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ROSENTHALL MURDERERS DIE WITHOUT REMORSE

FOUR GUNMEN ELECTROCUTED WITHOUT FUSS

WHITEY LEWIS ALONE HAS STATEMENT TO MAKE BEFORE HIS DEATH.

RELATIVES GIVEN THE BODIES FOR BURIAL

Lewis Asserts He Did Not Shoot Rosenthall and Accuses His Accusers of Being Perjurers—Other Three Go to Their Death Without a Word —One Lives Nine Seconds.

Ossining, New York, April 13—That Cirofici gave a long statement to Father Cashin, Catholic prison chaplain at Sing Sing before the hour of execution, was learned shortly after the men had been put to death. The priest did not divulge the contents of the statemtnt but it is understood to be a partial confession, in which Harry Vallon and Harry Horowitz are named as the actual murderers of Herman Rosenthal the gambler. Becker recently insisted that Vallon did the killing. If certain testimony should develop at the trial of Lieutenant Becker, said Father Cashin, the statement will be offered in evidence, otherwise it will not be made public."

Ossining, N. Y., April 13.—With the bravado which they have shown always since their arrest on a charge of murdering Gambler Herman Rosental on the morning of July 16, 1912, the four gunmen, convicted with Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, who now awaits a new trial, today went to their death in the electric chair. The men whom the death chair claimed today were Hary Horowitz, alias "Gyp the Blood;" Louis Rosenberg, alias "Lefty Louie;" Frank Girofici, alias "Dago Frank;" Frank Muller, alias "Whitey Lewis."

The gunmen went to the death chair respectively at 5:38; 5:48; 5:57 and 6:08. The first died in 6 seconds, the second in four, the third in five and the fourth in nine seconds.

Lewis Alone Talks.

None confessed and "Whitey Lewis" was the only one who had a public statement to make. While awaiting his turn in the chair he said:

"Gentlemen, I want to say a few words about justice. These witnesses who swore they saw me shoot Rosenthall were perjurers. I swear, by God, I didn't shoot him."

The bodies of the four men were turned over to relatives for funeral services.

The murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler who, "squealed," probably was the most cold blooded in its conception and the most carelessly and contemptuously carried out of any in all the sordid and sensational criminal history of Greater New York. Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, leader of New York's "strong arm squad," was convicted, previous to the gunmen, of first degree murder, as instigator of the crime, and sentenced to death. For over a year he sat in a cell on the "life side" of the "little green door" which leads to the dread chair and the beyond. Then he was granted a new trial by the Court of Appeals on technical grounds. He is now in the Tombs.

Herman Rosenthal was murdered at 2 a. m., on the morning of July 16, 1912. He had been furnishing District Attorney Whitman with evidence of police grafting which connected Becker with gamblers. He had been several times warned to "hold his tongue." While dining at the Metropole located just off Broadway on West 42nd street, he was called to the pavement by a man never identified. As he stepped to the curb he was shot through the brain. The murderers calmly walked to an awaiting automobile and rode off toward Fifth Avenue. A policeman recorded a fictitious number, of the car. A bystander who had witnessed the shooting, took the license number and was arrested when he gave it to the police of the 47th Street Station. Only the fact that District Attorney Whitman got out of bed to assume immediate personal charge of the case, saved this man and his memory of the car number to the prosecution. It was this slender thread of evidence from which Whitman traced the real slayers, and built up his case.

It was subsequently learned that Becker received word of the shooting from Jack Rose, Becker's stool pigeon, by phone, and that the police lieutenant immediately rushed from his apartments uptown to reassure the men who had engineered the shooting. It was also learned that Becker, in an automobile, had passed the Metropole a few minutes before Rosenthal was killed.

Up to the very last "Dago Frank", "Gyp the Blood," "Lefty Louie," and "Whitey Lewis" asserted their innocence. Becker was tried before they were. They were confident Becker would not be convicted. When he was, however, they did not lose hope. Fol-

