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Sommario/riassunto It was among the most notorious criminal cases of its day. On August

11, 1921, in Birmingham, Alabama, a Methodist minister named Edwin Stephenson shot and killed a Catholic priest, James Coyle, in broad daylight and in front of numerous witnesses. The killer's motive? The priest had married Stephenson's eighteen-year-old daughter Ruth-who had secretly converted to Catholicism three months earlier--to

Pedro Gussman, a Puerto Rican migrant and practicing Catholic. Having

all but disappeared from historical memory, the murder of Father Coyle and the trial of Rev. Stephenson that followed are vi