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SPANOS AND SEYMOUR HANGED FOR MURDER

INSIST IN THEIR LAST STATEMENTS THEY ARE GUILTLESS OF CRIME

Profess Religion and Receive Communion an Hour Before Execution---Go Calmly to Doom in Presence of Small Crowd ---Seymour Is Pronounced Dead First---Spanos Says He Forgives Everyone---Seymour Hopes His Execution Will Be Last in State, and Capital Punishment Will Be Abolished---Story of Crime.

At 8:25 this morning a little procession headed by Frank Seymour, between two guards, and closely followed by Mike Spanos, also between guards, marched down through the big dining hall at the prison and entered the death chamber at its southern end. They were accompanied by Revs. Father Moore, of this city; Father Victor, of Tigard, and Father Le Miller, of Fairport, repeating the Miserere. Seymour ascended the scaffold with a firm step, and, turning, faced the little crowd assembled. He stood apparently unconcerned as he waited for Spanos to take his place at his side. Then, at a nod from the warden, he spoke in a firm and even voice. He said:

Both Deny Guilt.

"I have but a few moments to live, and I want to say with my dying breath that I hope I may be the last man in Oregon to go through the trap. I forgive everybody for all that has been done to me, or is about to be done, and to say that I am innocent."

As he stopped speaking, Spanos said: "With my dying words I want to say that we are not the boys who killed this man. The story I have told is true. I am ready to go. I forgive everybody, and ask for forgiveness, and shall pray God Almighty for all of you."

There was no tremor in his voice, and, somehow, standing under the black wing of Death, his words bore conviction to most.

Soon Both Are Dead.

In a moment the black caps were adjusted, the ropes placed, there was a harsh rattle as the trap doors dropped and a "chug" as the bodies shot down and jumped up from the recoil of the rope. Seymour's body showed some signs of life, the muscles contracting and causing the body to squirm, but Spanos showed little or no motion. Seymour was cut down at 8:41 and Spanos, who showed wonderful vitality, at 8:45.

Profess Religion.

Both Seymour and Spanos professed the Catholic faith, and Father Moore, at 7 o'clock, administered the holy communion. They were then taken to the receiving cells, and on the way Seymour said to Guard Johnson: "This is a pretty rainy morning to start on as long a journey as we are going to take in a short time." At the cell prayers for the dying were offered, and the fathers remained with the doomed men from that time until the end.

As the traps were sprung they read the recommendation for the parting souls. Drs. Prince Byrd and S. Z. Bartley were in attendance, pronouncing life extinct in Seymour at 8:41 and in Spanos at 8:45.

Insist Not Guilty.

Father Moore said he abjured the men to confess if they were guilty, but both insisted to him that they were innocent, and this was also their last statement on the gallows.

Story of Crime.

Medford, Or., Oct. 31.— The body of George Dedaskalous, a Greek, who had resided here for six years, was found under a warehouse along the Southern Pacific tracks Monday afternoon, September 23, 1912. The Saturday previously he had drawn out his savings from local banks, amounting to several hundred dollars, and intended to start for his native land the day his remains were discovered, through the antics of a dog.

Dedaskalous had been decoyed to the scene Sunday evening, his skull fractured by blows from a loaded gas pipe, his jugular vein severed with a knife and his clothes torn from his body so that his money belt could be removed. The victim had been killed, the body stripped of valuables and then dragged under the warehouse.

Evidence of Guilt.

Shirts stained with blood, the bloody loaded gas pipe, and the knife used were found in the respective lodgings of Spanos and Seymour, who had been last seen with Dedaskalous and were from the first suspected. Complete circumstantial evidence was secured, followed by confessions by each of the accused men, in which the other was accused of the crime, each admitting having participated in the murder. These signed confessions were repudiated at the trial.

Took Hours to Entice Him.

According to the confessions made, details of which were afterwards verified by the police, several hours were spent in enticing Dedaskalous into a secluded place. He was induced to come by the promise of meeting a woman. While ostensibly waiting for her, Seymour secured a watermelon. As Dedaskalous was eating a slice, he was

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STRIKERS SAID TO BE GATHERING TO ATTACK MINE GUARDS' CAMPS

Mine Owners of Southern Colorado Coal Fields Warn General Chase.

