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GEBBIA IS HANGED

Black Hand Goes To Death In Louisiana.

STORY OF HIS CRIME

Hanging of Gebbia Recalls One of the Most Fearful Black Hand Outrages Ever Recorded in the State of Louisiana.

New Orleans—Leonard Gebbia was hanged at Hahnville, the parish seat of St. Charles parish, for the crime of murder, in which ten-year-old Walter Lamana was the victim.

Gebbia's death on the gallows recalls one of the most fearful Black Hand cases on record in New Orleans, a case that stirred the whole state of Louisiana. He alone has paid the death penalty, his accomplices escaping with sentences of life imprisonment or succeeded in making their escape altogether, with the exception of his sister, Nicolina Gebbia, who, however, has had her death sentence commuted.

The crime was committed in the month of June, 1907, more than two years ago. It was on the night of June 8 that little Lamana disappeared from the neighborhood of his parents' home on St. Philip street, in the heart of "Little Italy." The father, Peter Lamana, engaged in the undertaking business, was believed to have amassed a fortune by the plotters, who sent him letters demanding \$5,000 ransom, assuring him the lad was safe, but unless the money was forthcoming he would be killed. The matter was given into the hands of the police, and a great movement was launched whereby it was hoped to recover the boy unharmed, prominent Italian citizens working in conjunction with the authorities.

Every clue was traced as far as possible, subjects being arrested right and left, until finally it was learned that the boy had been taken to St. Charles parish. Gebbia gave this information, his story being corroborated by his sister. The officers found the body of little Lamana in a pool of water, hidden by a clump of willows. It had been placed there several days before. The child had been murdered when his father failed to heed the warning of the Black Hand. "I have no confession to make. I have nothing to confess. My only wish is that those who have made me suffer will feel what I am going through." These were the last words spoken by Gebbia.

MRS. HAYES DIES.

Daughter of Confederacy's Chief Passes Away.

Colorado Springs, Col.—Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, daughter of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, died at her home, after an illness of six months.

Mrs. Hayes was the wife of J. Addison Hayes, president of the First National bank of this city.

Many messages of inquiry were received recently from friends throughout the country, who had gained the impression that Mrs. Hayes was suffering from cancer.

The cause of her death as announced by the attending physicians, was a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Hayes, the last of the family of the late president of the Confederacy, after the death of her sister, Miss Winnie Davis, at Richmond, Va., made a trip south a few years ago, when she was made a Daughter of the Confederacy in her sister's stead. Her mother, widow of the southern president, died in New York about two years ago.

Come Calls Extra Session.

Birmingham, Ala.—Governor Comer's message calling an extra session of the state legislature asks for constitutional prohibition, new counties and a biennial session legislature.

Mammoth Naval Display.

London—London's naval parade, in which 150 warships took part on the Thames, was favored by fine weather and was an entire success. The whole river was en fete.

MONEY GONE—KILLS SELF.

Suicide Ends Gay Career of Once Wealthy Young Cuban.

New York—Suicide ended gay career of a wealthy young Cuban when Juan Balsinde shot himself in his apartment in East Fourteenth street. Nearly two hundred seat checks from theaters, some memoranda and a letter indicated that he had been infatuated with an actress and had followed her from place to place in Cuba and in this country. He killed himself, it is believed, because his money had given out and his love affair had lost its interest.

Balsinde, who was 26 years old, had been attending a school at Poughkeepsie.

The clerk at the Hotel America told the police that Balsinde's father was a member of the firm of Balsinde Brothers, owners of extensive sugar plantations.

Louisa Von Oeston, the actress with whom the young Cuban was infatuated, called at the morgue. She knelt beside the body, kissed the lips repeatedly and cried:

"Oh! Why did you do this? Why were you so foolish?"

Becoming hysterical, she was led away.

Healthy Currency Report.

Washington—A healthy condition of the national banking business is shown in the resume of the reports sent to the comptroller of the currency issued as the result of the last call. It shows that on June 23 there were the following increases in the principal items since April 23, the date of the last preceding reports: Loans and discounts... \$ 72,772,647 Individual deposits... 72,516,311 Surplus and other profits... 11,993,726 Due from banks... 14,172,211 Capital stock... 3,024,133 Government deposits... 4,032,902 Total resources... 102,848,820

The total resources since July 15, a year ago, have increased \$757,668,263.

13 SAILORS PERISH.

British Submarine Sent to Bottom by Collision.

Cromer, England.—The British submarine designated as C-11 was sunk by the cargo steamer Eddystone at a point four and a half miles north west of the Hansborough lightship. Thirteen members of the vessel's crew went to the bottom with her, and only three were saved.

The cruiser Bonaventure, with a flotilla of eight submarines, was proceeding in a southerly direction when the Eddystone ran in among the vessels and collided with C-11.

