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N. S. & T. R. MEN VOTE TO

Defence in the Teiper Murder Case Score

Rough Looking Negroes Seen In Vicinity of Murder Scene; Man Reports After Four Years

Defence Spring Surprise on Prosecution in Noted Buffalo Murder Case—Big Nigger Did the Killing—An Interesting Day at the Trial.

BUFFALO, April 23.—"I had it on my mind and my heart."

That was why Tony George, a laborer, could not rest until he had delivered to the proper persons—after four years of silence—the story he told yesterday afternoon on the witness stand, the story that may have John Edward Teiper from the electric chair.

Tells of Meeting Negroes
In broken English, earnestly and straightforwardly, this surprise witness for the defense told of meeting in the Orchard Park road on the afternoon of the Teiper tragedy two negroes who looked and acted suspiciously. One of these he described as "big and large."

The most striking thing about this man's testimony, corroborating it would seem, the defendant's story about the "burly nigger" who committed the murder, he is charged with is the fact that it was brought out only within the past month. And brought because the man's conscience pricked him so much, he said, that he got up out of bed one night to write on a piece of paper the gist of his story.

He had wanted four years ago to tell of seeing two negroes, he said, but did not know how to get his information to the authorities. Besides Tony said, pointing to the defendant, who sat a few feet away from the witness stand, "all the people say he did it," and he thought his story of no consequence for that reason.

Even after his conscience had finally forced him to action nineteen days ago, he told the jury he knew of no other way of making his information public except by paying to have it inserted in a newspaper.

Writing the gist of his story on a scrap of paper, he slipped it in the keyhole of a newspaper office, thus starting the information on the way to Roscoe R. Mitchell, associate counsel for the defense, who drew

the entire story from the laborer's lips in the court room yesterday.

Scores Heavily Twice
Tony George scored twice for the defense—and heavily. That he saw the two negroes who asked him the way to Lackawanna and then ignored his directions and turned toward Orchard Park was point one. The second was his assertion that he had told Constable William Baker of West Seneca—one of the authorities working on the murder case—of seeing the negroes in the vicinity of the crime. This the defense held up as the most thrilling exhibit in its contention that the authorities ignored all other clues except those pointing to the guilt of the defendant, for no mention has ever been made on the stand by Constable Baker of this incident.

Eight persons in all testified yesterday of seeing a strange negro at various times of the day on January 30, 1916, but the testimony of none was as sincere and convincing as that of Tony George, this laborer who stuck stolidly to his story through the frequent titters of laughter his dialect and mannerisms of speech raised among the spectators.

Although this was Tony's first appearance in the trial, District Attorney Moore made little effort to trip him on his testimony. He asked scarcely half a dozen questions on cross-examination, possibly with the intention of leaving with the jurors an impression that he thought the laborer's testimony of no serious weight.

It was easily the most interesting day since the Teiper trial began. The reason was Tony George—or Tony De George, as he is also known. He came to court in his working clothes, not snappy but with a speck of dust here and there and a big black patch on the knee of his trousers. He looked like a character just stepped from the stage. But on his olive-tan face was written earnestness and almost boyish eagerness to tell what he had to tell.

Loney-Brennan Contest Is Looked Forward to By the Buffalo Fans

The Buffalo Enquirer says: When Jack Loney, the St. Catharines, Ont. Irish middleweight, battered Bob Ferguson of Carthage, O., all over the Broadway Auditorium last week he came back to his corner at the end of six rounds and exclaimed to his seconds:

"Well, I beat him and beat him good even if he did outweigh me by nearly sixteen pounds. Why don't they give me a chance at Knockout Brennan?"

The words were no sooner out of Loney's mouth than Matchmaker Rogers trailed after Allie Smith, manager of Knockout Brennan, and asked for the match. Manager Smith being Loney, although an awkward boxer, step around Langton as a stopper steps around a barrel, simply answered, "Well, until Brennan and Choynski box on Monday. Steve might clip Brennan and then you want him. If Brennan wins I'll talk business."

