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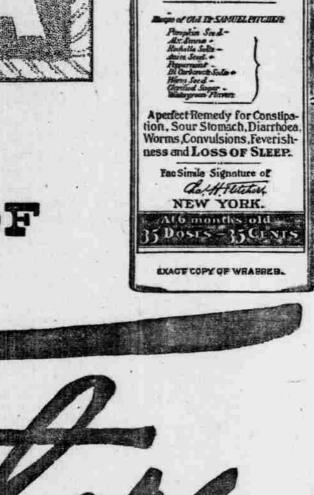
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LINCOLN CONSPIRACY

AND ITS CONSPIRATORS # BY SAMUEL BLAND ARNOLD, WHO WAS IMPRISONED AT DRY TORTUGAS * PART IL

Samuel Bland Arnold begins his life | December, 1864, in September, 1864, and thus leading on up to the plots to kidnap President Lincoln, detailing all of the attendant circumstances. The statement was sworn tion, he asked me to take part of them, to before a notary public at Dry Torte- which I did, and sent them to him by gas, Fla., on December 3, 1867, and the express to Washington. conditions under which it was drawn up,
with its significance, are dealt with by
Mr. Armold in his general statement to

about the first of September, A. D. 1864, that J. Wilkes Booth, hearing I was in town, sent word to me that he would like to see me at Barnum's Hotel, in the City of Baltimere, at which place he was then stopping. I had not seen Booth since the year 1851, at which time we were fellow-students at St. Timothy's Hall, Catonsville, Md., the Rev. L. Van Bok-kelen being the president of the said in-stitute. I called upon him and was kindly received as an old schoolmate and invited to his room. We conversed together, seated by a table, smoking cigars, of past hours of youth and the present war. He said he had beard I had been South, etc., O'Laughlin was ushered into the room, O'Laughlin was a former acquaintance of Booth, from boyhood up, so he in-formed me. I was introduced to him,

In a short time wine was called for by versed together about the war, the present condition of the South, and in regard to the non-exchange of prisoners. Booth then spoke of the abduction or kidnaping of the President, saying if such could be accomplished, and the President taken to Richmond and held as hostage, he thought a would bring about an exchange of prisversed together about the war, the present it would bring about an exchange of pris-oners. He said the President frequently went to the Soldiers', Home, alone and unguarded, that he could be easily captured on one of these visits and carried to the Potomac, boated across the river

and conveyed to Richmond.

These were the ideas advanced by Booth, and he alone was the moving during the confusion which would be prospirit. After a debate of some time, and duced by the turning off of the gas, make his pointing out its feasibility, and being under the effects some little of wine, we consented to join him in the enterprise, utter impracticability and told Booth it we alone comprised the entire party to could not be accomplished. He would lis-We alone comprised the entire party to this scheme at that time, as far as my knowledge extends. We separated that and seemed resolved in carrying out this afternoon, and I returned to my brother's mad scheme. He endeavored to obtain a man from New York to turn off the gas. afternoon, and I returned to his home. hear Hookstown, Baltimore man from New York to turn on the home. Booth stated that he would lin this he failed—so he informed me. In this he failed—so he informed me. County, Md. Booth stated that he would leave for New York the next day to leave for Ne

Booth said he would furnish all the necessary materials to carry out the project. He showed me the different entries in his diary of what his engagements paid him in his profession, and I judge from what I have heard his income there-from to have been from \$25,000 to \$30,000. He also informed me that he owned property in the oil regions of Pennsylvania and Boston. He was taken sick while and Boston. He was taken sick while at home, and upon his recovery he ar-ranged his business and went to the oil, regions, from which place he wrote me,

case of pursuit, viz: Two carbines, three O'Laughlin and myself were about leavpairs of revolvers, three knives and two ing Rullman's Hotel, on our way to our pairs of handcuffs. Fearful that the room, when Booth sent a messenger weight of his trunk might attract atten- (Herold), who at that time was unknown

purchasing horses and boats. I met him in Baltimore in January, I think, at which time he purchased the horse that I had selected for him. He aso purchased a buggy and harness, and said that all was completed and ready to work. I in-formed my parents that I was in the oil business with Booth, to prevent them from knowing the true cause of my association with Booth, O'Laughlin and I drove the buggy to Washington. This was some time in the latter part of December, 1864, or the early part of Janu-

