



FOUR GUNMEN DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR AT SING SING PRISON

ONLY ONE MAKES A STATEMENT BEFORE CURRENT ENDS ALL

"Whitney Lewis" Declares He is Innocent of Slaying Herman Rosenthal—Others are Silent.

GAZE WITH HORROR AT CHAIR

Four Shocks Necessary Before Rosenberg is Pronounced Dead—Bodies are Turned Over to Relatives—Executions Take Place at an Early Hour This Morning.

History of the Case.

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 a waiting 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 45th street station. Only the fact that District Atty. Whitman got out of bed to assume personal charge of the case, saved this man and the member 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 had received word of the shooting of Jack Rose, Becker's stool pigeon, by phone, and that the police lieutenant immediately rushed from his apartment up town 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.

OSSENING, N. Y., April 13.—Harry Brown, alias "Big Red Blood," Frank Cirofici, alias "Dago Frank," Frank Seidenshner, alias "Whitney Lewis," and Louis Rosenberg, alias "Lefty Louie," were electrocuted at Sing Sing this morning. The gunmen went to the death chair respectively at 5:38, 5:48, 5:58 and 6:08. The first died in six minutes, the second four, the third five and the fourth nine. None confessed.

"Whitney Lewis" was the only one who made a statement. Awaiting his turn in the death chair, he said: "Gentlemen, I want to say a few words for the sake of justice. Those witnesses who swore they saw me shoot Rosenthal were perjurers. I swear by God I didn't shoot him."

The bodies of the men were turned over to relatives.

They all appeared half paralyzed with horror when they entered the death chamber. Their eyes bulged, and they moved mechanically as the guards guided them and they died without a word.

Rosenberg was the hardest to kill. Four shocks were needed.

Father Cashion, the Catholic Chaplain at Sing Sing, accompanied Cirofici to the death chair. The last communion had just been given the doomed gunman. In his hands he carried a crucifix. He seemed dazed and made not a sound as he was strapped to the chair.

Seidenshner, who came next, was quite calm and quavered a psalm from the Hebrew book of prayer. Rabbi Goldstein entered the death chamber with him. He strode quietly to the chair, then turned and hesitated. Two guards pushed him into the seat and began adjusting the straps. He began to speak as an attendant started to fit the black electrode over his head. The condemned man flinched but his voice was firm throughout the short declaration. As Seidenshner finished his statement, he repeated after the rabbi constantly the recurring words, "There is one God, only one." He was speaking the last word when an attendant clapped the flap of the electrode across his mouth. There was a brief stillness. The warden raised his hand. State Electrician Davis threw the lever over.

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LOCAL KNIGHTS ARE HOME FROM VISIT AT LA GRANDE

EASTER IS SPENT AS GUESTS OF NEIGHBORING LODGE—ATTEND SERVICES.

Having spent an enjoyable Easter with the Knights Templar of La Grande and Baker, eighteen Sir Knights and ladies of this city arrived home in their special car attached to the fast mail early this morning. The La Grande knights proved most hospitable hosts, they report, and did everything they could to make the brief visit of the Baker and Pendleton delegations enjoyable.

The local delegation arrived in La Grande at about 11:30 yesterday morning and an informal reception was held for them immediately. Shortly afterward, a luncheon was served them. At 2 o'clock, the Sir Knights of the three commanderies, clad in their uniforms, marched through the streets to the Methodist church where the Easter services were held. Rev. Owen F. Jones, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal church of Baker and a past commander, preached the sermon for the occasion. The music by a large chorus was one of the features of the service.

At 6 o'clock the visitors were banqueted and at 9:45 the local delegation started for home. The meeting next year will be held at Baker.

SUIT FOR \$20,000 AGAINST FEDERAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, April 13.—James Gaffney president of the Boston Nationals brought suit for \$25,000 against President Gilmore of the federal league, President Hanlon and Manager Knabe of the Baltimore Federals, alleging the three are involved in a conspiracy to persuade Pitcher Jack Quinn to sign a Federal contract, after he had signed an agreement to play with the Braves.