Brennan Defeated Choynski
These two worthies of the local pugilistic realm did talk business last night and Loney and Brennan were matched for a ten-round bout to take place at the Auditorium next Monday night. Brennan, when he heard of the match, simply granted his pleasure at additional activity in the roped arena and expressed the

belief that he would add the Canadian battler to his long list of victims following his return from France.

He Might Surprise Them
"This fellow Loney might fool a lot of people," said Matchmaker Rogers, "I don't see Knockout Brennan doing much knocking out. He hits many a punch that doesn't stop his men Loney has taken many a wallop from heavier hitters than Brennan, and he always has come back for more. He is faster on his feet than either Manuel, Smith or Choynski and he will probably make Brennan dizzy trying to find him. Loney wasn't afraid to box Eugene Broseau, the sensational Montreal champion, and I can't see why he should fear to face Brennan."

The Brennan-Loney match will be the companion bout to the Herman Smith-Teddy Meyers contest. Smith's reluctance to let Meyers enter 131 pounds, at which weight he whipped Nick Michaels, has given Meyer's friends the belief that he will this time whip Uncle Herman in a sensational contest. The two tens will be preceded by good preliminaries.

Miss Lilian White the talented soprano soloist of Welland Avenue church has resigned to accept her old position as soloist in Lundy's Lane Methodist church, Niagara Falls.

CAILLAUX THE FORMER PREMIER FOUND GUILTY

PARIS, April 23.—Joseph Caillaux former premier of France and twice minister of finance, stands convicted of having placed his personal political ambition during the war higher than the interests of the country. Caillaux, while escaping conviction for high treason was found to have been recklessly imprudent and very close to treasonable ambitions for such is the interpretation of the verdict of "guilty of commerce and correspondence with the enemy," which was rendered today against him by the French senate.

This is the first verdict of the sort rendered in any of the Allied countries since the war began. "commerce as interpreted by the senators who were the judges not meaning financial trading, but commerce by means of common ideas, while 'correspondence' in this particular case is employed in the sense of association. Decide to Finish Affair."

The senators entered Luxembourg palace this afternoon with the determination to have finished with the affair, which has taken up their time during the past three months. They began the discussion in a vigorous businesslike manner, presenting a strange contrast to their bored attitude during the closing days of the trial. No one, however, took seriously the prediction that the verdict would be reached this evening. But after the court had disposed of the high treason charge and that of "intelligence with the enemy" and had declared its own sovereignty in less than four hours, word was passed that a decision was impending.

The ballots followed one another with great rapidity. The partisans of the former premier were thrilled with joy and hope when the treason charge was so promptly eliminated, and confidently predicted acquittal and began to sport among themselves the portfolios in the cabinet which Caillaux was expected to form within six months after his release.

LOTS OF LOOT WAS TAKEN FROM MONARCH PLANT

The Monarch Knitting Company has reported to the police that on Wednesday night thieves broke into their factory and stole fourteen dozen pairs of socks.

TONS OF STOLEN SILK RECOVERED
NEW YORK, April 23.—Five men are under arrest today. Five tons of stolen silk valued at \$218,000 have been recovered and the police believe a band of thieves who have stolen millions of dollars worth of merchandise from freight cars in the last two years has been unearched. Further arrests are expected.

The men under arrest were captured in a roadhouse at Mespeth, L.I., after a fight with detectives. The recovered silk was found in a garage near the road house. The police assert it was stolen March 8 from a freight car in the New York Central yards.

Arrest of a New York business man the police declare, is probable. It is asserted that the man has handled stolen goods valued at more than \$1,000,000.

