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L. M. FRANK FACTORY SUPERINTENDENT EXAMINED BY POLICE

THREE HANDWRITING EXPERTS SAY NEGRO WROTE THE TWO NOTES FOUND BY BODY OF GIRL

Frank M. Berry, of the Fourth National Bank, Andrew M. Bergstrom of Third National, and Pope C. Driver, of the American National, Examined Notes at Journal's Request And Found Same Person Wrote Both

ALL THREE ARE EXPERTS AND MADE MICROSCOPICAL EXAMINATIONS

Their Investigation Shows He Wrote Both Notes and Seems to Prove Conclusively That Either the Negro Committed the Crime or Knows Who the Guilty Party Is

THROUGH its own investigations The Atlanta Journal has proven conclusively that Newt Lee, the negro night watchman for the National Pencil company, either himself mistreated and murdered pretty Mary Phagan, or that he knows who committed the crime and is assisting the perpetrator to conceal his identity.

Locked in this negro's breast is the key to the murder mystery, which has shocked the entire south.

Three handwriting experts who Tuesday compared the notes found near the girl's body in the factory basement with notes written by Lee after his arrest had at the instigation of the city detectives are positive that the same hand penned them all.

The experts who made a microscopical examination of these notes and who are unanimous in declaring that the same person was the author of them all are:

FRANK M. BERRY, assistant cashier of the Fourth National bank.

ANDREW M. BERGSTROM, assistant cashier of the Third National bank.

POPE C. DRIVER, chief bookkeeper and head of the mail department of the American National bank.

ALL AGREE THAT NEGRO WROTE BOTH.

These men have for years made a study of handwriting and they have their knowledge to testify at the number of forgeries. In examining the notes submitted to them Tuesday they employed powerful magnifying glasses and minutely analyzed the slant of the writing, the shape and size of the letters, the peculiarities of spelling, the method of expression, and the punctuation.

Two notes were found nearby the corpse of the mutilated girl. One of these, written on a yellow scratch pad, read as follows:

"Mam that negro fire down here did this I went to get water and he push me down thro hole a long tall negro black that has no hat I think I can know him if I see him."

The second note was written on a coarse-lined pencil tablet, such as is used by school children. This note read:

"he said he would kill me (mob) (lynch) (burn) (kill) if I did tell that long tall black negro did this."

Shortly after Lee was arrested Chief of Detectives N. A. Lanford caused him to write the last line of the second note, obtaining it by dictation and by word.

[illegible] the two notes to be sent [illegible] The Atlanta Journal. With the request of the use of our social letters in the note written at police headquarters and the insertion of an extra e in the word target this note was identical with the last two lines in the note found in the basement of the pencil factory.

The experts agreed that the size and slant of the writing was the same, that the mode of expression was identical, that there were characteristic peculiarities in the formation of the e's, x's, r's, y's, k's, n's and other letters used in the two notes.

In both the negro writes boy for by and slat for slab. These and a number of other similarities convinced the experts that Lee wrote the notes found beside the dead girl.

MARY PHAGAN DID NOT WRITE THEM.

They examined the handwriting of Mary Phagan and positively declared that she could not have written these notes, even while delirious and suffering great pain. She wrote smoothly, used good grammar, capitalized, punctuated and spelled correctly, and it is pointed out that under no circumstances would she have lapsed into an illiterate style of writing.

It is plain that the notes found in the factory cellar were written by an ignorant and illiterate person. It is also plain that the person who wrote them sought to cast suspicion upon the female at the factory; and that they were written for the purpose of describing a man which they alleged to have committed the crime, for in the same sentence of one of them the perpetrator is described as a tall, black negro.

The other refers to the intention of the perpetrator to fix the crime on the night watchman. It is believed that Lee deliberately described another negro and that he endeavored to divert suspicion from himself by writing into one of the notes that the guilty man would "pay like the nigh watch did it."

Neither of these notes could have been written by Mary Phagan, even though she were still alive when dragged into the cellar, for the cellar was dark as night itself. And it is not to be supposed that while in a dying condition she would have found it convenient to have obtained a pencil and two different kinds of tablet paper. Further than this she would not have written two notes.

The detectives are satisfied that Lee wrote both notes, and are of the opinion that he wrote them at different times. After writing the first he evidently thought of something which he believed would divert suspicion from himself and then wrote the second.

Only one question now puzzles the detectives:

Did Lee murder the girl himself or did he undertake to dispose of the dead body and to shield some one else?

