

SPANOS CONFESSES TO KILLING GREEK

SAID HE AND FRANK PARKER LURED DEDASKALOUS TO SCENE OF CRIME

FULL DETAILS OF COLD BLOODED CRIME SET FORTH IN STATEMENT

DEATH CAME TO GREEK SUDDENLY

Spanos Tells All to Officers and Later Signs Statement Covering All Particulars of Crime—Insists That He Was Forced to Help Frank Parker in Disposal of Body—States That He Did Not Know Parker's Intentions Until the Fatal Blow Had Been Struck—Says Parker Told Him to Throw the Blame on Bert Cummings, and Declares That Cummings is Entirely Innocent of the Crime.

JACKSONVILLE, Oregon, Oct. 16, 1912.—"I, Mike Spanos, of my own free will and entirely at my own suggestion and sollicitation and after having been warned by the prosecuting attorney that the statement I am about to make, will, if seen fit, be used against me, say that on the 22nd of September at the Iowa Lumber Company's box factory in Medford near the hour of 11 o'clock p. m. I was present and saw George Dedaskalous killed. The killing was done in the following manner:

"George Dedaskalous, Frank Parker and myself went to this place to meet a girl that Parker had promised to bring there. The girl did not come. Just before going to the box factory Parker told George he ought to get a watermelon for the girl and the rest of us. Parker and I stood near the depot until George got the melon. Then George and I went to the box factory while Parker went after the girl. Parker came back in a few moments without the girl saying that she would be there in a few minutes. He said: 'Let's cut the watermelon.' George had my knife which he had borrowed of me at the Greek pool hall about 8:30 p. m. He handed it to me to cut the melon. But Parker insisted that George cut it for 'he is an old hand at it.' I then handed the knife back to George and George bent over to cut the melon. Then Parker hit George in the back of the head with a piece of pipe wrapped with tape. He hit him three or four times. Then Parker told me to take him inside. Parker had a gun in one hand and the pipe in the other as he said: 'If you don't take him inside I'll do you the same way.' So I dragged George inside with Parker's help. After we were inside he made me light matches while he cut George's throat. Parker cut his throat with the same knife. Then Parker went through his pockets and then he tore open his clothes and got the belt while I lit matches from a box he handed me. Then Parker got the belt. I do not know what he got from it. That \$5 bill I had Parker gave me to shut up and say nothing. He told me if I ever said anything I would not live over 24 hours as he had friends outside looking out for him.

"The watch found near Cummings' shelf was put there by Parker. He told me I must say Bert Cummings put it there if it was found. Bert Cummings is innocent.

"The purse is the one that Parker took the \$5 bill out of. He told me to say that Bert Cummings threw it away.

"Parker and I went to a hydrant near an old stable and washed our hands after the killing. We also washed our shoes, Parker insisting on it.

"Parker told me he was going to lay low awhile and then beat it. Parker had his pocket full of something and I heard the money rattling in his pocket. He also gave me two dollars in silver and I gave 50 cents of it to my wife and told her I won it that night.

"When I was on the stand testifying at Bert Cummings' hearing Parker stood near the front door and shook his fist at me when I was testifying about the watch. He also gritted his teeth at me when I did not say that I had seen Bert place the watch on the shelf.

"The pipe was hanging to Parker's wrist while he searched George." To the above statement in the presence of B. F. Mulkey, W. A. Jones and Louis Eaton after the same was read to me I affix my signature.

(Signed) MIKE SPANOS.
WITNESSES: B. F. Mulkey, W. A. Jones, Louis Eaton.

When Parker Struck First Blow No Sound Was Made by Injured Man Spanos Says Parker Held Gun on Him and Forced Him to Help—Tells How They Lured George About City Seeking Quiet Spot.

Mike Spanos has confessed that he was present at the murder of George Dedaskalous, a Greek, at the box factory in this city Sunday evening, September 22. He implicates Frank Parker, yardman at a local hotel, whom he says did the actual killing. Spanos made his confession to Sheriff Jones after sending for him. Later he repented his story to District Attorney Mulkey, Sheriff Jones and L. Eaton. His statement was put in writing signed and acknowledged by Spanos. Parker was arrested early Thursday morning and lodged in the county jail.

Although he has told the story of the crime in all of its particulars, even visiting the scene of the crime with the officers and there vividly describing the various steps in the killing, Spanos maintains that he did not know that Parker planned to take the man's life until after the first blow was struck and Dedaskalous had fallen forward on his face unconscious. Spanos then declares that Parker drew a gun and forced him to drag the body under the box factory, where Parker cut the man's throat and threw the knife away, afterwards robbing the body. Spanos states that he obtained only \$7. Parker pocketing the rest with the admonishment for Spanos to "keep his mouth shut."

