

GAMBLERS ROW SAID GUNMAN

"Dago Frank" Told Warden "Gyp the Blood," "Lefty Louie," Harry Vallon Killed Rosenthal.

BECKER INNOCENT SO FAR AS HE KNEW

Cirofici Admitted He Was in Original Plot But Denied He Was Present at Killing.

Albany, N. Y., April 14.—Shortly before "Dago Frank" Cirofici went to the death chair in Sing Sing prison early yesterday he told Warden Clancy that "Gyp the Blood" Harowitz, "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg, and Harry Vallon, an informer, fired the shots which killed Herman Rosenthal, for which crime the four gunmen paid their lives.

"So far as I know, Becker had nothing to do with this case," the gunman also declared. "It was a gambler's fight." Cirofici averred he was five miles away at the time the crime was committed and that "Whitey Lewis" Seldenshner, although present at the scene of the shooting, did not fire any of the shots. Cirofici made no attempt, however, to deny that he was included in the original plot to slay Rosenthal, even admitting that two nights before the gambler was slain that he went with other rangers to look for their intended victim. They were frightened away from Rosenthal on that occasion by men they thought were detectives. The condemned man also admitted that early on the night of the actual killing, he was in the grey "murder car" with the gunmen, but he insisted that he left them before they shot the gambler. He did not explain precisely why he left the other gunmen just prior to the shooting, but two reasons are advanced. One is that he became frightened, and the other that he deserted in order to halt out his sweetheart, Jean Gordon, who had been arrested.

The statement which was made verbally in the principal keeper's office about 4 a. m. yesterday, was the result of the insistent plea on the part of Cirofici's mother and his sister for the truth.

Mr. Clancy came to Albany and told his story to Superintendent John B. Riley of the state prison department and Governor Glynn. The warden first issued a formal statement rehearsing a part of what Cirofici told him, and later added details which included Cirofici's admission that he was in the "murder car" two nights before the slaying.

The warden stated: "About 8 o'clock Sunday night, Rosenberg asked me to save Frank, saying he had nothing to do with the shooting, he was not there. I went over and asked Frank why he did not tell the truth. He replied that he knew what was going on, but was not there when the shooting took place. I advised him to tell the whole story. He said if he did they would kill his brother. I asked him whom he meant by 'they.' He replied that there were fifty men in New York he could name. He said I don't care about myself, its my family I care for."

Not Interfere With Plans. New York April 14.—"Dago Frank" Cirofici's confession, made a few hours before he was executed for his part in the murder of Herman Rosenthal will not be permitted to interfere with the plans of District Attorney Whitman for the second trial of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker. Mr. Whitman holds the confession to be hearsay evidence and therefore inadmissible either in the defense of Becker, who is charged with having instigated the murder of Rosenthal, or in the prosecution of Harry Vallon.

Vallon, according to the official version of Cirofici's confession to Warden Clancy of Sing Sing prison, fired one of the shots that killed Rosenthal. It was Vallon's testimony together with that given by "Bridge" Webber and Jack Rose that led to the conviction of the four gunmen.

John P. McIntyre, who was leading counsel for Becker at his first trial, is of the same opinion as Whitman concerning the availability of the Cirofici confession as evidence.

When Vallon was granted immunity District Attorney Whitman stipulated that if it was subsequently shown that he had actually fired upon Rosenthal that the immunity would no longer hold and he must face trial for murder. Mr. Whitman called attention to the provisions of this agreement to the jury when commenting on "Dago Frank's" confession.

Arrested for Murder. Oakfield, Ga., April 13.—Edward Slade is under arrest here charged with killing Thomas J. Slade, Jr., a deputy county sheriff. Slade was shot to death yesterday afternoon while riding in a carriage near his home.

PREPARATIONS FOR SCHOOLS' CLOSING

County Schools Will Have Exercises Here on Saturday April 25th.

Elaborate preparations are being made by Superintendent Hipps and the principals of the county schools for the graduating exercises which will be held here on Saturday, April 25. These commencement exercises will either be held in the Auditorium or the Majestic theater.

This will be the first time in the history of Buncombe county that such exercises have been held from the county schools. All those graduating have finished the seventh grade, while heretofore students were given certificates when they finished the county school course, but this year diplomas will be awarded to those who have finished the seventh grade of the various schools of the county.

It is expected that J. D. Egleston of the Virginia Polytechnic institute of Blacksburg, Va., will be present and made an address. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, superintendent of public instruction for North Carolina, and L. C. Bradman supervisor of rural schools will be here from Raleigh and deliver addresses. Superintendent Hipps will present the graduates with the certificates.