We left the horse at Nailer's Livery

stable, on the avenue, near Thirteenth street, and we went to the Rullman's Hotel (kept by Lichau), on Pennsylvania avenue. We remained there a few days when a tap at the door was given, and and then went to Mitchell's Hotel, near Grover's Theater, and remained a few days. We went from there and rented a room from Mrs, Van Tyne, 429 D street, and obtained our meals at the Franklin Hotel, at the corner of D and Eighth streets. We remained there, off and on, until March 20, 1865, during which time we drank and freely con- I frequently went to Baltimore-nearly every Saturday, O'Laughlin; as a general thing, went and returned with me on

When in Baltimore I remained at my

the Soldiers' Home, Booth proposed a plan to abduct him from the theater, by carrying him back off the stage by the back entrance, place him in a buggy which he was to have in attendance, and during the confusion which would be progood our escape. I objected to any such

room, accompanied by O'Laughlin, and upon entering, was introduced to Surratt under the name, I think, of Cole. This was about 16 or 11 o'clock in the morning, and Booth was still in bed. This was the first time I ever met Surratt. Surratt left a few moments after we came in, and Booth informed us that he was one of the parties engaged in the abduction, and that his name was Surratt.

A Mother's Dream

About this time Booth told me he had received a letter from his mother, in which she stated that she had fearful dreams about him. She sent his brother, Junius Brutus, to Washington to persuade regions, from which place he wrote me, enclosing \$20 for expenses, requesting me to look around and pick out a horse for him.

This was all the money I ever received from Booth, or any other person, in connection with the undertaking. He went from the oil regions to Canada, and shipped his wardrobe to Nassau, as he afterwards informed me. Booth returned to Baltimore some time in November or

stable, paid the livery on the horse, and rode him up to the corner of D and Elighth streets, and turned him over either to O'Laughlin or Booth. I never saw the horse afterwards. Booth afterwards repaid me for the board of the horse.

Booth was absent from the City of Westletches.

room, when Booth sent a messenger (Herold), who at that time was unknown to me, requesting us to accompany Herold to Gotter's cating saloon.

We accordingly went up and were ushered into the room, where seated around a table, were Booth, Surratt, Atzerodt, alias Port Tobacco, and Payne, alias Mosby, all of whom, with the excep-tion of Booth and Surratt, I had never seen nor heard of before. We were then formally introduced. Oysters, liquors and cigars were obtained. Booth then remarked that those gathered there were the parties engaged to assist in the abduction of the The plan of abducting him from the theater was then introduced and discoursed upon, Booth saying that if it could not be done from the lower box

It could from the upper one. The Parts Allotted. He set forth the part he wished each one

to perform. He and Payne, allas Mosby were to seize the President in the box. was to jump upon the stage and assist them as he was lowered down from the box, and Surratt and Atzerodt, alias Port Tobacco, were to be on the other side of the Eastern Branch bridge to act as pilots and to assist in conveying him to the boats which had been purchased by Booth. Booth said everything was in readiness.

The gist of the conversation during the meeting was as to whether it could or could not be accomplished in the manner proposed. After listening to Booth and the others, I firmly protested and objected When in Baltimore I remained at my father's home. When in Washington I spent most of my time at Ruliman's Hotel (kept by Lichau), on Pennsylvania avenue, at which place O'Laughlin and myself had acquaintances.

The President having ceased visiting the Soldiers University of a change of a chang to the whole scheme, and told them of its of a chance for my life and that I intend Then an angry discussion arese between

Booth and myself, in which he threatened to shoot me. I told him that two could play at that gume, and before them all expressed my firm determination to have nothing more to do with it after that week. About 5 o'clock in the morning the meeting broke up and O'Laughlin and myself went to our room at Mrs. Van

The next day, as I was standing in front of Rullman's Hotel, Pennsylvania avenue, in company with O'Laughtin, Booth came riding by on horseback and stopped and called O'Laughlin. He conversed with him a short time, and then O'Laughlin re-turned, saying that Booth wanted to see turned, saying that Booth wanted to see me. I went to the curb and met him. Booth apologized to me for the words he had used at the meeting, remarking that he thought that I must have been drunk in making the objections that I did in reference to his proposed plan of carrying out the abduction. I told him no-drunk-enness was on his and in his party's part; that I was hever more sober in my life and that what I said the night before I meant, and that the week would end me

Another Plan Hatched.

