

Rose Slays Self in Cell After Confession

McCarthy Dies Calmly in 1st Gas Execution

System Found Preferable to Hanging by Heads of Prison

Condemned Man Declared Dead Five Minutes After Gassing

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR.
Calmly and without apparent pain, Leroy Herschel McCarthy went to his death yesterday morning in Oregon's new gas execution chamber.

Without a cry and with barely a shudder, McCarthy, who had gone through a racking day before with a bare hope of reprieve or commutation, sucked at the cloudy white fumes of hydrocyanic acid and was pronounced dead at 8:42 a. m.

It was the first time the state of Oregon had put a man to death by gas. The method, despite dissatisfaction with it in California, was satisfactory to prison officials. Warden George Alexander said he believed the method preferable to hanging, though yesterday was the first time he had witnessed an execution of any sort.

Doomed Man Pale, But in Calm
Pale after a sleepless night but with the calm resignation that was his during 18 months in prison, McCarthy took his place in the gas chamber at 8:30. Blindfolded, stripped to shorts, his head shaven, McCarthy was led to his place by Father John Reedy and Asst. Warden Gene Halley.

The chamber sealed and with 50 witnesses watching through five windows with grim intensity, the gas began rising from beneath McCarthy's chair at 8:37. Tightly in his right hand the doomed man clutched a crucifix. McCarthy, who had been breathing in deep draughts of air from the time the chamber was locked at 8:35, took two deep breaths as the gas hit his face and then his head slumped forward. Official doctors, in a brief statement, later said they believed he lost consciousness after 15 or 20 seconds.

His head straightened up again in a partly convulsive movement and then, two minutes after the gas generator had been finally forward on his chest. He did not move again.

Doctors Listen To Heart Beats
Doctors listening to his heart beats through a stethoscope tapped to McCarthy's chest and leading through the chamber walls heard a slow and irregular beat during the first minute. Only occasional beats could be heard at the end of two minutes. At the end of five minutes no more heart beats were heard and death was declared.

Thus the 28-year-old three-time jobber paid society's penalty for the slaying of Floyd Faelner in a Portland service station holdup August 10, 1937 and brought to an end a 15-year crime career.

Prisoners were marched into the cold and foggy yard to avoid a demonstration in the cells. Extra guards watched against an outbreak.

McCarthy, who learned after his evening meal, the last one he ever ate, that Governor Charles A. Sprague had denied clemency, had nothing to say to reporters before his death. He met the group of newspapermen standing near a window in the death cell room adjoining the death chamber. Barefooted and wearing only shorts, he puffed at a cigarette and shook his head to questions. He did not appear visibly moved.

There was a tense few moments as witnesses, who were about a foot from the scene, waited for a wooden partition, walled McCarthy.

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SPANISH INSURGENT ENTER TARRAGONA



Navarrese troops of the Spanish insurgent army are shown entering Tarragona after its capture. This was one of the cities to fall as the insurgents drove on Barcelona. With activity at a hill on the Madrid front, loyalist forces were reported rushing additional troops by motor van and boat to the aid of Barcelona. This picture was radioed from London to New York. (AP Telegram.)

Split Precipitated In Martin's Union

Ousted Board Members to Impeach President of Huge CIO Body

DETROIT, Jan. 20. (AP)—Anti-Martin majority members of the United Automobile Workers' executive board, retaliating after his suspension of President Homer Martin, voted unanimously tonight to impeach the president of the big CIO union.

The board preferred eight charges against Martin, who locked the international union's headquarters here this morning, removed records to his hotel and announced he had suspended 15 members of the board who have opposed him.

Those 15 and two other board members not disciplined by Martin joined in the unanimous vote to bring the union president to trial with a view to removing him from office.

In opposition to the anti-Martin board, the UAW president designated the remaining seven members as his own executive board. His board met with him at his hotel headquarters.

Martin could not be reached for comment after the board revealed its latest step, but an aide at his headquarters remarked:

"How can the suspended suspend?"

Sally Rand Talks Shop at Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 20. (AP)—Sally Rand "likes older men best" because they give you what the young men promise, she told interviewers last night in a short stop between planes here.

There is, Sally also contended, no such thing as a fan dancer. "The fan dance is the name of a composition of dancing," she asserted. "I am no more a fan dancer than John McCormack is a 'Mother Machree' singer."

She revealed that her fans cost \$200 a pair, and that she keeps 10 on hand. For the bubble dance, which she described as "abstract," bubbles cost \$23 each but she owns her own factory, from which she also sells bubbles to the government for target practice and weather observations.

Baseball King Wills Fortune To Former Dancer in Chorus

By SCOTT HERSHEY
NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (AP)—One of the hundreds of small-town girls who came to New York in 1920 dreaming of theatrical fame and fortune today was given the real-life role of an heiress to one-third of the vast fortune left by the multi-millionaire bachelor, Col. Jacob Ruppert.

