week from the Jackson (Minnesota) jail where he is serving a ninety day sentence for conviction on a charge of violating the State espionage law.

It is charged in the warrant that Townley, on January 20, 1919, at Fargo, "did feloniously advise and encourage" J. J. Hastings, former vice president of the bank, to "commit the crime of embezzlement; that Hastings appropriated the \$3000 to his own use to the use of the defendant, A. C. Townley, and to the use of unknown persons."

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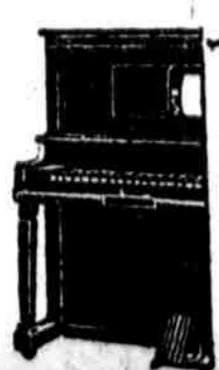
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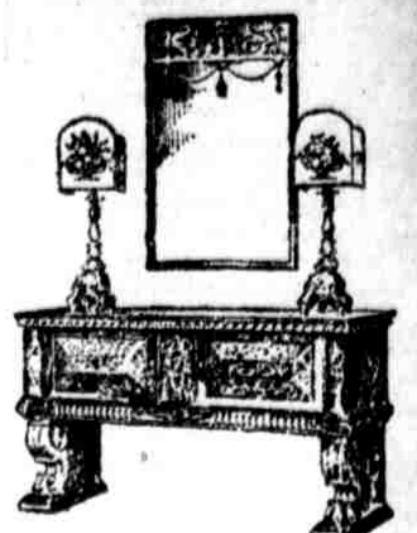
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