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THE PENALTIES

h—Nicholas Salamante,

Conzarras, Dick Ferri and

Muratore.

Imprisonment—Patsy Corbi,

teen years—Philip Missia-

MURDERS CHARGED

ember 23, 1920—John La-

one armed taxicab driver,

death in his car on the

rounds road.

ary 19, 1921—Frank Ara-

minner, slain by gunmen's

on a railroad track near his

Kelly Hill.

11, 1921—Rocco Vergillione,

death on a motor truck at

st 9, 1921—Carl Spence, Kel-

merchant, shot to death

outing money in his store

case of the day's business.

ember 25, 1921—Adolphus

two hotel porter, whose

body was found along

airport road.

ember 25, 1921—"Big Joe"

dead at the wheel of a

mobile in a road near Rey-

July 16, 1922—Frank Naples,

hill barber, shot down in a

near the Mason hospital.

12, 1922—Bella Lemon of

nt whose nude and mutil-

body was found on a golf

in a Baltimore suburb.

st 1922—Rosario Demarco,

Lemon's lover, shot to death

ago by an unknown gun-

ary 20, 1923—James Papara,

Jimmy Little," Kelley Hill

st, shot to death in his

murder of an unidentified

and a coal mine in Taylor

and the killing of a bank

at Uniontown, Pa., were

ld at the door of the Black

International News Service

ROSEBURG, W. Va., June 22.—

ation of four of those sent to

aths today at Moundsville at

in bidding of justice is the cli-

quence of an unprecedented

the annals of criminal prose-

West Virginia. It marks the

up of one of the most vil-

Black Hand murder syndicates

country, which specialized in

in all kinds and degrees of

acting from commercialized

tion to deliberate multiple

But it is only a step in the

ation of justice, for the end

Black Hand organization was

branch of the Italian Black

city of America that has

in various parts of the coun-

many ramifications in Chi-

New York and other large cities.

aised members throughout

on against whom a series of

bombings, burnings and other

raning over a period of sev-

in West Virginia, Penn-

and Maryland were charged,

uch had its headquarters in

and Clarksville. The se-

sons were held first in one

the other. On occasions

ings were held on a hill

Lumberport, this county.

ne than seven murders com-

this county alone are charac-

teristic of this band of criminals.

the time the local headquar-

the Camorra was raided by po-

and the ritual and other

pects of the organization

ed, eight persons in this

l. D. Rinder, police chief of

had been listed for death.

crets Are Revealed.

mal, all in Italian, when

for the police, along with

ere confiscated, bared the in-

crets of the Black Hand

losed a veritable inferno on

the victims it clenched,

in its poisonous tentacles.

veral organizations, it had

degrees, the highest and

OFFICERS UNABLE

TO FIND TOURISTS

In spite of the efforts of officers

to obtain a trace of Mr. and Mrs.

Russell Fiske, California tourists

who have been missing for over a

week following their picking up a

transient at Myrtle Creek, no word

of them has been received. A rumor

that they were camped on the old

Coos Bay road west of the city was

investigated but it was found that

the people camped there are tour-

ists from Idaho. An effort is being

made to get more information. If

possible, from the Spokane police,

who are in touch with Mrs. Harv-

svag with whom the young man and

his wife travelled for several days,

and with whom they had planned to

continue the trip.

AUTO THIEVES ARE

SENT TO PRISON

Arthur Pohler and Henry Blron, who

were arrested at Oakland several

weeks ago, charged with the theft of

a car from Crescent City, Cal., were

sentenced at Portland yesterday to 12

months each in Leavenworth peni-

tentiary. Pohler and Blron stole a

Ford car at Crescent City, where they

were alleged to have been spreading

I. W. W. propaganda at the time of

the recent labor disturbances. Upon

their arrest by Deputy Sheriff Powell

they were found to be in possession of

a great quantity of I. W. W. literature.

The men were carrying a forged bill

of sale to the car and claimed that

they had purchased it. They entered

a plea of guilty when arraigned before

Federal Judge Bean, who pronounced

sentence upon them.

Clyde Catching of Riddle was in

this city yesterday and transacting

business.

most honored—the Santa Nozita—

requiring the commission of at least

seven murders as a prerequisite. The

others, ranging in the order of their

importance, were the Sizarro, the

Camorra Ditermo and the Picciotti.

Here is a quotation from the ritual:

"By good members in the society

is meant those capable of performing

the most murders, robberies, etc.,

with the utmost secrecy."