On March 17, 1865, about 2 o'clock, Booth and Herold met O'Laughlin and myself. Booth stated that he was told that the

stable, paid the livery on the horse, and ington. This box was sent to our room in he had not. I asked him, when the letter the early part of March, 1865, I think, and was removed in about a week or 10

days. horse afterwards. Booth afterwards repaid me for the board of the horse.

Booth was absent from the City of Washington for the best part of the month of February. On his return he stated that the had been to New York. On the night North, some arms to defend himself in of March 15, 1865, about 12 or 12:30 o'clock, to take the box with Booth's horse and buggy to either Surrattsville or T. B., and there meet us, in case the abduction was successful. This was the last time was successful. This was the last time I saw Herold until our trial. O'Laughlin returned and we took our

dinner at the Franklin Hotel, as usual learned from O'Laughlin, had been intro-duced to him that day by Booth during panied him to the livery stable near the Patent Office, at which place Booth ob-tained horses for us. O'Laughlin and I then rode to our room on D street and made all our necessary arrangements, each arming himself. O'Laughlin and I then rode out to where the performance

was to take place.

We stopped at a restaurant at the foot of the hill to await the arrival of the other parties. They not arriving as soon as we expected, we remounted our horses and rode out the road about a mile. We then returned and stopped at the same restau-rant. While in there Atzerodt came in, having just arrived with Payne. A short time after Booth and Surratt came in and we drank together. Booth had made in-quiries at the encampment where the performance was to be held, and learned that the President was not there. After tell-ing us this we separated, O'Laughlin and myself riding back to the city together Surratt and Booth rode out the road to-wards the country. O'Laughlin and I left our horses back of the National Hotel, at a livery stable.

About 8 o'clock I met Booth and Surrat near the stable. This was the last time I ever saw Surratt, and I never saw Payne after we parted in our ride into the city until the day of our trial. O'Laughlin and I left Washington on March 20 and went to Baltimore. Booth went to New York, and thus I thought the whole affair abandoned. I then told my family I had ceased business in Washington, and had severed my compection with Rooth

severed my connection with Booth.

My father told me that if I would apply to J. W. Wharton for employment I might obtain it, as Wharton was looking for a clerk the last time he came up from Old Point Comfert. Va., to Baltimore. I went to my brother's book it Hookstone. went to my brother's home at Hookstown, Baltimore County, and I returned March 25 to Baltimore. I was informed at my father's that Booth had called to see me, and left a card requesting me to call upon him at the Barnum's Hotel. I found a letter there, also, from him for me, in which he stated he desired to give it an-other trial the week following, and, if unsuccessful, to abandon it forever. The letter found in Booth's trunk was in answer to this letter, which I innocently wrote to preven his undertaking it.

On the same day, March 27, 1865, I applied to J. W. Wharton, at Old Point Comfort for exploration.

Comfort for employment and received a favorable answer to my application on March 31, 1865. O'Laughlin came to my father's, to which place I had returned from my brother's, and requested me to accompany him to Washington to see Booth, for the purpose of obtaining \$500, which Booth had borrowed from him. I went with him that morning and returned with him in the early afternoon train of the same day. At the depot at Washing-ton we accidentally met Atzerodt. We drank together and then parted from him. I never saw him from the 17th of March until then, and never afterward until our

We saw Booth. During our converse tion he told us that the President was not in Washington. He also said that Surratt in Washington. He also said that Surratt had gone to Richmond, as he had understood through Welchman that a Mrs. Slator had arrived from Canada with dispatches, and that the party who had been in the habit of ferrying persons across the river had been arrested by the Governor taxable purposes, a fair estimate, in consequence of which Surratt offered his services to accompany her to Richmond. I asked if he had received my letter of the 27th, and he replied that

