

FRANK SEYMOUR CONFESSES TO MURDER

CORROBORATES SPANOS' CONFESSION SAYS LATTER CUT GREEK'S THROAT

SENDS FOR SHERIFF AND MAKES FULL AND COMPLETE STATEMENT CUMMINGS IS AGAIN ARRESTED

Admits He Struck First Blow After Assisting in Luring Dedaskalous About City for an Hour—Says Spanos Had Club and Continued to Beat Victim's Head After He Was Dead, and Then Not Satisfied, Insisted on Cutting Throat—Says Money Belt Was Empty and That He Only Got \$5 From Pockets—Mike Took the Watch.

JACKSONVILLE, Oregon, October 27, 1912.—I, Frank Seymour, make this statement of my own free will after having been warned that it will be, if seen fit, used against me.

On Sunday night, September 22 at 8 o'clock, I left the Medford hotel and went to the Greek pool room on Fir street and went in. I was with Mike Spanos. When we went in the pool room the man Mike was telling me about was not there. Mike went to one table and Bert Cummings who was with us to another. About five minutes afterwards the Greek, George Dedaskalous came in with a watermelon on his right arm. When he came in Mike spoke to him and then came over to me. We played one game of pool and when we got through with the game Mike left the pool room. In 10 minutes I left and saw Mike at the cigar stand on the corner of Seventh and Fir streets. We walked up to the Ugo theatre. I asked Mike where he was going to take George. He did not know, so we went out to hunt a place and went straight up Main street to Oakdale, near the school house. Mike went down Oakdale to the railroad and I went from that corner across the park and back to where Mike was. From there we went back behind the school house to the wood pile to find a place to take George. We went from the school house one block north, turned east and went two blocks. We were going to take him in by the undertaking parlors of Weeks & McGowan but could not find a place. At Grape street we parted.

I went down Grape street and Mike went after George. I was supposed to meet him on that street somewhere. I went to the laundry on Grape street. I stayed there until I got tired and started up town. I got about one half a block and then met him and George.

George had a bottle of whiskey and we all took a drink and walked down within two blocks of the end of Grape street. Mike told me to go around the block and make George think I went after a girl. I was gone about 10 minutes and came back on Grape street and went down the street meeting Mike and George at the south end of the street. Mike told George I had the girl would be there in about 10 minutes. We waited about a half hour and had another drink of whiskey.

At this place I could not hit George and Mike could not get up courage to hit him, so we left there.

We went north of Grape street about two blocks and then turned east to Front street and down Front street to the rooming house opposite the Medford Grocery company. We went to the back of this house and tried to get George to go down between the store and rooming house but we could not get him in there. I was going to give it up as a bad job. Mike told me that George told him that he had all of his money on him and that he did not want to go in any dark holes as he was afraid that he would lose his money.

We then walked down to Frank Belcher's pool room. I started to leave them and Mike says you live this way, come and we will go home. I thought Mike wanted to take another chance so I went along.

We went from Frank Belcher's pool room straight across to the intersection of Main street and the railroad, then down the railroad to the depot. Mike then asked me for the price of a water melon. He told me that he told George that I did not want him to spend money and that I would pay for the watermelon. Mike told me that George told him that he would go after the melon as I paid for it.

I walked on down the track. Mike came and told me that George was a long time coming and that he (Mike) would go and see what was the matter. I waited for Mike and George at the platform on the south end of the box factory. I stayed there about five minutes when I saw Mike meet George at the depot. He took the watermelon from George and walked on past me down the track.

George stopped and tried to talk to me but I could not understand him but he wanted me to take a drink of whiskey. I took a drink. Mike called to come down where he was but George wanted to go down the pavement on Front street. He finally made up his mind to go where Mike was.

Mike had laid the watermelon down on a board used to run trucks on from the platform to the cars. When George and I got there Mike handed the knife to George and jabbered something to him I could not understand. George started in then to cut the melon. George was on the right and Mike on the left.

When George stooped to cut the melon Mike started to hit George with a cudgel and I was afraid that he would smash in his head, so I jabbed him with my elbow and took out the gas pipe I had and struck George in the back of the head. George fell over the melon. I rolled him over and

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Seymour States That Bert Cummings and Spanos First Planned Crime and Then Took Him into It. But That Cummings Was Not Present When Murder Was Committed.

Evidently realizing that the authorities had built up a full and complete case against him, Frank Seymour, alias Parker, held in the county jail for assisting at the murder of George Dedaskalous in this city September 22, sent for Sheriff Jones Sunday evening and made a full and complete statement regarding the crime after he had been warned by the sheriff that any statement he made would, if seen fit, be used against him.

According to Seymour's confession, which was placed in writing, signed and acknowledged by him, he struck the first blow and felled Dedaskalous, stating that he desired only to stun him. He then stated that Spanos in a murderous frenzy insisted in beating the unfortunate man's brains out and then, not satisfied, cut his throat.