Loney and Alexander Should Match Up Soon

After he fights Willie Knockout Brennan at Buffalo next Monday night the fight fans here are confidently expecting that Jack Loney of this city will arrange with Sergt. Alexander for that long talked of match here. Each man has his backers and they have been talking of getting together for a long time. It was stated recently that the match was being arranged and it is

quite likely the date will be set soon. Certainly, if it is not the fight fans of St. Catharines and that represents a good part of the male population, will get tired presently and give them both up, as patience will cease to be a virtue, in this. "What we want to see is these two men getting together and fighting it out. They've talked quite enough," is about the attitude of the average fight fan in St. Catharines.

N. S. & T. R. MEN VOTE TO STRIKE, BUT THE DATE IS NOT YET ANNOUNCED

About 300 Men Are Affected, and All Will Go Out, the Men Say, If a Strike is Called—Only Two at Meeting Voted Against Striking.

The N. S. & T. Ry. men had a meeting last night as The Journal forecasted yesterday, and took a strike vote.

There were about 50 men present, and all but two voted to strike. The date of the strike was not set by the men and will go out when 'We'll give the public notice of when we are going out,' he said

"and the date will be given out in good time."

Meantime efforts are being made to bring about a settlement which will avert the tying up of the system.

All the employees of the N. S. & T., about 300 in number, are affected by the move and will go out when the call is made, it was stated today by the men.

ST. KITTS GIRL HONORED BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT

Miss Flora MacKinnon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. MacKinnon, of Glen Ridge, has been appointed the representative of Wellesley College, Boston, by the U. S. Government to make a sweeping government economic investigation.

Miss MacKinnon is instructor in philosophy and psychology at Wellesley College, spending six months of each year there. Her parents here were totally unaware that she was to be honored in this regard, the first news being a telegram to The Journal today.

Mr. MacKinnon said he saw his daughter in Boston only a few days ago and she had not mentioned anything about the appointment, so it may have been a surprise to her as well.

POTATO BOYCOTT GAINING GROUND

MANY RECRUITS SWELL RANKS OF THOSE WHO ARE "FASTING"

TORONTO, April 23.—The potato situation becomes more interesting each day as more organizations endorse the protest against high prices and agree to restrict their diet for a month, by which time it is hoped, that the familiar tuber will have been reduced to prices more suited to its humble origin and history. Through the enterprise of the Regent, Mrs. W. R. Jackson, the Municipal Chamber of the I.O.D.E., comprising 38 primary chapters with a membership of about 3,000 women, have agreed to the potato fast of one month. The annual meetings of the Women's Liberal Association and the Women's Patriotic League also took favorable action yesterday.

Mrs. M. McCaffery passed away this morning after a brief illness at her residence, 15 Page street. Two daughters survive, Mrs. James Conway of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Miss Jessie at Home, and one son Michael of this city. The funeral will be held on Monday morning at St. Catharines R. C. church.

MIRACLE, THE INDIAN, ONCE MORE IN CUSTODY, SENT FOR TRIAL TO-DAY

Shaves Off His Moustache, But That Did Not Prevent Chief Smith of Burlington Recognizing Him When He Saw Him Again.

Moses Miracle, the young Indian who escaped from Lincoln County Jail here last September, is once more back in that institution.

By escaping from the jail and because of episodes since, Miracle will now be denied the exercise yard, Governor Bush announced today. He will have to take his exercise in the corridor until he is sent away to some other institution.

On the 4th of September last, Miracle who was awaiting trial on charge of stealing articles from summer cottages, got out of the jail yard in some mysterious manner. The only exit was over the top of the 30 ft. wall and it is believed the little redskin scaled the wall by climbing up like a fly. There is no other suggestion, as all doors and gates were securely locked.

A few days ago, Miracle was arrested at Burlington by Chief Smith

and handed over to Chief Jud Konkle of Grimsby. He soon escaped from the Grimsby calaboose, ascended the mountain adjacent to the town and made a clean get away. He shaved off his moustache and thought that would disguise him, but when he ventured into the railway station at Burlington yesterday morning Chief Smith recognized him and took him into custody.

