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Chum Identifies Victim Mary Phagan, of 146 Lindsay Street, Then Swoons. Girl Had Just Resigned From National Pencil Company, in Which Plant Her Body Was Found.

MOTHER AND FATHER
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WAITING HER RETURN

Negro Watchman Is Under Arrest on Suspicion—Police Believe That She Was Lured to Building by Three Young Companions, Assaulted Despite Her Vigorous Struggles, and Then Killed to Shut Her Lips.

While mother and father anxiously waited her return house Saturday night, pretty 14-year-old Mary Phagan lay dead in a corner of the dark basement of the National Pencil factory at 37-39 South Forsyth street, the victim of an atrocious murder, following a brutal criminal assault.

Pier skull crushed and her neck horribly bruised where she had been choked to death, the body was found at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, several hours after the crime had been committed, and was univentified until the arrival of a girl unm.

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One is Arthur Mulruax, formerly a street car conductor. The other is Newt Lee, negro man watchman of the factory build or, who found the body and not police headquarters. He maintains innocence. Detective he was implicated in the crime. A confession from him is expected to lead to the girl's slayer or slayers.

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Mother Prostrated With Grief.

She was an employee in the pencil factory, but had resigned last Thursday. She was the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Coleman, of 146 Lindsay street. Her mother was prostrated with grief Sunday morning, and although physicians worked over her through, out the day, her condition was precarious last night.

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Two notes were found near the body. Although they purport to have been written by the dead girl, the handwriting has not been recognized as hers. It resembles, however, that of the imprisoned night watchman. The theory of detectives is that both were written to mislead the presented of t

lice.
One note was penciled on order blank of the factory. read: "That negro hired de here did thus. He pushed down that hole. A long, negro, black that had it wor Long, lean, tall negro." It incoherent and hardly legister. The second was written on ordinary tablet paper: "He said he would love me." The rest of the note fails to make sense. Neither note was signed.

The pretty victim was first choked into insensibility, then beaten upon the head with a blunt instrument, presumably a

ribly Brused.
She was borribly bruised and

lacerated upon the face. Both eyes were blackened and swollen. The hands and fingers were distorted, showing the agony in which she had died. She was attired in a fresh summer frock of pink, trimmed in lace, and wore silk stockings. A big bow of baby ribbon was caught in the single strand of hair, arranged girlish fashion down the back,

The clothing was forn and bloody. Her pink parasol was found near the trap door through which the body had been lowered. A missing shoc and a bloody handkerchici were found in a trashpile near the hoiler in the basement. Following an investigation by members of Coroner Donehoo's staff the body was removed to the Bloomfield undertaking establishment on South Prvor street. An inquest will be held today.

Detectives are searching for a trio of men said to have been seen with Miss Phagan Saturday night about to o'clock. E. S. Skipper, of 22412 Peters street, told a reporter for The Constitution that he had seen a girl answering the exact description of the victim walking up Pryor street with three men, apparently youths. She was recling slightly, as though affected by drugs or narcodes, and was

weeping. At the intersection of Trinity avenue she attempted to continne up Pryor street in the direction of Garnett, but was caught by one of her companions, who turned her steps toward White-hall street on Trinity avenue. Skipper's attention was attracted by the girl's tears and unwillingness to accompany the men. She strove to resist them, he said, but She did not appeared feeble. seem intoxicated, he said, but sick and weak.

Detectives Rely on His Story.

At Forsyth street, the men and all urned down toward Garnett and patient of streets. Skipper continued in direct urned down toward Garbett and John old streets. Skipper continuer if allegation of the Terminal station, if which he was bound. The report referred him to Detectives Black and Stainer, who are in charge of the 2011 divestigating the mystery, and he told livestigating the mystery, and he told livestigating the mystery, and he told livestigating to mean the positive of as ability to meaning the declives accurate descriptions.