According to Rocco Fiorello, star

witness for the state in the Black

Hand prosecution, who was a former

secretary of the Camorra and who

turned state's evidence against the

organization, Dick Ferri, who drew a

death penalty for his part in one mur-

der, had committed seventeen differ-

ent murders and was a highly hon-

ored Santa Nozita, of whom there

were only twenty-two in the entire

United States. Ferri was the only one

in West Virginia, Fiorello declared.

The better element of Clarksville's

Italian colony aided materially in run-

ning down the Black Handers. They

protested the wholesale program of

crime under way, warned the mem-

bers of the Camorra and finally per-

suaded the best of the band to rebel

against its criminality. City police

and county officials were taken into

confidence, and little by little un-

known to the Black Hand ringleaders

the case was worked up until, aided

by authorities of Baltimore, Union-

town, Pennsylvania; Indianapolis and

Fairmount, a simultaneous round-up

of the suspects landed the most of

them in jail. Some fled and are still

at large. Several are yet in jail here

and at Fairmount awaiting trials for

murders, bombings, burnings and other

crimes. Those who turned state's

evidence or otherwise aided the police

in running down the murderers

were granted immunity or lightened

sentences.

So appreciative of the work done

by the local authorities were the bet-

ter class of Italian residents that they

presented beautiful gold watches to

Police Chief Laco M. Wolfe, Sheriff

Laco M. Young and Will E. Morris,

prosecuting attorney; and an ornate

revolver to John S. Siers, city detec-

tive.

Witness in Peril

In the work of running down the

Black Handers those who gave in-

formation to the authorities were

in grave danger of death. On the eve

of the trials several of the principal

witnesses received death threats from

the society. Rocco Fiorello, star wit-

ness for the state, had to be constant-

ly guarded day and night by state

troopers. His wife died of fright as

the result of the threats repeatedly

sent him. For weeks before the trials

he took refuge at night in the county

jail. After the roundup the jail was

heavily patrolled inside and out by

extra troopers, deputy sheriffs and

police in order to prevent any attempts

at jail delivery. So great was the ter-

ror that has been occasioned by the

Camorra's program of murderous

revenge that the first of the murder

trials was sparsely attended by the

public. People feared violence of

some sort in the courtroom. Special

officers, heavily armed, were scatter-

ed through the auditorium and other

rooms of the courthouse, while all

suspicious looking Italians and stran-

gers were searched and closely watch-

ed.

HOPE IS DAWNING

FOR E. NAVICTIMS

Decrease in Flow of Lava Seen

But Violent Eruptions

Still Continue

DANGER NOT YET OVER

Threat of Annihilation by the

Molten Streams of Lava

Still Feared by Several

Communities

(By Associated Press.)

CANTANIA, Sicily, June 22.—For

the first time since Mount Etna be-

came violent, a ray of hope dawned

this morning for the much tried in-

habitants of the volcano region.

The danger is not yet ended for the

crater is still belching molten streams

of lava and great rocks which threat-

en the complete destruction of the

nearby communities, but undoubtedly

the violence of the eruption is de-

creasing.

It is a deep-rooted conviction

among the inhabitants of Linguaglos-

sa that St. Egidio was responsible for

turning aside the lava stream and in-

suring the safety of the town. They

declare that St. Egidio never failed

them or their ancestors and that he

had on other occasions stopped the

lava flow.

Diversion Due to Spur

In reality, the diversion of the

stream was due to a small spur ris-

ing near Linguaglossa on the side of

the crater. Naturally the lava flow-

ed on either side of the ridge instead

of climbing it.

The inhabitants of Linguaglossa

during the early days of the eruption

removed the statue from the church

and placed it on this spur. As the lava

was diverted at the very feet of the

saint, the inhabitants are convinced

that he worked the miracle.

The huge stream of lava which has

been advancing steadily toward the

town has deviated into a side road

and is flowing with accelerated velocity in-

to a neighboring valley, which is gradu-

ally becoming a veritable lake of fire.

A few inhabitants remaining in

Linguaglossa ascribe the diversion of

the lava to the town's patron saint,

to whom prayers and gifts were fer-

vently offered throughout the recent

days of terror.

The atmosphere for miles around

the volcano is still dense with the

ashes hurled skyward from the crater,

which is completely hidden by a dense

fall of smoke and cinders. Thunder-

ous explosions continue and from all

quarters are heard distressing tales of

wild stampedes by the panic-stricken

population, the destruction of homes,

and heroic efforts at rescue.

Castiglione in Lava Path

The town now most endangered

is Castiglione, of 15,000 inhabitants,

which is menaced by one of the lava

streams. Farther from the crater

than Linguaglossa, Castiglione is also

lower on the mountain slope, down

which the molten rock is advancing.

