

RUTH SNYDER AND JUDD GRAY WALK UNASSISTED TO CHAIR

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aged beyond the 35 years he had passed. Visitors to Gray's cell to say good-bye yesterday were his mother, his sister and his brother-in-law. They remained to the last possible moment.

Only one member of Mrs. Snyder's family visited her, a brother. A gaping crowd, assembled as close to the prison as guards would permit, furnished an angle to the execution that could be explained only by morbid curiosity. There was nothing to hear and nothing to see, but a great number crowded in the streets outside the prison and others rode up and down in automobiles. They never knew when the man and woman died, but they stood long hours in the darkness waiting.

OSNING, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Autopsies on the bodies of Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray disclosed that the brains of both were normal, prison officials announced today.

The autopsies were performed by Dr. James Kerney, assistant prison surgeon, and were witnessed by four visiting physicians.

OSNING, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Jane Gray, the 9-year-old daughter of Henry Judd Gray, will receive a letter from her father on her birthday each year until she is 21 years old.

Just prior to his execution at Sing Sing Gray turned over a packet of letters to his attorney, Samuel Miller, with instructions that one be delivered to his daughter each year. The letters were written by Gray at the prison.

Mrs. Ruth Snyder also left a letter to be mailed to her 9-year-old daughter, Lorraine, and one for her mother, Mrs. Josephine Brown. Neither Gray nor Mrs. Snyder had seen their daughters since their confinement in Sing Sing.

Body Near Old Home EAST ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 13.—Less than a half mile from the home in which he had lived as a respected citizen, the body of Henry Judd Gray, electrocuted last night at Sing Sing, lay today in an undertaker's establishment, while crowds gathered around the place.

The body was buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Orange, beside that of his father.

Placed in a Vault NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The body of Ruth Snyder was brought today from Sing Sing prison and placed in a receiving vault at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The body was accompanied by an undertaker and Mrs. Snyder's brother, Andrew Brown. It will remain in the vault pending final disposition.

RUTH AND JUDD DECLARE DEATH RIGHT PENALTY

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Wallace and Joseph Edwards of her counsel visited her shortly before nine o'clock.

"I forgive everybody who holds anything against me," she quoted her as saying. "Please tell every one that I bear no malice."

Leonardo, who remained with her until 9:15 said when he asked Mrs. Snyder whether she had any last message she pointed to the clock which showed it to be 9:15. "I have an hour and forty-five minutes to live," she told him. "I am very, very sorry. I have said, and I am paying dearly for it."

"I only hope that my life—that I am giving up now—will serve as a lesson to the world," she said. "I asked her how she felt toward Judd," said Leonardo, who said Mrs. Snyder cried, "I guess we sinned together, and I guess we will go together—God knows where."

"I asked about the child, what she hoped for the child. She said 'If I had my life to live over again, I would want to be what I want my child to be—a good girl.'"

Samuel L. Miller, counsel for Gray, who remained with his client until after nine o'clock, reported he left him entirely resigned. "Gray," said Miller, "feels that his punishment is entirely just. He parted in tears from his mother. It was most affecting. He is spending his last minutes writing letters thanking people who have written him comforting letters and sent him gifts of books and other things. He indulges in no self-pity. He realizes the enormity of his act. He said the only regret he felt in dying for his crime was the suffering that he was bringing on his family, his mother and his sister and brother-in-law."

"Previously he had said to me 'It was a cruel crime and justice had to be done, but still I feel that I am not a criminally disposed man, one who became involved in a terrible deed without knowing why. I don't know yet. I have never been able to understand why I did it.'"

"He spoke only in kindest terms of Ruth. He said 'we both sinned. I have nothing to say against her.'"

"He was astonishingly cheerful and: 'I am now at peace with my fellow men and God.'"

FIEND SLAYS FIVE YEAR CHILD

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throw out a cordon several hundred feet long. Troopers who were dazed in circumference. Every highway and side artery in this section was under rigid patrol within an hour after the discovery of the body, while possemen scoured the inner terrain.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider were

prostrated. The couple, in modest circumstances, have one other child, Kenneth, 3 years old.

FRIDAY THE 13th THE LUCKIEST DAY

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would share in it. But there are exactly 13 letters in the name of one of our biggest corporations—General Motors—and there are 13 letters in the title of another industrial plant, the Standard Oil Co., which has enjoyed fortune's smiles for years.

