

Utah Convict Dies Tomorrow Before Firing Squad Guns

Point of the Mountain, Utah —(U.P.)—Don Jesse Neal, handsome convict who chose bullets instead of a noose, will die at sunrise here tomorrow for the murder of a Salt Lake City detective.

Neal was convicted of killing a police sergeant with a hidden gun held in hands manacled behind his back.

Chose Shooting

Utah is the only state in the nation still using a firing squad. In wild-west fashion, a condemned killer may take his choice of hanging or shooting.

The 35-year-old native of Nashville, Tenn., who painted houses in San Francisco between terms in San Quentin prison, was sentenced to die for the slaying of Police Sergeant 1951.

Arrested With Woman

Farley had arrested Neal and an attractive blonde woman companion, Wilma Tully, on a busy downtown street for investigation of car theft. Neal was search and his hand shackled behind him. Farley was mysteriously shot to death as he drove the pair in the stolen car toward the police station.

Mrs. Tully, who became the state's chief witness, testified her lover pulled a hidden pistol from between the seat cushions and killed the officer. Neal claimed she shot the policeman with a gun she had in her purse. Mrs. Tully went free.

Southern Pacific Set To Acquire Box Cars

Portland —(U.P.)—Southern Pacific railroad announced today it planned to acquire 950 additional box cars, at a cost of about \$8,250,000.

D. J. Russell, SP president, said 750 of the cars would be constructed at Southern Pacific's freight car assembly line at Sacramento, Calif. The remainder would be ordered from Pullman-Standard Manufacturing Company.

Russell said the railroad's freight car fleet had been increased by about 44,000 since the end of World War II. The company has spent or authorized the spending of \$568,000,000 on freight cars and diesels in the post war period.

In addition to the 950 cars, 765 new freight cars had already been delivered to SP this year as of June 1, and another 1,744 were on order.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.



SUPERVISOR — Thomas B. Laird, above, executive vice-president of the Laughlin Alloy Steel company, has arrived to supervise construction for the firm at the White City location. Work is to begin next month with production to begin in August. First job will be an extension of the company's main building. All electric furnace, auxiliary steel making and foundry equipment has been ordered or is en route, Laird said. The steel fabricating firm is headed by J. N. Laughlin, Medford and Los Angeles.

Air, Ground Search For Smith Continues

Eugene —(U.P.)—An air and ground search continued today for the body of a California businessman believed to have drowned in a McKenzie river boating mishap that cost the lives of two other persons.

The missing man was Earl Smith, 62-year-old auto dealer from Sacramento, Calif. Smith was a member of a fishing party which included Milo Thomson, 62, veteran river guide, and Arem Adams, 48, Bakersfield, Calif. The bodies of Adams and Thomson were recovered from the McKenzie early Tuesday.

An Air Force amphibian plane from McChord left the scene yesterday after it turned out the craft was too large to operate effectively in the area.

First Mail Carried By Air-Freight Plane

Burbank, Calif. —(U.P.)—A slick Airways C46 transport plane today flew from Chicago to Washington with a cargo of mail to become the first air-freight plane to carry the U.S. mail, the company announced. Previously, all mail has been carried by passenger planes. The company said mail will be carried on a regular basis 10 times a week between Chicago and New York and Washington.

Valsetz Lumber Buys Elgin Firm

Portland —(U.P.)—Valsetz lumber company has announced the purchase of the Heppner Lumber company, Elgin, Ore., and 100 million board feet of timber for a price in excess of \$1,000,000.

Purchase of the Heppner company followed a complete liquidation plan followed by stockholders last week. Principal stockholders were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith of East Sound, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney of Heppner.

Valsetz, controlled by Herbert A. Templeton Lumber company of Portland, also owns Mt. Emily Lumber company, and has plants at La Grande and Enterprise. It also holds timber adjacent to the Heppner company's holdings.

Other companies owned by the Valsetz-Templeton group include Lincoln Lumber at Lincoln, Wash., and Western Pine manufacturing at Spokane.

Difficulties Forecast Over British Convoys

Taipei, Formosa —(U.P.)—Authoritative sources in this Nationalist Chinese stronghold today predicted "difficulties" if British warships try to escort "illegal" shipping into Communist Chinese ports.

The sources said the Nationalist government will not lift its blockade of the Red China coast.

The British government reported yesterday it has warned Nationalist China that British warships will be used, if necessary, to protect British merchant ships engaged in trade with Red China.

Collaborator Hopes Case Will Be Example

New York —(U.P.)—The first former Korean War prisoner to plead guilty to collaborating with the enemy said today he hoped men who are taken prisoner in the future would remember his case and learn from the mistake he made.

Cpl. Harold M. Dunn, 26-year-old Brooklyn soldier, was sen-

Sound of Marilyn's Name Sends Writer Into Tizzy

Sheffield, England —(U.P.)—Dame Edith Sitwell, Britain's top lady of letters, said today her life had been "absolute hell" since she met Marilyn Monroe last year in Hollywood.

"If I hear that young woman's name again I shall shriek," she declared.

Dame Edith took the occasion of receiving an honorary degree from Sheffield University to reveal a personal feud with the film actress but explained it is not Marilyn's fault at all.

Are Not Friends

She is tired, she said, of being asked why she is a friend of Miss Monroe. She is not, she stated firmly, a friend of the blonde actress.

tenced to eight years at hard labor yesterday. He entered the guilty plea 22 minutes after the start of his court martial trial at First Army headquarters on Governor's Island.

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"It's absolute hell," she added, which was a firm statement coming from the best-known of Britain's lady writers.

Miss Sitwell is a poetess and a lecturer of considerable renown and as such travels considerably. That is what took her to Hollywood when she met Miss Monroe.

"Some magazine photographers brought Miss Monroe to see me," she explained. "I don't know why. She seemed a nice, quiet girl."

"Being polite and, I hope, chivalrous woman, I said to her—as I would to any other lady—that I hoped if she came to London she would let me know and have tea with me."

Absolute Hell

"That is all there was to it and that doesn't seem to me such a phenomenon of nature. But since then my life has been made absolute hell."

"Some tiresome people will not let me have any peace. They even send me letters addressed

to her. Newspapers all over the world commented about our meeting."

"But you must not think by this that I imply anything against the girl. I liked her, and certainly do not wish to be horrid to her."

"I should be very pleased to see her again if she comes to London."

Miss Sitwell is a dame of the British Empire, a sort of female knight, and her title is the feminine equivalent of "Sir."

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