

GUNMEN DIE IN CHAIR WITHOUT A CONFESSION

FORMER NEW YORK GUNMEN LEAVE DEATH CHAMBER AFTER PASSING A SLEEPLESS NIGHT AND ALL BUT ONE WALKS UNASSISTED TO MEET THE FATAL CURRENT AFTER BIDDING CHEERY GOOD BYE TO PRISON MATES BEHIND 'THE GREEN DOOR'—EX-LIEUTENANT BECKER APPEARS UNCONCERNED WHEN HE HEARS OF EXECUTION OF MEN UPON WHOM HE 'SQUEALED.'

Ossing, N. Y., April 13.—'Gyp the Blood,' 'Dago Frank,' 'Whitey Lewis' and 'Lefty Louie' were electrocuted in Sing Sing prison today. The men's real names follow: 'Gyp the Blood'—Harry Horowitz. 'Dago Frank'—Frank Seidenshner. 'Whitey Lewis'—Frank Seidenshner. 'Lefty Louie'—Louis Rosenberg. They went to the death chair respectively at 5:34, 5:48, 5:57 and 6:08 a. m. The first died in six minutes, the second in four, the third in five and the fourth in nine. Not one of the four confessed. 'Whitey Lewis' was the only one of the four who made a statement. Sitting in a chair, awaiting his turn in the death chamber, 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 did not shoot him. The quartette of gunmen were convicted of murdering Herman Rosenthal, a New York gambler, early in the morning of July 16, 1912. Rosenthal had 'squealed' on the police official he said had protected him—Lieutenant Charles F. Becker of the 'strong arm squad,' and was to have told his story to District Attorney Whitman.

It was charged that Becker employed the four to kill Rosenthal to prevent him from testifying. Like the gunmen, he was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to die. After more than a year in the cell house he was granted a new trial and is now in the Tombs.

Ciofeci Appears Dazed. Father-Cashin, the Catholic chaplain at Sing Sing, accompanied Ciofeci to the death chair. The last communion had just been given to the doomed gunman, and he walked through 'the little green door' with the blessed wafer on his tongue. In his hands he carried a crucifix. He seemed dazed and made not a sound as he was strapped in 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 quickly to the chair, then turned and hesitated. Two guards pushed him into the seat and began adjusting the straps. Seidenshner started as the wet sponge pressed his head and a tiny stream of water trickled into his left ear.

He began to speak as an attendant behind him started to fit the black electrode over his head. The gunman flinched at its touch but his voice was firm throughout his short declaration. The rabbi, standing with his back to the chair, his face working pitifully, meantime continued to intone prayers. As Seidenshner finished his statement he repeated after the Rabbi the constantly recurring words: 'There is one God, only one.'

There was a brief stillness, the warden raised his hand and State Electrician Davis, behind the switchboard, threw the lever over. Seidenshner strained convulsively against the straps. His body remained rigid for several seconds. His left hand gripped the chair tightly. His right clutched the prayer book open at one of the psalms. Foam bubbled from his lips. Over his left ear a wisp of smoke appeared. At 5:50 the current was switched off and the body sank back inertly.

There was a brief wait, and then another shock. Then Prison Physician Farr and Moronas approached, opened the gunman's shirt, applied their stethoscopes and pronounced the victim dead. Attendants quickly loosened the straps and carried the corpse into the morgue behind the chair.

Horowitz appeared half paralyzed with horror when he entered. His eyes bulged, and it was evident that he was close to complete collapse. He moved mechanically as the guards guided him and died without a word, and was probably hardly conscious, the doctors said, of what he was undergoing.

Rosenberg was the hardest to kill. Four shocks were needed. He said nothing and showed little emotion.

Each gunman, as he left the death house to pass the 'little green door' on his way to the 'chair,' called good bye to the other prisoners in the condemned cells and each shook hands with Head Keeper McInerney and Warden Clancy. Rosenberg, more emotional than his three companions, even threw his arms around Clancy's neck, weeping, and kissed him on the cheek. The warden was much affected.