MILITIA IS HELD READY

General Doesn't Think There Is Danger But He Is Prepared to Get in Battle Promptly.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 31.—Mine owners in the strike-bound southern Colorado coal fields warned Adjutant-General Chase, in command of the state troops, today, that they believed hundreds of strikers were gathering for a simultaneous attack on the mine guards' camps from Aguilar to Berwind.

They expressed especial apprehension for the safety of 600 strike-breakers, who, with their families, are sheltered inside the stockade at Aguilar.

General Chase expressed the opinion that the owners were frightened unnecessarily, but he was taking no chances of a surprise. He made Aguilar his own temporary headquarters, and held the militia in readiness for action at a moment's notice.

The strikers' campfires blazed on the hills all last night, with the mine workers' searchlights playing on the groups that surrounded them.

The strikers sent in several wagon loads of rifles today, and General Chase said he did not think it would be necessary to resort to a search and seizure.

WREN IS GREAT GLUTTON.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 31.—The Virginia wren, under scientific observance, at the University of Wisconsin, is the world's greatest glutton, eating its own weight every two days. Twelve water bugs, 12 meal worms, 12 grasshoppers, one water scorpion, two sunfish, one stickleback, five live hornets and a small snake were included in one day's menu for the bird.

MAGNATES TELLS OF VERY NARROW ESCAPE FORM DEATH DURING GALE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 31.—John Borden, Chicago millionaire, Harry F. Scott president of the Union Iron works of San Francisco; Roy C. Andrews, a naturalist of the National Museum of New York, and William Brown, of the Chicago Gun club, reached Victoria yesterday afternoon on the schooner rigged yacht Adventuress, after an extended hunting cruise to the Pribyloff Islands. The party left San Francisco on the Adventuress on July 28 last.

The party had a narrow escape from death while in search of whales in the vicinity of Kodiak Island. They had set out a whale boat with the hope of harpooning one of a large school of whales which were spouting off the coast when a gale blew up and capsized their boat. The men were forced to remain in the icy water for some time before relief came from the yacht.

RUSH IN TO SAVE SOME GOODS AND PERISH IN RESIDENCE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Wilmette, Ill., Oct. 31.—The bodies of Grafton Stevens and his wife were found today in the ruins of their burned home here. Though carried out safely when the house caught fire last night, they rushed back inside in an effort to save their household goods.

EDITOR OF SILVERTON JOURNAL IS ON TRIAL FOR LIBELING CONVENT

Case in Which Hosmer Is Alleged to Have Published an Untrue Story.

GREAT CROWD IS PRESENT

Much Interest in Testimony, Which Is Repetition of That Given in Preliminary Hearing.

The case of the State against J. E. Hosmer occupied the time of the circuit court today. The last juror was accepted at 10:30 o'clock this morning and the forenoon was taken up with the presentation of exhibits by the state's representatives.

Hosmer is charged wih criminally libeling the Benedictine Convent of Mt. Angel by the alleged publication of articles both in the Silverton Journal, owned and conducted by him, and issuing a booklet containing alleged criminal libelous statements made by Miss Lasenan, who claims to be an "escaped nun" from the convent. The case will probably consume all of today and part of the forenoon tomorrow before it is given into the hands of the jury.

Every available space in the circuit court chambers was taken up this morning by spectators and much interest is being manifested in the proceedings. Judge Corliss, of Portland; John A Carson, of Salem, and District Attorney Gale S. Hill are conducting the case for the state, while Attorney Walter Winslow is appearing for the defendant.

Testimony introduced this forenoon and afternoon was similar to that at the preliminary hearing. The prioress and others were called and declared the statements published by Hosmer to be absolutely false.

GRAND JURY PROBE IN BABY CASE WILL BE HALTED FOR WHILE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—The grand jury inquiry into the Slingsby baby case will be suspended until the hearing now in progress before the British consul is completed, according to the announcement today of District Attorney C. M. Fickert. Then, he said, the grand jury will probe the matter to the bottom.

