SENTENCED TO DIE HE MAINTAINS INNOCENCE

History of Double Homicide in Salt Lake City.

Joseph Hillstrom, a Persian, Charged With Killing Merchant and His Son, Refuses to Tell Where He Was at Time.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 10.—Joseph Hillstrom, who claims to be a Persian subject, charged with the dual crime of killing a groceryman and his son in this city more than a year ago, still maintains his innocence, although he refuses to tell where he was on the night of the shooting. Morrison was convicted of the crimes and sentenced to be shot October 1, but upon request of President Wilson, was reprieved by Governor Spry until further investigation of the case can be made. The case, noted for its longstanding and unusual developments, has become one of nation-wide interest.

Joseph Hillstrom was convicted of the murder of John G. Morrison, a grocer of Salt Lake City, and his son, Arling, 17 years old, at Morrison's store in the southern portion of the city about 9 o'clock on the evening of January 10, 1914. The shooting was witnessed by Merlim Morrison, another son, 14 years old. According to this boy's story, which was corroborated on many points by other evidence, two masked men entered the store with drawn pistols and, saying "We've got you now!" opened fire on Morrison, who fell mortally wounded with a bullet through his chest. Arling Morrison, ran to an ice box in the store, seized a 38-calibre revolver and fired. Before the boy could shoot again, he fell pierced by three bullets and died almost instantly. The men then ran from the store, one of them exclaiming that he was shot, and were observed to run southward from the store. The surviving son bent over his father, who became unconscious after having inquired where his assailants were, and died soon afterward.

Hillstrom, also known as Joe Hill, was arrested three days after the shooting on information given by a doctor near Murray, Utah, two and a half miles south of the scene of the crime. Hillstrom staggered into the doctor's home two hours after the shooting, with a large bullet wound through his left lung. He told the doctor he had been shot in a quarrel over a woman and requested that nothing be said regarding his visit or wound. The doctor, not having heard of the murders, treated the wound and took Hillstrom to a house where he had been staying for several days. News of the murders recalled the case to the doctor and he informed the officers. The doctor found an automatic pistol, of the same calibre as shells found in the grocery after the shooting, in Hillstrom's pocket. Hillstrom threw the weapon away after leaving the doctor's home. Blood was found at several places between the store and the home of the doctor and members of the family where Hillstrom lived said a companion had visited him late the night of the murders, talked privately with him and left. This man was not apprehended and has not been heard of since.

The Morrison boy, because of the masks and confusion of the shooting, was not able to identify Hillstrom except in general description of his size and clothing, but another witness gave a minute and particular description of Hillstrom as one of the assailants seen in bright moonlight near an electric arc lamp with snow on the ground. Hillstrom also was identified as a man who visited the store the afternoon of the murders and talked with Morrison.

Hillstrom's recovery from his wound was rapid and complete. He has always maintained his innocence, but has never told where he was the night of the murders or who shot him. He created a scene at his trial by dramatically discharging his attorneys in open court, later giving as his reason their failure to "tear young Morrison to pieces on cross-examination," referring to the boy who witnessed the shooting. He refused to go on the witness stand himself or to offer any evidence as to where he was or what he did the night of the murders He was found guilty by the trial jury, the judgment was affirmed by the Supreme court, and the board of pardons, after an exhaustive review of the case, declined to commute his sentence of death.

He was sentenced to be shot October 1 and was reprieved by Governor Spry September 30 at the request of President Wilson, who acted on a request of the Swedish minister. The case had previously been investigated for the Swedish minister by the Swedish vice-consul for Utah, a well known attorney, who advised that his investigation developed nothing that would justify the board of pardons in commuting the sentence.

Hillstrom declined to make any statement before the board of pardons or to give it any information as to where he was or what he did the night of the homicides or the circumstances under which or the place where he received his wound. He also declined to give the board any reasons why he should receive clemency and refused to let his own counsel or any member of the board interrogate him on any subject whatever. He declared he did not wish a commutation or pardon and insisted that he have a new trial, which the board and his own counsel informed him the board was powerless to grant.