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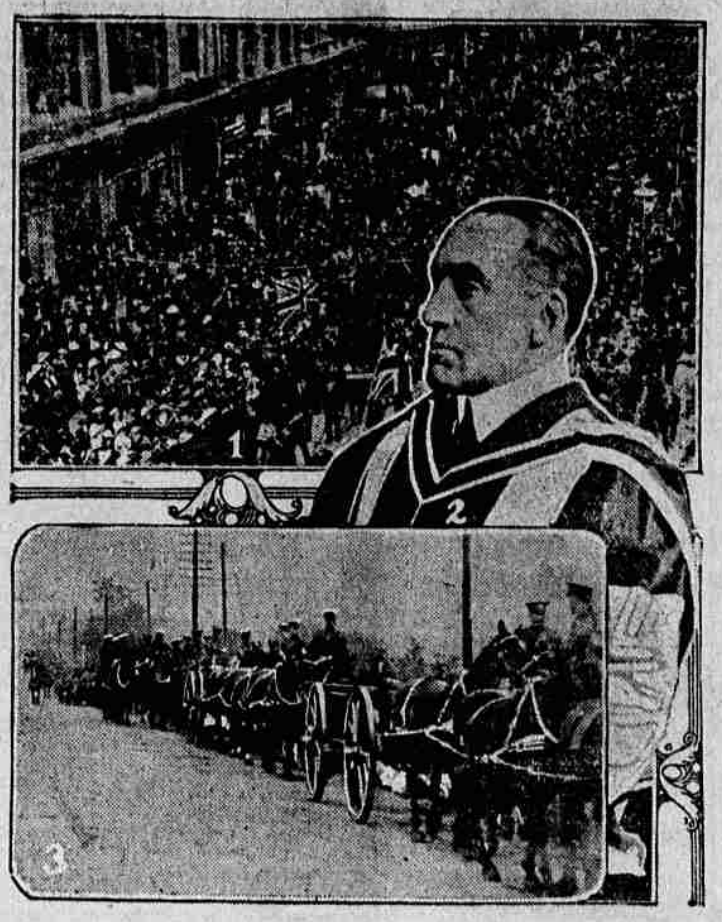
COLUMBIA RIVER NAVIGATION ASSOCIATION HOLDS SESSION

Portland, April 13.—Striving to enlist all forces of the Columbia River Basin in a stupendous movement for navigation and development, the Columbia and Snake River waterways association opened its meetings here. President Richardson voiced co-operations as the key note of the convention. The morning was taken up with the reception and registration of delegates.

Widespread support has been given the association in Union county. Hundreds have signed petitions asking for liberal appropriations for the development, as up-river navigation spells cheaper rates to Portland from Union county.

Pictures Illustrating Ulster Trouble In North of Ireland



FOLLOWING the rejection of Premier Asquith's compromise on the home rule bill by the Unionists, the situation became critical in Ulster. The north of Ireland seethed with excitement, and a "holy war" was threatened. Belfast was the storm center of the trouble. Unionist volunteers gathered there ready for a fight, while the British garrisons at Londonderry, Armagh and other points were strengthened. No. 1.—Typical parade of protest against home rule in Belfast. No. 2.—Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Unionists. No. 3.—Type of British artillery.

KNIGHTS OF STATE GATHER

ELABORATE SERVICES HELD HERE YESTERDAY.

Owen F. Jones, Baker Episcopalean, Delivers Strong Address.

Seldom, if ever, has the annual Easter service participated in by Knights Templar of Eastern Oregon, been more aspiciously staged or more greatly enjoyed than that which ruled yesterday in this city. In point of numbers, alone, was the service below normal—a funeral in Baker and unavoidable barricades in Pendleton kept the attendance down. With those who did not wear unforms, the attendance was slightly over 100.

The morning program was carried out as announced, and in the afternoon services were held at the M. E. Church. Following the ritualistic service, music program and sermon, the Knights marched to the hall and there listened to brief speeches by visiting Sir Knights. Among those who spoke were: Sir Knight C. J. Smith of Pendleton, Sir Knight Brock of Pendleton, Eminent Commander Funk of Pendleton, Eminent Commander Bodinson of Baker, Sir Knight Moulton of Baker. Later in the evening a reception was tendered, and the ladies were guests with the Knights. Considerably more than 100 sat down to the banquet.

Sir Knight Owen F. Jones B. D., D. D., rector of St. Stephens at Baker, was the speaker, and a more scholarly sermon has seldom been heard from a west pulpit. He traced the origin of Knighthood, saying that it was not prompted entirely by the chivalric age of the crusades, but Knighthood has cropped out wherever Christianity has been felt. He told of the rise and fall of the order of Soldiers of the

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DAM QUESTION UNDETERMINED

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO RECEIVE LEASE BIDS.

Four from Wallowa and Three of Union to Meet Again April 21.

For the second time what was purported to be final action on the question of removal or repair of the Minam dam has been given another inning. The visit of State Fish Hatchery Superintendent Clanton and State Game Warden Evans last Saturday, resulted in the appointment of a committee of seven to receive and pass on the merits of bids for leasing the state land abutting the dam site. Three of these, Morelock of Elgin, Crowe and Wenzel of La Grande are from Union county and the balance from Wallowa; Al Jones of Joseph, Hinderman, of Enterprise, Evans of Lostine, and Baker of Wallowa. These seven meet in Wallowa April 21 to adopt recommendations pertaining to the leasing of the water site and land, and the state commission promises to act accordingly. The feeling in Wallowa is becoming clearly cut for blowing out the dam, but it is believed that Union county objection to that step, will be successful if a meritorious bid for leasing the site is received. Several are already in hand.