Fickert was greatly incensed today over charges by Attorney George A. Knight, representing the Slingsby heirs opposed to Lieutenant Slingsby, that he, Fickert, was using the grand jury to further personal ends. Knight's charges were made before Judge Dunne, the attorney also alleging that Fickert had been retained by Lieutenant Slingsby.

KILLS SELF WHEN DESPONDENT.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—Because of his inability to find work, Samuel Phillips, a mechanic, aged 40, committed suicide here today by shooting himself through the heart.

TUG THISTLE BURNS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 31.—The tug Thistle, valued at $5000 was destroyed by fire here today.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon: Rain tonight and Saturday; brisk southeasterly winds interior, high east to south winds along the coast.

SAYS FEDERAL COURT PROPER PLACE TO TRY ALLEGED DYNAMITERS

District Attorney Making Hard Fight in Support of Contention.

JUDGES RAISES POINT

Question Whether Prosecution Should Be Brought for Crime in States, He Tells Lawyer.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Chicago, Oct. 31.—United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller, of Indianapolis, made a hard fight in the federal court of appeals here today in support of his contention that a federal tribunal was the proper place in which to try the labor leaders convicted at the Indiana capital a few months ago of complicity in a widespread plot to dynamite non-union buildings.

The point the court seemed inclined to raise was whether the prosecution did not make the mistake of building its case on the dynamiting of buildings, over which the courts of the various states where dynamitings occurred would have jurisdiction, rather than on the interstate transportation of explosives under conditions which violated a federal statute.

Difference in Conspiracies.

"Conspiracy to destroy buildings, you know," pointed out Judge Baker, "is not conspiracy to transport dynamite on passenger trains, in violation of the statute."

"But evidence is not lacking from the record," urged Miller, "that dynamite was illegally transported, and that its transportation preceded destructive explosions. We will show at least 25 specific instances of it, all of them later than January 1, 1910, when the law became effective.

"We will show also that the president of the ironworkers union signed checks to pay for these dynamitings, and that the executive board approved the bills."

VAST TRUST PROBE IS NOW CONSIDERED TO BE IN SIGHT

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 31.—Promise of a vast trust probe by Uncle Sam was voiced here today by Joseph Davis, federal commissioner of corporations, in an address before the National Association of Hardware Manufacturers, in convention.

"It will be possible to bust the trusts without hampering industrial development or freedom," Davies declared.

The next congress, he said, would deal largely with the trusts. Whether laws will be enacted providing for the destruction of the trusts or merely control of monopolies will be determined, he said, by the question, "Does monopoly or competition afford the fairest and best system for all the people?"

Davies asked the convention to cooperate with congress in the proposed investigation.

RESCUES 25 MEN FROM BURNING VESSEL IN MIDDLE OF OCEAN

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Berlin, Oct. 31.—The German line Kronprintzessin Cecilie reported by wireless today having rescued the crew of 25 men from the French barque Petrie, on fire in mid-ocean. Three of the Petrie's sailors, it was added, were washed overboard and drowned before the Kronprintzessin Cecilie arrived.

HUERTA LOCKING UP HIS ENEMIES

President of Mexico Making Wholesale Arrests in Effort to Wipe Out His Foes---Foreigners, Including Americans, Preparing to Flee From Mexico City---Forty-Seven Rurales Tortured to Death by Rebels---Rebels Promise to Capture Monterey Sunday---Carranza Says He Can Defeat Huerta in Two Months If He Can Import Arms.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, Oct. 31.—President Wilson devoted himself today to studying what the Mexican rebels are likely to accomplish if he gives them a free hand.

General Carranza, the rebel leader, sent word that he does not particularly care for recognition, but will overthrow Huerta in two months, if allowed to import arms.

It was reported from Mexico City that Huerta has announced he will not retire at President Wilson's demand. He was locking up his enemies wholesale, and foreigners in the city were preparing to flee.

Huerta plans to get all his leading opponents in the metropolitan district locked up before congress meets tomorrow.

The warship Michigan left Vera Cruz to put Felix Diaz on a northbound New York-Cuba mail steamship at sea.

The Mexican rebels promised to capture Monterey Sunday.

The federals were reported to have evacuated Chihuahua City, leaving the residents, including Americans in a panic lest the rebels occupy it an massacre them.