It is a picturesque town surrounded by

nut trees, many of which are on fire.

A correspondent of the Associated

Press today motored through part of

the desolated region. Near Catena was

a small hamlet entirely deserted, ex-

cept for a young priest who wore on

his breast ribbons denoting deeds of

valor during the war. No other soul

was visible and the village seemed

lead under its coating of black dust.

The priest pointed out a considerable

pool of lava, hissing and fuming in a

depression of ground.

"That is Catena's graveyard," he

said. "Now the dead are buried in

stone."

Tourists Crowd to District

The congestion caused by the au-

tomobiles of tourists, curiosity seekers

and amateur relief workers in the af-

fected area became so great that Pref-

ect Pericelli and Generals Strace and

Battaglia have issued orders that no

car shall circulate in the district with-

out permission.

Funds and offers of help have begun

to pour in from all over the world.

Pope Pius and King Victor Emmanuel

have each given 50,000 lire, an Italian

newspaper in New York has cable

100,000 lire and the various municipal

ities throughout Italy are sending con-

tributions.

The force of the eruption is slowly

but steadily decreasing. The progress

of the lava is more sluggish and wid-

etracts which have already hardened

are forming to some extent barriers

to the fresh outflows.

COOK IS FINED

Albert Miller, a local restaurant

cook who was found guilty in the

city court yesterday afternoon, of

assault and battery upon Alonzo

Denn, was fined \$10 by City Record-

er R. L. Whipple.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, res-

idents of Caldera were visitors of

Roseburg yesterday.

SOME STATES COLD

AND OTHERS TORRID

The suffering caused by the

terrible heat waves bathing the

east and middle west this week

was ameliorated as far as the

Atlantic coast states were con-

cerned. The temperatures drop-

ped ten degrees from yesterday's

highest. In the middle west as

far south as Kansas City, there

has been little drop in the tem-

perature. Chicago reported four

more deaths, bringing the city's

total to 19.

President Is Cool.

KANSAS CITY, June 22.—

President Harding and Mrs.

Harding came to the heart of

America along with the hottest

weather of the summer. While

the native Kansas City folk drop-

ped and wilted under the sun

that scorched everything, the

President and Mrs. Harding

looked cool and fresh. After a

drive over the blistering streets

they both shook hands with sev-

eral thousand Missourians in a

downtown hotel. This morning

the president went out for a

round of golf.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, June 22.—Approximately

three states experienced unseasonable

cold yesterday while the remainder

of the United States sweltered. Some

relief is in sight for many sections but

in others there will be no break in

the heat wave, the forecasters say.

Scores of deaths and numerous pro-

strations have been caused by the

weather. The cold wave hit in New

Mexico, Wisconsin and Arizona.

BOYS NATION'S

GREATEST ASSET

Rotarians Hear Speaker Up-

hold Necessity of Work

Among Boys

SERVICE COMES FIRST

Human Personality Is the

Most Sacred Creation and

Service Is Greatest Duty,

Rotarians Are Told

ST. LOUIS, June 21.—(A. P.)—

Conserving the nation's greatest na-

tural resource—the boy—to the end

that he will grow up with the idea

that "he profits most who serves

best" is the idea underlying the boys

work of Rotary International as out-

lined by Chairman Everett Hill of the

International Boys' Work Committee,

during session of the Rotary Inter-

national Convention here last night.

Rotarian Frank D. Slutz of Dayton,

Ohio, and Eddie Guest, the newspaper

poet of Detroit, also spoke.

The supreme challenge of each gen-

eration is the next generation. Mr.

Slutz told the convention. The su-

preme challenge of Rotary—an or-

ganization of men—is the boys, he

said.

"Boys are history and civilization

at the source," Mr. Slutz continued.

"A fraction of the time spent upon

the influencing of adults—of men—

if spent upon boys will establish boy-

their loyalties and their ideals. Every

consideration of business efficiency

demand that Rotary train boys in the

new ideals.

"Rotary can teach the boys of the

world that service must be above

self, if the game of living is to be

played in a man's way. With service

above self, public responsibility will

be placed before business smugness

and satisfaction. Wealth will be re-

spected as an opportunity for service.

"The boys can be taught that hu-

man personality is the most sacred

creation of the universe. Not property

but persons must be first in the eyes

of the law.

"Truth must be honored above opin-

ion. Let every man have his opinion

where the facts cannot be obtained.

Let every man be tolerant of every

man's opinion. Let every man label

his opinion as an opinion and not as

a truth. Men can understand one

another in terms of truth. They fight

each other over opinions.

