



C. R. Worrall Makes Confession

Story of Attempt to Kidnap Arthur Beals and Children Laid Bare

On Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 P. M., C. R. Worrall made a complete confession of the part which he had to play in the attempt to kidnap A. G. Beals and children.

The plan indeed was a most deplorable one and involved he and White who pleaded guilty previously and had been sentenced.

According to the evidence in the case it appears that White was anxious to secure the Beals' children to whom he was the father, and whom Mr. and Mrs. Beals had adopted.

Taking the previous history of the case into consideration we doubt very much White's sincerity.

Mr. and Mrs. Beals have had the children about three years. They were legally adopted when first taken, but under certain restrictions which White demanded which became obnoxious to Mr. and Mrs. Beals through the unfairness of White. Finally Mr. Beals secured an unrestricted possession of the children from White for \$250. This simply shows that White was pestering the Beals family for nothing more or less than what money he could get out of them. If he had sincerely wanted the children he would not have parted with them for any price. He should have been thankful that the motherless little ones had such a splendid home where they would not only receive all the comforts of life but a splendid training.

White, with a fellow by the name of Davis who was later sent to the penitentiary for burning a barn on the Klitchie, planned to kidnap Mr. Beals about 15 months ago. Davis, however, got cold feet and confessed the plan to Mr. Beals, which was to the effect that Davis was to get Arthur into the woods on the pretense of selling him some timber land and White was to pounce down upon them and kill him. Davis is offered to testify to this but for the sake of the children Mr. Beals kept the matter quiet, and the Beals family have been carrying this burden ever since, not knowing when White would make an attack, all of which shows the tenderness and love which they have for the little ones in their keeping.

Plan to Employ Detectives.
White and Worrall must have first contacted the plot, for White gave Worrall \$50 and he went to Portland, who placed an advertisement in the Oregonian stating that he wanted some one to do detective work for about three weeks.

Several parties, we are informed, answered it, and Worrall employed a man by the name of L. A. Carpenter and his partner. They came to Tillamook and registered at the Ramsey House, remaining here several days, Carpenter making his headquarters with Worrall. Carpenter gave out the word that he was going to start a stage line.

The detectives came here and looked over the case, with White and Worrall and remained with them long enough to secure the inner workings and went so far as to help White arrange for a camping outfit to take into the woods where Mr. Beals and the children were to be taken, after which they left for Portland. In the meantime, however, Sheriff Crenshaw had got wind of the matter and had spotted the detectives and was doing his best to ferret it out, but was working considerably in the dark until Mr. Beals secured a letter from one of the detectives from Portland warning him of the danger he was in.

Following is the first letter which Mr. Beals received from the detective
Tillamook, Ore., Feb. 17, 1915

Dear Sir—Your life is in danger. You are marked to be shot on sight. Carry a gun on you and be careful that you don't make any trips to other towns alone in the night and look out near your house at night. I am a detective who knows your enemy's. There are two of them, whom you know. I will write from Portland to you or phone you soon. Be careful that's all and don't tell no one about this, as it will spoil my plans. Don't say a word about this to your attorney, wife, your brother, or the sheriff, as you are watched, believe me this ain't from a crank and I'll show you who your man is in time, so be cool

and keep it quiet and I'll tell you all else I can not tell you who your man is and his accomplice.

Keep this as reference and when I call you up or write I must see you. I cannot show myself now as time is short and I am watched.

I want you to be still that's all.
Yours very respectfully
L. A. Carpenter.

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 18-15

Mr. Arthur Beals,

Dear Sir—No doubt you have received my first letter by the time you receive this one. Mr. Beals, I don't wish to frighten you or make you think that I am trying to extort money from you by my letters to you this is genuine, take my warning as I gave it to you and don't say a word about it to any one as you will never know who your enemies are. I am working on the case and I'll let you know what I'm doing from time to time, but this must be cleared up immediately, as my evidence will be no use later, as they are bent on taking your life sooner or later and they must be captured. I am a detective with 1st class reference and I will meet you personally just as soon as I get back from Seattle, where I am going, on a hurry up trip. Don't be alarmed. Watch yourself and don't stay out after dark because they will strike after dark only. I signed my right name and if you will go to the Ramsey Hotel and look on the page that is dated Feb. 12th you will see my name J. A. Higeman and my business was that I was looking for an auto business or was going to open a stage line up. Now don't ask the clerk or Mr. Barnes about the names or don't let them see you looking at it, and don't ask questions. I'll phone you when I want you and I'll either meet you at the Police station here or at the Oregon Hotel, or I may come to Tillamook again, if the coast is clear. Keep this quiet. If you want me to tell you who they are and produce evidence, accomplices and swear to it before a notary and to be taken down in short hand.

Will be back here in one week or to days, wait

Yours very respectfully,
L. A. Carpenter.

Address me at 60, 2nd St. Portland or Seattle. General delivery.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20, 1915.
Mr. Arthur Beals, Tillamook, Ore.