WATERWAYS MEN AT PORTLAND FOR MEET

DEVELOPMENT OF COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS SUBJECT OF CONVENTION.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—Striving to enlist all agencies in the Columbia basin in a stupendous movement for navigation and power development the Columbia and Snake river waterways association opened here today. President Richardson gave cooperation as the keynote of the convention. The morning was occupied by a reception and the registration of delegates.

MINERS IN MICHIGAN VOTE TO RESUME WORK; DEMANDS MADE BY MEN ARE WAIVED

LABORERS WILL GO BACK UNDER PRACTICALLY OLD CONDITIONS.

CALUMET, Mich., April 13.—The strike of the copper workers in the Michigan mines has been officially declared off. An announcement to this effect was made at the headquarters of the Western Federation of Miners, the strikers voting to waive their demands for higher wages, better working conditions and recognition of the union and will seek to work the mines on practically the same conditions as those prevailing before the walk-out last June. It is said the miners voted two to one to resume work.

Eighteen thousand men originally struck. Thousands left the district, however, and only about 5000 strikers battled to the end. The operators announced that only a few of the men were put back to work.

SENATOR CUMMINGS OF IOWA LANDS ON THE RAILROADS

METHODS USED TO DISCREDIT WORK OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Roundly denouncing the methods of the railroads which are endeavoring to secure the interstate commerce commission's endorsement of a five per cent freight rate increase, Senator Cummings of Iowa, declared in the senate that "there is in progress one of the most comprehensive, energetic and persistent campaigns I ever witnessed to make the country believe the government regulation of railroads has resulted in a failure."

That the interstate commerce commission will decide the rate of increase on its merits, the senator said he was convinced but he declared the public is being deceived by incorrect and exaggerated statements.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB WILL MAKE ITS BOW TONIGHT

PUBLIC RECEPTION TO BE HELD IN ROOMS—MUSICAL PROGRAM PLANNED.

This evening the newly formed Young Men's Club will make its formal bow to the city through a public reception to be tendered in the club quarters in the room adjoining the lobby of the Golden Rule Hotel. The rooms have been fitted up in a very creditable manner and will form an excellent resort for young men desiring good, clean, wholesome recreation and amusement. The membership of the club is already large and the organization is receiving strong support from representative local people.

During the reception this evening a musical program will be given. Among those on the program are Miss Birchall instrumental solo, Mrs. Glenn Stridvick, vocal solo, Mrs. Carl Powell, vocal solo, Walter Rose, vocal solo and Mrs. Jordan, vocal solo. The reception starts at 8.

A stylish coat on a man's back enables him to put on a bold front.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.

Four gunmen are electrocuted at Sing Sing.

Miners in Michigan vote to return to work.

John Lind is back from Mexico to confer with the president.

Waterways convention opens in Portland.

Local.

Jury in federal court returns verdict of \$6000 for defendant in damage suit.

Circuit court and grand jury commence April terms; jury will probably investigate Milton moral conditions.

Sinott thinks appropriation bill will pass senate without trouble.

Meeting at Hermiston tomorrow to consider Pendleton-Umatilla hard surface road.

Hobbes strongarm laborer in broad daylight and rob him.

Only about 40 per cent of classes in county qualify in spelling contest.

Pendleton team of Blue Mt. league slaughtered 15 to 0. Weston beats Pilot Rock.

Delegates at Irrigation congress favor state and United States cooperation.

More than 100 Elks attend Walla Walla funeral. Knight Templar spend Easter in La Grande.

Our idea of a sensible man is one who has little to say about what he has done, and nothing at all about what he's going to do.

KILLS WOMAN AND THEN TURNS GUN ON HIMSELF

LOS ANGELES, April 13.—After shooting and killing Mrs. Vivian Cota, housekeeper at a lodging house where he spent the night, Thomas Walden, a ranch hand, is near death from a bullet he fired into his head. Walden killed the woman yesterday because she insisted that he vacate his room, in which it is alleged he was sleeping off the effects of liquor.