Confession Voluntary
Spanos' confession follows his confinement in the county jail during the past three weeks. He has been alone in the upper tier of cells where he has had great opportunity to think about his crime. He has begged to be placed in the cells on the first

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SCENE AT BECKER TRIAL WHEN IMPORTANT WITNESSES TESTIFIED



"DAGO FRANK" CHARLES BECKER

ARREST AUTHORS OF SCURRILOUS ATTACK ON T. R.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 17.—Thomas J. Burns, socialist writer, and seven other prominent socialists were today indicted by the county grand jury for issuing an alleged scurrilous circular directed against Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Congressman Longworth, on the occasion of Roosevelt's last visit here. The announcement of the indictments, which were secret, was made today.

The federal grand jury is reported to be considering the return of like indictments.

Acting presumably as the result of the attempted assassination of Colonel Roosevelt, and the alleged action of a number of socialists in snickering and laughing when the shooting was announced at a socialist meeting here Monday night, the



MORRIS LUBAN, NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The state rested its case at 4:25 o'clock this afternoon in the trial of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, accused of the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

grand jury indicted the socialists. The circular which referred to Roosevelt as the executive who "attempted to murder Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone" and to Congressman Nicholas Longworth as a "bawdy house keeper" was spread broadcast upon the occasion of Roosevelt's visit to Portland last month. The most glaring charge made by the circular was "you sold Princess Alice," referring to Colonel Roosevelt to that bawdy house keeper, Nicholas Longworth." It also referred to an article in a New York paper which accused Roosevelt of stealing \$40,000,000 in money appropriated for the Panama Canal.

DIAZ'S NEPHEW RAISES STANDARD OF REBELLION

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 17.—A bombardment of Vera Cruz, which is held by rebels under Felix Diaz, was ordered today by the Madero government. Commodore Azuela, in charge of the gunboats, was directed to open fire at discretion.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 17.—Dispatches received here today from Vera Cruz, where General Felix Diaz nephew of Porfirio Diaz, deposed president of Mexico has raised the banner of rebellion, attributed to the leader the statement that he started the revolution at the request of the "best element" of the army. After entering Vera Cruz with 500 men Diaz seized the arsenal and garrison there, which comprised 500 of the 21st infantry and one battery of six guns. Revolutionists were then placed in charge of the gunboats Bravo and Tampico which were lying in the harbor.

General Engenillos, commander of the troops in the state of Yucatan, is reported to favor Diaz, and it is feared here that he will join the new rebellion.

Congress is today considering the demand that members of President Madero's cabinet resign. The ministers involved are charged with having secured millions of dollars through grafting methods.

STRIKERS INTENDED TO MURDER ALL SCABS

SALEM, Mass., Oct. 17.—Testimony that he overheard Arturo Giovannitti, co-defendant with Joseph Ettor and Antonio Caruso on the charge of murdering Anna Lopizza, a woman striker, tell Policeman Gallagher that the strikers intended to break the heads of all "scabs" was given by Policeman Barry of Lawrence at the trial of the accused labor leaders, here today. Gallagher corroborated Barry's testimony.

ROOSEVELT OUT OF ALL DANGER SAY SURGEONS

All Nervousness Has Disappeared—Only Teddy's Desire to Carry Bullet as Souvenir Will Cause Operation to Be Performed.

Thousands of Telegrams of Sympathy Pour in and Hundreds of Bouquets Arrive Daily.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—A man whose name is not given telephoned to progressive national headquarters here today that he was prepared to furnish Colonel Roosevelt with the tenderloin steak of a bull moose recently shot. Roosevelt smacked his lips when informed of the offer, grinned and asked the doctors: "How about it?" They said he might have it. "I want it cooked in hunting style," the colonel ordered. "with salt pork. Give me some flapjacks, baking powder biscuits, coffee and condensed milk with it."

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon the physicians in attendance upon Colonel Theodore Roosevelt at Mercy hospital issued the following bulletin: "Pulse, temperature and respiration of Colonel Roosevelt have reached the normal stage. The blood count has dropped to normal and his breathing is much easier."

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The following bulletin concerning Colonel Roosevelt was issued at 9 this morning: "At this hour Colonel Roosevelt's pulse is 73, his temperature 98.3 and his respiration 18. The wound has been examined and looks well. There is some oozing, but the lungs are in good condition. The patient's general condition is splendid. The case is progressing nicely and unless some unforeseen complication occurs the bullet will not be removed at present."

The colonel laughed and joked this morning with Mrs. Roosevelt, the surgeons and his nurses. "I feel bully and fine," he declared. "I have just had a good sleep and feel that I could start for Oyster Bay today if the doctors would let me."