GEORGIA CHAIR CO. IS SOLD AT FLOWERY BRANCH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

GAINESVILLE, Ga., April 28.—The property of the Georgia Chair company, located at Flowery Branch, Ga., was sold by the trustee in bankruptcy at Flowery Branch today for the sum of $15,000. Hunt, banker, of Gainesville, Ga., being the purchaser. This means that the entire plant will be operated at Flowery Branch. Ga., and not be moved away.

The plant was reported a few months ago to be worth $100,000 but not originally in the hands of a receiver. It was offered up. It can be seen at Flowery Branch. Address 100 N. Pryor St., Atlanta.

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DETECTIVES IN SEARCH FOR PONY OF MARY PHAGAN FRENCH'S CAR TODAY

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entered the [illegible] Mary Phagan left the factory on the fatal Saturday. They have [illegible] the street car.

While the [illegible] said Mrs. Frank [illegible] Conley. Mrs. Frank [illegible] the police. [illegible] can could be heard [illegible] been but just what was said is not known. Mr. Rosser, 12-18 [illegible] was greeted as the attorney of Mr. Frank.

As Superintendent Frank left the National Pencil factory to company with detectives, girls who were employed as operatives gathered at the windows and behind hysterically.

The working force at the plant is entirely demoralized and little effort is being made to continue the daily routine of business. The one thought and topic of employes is the murder of Mary Phagan.

The girls employed as operatives are overwrought, and at the time when the superintendent was returned to police station, they reached a state of hysteria.

In an effort to quiet their fears the factory has posted an order excluding newspaper reporters and visitors.

WAS QUESTIONED MONDAY.

Mr. Frank spent the greater part of Monday morning at police station answering questions of the police. But about noon he was allowed to return home.

The police considered his questions of such importance that they made a stenographic record of them.

Mr. Frank employed Luther Rosser and Albert Haas as attorneys to represent him at this inquisition by the police.

Detective Chief Lanford announced at 6 o'clock that he will hold both Arthur Mullinax and J. M. Gantt without a preliminary hearing.

The statement was made to him by John H. Phillips, manager of the Forsyth hotel, at 87 1-2 South Forsyth street, that a man who seemed to resemble Gantt, and a girl who answers the description of Mary Phagan, came to his hotel at 11 o'clock Saturday night and asked for a room.

He inquired whether they were married, and, upon the man's giving an indefinite answer, he refused to admit them to a room.

BEGAN BEFORE DAYLIGHT.

At 4 o'clock Tuesday morning Newt Lee, the negro, was waked by detectives, and the grilling was continued which had continued through the day Monday.

In the early dawn detectives began taking turns in questioning the negro. As soon as one would exhaust a series of cross-fire questions another would begin.

"I don't know," was the negro's only answer.

But now and then he seemed to hesitate, the detectives reported. It appeared that he was on the point of giving that stolid answer with the information that the police seek. They believe that finally he will break down and tell the whole story.

CLEANED HIS NAILS.

The dirt has been scraped from under his finger nails, and will be examined for traces of blood. Meanwhile the most unrelenting "third degree" through which the police have ever put a prisoner is continuing.

Leo M. Frank, superintendent of the National Pencil factory, was questioned during the greater part of Monday morning by the police, has employed Pinkerton detectives to aid the police.

Police are making two random investigations: One is that Mary Phagan was the victim of a white slave plot. The other is that she was taken for an innocuous girl before her murder, and was either dragged or made drunk.

Tony Pyne been informed of a girl, accompanied by a woman and two men, who was seen Saturday night near the National Pencil factory. The girl was sobbing and reluctant, and was being dragged along by the woman and the two men.

The woman was heard to say:

"Come along dearie. Don't create a scene. You'll attract the cops."

The girl who was crying answered:

"I don't care. I don't care."

The four disappeared down Forsyth street.

ANOTHER IN DISTRESS.

Detectives Black and Rosser secured evidence Monday afternoon from R. E. Pyron a telegraph operator of a young girl, who was crying and in distress, whom he saw in an automobile with three men.

Pyron is a telegraph operator at the signal tower on the Central of Georgia railroad at the Whitehall street crossing. He says that the automobile came from the direction of West End, and stopped on Whitehall street, just after passing the railroad. The girl was sobbing and pleading with the man sitting beside her, and another man standing on the running board was talking to her earnestly and trying to quiet her.

When the men saw Pyron approaching they made off with the car toward the city. Pyron says that the girl was hysterical, and seemed to be either drunk or drugged, but that he would be unable to identify either her or any of the men.