She is Miss Helen Winthrop Weyant, native of Springfield, Mass., a striking brunette in her late thirties who appeared as a chorus girl in several Broadway productions under the name of Winthrop Wayne. In addition to an outright bequest of \$200,000 she will receive one-third of the Ruppert baseball, brewing and building fortunes estimated variously at from \$20,000,000 to \$70,000,000.

Unofficial estimates indicated federal and state taxes might reduce the estate to about \$12,000,000.

Colonel Ruppert's will, admitted to probate today, named two executors, Helen Ruppert Silbeck (Mrs. Joseph Holloran) and Ruth

Rita Silbeck (Mrs. J. Basil McQuinn) both of Greenwich, Conn., as the other major beneficiaries. The Essex hill hospital was requested to care for the late Colonel's collection of art objects goes to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The bequests to the Colonel's nieces were not unexpected, but the naming of Miss Weyant left even her upset and she declined to see reporters. A spokesman for Miss Weyant said she had no knowledge of the bequest until she received a telegram this morning. The spokesman quoted her as saying:

"I didn't know that Mr. Ruppert even considered me in his will. The first I learned about it was a telegram this morning. It was a dreadful shock to me and I am so nervous and upset that it is impossible for me to talk to anyone."

Byron Clark, Jr., Colonel Ruppert's personal lawyer, said Miss Weyant was "a very dear friend of the Colonel's, a charming lady whom I have met socially."

Water Directors To File Tax Suit To Determine Bill

Suit to determine whether or not the city of Salem owes Marion county approximately \$25,000 in taxes and interest on water system properties was ordered started by the water commission last night. The commissioners directed City Attorney Paul R. Hendricks to prepare and file the action, probably one for a declaratory judgment and to hire legal assistance that might be needed subject to their approval.

The tax bill was presented after the city bought the water system from the Oregon-Washington Water Service company August 3, 1935. The old company paid the 1935 taxes; the possibility that under a 1935 legislative act the city might be liable for 1936 taxes was raised soon thereafter.

However, the president denied the Guam improvements were being pressed at this time as a possible basis for negotiating with Japan on Pacific problems.

(Advance word of the proposal to strengthen Guam had aroused anger in Japan, and had led to official expressions of concern there over United States' intentions.)

A \$25,000,000 administration measure for naval air bases, filed yesterday in the senate and house, would authorize future outlay of \$5,000,000 on Guam. Questioned at his press conference, Mr. Roosevelt called attention to the fact that the bill involved no actual appropriation and that it covers only harbor improvements, along with added aircraft facilities and marine barracks.

Sale of Japanese Bonds Is Stopped

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. (AP)—The securities commission announced tonight it has halted the sale in Hawaii of a Japanese bond issue to raise funds for hostilities in China.

The commission said it had secured an injunction from the U. S. district court for Hawaii, restraining the Doshikai, otherwise known as the Patriotic Bond Subscription society from soliciting subscriptions in Hawaii for a one-million yen issue of Japanese emergency bonds.

The bonds are known in financial circles as "the Chinese incident issue."

About \$55,000 collected from subscribers will be returned, the commission said.

The injunction was consented to by the society and by its principal officers, who were named among the defendants, the SEC announced.

Silverton Council Asks Bond Voting

SILVERTON, Jan. 20. (AP)—The Silverton city council tonight decided to call a special election Feb. 6 for a vote on bond issue to help pay for a proposed sewage disposal system and a municipal swimming pool.

A \$20,000 bond issue will be sought for the sewage system, which is expected to cost about \$110,000, including government aid. A \$50,000 issue is asked for the swimming pool, which is expected to cost \$18,000.

Hoyt on Fund Committee
PORTLAND, Jan. 20. (AP)—Palmer Hoyt, manager of the Portland Oregonian, was appointed to the endowment fund committee of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, an announcement revealed today.

Late Sports

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 20. (AP)—Pacific college held its lead in the Northwest conference tonight by beating Linfield, 35 to 29. It was Pacific's second league win in a row without defeat. The halftime score was 15-10 for Pacific.

ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 20. (AP)—Southern Oregon normal defeated Mount Angel college here tonight, 29-23. The normal team was ahead at halftime, 15-11. Sixteen of the losers was high with nine points. Bethers, SONS, got eight.

Schacht Given Walking Paper By Herr Hitler

Reichsbank Switch Seen as Slap at Americans in Washington

Funk, new Head, Noted for Animosity Toward United States

(By the Associated Press)
Adolf Hitler changed presidents of the reichsbank yesterday in a shift that alarmed British business and was regarded by a high commerce department official at Washington as a slap at the United States.