Before the executions Father Cashin was asked if Ciofeci had confessed, to which he replied evasively, 'I think not.' 'Do you personally think him guilty?' was also asked. 'I can't say that,' replied the priest, 'but if you knew what is here'—touching his forehead—'you would have some news.'

The bodies were surrendered to the relatives. The crowd of witnesses in the death chamber was so great that they had to alternate into squads and not many persons saw all four executions. Ciofeci's mother and sister Harry arrived at the prison at 4:40, and Mrs. Ciofeci made a final effort to induce her son to confess, but he insisted he was innocent. The mother finally fainted and had to be carried out. It was reported that the attendants stupefied Ciofeci with drugs and that he accounted for his dazed appearance as he went to his death.

The men slept little during their last night alive, and the guards could hear their voices frequently as they murmured prayers. An investigation was in progress today to fix responsibility for an attempt to delay the executions by putting the 'chair' out of commission. The special dynamo connected with it had been damaged as if with a hammer. The damage was discovered and repaired in time, however. A prison employe was suspected.

May Have Confessed. Ossing, N. Y., April 13.—That 'Dago Frank' gave a long statement to Father Cashin a short time before the four New York gunmen were electrocuted here today was learned some time after the executions. The priest did not divulge its contents, but it was understood it was a partial confession, in which Harry Valon and Harry Horowitz, who 'Gyp the Blood,' were named as Herman Rosenthal's actual murderers.

Police Lieutenant Charles F. Becker also recently insisted that Valon did the killing. 'If certain testimony should develop at Becker's trial,' said Father Cashin, 'the state will be offered in evidence. Otherwise it will not be made public.'

Doled Out Justice. Albany, N. Y., April 13.—Superintendent of Prisons Riley said today that justice did not miscarry when the four gunmen were electrocuted at Sing Sing this morning. He intimated that one or more of the quartet made a statement to Warden Clancy at the last moment, practically confessing and involving others.

Governor Glynn, who has been laboring under a great strain which steadily increased as the hour for the gunmen's execution drew closer and closer, appeared intensely relieved when told that Warden Clancy of Sing Sing prison had said he thought no more than justice had been done.

It was said 'Dago Frank's' dying statement was being hurried to Prison Superintendent Riley by a special messenger.

Becker Is Unconcerned. New York, April 13.—Police Lieutenant Charles F. Becker, in the Tombs awaiting a second trial on the charge of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, for whose killing 'Dago Frank,' 'Whitey Lewis,' 'Gyp the Blood' and 'Lefty Louie' died in the electric chair today, showed no concern over the gunmen's execution. He slept soundly, and did not even refer to the electrocutions.

KILLED IN CLUB DUEL. Santa Ana, Cal., April 13.—Guillermo Ontiveros was killed in a club duel with Primitivo Gebarra, who escaped. Both were Mexicans.

Ben Olcott Now Answers to 'Papa'

SECRETARY OF STATE LEARNS SOME OF THE PHILOSOPHY WHICH ACCOMPANIES VISIT OF DR. STORK.

Every old married man will know what is the matter with Ben Olcott the minute they lay eyes on him, for he has that far away hopeless yet resigned look that every man acquires soon after he becomes a father. It is a disillusioning day or two when the baby comes that makes a father for the first time, and makes the hitherto head of the family realize what a useless and unimportant part of the family, and the community, also that he really is. The doctor shoves him out of the way, the nurse orders him around in a manner which he would resent if she were his wife, and the women's friends don't even glimpse his manly form or know that he is present. That is the one time in his life that a self-satisfied lord of creation takes a back seat if he is wise, and holds it down firmly and steadily. That is what's the matter with Ben. Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock the Easter rabbit looking for a hiding place for the Easter beauties picked on the Olcott residence and instead of eggs, flowers and such things left a big seven and a half pound boy cuddled up in Mrs. Olcott's arms.

