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## HASTY SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

### Verdict Murder in First Degree With Recommendation of Mercy

### THE JURY CAME IN AT 6:15 THIS MORNING

Saved from Gallows by Mercy of the Twelve Men—He Takes an Appeal. The Case Went to the Jury at 7 Last Night—A Terrific Legal Battle Between the Counsel on Opposing Sides.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Gaffney, S. C., March 6.—In the cold, dull gray of the early morning the jury which had been deliberating all night on the case of George Hasty, proprietor of the Piedmont Inn, charged with the murder of Milan Bennett and Abbot Davidson, members of the "Nothing But Money" Company, filed in to court and announced at 6:15 o'clock that it had agreed upon a verdict. The small crowd of anxious watchers in the court room was silent.

"Gentlemen of the jury have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the clerk in solemn tones.

"Guilty of murder in the first degree with recommendation to mercy," was the answer.

Hasty was apparently unmoved. Later in the morning he was sentenced by Judge McManis to the penitentiary for life, but his attorneys have notice of an appeal to the state supreme court which will stay the sentence until a final ruling is had from the highest tribunal. There are long delays in South Carolina and it may be a year or more before Hasty does the stripes if the judgment holds.

In many respects the trial was the most sensational in the annals of this county. Davidson and Bennett were killed because they had protested Hasty against the latter's attempt to enter the actresses room at night. On the morning of December 15 last the actors met Hasty in the lobby. Hot words were passed and without much warning Hasty drew a revolver and shot his guests to death. His plea at the trial was that he had been attacked by Davidson, who held a knife, and that he was forced to defend himself.

The trial has been in progress here for more than a week and attracted attention all over the country. It culminated yesterday in a sensational encounter between George Johnstone, leading counsel for the defense, and Lawyer Otis, who has been assisting the prosecution in which the life was passed.

There was a strong play on the sympathies and sectional feeling of the jury. Hasty's lawyers endeavoring to show that the actors and actresses were "refugees" whose word ought not to be accepted as readily as that of the home people. Judge Memming, rebuked the attorneys for this, holding that in a court of law one person's evidence was as good as that of another unless one was impeached.

While opinion here is naturally divided the general belief is that it was a righteous verdict, yet there is the feeling that court delays will block the ends of justice. The case will not be reached by the supreme court for some months and in the meantime Hasty will remain in jail.

Intense public interest has been shown in the trial of Hasty which terminated this morning in the verdict of guilty with a recommendation to mercy, which will save the slayer of Milan Bennett and Abbot Davidson, members of the "Nothing But Money" Company from the gallows. The killing was apparently so brutal that the indignation of the public was aroused and the Actors' Society in New York undertook to raise funds to assist in the prosecution. In South Carolina it rarely happens that a sentence is imposed without a bitter fight by appeal or motions for a new trial, and if the old custom is followed it may be months, perhaps, years, before Hasty is sent to the penitentiary. Aside from that, however, the action of the jury will meet with general approval.

The company appeared in Raleigh a short time before the tragedy, at Gaffney. It was not a high class attraction, but there was nothing vile or indecent about it and Davidson especially was popular with those who attend the theatre regularly.

The facts of the murder are well known. Hasty was the proprietor of the hotel at which members of the company stopped and instead of making it his business to protect his guests he was the first to offer insult. It was shown that he had made repeated efforts to enter the room of the two actresses.

## GAPON'S DENUNCIATION

### Calls Petroff Traitor, Tool of Socialists

Proposes Plan for Complete Investigation of His Organization by Representatives of the Various Parties—Petroff Had Charged Corruption.

(By The Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, March 6.—Father Gapon in an open letter today denounced Father Gregor Petroff as a traitor and a tool of the social democrats, who he says are fighting against the true interests of the workmen. Father Gapon also proposes a plan for a complete investigation of his organization by representatives of the various parties.

Father Petroff, during the investigation of the charges against the Gapon organization of accepting money from the government, charged a man named Sedoff with having obtained 2,500 from Father Gapon. Sedoff, however, declared that he could not support the infamy involved in the charge, and drawing a revolver he blew out his brains.

## GRAND JURY TAKES UP CAMPAIGN FUND

(By The Associated Press.)  
New York, March 6.—The New York grand jury today made a presentation reciting that the grand jury had been informed by the district attorney that there is reasonable ground to believe that within the statute of limitations officers or trustees of large corporations have contributed money to political campaign funds.

The jury asks advice of Justice O'Sullivan of the court of general sessions, to whom the presentment was made, as to the future course to be pursued by the jury. The presentment is accompanied by a long statement of facts setting forth that it can be shown by lawful evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that such payments of money have been made.

## COMMITTEE ON FOOD STANDARDS

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, March 6.—The committee on food standards of the association of official chemists is holding its semi-annual meeting at the department of agriculture. Its purpose is the adoption of additional food standards. Standards to be decided at this meeting were submitted by manufacturers, chemists, and other interested parties two years ago, with requests for expressions of opinion and evidence of the justice or injustice of the proposed standards and all information so collected has been classified and compiled, and the present work of the committee is to consider that information and arrive at a just standard.

