WHILE HUNT CONTINUES FOR SLAYER OF MARY PHAGAN
MARIETTA MOURNS AS BODY IS LOWERED INTO GRAVE

FACTORY CLOCK NOT PUNCHED FOR HOURS ON NIGHT OF MURDER

Newt Lee, Negro Watchman, Had a Record for Punctuality in Registering Time Until Night of the Killing—Bloody Shirt Found in His Home by Detectives, but Negro Asserts That He Had Not Seen It for Two Years—Blood Was Fresh, Assert Officers.

MORE ARRESTS WILL BE MADE TODAY, SAY MEN ON THE CASE

“We Have Sufficient Evidence to Convict the Murderer of Mary Phagan, Declare Local Detectives and Pinkertons—Leo M. Frank Subjected to a Grilling Third Degree—Rumors Spread Over City That Lee Had Confessed Denied by Chief Lanford.

The record of the factory time clock in the pencil plant was brought to police headquarters last night. It showed an irregularity in three separate periods during the night of the murder of Mary Phagan.

Lee, the negro night watchman, was supposed to punch the time piece every thirty minutes during each eight hour shift. Up until 9:30 o'clock Saturday night, it was visited with regularity. An adjustment was skipped at 9:30 on that day. At 11:01 another adjustment was missed. The next punch was registered at midnight.

The most convincing irregularity of the record sheet, however, is the adjustment that was missed between 3 o'clock Sunday morning and 3. The body was discovered at 3:30 o'clock. Where was the watchman when he failed to punch the hour?

Coincident with the discovery of the irregular clock register comes the information that the negro was a trustworthy watchman, performed his duties faithfully, and previously adjusted the clock with regularity.

Bloody Shirt Found at Lee’s Home.

Another find, which the sleuths declare is direct evidence of guilt, was the discovery of a shirt, splattered with blood, which was found in the bunk of the watchman, in which the suspect lived.

Detectives Black and Scott brought it to headquarters Monday afternoon. The negro was confronted with it. After careful examination of the bloody garment, he said:

“White folks, that’s a shirt I wore two years ago. It wasn’t bloody then. I wasn’t seen it since. Honest, that’s the truth.”

The blood is obviously fresh. Only hurried examinations have been made. A negro woman occupant of the house in which it was found was also brought to police station. She testified that it had not been worn by the negro on the day of the murder. It had not been seen, she said, since two years ago.

If the crime was committed by the wearer of the ill-fated garment, as the police assume, Lee, they say, would have had ample time to go to his home, remove the shirt and return to the factory.

GLOTH AND THE SHIRT CALLS IMPORTANT LINKS

Detectives consider the clock register and crimson shirt as strong links in the chain they are forging around the black man. Following such expression of their conclusion comes this theory, which was advanced last night:

Is the watchman suspect a victim of planted evidence? In the real murderer starting to convert an innocent man?

It is plausible. The shirt could not possibly have remained for two years in the bottom of the barrel under the piles of refuse that it was found. It is fresh, clean and evidently had not been worn for more than a day. The negro’s next to headquarters declared that Leo had not worn the garment on the day of the murder. He wore the shirt in which he was arrested, she stated.

SOME THEORISTS BELIEVE EVIDENCE WAS PLANTED

The theory is advanced by some that the prisoner is a victim of plant.
**LEO M. FRANK**

Photo taken by Constitution's staff photographer at the police station Tuesday afternoon.

**HOLD ON SUSPICION IN MURDER CASE**

Frank's face was smudged with powdered chalk, but he was still the same glib, cool, suave man who had been Rich's closest friend. He was tall, thin, well-dressed, and had a faint smile on his lips.

**The Thirteenth Floor**

A dark, narrow, well-lit room with three windows. On the right wall there was a large mirror, and on the left wall there was a small desk.

Frank turned toward the mirror and stared intently.

**Psychological Observations**

A man with a gun in his hand entered the room, closing the door behind him.

Frank looked up sharply.

**Confession**

Frank moved hurriedly, but the man with the gun was quicker. He fired three shots, killing Frank instantly.

**The Last Word**

Frank's body was carried out by the police and placed on a stretcher. The room was left in a state of disarray.

**End of the Story**

The next day, the police announced that they had made an arrest in the murder case. The suspect was a local businessman, who had been under surveillance for several months.

**Conclusion**

The police were confident that they had solved the case and would soon be able to bring the suspect to justice.