In the secretary of state's office this morning the situation is pathetic. Ben is trying to get himself accustomed to the situation, studying life from the back seat, trying to realize that hereafter he is just a sort of supernumerary in the Olcott household while 'Puppo' looks at him in a sort of pitying yet reproachful way, for he it is known 'Puppo' is now only an 'also ran.'

It is a boy and already named Chester Wallace after the secretary's father and brother. Mrs. Olcott was before her marriage Miss Lena Hutton, and is a sister of Governor West's wife.

BEGINS CAREER OF CRIME ON FICTION

Medford Youth Charges Downfall to Modern Magazine Stories.

LOSES NERVE WHEN POLICE ARE CALLED

Passes Bad Checks During Evening Rush Hour in Department Store.

Medford, Or., April 13.—Merle Reynolds of Grants Pass, aged 19 years, inaugurated and concluded a criminal career in two hours Saturday night, when he attempted to and succeeded in passing worthless checks aggregating \$150 on Medford merchants. This morning before Justice of the Peace Taylor he pleaded guilty and was bound over to the grand jury under \$500 bonds. The story of the young man's flash in high finance is interesting and unusual.

The idea, he told the chief of police this morning, came from reading stories of crime in high class magazines, and was fanned into flame by the stories of a fellow workman, who recounted his own adventures in passing bad checks in the east. The lure of easy money tugged so strongly that Saturday afternoon he secured a number of counter checks, and during the evening rush hour began his operations. For two hours all was rosy. Then the police came and he nearly fainted.

'PULMOTOR' FOR USE IN EMERGENCY ARRIVES

Hanging on the wall of the fire department is the new 'pulumotor' that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company has installed primarily for the use of its employes, but also for the use of the public in case of necessity. It is not very large and is encased in a small box. The invention was made by a German, and it has saved many lives. Three have been installed in Portland by the same company to resuscitate its employes from either suffocation by gas, drowning, smoke, or electric shock. They are located in prominent places and are also the use of the public in saving lives. When brought into use, a rubber mouthpiece fits over the face. This is connected by a tube to a pair of little bellows that are worked by machinery and which pump oxygen into the lungs.

CLAIMS NEW RECORD. Los Angeles, Cal., April 13.—Aviator De Lloyd Thompson in an exhibition flight here yesterday turned eight successive aerial flips, breaking, he claimed, Beechey's loop the loop record.

COOPERATION IS WATCHWORD OF WATERWAYS MEN

Association Opens Huge Convention in Portland Commercial Club.

WILL ADVOCATE DEEPENING OF BAR

Delegates From All Over Pacific Coast States Assembled.

Portland, Or., April 13.—Striving to enlist all men and all agencies of the Columbia basin in one stupendous movement for navigation and power development, the Columbia and Snake River Waterways association opened here today its fifth annual congress. George F. Richardson, president of the association, gave to the convention its keynote—Cooperation.

The important sessions of the convention are being held in the commercial club. The program of addresses include all subjects related to the transportation and industrial development of the Columbia basin; the speakers and delegates represent communities of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. The deepening of the Columbia river bar channel to forty feet, the public water terminals building at Astoria and Portland, the completion of the Celilo canal, the establishing of steamboat service on the upper Columbia as well as the lower river, the canalization of the upper Columbia and Snake to facilitate transportation and furnish hydroelectric energy for industries—these and other subjects will be given studied consideration both in respect to their individual importance and their relation to each other.

The morning was occupied by a reception and registration of delegates. The program this afternoon includes an address by Captain W. P. Gray of Pasco on 'establishment of regular independent boat service on the Columbia from the head of navigation to the ocean terminals,' and a discussion of this subject led by W. S. Smallwood, manager of the Open River Transportation company.

GRAPE DISTRICT IN THROES OF ELECTION

Stockton, Cal., April 13.—Lodi, the shipping center of one of the largest grape districts in California, is voting on 'wet' or 'dry' today, amid great excitement, at its municipal election. The district contains six wineries, and is the home of George E. Lawrence, president of the California Grape Growers Protective League, formed to oppose the state prohibition amendment to be voted on next November. He is mayor of Lodi. Indications are that every registered voter will be cast.