## CHINESE PRESS SAYS WE ARE UNFRIENDLY

(By The Associated Press.)  
Peking, March 6.—The Chinese telegraph in the Chinese press relates to the reports coming from America that the United States is making complete preparations to send a military expedition to China. The newspapers regard these reports as a manifestation of an unfriendly policy.

## SUSAN ANTHONY DYING

### Has Pneumonia and is Not Expected to Live

Left Lung is Affected, but Physicians Hope that Her Strong Constitution Will Help Her to Pull Through the Affliction.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Rochester, N. Y., March 6.—Miss Susan B. Anthony is seriously ill at her home here of pneumonia, which developed on her return from her recent visit to Washington. Her physician, Dr. Magnus S. Ricker, said today: "Miss Anthony's left lung is now affected by pneumonia. Her right lung has practically cleared. As a result of nausea last night she became very weak but she rested well from 5 o'clock this morning. She is still unable to retain nourishment and consequently is very weak. Of course these conditions in Miss Anthony's case are serious. We hope that her condition which has been vigorous even in old age will carry her through to an improved condition soon. It is difficult to say how much the change may be. This morning she was able to breathe with less labor than yesterday."

## CLYDE LINER NAVAHOE STILL IN THE SAND

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Wilmington, N. C., March 6.—The condition of the Clyde Line steamer Navahoe which went aground between the inner and outer Cape Fear bars on Saturday last is unchanged. The Navahoe is in eight feet of sand and all efforts to move her have proven futile. This morning three lighters from this city were carried to the distressed steamer and they are now at work unloading her of the heavy cargo. The Navahoe is in a perilous position and should she be not floated soon it is feared she will be a wreck. There were only two passengers aboard when she grounded and they were taken off on Sunday.

## READY FOR THE ROYAL WEDDING

(By The Associated Press.)  
San Sebastian, Spain, March 6.—King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg arrived here together today preparatory to the ceremony tomorrow, at which the king will formally ask for the hand of the princess and receive the consent of King Edward. The royal party was awaited at the depot by the mayor and a vast crowd of people, who accorded the king and princess an enthusiastic welcome. One man called for cheers for liberty and was immediately arrested. The king and princess graciously acknowledged the popular greetings. King Edward will arrive here tomorrow.

Paris, March 6.—King Edward, who was accompanied to the railroad station by Premier Rouvier and representatives of President Fallieres, left here today for Biarritz, whence he will go to San Sebastian to participate in the formalities of King Alfonso's betrothal. A crowd cheered the king as he departed.

## HARTFORD CAPITAL IN PHILIPPINES

(By The Associated Press.)  
Hartford, Conn., March 6.—The Philippine Railway Company of Hartford has filed a certificate of incorporation with the state secretary. The authorized capital stock is \$5,000,000. Arthur L. Shipman, Charles W. Gross and Aivan W. Hyde, all of this city, are the incorporators of record. The company proposes to own and operate steam and electric roads in the Philippine Islands and elsewhere and also to do a general transportation business.

## SHORTS DEPENDS TO REFORM THE ON PRESIDENT ELECTION LAWS

### May or May Not Give up Railroad Presidency

### EMPLOYES' CONNECTION

Chairman of Isthmian Canal Commission on Stand Today Before Senate Committee—He Protests Against the Way in Which Concession Had Been Granted to Markel.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, March 6.—Theodore P. Shorts, chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, today resumed his testimony before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals. Senator Talliferro had read the protest of Hudgins and Dumas of New York to President Roosevelt against the manner in which the commissary concession had been granted to Jacob E. Markel of Omaha, and urging its discontinuance on the ground that it had been entered into irregularly. The New York firm said the proceedings in connection with the letting of the contract indicated collusion and a predisposition to award it to Markel. Mr. Shorts said the president had referred this protest to him and he read the reply he had made to the president. These documents were made public at the time.

Mr. Talliferro asked Mr. Shorts for names of employees and their former railroad connections. The witness mentioned himself as connected with the Clover Leaf route. Purchasing Agent Ross, the Illinois Central; Auditor Benson, the Southern Pacific; Chief engineer Stevens, the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific.

"Do you intend to continue your connection as president of the Clover Leaf?" asked Mr. Talliferro.

"That depends," replied the witness, "on what."

"Well," said the witness, "the president spoke to me about that and I told him that on account of my large holdings I did not want to give up the presidency. I talked with President Roosevelt more frankly than I am talking with you. I don't want to embarrass the members of his party and as free and independent American citizens."

Mr. Shorts introduced as the presiding officer of the session Josiah Quincy, former mayor of Boston.

Mr. Quincy said he believed most of the reforms in the election system could be traced to the Australian ballot law, which dates back not more than fifteen years.

Herbert E. Deming, delegate of the city club of New York, denounced "selective office" in a representative democracy.