Hillstrom, who says he has been a machinist and laborer, claims to be a Swedish subject and on that ground the interest of the Swedish minister was obtained. Hillstrom was a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, the members of which have been active in demanding his pardon or retrial. Resolutions to that effect have been passed all over the United States and in several foreign countries. Many of them showed ignorance of the crime charged against Hillstrom and indicated a belief that he was accused of some political offense. The governor's office has received thousands of communications on the subject. As the day set for his execution approached the number of communications sometimes reached four hundred a day. Many of these contained threats of death to the governor and members of his family, who were placed under guard. Other threats were to destroy buildings and other property and many believe a recent attempt to burn a leading hotel was the work of Hillstrom sympathizers. Elaborate police precautions have existed here, for weeks past as a result of the threats.

Several local sympathizers, including a woman instructor at the State university, have been active in their efforts to obtain a new trial, a pardon or commutation for Hillstrom. One of these, who sent a cable to Sweden in Hillstrom's interest, said he desired him set at liberty, guilty or innocent. The more prominent local advocates of Hillstrom's cause were cited before the board of pardons in September and requested to present any facts they had in addition to those offered at the trial. All admitted they had no additional evidence to offer.

Many persons familiar with the case believe the murders were for revenge, as no attempt at robbery was made when Morrison was killed. Morrison had been a police offer and was known as a man of great resolution and courage, which he had demonstrated on two former occasions in encounters with robbers. Four men entered his store the evening of February 2, 1913, and demanded that he throw up his hands. Instead of complying, Morrison ran to a rear room and returned with a shotgun, which he founded would not work. Dropping the shotgun, and under fire all the time, he rushed to the rear again and got his revolver, with which he shot down one of the intruders and drove the others from the store. They carried their wounded companion with them, but failed to get any money. A running fight with the gang followed, in the course of which one of them was shot and killed by a policeman after he had seriously wounded the officer. The others escaped and the dead man was never identified.

Morrisons' second encounter was the night of September 20, 1913, when he was walking home from the store with $800 in cash in his pocket. Two noldups confronted him and demanded the money. Morrison drew his pistol and fired on them. One of them returned the fire and, after several shots had been exchanged, both ran away. Morrison said he thought he knew the men who tried to hold him up, but would make no charge as he was in doubt and feared to accuse someone unjustly. Some believe Hillstrom and his companion were these men.

ENFORCING VITAL STATISTICS LAW

Doctors and Undertakers Prosecuted —Agent Works Western Counties.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 16.—Mr. J. A. McIntyre, State prosecuting agent for the vital statistics law of North Carolina, leaves Duplin county for the western part of the State. His working in the western counties at this time is due to the inconvenience of travel and the intense cold weather later on in the winter. He goes first to Burke county. Other counties suspected of incomplete registration that will also be visited by the agent are Buncombe, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Cherokee, Macon, Yancey, Mitchell and Watauga.

Before leaving for the western part of the State, Mr. McIntyre visited Duplin and Lenoir counties and brought suit against Dr. Budd Hyatt, of Lenoir, for failure to report births. Prosecution proceedings for the same offense were brought against Dr. John Bynum of Winston-Salem by Mr. E. S. Armfield, local prosecuting agent, and for failure to report deaths against Mr. R. L. Loftin, undertaker of High Point.

"There's nothing else we can do to get complete registration but to enforce the law," said Dr. J. R. Gordon, chief of the bureau of vital statistics. "We must have accurate and complete registration of births and deaths." Dr. Gordon stated that there are now local prosecuting agents in Duplin, Sampson, Johnson, Pender, Bladen, Robeson, Columbus, Surry, Yadkin, Davie and Union. It appears that the vital statistics law is no longer to be lightly considered.

MR. R. W. HAYWOOD INJURED.