Now let's examine Friday a bit. Is it unlucky?

Friday a Good Day. Not for America. Columbus sailed on a Friday and discovered land another Friday. The Declaration of Independence was introduced on a Friday. Cornwallis surrendered on a Friday. And, as if that isn't enough, in 1776, when George III called for a day of fasting and prayer in Britain to insure the defeat of the rebellious colonies, he issued his proclamation on Friday the 13th.

TODAY IS NOT LUCKY FOR FOX

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—A purportation, if believed in by William Edward Hickman, might have lavade the jail cell of the confessed kidnaper and slayer today.

For on this Friday the thirteenth the prisoner had the prospect of facing the battery of six alienists through whom the prosecution hopes to tear down the indicted youth's insanity defense to the murder of little Marian Parker.

The defense expert witnesses, Dr. R. O. Shelton, and Dr. E. M. Fettes, virtually completed their examination of Hickman yesterday and in their preliminary report to his attorney, Richard Caudin, branded the prisoner "wildly insane." It is possible that the two defense experts may join with the prosecution psychiatrists in the examination of young Hickman set for today.

"Hickman," Dr. Shelton said in his preliminary report, "is afflicted with a disease of the emotions and is no more responsible for his acts than the worst case in any state hospital. He is suffering from dementia praecox or reasoning insanity which is of a hereditary nature and which came to a climax in his last year of school. Hickman does not recognize the difference between right and wrong. His emotions and reactions are all gone. He is very intelligent and his memory rating is exceptionally high."

In the meantime the district attorney's office prepared to combat, not only the expert testimony with which Hickman's defense will be supported, but also possibly his own which operative have detected Hickman might use to impress the jury at his sanity trial, 12 days hence.

UNIFORM ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY NEEDED IN OREGON

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PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—The "greatest need today in solving the tax problem is a more equal and uniform assessment of property," declared State Treasurer Tom Kay, at the Northwest Tax Equalization conference here today.

"In Oregon we could add from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000 to the tax rolls by a proper assessment. This would reduce the general tax from 25 to 3 per cent. We should get all the property on the tax rolls that should be there—and today it is not."

"I am in favor of an income tax with a property offset. I do not think a man should pay taxes twice on the same property, but every one should pay once on property. Under the old income tax law we had, which was in force only one year ago, the state raised \$20,000,000 for state purposes alone, the state government only spends \$2,000,000, whereas for all purposes—state, county, municipal and school district—the state raises by taxation some \$50,000,000 annually."

"You often hear that taxes are much higher in Oregon than in California. That is not so. In Oregon, we pay directly, in California, they pay indirectly but they pay."

"Now, if you really want to reduce taxes, look after your local affairs."

Frank Bluns, of Shelton, Wash., a member of the executive committee of the Washington State Grange, declared that "one half the real wealth of Washington does not contribute one cent towards the state, municipal, or school district where it is located." Bluns said, "The Washington grange, numbering 20,000 voters, will go down the line with you in any reasonable tax redistribution program offered."

Stanley Wilson, of Linnton, said, "Forestry is nothing more or less than farming."

He said a severance on timber with a sliding scale should be adopted, and that land must be given to the state in order that they may be allowed 60 years to grow a new crop of Douglas fir trees.

Wilson said that in Michigan there are 25 bankrupt counties wherein the timber was ruthlessly cut away and no provision made for reforestation.

Income tax advocates took charge of yesterday afternoon's session with a series of talks by a number of speakers including ex-Governor Pleve, Governor Pat-

A SMALL TOWN SNYDER-GRAY CRIME

Louisiana Pair Used Murder as Model.

By NEA Service

HOMER, La., Jan. 13.—When a Long Island housewife named Ruth Snyder plotted with her erstwhile lover, Judd Gray, to club her husband to death, the echoes of the affair were heard in the remote confines of the Louisiana town of Haynesville, La., near here.

They put an idea in the heads of Elisha Swift, ne'er-do-well soft drink salesman, and Mrs. Effie Jowers, wife of a small-town storekeeper.

As a result, J. F. Jowers, the husband, is dead, and Mrs. Jowers and Swift have confessed to his murder and are facing trial for their lives in a crime that is almost the exact counterpart of the Snyder-Gray murder—except that it was, if possible, even more sordid and repellent.

