

WOODWARD HAS KNOWLEDGE OF CAMDEN MURDER

So Confessed to Officers,
Who Searched New York
at Prisoner's Instance

NO HAND IN THE CRIME

But Said He Knew Name of
the Man Who Committed
Awful Deed

YOUTH'S STRENUOUS DAY

Taken to the Scene of the Tragedy
and Closteted With the
Prosecutor

It is believed the authorities of Camden have cleared up the mystery surrounding the deaths of John Coffin and Walter Price Jennings, the boys who mysteriously disappeared from their homes on October 1 and were found dead in a field. That the boys were murdered and that the law officers believe a strong case has already been made out against Paul Woodward, the suspect, there seems to be no doubt.

Last night, after a conference of the detectives at Prosecutor Lloyd's home, the latter official gave out the following statement: "There is absolutely no truth in the story of Woodward's confession. However, the State has enough to make a clear case against Woodward."

Ever since the discovery of the bodies the city and county detectives have worked unceasingly on the case. On Sunday afternoon, while Woodward was being examined in the Prosecutor's office in the county buildings, he admitted, it is said, that while he had no hand in the commission of the crime he knew the name of the man who did.

Gave a Name

He gave, it is said, the name of a white man who committed the murder, and said he was then in hiding in New York. He furnished the detectives with his whereabouts in that city.

Acting on this information Detectives Painter and Smith went to New York and made a thorough search, following closely the prisoner's suggestions. The search proved fruitless.

On Monday Detective Painter learned that John Farmer, a colored man, employed by John H. Carroll, of Haddon Heights, had seen Price, Coffin and Woodward together in the field in which the bodies of the boys were afterwards discovered. Yesterday Farmer was brought to the Prosecutor's office, where he stated that he had seen the boys alive in the field at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the day they disappeared.

Last to See Them Alive

He was confronted with Woodward, and in his presence told the story. At its conclusion Woodward exclaimed: "You're a liar!"

The authorities lay great stress on Farmer's story, for he was the last man to see the boys alive and to their minds almost fixes the hour of the murder.

A prominent jail official said last night that Woodward said yesterday to a fellow prisoner: "I'll never give the man away who done the job."

In his cell last night Woodward was a picture of abject misery. He was trembling like an aspen leaf. He has barely touched his food for the last two days. His only consolation seems to be in ciga-

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rettes, of which he daily consumes several packs.

Taken to the Scene

The feature of yesterday was the taking of Woodward to Haddon Heights. He was driven to the scene of the murder in a double team and was accompanied by Assistant Prosecutor F. Morse Archer, County Detective John S. Smith and City Detective John Painter. Woodward was carefully manacled and guarded during the trip.

The party went over the field where the bodies were found in an endeavor to arouse some emotion in the youth that might lead to a confession. Instead he simply smoked cigarettes and picked up a few chestnuts lying about, and was apparently unmoved.

After going over the field he was taken several places in the vicinity where persons saw the ill-fated lads last Wednesday afternoon. It was stated that in one instance at least Woodward was positively identified as the young man last seen with the boys late in that afternoon. From 1 o'clock until after 6 he was kept on the move.

When Assistant Prosecutor Archer arrived at the court house he was besieged with questions, but after a talk with his chief over the telephone he said:

"The administration of justice would be seriously hampered if at this time the facts in the case were given to the public. The case is now in a critical stage."

At Prosecutor's Home

After coming in from the country the prisoner was taken to Prosecutor Lloyd's home on the East side. Here Woodward was kept until after 6 o'clock, all the time being under a cross fire of questions. At half-past 6 he was admitted to the county jail, still manacled and still smoking cigarettes. He was visibly affected, trembling like a leaf.

Late yesterday afternoon County Detective Cherry and City Detective Hart visited the home of Woodward on Benson street and brought back with them some clothing and about fifty novels. The latter were of a trashy order.

Harry Bowen and Joseph Simpkins, a trolley crew on one of the West Collingswood cars of the Camden and Suburban Railway Company, were examined by Assistant Prosecutor Archer. They had charge of a car that left Camden at 10:43 and arrived at West Collingswood at 11:13 Wednesday morning. It is believed that on this car the two dead boys and Woodward went to West Collingswood and from there walked over to Haddon Heights.

Money for Defense

Mrs. Woodward, mother of the accused boy, was at the Court House yesterday and said her father had sent her \$5,000 with which to use in defense of his grandson. She claimed to have engaged the services of Harry S. Scovel, who defended Eli Shaw. Mrs. Woodward also said that the Mrs. Barber arrested Monday night was a personal friend of the family, and that Paul had simply boarded with her.

County Physician Jones has advanced a theory as to the killing of the boys. He maintains poison was administered with no intention of killing. According to his theory the boys were given "knockout drops," or chloral, in sufficient quantities to kill a man. It was the intention of the murderer, however, to just give them a sufficient quantity to render them unconscious, and while in this state discover them at the solicitation of the boys' families and receive a reward.