This interview on March 31 took place in his room at the National Hotel, Booth, O'Laughlin and myself being present. In this conversation Booth stated that the enterprise was abandoned. He also stat-ed that he intended to return to his proarms I had. He told me to keep them, to sell them, or do anything I desired with them. We left him at his room at the hotel about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and after that time I never received either cation, nor he from me; neither have I

seen him since. We returned to Baltimore in the afternoon train. I parted with O'Laughlin and went to my father's. I there found a letter from Wharton, in which he gave me employment. The next morning I went to my brother's at Hookstown, packed up my vallse preparatory to going to Wharton's. I then gave my brother a to wharton's. I then gave my brother a revolver and knife. One revolver I carried with me. My brother drove me to the city, and I took the boat that evening for Old Point and commenced clerking for Mr. Wharton on my arrival there, which was April 2. 1895. This ended my connection with the conscience and I heart tion with the conspiracy, and I heard nothing further from it nor from any of the parties connected therewith. I knew nothing about the assassination until the news reached Fort Monroe, Va., by telegraph, about 12 o'clock on the morning of

Placed Under Arrest.

I was arrested at Mr. Wharton's store Old Point Comfort. Va., on the morning of April 17, 1865. The assassination of President Lincoln was never mention even hinted at in my presence by Booth or any other person.
(Signed.) SAMUEL ARNOLD.

In the presence of GEORGE R. ANDREWS. Major Fifth United States Artillery. H. F. BENNERS.

I. Samuel Arnold, do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God that the foregoing statement, to which I have attached my name, is true in every particu-lar, and is a full and complete history of my connection with the conspiracy to ab-duct or kidnap President Lincoln and a history of the several parts each was to perform, and that it is a true statement as far as my knowledge extends of all facts and persons connected with the conspiracy to abduct or kidnap; that I have not attempted to conceal any of the facts relating thereto or to screen myself or any persons connected therewith, and that I had no knowledge whatever that any attempt was to be made to assassinate President Lincoln, and, furthermore, will true answer make to any and all questions which may be propounded to me in relation to myself or any other person or persons which were connected with the abduction or assassination of President Lincoln. SAMUEL ARNOLD. Subscribed and sworn to before me this

3d day of December, 1867. W. H. GLEASON. (Copyright, 1902, by the Baltimore Amerlcan.)

NEW MEXICO PROSPEROUS Irrigation Works and Mines Push It Forward.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The annual report of Governor Otero, of New Mexico, to the Secretary of the Interior, says that the territory is unusually prosperous. Ir-rigation work has taken great strides, new mines are opening and new towns and cities are springing into life. The net bonded debt of the territory is \$1,034,064. The assessed valuation of property

COLD-BLOODED SHOOTING AFFRAY AT MARSHFIELD.

Assailant Fled, but Was Caught by Officer-Said He Would Die

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 7 .- About 10 o'clock last evening, in a back room of the Clay Moore saloon, "Doc" Engle, a gambler, shot "Tom" Barker, another gambler, so that he died a few minutes afterward. The story of eye-witnesses is

substantially as follows:

Barker was dealing a game of stud
poker in a back room of the saloon. Engle entered the saloon and stopped a mo-ment at the bar, and it was noticed that he had been drinking heavily. He made the remark that he would go back and smoke a little, and passed into the back room. Going to the table where the game was in progress he leaned over between two of the players and fired four or five shots in quick succession at Barker, who was still seated. He then ran out of the side door of the saloon, up the street to Broadway, and turned north. Barker rose from his chair and walked around the ta-

ble, seating himself in another chair. Dr. McCormack was summoned at once, but the man breathed his last a few moments after the doctor's arrival. Three shots had taken effect in his right arm near the shoulder and one in his right side, the latter causing his death.

Barker was a man about 60 years of age, and was quite well known on the bay, having spent considerable time here in the past. Engle was captured this morning about 5 o'clock by Night Mar-shal McColloch, and as he was being taken to jail Engle said: "If I killed him I shall die happy."

SALEM'S MEMORIAL SERVICE. For Six Deceased Elks-Rabbi Wise

Delivered Address. SALEM. Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Salem Eiks held their annual memorial serv-ices in the opera-house in this city this afternoon, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of Portland, delivering the memorial dress. Dr. W. H. Byrd, of this city, ex-alted ruler of the Salem Lodge, deliv-ered the eulogy and conducted the ritualistic ceremonies. The services were held in memory of six deceased members of this lodge: E. M. Wood, A. Benicke, C.

Hemphill, F. S. Dearborn, E. F. Park-hurst and S. L. Hayden.