Other municipalities in California in which wet or dry elections are being held today are: Red Bluff, Tehama, Biggs, Gridley, Hanford, Yacaville, Lemoore, Elinore, Brawley, Orland, Ukiah, Willows, Merced, Fortuna, Clovis, Watts, Willits and Sebastopol. Supervisory districts, two in Glenn county and four in Tuolumne county, are voting on wet or dry today, and Placerville is voting on a saloon regulation ordinance.

WILL LET CONTRACT FOR GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

State Architect Knighton has announced that the contract for the Girls' industrial school, for which \$50,000 was appropriated by the last legislature, would be let Tuesday. It will be located on a 40-acre tract near the People's Mind Institute. Accommodations will be provided for 40 or 50 inmates. Mr. Knighton says he has drawn the plans so that the building may be enlarged as occasion demands.

A pair of tan shoes and a doll-faced bride can beat anything else in the world at showing age rapidly.

The Weather. Tonight showers and cooler; Tuesday fair, fresh westerly breeze, diminishing Tuesday.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT CEASE TRUST LEGISLATION NOW

Original Program Will Be Carried Out Despite Big Business on Hand.

NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT PARTY PLEDGES

Expresses Belief That Canal Tolls Fight Is Already Won in Senate.

Washington, April 13.—President Wilson believes there is a general disposition on the part of big business to force relinquishment of the administration's trust program. He also made it plain today that he thinks that is the cause for numerous published stories that administration intends to abandon trust legislation until next session. Such reports, he said, were baseless.

The president declared it was necessary to pass the trust bills at this session if the party carries out its pledges. He conferred this afternoon with Representatives Clayton, Carlin and Flood, members of the sub-committee of the house judiciary committee, who are preparing the bills. After the conference it was announced that the bills probably would be ready soon for action by the full judiciary committee.

President Wilson said this afternoon that congress must expedite matters if all necessary legislation is to be passed in time for adjournment either in June or July. He does not want the debate on any bill curtailed, but he thinks steady application is necessary. Discussing the new Columbia treaty, the president said it must be accepted by Columbia before it could be legalized. He refused, however, to comment on its terms.

The president also believes that the canal tolls fight in the senate already has been won. He is encouraged by the fact that many of those who promised to appear before the senate inter-oceanic canal committee and testify against the repeal failed to appear. He thinks that 90 per cent of the delegates at the Baltimore convention favor the repeal of the exemption clause in the canal bill. The suggestion that the repeal resolution include a declaration that the United States reserves all its rights in connection with the canal is not favored by the president.

FEDERAL LEAGUE OPENS SEASON AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., April 13.—Thirty thousand persons were jammed into Terrapin park here this afternoon to see Buffalo and Baltimore in the opening game of the Federal league season. It was the largest crowd that ever witnessed a game in Baltimore. A street parade preceded the game. At the end of the seventh inning the score was, Buffalo 2; Baltimore 3. The batters: Buffalo—Earl Moore and Walter Blair. Baltimore—Quinn and Jack Litch.

At a meeting held by the board of governors of the Commercial club in the Hotel Marion today, it was decided to hold a 'Stockman's Day' in Salem on the 24th and 25th of this month, at which all stockmen, that is horse owners, are invited to attend. It is the purpose of the Commercial club to encourage horsemen not only in Marion county, but in other counties to meet here during the breeding season and make this place the headquarters for all classes of horses. There are many stallion owners in this county who will be glad to learn of this plan, and it is more than likely that there will be a good crowd of breeders on hand on the date above mentioned.

Mr. Clyde E. Seitz, forest supervisor, was in the city today, conferring with the county court concerning roads. Mr. Seitz has charge of the road work in the forest reserves and is actively engaged in getting a system of roads to connect with the county roads leading into the reserves. His work will certainly be appreciated by all, and especially those who seek the mountains with rod and gun during the summer. The intention is to make all the beautiful mountain resorts easy of access, and this will not alone prove a delight to Oregonians, but will help place Oregon where she belongs, in the front ranks of all the states as a land of beauty and attractiveness.

