

WEATHER Shows Saturday and Sunday not much change in the temperature.

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Father and Son Die in the Electric Chair For the Slaying of the Two Brunswick County Dry Officers

ELDER STEWART PRECEDES SON INTO ETERNITY

Take Your Time, Boys, I'm in No Hurry, Elmer Admonishes Guards

FAREWELL INTERRUPTED

Father, Looking At Brother Of Man He Killed, Urges Everybody To Be Christians

Raleigh, April 17.—A double execution, that of a father and of a son, took place at the state prison this morning at 10:30 o'clock when C. W. Stewart and Elmer Stewart, 23, confessed murderers of Deputy United States Marshal Samuel Lilly and Leon George in Brunswick county last year, paid for the crime they committed by sacrificing their lives in the electric chair.

Minister Reads

"Men, be Christians. Don't be anything else," pleaded the condemned man. As the minister continued to read, "O grave, where is thy victory, O death, where is thy sting," Stewart glanced at those around him, his gaze resting on the face of the 19-year-old brother of the man whom he had slain.

Thanks be to God, read the minister.

"God bless you all," said Stewart. Joe Stone, newly appointed deputy executioner, drew the switch and the death-dealing current was hurried through the body of the man in the chair. Three shocks were necessary before the prison physician pronounced life extinct. The body was then removed to a waiting hearse that stood on the grayed driveway near by.

Ten minutes later his son, leaning heavily on the arms of the two guards accompanying him, his pale face wearing a smile, entered the room. He was visibly nervous and as the guards hurried to bind him in the chair, he said: "Take your time, boys, I'm in no hurry."

Asks Forgiveness

The condemned man, as the father, looked eagerly into the faces of those around him. There confronting him was E. H. George, brother of the man he had killed.

With the death cap in place, he began to pray, asking the forgiveness of those men whom he had wronged.

"Dear Jesus, I am going now," he said. "I have forgiven them all. I hope to soon be in heaven with my dear old father, who has just gone before me. Good-bye every one."

The farewell was not completed. Deputy executioner J. E. Thomas threw the switch, the big motor whirred more loudly, the end was near. Two shocks, and Dr. H. Fitzgerald, assistant prison physician, pronounced him dead.

Full-hearers, waiting at the door, entered the room and the body of Elmer Stewart was placed beside that of his father and the horse-drawn "death carriage" rolled away.

A score or more newspaper men, together with the six witnesses called by law, witnessed the execution. Hundreds of others lingered outside of the prison walls, vainly seeking to peer through the narrow windows of the octagonal room wherein the law went out that justice which men have decreed.

A phone isn't troublesome after you learn to work on and let the darn thing ring.

Elder Stewart Laments Leaving Loved Ones And Loss of Home

HALEIGH, April 17.—Following the execution today, the letter written by the elder Stewart was made public. It says in part: "I cannot do either good or evil. It is not fair to take advantage of God's mercy in any such contemptible way, but here is my dear boy in the same condition as myself. So I will cheer him to the bitter end, and go out into eternity as I have lived, so will I die. Save my son, but give me just what I deserve for not giving my whole life to the service of the blessed Master, to whom it rightfully belongs.

Father and Son Sent To Their Death While Praying

First Time In The History Of The State Such An Execution Was Staged

HOWDY MEN, SAYS ELMER

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Father and son—C. W. Stewart and Elmer Stewart—went to their deaths here today praying to God.

It was the first legal execution of a father and son in North Carolina and probably the first in the criminal annals of the entire country.

The father was brought into the death chamber, a small octagonal room—14 by 14 feet—preceded by the Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of the local Methodist church and former pastor of Grace Methodist church, Wilmington.

His head was cleanly shaven, and aside from a slight paleness, which might have been due to continued confinement and the apparent twitching of the lips and fingers, he displayed no emotion.

His son, brought into the room 20 minutes later, also was preceded by Dr. Stanbury, and was plainly nervous, but displayed a noticeable bravado spirit. He made a supreme and partially successful struggle for self control. His eyes shifted, and his voice caught, as he emotionally greeted the little band of spectators with "howdy men." His lips trembled, his voice quavered, as he told officers adjusting the electrical straps around his wrist, "take your time, I'm in no hurry."

The father was brought into the room exactly at 10:30. Nodded a recognition to Sheriff George C. Jackson and then took his seat in the electric chair, very similar to a patient preparing himself for the dentist. His statement was brief: "Men, be Christians. Don't be anything else. God bless you all."

He maintained a remarkable courage while Assistant Warden N. H. Honeycutt attached the headgear containing the fatal electrodes. A moment later, at 10:37, Joe Stone, one of the prison guards, applied the current of 1,800 volts.

The body contracted, straining the straps about the arms, wrists and legs. The face turned into a dark ashen color. Twenty-four seconds later, the current was removed, and Dr. J. H. Norman, warden, applied a stethoscope to the heart and ordered another electrical shock. The voltage was applied for a period of 20 seconds. A third was for 12 seconds. The body was then removed to a waiting hearse.

