

"Diamond George" had confessed that he had knowledge that Jim Conley murdered Mary Phagan, that the little girl's mesh bag which disappeared at the time of her murder and has never since been seen, was in the possession of a woman named Robinson, now residing in Mobile, and that a guard at the Federal prison had gone to Mobile to see the woman and get the mesh bag.

This report, when investigated, appeared to have its origin in statements made to a guard at the Federal prison by a negro prisoner named Frank Reed, alias "Diamond George." The negro, it is said, declared that he knew that Conley had murdered Mary Phagan and that he protected Conley by keeping this fact a secret. He also told the guard that he knew the negro woman who had Mary Phagan's mesh bag, but refused to tell the woman's name or aid in recovering the bag.

The guard later notified Luther Z. Rosser, who has been a member of Frank's counsel since he was first arrested. Rosser had one or two interviews with the negro, but never used his statement because, as he explained, it was worthless without the production of the mesh bag.

\$16,000 TAPESTRIES SUIT.

Duveen Brothers Want W. & J. Sloane to Pay for Biltmore Show.

Justice Platzek and a jury in the Supreme Court listened to testimony yesterday in the suit of Duveen Brothers, against W. & J. Sloane for \$16,000, the price of four Flemish tapestries. Testimony was to the effect that the tapestries had been displayed in the woman's corridor of the Hotel Biltmore when the hotel was opened and that later they were returned to the plaintiffs, who allege that the defendants had agreed to purchase them.

Lackland McLacklin, who had been employed by the defendants for four and a half years as a furniture designer, testified that he had taken the measurements of the panels where the tapestries were to hang. His thought was that the hotel intended to purchase them, although nothing was said about it. Wilson Hungate, employed by the defendants as a buyer, said that the tapestries were not purchased and that they were only to be hung in the corridor for display.

The suit will be continued today.

NEGRO NAMES CONLEY.

Prisoner in Atlanta Tells a Story of Missing Mesh Bag.

Special to The New York Times.

ATLANTA, June 16.—A report gained currency today that a negro prisoner at the Atlanta Federal prison known as