It is expected that when the city council of Salem convenes this evening that there will be two liquor ordinances up for action. It is said these ordinances are modeled after those in existence in Albany, which are reported to be effective. If the ordinances do not show up at this session, it is believed they will appear at the next one. The measures are reported as being drawn up to hit bootleggers particularly.

Governor West was expected home at noon today, but failed to show up. He is expected now on the train reaching here from the south at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Roosevelt Kills Diminutive Bird

AFRICAN BIG GAME HUNTER SHOOTS A 'CURUGUI' AS LARGE AS A SALEM CANARY

Seattle, Wash., April 13.—According to Professor Trevor Kincaid, professor of zoology of the University of Washington, that curcul, whatever it is, which Colonel Roosevelt shot in Brazil, is a bird and not an animal. 'The New Yorkers who claim it is a spalacopus poepigi will have to come again,' said Professor Kincaid today. The curcul is not an animal or a rodent, but is very much a bird, varying in size from a canary to a crow. It belongs to the family trogonidae and makes its home in the tropical regions.

VIOLIN RECITAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH TONIGHT

The violin recital at the First Baptist church this evening in which William Wallace Graham will present Miss Mary Schultz, Salem's talented young violinist, is not as some believe an invitation affair, but is free to the public generally. Miss Schultz has been presented by Professor Graham in Portland and won much praise by her artistic work. She has talent of a very high degree and will be heard from in the not very remote future in the higher musical circles. She has a large number of friends and warm admirers here and the spacious church will probably be filled to capacity this evening. Miss Carmel Sullivan, a talented harpist, will accompany Miss Schultz this evening, and music lovers will be given a rare treat. Do not miss it and be there at 8 o'clock.

JOHN LIND ARRIVES ON MAYFLOWER FROM MEXICO

Washington, April 13.—The presidential yacht Mayflower, with John Lind, who has been acting as President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, on board, dropped anchor off the navy yard wharf at 10:15 a. m. today. It came direct from Vera Cruz. Lind did not immediately disembark. It was expected he would confer with the president at the White House later. John Lind disembarked from the Mayflower this afternoon. He would not say a word concerning Mexico and not many on any other subject. He had an engagement to confer with President Wilson tomorrow.

SPECIAL POLICEMAN KEEPS TANGO BUGS FROM DOOR

Los Angeles, April 13.—Responding to an 'ad' published by a practical joker, several score of tango bugs applied at the home of a West end society leader for instruction. The lady has placed watchmen at the door.

YOUNG COUPLE WEDDED WHILE TRAIN SPEEDS

Spokane, Wash., April 13.—Refusing to take the dare of Conductor John Rberts, N. E. Heath, a young farmer, or Lenore, Wash., and Mildred Kittrell, a belle of Ilo, Idaho, are married today, the ceremony having been performed on board a Northern Pacific train en route from Lewiston to Spokane, traveling at the rate of 30 miles an hour. 'I dare you sweethearts to get married on this train, and if you'll take the dare I'll provide the preacher,' challenged Conductor Roberts.

'You're on,' or words to that effect, was the response of the prospective bride and groom. Rev. F. D. Muse, of Lewiston, was found on the train after a few minutes' search, and tied the knot, while every passenger climbed onto seats to get a better view of the ceremony.

The couple had intended being married at Kendrick, but the conductor's dare upset their plans. EASTER SPOON ENDS IN MURDER AND SUICIDE

Los Angeles, Cal., April 13.—After shooting and instantly killing Mrs. Vivian Cota, housekeeper at a lodging house at which spent the night, Thomas Walden, a ranch hand, is near death today from a bullet he fired into his head. Walden shot the woman shortly before noon on Easter day because she insisted that he vacate his room, in which it is alleged he was sleeping off the effects of over indulgence in drink. After shooting Mrs. Cota, Walden ran several blocks before he leaped against a post and shot himself. At the Receiving hospital a note that he evidently had written between the murder and his flight was found in his pocket. It was addressed to Hugo Wetzel, Richfield, Cal., and read: 'Please send my money to the undertaker.'