"The boys can be taught that a hu-

build a world of peace. Nobody but

boys can ever do this.

"How can we do these things? By

example! Every Rotarian must be-

lieve and practice these things him-

self; by cooperation with the organi-

zation now existing for boys; by ar-

ranging international conventions of

boys and by a Rotary school for lead-

ership."

FRUIT CARAVAN

VISITS UMPQUA

Representatives of Oregon

Growers Association Spend

Day Among Orchards

ARE ON LENGTHY TRIP

Are Making Tour Through

Willamette, Umpqua and

Rogue River Valleys,

Visiting Properties

A fruit caravan made up of approx-

imately thirty-five members and offi-

cials of the Oregon Growers' Coop-

erative Association, arrived in Rose-

burg last night and remained over

night and spent today visiting the

fruit districts of the Umpqua Valley.

The main purpose of the caravan

is to visit the association's prop-

erties and plants at various points in

the three great valleys of western

Oregon, the Willamette, the Ump-

qua and the Rogue. Stops are being

made at Dever, Sutherlin, Crowell,

Roseburg, Looking Glass, Garden

Valley, Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Grants

Pass and Medford.

M. J. Nowhouse, assistant general

manager of the association, Earl

Pearcy, district manager of the Wil-

lamette Valley plants, and Robert G.

McNary, general fresh fruit man-

ager, are members of the party to-

gether with several of the direc-

tors and their wives and prominent

fruit growers of various parts of the

state. Rem Fate, of Myrtle Creek,

is the only Douglas County fruit

grower who is making the trip.

The caravan left Salem yesterday

morning and stopped at Monroe for

an inspection of Bert Johnson's

apple orchard and the O. A. C. ex-

periment orchard at Corvallis. The

party reached Sutherlin yesterday

afternoon where a survey was made

of the packing plant there and also

of some of the orchards in that vi-

city. In the evening a community

supper was served by the ladies of

Sutherlin, and a very enjoyable

meal and social time were experi-

enced.

Late in the evening the party came

into Roseburg where accommo-

dations were secured for the night.

This morning an inspection was

made of the local plant after which

the caravan, headed by Ray Yokum,

the local manager, went to Garden

Valley and later to Looking Glass

where orchards were inspected.

At noon the caravan stopped at

Riddle for lunch and enjoyed a brief

rest. The party will take dinner at

Grants Pass and will remain there

for the night and will spend tomor-

row at Medford visiting the Bear

Creek orchards and the Talent ex-

periment station. The caravan will

break up at Medford and some of

the party will probably go to Crater

Lake before returning.

SLASHES THROAT IN

H. G. WELLS' ROOMS

(By United Press.)

LONDON, June 22.—An Australian

woman whose name was withheld by

the police slashed her throat with a

razor in the apartment of H. G. Wells,

famous British author today. She was

taken to the hospital where her con-

dition is serious. She has been the

translator of several of Wells' books,

and today visited his flat and insisted

upon seeing him. While Wells walk-

ed out of the room, the woman slash-

ed her throat. The author returned

and found her pacing the floor with

blood streaming from the gash.

BOOZE ON FOREIGN

SHIPS TO BE SEIZED

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, June 22.—In connection

with the arrival of the liner Heren-

garia at New York today, it is de-

clared in well informed quarters

here that the British government in

no way challenges the authority of

the American officials to break the

British consular seals and confiscate

the liquor.

Booze to be Seized.

WASHINGTON, June 22. (By A.

P.)—The customs authorities at

New York were ordered by the

treasury department to board the

White Star liner, Baltic, just arrived

and seize all the liquor carried by

the vessel. The same procedure was

ordered for all other foreign ships

bringing liquor into the country.

Only small medicinal stores will be

saved.

YOUTH IS HANGED

FOR KILLING MAN

Lawrence Campbell Goes to

His Death With a Smile

ON His Face

MURDER COLD BLOODED

Efforts to Save Life of Young

Man Unavailing When Cali-

fornia Governor Says

"Sob Sisters" Disregarded

(By United Press.)

SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY,

Calif., June 22.—Lawrence Campbell,

aged 19 years, paid on the scaffold

today the penalty for murdering Les-

lie Nichols, automobile man on the

California desert last year.

He was pronounced dead fifteen

minutes after he dropped through the

trap.

The youth went to his death bravely,

following a hearty breakfast of

ham, eggs and toast.