Nearly 100 boys and girls from about 25 schools will have finished the course of the seventh grade and be entitled to certificates. The following schools have already closed and sent in their lists of graduates: Mt. Carmel, Leicester, Stony Fork, Beech, Barnardville, Azalea, Haw Creek and Avery's Creek. The following will close next week: Fairview, Tuesday and Wednesday; Biltmore, Wednesday and Thursday; Woodfin and West Asheville, Thursday and Friday; Swannanoa, Wednesday and Thursday; Hominy Valley High school, same dates, and Sand Hill school on May 1 and 2.

The recitation and declamation contests will be held on Friday morning, April 24, at the same place which will be decided upon for the commencement exercises. Three gold medals will be given at these contests. Governor Locke Craig will give a gold medal for the best recitation by a girl; and The Gazette-News will give a gold medal for the best essay by a girl. According to the rules of the contests only one representative will be allowed from each school, these to be selected by the principals of the various schools in any way that they think best.

Following these contests in the morning will come the track meet of the county schools and the western North Carolina interscholastic contests which will be pulled off at the same time on the Biltmore green. A great deal of interest is being taken in the track meets and several schools in western North Carolina will send representatives here to participate in the contests to be conducted under the auspices of the western North Carolina interscholastic association. A complete program for these meets will be announced later.

KOEHLER SENTENCED TO DISMISSAL FROM ARMY

Coast Artilleryman is Found Guilty of Immoral Conduct By Court Martial.

Washington, April 14.—Major Benjamin M. Koehler of the coast artillery, tried by general court martial last month at Fort Terry was found guilty of immoral conduct and sentenced to dismissal from the army.

This announcement was made today by Secretary Garrison, who said the case had not yet been acted upon by war department officials. It is subject to review before it goes to President Wilson, who has final jurisdiction.

WILL SOON INSIST ON SCIENTIFIC SYSTEMS

Washington, April 14.—Frederick W. Taylor, of Philadelphia, told the industrial relations commission yesterday in opinion labor unions soon would insist upon scientific management systems. There was no such thing as driving the workmen, he said and the difficulty in getting the system started in many plants, he added, had been due more to the employers than to the workmen. He said that one experiment had reduced the cost of shoveling iron ore and coal from eight cents a ton to less than four cents.

DEDICATION OF BUTT MEMORIAL

Augusta Citizens and Washington Masons Unite In Paying Tribute to Titanic Hero.

HANDSOME BRIDGE BUILT AS MONUMENT

Bronze Tablet With Inscription By W. H. Taft Attests Excellent Qualities of Major Butt.

Augusta, Ga., April 14.—Masons from the Temple-Noyes lodge of Washington, and citizens of Augusta today united in paying tribute to the memory of the late Major Archie Wilkinson Butt, aide-de-camp to two presidents of the United States, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster. The occasion was a barbecue in connection with the dedication of the spans the first level of the city canal at 15th and Green streets.

The bridge proper is constructed of concrete. At each of the two approaches are two massive lions, carved from limestone, one bearing a bronze shield engraved with the coat of arms of the United States, another with the Georgia coat of arms, a third with the coat of arms of the Butt family and the fourth the Temple-Noyes lodge coat of arms. Four tall columns surmounted by bronze eagles, rise from the four corners of the central arch of the structure. In the center is a bronze bas-relief of Major Butt. A bronze tablet bears the following inscription which was written by former President Taft:

"In honor of Archibald Wittingham Butt, born in Augusta, Ga., September 26, 1865. Graduated University of the South, 1888. Major in United States army, trusted aide de camp to two presidents. Major Butt went to his death on the steamer Titanic after the rescue of the women and children from that ill-fated vessel, April 14, 1912. In memory of his noble and loyal qualities as a man. His courage and high sense of duty as a soldier. His loyalty and efficiency as a public servant. His fellow citizens of Augusta dedicate this bridge."

Former President and Mrs. Taft already were in the city for the occasion. The dedication of more than 40 persons from the Temple-Noyes lodge of Washington arrived last night.

Many members of the organization were accompanied by their wives. Early today the visitors were given an elaborate southern barbecue on a large estate near the city. Later they were taken in automobiles to various points of interest in the city. A light rain fell during the greater part of the morning.

The Washington delegation included C. Fred Cook, chairman of the committee on arrangements, Leroy C. Heron, master, and Carter B. Keene, past master.

Shortly afternoon members of the visiting party called informally at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Butt, brother and sister-in-law of the late Major Butt.

The formal unveiling of the memorial bridge and laying of the cornerstone by the Masons was postponed until tomorrow on account of rain.

FIFTEEN CASES BEFORE POLICE COURT TODAY

After the heaviest court in the history of the local police department yesterday, in which 81 cases were called, there came a reaction and today only fifteen cases were on the docket and four of these were continued cases that had been called up for hearings this morning.

The record is as follows: Horace DeHrew was fined \$5 and the costs on charges of gambling. A nol prosequere with leave was taken in the case against Jim Patton. Assault cases against Maggie Arnold and Beattie Wilfong, colored, were continued.