Forty-seven rurales were tortured to death by rebels near San Luis Potosi.

An Italian warship sailed for Mexican waters.

Gamboa, Calero, and De la Fuente, Huerta's rival candidates, conceded their defeat, which, with Diaz a fugitive, left the dictator alone in the field.

Confer With Wilson.

The president had a long conference during the forenoon with Boaz Long, head of the bureau of Latin-American affairs, concerning consular reports of conditions in the Mexican interior.

Former Solicitor-General John Bassett Moore of the state department, who handled the Mexican situation during President Taft's administration, followed Long, but refused to reveal the nature of his conversation with the president. Moore originally favored recognizing Huerta, but it was understood he would now extend recognition to General Cafranza, the rebel leader.

Getting Ready to Hurry Away.

Mexico City, Oct. 31.—Most American and many other foreign residents here had their easily portable belongings packed today in readiness for a hurried departure Sunday or Monday.

It was considered a foregone conclusion that Huerta will be declared to have won last Sunday's election; that he will pass the presidency along to General Blanquet, and that a declaration from Washington will follow which will make a further residence here impossible for Americans at any rate.

Fear Anti-Foreign Outbreak.

Some feared an anti-foreign outbreak at the first intimation of American intervention. It was the more general opinion, however, that Huerta will do all he can, while he remains in power, to prevent anything serious since he is credited with enough injustice not to want to forfeit whatever favorable opinion may be held of him abroad. It was deemed certain, too, that Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, who has much influence with him, will advise him to the same effect.

Many of those who were planning flight must leave behind them valuable property which cannot readily be moved, and none expected ever to see it again.

WARING AGAIN THROWS HIS HAT INTO ALDERMANIC RING

J. D. Waring has cards out announcing his candidacy as councilman from the seventh ward. It had been understood that he would not make the race, and if he really desired the office he put off his announcement until many of his friends, understanding that he would not run, have promised their support to other candidates.

STEALS MANY HORSES.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—Albino Zitto, aged 22 years, was arrested here for the alleged theft of 15 horses. The police say he disposed of the animals in Marin county, selling them for $80 each.

POST NOT SOLD.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

New York, Oct. 31.—The current issue of the Fourth Estate quotes Patrick Calhoun as denying that the San Francisco Evening Post has been bought by the Evening Call, as has been rumored.

HOLLAND STORY HOUR.

The land of dikes and windmills will furnish the story for the children's hour at the public library this week. Every child is invited to be there at library at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Astor Says She Will Remain American Citizen

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

New York, Oct. 31.—Dressed simply but becomingly, Mrs. William Waldorf Astor, accompanied by her 6-year-old son, William Jr., arrived here today from England. Mrs. Astor's husband, who owns many millions of dollars worth of real estate in New York, renounced his citizenship in this country to become a subject of Great Britain. Mrs. Astor, however, says she is still a citizen of the United States.

"Yes, I am an American," she said, "and I am proud of it. I am a Virginian, and I am proud of that, too. Yankees may change, but southerners never. I simply could not stay away from Virginia any longer, and I intend to visit my people there."

Mrs. Astor congratulated the United States on forbidding the importation of bird plumage, adding:

"If any of the women who came over on the Lusitania with me are wearing aigrettes, I hope the feathers are confiscated."

It was the first visit to this country of young William Astor, and he was all eyes and full of interest.

President Wilson Shows Signs of Fight Over Bill

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, Oct. 31.—President Wilson showed signs of fight today, when furnished with a statement outlining the changes proposed by the house and senate currency committees in the Glass-Owen bill.

His advisers intimated that a clash is certain between the chief executive and some of the Democrats in the national legislature, if they continue with the present program. He considers, it was stated, that they are emasculating the bill.

One thing which it was said, he certainly would not accept is a central bank with branches throughout the country. Unless the senate committee agreed to the regional bank plan, it was declared he will carry the fight to the floor of the upper chamber.

VESSELS IN COLLISION.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—The steamship Beaver, Portland to San Francisco, arrived last night with 560 passengers and an account of a collision in a fog with the steam schooner Necanicum, in which miraculously, neither vessel was much damaged.