

BLOODY CLUB LENDS NEW CLUE TO MYSTERY

Defense of Leo Frank Attaches Importance to Find Made by Pinkerton Detectives.

The discovery of a bloody bludgeon on the third floor of the National Pencil factory has added greater mystery to the Phagan case. It became known yesterday that Leo Frank's defense is in possession of the weapon and that it will be used as one of their strongest points in the coming trial.

The club is a short, thick stick with small spots of blood at the end. It was found by Pinkerton detectives on May 19 after headquarters detectives had searched every spot of the building for available clues. Luther Rosser, Frank's counsel, refuses to discuss the find.

The club was discovered only a few feet from the spot at which the pay envelope was found. That it is a prized possession of the defense is indicated by the secrecy with which it had been guarded. Its discovery has created theories pointing strongly to the negro Conley, and it is rumored that the defense will strive to convince the jury that the girl was slain by the club in hands of the negro sweeper.

Charlie Smith Ill.

Philadelphia, July 22.—According to members of the Chicago National league team, who played a double-header here today, Pitcher Charles Smith, of the Chicago team, is seriously ill in Boston with heart trouble.