A retailing case against Sylvia Holland was continued. Harry Yeatman was found not guilty of failing to pay back fare. The assault cases against Jack Trator and L. Russell were continued.

Jefferson Holiday. Mobile, Ala., April 13.—Public offices, banks and many other business houses throughout Alabama were closed today in observance of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson. The day was made a legal holiday by state enactment several years ago.

SEVEN PERSONS PERISH IN FIRE

Apartment House in Boston Burns and Many of the Survivors Have Very Narrow Escape.

TWO KILLED JUMPING; FIVE ARE SUFFOCATED

Firemen Make Many Rescues; Life Nets Are Used—Several Receive Serious Burns.

Boston, April 14.—Seven persons perished in a fire which wrecked the Melvin, a five story apartment house at Commonwealth avenue and Long avenue in the Alston district early today. It was feared that on other occupants of the building who were missing several hours after the fire also had been burned.

The dead: Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Power and their baby boy. Mrs. Alice Shackford. Mrs. Edith G. Bemis. Young woman about 17 years old, probably Mrs. Power's maid. Unidentified woman.

Many others among the 125 persons living in the house had narrow escapes and several were painfully burned. The loss was \$60,000. Mrs. Bemis' sister, Mrs. F. C. Beaharrell and Miss Eileen Hazel are missing. The unidentified body may be one of them.

Mrs. Shackford and Mrs. Bemis met death by jumping, one from the fourth floor and she other from the fifth. The bodies of the other victims were found on the fifth floor two hours after the discovery of the fire. All had been suffocated.

The fire started in the basement near a waste paper chute, and the flames shot rapidly through the chute and an elevator well. The whole building was ablaze when the firemen arrived. Miss May Boyd, living next door, was the first to see the fire. While another neighbor rang in an alarm Miss Boyd rushed into the burning building and rang the bells in all the suites.

Many were able to escape by the stairways. Others used fire escapes in the rear until the flames made this impossible. The firemen carried a number of men and women down ladders. Several persons jumped from upper floors into the life nets.

Trapped on the fourth floor, Mr. and Mrs. Clement F. Rogers and Mrs. Robert Adams hastily fashioned a rope from bed clothing and let themselves down to the ground.

No one had time to dress and there was considerable suffering from exposure. A state police investigation was started.

JACK JOHNSON TO GET A NEW TRIAL

Court of Appeals Reverses Certain Counts in Johnson Indictment.

Chicago, April 14.—Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, today was granted a new trial on the Mann act charges under which the negro was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary and \$1000 fine. The United States court of appeals reversed the decision of the lower court on certain counts in Johnson's indictment.

SENATOR WEEKS' PLAN ENDORSED BY DANIELS

Washington, April 14.—Feasibility of establishing a line of naval cruisers to carry passengers, mail and freight between the United States and South America was endorsed by Secretary Daniels today in a report to the senate on a resolution recently introduced by Senator Weeks. The committee on naval affairs immediately introduced a bill to establish one or more such lines.

It is the plan to use in time of peace such swift coast cruisers as are little needed in fleet maneuvers.

SHELL BURSTING IN ARMORY KILLS MAN

Philadelphia, April 14.—One workman was probably fatally injured, five others were badly burned and 1200 women workers were thrown into a panic today by the bursting of a shell in the arsenal department of the United States arsenal here.

DEFER DEMAND FOR A SALUTE

Further Investigation Marine's Arrest by Mexican To Be Made Before Insisting on Salute.

MATTER REGARDED AS BECOMING SERIOUS

Lind Advises President and Bryn to Insist on Salute—Report of Huerta's Refusal.

Washington, April 14.—Further investigation will be made into the arrest of American marines at Tampico before the Washington government takes further action on its demand for a salute to the American flag.

Latest developments in Mexico, particularly the demand by Rear Admiral Mayo and backed up by the White House that the American flag be saluted by the Huerta commander at Tampico were discussed in detail today at a conference among President Wilson, John Lind, his personal representative in Mexico for the last eight months, and Secretary Bryan.

Mr. Lind's own view was that the salute should be insisted upon. The president himself had made clear to callers that the apology to the United States must be given for the recent arrest of marines and that the Stars and Stripes must be saluted.

Reports from Vera Cruz quoting General Massey, the federal commander, as contending that ample satisfaction had been given in the verbal apology by Huerta and that the salute was unnecessary, were received with some surprise here, but so far as could be learned it had no effect on the determination of President Wilson that the salute should be insisted upon. It was not known whether there had been any official telegrams from Charge O'Shaughnessy confirming Huerta's reported refusal to order the salute.

Mr. Lind's counsel at this time was considered opportune by the administration for what had seemed a small incident is regarded by many officials here as possessing a grave aspect.

When the conference was ended Secretary Bryan and the president went to the cabinet meeting.