My Dear Mr. Beals—I will arrive in Portland Feb. 21st about midnight, must see you and Fred, your brother, the mayor, the 22nd. I will phone you from Portland. The reason that I want to see your brother is that I must have protection, as I am going to use the detectograph. I must have a short hand stenographer that is game to go into the woods and take dictation. My partner is going to stay at Seattle and I will go back to Tillamook with you and get evidence to convict. I will explain all in phone message. Don't tell your brother yet, until I say so, this must be quiet absolutely in order to go ahead. Hoping for your trust soon,

Yours respectfully,
L. A. Carpenter, Detective.

Don't answer.

Carpenter "Coughs Up."

The letters convinced the sheriff that Carpenter and his partner were the two men he had tagged about the city and went to Bay City, for when Carpenter returned to the county the Sheriff and Mr. Beals met him at Mohler and the sheriff immediately recognized him. Carpenter asked Crenshaw if he was the sheriff of the county and shook hands with him. Beals was introduced to Carpenter, and all three went into the depot, where Carpenter "coughed up" the plot he had entered into with White and Worrall. They returned to this city and commenced working on the case.

More Provisions Wanted.

Wednesday night of last week the Sheriff and Carpenter went to Bay City, the latter going to White's cabin and had a talk with him, the sheriff overheard the conversation. They talked about more provisions, as the supplies were running short. While there Carpenter made arrangements to meet Worrall in his bed room on Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

To Be Kidnapped On Way Home.

Worrall, White and Carpenter met as agreed, and the sheriff was secreted so as to hear the entire conversation. It was planned to kidnap Beals on his way home and take him back

into the woods near the ranch to an old cabin, where he was to be forced to copy and sign a letter that had been dictated by Carpenter and written by Worrall.

It is plainly seen that in reading the letters to Beals and this that Carpenter was the man who dictated it, and he was still participating in the plot.

The Letter.

This is the letter that was to be placed under the door so that Mrs. Beals would receive it after Mr. Beals had been kidnaped.

"Do not be surprised at getting this letter, and whatever you do keep quiet about it. I have had to own up to all the tricks I had to do to get those White children. Mr. White and his assistants have nabbed me. The gang means business. White don't know of this. They may kill me if they don't get what they want. They want the White children quick. You better see White quick and give up the children or I will never get out of this alive, and we can't afford the disgrace of all I did. The truth is all brought to light. I think that lawyer has done some business for White in looking up an estate for White and you better see Worrall and show him this letter and Worrall will help you do what is best. Keep still, for God's sake and my life. You are being watched every moment. So don't go to any officer to try to catch these fellows, for the word will come to them at once and I will be tortured or killed. We must get out of this the best we can. Get the money on this check and follow directions as follows: Take the money with you out to the fair grounds until you meet a man that will meet you and say "I am the man" Give it to him. You will not be hurt. He will meet you just across from the fair gate about 7 o'clock. Don't take any body with you. If you think Worrall is all right, you might ask him to go with you out to meet the man. As soon as they get the children and the money they will let me loose and I will come home and we will just keep still and we can talk this all over and do what we think best to do."

This letter was to contain a blank check on the Tillamook County Bank, and Beals was to make it out for \$800, and Mrs. Beals was to do as planned in the letter, and another letter was to have been slipped under Worrall's door, stating that they had kidnaped Beals who had put up quite a fight.

Worrall Refuses to Take Money.

Saturday morning, Mrs. Beals went to Worrall's office with the money, but he refused to take it. They conversed together for one hour and ten minutes, it being planned to arrest Mr. Worrall with the money on him, and Carpenter was to rush in before this was done and demand part of the money. This part of the story is better told in Worrall's confession. He was immediately arrested by the sheriff and locked up in the county jail. White was also arrested on Saturday at his cabin at Bay City the same day. He had nearly \$500.00 in \$10.00 gold pieces hid in his wood shed, and amongst other things found there were two stamped envelopes addressed to Worrall.

White Pleads Guilty.

On Monday evening White and Worrall were arraigned the former indicted on two counts—one for attempted kidnapping and the other for threatening to kill A. G. Beals. Worrall was indicted for attempted kidnapping. White pleaded guilty to both crimes and Judge Belt immediately sentenced him to 1 to 25 years in the state penitentiary on the first count, but the next morning changed this to 1 to 12 1/2 years as the indictment only charged attempt kidnapping. On the indictment of threatening to kill White was sentenced to 1 to 5 years, to take effect following the completion of the first sentence.

Worrall asked time to plead, and Tuesday evening Judge Belt gave him until the next morning to do so.

Worrall is Sentenced.