Copied Ruth and Judd The two prisoners admit that the Snyder-Gray crime was their model.

Mrs. Jowers, a thin, disconcerting woman who looks even less like a principal in a flaming romance than Mrs. Snyder, says:

"Swift and I read about the Snyder-Gray murder. Every detail of it, Swift thought he could improve on it by hiding the body so it could never be found. We thought that Gray and Ruth Snyder had made a mistake in leaving the body where it was."

Swift and Mrs. Jowers had been maintaining a romance for a year—a romance that everyone in town knew about but Jowers. Swift visited Mrs. Jowers every day; when Jowers would come home before he left, Swift would hide in the attic until Jowers had fallen asleep.

This might have gone on indefinitely had not the Long Island murder given the lovers an idea. So, one night, Swift waited in the dark attic with more than his usual craft. His son Paul, boy, Paul Duputies found Paul at aged 16, was with him Jowers was a big man, and Swift, who

had planned things better than Judd Gray had planned, was taking no chances.

At last Jowers' high-pitched snores announced that he was asleep. Mrs. Jowers called Swift. He came into the bedroom. Mrs. Jowers held a Maht, and Swift swung a four-pound sledge hammer. It was soon over.

Jowers was too heavy for Swift to carry down to his auto. So Paul was pressed into unwilling service, and father and son dragged the body down stairs, across the living room floor and loaded it into the auto. Then they drove for miles to a bridge over a lonely bayou, where Swift tied heavy weights to the body and dumped it into the water.

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DISMISSAL OF MC CONNELL CASE EXPECTED SOON

Husband Will Refuse to Testify Against Wife, Friends Say—Wait For Dist. Atty.

Those closely connected with the McConnell poisoning case are expecting a dismissal of the action and the release of Mrs. Amanda McConnell, charged with an attempt to murder her 72-year-old husband by administering a dose of poison. It is believed that upon the return of District Attorney Gordon, who is now engaged in legal business at Portland, that arrangements will be made by the friends of the aged couple to have the case dismissed.

Mr. McConnell, according to his attorney and his friends, does not desire to prosecute the case, and desires a reconciliation with his wife. He has made the assertion that he will not testify against her, and as he cannot be compelled

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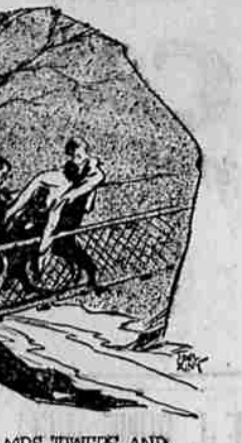
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This made the sheriff more suspicious; so, a few days later, when she was away, he entered and examined the floor.

As he suspected, the varnish was being used to cover blood-stains.

Mrs. Jowers and Swift were arrested. After a brief questioning they confessed, implicating the a movie and brought him to the jail. The boy seemed relieved at being arrested.

"I'm glad you've got me," he said. "I couldn't sleep ever since that night. Lots of times I was going to tell about it, but Pop wouldn't let me."

Then the boy revealed a strange, shadowy drama—the drama of the semi-literate soft drink salesman forcing his son to

help with a murder, stifling the boy's protests with blows and threats and compelling him to the fat of sleep for days afterward.

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When within a block of the courthouse Louis N. Scherr, chief of the Colorado state police, stopped the two men who were leading the parade while Mayor John J. Pritchard of Walsenburg warned them that they were violating the city ordinance. It was on the second attempt to stop the march that Martinez stepped into the I. W. W. ranks and opened fire at Max Lordeman, state policeman, according to Scherr.

When Lordeman, who was wounded, returned the fire the I. W. W.'s broke up and barricaded themselves in the I. W. W. headquarters. Soon afterwards Scherr started, the miners started firing at state police from the second

story window of the hall. Klements Chavez was shot and killed during the sniping and hardly had his body fallen from the second story window when his comrades carried him in.

The district around the hall was then roped off, a machine gun mounted on a truck and trained on the I. W. W. headquarters within a few hours. Soon the headquarters was cleared, and there was no further disturbance.

Despite the clash the I. W. W.'s held a meeting at strike headquarters last night, denouncing state police and decried that any sniping had been done from their hall. They contend that Chavez was shot in cold blood.

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