To bring the powerful financial institution under full Nazi control Hitler removed Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, who often quarreled with Nazi leaders over tremendous government expenditures, and named Economics Minister Walther Funk, Germany's number one barter salesman, as reichsbank head.

In British eyes Schacht represented soundness. There was a feeling that he was the only man who understood Germany's complicated currency system. He often had been a brake on Nazi spending schemes.

In Washington, officials who recently made a survey of the German situation described Schacht as friendly to this country and said Funk was noted for his animosity to the United States.

Only yesterday Funk threatened to transfer Germany's trade with Great Britain to the Balkans. The threat failed to worry American experts, who said Germany for a long time had been buying here only the goods she absolutely needed.

German securities fell about four per cent in the London market after the Berlin announcement, and there was a pronounced weakness of German marks in foreign exchange.

Specifically, Berlin expected the Reichsbank switch to accelerate inflation for the government's economic drive through the Balkans, and delay for the time being at least the possibility that several hundred thousands Jews might emigrate with the aid of the intergovernmental refugee committee.

The Reichsbank change almost overshadowed developments in the world's two wars.

Spanish insurgents speeded up their drive toward Barcelona, announcing the capture of two important towns. One was Igualada, 28 miles northwest of Barcelona and described as the key to the center of the government defense line. The second was Vendrell, 32 miles southwest of Barcelona and communications center near the Mediterranean coast. Vendrell was an advance post of the government's southern defenses.

In China Japanese columns were fighting deeper into the interior to expand the buffer zone about Hankow, fallen provisional capital.

Japanese determination to pursue the campaign was voiced again in the Japanese diet. Foreign Minister Hirochi Arita declared Japan's readiness to take "proper" steps to cut off overseas shipments of supplies to the Chinese by way of French Indo-China "and other territories."

Count Forest Dwellers

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 20. (AP)—Animals as small as squirrels were included in a Siskiyou national forest census today which showed an animal population of 33,176. Deer showed an increase over previous years, and cougars a decline. Rangers reported only six wolves.

Passengers Near Panic as Waves Batter Huge Italian Luxury Ship

It is believed that the 800 passengers on the Italian liner Venezia, which was struck by a heavy sea, were in a state of near panic when the boat decked at New York. J. C. McClelland, Longview, Wash., publisher, said at least six persons were injured and scores bruised. The waves crashed over the top of the ship, breaking windows on the top deck," he said. This view of the Venezia wallowing through the heavy seas was made by a passenger. (AP Telegram.)

Farmer Accused of Murdering Wife Slashes Throat in Jail While Officers Discuss Case

Settling Basin At Stayton Is To Be Ordered

Plans Begun for Better Water Supply From Isle Source

Commission Decides on Filtration Plant as Next Expansion

Working plans for the improvement of Salem's underground water supply on Stayton Island were ordered by the city water commission last night after it had been decided without a vote that future expansion should be through construction of a plant to filter water taken directly from the North Santiam river.

Settling Basin
The immediate improvement will be a settling and screening basin to remove sand sediment from the underground infiltration source of supply. Engineer R. E. Koon, who estimated roughly the basin would cost \$12,000, was asked to have plans and specifications ready for adoption at the February 3 commission meeting if possible. Speed was urged in order that the basin might be finished by early summer, when the water demand increases sharply.

Declaring the commission had a highly valuable investment in the underground system, in that it was adequate to serve the city's full needs during at least seven or eight months of each year, the engineer advised the water officials that any increase in the supply should be sought through a source about whose adequacy there could be no doubt. That source, he said, was filtration, the plan that preceded the infiltration idea.

The settling basin would be constructed so that the filtration plant to be built at some later date could be constructed on top, the two forming a single unit.

The commission has approximately \$20,000 in cash on hand for the basin project, Manager Cuyler VanPatten said.

Three Sentenced For Extort Plot

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20. (AP)—Federal Judge James A. Fee sentenced three men to prison terms today shortly after a jury convicted them of attempting to extort \$15,000 from Dr. W. E. Savage, Portland physician.

Alexander Drummond, self-admitted ringleader of the group which sent a threatening letter to the physician, was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison. William John Jackson was given a 10-year term and Tony Bogdon, 19, was sentenced to 10 years for the money, was sentenced to two years.

Drummond and Jackson were convicted of conspiracy to extort and use of the mails to extort. Bogdon was found guilty only of the conspiracy charge.

The men were arrested at rendezvous by federal bureau of investigation agents last fall.

Mowrys to Assist In Rosser Appeal

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20. (AP)—George and John Mowrys, Portland attorneys, will assist in the next attempt of Al E. Rosser to obtain Oregon supreme court approval of a re-trial.

George Vanderveer, AFL attorney at Seattle, made the announcement today. Rosser, former AFL teamster union head here, faced 12 years in the Oregon penitentiary on an arson conviction.

