“BECKER OF SOUTH” LANFORD IS BRANDED BY COL. TOM FELDER

System of Corruption as Poisonous as That of the Mafia Exists in Atlanta, According to Statement Made by Attorney Accused of Trying to Bribe Secretary G. C. February to Steal Affidavit in the Phagan Case—Says Detectives Are Trying to Shield Murderer of Girl.

COLONEL FELDER IS MAKING HIMSELF LAUGHING STOCK, SAYS LANFORD; HINTS AT NEW BRIBERY CHARGES

A. S. Colyar, Leading Figure in Bribe Charges, Is Placed Under Arrest on Warrant From Knoxville, But Is Released on Bond—Connelly, Negro Employee of the National Pencil Factory, Tells Officers He Wrote Notes at Dictation of Frank—Police Believe These Were the Ones Found by the Body of Mary Phagan.

Branding Detective Chief Newport Lanford as the “lieutenant Becker” of the south, and charging that there exists in the Atlanta police department a “system” of corruption that is as poisonous as the deadly society of Mafia, Colonel Thomas B. Felder has issued counter charges to those of attempted bribery made against him Friday afternoon.

He declares that every bit of his sensational accusations can be supported by substantial evidence. He even asserts that the charges against him were made in an effort to shield and protect the murderer of Mary Phagan, whom the detective department is alleged to be assisting by the destruction of damaging evidence and by procuring witnesses.

First, and the most important of Saturday developments, was the indictment by the grand jury of Leo M. Frank, the suspected factory superintendent. The true bill was returned before noon. He will now be tried before Fulton superior court on the direct charge of Mary Phagan’s murder.

Second, in the confession of James Connelly, a negro employee in the pencil factory, who declares that he wrote, at the dictation of Frank, notes which the detectives believe to be the ones found by the body of Mary Phagan. After making complete acknowledgement to Detectives John Black and Harry Scott, he made an affidavit supporting the confession.

COFLYAR, PLACED UNDER ARREST ON KNOXVILLE CHARGE; GIVES BOND

The arrest of A. S. Colyar, Jr., the adventurer, who is said to have engineered the dictagraph trap, was a third most important development. He was taken into custody early in the afternoon on receipt of a telegram from the Knoxville, Tn., police, who want him on forgery charges. He was later released on $1,000 bond.

A dictagraph report has been made public of a conversation between Edward D. Miles, Secretary February and Colyar with Mayor James G. Woodward, in which the chief executive is charged with having sought evidence with which he could impeach Chief Lanford and Beavers. He makes strong denial of the report, saying he is a victim of conspiracy, and says the report was either faked or “padded.”

Chief Beavers, in a ringing statement, declared to a reporter for The Constitution that underhand forces were working secretly to remove him from office, and that a giant conspiracy was on foot to oust him by crookedness and treachery. He said, further, that he would assist the grand jury in any manner to prosecute those charged with the bribery attempts.

Harry Scott, assistant superintendent of the Atlanta Pinkerton branch, admitted to a Constitution reporter last night that his organization is in the employ of Frank’s defense, and that reports of his daily progress are submitted to Luther Z. Rosser, counsel for the suspected superintendent.

Scott Makes Explanation.

He said, however, that he was retained for the apprehension of Mary

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