CONFERRED AT STRANE.

Investigations of such instances as this, however, are slaws at which the police are catching in an effort to trace Mary Phagan's movements from the time she left the National Pencil factory, at 12 o'clock on Saturday, until she was murdered.

Only one individual has been found who says that he saw Mary Phagan after she entered the factory. This is K. L. Scott, who insists that she was upon the street at midnight with a man whom he at first took to be Arthur Mullinax, one of the four men now under arrest.

He was brought face to face with Gantt at police station Sunday afternoon, and said that Gant seemed to be the man. But he was not sure, and the police are not convinced that the girl he saw was Mary.

GIRLS LEAVE FACTORY.

They are still doubtful whether Mary Phagan ever left the factory after going there at 12 o'clock on Saturday to collect wages for two days' work.

This is a question of great importance in the search for her murderer, and is one that the police are using every effort to answer.

They are endeavoring to settle this uncertainty, and to discover whether she was murdered in the afternoon, the evening, or late at night on Saturday.

The chief hope for solving all details of the mystery seems to be through a statement by Newt Lee or by J. M. Gantt.

But the police are using also all material evidence in their search for the murderer.

BODY EXAMINED.

Dr. J. W. Hurt, county physician, made an examination Monday night of the body to determine the nature of the injuries, but he is reserving his report for the coroner's jury. The jury will meet at 10 o'clock on Wednesday to determine the inquest. Dr. Hurt began on Monday with an examination of the collar to which the body of Mary Phagan was found and of the elevator shaft from where she was murdered.

After all, however, the chief hope of discovering the murderer returns to Newt Lee, the negro.

GANT'S VIGOROUS DENIAL.

Gant, who was arrested on Monday afternoon in Marietta and brought to Atlanta at 4 o'clock, was at first reluctant to talk. He first made a brief, non-committal statement in which he left the impression that he returned late Saturday night to the residence of his sister, Mrs. F. C. Terrell, of 234 East Linden street, with whom he made his home. In this detail his statement seemed to conflict with one made earlier in the day by his sister.

At police station, however, he made a vigorous defense of his innocence.

If Mr. Phagan was murdered Saturday night, the statement by Mrs. Terrell, Gant's sister, would tend to furnish him with an alibi. The force of this statement, however, is lessened by the contradiction that he himself made.

SISTER GIVES ALIBI.

She says that Gant returned to her house early Saturday evening, ate supper there, and remained there throughout the night. But detectives may seek to offset this statement with Gant's own words that "he played pool until 10:30 o'clock." The interval dawns from his words is that it was some time after supper when he returned.

According to her statement he spent Saturday afternoon up town watching the Memorial day parade. But he returned to her house early in the evening and remained there until Sunday morning.

PLANS MADE EARLIER.

On Monday morning she says he went to Marietta in pursuance of plans that had been decided upon several weeks ago. He had determined to return to the home of his parents in Marietta and to work there on the farm. A week ago his plans had been laid to go to Marietta, and he was following them out when he left Atlanta Monday morning. She insists that his departure for Marietta was not at all hurried, but was a step that had been prepared for well in advance.

On Sunday morning she discovered from the newspapers that a girl had been murdered, but the name of the girl was not known at that time. She says that she and her brother discussed the crime, and that afterward he left the house to go to Sunday school. Later in the morning he called up to tell her that the girl who had been murdered was Mary Phagan, whom both knew and whose relatives live near the Gant family in Marietta. She says that he had heard the murdered girl's name mentioned uptown.

DECEIVED DETECTIVES.

Mrs. Terrell agrees with her brother in the statement that he had planned several weeks ago to return to his mother's home near Marietta, and that his trip to Marietta on Monday had been prepared for days in advance.

She admitted that detectives had questioned her on Monday about her brother, and that she had pretended not to have seen him for three weeks. But she explained this deception by saying that she merely thought it was better to mislead them. She had a vague feeling that something was wrong, and that the answer she gave was the better course.

She insists that her brother was at her house through Saturday night, and could not have committed the murder.

BODY TAKEN TO MARIETTA.

The body of Mary Phagan was taken at 5:45 o'clock Tuesday morning from the undertaking shop of the P. J. Bloomfield company to Marietta for funeral and interment. The funeral services were held at about 9 o'clock.

At the time that the body was removed from the undertaking establishment, 200 to 300 curious people had collected in the street to stare at the white coffin. A few followed the funeral procession to the station.