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miter skipper had fell the mysterious quartet at Forsyth street and Tribles avenue. If they were the stain girl and her murderers, they walked di-rectly from Tribles to the factory, into which she was lared to death. Detectives place strong faith in Skipper's

Miss Phagan left home Saturday at moon. She came uptown to see the memorial day perade and to draw her two days' salary doe from the factory she resigned. Telling when expect her parents parents to expect ner basic for support, she assured the in the would be turn before nightfull. When the failed to appear at a late hour Mr. and Mrs. Coleman grow uneary and began sourching. Police he adquarters were notiing. Police herdquarters were notified, and a lookout placed upon the bulletin board.

No Love Affairs. Say Her Parents.

She had never been known to stay away at night. Her rether and mothers declared Sanday that until Saturday night, they had always known where to find her. She was a model it, bright, easer and hearful. Herens had never allowed her to have thearts, or to heavier callers. thearts, or to receive callers, was not in love, so tar as her as know.

is know, anxious father and mother anxious father and mother awake all pigity, awading news the missing daughter. At days a messenser came with word she had been mordered in the factory. Mrs. Coleman fell into

a faint, from which she did not re-cover for an hour. She was pros-trated and her condition necessitated the constant attention of a physician. News of the growsome discovery reached the police station about to clock Sunday morning, when the ne-gro watchman called over talenbone.

o'clock Sunday morning, when the ne-gro watchman called over telephone: "Send the police to the National pencil factory right away," he said. "There's a dead girl down in the base-ment, and she's been murdered." Two policemen and a Constitution reporter jumped into the automobile of Boots Rogers, which stood at the front of headquarters, and were rush-of to the factory. The watchman stood at the Forsyth street entrance bodding a lantern. He was trembing, his teeth chattered, and he was dis-bly excited.

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"She's down in the base; at. I'm scared to go. You all grows. I'd show you the way." he outtered.

The building was ' and deserted. The footsteps of the footsteps of the manner echoed trom them to fig. creating an uncanny seamed the semi-chills down the spine. The negro led the way to a small, croby hole near the entrance, just wide enough to admit a human holy, and through which a ladder projected.

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Negro's Manner

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He was unable to readily locate the posttion of the body. His wild and excited manner instantly roused suspiction when the body was found. The limits had not grown rigid, and the crimson mass over the wound in the head was still moist.

She had been placed in a corner of the basement, evidently with the intention of concealment. Face downward, the form partly covered by sawdust and shavings, was barely discernible from a distance. In the meager Eight shed by the lantern the body was hidden completely from view. The negro, in custody of a uniformed policeman and under arrest, was carried to the office on the third floor. A thorough search was made of the basement. The two notes were first found. One lay within three feet of the corpse. The other some distance further. Both were plainly in view and key upon the sawdust floortance further. Both were plainly in the and lay upon the sawdust flooring. A man's handkerchief, crimson with blood, but with no identifying marks, was discovered near the first

note.
The victim's handkerchief was found The Victim's manuscream was rooms in the trash pile, forty feet away from the spot where lay the body. The hat and parasol were hidden in the pit of the elevator shaft. No marks of identification were found upon the dead girl. Her mesh bag, containing a few dollars in change, containing a few dollars in change, vet been has not was missing, and has not yet been found. A plain gold bracelet adorned her left witst. It was splotched with bleod and was bent and battered. A girl's signet ring, engraved with the lone letter "W," was gion the little finger of the right band.

finger of the right hand. The problem of identifying the slain girl confronted the police, Rogers, in whose car they were rushed to the scene, volunteered to go for Miss Grace likels, an employee of the pench factory, with whom he was acquainted, and to bring her to the place in the hope that she might recognize the hody. Miss fiftels was found at her home, 100 McDonough Road. She got out of bid at 6 o'clock, dressed and came with Rogers to town.

Identifies Corpse and Swoons.

instantly she viewed the corpse, she swamed. Upon being revived, she revealed the dead girl's identity:
"She is Mary Phagan, and she lives at 116 Lindsay street," she said. "She

and I have been working together at the same machine. She was the best girl I ever knew, and a purel child never lived."