By agreement of counsel for the state in the case of the State of Oregon against Mable Gray, who is charged with polygamy by the grand jury, her bail was reduced from \$1000 to \$200. She has been held in the Marion county jail on account of being unable to secure the required bondsmen.

No matter what cities they chose, the regional bank commissioners would have been criticised. Few men get far enough up the ladder of fame to make them dizzy.

DISREGARD RIGHTS OF FOREIGNER

Anti-American Sentiment on Part of Both Rebels and Federals Growing.

WILSON SAYS FLAG MUST BE HONORED

Affairs in Vicinity of Torreon Make Kaleidoscopic Change in Few Days of Fighting

Washington, April 13.—President Wilson thinks Admiral Mayo was fully justified in insisting sharply that the Mexican federals at Tampico salute the American flag as a reparation, in addition to apology, for the arrest of a United States navy paymaster and marines who had gone ashore to buy gasoline. He made this clear in what he said to callers today. He had an engagement with Secretary of State Bryan for the latter part of the afternoon to go thoroughly into the latest developments in the Mexican situation.

All advices indicated that anti-American sentiment at Tampico was growing. It was said that neither federals nor rebels showed a disposition to regard foreigners' rights, and those of Americans they were especially indifferent.

So far as President Huerta's reputation of his Tampico subordinate's action in arresting Americans was concerned, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan had yet to decide between themselves whether it was sufficient. The president had not fully considered Spain's protest against its subjects' expulsion from Torreon, and it was admitted in administration circles that it was unlikely the United States could do much to help matters. General Villa was said to be determined on the expulsions and General Carranza backed him.

Tide of Battle Ebbs and Flows. Juarez, Mex., April 13.—Kaleidoscopic conditions were in control today in the vicinity of Torreon. The federals had recaptured San Pedro. It was upon this point that General Velasco fell back when the rebels drove him from Torreon. General Villa followed, and he was dislodged from this position, too, retreating toward Parras, apparently with a view to making Saltillo by rail.

The rebels left a small garrison at San Pedro and pursued Velasco and his men. Velasco, however, at latest reports, was reinforced near Parras by two other strong federal forces, and gave the rebels battle. How this struggle, which was reported to be a very bloody one, resulted has not yet been learned here.

In the meantime, however, a body of federal volunteers under General Argumedo and General Campa attacked San Pedro. The rebels there, being heavily outnumbered, evacuated the town and made for Torreon. General Villa rushed reinforcements to meet them. It was expected the two bodies would join one another on the road and return at once.

Simultaneously with the news that the rebels had been driven from San Pedro came the information that a federal body of 3,000 from Saltillo or Monterrey, which seemed to have dodged the rebels while the latter were engaged at Parras, was advancing by forced marches on Torreon, presumably believing it had been practically denuded of rebel defenders and could be taken by surprise.

As a matter of fact, General Villa had 5,000 men with him in the city and was prepared to give the enemy a hot reception. Last night there were brought into Torreon 365 federal prisoners, who were expected to take the rebel oath of allegiance and join General Villa's forces.

SAYS TANGO ORIGINATED IN TENDERLOIN DISTRICT

Seattle, Wash., April 13.—The tango was sizzled on one side and then turned and browned on the other, when Dr. M. A. Mathews touched upon the latest dancing craze, in a sermon entitled 'Slowing Down,' at the First Presbyterian church last night.

'The tango,' he told his congregation, 'comes direct from the tenderloin.'

THREE INJURED IN WRECK. Chicago, Ill., April 13.—Suffering from a broken hip, in a local hospital, was Miss Norma Erick of Los Angeles, one of three persons injured in a wreck last night at Indiana Harbor on the Lake Shore railroad.