Rushes to Chair At 10:44 Elmer Stewart, his son, was brought in. He followed Dr. Stanbury, who alternately read the Bible and offered prayers. The boy gave the witnesses a wild look, and earnestly halted them with a "howdy." He almost rushed to the chair, and, like rehearsing a sentence, told the officers to take their time, for "I'm in no hurry."

"Forget Them" These he leaned back and prayed: "Oh God, don't hold this against them. I thank You for Your mercy, O God!"

He constantly repeated these two words: "I'm in no hurry."

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MISS DUNN IS CHOSEN QUEEN

Miss Hazel Grady, "Miss Goldsboro," Was Her Nearest Competitor For Honor

Smithfield, April 17.—Piling up a total of 102,200 votes, more than double the number polled by Miss Goldsboro, the runner-up, Miss Dunn was last night crowned queen of the Eastern Carolina Exposition over all the counties entered except Johnston county. A separate queen was elected for Johnston county.

Miss Dunn was represented by Miss Christine Thompson. Her closest rival was Miss Goldsboro, represented by Miss Hazel Grady, who finished second with a total of 45,333 votes. Miss Goldsboro was closely pushed by Miss Franklinton, represented by Miss Grace Wester, whose vote totaled 31,270.

Miss Smithfield, represented by Miss Rose Grantham, was elected queen of Johnston county, her vote of 129,223 having a good lead over the field. Miss Benson, with Miss Irene Hudson carrying the colors, finished a close second in the Johnston county election. Her vote was 100,208, a tremendous lead over Miss Rine Level, represented by Miss Godwin, who polled a total of 14,195.

SOFIA'S DEAD NUMBERS 150

Bomb Explosion Casualty List, However, Is Mounting Every Hour

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 17.—The toll of the dead from the explosion of a bomb in the roof of the Svett Kral cathedral while funeral services were in progress yesterday for General Georgieff, who was slain in the streets of Sofia Tuesday night, stood at 150 tonight, but the figures likely will increase as many of the injured are in critical condition.

Hospitals and clinics are crowded with the injured, some of them so badly hurt as to be almost unrecognizable. It has been impossible to identify some of the dead and these have been placed in a mortuary chapel.

With the exception of minister of Interior, Rosser, all the members of the cabinet who were present at the funeral services, escaped with only slight injuries. They owe their lives to the fact that the infernal machine was concealed in the roof, near the side of the cathedral while they and other prominent personages were assembled around the chancel in the center of the edifice, a detail which had been overlooked by the perpetrators of the outrage.

It is the assumption of the police that the aggro-communist, to whom the authorities attributed the outrage, in assassinating General Georgieff, counted upon the assembling at the funeral of all the prominent persons attached to the existing regime, thus affording an opportunity for wiping all of them out at one time.

Park In Baltimore Swept by \$60,000 Fire

Baltimore, Md., April 17.—Frederick Road park was swept last night by a spectacular fire which destroyed four buildings and caused loss estimated at \$60,000.

The park and the amusement devices, owned by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company, were about to have been sold. The present owners had not planned to open the park this year.

Padlocks Drug Stores And N. Y. Grocery

New York, April 17.—United States District Attorney Buckner's padlock campaign extended today to drug stores. Two Harlem pharmacies were ordered closed for six months, after raids by Federal prohibition agents. A Bronx grocery store also was padlocked.

Paul Butrico and Fred Armour, owners of the drug stores, and Salvatore Napolitano, owner of the grocery store, were sentenced to thirty days in jail and together with the employees of their stores, were enjoined never to manufacture or sell liquor in the United States. The three men agreed to accept the padlocking and sentences without contesting the cases.

Irving's Chair Given To New York Library

New York, April 17.—A chair once owned by Washington Irving was bequeathed to the New York public library in the will of Logan G. McPherson, authority on railway economics, filed for probate today. McPherson died March 25. In the original will executed in 1919, the chair was left to the Author's club, but in a codicil made January 31, 1923, the chair was left to the library. No reason was given for the change.

A bequest of \$10,000 was given to Miss Maria Lewis King, of Edgworth, Pa., in recognition of a lifelong friendship. Smaller bequests were given to other friends.

Wayne County Co-ops Flay Imperial in A Resolution

Two Big Companies, They Tell Federal Trade Commission, Boycotting The Tobacco Co-operative Marketing Association For The Purpose Of Destroying It

In a resolution mailed yesterday to the Federal Trade Commission, which is investigating the alleged discriminatory tactics of the Imperial Tobacco Company and others against the co-operative marketing association, the 1,241 Wayne county members of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing Association declare they are convinced the Imperial and American are boycotting their association for the purpose of destroying it.

The resolution was signed by J. C. O'Berry, county chairman and C. S. Hinnant, county secretary.

