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DURANT GETS NERVOUS

Formally Charged With Murder Today.

THE CHAIN IS LENGTHENING

His Name Stricken from the College Rolls—Generally Believed to Be Guilty.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—W. H. T. Durant, suspected of the murder of Blanch Lamont and Marian Williams, has lost his former calmness of demeanor. He is excited and nervous, and whether innocent or guilty realizes his serious predicament. He was today formally charged with the murder of Marian Williams. He was served with a warrant from the police court sworn to by Detective Anthony, who arrested him at Mount Diablo yesterday. His name today was stricken from the roll of students at the Cooper medical college. The police have discovered no new developments since last night.

The report was current this morning that Durant had confessed, and that a third body had been found in the church. The police say there is not the least truth in either rumor.

Chief Crowley is satisfied that Durant is the man who outraged and murdered Blanch Lamont and Marian Williams. That Blanch was murdered and afterwards carried to the belfry is evident because the thick dust in the belfry shows only a man's footprints, and no evidence of a struggle. It is urged in Durant's behalf that a man so small and slight as he could not alone have carried the body up the winding stairs of the belfry. He is only five feet seven inches tall, and not robust looking. The shavings and wood which had evidently lain on the floor since the church was built had not been disturbed in the belfry. The murderer had placed a block of wood under the victim's head and also under each heel.

Stories of Durant's Jekyll and Hyde character are coming out. In Emanuel church he was noted for his religious fervor. Other residents of the mission district say he was a frequenter of saloons, and played cards and billiards in the wine rooms, nightly visiting with other youths, saloons with side entrances for women. His classmates at the medical college say Durant was blasphemous and flippant in conversation, and especially about women. A few days after Blanch Lamont disappeared, Durant spoke lightly of her reputation.

It was rumored that members were organizing to burn down the desecrated church, and police were sent to guard the edifice. No attempt was made to carry out the threats.

Durant when seen in his cell this morning, said that he had been advised to make no further public statement until the preliminary examination. "I am innocent of the death of the girls" he said, "and hope to be able to prove that fact." When he was told of the marked similarity between his writing and the address on the package containing Blanch Lamont's rings, Durant said: "The writing may be similar, but I state most solemnly that I know nothing of the person who sent the rings to Mrs. Noble." On being questioned he admitted he had charge of the Sunday school library, and the catalogue had been written by him.

When Durant's admission as to the writing was followed by the information that the police had used portions of the catalogue for the purpose of connecting him with the warning of the address mentioned. Durant qualified his admission with the nervous statement: "I only wrote part of the catalogue. Four other persons were engaged in that work."

When pressed to give the names he took refuge in silence. At the close of the interview his nervousness was very apparent. His lower lip trembled visibly, and during the entire talk he continued interlocking his fingers in a way that indicated extreme agitation. Still, on the whole, the prisoner displayed marvelous nerve and self-control.

The police are fully satisfied that the evidence now in hand fixes the responsibility for the crimes upon Durant, but they will withhold a formal filing of the charge of murder until after the inquest has been held. It is said however, at police headquarters that it is by no means certain as yet that Durant did not have an accomplice.

News of a disquieting nature reached police headquarters about 11 o'clock last night, and it was feared that an attempt might be made to break into the central station and take Durant from the authorities. Crowds gathered around the bulletin boards, and talked of lynching him, and it was thought that an attack might be made on the prison. Officers were stationed around the entrance to the prison and the heavy barred doors, that have never been used before, were examined by a locksmith to see that they were firm and in condition to resist attack. Every point of possible attack was carefully examined, and the officers of the prison felt more assured when informed that no weak point had been found. At midnight several officers were detailed to keep a sharp lookout along the streets leading to the station, in order that no mob could approach without the officers on duty being warned.

There is one clew in the case which the detectives have overlooked. On the left side of Durant's chin two small pieces of skin are torn off. The scars were quite red this morning. When questioned Durant promptly explained that he got them while out riding yesterday. The police surgeon, however, after examining the wounds with a view to determining when they were inflicted, said three days ago. This would coincide with the murder of Marian Williams Friday night, and as the scars look like nail scratches, it is not improbable they were made by Marian in her struggles with the murderer.

Durant last night made several statements which investigation has proved incorrect. He said that on Friday night he left home at 8 o'clock, and after taking a short ride on the cars, went to Dr. Vogel's house, arriving there at 8:30 o'clock. The fact is that Durant did not arrive at Vogel's till almost 10 o'clock, and then his appearance betokened a struggle. His hair was disordered, his linen crumpled, his face in a perspiration. He asked to rearrange his toilet.

This morning Durant refused to talk for publication, but conversed with friends who called, to each proclaiming his innocence. Even among his fellow church members his guilt is believed.

Nicaragua Replies.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—It is reliably stated that Nicaragua has replied to Great Britain's ultimatum. It is in the nature of a counter proposal, and not a direct acceptance or rejection of British demands, and as such it is not yet known whether Great Britain will accept it as a response to the ultimatum which made three demands:

First—Money indemnity of £15,500 sterling for alleged personal injuries to British subjects, including the British consul, Hatch.

Second—The revocation of the declaration of banishment against British subjects.

Third—The formation of a commission to decide by arbitration the damages done to property of British subjects expelled from Nicaragua. The ultimatum contained no limit of time, but in a subsequent note, Earl Kimberley stated an answer to the ultimatum would be expected within seven weeks from February 26. The seven weeks are up tomorrow.

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The reply to the second demand is that Nicaragua, even before receiving the British communication, had revoked the decrees of banishment. To the first and third demands the answer is that in order to preserve friendly relations with her majesty's government and with the purpose of fairness and justice, Nicaragua proposes that all questions of payment for personal injury, injury to property, etc., be referred to an impartial commission of arbitration.

The foregoing is regarded as a most diplomatic answer, as it concedes Nicaragua's willingness to adjust the differences, and yet courteously suggests that the £15,500 demanded as ex parte estimates and the whole question of the amount should be left to arbitration.

Great Britain's answer to the counter proposition is awaited with interest, but Nicaragua's reply is so pacific in character that it is believed the subject has ceased to have a warlike aspect, and that diplomacy will adjust the remaining details.

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