He pleaded not guilty Wednesday morning and the judge set the case for trial for Monday. During the day it was decided to change the plea to that of guilty, upon the understanding that Worrall would tell the court the whole facts of the case, which he did. There was profound silence in the court room, Worrall keenly feeling the disgrace he had brought upon himself. Had it been a

murder case nothing could have been more solemn as the court passed an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 12 1/2 years in the penitentiary on the prisoner, who collapsed as he heard his doom, which was in marked contrast to that of White, who received his own sentence as though he did not care a whoop.

Mr. Worrall, unfortunately I am in a poor physical and mental condition, I thought I would be stronger, but on account of a lapse of consciousness this afternoon for a few minutes it has rendered me worse than ordinary.

First, I don't recollect the exact date, but some six or nine months ago sometime, Mr. White came to me to consult me as his attorney about some matters, at which time he gave me five dollars, as retainer fee. It was in regard to getting some money he claimed was due him here. East some where I wrote a couple of letters and received no reply, with I did I get the letters back. After that, I don't know the exact time, but possibly it was in a few weeks, he came to the office and talked about his children and their adoption by Mr. Arthur Beals, two children, twins I believe, a boy and a girl. He wanted me to look up the adoption papers and see if they were legal stating at the time, without going into details, that he wanted to get possession of the children or wanted the children back, I believe was his language. I told him I would look into the matter for him which I afterwards did, and advised him on his return to the office afterwards that as far as I could see, the papers were legal, and I didn't see any chance through a law suit to obtain possession of the children. I think that was all that was said at that time, except he possibly said something about "going to have them children," he talked about them constantly, and shortly after that, I don't remember how long, he came to the office one day and said he wanted to see me privately, and wanted to know if he could trust me, and I told him to go ahead and talk, that what was said in the office was considered private always. He said in that conversation, it was a mania with him, he thought of nothing else, and dreamt of nothing else but getting possession of those children, that he was going to have them. He had the plan all planned out as he worked on the section through the day he thought of them, and as he slept alone in his little home at night, I talked with him and told him they had a good home, and he said that he had no objection to Mrs. Beals, but he did object to Arthur Beals, without going into details he told me why he didn't want Arthur Beals to have them, he claimed that there had been fraud perpetrated on him and one thing another. Well, I don't know he came up to see me several times. We talked back and forth, and he told me all his plans. Told me what they were. He was going to get the children. Said he had watched them, and the residence, and had an opportunity on one occasion to "grab" one of them, as he said, but wanted them both. Well, gradually one thing led to another, and we talked back and forth for about a month. On one occasion he came up, he had a perfect mania for getting them. Said he was going to get them, no matter what stood in the way. I reasoned with him, and told him he better go back home, that Mrs. Beals would take care of them. He went away, and came back again, I don't know how long afterwards, in a week or so. And said he was going to get somebody else to help him get the children. I think at one time he wanted Arthur Beals or somebody to buy his home at Bay City so he would have enough to get out of the country—he said he didn't have much money. I don't know as he ever told me how much, think possibly several hundred dollars was all the money he had, and then he developed to me his whole plan of how he wanted to get the children, and that plan as developed, is the plan attempted to be carried out. I don't know why, I have got no excuse to make for it, only possibly my weakened condition mentally. I allowed myself to be drifted along. It couldn't have been the money proposition, because all the money he ever gave me was \$55 or \$60 to cover two trips to Portland I made for him trying to locate somebody to help him get the children. I told him I wouldn't be a party to it, that is taking an active part,—and the last time I went up there was an ad put in the paper. The first time, I had a conference with several people I ran across there through agencies, that might come down and assist him in his plan to get the children. A gentleman by the name of Carpenter I think, if I remember right, answered the ad. In the paper amongst a number of others. I talked with Carpenter and told him I didn't know all the details of the plan, but there was a man down here, I don't think I said what his name was, I don't know him but a man down here wanted to employ a couple of men to assist him. Carpenter agreed to accept the employment. He came to Tillamook with me. Met White here, in town, up at my office if I remember, and we talked the matter over. The first part of the talk I introduced him to White,—said "Mr. White this is Mr. Carpenter," one of the men who wants to talk, to you

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Notice

All citizens are hereby notified that they must keep their chickens at home or be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

N. J. Myers, Marshal.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN

A very unique surprise party was given last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Ruby McGhee of this city, in which a number of musicians constituting a 14 piece orchestra was the most important feature.

The evening was given entirely to music by the orchestra, violin and piano duets and vocal selections, after which refreshments were served.

Those present were the Misses Ethel Gaylord, Arcta Everson, Nellie Conrad, Lillian Guest, Ruby McGhee, Mrs. T. R. Monk, Mrs. Guest and Mrs. McGhee, Messrs Ray Wolf, Frank Rhoads, Chester McGhee, Dr. Monk, Max Doerge, Wilbur Broughton, Albert Binbee, Lee Doty, Kenneth Murphy, Thos. Coates Jr. and W. H. Guest.

Call for Bids

Bids will be received by Jay Baker at Hemlock for hauling 1915 cheese and supplies. Bids will be open March 16th at 9 o'clock a. m.