

THE CHICAGO MYSTERY.

WHAT A MILKMAN SAW ON THE NIGHT OF THE TRAGEDY.

A Detective Under Suspicion—Police Officers in Secret Conference—Who were Cronin's Murderers?

CHICAGO, May 25.—William Merles, a milkman who lived in the neighborhood of the Carson cottage, at which it is supposed Dr. Cronin was murdered, tells a story which adds to the evidence leading to the conclusion that on the night of the murder, between 8.20 and 9 o'clock, about the time at which it is supposed the Doctor arrived there in the buggy with the man who came from the grocery at his house to visit the grocery at the corner of Ashland-avenue and Otto-street, which is only a short block south of the Carson cottage. He walked east in Addison-avenue to Ashland, and then turned south on the east sidewalk. As he neared the Carson cottage a buggy containing two men rolled up to the edge of the ditch. One of the men, whom Merles describes as a tall and athletic man, wearing a gray frock coat and a top hat, sprang from the buggy and ran up the front stairs of the cottage, the door of which was thrown open before he knocked for admission. Scarcely had the door closed again when the sound of loud and angry voices within the cottage startled the milk-dealer. He looked searchingly at the man in the buggy, but the stranger's face was shrouded by the brim of a soft hat, and Merles was unable to tell whether he was stout or slender, or fair or dark. The fellow whipped his horse into a gallop, drove to Addison-avenue and then turned in the direction of the lake. Merles says there was a dim light in the front room and that the man who went up the steps—presumably Dr. Cronin—wore a long brown overcoat. Mrs. Conklin, the woman at whose house Dr. Cronin lived, says the doctor wore a long brown coat on the night of the murder. A morning paper publishes a story which implicates a member of the Chicago police force in the taking off of Cronin. The officer in question is Detective Daniel Coughlin. The paper says that on the morning of the day on which Cronin disappeared Coughlin engaged at a livery stable not far from where Cronin lived a horse and buggy, which he said a friend of his would call for that evening; that the man did call and was given a white horse, similar to the one attached to the buggy in which Cronin was decoyed away; that the time of going away was described as approximately, both with the time when he came from Cronin and with the appearance of the man himself; that Coughlin subsequently told the livery stable keeper to say nothing about the matter. Police officers to these revelations by the fact that Coughlin was a member of one or more societies of which Cronin was a member and that they were enemies. The matter was finally brought to the attention of Chief of Police Hubbard, who seems inclined to take a serious view of the matter and promises to probe it to the bottom.

This afternoon a secret conference took place at which Mayor Cregier, States Attorney Longuecker, Chief Hubbard, Chief Detective Elliott, and other officials were present. The Herald this morning says: "Yesterday's developments give point to the belief that the murderers are not and may never have been residents of Chicago. On the contrary, there is some reason to suppose that his slayers crossed the water from England with designs on his life, and that as soon as they completed their work they made their escape. It will be remembered that one T. J. Kirby, a resident of Canada, came to Chicago last year from London, Eng., on a secret mission for The London Times. Kirby knew Cronin when he lived at St. Catharines, Ont., and when he came to Chicago he renewed his acquaintance with the doctor. Kirby says that the two met frequently in Chicago when Kirby was doing spy work for The Times. The connection is suggestive, to say the least. When Le Caron was on the witness stand in the Patrick case he refused to give the names of his American accomplices on the ground that it would be as much as their lives were worth to be known. Le Caron was ordered by the court, however, to furnish the name of his accomplices to the court and counsel, which he did. Might it not be that a detachment of the band that followed Carey to his death followed Cronin to his cruel fate?"

The Times says: The charges that Dr. Cronin and his friends made against Alexander Sullivan, Michael Boland and Dennis C. Feely, the triumvirate that acted as a board of directors for the United Brotherhood, are stronger than mere endorsement of funds and malfeasance in office. There was a charge not long ago brought against the members of this board that they had not only misappropriated large sums of the money subscribed for the good of the Irish National movement in the Old Country, but that they, or some of them, either intentionally or otherwise allowed secrets of the order to escape their grasp by using in the imprisonment of several emigrants of the Clan-na-Gael and the death of two on British soil. The charges are said to have been based merely on suspicion, but Dr. Cronin was said to have been active in the accumulation of testimony calculated to corroborate the suspicions. In addition to this and more sensational than all, is the undoubted fact that in the possession of Dr. Cronin was an affidavit made by a well-known Irish-American that he heard one of the parties interested in these and other disclosures say that Dr. Cronin must be put out of the way. The name of the man who made this statement is in the possession of the States Attorney and a warrant for his arrest may be looked for at any moment.

Detective Coughlin has explained to Supt. Hubbard his connection with hiring a white horse from Livery stable keeper Dinan on the day on which Cronin disappeared. He says that a few days before May 4 a stranger introduced himself to Coughlin as Thomas Smith of Hancock, Mich., a friend of Coughlin's brother. He was on his way to New Mexico, he said, and Mr. Coughlin of Hancock asked him to look up his brother D. N. the detective, while he was in Chicago. Detective Coughlin showed Smith around town Saturday night and he would like to take a buggy ride that evening to the home of an aunt, but he did not know whether the livery stable keeper would trust a stranger with a horse. Coughlin told Smith to go to Dinan's place whenever he wanted a horse, and he would see Dinan during the day and make it all right. Smith got the white horse and rig and Coughlin did not see him again for a week or more, when Coughlin met him on the street and wanted to know why he did not pay for the use of the rig. Dinan having come to Coughlin for the money, Smith gave Coughlin \$3 and said he would give him the other \$2 later. Coughlin met Smith for the last time one day last week and Smith said he would meet for New Mexico the next day. An evening paper says that the matter turned over to the police by the serious nature of the blood-stained coat. The police seem to have the epistle to be sent to him, but go on enough to indicate that

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English and American salt producers have formed an alliance. Three hundred miles of railway will be built in Manitoba this season. The Suez canal directors recommended an annual dividend for 1889 of 38 per cent. A Conservative Irish lady who died recently bequeathed £2,000 to Mr. Parnell. Mr. Parnell will visit Edinburgh on July 1, when he will receive the freedom of the city. The Y. M. C. A. delegates to the Philadelphia World Convention reported Saturday. The Indian miners' families are said to be suffering from want, and committees are soliciting aid. Rev. H. G. Schoor, assistant rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Baltimore, rushed by shooting yesterday. The United States Revenue cutter Rush sailed from San Francisco to protect American fishing interests in Behring's sea. Cashier George Jessup, of the Saratoga, Pa., City Bank, was placed under arrest at the bank on Saturday, charged with embezzling \$135,000. Gen. John Bates, a retired officer of the British army, who has been travelling round the world in search of his son, recently found him employed as a waiter in a Seattle, W. T., hotel. Dr. Cronin's body was buried yesterday. A Chicago detective named Coughlin has been arrested on suspicion of having something to do with the murder. A St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train was derailed near Sullivan, Mo., on Thursday night by train robbers. It was an awful wreck, and 45 passengers were badly hurt. The City of Paris, which broke the record by making the trip from New York to Queenstown in 5 days, 22 hours, and 10 minutes, on her quickest daily run made 476 miles. The London Standard says the Marquis of Londonderry is not disposed to continue another year in office as Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. His resignation has been offered to the duke of Westminster. It was announced on Saturday the Emperor William and King Humbert would visit Strasburg, where Paris became very much excited, and the telegrams were sent to London which resulted in the abandonment of the trip. William Gilmore, who fought under Gen. Jackson in the American war, and who is at present in Pembroke gaol, was married seven times and had 37 children, of whom 31 were sons.

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