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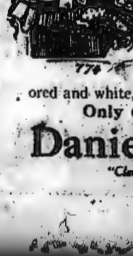

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MISS PEARL ROBINSON,

Of Bellwood avenue, who swears that she went to the Bijou theater with Arthur Mullinax on Saturday night and that he left her at her front door at about 10:30 o'clock, when they returned from the performance. Miss Robinson went to police headquarters in the hope of establishing her alibi for her friend. Her testimony with that of Jim Rutherford and his mother, with whom the arrested man lives, is regarded by detectives as proof that he has no connection with the horrible crime.

Staff Photo by Wide.

WHERE WAS MARY PHAGAN ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON?

Are there any friends or acquaintances of little Mary Phagan who saw her after she is supposed to have left the offices of the National Pencil company Saturday afternoon, where she went for the little pay that was due her?

Is there any one who knows the girl, who can say she was seen in the city of Atlanta or elsewhere following her departure from home shortly before noon on that day?

According to Superintendent Leo Frank, the child called for her envelope shortly after 12 o'clock on the day of the tragedy. She is supposed to have left the building.

The question is, where did she go?

She did not return home, and then come back to the city, for her parents had up nearly all of Saturday night waiting anxiously for her.

When she left the factory on South Forsyth street, where did she go? If she was on the streets some one of her friends at least must have seen her.

Where, now, are those friends?

It was Memorial day, and thousands were out for the parade, the opera and the ball game.

Does it seem possible that a girl as well known as Mary could be on the streets of this city week of humanity and not be seen by at least some acquaintance?

Was she alone on the streets of Atlanta from the time she is said to have left the building until late Saturday night, when conflicting reports from strangers attempt to identify her from photographs in the papers and the sight of the remains?

If she was not alone, then who was with her during the day?

An answer to the question: "Was Mary Phagan seen on the street after she entered the pencil factory Saturday at noon?" would throw much light on the murder mystery.

HUERTA TO BE CONQUERED WITHIN TWO WEEKS

CHICAGO, April 29.—Huerta surrender or revolution, one way or the other, will be accomplished within two weeks, said Robert E. Kerr, an attorney, who recently came from Mexico. In an address before the Rotary club today, "the situation there is far more serious than Americans realize. It is vastly more important to the country than is the Italian situation. Americans should be on the ground, because the American flag is not so much respected there as are the flags of other countries and Americans, if they remain, do not know whether they will be able to get damages for their ruined property."

CHICAGO WARS ON SUGGESTIVE SONGS

CHICAGO, April 29.—Agitating against the "smut song" book fruit last night, when an ordinance was introduced in the council, forbidding the singing of "any song, the words of which are suggestive of immorality or immorality."

The council passed the ordinance prohibiting the exhibition in show windows of a picture portraying an undressed figure. The ordinance was introduced when the city failed to secure the conviction of an art dealer for displaying a version of Chabas' painting, "September Morn."

WIRELESS OPERATORS GAIN RECRUITS IN THE STRIKE

SEATTLE, Wash., April 29.—The strike of marine wireless operators has spread to stations ashore, and the development brought out a statement by H. H. Bayler, assistant superintendent of the Pacific coast division, Marconi Wireless Telegraph company, who said the company is considering closing all land stations in this region in order to supply ships for steamers. Commercial business between ships and shore will be handled by government operators.

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STRIKERS IN AUGUSTA RETURNING TO WORK

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 29.—Operatives of the Augusta mills began returning to work today, when mill men, who had been threatened through little of strike, and despite the threats of 11 striking pickers. Strike leaders are making possible efforts to stay the break of their ranks.

Shafts to Poets

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 29.—The monument to four southern poets, Paul Hamilton Hayne, Father Ryan, Sidney Lanier and James R. Randall, which Mrs. Rose Cole, of Nashville, Tenn., presented to the city of Augusta, was unveiled today.

ARREST OF ASSAILANT OF ROGERS EXPECTED

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 29.—The arrest of Gordon Jones, who is believed to have shot down Dr. P. T. Rogers and postmaster Smith at Hixson early Sunday night and then rifled the safe, is momentarily expected following the arrest early this morning of Joe Sullivan, who is said to admit that he was Jones' accomplice on the night of the crime. Jones is also believed to be responsible for the death of A. Slaton, who was shot down and killed two weeks ago.

Plans Juvenile Court

MACON, Ga., April 29.—Much interest is centered in the lecture tonight at the city auditorium by Mr. Stakings H. Hart on the "Purpose of Organizing a Juvenile Court for this County." He was invited here by a committee of ladies who are working in the interest of a juvenile court for this county.