Managing Editor Raleigh Paper Run Down by Automobile.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 16.—Managing Editor R. W. Haywood, of the News and Observer, was painfully injured this afternoon by being run down by an automobile driven by Capt. W. Drummond Morrow, of the Coast Artillery, an electrical contractor.

Haywood stepped from in front of a machine driven by Gavin Dortch only to be hit by the right fender of the Morrow machine. Several stitches had to be taken in a cut over Haywood's right eye and there was a cut on his wrist.

TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL OF ADMIRAL LITTLE POSTPONED

In Order to Give Him More Time to Prepare His Defense.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The court martial of Rear Admiral William N. Little retired, was postponed today until November 1, Admiral Little explaining to Secretary Daniels that he would be unable to prepare his defense by next Monday, the original date set. The officer is charged with neglect of duty in having, as machinery inspector, accepted submarine K-2 from the builders, when he is alleged to have known that there was defective construction in her electric storage batteries.

In documents made public today, Admiral Little is quoted as having said that acceptance of the boat was based on the contractors agreement "to stand back of the battery for all time as to the alleged careless workmanship." The present navy inspector at the Fore River shipbuilding plant where the submarine was constructed, reported he was unable to find any written record of the agreement ni the files of his office.

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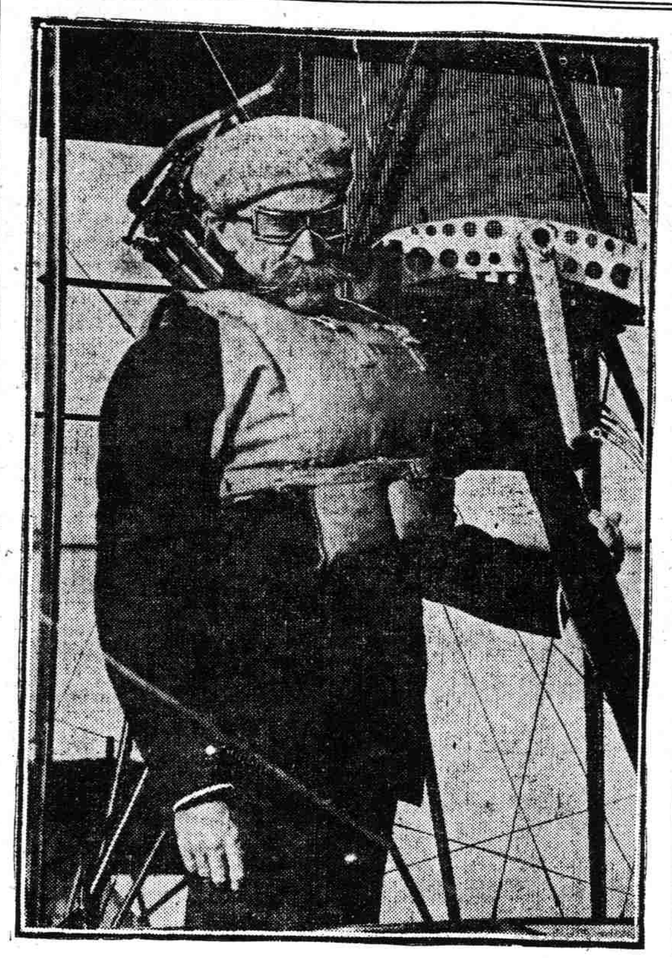

The flying boat which carried Admiral Robert E. Perry, discoverer of the North Pole, on his first flight, fell with him 1,200 feet. With his aviator he landed safely on the water near Long Island, and did not even know there had been an accident. At a height of 1,200 feet the engine stalled and failed to work further.

Thomas W. Post took him up, and as the engine broke down the aviator yelled to him that all was safe but he didn't understand what was meant. The Admiral sat quietly in the car while the aviator made spirals to land. From below the crowd could see that there had been an accident, but the discoverer of the North Pole didn't know it. When he was safe on the ground he was told.

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