

CAMDEN'S MYSTERY IS STILL UNSOLVED

While Authorities Are at Work, Public Watch and Wait.

Weaving a Net About Paul Woodward, the
Young Suspect Now in Jail



PAUL WOODWARD

It is now generally believed that the Camden county authorities have succeeded in establishing a clear case against young Paul Woodward, who is in the county jail, charged with the crime of taking away the lives of little John Coffin and Price Jennings. It was just a week ago yesterday when the boys went on their trip to Haddon Heights from which they were destined never to return alive.

Since the discovery of the bodies last Saturday partially hidden in ram-soaked weeds, the Prosecutor's office, assisted by County Detectives Smith and Cherry and City Detectives Painter and Hart, have left no stone unturned.

No Confession

Prosecutor Lloyd yesterday reiterated his statement that Woodward had made no confession, but it is generally conceded as true that the accused youth did tell a story in which he makes some one else the principal criminal in the case.

Several incidents transpired yesterday that threw off the monotony of waiting for developments. Joseph Jennings, brother of one of the murdered boys, was taken to the cell in which Woodward is confined. He had no difficulty in recognizing the prisoner before. But as to whether he ever saw him in company with the dead lads he was not permitted to say.

Wild Rumor

There was much excitement about the Court House when it became rumored that Mrs. Edith Barber, the woman detained as a material witness against Woodward, had the small pox. To allay the alarm County Physician Jones called in representatives of the Board of Health, who concluded she had no sign of the disease.

After matters quieted somewhat the woman was taken into the Prosecutor's office and questioned. When taken back to her cell she was crying and appeared to be almost unable to walk.

Woodward spent the day in his cell, smoking cigarettes as usual. He was visited in the morning by Lawyer Harry Scovel, who has not yet been engaged as counsel, as reported. Again in the afternoon Lawyer Scovel visited the youth in company with Woodward's mother. At first Mrs. Woodward was denied admittance, but after waiting on the jail steps for nearly an hour she was permitted to go in and see her son. Lawyer Scovel and Mrs. Woodward were with the young man for a couple of hours.

Talked a Whole Lot

To all questions Lawyer Scovel said: "Woodward talked a whole lot, but I have nothing to say."

He said he had not confessed to him. On the other hand Woodward had maintained his innocence.

When asked if Woodward could have a hearing if he demanded it Mr. Archer said he could. Asked if enough evidence was in hand to hold him, Mr. Archer said there was.

"On a simple assault charge?"

"No, sir, for the crime he is charged with—committing the murder of John Coffin," replied Mr. Archer.

Coroner Litchfield said last night he would not set a date for the inquest before some time next week. Despite all reports to the contrary, Coroner Litchfield says Chemist George M. Beringer, who is analyzing the internal organs of the boys, will not complete the work before the end of the week.

Prosecutor Lloyd, who is still confined to his home with rheumatism, would make no statement last night, although admitting that the day's work had not resulted in anything of material importance.



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