No one would discuss what took place at the conference but it was learned authoritatively that a thorough investigation of the arrest of the marines had been called for before further action would be taken by the United States. It is understood that Huerta, while regretting the incident, has pointed out that under international law the Mexican commander acted within his rights. The Washington government is seeking to learn whether the marines were armed or committed some overt act which might have caused their arrest.

It is believed that Mr. Lind assured the president and Secretary Bryan that American marines never went ashore armed and always were careful in their demeanor when they went to get supplies.

The entire situation was discussed at length at the cabinet meeting, but the general impression prevailed that until more information was received from Rear Admiral Mayo there would be no further steps by the Washington government, immediate action in the interval being left to the discretion of the admiral.

At the navy department officials were in communication with Admiral Mayo. That there was "no news" was the terse and only announcement there. That was generally accepted as meaning that the salute had not been fired.

CONGRESSMAN GUDGER RETURNS TO CAPITOL

Congressman J. M. Gudger, Jr., who has been in the district during the last few days looking after his political fences, left last night for Washington, where he stated he would be engaged in some matters of legislation commencing today. Mr. Gudger stated just before leaving that he had been in several of the counties of the district during this trip and expressed himself as well pleased with the looks of things political, and his campaign especially.

He will return to the district just as soon as his affairs at Washington will permit him, he stated and visit the other counties that he was unable to reach on this trip, owing to the limited time at his disposal.

Mrs. Clay Dead.

Marletta, Ga., April 13.—Mrs. W. J. Clay, mother of the late United States Senator A. S. Clay, of this state, is dead at her home near here. She was 85 years old.

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT TO THAW

THE MAJOR LEAGUE SEASON OPENING

Baseball Contests Start Today In Eight Cities of Big Leagues.

Detroit, Mich., April 14.—The Detroit Tigers faced St. Louis today in the opening game of the American league season with a line-up which contained only three men playing the positions they occupied in last season's final contest.

New York-Philadelphia. New York, April 14.—New York baseball fans divided their patronage today between the Polo grounds, where the local American leaguers opened with Philadelphia, and Ebbets field, where the Brooklyn Nationals faced Boston.

Boston-Washington. Boston, April 14.—Clear skies, with a temperature more suitable for football than for baseball, marked the opening game of the American league season here today with the Red Sox lined up against Washington. Walter Johnson was Washington's choice for the box and Ray Collins was the Boston selection.

New York-Philadelphia. Philadelphia, April 14.—The weather was clear and everything augured well for the opening game between the New York Nationals, winners of last year's pennant, and the Phillies, runners-up in the last campaign.

Chicago-Cincinnati. Cincinnati, April 14.—Players of the Chicago and Cincinnati Nationals were said to be in good condition for their opening game here today.

St. Louis-Pittsburgh. St. Louis, April 14.—When St. Louis and Pittsburgh Nationals lined up for their opening game here today fans were anxious to see which team had profited most by the trading of players last year.

Chicago-Cleveland. Chicago, April 14.—Chicago and Cleveland Americans lined up for their opening game today with teams slightly crippled because of the absence of injured players.

Double Damage Upheld. Washington, April 13.—The double damage statute of Arkansas was upheld today by the Supreme court. The law makes railroads which fail to pay claims for damages within 30 days after their presentation liable for twice the damages suffered.

Petition Granted by Federal Judge But No Order Is Made For Prisoner's Discharge.

LIBERTY NOW DEPENDS ON SUPREME COURT

Judge Aldrich Leaves High Court to Determine Petition for Admission To Bail.

Concord, N. H., April 14.—Harry Kendall Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Edgar Aldrich of the United States district court today.

The court said, however, that no order would be issued for the prisoner's discharge from custody until arrangements had been completed to take the case to the United States Supreme court on appeal.

Thaw's petition for admission to bail the court left undetermined, taking the ground that it would be more appropriate for this to be passed upon by the Supreme court.

Result of Decision. The result of the decision is that Thaw's guardianship and condition will be unchanged for the present; but that his petition for a writ of habeas corpus will go to the highest court in the land with a decision of the lower court in his favor.

The decision discusses exhaustively the various phases of the case presented in the United States court, concluding:

"My conclusion is that constitutional right of extradition for crime does not reasonably apply to such a situation as this, where the right of control by the demanding state resides in a degree of custody based on insanity and where its papers upon their face negative the idea of personal criminal responsibility. It is further thought that it would involve forced or fictional reasoning to make a flight of the character of the one in question the kind of a flight contemplated by the constitution as a basis for extradition.

"It results that an order will be made sustaining the writ and that the petitioner be discharged from the extradition process under which he was held at the time his petition for habeas corpus was brought upon constitutional grounds.

"It has been understood from the beginning that whichever way this case was decided by me it would be (Continued on Page Nine).

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