

AMAZING LIST MURDERS LAID YOUNG BOYS

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—When Los Angeles authorities announced that 19-year-old Edward Hickman was the slayer of little Marian Parker, a new element of horror was given the startling case.

"Why! He's only a kid!" cried the average newspaper reader. "Nineteen is a youthful age for a murderer. Yet Hickman is far from being the first lad of extreme youth who figured as the leading figure in a murder."

Leopold and Loeb
Outstanding, of course, is the murder of little Bobby Franks in Chicago a few years ago by Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb. Leopold was just over 19; Loeb was nearly a year younger. Although they were defended by the most famous criminal lawyer in the country—Clarence Darrow—the two found that their youth did not save them from paying for their crime. They are now serving life sentences.

Even more striking, in that it in some ways is closely parallel to Hickman's crime, was the murder by 19-year-old Harrison Noel of Mary Daly, aged 6, and Raymond Pierce, taxi driver, at Montclair, N. J.

Noel, like Hickman, was considered an intelligent young man and made a good record as a student. He was somewhat erratic, and for a time was confined in an asylum, but eventually returned to the care of his parents and at the time of the crime had apparently become normal.

Hiring a taxi, he had driven out to kidnap the Daly girl. Losing his nerve at the last minute, he had had his driver take him out into the country. There he shot him to death, abandoned the car and returned to town. The next day he rented a car which he drove himself, picked up Mary Daly, took her 14 miles outside of the city, shot her to death, hid her body in some bushes and drove home.

Like Hickman, he tried to collect ransom money after his victim had been slain, demanding \$4000 of the girl's father. He was arrested and convicted and sentenced to the electric chair. Before the sentence could be put into effect, however, he was found insane and committed to an asylum for life.

A Slayer at 17
In the Ohio penitentiary today Floyd Hewitt, 17, awaits electrocution on Jan. 6 for the murder of six-year-old Fred Brown and his mother at Conneaut, O.

Hewitt, a farmer's boy visited the Browns' home one day and quarreled with Mrs. Brown. Enraged, the boy killed her with a baseball bat, battered her little son to death and then calmly went home and went to bed. Appeals for a lesser sentence than the death penalty, based on his youth, failed to save him.



FRANK
MCDOWELL



HARRISON
NOEL

POLL OF NATION'S LEADING WOMEN GETS THIS ANSWER— DON'T EXECUTE RUTH SNYDER Woman Isn't "Inhuman" to Woman--Favor Life Imprisonment

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Woman's inhumanity to woman is supposed to be proverbial and universal.

Which is exactly why no smart defense attorney takes a chance with a woman in his jury box when another woman sits in the prisoner's seat.

But sisterhood fools us! A questionnaire submitted to general of the country's leading women by NEA Service, Inc., brings forth the interesting fact that these women unanimously want Ruth Snyder shown the same mercy, no more and no less, that is shown her partner in crime, Henry Judd Gray, the little "rabbit man" who helped her wield the sawtooth and picture wire.

"No capital punishment for anybody—not even such atrocious, contemptible murders as these two," runs the almost unanimous opinion of these famous women who desire Governor Al Smith to commute the sentences of Mrs. Snyder and Gray to life imprisonment.

Read what they say:
Amelita Galli-Curci, prima donna: "The question is not what to do with Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray, who are entitled to the same consideration, no more and no less, as other offenders, but what to do with the law."

Not in Modern Spirit
"The idea of capital punishment is to me abhorrent and not in keeping with the spirit of modern America. The guilt of the above parties is not questioned. The agitation regarding carrying out the sentence is intuitive recognition that the law itself does not conform to the highest ideals. Moses may have advocated such a law, but it is inconceivable that Christ would have. Are we Christians?"

Then there was Frank McDowell, 20-year-old St. Petersburg (Fla.) boy, who was seized by a religious mania that caused him to take four lives.

McDowell felt that he had "blasphemed the Holy Ghost" in his childhood. He decided, he later told police, that he could make amends for this crime only by blood. So, one night, he crept into the room where his two sisters were sleeping, poured gasoline over everything and lit a match. The two were burned to death; the boy, at the time, escaped suspicion.

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"SHE ISN'T WORTH SAVING—BUT LET'S NOT KILL HER"

Life—OR—Death

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Kathleen Norris
Ruth Snyder
Galli Curci
Elsie Janis
Gloria Swanson
Ruth Hale

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"The idea of punishment or revenge by killing is long outdated by every other aspect of our civilization. The two should be treated as the dangerously sick or dangerously demented are, by isolation and mental and medical care. My own recommendation would be for a life term, or, better still, an indeterminate sentence."

Gloria Swanson, actress: "I do not believe in capital punishment. Two wrongs do not make a right."

Leaders of women's organizations, such as Miss Belle Sherwin of the National League of Women Voters, Miss Lena Phillips of the National Federation of Business Women's Clubs, and Mrs. John Sherman of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, refused to comment on the question on the grounds that it was outside the work of their own organizations.

Even women in public life avoided the question. Congresswoman Florence P. Kahn sided with a plea that she was "unqualified to express an opinion."

Prominent women judges and attorneys raised the plea that it was "unethical" to attempt to dictate to Governor Al Smith what to do. Ruth Hale, president of the Lucy Stone League and president of the League to Abolish Capital Punishment, made it very clear that her belief that Ruth Snyder should escape the death chair was positively coupled with a similar belief that Gray also should escape.

Hates Capital Punishment
"My interest is motivated by the strongest equal rights belief as well as a hatred of capital punishment," she said.
"If Governor Smith must respect the laws of the state and send these two to the chair, I would certainly, if I were Al Smith, go down myself in the Hudson river."
"I think that of all criminals Mrs. Snyder is the most contemptible. There is not a thing about the woman worth saving. The fact that she is a woman only makes her lower and more despicable. But I wouldn't advocate the death chair for a worm."

WARREN REED IS AGAIN ELECTED HEAD PORT COMMISSION

REEDSPORT, Ore., Jan. 11.—Warren P. Reed was re-elected president of the Port of Umpqua commission Monday afternoon. Joe Butler was named vice-president, C. McC. Johnson, treasurer, and Spencer Hinsdale, secretary. The commission voted to advance a total of \$30,000 to the United States government in order to start preliminary work on the north jetty of the Umpqua river. Work may be started in the near future, according to the plans announced. Russell J. Hubbard, timberman and mill operator, is representing the Russell port at the rivers and harbors committee meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., this month.

MAY BANISH TROTZKY
LONDON, Jan. 10.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Riga, Latvia, says telegrams from Moscow state that the Soviet government has decided to banish Leon Trotsky. They also state that Kar Redek, Gregory Zinovieff, Christian Rakovsky, and other leaders of the opposition will also be banished because of their counter revolutionary activities.

Mrs. Robert Harbison of Myrtle Creek was a visitor in Roseburg during Tuesday afternoon to look after business affairs.

Hoover's Hat

both "in the ring" and on his able head was Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover's topper when he paid his respects to President and Mrs. Coolidge at the White House New Year's Day.

JAMES CRUZE

Director of Feature Photoplays, writes:

"In the direction of any of my big pictures, and especially during the filming of the Covered Wagon, the constant use of my voice demands that I keep it in first-class condition. As a cigarette smoker it was necessary that I find a cigarette which I could smoke without any chance of throat irritation or cough. After trying them all, I decided on Luckies. They are mild and mellow—which both protects the throat and gives real smoke enjoyment."

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