The dam cost about $3,000 but has been greatly enhanced by the O.-W. in piling rock behind it. It is understood that power is not to be developed by any of the lessees. If adequate bids are received the state will build fishways—otherwise the valuable and commercial point of advantage will be blown to smithereens.

Mrs. Dunn Improves.

Slight improvement is noted today in the condition of Mrs. Lute Dunn, who Thursday underwent an operation for a serious attack of appendicitis.

UNION COUNTY CONTRIBUTES $30,000 TO RESERVE BANK

Young Couple Wedded Sunday

MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS TO LIVE IN EAST.

RELATIVES AT CEREMONY

Chief Clerk in Bollon's Office Off to Spokane to Wed.

Walter Francis and Marporie McCall, both of La Grande, were to be quietly married in Portland yesterday. The charming bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah E. McCall, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bacon, left Saturday evening for Portland to witness the ceremony, and some time during the coming week the bridal couple and their relations will return to La Grande to spend a few days before leaving for Illinois, where they expect to live permanently. The prearranged program called for a quiet wedding in Portland yesterday and while no confirmation has reached La Grande friends today, there is no reason to believe otherwise. The groom has for the past six years been employed at the N. K. West store as salesman, and occupied a high place of esteem among his bachelor friends and citizens at large.

The bride, daughter of Sarah E. McCall, was born here, schooled here and is one of the city's most charming, beautiful and accomplished young ladies.

Chief Clerk to Wed.

J. G. Miller, chief clerk to Superintendent Wm. Bollons of the O.-W. left last Saturday for Spokane where he will take unto himself a wife. The bride-to-be is Miss Agnes O'Leary, of Spokane, reputed to be one of the most beautiful women of that progressive city. Local friends who know her say she is an accomplished young woman, of charming personality, with much of the Irish wit and with all, a character whom the citizens of this city will be glad to meet and make a friend.

Miss O'Leary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim O'Leary of Spokane. Mr. O'Leary has the distinction of being for twenty-five years a faithful employe of the O.-W. having come to this country with John Gardner now a trusted engineer of this city and city commissioner. Mr. O'Leary first worked at The Dalles, later removing to Spokane.

Mr. Miller came to this country

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BASS SHIPMENT PROMISED.

That Union county is to be the big bass center of Eastern Oregon become clear when Fish Superintendent Clanton, after inspecting the proposed planting grounds, admitted valley conditions were admirable. A carload of bass will probably be put into the down river points this spring. In addition, the coming month will bring a carload of Eastern brook, and June will bring a carload of steelheads or rainbows.

IST ONE-SIXTH PAYMENTS DUE 'FRISCO BANK

LA GRANDE MONEY HOUSES CALLED ON FOR FIRST INSTALLMENT.

TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TAKEN FROM LA GRANDE

First One-sixth Payment Due Now, Several More Shortly and Last Portions on Call — Both Institutions Here and Elsewhere Pay Six Percent of Surplus and Capital.

The first material local echo of the federal reserve banking system was heard today when La Grande bankers received notice that the first installments of assessments in the reserve banks, are due. These reserve installments go to the San Francisco Reserve bank with which La Grande banks must deal. The total assessments from La Grande will be six per cent of the total capitalization and surplus of both banks, the assessments amounting in round figures to $22,000, but only one-sixth is called now, one-sixth in 90 days one-sixth in six months and the balance at call.

In addition to the La Grande National and United States National of this city which together contribute $22,000 to the reserve bank, there are three other banks in the county that must take stock. The First National of Union, the Union National, and the Elgin National, have jointly a surplus and capitalization of $112,000 and six percent of that amount is approximately $7,720. This added to the $22,000 from La Grande makes approximately $30,000 that Union county will contribute to the reserves of the San Francisco bank.

CITY COFFERS SWELL $20,000

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS NOW 18 MONTHS BEHIND.

Turnover from County Tax Collector Refunds Warrants.

Twenty thousand dollars, collected by County Tax Collector Frawley, as the City of La Grande's share in 1914 tax moneys, were turned over to City Treasurer Monsager today and the call for warrants that followed shuts off interest on all warrants issued prior to about 18 months ago or October 1912 to be exact. The periodical call for water warrants is made today bringing that department up to about standard.