WILSON SAYS FIGHT IS ON AGAINST TRUST PROGRAM

PRESIDENT BELIEVES BIG BUSINESS IS TRYING TO STOP LEGISLATION.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—President Wilson believes there is a general representation on the part of big business to force the relinquishment of the administration's trust program. He also made it plain that he thinks this is the cause for the published stories that the administration intends to abandon its trust legislation until next session. Such reports, he said, are baseless. The president declared it was necessary to pass trust bills at this session if the party carries out its pledges.

EIGHT CLASSES WILL BE REPRESENTED IN CONTEST

DIVISION SPELLING BEE NEXT WEEK—WINNERS SPELL DIFFICULT WORDS.

Only eight out of seventeen classes in the Pendleton grade schools will have representatives in the division spelling contest next week, the other nine having failed to make the necessary average of 80 per cent in the written test last Friday. The words were difficult ones and, with one or two poor spellers in a class, the general average suffered greatly. The successful grades were as follows: In the Lincoln school the third, sixth and seventh grades, in the Hawthorne the sixth and seventh grades and in the Washington, the third, fifth and sixth grades.

Having qualified as a class, an oral spelling contest was held last Friday afternoon to determine the two best spellers in each class but, so evenly matched were the young orthographers that all of the words on the official list were spelled and it became necessary to continue the contest until this morning.

County Superintendent T. E. Young stated this afternoon that indications are that not more than 40 per cent of the classes qualified in the preliminary Friday. Only partial returns are in and but few of these are official. Hermiston and Freewater came through with a clean slate, qualifying every class. Hermiston with an average of 90. Pilot Rock, Nolin and Vincent failed to qualify; a single class while Athena got but one through. The eighth grades seemed to be the greatest sufferers.

The division contest in the Pendleton district has been postponed from Friday until early next week on account of the Pendleton-Astoria debate being set for Friday.

SHORT CUT PROVES FATAL TO AUTOISTS

WHITTIER, Cal., April 13.—George H. Hamm, 53, a wealthy rancher and Dudley Elder, 32, were killed when the automobile in which they were returning from San Bernardino toppled off a bridge near Puente. They were racing another auto containing friends and took a short cut. When they failed to reach here a search was made and their bodies were found.

FAVOR STATE AND U. S. CO-OPERATION

Encouraged over the action of the meeting in endorsing the idea of state and national cooperation in irrigation work local delegates to the irrigation conference just held at Denver arrived home today. Those from this county in attendance were J. C. Hoskins, president of the Paradise Irrigation district, Asa B. Thomson and J. T. Hinkle. Others who attended from Oregon were Governor West, E. G. Hopson, C. L. Smith and C. D. Mahaffey. Governor Lister or Washington attended the conference and was also a passenger on No. 17 today.

GENERAL WOTHERSPOON WILL BE NEW CHIEF OF STAFF



General William W. Wotherspoon is to be the new chief of staff of the United States army. He will take office April 22, when General Leonard Wood's term expires.

PENDLETON ELKS ATTEND FUNERAL OF LATE MEMBER

B. F. RENN IS BURIED YESTERDAY AT WALLA WALLA—100 GO FROM HERE.

More than a hundred Pendleton Elks went to Walla Walla yesterday and conducted the last rites over the body of their late brother, B. F. Renn, well known former pioneer resident, who succumbed to heart failure several days ago. It was the dying man's last request that he be buried by the Pendleton lodge and the Elks responded by sending over a special train.

There were 87 went over on the train and quite a number went in automobiles. They were met at the depot by a delegation of Walla Walla Elks, taken by street cars and autos to the Elks temple where they were given lunch and to the Renn house where the funeral was held. Both at the house and at the grave they conducted the ceremonies. Rev. Trude, chaplain of the Walla Walla lodge, assisting them.

The returning Elks are loud in the praises of the treatment accorded them by the Walla Walla lodge. Everything was done that could be done for the convenience of the visitors, even those who were not members of the order. The home lodge also sent a large delegation to the funeral and furnished a quartet for the hymns and songs that are a part of the B. P. O. E. ritual.