Heard of. I never could have conceived it, let alone commit it. The man is a murderer who would voluntarily accuse another of such a deed."

Gantt was bookkeeper at the National Pencil company until three weeks ago, when he was discharged.

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STEPFATHER THINKS NEGRO IS MURDERER

Believes That Newt Lee Bound and Gagged, Then Murdered Mary Phagan

W. J. Coleman, step-father of Mary Phagan, believes that she was murdered by Newt Lee, the negro night watchman, but that before the murder she was bound and gagged in the factory of the National Pencil company, 37 South Forsyth street, from shortly after noon on Saturday until past midnight.

As people passed back and forth along the street, as members of the girl's family waited anxiously for her return, he thinks that she lay speechless within the factory, while the negro waited for an opportune time to attack and then murder her.

His belief is that as soon as she had been paid the wages that she went to the factory to collect, she passed into the dressing room, perhaps for a drink of water. There, in his opinion, the negro seized the girl and bound and gagged her. He says there is plain evidence in the dressing room that the girl was first attacked there.

He does not believe that either Arthur Mullinax or J. M. Gantt had any hand in the murder of Mary Phagan.

"The negro evidently kept the child in the factory all day," Mr. Coleman said. "And was afraid to attack her until midnight for fear she would scream or somebody would come. He may or may not have knocked her senseless from the first, or he may have tied her, I do not know. But when Gantt entered the shop, it is more than likely that he knew nothing of the girl's presence there and simply went up and got his shoes, as he said, and went out again.

"At this about Mary having been seen on the street at midnight or at any other time after 12 o'clock in the day I do not think can be true. I believe she remained all day in the building. After the negro did the work, he was afraid to leave for not to notify the police, which would make appearances worse for him. Therefore he called the officers."

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(Adv.)

'NOOGA UNIVERSITY TO HOLD SUMMER SCHOOL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 29.—The faculty of the University of Chattanooga has decided to conduct the usual summer school again this year. The session will open June 8, and will close July 2. Among those who will lecture during the session will be Dr. J. H. Kirn, president of the University of Chattanooga, Hon. T. P. Harned, state high school inspector, President Brown Ayres, of the University of Tennessee, President R. G. Hilbreath, of the East Tennessee State Normal and other well known educators. Special courses in American and English literature have been arranged to meet the requirements of the city and county teachers.

CHATTANOOGA PUTS ON SMILE FOR VETS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 29.—Work upon three big improvements assured Chattanooga in time for and during the Confederate reunion is now being rapidly pushed. The first is the surface line up Lookout mountain; the second is the new short line to Chickamauga park; and the third is the great white way which is to stretch along Market street, the principal business thoroughfare from Fourth street to the Terminal station, a distance of about ten blocks. It is believed that all three projects will be completed before May 15, the opening day of the reunion.

FREIGHT HITS HOUSE; BLOCKS MAIN LINE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

DALTON, Ga., April 29.—An unusual wreck, caused by a freight train on the Western and Atlantic road backing into a house, blocked the Southern road's main line just south of the station here yesterday and necessitated sending for the wrecker to clear the tracks. Incidentally the house, the cab and one car of the freight train were smashed.

The "house" belonged to a local car inspector, being constructed of two abandoned freight cars from which the trucks had been removed.

350 SALAZAR'S MEN DESERT TO VILLA

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Tex., April 29.—General Inez Salazar surrendered a part of his command after a mutiny yesterday at Casas Grandes, according to his official report received today at Juarez. He is left with less than 200 men.

Led by Colonel Maximo Castillo, 350 of the rebels set off to join Pancho Villa's insurgents reported near Minaca. They took with them most of Salazar's ammunition and supplies. Even those men remaining with Salazar are said to have refused to proceed in the campaign against the constitutionalists.

BANKING COMMITTEE TO TAKE UP REFORM FRIDAY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Chairman Owen announced today that the senate banking and currency committee would map out its course of investigation of currency reform and legislation at a meeting Friday.

Most of the big bankers of the country and many writers of note on economic subjects will be called later.

Hearings probably will last several weeks, and if a bill is laid before the senate it will not make its appearance until the tariff fight is underway there.

FIRE PROBE POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The special committee of council which is probing the fire department did not meet Tuesday morning, as scheduled, but postponed the meeting until next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The postponement was due to the failure of Thomas Reynolds, the New York "master of mystery," Houdini, to return to Atlanta. He is in Cincinnati and wired Mayor Woodward that he could not get back until Thursday.

