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EX-BUTLER BEVERLY ON THE STANFORD TRAGEDY

Albert Beverly, formerly butler to Mrs. Stanford, has made a statement about the Moana hotel tragedy of which the following is a part:

At first, while the case was in the hands of the police and press, it was looked upon as an accepted fact that the good woman had been murdered. The public yielded agreeably to the natural cause theory when the press became silent and the police inactive. The acceptance of this decision was helped along by the much exploited idea that no person in a position to commit the crime could possibly have any motive. It was thought that the person, or persons, that could realize any advantage by her hasty death were those who were in line of inheritance. Such persons were publicly known not to have been present at the time when an attempt was made to kill, nor at the time of death. It was also logically argued that even if the heirs desired her death they would not trust the execution of such a crime to an agent or agents. It was also calculated that the members of her household could in no way possibly profit by such death, as they were not heirs at law, and the small legacy that any employe had a right to expect would not offset the loss of position in her service. When no motive was thought of, or suggested, the idea that there was no motive became general. It was conceded, that any person sufficiently criminal to murder such a woman would not incur the risk without a very large material compensation. With these deductions in mind, the public was prepared to accept the natural cause theory, especially when it was invented and promoted by a man in such an exalted position as that of Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford Junior University. Men in the position of Dr. Jordan are looked upon with even more veneration than men high in the church. Their moral integrity is not only accepted as being the equal of churchmen, but they are supposed to be larger in general knowledge. Thus it has come about that a right-minded and intelligent public has allowed this revolting crime to have passed almost into history, without any proper effort being made to avenge the victim's death. The public has been deceived into taking it for granted that those who have assumed dictatorship in the case would do the right thing in the right way.

I hold that Mrs. Stanford was murdered. I hold that those whose official business it is to investigate crime and prosecute criminals should unearth and hang the murderer. I also hold that no private person, or persons, no matter how highly held in the esteem of the public, or how exalted their character may be, should be allowed to snatch the case from the agents of the people. The city, county, the State and Government have delegated authority to men of their choice for such work. These men, who are criminologists by profession, and who have won their distinction by success, resulting from experience, are better qualified for dealing with crime than are men who have given their lives to letters in a moral environment.

I consider the allowing of this case to pass from the hands of the police into that of a self-created and private commission is not only an act of stupidity on the part of the officials, but a gross audacity and impertinence on the part of the men constituting the dictatorship.

It has been implied that my attitude in this matter is opposed to expert opinion. I deny this. I simply accept the public and official records of the case. The police and detectives proved conclusively that the bottle of Poland water at the Stanford mansion in this city contained a large quantity of strychnine. There is no secret of the fact that Mrs. Stanford took a drink of this poisoned water and ejected the same. It has been manifest to all that this water was poisoned for the purpose of causing Mrs. Stanford's death. It is a matter of record that, between the time of this incident and the night of the fatality, Mrs. Stanford was much agitated and talked freely with the members of her household and friends, and all of her statements conveyed the firm conviction that an attempt had been made to poison.

STRYCHNINE FOUND AT HONOLULU.

The "attempt" incident is not gossip or slander, but a fact of official record, and one which no amount of sophistry, or latinized technicalities, can obliterate. In Honolulu, before the fatal night, Mrs. Stanford discussed this attempt upon her life. On the night of her death she took a dose of soda-bicarbonate as she was about to retire. The taking of the soda produced physical distress and alarmed her. She summoned her secretary and maid. She told them that she believed that her distress was due to poisoning. She asked for a physician. Dr. Humphris came. He unhesitatingly pronounced the symptoms those of strychnine poisoning. He tasted the soda, of which she had partaken, whereupon he exclaimed, in horror, "my God, there is enough strychnine in this soda to kill a regiment!"

The attending physician, the secretary and the maid have testified that Mrs. Stanford asked her secretary to explain to the physician what had happened in San Francisco. The remainder of the soda was analyzed by Dr. Shorey, and the result of his analysis disclosed the presence of an immense amount of strychnine, so rich was the soda in strychnine that the smallest quantity a person could have taken for the relief of the stom-

ach would have been fatal. This has been repeatedly denied by Dr. Jordan. Nevertheless, Dr. Shorey's report as to the quantity of strychnine is entirely correct and vouchered. All the persons who witnessed Mrs. Stanford's death testified before the Coroner's jury. The jury was entirely satisfied that the strychnine taken with the soda by Mrs. Stanford induced her sudden and premature death. The Coroner's verdict is still official.

ABOUT JORDAN'S "SPECIAL PLEADERS."

It has been claimed by the special pleaders of "natural cause" that the muscular contortion of Mrs. Stanford's body did not conform to their theories pertaining to persons in the death agony resulting from strychnine poisoning. It is quite probable that their standard of muscular contortion is based upon what might occur in the case of a young or middle-aged man of athletic development. It must be borne in mind that Mrs. Stanford, though muscular for a woman, was 76 years of age, and her muscles could not be brought by any condition into a state of contortion to meet the requirements of the special pleaders. It must be further remembered that the special pleaders had no opportunity of making a personal study of Mrs. Stanford's muscles. The pleaders, employed to prove the Jordan invention, argue that there could not have been any strychnine, since they did not find any—therefore, by their theory, Mrs. Stanford could not have died as the result of strychnine poisoning.

These men have shown themselves about as expert on evidence as was the famous Judge of Ballingary. The defendant in a case before his honor was charged with stealing a goose. The prosecution had three witnesses who swore that they saw him steal the goose. The defense thereupon produced six witnesses who swore that they did not see him steal the goose. The defendant was discharged without a stain upon his character.

By the interpolation of the diverting processes the findings of the Coroner's jury have been obscured.

FACTS AGAINST JORDAN.

Almost as soon as the public was informed of the "attempt incident" Dr. Jordan commenced to talk. He talks on every occasion, and after every occasion he talks again, and loudly proclaims that he has been misquoted. As soon as the world was notified of Mrs. Stanford's death, as the result of poisoning, he shouted "natural cause," and upon his return he issued his ipse dixit.

Dr. Jordan's claims are not supported by facts or vouchers. The professional men, who have worked on the case officially, have not subscribed to his perverted understanding of evidence.

When the private commission took the case out of the hands of the police the latter announced very sullenly that they had washed their hands of the affair. From the short time they were permitted to handle the case their hands should not have become very much soiled. They probably washed their hands through force of habit.

The informed press has repeatedly given the public assurances that diligent detective work was being prosecuted. These assurances are a joke. They are as substantial as the vague vapors of the much misquoted Jordan. It is my opinion that if the detectives are given a free hand not only will the murderer of Mrs. Stanford be discovered, but the motives that have actuated this elaborate system of suppression will be revealed.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH AFFAIRS

At the annual meeting of the German Lutheran Church, held on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. Pfothenhauer, president; C. du Roi, 1st vice president; Rev. W. Felmy, 2nd vice president; Paul Lemke and H. Gehring, auditors; H. Schultze, treasurer; A. Falke, secretary.

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Following is a statement of the finances of the church from the treasurer's report:

Receipts—	
Dues	\$ 2632 00
Interest collected	1225 00
Rents, \$429, \$45	274 00
Sundries	20 00
	\$ 4151 00
Disbursements—	
Taxes	\$ 105 00
Salaries	3792 00
Water rates	70 50
Sewer rates	38 40
Electric light	48 25
Telephone	30 00
Christmas tree	129 95
Repairing	62 55
Flowers, etc.	376 97
	\$ 4697 62
Jan. 1, 1905, Cash on hand	\$ 1361 01
Receipts in 1905	4151 00
	\$5512 01
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