Seymour or Parker, unlike Spanos does not attempt to sidestep the matter, stating frankly that he struck the blow which felled George Dedaskalous.

Planned Week in Advance

Seymour states that the crime was planned a week in advance and that they planned to murder Dedaskalous and get his money on the night of the electric parade in Medford but could not get Dedaskalous away to a secluded spot. He states that Bert Cummings with Spanos first planned the crime and that later they took him in on the job. On this statement Cummings was again taken into custody Monday morning after having been arrested twice before. Seymour states that Cummings was not present at the time when Dedaskalous was murdered but that it was Cummings who first planned the job.

Cummings was placed under arrest today and taken to Jacksonville. It may be that he will be held for complicity in the crime.

Find Spanos' Club

In corroboration of Seymour's testimony Sheriff Jones Monday morning visited the box factory in this city and in a huge pile of sawdust found another tapewrapped, bloodstained gas pipe, which Parker says Spanos buried immediately after the crime. He states that he also had a gas pipe and that it was the one found in the rear of the Seattle rooming house last Monday morning. The finding of this club is strongly corroborative of Seymour's confession in which he does not try to escape full blame. He states that he is ready to stand trial, plead guilty and "take his medicine."

According to Seymour Dedaskalous did not have the money on him when murdered he was supposed to have. Seymour states emphatically that the belt was empty.

Sent For Sheriff

The confession came entirely voluntarily on Seymour's part. On Sunday evening about seven o'clock he called Louis Eaton, the jailor, to him and stated that he wanted to see Sheriff Jones at once on important business. Sheriff Jones was spending the evening with his mother. Mr. Eaton telephoned him and as soon as he reached Jacksonville he went to see Seymour. The prisoner stated that he wished to make a full statement regarding the crime and he did so. His confession was reduced to writing and then signed by Seymour.

A COMMON SCENE ON THE TURKISH FRONTIER DURING PRESENT WAR.



MONTENEGRIN TROOPS READY TO ADVANCE

TURKS CUT OFF THROUGH LOSS OF ESKIBABA

Bulgarian Troops Capture Point Sixty Miles Southeast of Adrianople and Hundred Miles From Constantinople—In Control of Railroad.

Desperate Battle Raging With Fighting Line Nearly Hundred Miles in Length.

SOFIA, Oct. 28.—Official confirmation of the report that Bulgarian troops have captured Eskibaba, sixty miles southeast of Adrianople, was received here today. Eskibaba is but 100 miles distant from Constantinople.

The capture of Eskibaba means that Adrianople is cut off from all communication with Constantinople, the Bulgarians having complete control of the Oriental railroad. The Turkish troops which comprised the garrison at Eskibaba are retreating in the direction of Constantinople.

Official dispatches from the Bulgarian battle line at Adrianople and news dispatches reaching here today from Constantinople both declare that a desperate battle between Turk and Bulgarians is raging over the whole territory between Adrianople and the Black Sea, a fighting line of nearly 100 miles. The struggle, dispatches agree, has been in progress since Wednesday.

Latest accounts from Adrianople here are that the city still holds out, rain having greatly hampered the operations of the besieging Bulgarian forces.

Scutari Captured

ROME, Oct. 28.—Queen Helena of Italy, who is a Montenegrin princess, was today advised positively and unqualifiedly that the Montenegrins have captured Scutari.

VRANJE, Servia, Oct. 28.—Telegrams from the Serbian front today say that a Servian force has occupied Mitrovitz, in the Sanjak of Novi-bazar, the terminus of a railroad running northward from Salonika. This gives the allies a strong strategic point in their campaign against Salonika for the isolation of western Turkey in Europe.

BELGRADE, Oct. 28.—Dispatches here from the Serbian front declare that the allied forces have captured Pristina, Uskub and Istib and plan an attack within a few hours on Salonika, which they are rapidly approaching.

Allies Are Victorious

With a Greek army moving on Salonika from the southwest and the combined Servian and Bulgarian force approaching from the north the second portion of the allies' plan seems near its climax. The capture of Salonika will mean that all of the (Continued on Page 2)

VICE PRESIDENT IS CRITICALLY ILL AT UTICA HOME

UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 28.—James S. Sherman, vice president of the United States, is in a critical condition, and the outcome of his case cannot be forecasted at this time, according to admission made here this afternoon by his physician, Dr. F. H. Peck.

Although the physician denied that he considered Sherman's case hopeless, he made no attempt to minimize the seriousness of the vice president's illness.

Sherman is suffering from a complication of ailments which have caused heart weakness and difficulty in breathing.

Vice President Sherman has been ill since last spring. It was thought, however, until recently that he was recovering.

Sherman suffered a relapse a week ago when he went to the polls and registered. He seemed much better Saturday and was able to walk about the house. He suffered a bad night last night, but showed some improvement this morning. Dr. Peck announced this afternoon the vice president is resting comfortably and that he hoped for further improvement.

