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## ATROCIOUS MURDER OF JOSEPH LUCY, THE AGED MILTON RECLUSE, MAY AFTER TWO YEARS BE AVENGED

THE MYSTERY SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF THE WELL KNOWN MAN MAY BE SOLVED BY THE STORY OF A WOMAN, WHO UNDER PRESSURE, GAVE DETAILS LEADING TO ARREST OF FIRST SUSPECT.

## THREE MEN ARE NOW BEING HELD BY AUTHORITIES

Earl DuBoise and William Philpott of Milton, and Peter Sturgess of Hamilton, O., Suspicioned.

INDICATIONS SEEM TO  
POINT TO THESE MEN.

Prosecutor Jessup Who Has  
Been Working on Case for  
Past Two Years, Feels No  
Mistake Has Been Made.

## STORY OF THE TRAGEDY.

JOSEPH LUCY WAS THOUGHT TO  
HAVE HAD LARGE SUMS OF  
MONEY HIDDEN IN HIS HOUSE  
AND THIS LED TO CRIME.

## BODY FOUND BY A FRIEND.

The Aged Man Was Attacked in the Barn and Later Dragged to the House Where the Remains Were Discovered by a Neighbor.

Earl DuBoise and William Philpott, both of Milton, Ind., and Peter Sturgess of Hamilton, O., are under arrest on suspicion of being the murderers of Joseph Lucy, the aged recluse, who was brutally beaten to death at his home three miles south of Milton on the evening of Friday December 15, 1905.

This murder was one of the most mysterious and baffling that the authorities of this county have ever been called upon to unravel, but after two years of untiring efforts to apprehend the murderers, Prosecutor Wilfred Jessup is now confident that he has the guilty parties in custody.

### Three Men Captured.

DuBoise, a lad of twenty years, was the first one to be arrested. He was taken into custody at his home in Milton at an early hour yesterday morning. Marshal Drischel of Cambridge City was his captor. Philpott was arrested at Milton yesterday afternoon and last evening the Hamilton police at the request of the local authorities, took Sturgess into custody. He will be brought to Richmond as soon as requisition papers have been secured. All three men emphatically deny any knowledge of the crime, but the evidence against them appears to be strong.

### Jessup Always Active.

As has been stated, Prosecutor Jessup has for the past two years been collecting every scrap of evidence obtainable in the Lucy murder mystery. For a year past, Sheriff Meredith has been assisting him. Several weeks ago it was reported that there had been friction in the DuBoise family and that some of them who had had trouble with young Earl DuBoise, hinted that he was implicated in the Lucy murder and that he had confessed this much to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ralph DuBoise, of Connersville, of whom the young fellow was quite fond. Members of the family who were at odds with Earl, stated that Mrs. Ralph DuBoise had told them that Earl had confessed to her.

### Clue Is Found.

When this report reached the ears of Prosecutor Jessup and Sheriff Meredith, they took prompt action to investigate it, this being the first definite clue obtained since the day Lafayette Beeson, Lucy's close friend and neighbor, had found the lifeless body of the old man in the lonely house.

### Woman Tells Story.

Wednesday of this week, Prosecutor Jessup and Sheriff Meredith went to Connersville. They located Mrs. DuBoise there and in the presence of her husband, closely questioned her concerning what Earl had told her of the crime. She refused to tell anything at first, but the officers finally persuaded her to make a statement, the exact nature of which has not been given out.

### STORY OF THE STURGIS CAPTURE.

Hamilton, Ohio, Jan. 24.—Peter, alias Pearson, Sturgess, alleged to be the accomplice of the murderers of Joseph Lucy, an aged miser, of Milton, Ind., who was beaten to death three years ago in his lonely cabin on the outskirts of the Indiana hamlet, by three men, whose object was robbery, was apprehended yesterday. Sturgess was arrested at his home, on South B street, by Detectives Metcalf and Hettick and Officer Walsh, on information furnished by the Richmond, Ind., authorities, who wired they had arrested one Earl DuBoise, alleged to have been one of the trio, and who in his confession implicated Sturgess. The latter says he can prove an alibi, and that he was in Connersville the night of the crime. He is willing to return to Indiana without requisition papers. Sturgess became ghastly pale when informed by the officers of the charge upon which he was arrested.

closed, showing that the old man, who was a native born Irishman, had, true to the instincts of his race, prepared to sell his life dearly when the end came.