The submarine C-16 and C-17, in endeavoring to avoid a collision with the freighter, ran into each other. C-17 was damaged, but there were no fatalities on board either craft.

Editors Elected Officers.

Douglas, Ga.—The following are the newly-elected officers of the Georgia Weekly Press Association chosen by the convention held at Douglas, Ga.: A. S. Hardy, of the Gainesville News, president; C. M. Methvin, of the Eastman Times-Journal, first vice-president; L. E. Heath, of the Coffee County News, second vice-president; Berry T. Moseley, of the Danville Monitor, treasurer; W. A. Shackelford, of the Oglethorpe Echo, secretary; H. M. Stanley, corresponding secretary; J. M. Freeman, of Douglas, honorary life member. Americus was chosen for the next convention.

In Race for Governorship.

Nashville, Tenn.—General Harvey Hannah, member of the state railroad commission, and former adjutant general of the state, has announced for the democratic nomination for governor. Mr. Hannah has the distinction of having spoken in every court house in Tennessee, and has a wide reputation for oratory.

Woman's Brave Defense.

Lake Charles, La.—Attacked by a negro burglar at her home here, Mrs. Alice Long finally succeeded in breaking loose from her assailant and shooting him. She then fainted. It is believed that the wound the negro received was a mortal one, because of the great amount of blood discovered on the floor of the room and the slow progress he apparently made in escaping.

16 PERSONS DROWN

Sloop Carrying Pleasure Party Capsized In Bay.

SUDDEN SQUALL CAME

Captain of the Vessel and Twelve Survivors Were Picked Up Under Great Difficulties in Rough and Choppy Sea.

New York—Sixteen persons, five of them women, have met death by drowning in the waters, either surrounding or in the vicinity of New York.

Ten of the victims perished after the capsizing of the excursion sloop Roxana, carrying twenty-two passengers, which was struck by a sudden squall in lower New York bay, midway between Coney island point and Hoffman island. Of the survivors, one woman, Mrs. C. Knudsen, of Brooklyn, is in such a serious condition that she probably will die. Her two daughters were drowned.

The other drownings, with one exception, were swimming accidents. The captain of the Roxana and the 12 survivors were picked up under great difficulties in a rough and choppy sea by the tug Lamont.

FATAL STREET FIGHT.

Dispute About a Cow Results in a Tragedy in Mississippi.

Union, Miss.—One old cow, which would not have brought fifty dollars on the market, caused a bloody pistol battle in the streets of this little town. It resulted in the killing of two men, the fatal wounding of two more, and the serious wounding of still another.

The fight was between the two McDonald brothers on one side and Joseph Miller and Cornelius Christolm on the other. Bad blood had existed between some of the men for years and the dispute over the ownership of a cow, it is said, brought about the shooting which resulted as stated above.

The town was thrown into great excitement it was thought that troops might have to be called out to prevent further trouble.

All the parties were present in this section of the state.

Killed By Bee Sting.

Mason City, Iowa—Killed by the sting of a bee was the fate of Mrs. Mary J. Buck, a resident of Garrison. A hive of bees belonging to a neighbor had swarmed and lit on a tree on the Buck premises. Mrs. Buck was sitting on the porch of her residence when one of the bees stung her on the right temple. She called for help and was carried into the house. Physicians were summoned, but before they could reach her side she was dead.

Fall of Bastille Celebrated.

New Orleans.—The Fourteenth of July society, composed of patriotic Frenchmen, has celebrated the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille with a festival. Owing to the large number of French people in New Orleans and the fact of New Orleans' early French settlement, this occasion is always one of note here.

Ill Health Causes Suicide.

Lithonia, Ga.—Mrs. Mattie Siquefeld was found dead at her home by C. M. Siquefeld, her husband, a granite cutter. It is supposed she committed suicide by shooting herself in the right temple. Ill health is said to be the cause.

\$525 for Persian Cat.

London—A record price for a cat has been paid by Mrs. Lynnas, of Chicago, who has bought the champion male Chincilla Persian of England, Rob Roy H., for \$525. Mrs. Lynnas' purchase goes to America on the Majestic.

Ship's Crew Perish.

Sydney, N. S.—The Norwegian bark Errol, bound from South America for Newcastle, N. S. W., was wrecked on Middleton reef on June 18, and the captain, his wife and 18 of the crew perished.

TRUE TO HER FATHER.

Miss Saylor Will Do Everything to Avenge His Death.

Waukegan, Ill.—Golda Saylor, the seventeen-year-old daughter of J. B. Saylor, the Crescent City (Ill.) banker, slain by Dr. William L. Miller, declares she will do everything in her power to avenge her father's death, although her mother, who is in a cell here as an accomplice in the killing, may be one of the greatest sufferers by reason of the prosecution. This is the first public announcement Miss Saylor has made, although friends of Mrs. Saylor have declared repeatedly that the girl would aid her mother.