After music by the orchestra, rollcall of the absent and the singing of the open-ing ode, Rev. John Parsons, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, offered prayer. The Ariel quartet sing "The Vacant Chair," an appropriate song written by Professor Francesco Seeley, of this city. The eulogy was then delivered by the ex-aited ruler, and was followed by a trombone solo by Oscar Steelhammer. After the memorial address by Dr. Wise, the Ariel quartet sang "Consolation" in a very impressive manner, and the solemnity of the occasion was rendered the more affecting by the reading of "Thanatopsis" by Miss Bertha Kay. The clos ing numbers on the programme were: In-strumental music by the orchestra, "Ave Maria" by Mrs. Hallie Parrish-Hinges, the singing of the closing ode and the pronouncement of the benediction.

The services were attended by as many people as could be accommodated in the opera-house. The memorial address was one of the most eloquent orations of the kind ever heard in this city.
Dr. Wise said in part:
"So to live as to be worthy of love is

to achieve immortality. What though the lead have ceased to live in our visible presence? They need not cease to be an impelling influence unto the good in our lives, to move us to the better, to urge us

GAMBLER KILLS HIS MAN mit, if to live is to be and to do good, to be worthy of men's regard, to be prized in friendship, to be honored for the possession of graces of mind and heart. In a very real sense the dead continue to be the world's chiefest doers of good, its highest benefactors. How much of the world's good and best is done in their names? To how many noble deeds are men moved in remembrance of the beloved dead? From how much that is evil and unclean do mer withhold their hands because of thought-the tenderly loving thought-of some one who would be pained? Only such of us could answer as have loved and lost. The childless mother goes forth to mother little children in his name or in her name. It is the loved and lost one, the sacred, precious remembrance of whom bids us search out and care for the lost among the children of men. So to live and so to die is not to lose life, but to gain life; not to be remembered among the lost, but to be of those helping others

to find the way of life.
"Must we die tomorrow? We do not think so, though we cannot know. Proofs there are none, but there are hopes and yearnings and intimations. Therefore it is that Emerson finds Wordsworth's ode, Intimations of Immortality,' the best modern essay on the subject. Reason can find no satisfying proofs, but the heart catches the whisper of intimations, soul answereth to soul and sayeth: 'Love, which is the flame of life, shall not be extinguished for-

Impressive Service at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The annual memorial service of Astoria, Lodge, No. 108, B. P. O. Elks, was held this afternoon and attended by an audience that tested the capacity of the large lodgeroom. The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and palms, interspersed with electric lights, the new memorial tablet being ligted up today for the first time. As usual, the service was most solema and impressive, and the music of the highest order. The memorial address was delivered by Hon. John M. Gearin, of Portland, and among the soloists were; Miss Kathleen Lawler and Messrs, J. W. Belcher and Edward P. Drake, Jr., also

Elks' Memorial at The Dalles. THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 7 .- (Special.)-Elaborate memorial services of the local lodge of Elks was held here this afternoon in their large hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The entire auditorium was inclosed with violet and white bunting in semblance of a chapel, and festooned with smilax and ivy, and brilliant with electric lights. The oration was made by Hon. W. R. Ellis, of Pendleton. An eloquent eulogy on the departed members of the order was decity. Mrs. Walter Reed, of Portland, sang "Leid, Kindly Light," and "Absent." The hall was crowded with guests of the order.

EUGENE, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Eugene Lodge of Elks held its annual lodge

of sorrow Sunday evening at its hall, In-stead of inviting the general public, as has sometimes been done, none but members of the order were present. The memoria address was delivered by Dr. D. A. Paine.

Left the Penitentiary. EUGENE, Dec. 7.-(Special.)-Frank S. Ingram, of Albany, who was shot while Tracy and Merrill were making their es-cape from the penitentiary, and who lost his leg as a result, and has since been pardoned by the Governor, has been in Eugene since yesterday noon circulating a petition for aid from the Legislature. a petition for aid from the Legislature. The petition asks for a small appropriation to aid the ex-convict in establishing a small business whereby he may be able to make for himself a living income. It is being quite numerously signed, although most of the signers feel that the petition will have little effect on the Legislature. will have little effect on the Legislature forward to the best. This is a very real form of immortality. Do not the dead live in our remembrance? This is living, I subof prominence in that city.