The physicians then advised the colonel that even if the case progressed in the most favorable way there would be no chance of him leaving Chicago until after Sunday. The colonel acquiesced in this plan. Dr. William Evans, former health commissioner of Chicago, was called into consultation today. Later he said: "Colonel Roosevelt's wound is in a region filled with important organs. The bullet headed straight for the blood vessel coming from the heart. If it had not been nearly spent before it struck him, he would have

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NEW YORK HERALD POLL SHOWS WILSON HAS BIG LEAD

In the New York Herald national poll published Sunday, Oct. 13, Wilson is first, Roosevelt second, Taft third. At the opening of the third week before election the three rivals for the presidency still appear to be strength perceptibly. In Iowa he still pondering, still the unknown quantity that will decide the result. In some sections evidences are not wanting that the "on-the-fence" element is slowly dismounting and taking a definite position, but the top rail holds hundreds of thousands of riders. This great, sphinx-like vote leads politicians to declaim with fervor that the election this year will be any man's battle right up to the opening of the polls.

Taft Sentiment Shows Good Gains
The most notable development of the last week as indicated by the national political canvass has been the strengthening of the Taft forces in some sections. In Ohio, Taft's home state, the president increased his gains somewhat; in Pennsylvania he apparently continued to draw from the Roosevelt camp; while in New York there were evidences of a swinging back of voters from the new party into the old republican line. It bears out to a certain extent the assertions of the Taft managers that the present prosperity will become more and more of a campaign asset for Taft, and that many a voter, who now is undecided eventually will give ear to the "let well enough alone" argument.

Notwithstanding his apparent ac-

cessions of strength, however, Taft appears to be far in the rear of his two rivals. The straw vote indicates that Wilson at this time is so far in the lead that if the election were tomorrow instead of Nov. 5 he would win far more than a majority of the electoral college. Starting with the states of the south which have manifested no tendency to depart from democratic tradition, the results of the test vote in the debatable states indicate that at present Wilson has the upper hand in at least thirty-one states.

These states are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

Wilson—Thirty-one states; total electoral vote of 410. Necessary to elect, 266.
Nine States Doubtful
This list, which is not offered in any sense as a forecast of what will happen November 5, but merely as an idea of how the situation now stands as indicated by the canvass, does not include some states in which the test votes favor Wilson, but where supplemental indications favor some other candidate.
Chief of these states is California, where Wilson is favored both by the

straw votes and by the fact that no Taft electors will be on the ballot, leading many Taft men to declare themselves for Wilson.

Other states in the doubtful column just now are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Rhode Island and Wyoming, some favoring one candidate, some another, but still being the scene of such hard battles that were the election tomorrow it would be any guess as to who would win. This doubtful territory has forty-eight electoral votes.

Six for Roosevelt, Two for Taft
The canvass indicates that at present Roosevelt has the undoubted lead in Illinois, Michigan, North Dakota, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, six states that have sixty-five electoral votes. Utah and Vermont, each with four votes, are for Taft. For the next three weeks the efforts of the Taft and Roosevelt forces will be to demolish the string of states Wilson just now appears to have and to capture enough of the doubtful states to win.

In an ordinary campaign the final three weeks is the critical period, and in the present campaign it is even more the crucial stage. All the leaders are looking for important changes in the situation within the coming week. The silent vote is slowly finding its voice. The kaleidoscope of politics may be sent whirling at any time. Trends of sentiment now in their incipency may develop into vast proportions.

TURKEY BEGINS GENERAL ADVANCE AGAINST SERBIA

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Dispatches received here from Constantinople today say that Turkey formally declared war against Bulgaria and Serbia today. The Turkish war office has ordered a general advance on the Greek frontier, and a Turkish fleet is already sailing toward the Gulf of Sparta.

SOFIA, Oct. 17.—Accompanied by his staff, King Ferdinand left today for the headquarters of the Bulgarian army near the Turkish frontier. The king, it is believed, will issue a formal declaration of war from that position.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 17.—Both the Serbian and Bulgarian ministers were given their passports today and at once departed for their countries.

SOFIA, Oct. 17.—The statement given out here today that war had been declared against Turkey is officially said to be premature. The announcement, it is said, was due to mistake.

LAWSON SAYS \$17,000,000 FUND RAISED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The flat charge that \$17,000,000 was raised by the "Wall Street system" to back the dark horse candidate at the democratic national convention in Baltimore was made by Thomas W. Lawson of Boston this afternoon before the senate campaign contributions investigating committee. When pressed, however Lawson was unable to furnish the names of the contributors.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Testifying before the senate contributions investigating committee here this afternoon, Frank A. Munsey, millionaire newspaper publisher and magazine owner, admitted that he contributed \$118,000 to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's pre-convention campaign. Lawson followed Munsey on the stand. He testified that the Stan-

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VOTERS MUST REGISTER AT ONCE

In order to vote at the general election Nov. 5, you must be registered. Registration closes this week, Saturday, Oct. 19, being the last day. If you have not already registered—do so at once. Registration blanks at Postal Telegraph office or at the Mail Tribune. REGISTER TODAY.