Declaring these two companies are trying to destroy the old unprofitable marketing system, the resolution reads, as follows:

"We noticed an article in the Raleigh News and Observer dated in Washington on April 2nd, in which it states that we, the Tobacco Growers, who compose the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association are losing a trick by not making ourselves heard by our distinguished body, and that various Chambers of Commerce and citizens of North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and other states are sending in commendations and compliments to the Imperial Tobacco Company and others.

"We wish to impress upon the minds of the Federal Trade Commission that in our judgment the recommendations, which are being forwarded according to the article referred to above, are coming from sources entirely antagonistic to the interest of farmer controlled and farmer developed business organizations such as we are now trying to set up for ourselves.

Boycott Alleged

"We are further convinced that the Imperial and American Tobacco Companies are boycotting our association for the sole reason to destroy same and still leave the tobacco producers a prey to practices unwarrantable to their social, economic and educational welfare. Without profit to the producers they must fail to keep pace, in general development, with the growth of our national life.

Without profit we become economic slaves, and to avoid such a catastrophe we implore you to lend us every aid possible to make our cooperative a success, thereby assuring us a fair profit above cost of production of our tobacco, and freeing us of the incubus of unfair dealings and profitless years. We are confident that the very companies, chambers of commerce, and others, who shout their praise to the world of the Imperial and American Tobacco Companies are either dominated or largely influenced by the said companies, and the very organizations who are doing this are setting in antagonism to the farmers on whose shoulders their towns

Priest Is Sentenced To 6 Years By Soviet

Leningrad, April 17.—Father Brantislav Oussas, the Polish priest who was one of those to have been exchanged for the two Polish communist officers recently murdered while en route to Russia under police guard, was today sentenced by the Leningrad district court to six years imprisonment and strict isolation.

He had been arraigned on charges of immoral treatment of young girls in his employ.

The prosecutor said the case possessed political significance far transcending its mere criminal features.

"We do not deny that our court of justice is a class court," he said. It is an organ of the revolutionary regime. As the fundamental aim of that regime is to safeguard the soviet republic, it is our duty to try this man, who is a danger to the state."

Forty-two youngsters, three, four and five years old, sleep, play and eat under expert care in day nursery maintained in connection with the University of Chicago, while their parents go on with classroom courses or research work.

PLAN SANITY TEST FOR MRS. CUNNINGHAM

County Prosecutor Agrees To Examination Of Confessed Poisoner Of Children

WILL ARRAIGN HER TODAY

She Will Be Formally Charged With Murder If Her Condition Will Permit

Crows Point, April 17.—Blake county authorities tonight intend to arraign Mrs. Anna Cunningham, confessed murderer of three of her children and poisoner of a fourth who lies seriously ill in a Chicago hospital, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, if her condition was such as to permit removing her from her hospital ward cell in the county jail here.

Mrs. Cunningham spent a good day with Sheriff Benjamin Stone, in whom she confessed Wednesday night. She broke down when she signed the confession at 3:45 o'clock Thursday morning, and a few hours later passed into a cataleptic condition for the second time since she was taken into custody in Chicago last week.

Plans for a sanity test, understood to be under consideration by Mrs. Cunningham's attorney, will be permitted, August Bremer, county prosecutor, said.

Has Defends Her

Mrs. Cunningham appeared before Sheriff Stone from her prison program because she "didn't have her enough to take her to heaven." But Mrs. Cunningham, who even has life to her mother's dislike, is now her mother's only friend.

"It isn't true," she sobbed, "and even if it is true, mother isn't to blame. I've never admitted it before, but mother had spots of insanity. She must have been insane when she made that confession."

The daughter tried to prevent the confession. When Mrs. Cunningham brushed her daughter's objections aside, Mrs. Stone, in striking contrast, Mrs. Cunningham was calm and unshaken as she told of killing Isabelle, Walter and Charles, her children, by feeding them arsenic spread on slices of bread, concealed under a heavy layer of butter.

Two Women and Child Die In Auto's Flames

Yankton, S. D., April 17.—Two women and a child were burned to death and another woman was injured today when their automobile plunged from the highway near Rosebud, turned over and burst into flames. The dead, reports received here said, were Mrs. S. Nevada Herford, of Aberdeen, Wash., Miss Doreen Finnegan, Yankton, and David Finnegan, 3 years old. Mrs. D. M. Finnegan, daughter of Mrs. Herford, was severely injured.

Forest Fire, Says Boy, Set To Burn School

Monticello, N. Y., April 17.—Several of a series of forest fires which swept over 350 acres of timberland in the Hoosac Gap and Philipport region two weeks ago were set by Robert Terwilliger, 12 years old, who told county authorities today that he started the fires because he didn't want to go to school and wanted to burn the school down.

Los Angeles Damages Condensers in Flight

Lakehurst, N. J., April 17.—The flight of the United States navy air-trial Los Angeles to Bermuda, scheduled for this evening, was postponed 24 hours when it was discovered that in today's test flight the airplane had damaged two condensers of the water recovery system.