### Always Carried Money.

Lucy always carried two purses on his person and in them he hardly ever had less than \$40. When Coronor Mackley arrived, Lucy's clothes were searched and the purses were found to be gone. This gave positive proof that the man had been murdered by robbers who had been attracted to the place by stories, which for years had been heard on every hand, that the recluse had thousands of dollars concealed at his home.

### Blood Marks Told Tale.

Blood marks leading from the barn to the house established the fact that Lucy had been waylaid while leaving the barn and there had probably received the blow which fractured his jaw. It was easy for the authorities to imagine that the recluse had been robbed of all the money he had on him at the barn and that he had been forced to accompany the thieves to the house so that the hiding place of his hidden wealth would be revealed. It was also easy for the imaginations of the officials to picture the thieves shoving Lucy into his bed room and demanding that he bring forth the concealed money under penalty of death. It was then that the hermit, like an animal at bay, had turned upon the robbers and had, for his pugnacity, received the blow on the top of the head which fractured the skull. This blow was dealt with a heavy club. At the barn a club, covered with blood and streaked with hair from the victim's head, was found.

### Robbers Were Alarmed.

Alarmed at the result of their belligerent work the robbers did not take time to search for the concealed treasure but hurriedly took their departure. Every effort was made by the authorities to run the murderers to earth—but these efforts proved fruitless. Four suspects, including George DuBoise, a brother of the young man now held at the county jail, were taken into custody but were released, having proved to the satisfaction of Prosecutor Jessup that they knew absolutely nothing about the crime. The day the body was found Coronor Mackley and Mr. Beeson found hidden in an old bee hive in the attic, a can which contained \$4,128 in currency.

### INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES

Railroads Killed Thousands  
Last Quarter.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Starting figures appear in the accident bulletins just issued by the interstate commerce commission, covering the months of July, August and September, 1907. The report shows that the number of casualties on railroads during that quarter period were 23,063, including 1,330 killed and 21,724 injured. This is an increase of 157 in the number killed and 3,056 in the numbered injured, as compared with the corresponding period of 1906. Collisions and derailments in the quarter numbered 4,279, including 2,215 collisions and 2,064 derailments, of which 320 collisions and 222 derailments affected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engines and roadways by these accidents amounted to \$3,065,696. This shows an increase in the number of collisions and derailments of 697 over the corresponding period of 1906.

### THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Saturday fair and not so cold.  
OHIO—Saturday fair, not so cold.

### Woman's Criticisms of the Duchess Nicolis Grazioli Created Sensation



This is Henry White, former Ambassador to Rome, and his beautiful wife, Mrs. White's criticisms of the Duchess Nicols Grazioli, created a sensation in Rome Capitol and bid fair to stir a social war in Paris.

### NEW PATROLMEN ARE SELECTED

William Hirschfield and Lawrence Roberts the Men.

William Hirschfield, who has been employed as a blacksmith at Gaar's factory, has been named by the police board to succeed Oscar Brown as a patrolman. Brown is a Democrat and Hirschfield is of the same politics. Lawrence Roberts has been appointed temporarily to act as a patrol driver. Roberts has been in the employ of the street car company as a motorman. Appointment of Hirschfield completes the quota of policemen, the first time it has been filled by permanent appointments for some months. The two new appointees will begin their duties next Monday.

### CAUGHT TUBERCULOSIS IN PULLMAN CARS

Unusual Circumstances in the Death of Albert Lindemuth.

Albert Lindemuth of Los Angeles, Cal., formerly of Greenville, Ohio, died early Thursday morning after a long illness from tuberculosis. Mr. Lindemuth was with the Pullman Car Co. in Los Angeles and is supposed to have contracted the disease by being about to Pullman cars in which persons affected with tuberculosis were traveling. He was a brother of A. C. Lindemuth, of this city.

### TERRIFIED PEOPLE RUSHED FROM HOUSES

Earthquake Reported From Reggia de Calabria.

Reggia de Calabria, Jan. 24.—A strong earthquake shook this province. There was loss of life. The shocks were particularly severe at the villages of Bianco, Brancaleone, Bruzzano and Forruzzano. Terrified, the people rushed from their houses to the open fields or took refuge in the nearby subterranean grottos.