When the banker's private drawer in the safety deposit vault of the bank was opened they were confronted by facts which showed that the slain banker knew a crisis in his family affairs was coming and evidence said to be damaging to the case of Dr. Miller and Mrs. Saylor.

Added to this, it is said, was the development that Saylor had planned to leave his wife and live alone.

Feeling against Dr. Miller and Mrs. Saylor continues at high pitch. A posse is continually on guard at the jail.

SHAH DETHRONED.

Crown Prince Sultan Ahmed Mirza Proclaimed Regent.

Teheran.—Mohammed Ali, shah of Persia, has been dethroned and the crown prince, Sultan Ahmed Mirza, has been proclaimed shah by the national assembly, composed of the chief Mujtehdids and the leaders of the nationalist forces, in the presence of an immense crowd in parliament.

Mohammed Ali has taken refuge at the Russian legation at Zernade.

The new shah is yet in his minority, and Azad Ul Mulk, one of the most active leaders of the movement, has taken office as minister of war and governor of Teheran.

Three Hundred Earthquake Victims.

Athens, Greece.—Three hundred or more were killed by the earthquake which devastated the province of Elis, according to advices just received from Pyrgos, the capital of the province. Thirty bodies have been recovered so far. While the dispatch says that the estimate of dead is in the neighborhood of 300, it adds that this is merely an estimate, and that conditions in the stricken district are such that many hours must elapse before definite details can be expected. The earthquake was of volcanic origin.

Four Trainmen Killed.

Royal, Ill.—Four trainmen were killed, several persons were seriously injured and the lives of forty passengers imperiled when the St. Louis Flyer, from Chicago, on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, southbound, ran into an open switch, opened, according to railroad officials, by train wreckers, and collided with a northbound passenger train near here. All was rushed to the scene of the accident from nearby towns.

Mrs. Eddy's 88th Birthday.

Boston—Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder and leader of the Christian Science denomination, passed her 88th birthday at her residence in Chestnut Hill. According to custom the anniversary passed without any particular observance. Members of Mrs. Eddy's household said that "the mother," as she is known, was in splendid health and attending to her affairs with her usual vigor.

Death Rather Than Arrest.

Charleston, S. C.—Rather than be arrested for trying to chloroform two daughters of the Morris Island light-house keeper, Ludwig Jacobsen, assistant keeper, blew the top of his head off, when called to surrender by a sheriff's posse at the door of a locked room. He was in love with the daughter of the keeper, but his advances were refused.

Four Killed, Twenty Injured.

Berlin—Four persons were killed, more than twenty severely injured, and a dozen others slightly injured as the result of the explosion of a motor cycle and a fire which followed it during a cycle race at the Old Botanical Gardens.

County Government.

Representative—G. W. Wilson.
Clerk Superior Court—T. T. Loftis.
Sheriff and Tax Collector—C. C. Kilpatrick.
Treasurer—Z. W. Nicholls.
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.
Coroner—Dr. W. J. Wallis.
Commissioners—W. M. Henry, Ch'n; G. T. Lyday, W. E. Galloway.
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.
Attorney—Cash & Galloway.

Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breeze, jr.
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, A. H. King, E. W. Carter.
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.

Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.
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STATIONS						
P M	A M	Ev.	Asheville	Ar	A M	P M
3 50	8 05	9 05	6 15
4 55	9 10	Hendersonville	8 00	5 10
5 16	.....	.....	Yale	.....	7 48	.....
5 21	8 25	.....	Horse Shoe	.....	5 44	84 54
5 26	8 31	.....	Camden	.....	5 39	84 49
5 35	8 40	.....	Ktowah	.....	5 33	84 43
5 41	8 46	.....	Blantyre	.....	5 28	84 38
5 47	8 52	.....	Penrose	.....	5 21	84 31
5 55	9 00	.....	Davidson River	.....	5 15	84 25
6 00	9 05	.....	Pisgah Forest	.....	5 10	84 20
6 10	9 15	.....	Brevard	.....	5 05	84 15
6 24	9 29	.....	Selma	.....	5 05	84 15
6 32	9 37	.....	Cherryfield	.....	5 02	84 12
6 35	9 40	.....	Calvert	.....	5 00	84 10
6 41	9 46	.....	Rosman	.....	4 58	84 08
6 49	9 54	.....	Quebec	.....	4 50	84 00
6 50	Reids	4 40	83 50
6 52	9 56	Tixaway Inn	4 38	83 48
6 57	10 01	Lake Tixaway	4 30	83 40

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