The special train left Pendleton at 10 o'clock and, returning, reaching home at 7:45. Two steel coaches had been placed at the disposal of the Elks and the service was splendid.

Beggar Campaign Opens.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 13.—Begging on the streets will not be tolerated by the police and any man arrested for asking alms will be compelled to work on the streets if he is able-bodied and if not he will be required to serve a jail sentence. Vancouver is infested with scores of beggars. A man with a wooden leg stood on a corner and stopped a number of pedestrians. The police were watching and every time the man got a coin he would retire to a near by saloon, get a drink, and then return to the street, asking for more money.

LIND ARRIVES AT WASHINGTON; WILL SEE WILSON LATER

Conference Between Envoy and President is Expected Sometime Today—Tampico Situation Serious.

BAD FEELING FOR AMERICANS

Wilson Says That Admiral Mayo Was Right in Demanding That Federals Salute the Flag in Addition to Offering Apology for Arrest of Paymaster and Some Marines.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—President Wilson thinks that Admiral Mayo was fully justified in insisting that the Mexican federals at Tampico salute the American flag as a reparation in addition to an apology for the arrest of a United States navy paymaster and marines who were ashore. All advices indicate that anti-American sentiment at Tampico is growing. It was said that neither federals nor rebels showed a disposition to regard foreigners' rights.

John Lind Returns.

The presidential yacht Mayflower, with Lind aboard, dropped anchor off the navy yard wharf at 10:15 a. m. It came direct from Vera Cruz. Lind is expected to confer with the president at the White House later.

The president said he hadn't received full details concerning the arrest of United States marines at Tampico but intimated clearly that a full reparation will be insisted on.

So far as Huerta's repudiation has gone of his Tampico subordinate's action in arresting the Americans, Wilson and Bryan had yet to decide between themselves whether it was sufficient. The president hadn't fully considered Spain's protest against it's subjects' expulsion from Torreon and it was admitted in administration circles that it was unlikely the United States can do much to help matters.

PROPRIETOR OF MATERNITY HOSPITAL PLACED UNDER ARREST ON MURDER CHARGE

DR. MEREDITH AND HEAD NURSE OF PITTSBURG TAKEN IN TOILS.

PITTSBURG, April 13.—Dr. Meredith, proprietor of a maternity hospital in which the police say at least 20 women died from illegal operations and were cremated in the hospital furnace, and Miss Lucy Orr, head nurse, were in jail today charged with murder. The basis of the murder charges were not made public. They were originally arrested on accusations of performing illegal operations and the theft of their victims' valuables.

District Attorney Jackson still insisted that Dorothy Arnold, who he asserts was operated on in the hospital, is dying in New York.

UMATILLA-PENDLETON ROAD MAY BE HARD-SURFACED

LINK IN PACIFIC HIGHWAY TO BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING TUESDAY.

A hard surface roadway from Pendleton to Umatilla as a link of a Columbia highway is the improvement to be discussed tomorrow at a mass meeting in Hermiston and a delegation from Pendleton will probably go down to attend the meeting. President E. P. Dodd of the Hermiston Commercial club has sent an invitation to the citizens of Pendleton. President Tallman of the local Commercial association states that, if the meeting is held in the day instead of the evening, he will probably be able to get quite a number to go down.

A meeting of delegates from the Hermiston and Umatilla commercial bodies last Monday started the agitation for the road and residents of the west end of the county are said to be enthusiastic over the proposed roadway. The various candidates for county judge have been asked to be present.

WOMAN IN PANTS CAUGHT.

Couple Arrested While Robbing Freight Cars in West Virginia.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., April 13.—Mrs. Ethel Graham, dressed in a man's clothes, accompanied by J. B. Albaugh, was caught recently robbing a Baltimore & Ohio freight car in the local yards. Officer Gibson, of the company caught them. They had a suitcase of goods ready to take with them. They were locked in jail.