Both George and John Mowrys are former Multnomah county deputy district attorneys.

Zoo at Portland Visited by Stork

PORTLAND, Jan. 20. (AP)—The stork, or whoever brings him, came to town, dropped three bundles of lambs joy at the Washington park zoo here today. Three cubs were born to Nero and Cleopatra, old inhabitants of the zoo.

The cubs were put in the care of Cecil Montgomery, who has been adept at ministering to the infants of the zoo.

Prisoners Hear "Gurgling Sound," Call Trusty Eight Minutes After Rose Taken From Jail Office

Broadacres Man Admits Slaying Wife With Stick of Cordwood Before Being Own Executioner

Herman S. Rose, 51, Broadacres farmer, closed his own murder case last night when, after confessing to the killing of his wife, he committed suicide in the county jail by slashing his throat and an arm with a safety razor blade.

"I won't need to do that," he had told Deputy Sheriff B. G. Honeycutt a few minutes earlier when the officer told him he could go into court, plead guilty before a jury and be sentenced.

Rose may thereby have escaped becoming the second man to die in Oregon's new cyanide gas chamber, in which Leroy Herschel McCarthy, another slayer, was executed yesterday morning.

Rose died in his solitary cell at 11:02 p. m., not more than eight minutes after he had admitted for a second time to Honeycutt that he beat his wife fatally with a 16-inch stick of stove wood in their farmhouse 1 1/2 miles northwest of Broadacres last Monday morning. She died in a hospital Tuesday afternoon.

District Attorney Lyle J. Page, Honeycutt and a Statesman reporter were sitting in Sheriff A. C. Burk's basement living room in the courthouse discussing the Rose case when they heard Doyle Orr, jail trusty shout:

"Honeycutt! Quick! That old man's killed himself!"

Rose was dead when the officers reached him, stretched out on his six-foot, nine-inch length on an arm cot in his cell. The double-edged razor he had been using lay in a pool of blood on the floor.

Prisoners Hear Gurgling Sound
Orr had hurried to the man's cell when Leo Kilian and Frank Feeley, prisoners in an adjoining cubicle, heard what they described as a gurgling sound and called for the trusty, who had liberty of the jail corridor, to investigate. They had Rose than five minutes earlier tossed Rose a pencil—the pencil with which he scrawled a death note, found inserted inside a magazine.

"Dear kids and officials," it read. "Mrs. Rose is the cause of all our troubles and the death of my name. I am sorry but I have been persuaded in to this trouble. I do not listen to her. . . . May God bless you all and I hope you prosper and do well. Put dear little Harold through school if you can sell the place, if you rather, or do the best you can. May God bless you all. With love and best wishes from papa, H. S. Rose."

Page withheld the identity of the woman named by Rose and declared she not only had no part in the case but also had given information that led to the investigation of Mrs. Rose's death.

A daughter and a neighbor woman, who Monday noon found Mrs. Rose lying gravely injured at the foot of the farmhouse stairs, according to Page, quoted her as saying:

"He done it. Papa done it. Don't tell."

They didn't tell until Tuesday afternoon.

The gurgling investigation brought Rose's arrest, followed by a fresh climax at 4:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon when he intimated to Deputy Honeycutt, in the jail here, that he would confess. Page and his deputy, Joseph Felton, were at Broadacres searching for the murder weapon.

Drawings Ridicule President of US

BOSTON, Jan. 20. (AP)—Fend-drawings ridiculing President Roosevelt were seized today by Boston detectives, who said they were destined for distribution at a Boston dinner (unidentified).

Police Commissioner Joseph F. Timilty, announcing that he would seek obscene literature warrants tomorrow, declared:

"It is about time some respect was shown the office of the president of the United States. In some foreign countries, instead of waiting until the next day to obtain a court warrant, officials would order an immediate firing squad for such an offense."

Switch of PUD Laws Moved In Bill Due on Senate Floor

Repeat of the existing public utility district law and substitution of an entirely new statute had been agreed upon today by sponsors of such legislation in the session of the legislature. The new proposal is scheduled for introduction in the senate Monday, Senator Lyman Ross will take the lead in urging its passage.

Sponsors of the act said yesterday that it would contain a provision that voters must approve any issue of revenue bonds in their districts when the first issue is brought out. After the initial issue, directors of the district could issue bonds.

The provision was made at the request of Governor Charles A. Sprague after the original draft of the bill had not contained such a provision.

The revenue certificate clause was one of seven points outlined at a recent conference of power users. The voluminous bill prepared today also lists many of the other subjects, including location of the hydro-electric commission as chief authority on study, investigation and reports on requests for people's power districts.

Cities, if they wish, may continue to operate independently of rural incorporated territories. Provision will be made to allow the county court to call an election for a district covering an entire county.