### MRS. MARY NIXON DIES IN DAYTON

Was Former Well Known Richmond Woman.

Mrs. Mary Nixon, widow of Nicholas Nixon, died at her home in Dayton, Ohio, Thursday night. Mrs. Nixon formerly lived in Richmond on North Tenth street, at which time her husband owned the Nixon Paper Mill of this city. She was the aunt of Mrs. A. C. Lindemuth, Mrs. Louise Nixon White, Mrs. J. S. Ostrander and Frank M. Nixon, all of this city.

### "About a Thousand Inquiries"

That was the answer to our inquiry as to what returns Dye and Price, real estate dealers, had received from some Classified Advertisements, advertising farm property For Sale. Of course that's a little exaggerated on their part but it shows they had no kick coming over the results Palladium Classified Advertisements bring. Turn to page seven and read today's Classified Advertisements.

## RALLIES TO DEFENSE OF ROOSEVELT

William Dudley Foulke Says to Indianapolis Star's Charges, That Government Officers Are Not Coerced.

### FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION NOT HARNESSSED TO TAFT.

If President Is Criticised, It Should Be Because He Does Not Remove Other Candidates' Supporters.

### KEALING CASE IS CITED.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF INDIANA HOLDS A FEDERAL POSITION, YET HE IS OUT WORKING FOR FAIRBANKS.

### THE STAR TAKES WATER.

In Reply to Foulke, the Paper Could Not Cite an Instance Where There Was a Federal Officer Working For Taft.

William Dudley Foulke, of this city, has made reply to a recent editorial in the Indianapolis Star, referring to his connection with the civil service, and alleging that the entire federal administration is harnessed up to the Taft boom. In his reply Mr. Foulke says if there is any criticism of the president it is because he has not removed men who have systematically used the time which belonged to the public in promoting the candidacy for other candidates. Mr. Foulke declares that Mr. Kealing, the prime minister of the Fairbanks movement, has been away from his office for weeks, promoting the interests of the Star's own candidate. Mr. Foulke's letter to the Star, in full, is as follows:

Richmond, Ind., Jan. 21, 1908.  
To the Editor of the Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:—In your Sunday's editorial, you speak of the "partial eclipse of the redoubtable Hoosier reformer, Mr. William Dudley Foulke, who has never heard of the entire federal administration's being harnessed up to the Taft boom," and the "hypnosis that has overtaken our valiant civil service reformers."

"What do they think," you add, "about the lash from the white house that is being laid about the backs of federal employees, to make them use the government's time and money to promote the president's personal choices upon the national convention six months hence? They are dumb. They have never heard of it."

It is quite delightful thus to have revealed to one's consciousness a state of mind of which the external proof is so entirely lacking. As an exponent of the higher criticism, of its wonderful power of insight into the hidden works of the heart, I must congratulate your editorial writer as supreme in his profession.

The fact is, that instantly upon hearing of the charge, that the patronage was used to control the next nomination, I went to Washington and laid the matter before the president. Mr. Taft and others of the cabinet, and inquired as to the facts. On my return home, on reading your further article of January 14th, I made a written remonstrance to the chief executive himself, in case there should be any truth in the charges that you made. This may be the "hypnosis" you refer to.

Now I wish to pursue my inquiries in the other direction, that is, from yourself. You have made these charges of coercion. Will you give me the name of any official, anywhere in America, who has been controlled by any threat of dismissal, expressed or implied, or from whom the president has demanded any support for Taft? Will you name any man who has been removed or whom the President has threatened to remove because he was not for Taft. I challenge you to make good your statements, or at least to produce the authority on which they were made.

If any criticism can be made of the president, it is that he has not removed men who have systematically used the time which belonged to the public, in promoting the candidacy of other candidates. Do you not know that the district attorney of Indiana, Mr. Kealing, the prime minister of the Fairbanks movement, has been weeks away from his office promoting the aspirations of the Star's own candidate? Have you protested against this? Can you give any instance of any official who has been supporting Taft in similar fashion? Is it not true that the bulk of Indiana's officials appointed through the influence of the Indiana machine, have been supporting Fairbanks? In Ohio today, four-fifths of