

CONAN DOYLE IS OUTDONE

BY STORY; TO BE PUBLISHED IN
THE GAZETTE-NEWS.

STARTLING CONFESSION

MADE BY ONE OF THE CHIEF LIN-
COLN CONSPIRATORS.

Samuel Arnold, Who Plotted With
Wilkes Booth, Prepares Remark-
able Document for Press—To
Begin Sunday.

On Sunday, December 7, the Gazette-News will, in connection with the Baltimore American and other leading daily papers throughout the country, begin the publication of a series of most remarkable papers entitled, "Confession of Samuel Bland Arnold," the same being a narrative written by one of the conspirators in the famous plot to kidnap President Lincoln and which ended in his assassination.

Neither the document nor any part of it has yet been published and the first installment of the thrilling story will appear in the Gazette-News next Sunday simultaneously with its publication in those other papers that were so fortunate as to be offered the opportunity of securing the great serial.

The statement of Arnold consists of about 35,000 words, or about 28 columns of matter in all, exclusive of illustrations. This has been divided into 13 chapters. The publications will continue daily and Sunday until the series is completed.

The narrative will bear the caption: "Lincoln Conspiracy and Its Conspirators." It will be published word for word just as written by Arnold. In it are some startling revelations that have never before been made known and the whole constitutes one of the most stirring stories that ever appeared in print. From a historical standpoint it is of untold value and young and old should read the "Confession."

As to the manner in which the document was secured the following are the facts:

Several weeks ago, a man by the name of Samuel Arnold died in Anne Arundel county, Md., and a story was published in some of the newspapers that the dead man was one of the famous conspirators in the plot to assassinate President Lincoln. At the time of the erroneous publication the genuine Samuel Arnold, being very much alive, the fact was brought to light and published that Arnold had prepared a statement of the part he played in the famous conspiracy, and had taken oath not to have it revealed until after his death.

The Baltimore American learned of the existence of the "Confessions" and made overtures to Arnold, whereby it came into possession of his treasured manuscript and received from him permission to publish it.

Every statement is vouched for as a fact. In it Arnold tells how he, Booth and the other conspirators planned to kidnap the president, and every feature of the plot is gone into with the greatest detail. Facts are brought to light that have never been printed, and the story goes on to tell of the failure of the kidnaping plans, of the happenings just before and after the assassination of the president, of the capture and treatment of the conspirators, of the execution of some, and of the imprisonment of others at Dry Tortugas.

Here comes the most remarkable feature of the entire narrative. The tortures that are described by Arnold, giving names, dates, exact locations, and official documents, are the most dreadful that the mind can conceive, and put the "water cure" of the Philippines in the category of mild pleasures.

From beginning to end it is a tale of plots, counterplots, crime, duplicity, craftiness and scheming that can only be likened to a story by Edgar Allen Poe or Conan Doyle, and once read will never be forgotten.

"The Confession of Samuel Bland Arnold" is copyrighted and the Gazette-News is one of less than a half dozen in the state and the only paper in southwestern Michigan in which the remarkable document will be published. It wasn't secured by the Gazette-News for a song, but expense is a secondary consideration when the edification of our large family of readers is the point under consideration.

Remember, the first installment will appear next Sunday and the serial will continue daily for two weeks.

Don't miss this treat.