History of Case

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., June 22.—

Leslie Nichols, an adjuster of automo-

bile insurance, of San Francisco and

Los Angeles, was driving across the

Colorado river desert near Niland,

Cal., on January 20, last, when he

came upon two youths on foot. He

said them to ride with him. They

jumped in and after being driven a

short distance, sprang upon Nichols

and clubbed him to death. They bur-

ied the body in the sand and drove

away in Nichols' car.

A few days later Lawrence Camp-

bell and Charles Davis, former sail-

ors, were arrested at Blythe, Calif., by

Riverside county officers investiga-

ting automobile thefts. In the county

jail at Riverside they were over-

heard talking about the killing of a

man on the desert. When question-

ed they broke down and admitted

they slew Nichols, then led officers to

the spot in Imperial county where

they left the body. This was the first

intimation Nichols had met with four

play.

Both Campbell and Davis claimed to

be under eighteen, consequently not

subject to the death penalty. It was

finally established that Campbell was

18 on November 19, 1922, while Davis

did not reach that age until March

7, 1923. Davis pleaded guilty in the

Imperial county superior court. He

was sentenced to life imprisonment

for first degree murder on April 11.

Campbell was convicted by a jury

and was sentenced to hang.

It was brought out in Campbell's

trial that he ran away from home at

Marquette, Mich., to join the navy,

but was discharged from the service

as undesirable. Davis came from

Birmingham, Ala., and had served a

term in the Alabama reformatory.

Judge Franklin J. Cole, of the Im-

perial county superior court, in pas-

sing sentence on Campbell, said:

"This may seem severe punishment to

you, but the evidence showed this to

MANY DEER ARE

KILLED BY WOLVES

Deer are being killed in great

numbers in the North Umpqua river

district by timber wolves, according

to a report made last Friday to the

state game commission by B. F.

Shields and Joseph Murphy, timber

cruisers, who returned from the

Douglas county mountains this week,

says the Sutherlin Sun.

The cruisers reported that the car-

casses of 20 deer had been counted

in four days of cruising. A. E.

Burgdoff, state game warden, an-

nounced that the commission is tak-

ing action to eliminate the "var-

mits." Douglas county is now the

"timber wolf center" of Oregon.

UNIDENTIFIED BODY

FOUND BY POLICE

(By United Press.)

DUSSELDORF, June 22.—The body

of an unidentified woman was found

floating face downward in Laurel-

wood park early today. The coroner

is investigating the identity and

whether the woman was murdered or

suicided.

BIG PRUNE CROP

IN CLARKE COUNTY

(By United Press.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 22.—At

least 20 per cent more prunes than

were gathered in 1922 will be the

result of this year's crop, according to

the estimate of R. B. Phipps, district

horticultural inspector.

"The present cloudy weather is ex-

cellent for prunes, and unless we have

some unusual occurrence, such as a

hot wind, I am certain the crop will

break last year's record," Phipps said.

There have been a most atrocious murder. If

your execution deter, others from

committing similar crimes, it will be

worth while to the people of this

state."

In regard to Davis, the court said:

"The law prohibiting the execution of

a murderer of this sort merely be-

cause of his age is improper and

should be repealed. The jury which

tries a murderer is certainly in better

position to determine the punishment

for the crime than the legislature.

This was a particularly atrocious

crime and it is regrettable that this

defendant cannot be compelled to

share the penalty the law requires of

the accomplice, Campbell. This case

should be cited to the legislature and

perhaps it would aid in modifying the

law concerning hanging."

Governor Friend Richardson made

an early move to block any plan for

executive clemency for Campbell

when he said on April 14 that the

"sob sisters of California will only

be wasting their time and energy"

in imploring him to save the life of Law-

rence Campbell. The governor said he

not only is an advocate of capital pun-

ishment, but he believes that "every

woman in the state should work for

its enforcement."

CITY COP LOST JOB

BECAUSE TOO DARING

(By United Press.)

TURLOCK, Cal., June 22.—"Noth-

ing new under the sun"—"Aw, gwan."

Turlock has a city marshal who lost

his job because he was too daring!

Cal Redding, former police chief,

started after a burglar through an

open window. The thief fired, the

bullet making a hole in Redding's

clothes, but otherwise leaving him in-

fact. The mayor objected. "Too great

risk. We don't want our cops shot,"

said he. Redding resigned.

TWENTY-TWO BEEVES

GIVEN FOR BARBECUE

(By United Press.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 22.—

Twenty-two beefs have already been

donated for the barbecue and others

promised for the big feature of the

Fourth of July celebration here, which

is under the auspices of the American

Legion. Thousands are expected for

the barbecue and many more for the

street dancing at night and the fire-

works display ending the big jubilee.