Miracle last night was brought to the County Jail securely handcuffed and this morning Magistrate Campbell sent him for trial, before the County Judge. He will then be tried on the theft charge as well.

When brought up from the jail this morning, Miracle complained of the handcuffs being tight but the officers who had him in charge would not take any chance of him slipping the cuff off his wrist.

WOMEN RIOT TO GET GLIMPSE OF ODELLS ON WAY TO COURT

Confessed Slayer of Wife's Betrayer May Know Fate To-day—Seek Manslaughter Verdict—Tells of Events Preceding Killing.

ROCHESTER, April 23.—Jame Odell, on trial for the murder of Edward J. Kneip last January at a lonely spot near the Scottsville road to Buffalo, will know his fate probably before another day closes. The prosecution and the defense finished their summing up late yesterday afternoon. This morning Justice Robert F. Thompson will deliver his charge to the jurors and hand them the case for a final decision. Elmer M. Shager and Hampton H. Halsey lawyers for the defense have not waged their fight for the acquittal of the prisoner, but with the idea that he might be given a verdict of manslaughter, rather than first degree murder. District Attorney Wm. F. Love, however, has insisted that nothing but a verdict of murder in the first degree would be consistent with the evidence as presented.

Interest in the trial of Odell who with his pretty young wife, Pearl Beaver Odell, confessed to the killing of Kneip, reached the apex yesterday, when hundreds of persons the greater number of them women and girls, sought to crush their way into the court house in an effort to catch a glimpse of the prisoners even though they might not gain entrance to the court room. Despite the fact that Justice Thompson cleared the court room of women during the presentation of a portion of the testimony, women spectators were in the majority again today when the prisoners were led into the room.

Father Tells Story
A dramatic scene was enacted when James B. Arnold, stepfather of Odell took the witness stand on behalf of the prisoner, and told of the incident at his home when Odell and his wife brought Kneip there and questioned him regarding Kneip's assault on Pearl Beaver, previous to her marriage to Odell. "I asked Kneip if he had used force on Pearl," said the aged man, who has grown gray and stooped since the beginning of the trouble that has come into his family. "He said he had 'considerable' I got up from the table in the dining room and went out in the kitchen. Jim came out to me a minute

later. 'Dad' he said 'What shall I do.' The old man stopped for a moment and brushed his hands across his eyes. It was apparent that his emotions were profound. Again the slow voice went on, while Odell's girl wife sobbed convulsively.

"I told him do nothing that you will be ashamed of or sorry for," I told him again, "Jim do nothing that you will be ashamed of." He said, "Dad I will not harm a hair on his head." He went back out into the other room and told Pearl to get her hat and coat on he was going to take Kneip to the police station. They put on their coats and hats and went out. That was the last time I saw them."

In cross-examination, Mr. Love asked the witness to tell what he knew about the large file with which Pearl opened the attack on Kneip on the night of the killing. This, the old man said, had been an instrument used in the house for the purpose of sharpening knives and poking the stove. He had not known that his step-son had slipped the instrument into his pocket when he went out with Pearl and Kneip on the start of that journey across the city and up the Scottsville road, that resulted in the killing.

Sweetheart Testifies
Viola Williams, the dark-eyed, dark-haired sweetheart of Edward Kneip, was called by the prosecution to testify as to her relations with Kneip and when she had seen the young man prior to the killing. The black-attired mother of the slain youth, Mrs. Mary C. Kneip, and his sister, Miss Josephine Kneip, both testified briefly. Neither was cross-examined. Just before the noon recess a twelve-year-old girl with dark curly hair hanging at her shoulders, Hazel Nember, a niece of Pearl Odell, was called to testify regarding a state of nervousness that she had observed in Pearl before her marriage to Odell. The child added a peculiarly human touch to the courtroom, and in his brief cross-examination of her District Attorney Love was particularly solicitous.