BOOKKEEPER ACCUSED OF MURDER

J. M. GANTT.

Who was arrested at Marietta and brought to Atlanta Monday, charged with the death of Mary Phagan.

—Staff Photo by Wide.

STATE OFFERS $200 REWARD; CITY WILL FOLLOW WITH $1,000 FOR MARY PHAGAN'S MURDERER

Mayor Woodward Calls Special Meeting of Council So That Reward Can Be Formally Offered—Governor Brown Issued Proclamation Tuesday Morning

Governor Joseph M. Brown Tuesday morning offered a reward of $200 for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Mary Phagan, and the city of Atlanta is expected to offer a $1,000 reward at a special meeting that has been called by Mayor James G. Woodward for Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mayor Woodward points out that this is one of the most atrocious crimes in Atlanta's history and that the city cannot afford to let it go unheeded.

Following is the mayor's message to council:

"Atlanta, Ga., April 29, 1913.

"To the General Council City of Atlanta:

"Gentlemen:

"The general council of the city of Atlanta is hereby called to convene in special session tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, April 30, 1913, to take cognizance, in an official way, of that most brutal crime that was committed in this city on last Saturday night.

"I think it is proper that the city government should take some befitting action as regards this most deplorable matter, which, as it is, is liable to cast unfavorable criticism upon the name of our fair city, and I would suggest that your honorable body offer a suitable reward of not less than $1,000 for the capture of the brute or brutes that could so far forget themselves as to commit such an outrageous crime. I feel satisfied that every tax payer of this city will heartily cooperate in indorsing the action of the mayor and general council in offering this reward. Respectfully submitted,

"J. G. WOODWARD, Mayor."

WILSON PREPARES TO INVADE NEW JERSEY

WASHINGTON, April 29.—President Wilson hopes to meet the Democratic members of the legislature of New Jersey for a conference during his trip to that state this week in the interest of jury reform and the calling of a state constitutional convention.

The president will urge the Democrats to carry out the pledges of their state platform. The president will leave Washington Thursday, May 1, and speak at Newark and Elizabeth, N. J., that night. On Friday the president will meet the legislators, make a public address at night and return to Washington Saturday.

The president will be accompanied by Secretary Tumulty, Dr. T. L. Rhoads, his personal aide, a stenographer and secret service men.

FIFTEEN NOTED HORSES BURNED IN KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 29.—Fifteen world famous American and Englishbred mares, each with foal by her side, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a barn at the Kingstone Stock farm near here today. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The monetary loss is estimated at $50,000.

The mares which perished were Running Stream, Forbidden Fruit, Cassandra, Flower of the Forest, Jessamite, Lackawine, True Love, Pretty, Half Crown—the only mare in America by the English stallion, Cylmene—Ingram Marble, Peality, Harpichord, Flying Ship and Delaia.

MILLIONAIRE DIES FROM FRACTURED SKULL

ST. LOUIS, April 29.—Hugh R. Lyle, assistant secretary of the Mississippi Valley Trust company, of St. Louis, died today from an injury he received at the home of a friend. His skull was fractured. Dr. Lyle was one of the principal heirs of the $2,000,000 estate left by the late David P. Rankin.

BANKRUPTCY PETITION.

G. W. Maffett, a Lawrenceville merchant, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. He lists his liabilities at $2,641, and his assets at $4,000.

L. & N. RAILROAD BUYS MAMMOTH SLAG PILE

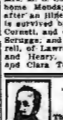
(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 29.—The Louisville and Nashville railroad today bought outright the Sloss company slag pile almost in the heart of the city which has been a bone of contention for many years.

It is estimated the pile contains 150,000 square yards of slag and it is to be entirely removed within ninety days. It will be used on the new double track between Birmingham and Decatur.

Mrs. M. L. Cornett Dead

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga., April 29.—Mrs. M. S. Cornett, aged 45, died at her home Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock after an illness of several months. She is survived by her husband, Hon. M. S. Cornett, and one daughter, Mrs. D. M. Scruggs; and mother, Mrs. Mariah Terrell, of Lawrenceville; W. M. and C. J. and Henry, of Atlanta; Misses Kate and Clara Terrell, of Lawrenceville.



ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE

The Antiseptic powder shaken into the shoes. The Relief of Blisters, Corns, Bunions, Sore Feet, Sweating Feet, Ingrowing Nails, Tired Feet