PERMIT TEDDY TO SPEAK BUT THIRTY MINUTES

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Oct. 28.—By orders from his physicians, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's speech at Madison Square Garden next Wednesday evening will be limited to thirty minutes. Although the former president is rapidly recovering from the effects of John Scowen's bullet, the doctors fear the tax of his strength, should he speak longer.

Colonel Roosevelt enjoyed another walk out doors today. It was announced that the former president still suffers occasional pains from the wound.

Colonel Roosevelt asked permission today to motor to New York Wednesday, but the doctors denied the request, fearing that the jolting of the automobile would re-open the wound. The colonel then decided to make the trip in a private car.

The former president spent thirty minutes this morning rambling about the grounds at Safamore Hill.

BALLOONS SEEN HEADED FOR RUSSIA

BERLIN, Oct. 28.—Fears that the balloons entered in the international balloon race for the Gordon Bennett cup would be swept over the North Sea were dismissed today when a shift in the wind occurred and the balloons were seen here this afternoon headed for Russia. It is believed that all are still in the air.

The United States is represented by two balloons, John Berry's "million Population" and H. E. Honeywell's "Uncle Sam." Germany, Belgium and Italy each have two, France, Austria and Switzerland each have three and England and Denmark each one.

With the exception of John Watts' "Kansas City II" exploding an hour before the start, the race was begun under favorable conditions.

FRANKLIN CAR WINS ARIZONA CUP RACE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 28.—The Franklin car, driven by Ralph Hamlin today won the Los Angeles to Phoenix race. Hamlin arrived here at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Hamlin's time was 18 hours and 45 minutes.

Hamlin said he experienced little difficulty with the roads and that his car was in condition to turn around and race back to Los Angeles.

Fred Fuller in a National car finished third. His time, which has not yet computed, probably will put him in second place, as he started later than did Soules, in Cadillac No. 3, who came in second.

REGISTERED VOTERS IN JACKSON COUNTY NOW TOTAL 6477

County Clerk Coleman has completed the list of registered voters for Jackson county for the general election November 5. There are 6477 voters on the roll which is 1200 more than were registered in 1910.

The two principle sections of the county are Medford and Ashland. Medford's nine precincts have a total registration of 2403 while the five Ashland precincts have 1208. The county clerk is now preparing a list of voters by precincts.

SUPREME COURT HEARS RAILROAD MERGER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—When the supreme court resumed its session today, considering a number of cases of national importance, no opinions were rendered.

Among the cases to be considered are the "Reading Case" sometimes called "The anthracite coal trust"; the Southern Pacific merger with the Union Pacific; the Patten indictment, and many others.

ALL CANDIDATES CLAIM NEW YORK BY BIG MAJORITIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The worthlessness of political predictions was exemplified here today when the state leaders of the three big parties each claimed New York state for their respective presidential candidates.

The prediction of William Barnes, leader of the Taft forces, caused the most comment. He announced that reports from up the state indicated that President Taft would carry the state by 50,000.

Chairman Palmer of the democratic state committee was even more optimistic. He predicted that Governor Wilson's plurality would exceed 100,000.

Chairman Hotchkiss of the progressive force took exception to Palmer's prediction, claiming that Col. Theodore Roosevelt would carry the state with at least 50,000 votes to spare.

The silent vote in New York this year, it is believed will be enormous and it is generally expected that the result will be in doubt up to the last minute.

AUSTRIA TO GRAB NOVIPAZAR; CZAR AFTER ROUMANIA

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The great European war which has been feared ever since the Balkan allies attacked the Turks today is believed here to be an imminent danger.

Austria this evening threatens to invade Novipazar and Russia's heavy concentration of troops on her southern frontier is believed to indicate that the Czar plans to grab Roumania.

It is rumored that the British war and navy departments are preparing to mobilize.

The European markets are very uneasy.

INFURIATED YOUTH KILLS ENTIRE FAMILY

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Oct. 28.—Infuriated because his wife's parents gave their daughter refuge at their farm house near Alvin Roehr, aged 23, it was learned today, shot and killed Philip Ott, aged forty-five years, the latter's wife and Fred Haut, aged eighty-three years, Mrs. Ott's father, last night. Then Roehr went into the woods and hanged himself. His body was found today.

Roehr and his wife separated recently.

TURKS SLAUGHTER THEIR OWN TROOPS THROUGH MISTAKE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 28.—Admission that one-tenth of one entire Turkish army corps was killed at Kirk Kiliseh through the clash between two Turkish detachments as the result of a mistake, was made here by Turkish officials this afternoon.

The same officials, however, insisted that the Turks had recaptured Kirk Kiliseh.

WARSHIP SENT TO SCENE OF WAR

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28.—Hurried preparations are being made at the League Island navy yard today for the immediate sailing of the cruiser Baltimore. Sealed orders from Washington direct the vessel to take a full supply of coal, ammunition and provisions.

It is understood the Baltimore will sail for Turkish war waters tomorrow to protect American interests. This report as yet is unconfirmed.