The negro watchman was brought to the basement. If I story was to the effect that, he had entered through the cubby hole at 3:15 o'clock on his hourly round. Usually, he said, he went into the basement but seldom. At the time the body was discovered, according to his story, he did not intent to my through the place, but only half way.

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Going into a toilet, which is situated some twenty feet from the recess to which the body was discovered, he says he remained therein for several minutes, leaving his lantern sitting outside. Upon emerging, he deciares the light fell upon the partly hidden form of the dead girl.

Elevating his lantern, the negre peered more closely at the object. Gradually, he discerned in the dim, weird light, the outlines of a human form. Thinking some one was trying to play a prank on him, he advanced upon the body. Still suspecting a Joke, he reached down and caught an arm in his hand. It was limp and human. The negres cereamed and fled for the ladder leading to the first floor. first floor

first floor. He declared he had heard no screams at any time of the night, and that no one, of his knowledge, had entered the building since the closing hour. He stated further that he had made hourly inspection of the building.

Accused Negro Irritable.

Lee is a middle-aged negro, black, thick-lipped and hazy-eyed. All during the day he was nervous and irritable He is married, and had been at work with the pencil factory for only three weeks. The charge against him at powith the penell factory for only three weeks. The charge against him at police headquarters is suspicion, under which he will be detained until the mystery is cleared.

He was forced to show his discovery

in pantomime, All lights were cut out of the basement, the single entrance to the rear was shut tight, and the only the rear was shut tight, and the only filumination was the lantern he carried at the time. A detective was stretched upon the spot where the body was found. While a small assemblage of detectives, police officials and reporters stood about the basement to husbed groups, the negro, alone, descended the ladder from the cubby hot, swinging his lantern. His step was faulty, and he missed the lower rung. Slowly and deliberately, he walked to the closet. Sitting the lantern ourside the small inclosure, he entered, emerging quickly. The rays of light barely fell upon the form of the detective lying in the sawdust. It was barely distinguishable. The watchman

tective tying in the sawdust. It was barely distinguishable. The watchman picked up the light, held it aloft and peered at the prostrate slenth in ea-actly the minner he had previously described. With wavering step he addescribed. With wavering step he advanced upon the spot, caught the detective's right wrist in a tremutous hand, and said;
"There, now, white tolks. That's exactly how it happened."

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The belief of detectives is that the girl was drugged before being carried into the factory. Before returning home as she intended, they betteve, the met with one of more acquaint ances, presumably men acquainted with the penell plant. She was enticed away, it is advanced, drugged, as is shown by Skipper's story, and led in the direction of Forsyth street.

It is suggested that she was lured into the building from the Forsyth street entrance. The deed, apparently, was committed upon either the first or second floor. No blood or marks of senffle can be found, however, on either. When the girl resisted the efforts of her captors, she was choked into submission.

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Choked With Undergarments.

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The detectives believe that it was at this point where the girl's screams were heard by the Woodward negro. The garrote with which she was choked were two strips torn from her underglothing and knotted together. She was a strong girl, and undoubtelly lought tigerishly. Dr. John W. Hurt, who performed the examination upon her body, asserted his opinion that it was a task for more than one man to overpower her, which, to a degree, substantiates the theory that there were more than one connected with the were more than one connected with the crime.

crime.

Criminal assault was committed upon the victim. Such is the opinion of detectives and medical experts. The deed committed, according to the theory of the police, the fiends, anxious to seather victim's lips forever, choked her to death, made sure she was dead by the blow in the head, then secreted her corose in the cellar.

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The body was lowered through the bode by the rope found looped around the girl's neck. This, also, was a task for more than one man. Her weight was estimated at 150 pounds or more. The form was dragged the distance of 100 feet from the ladder to the recess upon the face. A trait was in the sawdust showing the path made by the body.

The rear door, leading to an alleyway to which entrance is gained from West Hunter street, was forced open. The staple holding the lock was prized off. The murderers, upon ridding themselves of the body, were too frightened to return upstairs and to emerke from the factory through the Forsyth street entrance. Instead they fied through the sater exit in rear of

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The mystery is caffling. Chief Beav-

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