## GREAT ALIENIST ON MORPHINE

### Hartford Expert Backs Up Dr. McKee

### SAYS MATHEWS CRAZY

Evidence Concluded at Dinner Reverses and Argument Began at 2 O'Clock. Dr. Crothers Says Morphine Detoriates Tissues Acting on Reasoning Powers.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Greensboro, N. C., March 6.—The evidence in the Mathews murder trial was concluded at the dinner recess today, and argument began at 2 o'clock.

The testimony of Dr. Crothers, the morphine insanity expert from Hartford, Conn., consumed most of the session. He was emphatic that the prisoner was insane, and gave an interesting discussion of the effects of morphine on the system, saying it deteriorated all tissues, but most prominently the higher nerve centers known as those acting on the reasoning powers, which controlled the will, conscience and man's relation to man, his constant use inevitably producing dementia or paralysis.

The prosecution occupied but three quarters of an hour in inconsequential rebuttal of the strong expert testimony introduced by the defense as to the prisoner's sanity.

## HALE THINKS WAR UNLIKELY

### With the Secretary of State Sitting on Lid

### FEARS GENERAL STAFF

Opposes Bill for Increase of Efficiency of Army Medical Department—Says General Staff Has Prepared Plans for the Invasion of China.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, March 6.—The bill providing for the "increase of the efficiency of the medical department of the army" was called up in the senate today by Mr. Warren, and Mr. Hale spoke in opposition to it. He said that the bill was one of many prepared by the general staff of the army intended to accomplish the increase of the army. He did not believe that in view of present conditions such a movement was desirable, and called special attention to the state of the treasury as a reason why the plan of enlargement should not be entered upon. He added a word expressing his conviction that the plan was that of the general staff and not of the secretary of war.

In this connection Mr. Hale said that the general staff had prepared plans for the invasion of China by an American army, but he added that he did not mean to go into that subject, "for with the secretary of state sitting on the lid I do not believe we are likely to have war." He added the statement that the staff was taking upon itself the responsibility for the conduct of the war department. It was, he said, the purpose of the organization to invade China, which would be a declaration of war.

Mr. Hale was replying to a question of Mr. Tillman, who asked how many troops had been sent to the Philippines with a view a view to their being sent to China, and Mr. Hale said: "I do not know how many troops have been sent there, but I think several thousand. The purpose of the general staff is that they may be used if any emergency either arises or can be made to invade China, which of course would be a declaration of war while congress is in session."

Mr. Warren called attention to the fact that even with the increase permitted by this bill the medical corps of the army would be still smaller than that of the navy, but Mr. Hale contended that there was no analogy between the two.

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## PENNYPACKER VETOES RAILROAD RESOLUTION

(By The Associated Press.)  
Harrisburg, Pa., March 6.—Governor Pennyacker today vetoed the resolution providing for an investigation by a special committee into the affairs of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and the Philadelphia and Reading Steel and Iron Company, and the resolution directing the attorney general to inquire by what right the Pennsylvania and other railroads in this state are engaged in the authorized iron mining business.

Both of these resolutions were passed by the recent extra session of the Pennsylvania legislature and were vetoed, the governor stated, because they were not germane to the call for the session.

## HADLEY AFTER OIL TRUST MEN.

(By The Associated Press.)  
St. Louis, Mo., March 6.—In compliance with the order of Special Commissioner Anthony, Attorney General Hadley today issued a subpoena for H. Clay Pierce, former president of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company now in New York and for Charles H. Adams, secretary of the oil company, commanding them to appear in St. Louis and testify in the oil hearing which is set for March 19. The subpoenas were placed in the hands of Sheriff Clarke for service. They are not binding outside of the state of Missouri.

## Italians for Rowan.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Salisbury, N. C., March 6.—The Southern Railway's industrial department has had agents here recently looking over the soil of Rowan with a view to locating a colony here. Capt. M. V. Richards has had his men here and it is likely that a colony of 500 or more acres will be laid out for worthy Italian immigrants. Senator Louis Roddenrio, who has been visiting here, is much impressed if he does have difficulty in communicating as much.

## WAR CLOUDS ALARM CHINA

### Edict Says Traitors Circulate Wild Reports

### KEEP OUT OF POLITICS

Government is Perturbed Over Rumors of Anti-Foreign Movement—Troops Sent to Provinces Where Christians are Threatened by the Chinese—Feeling Now is Strained.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Peking, March 6.—The Chinese government is greatly perturbed by the reports of anti-foreign movements printed in the American and European press and particularly by the dispatches announcing America's preparations for a military expedition in case of need. These reports it is alleged tend to embarrass the foreign ministers and create strained relations between them and the officials here.

A long edict published in the official gazette today after referring to the warlike reports declares that they are circulated by traitors who wish to separate China from her friends. The edict points out the great difficulties which confront China at present and the strong need for maintaining friendly relations with the powers. It reproves the Chinese students for meddling with politics and charges the officials, high and low, to thoroughly protect the lives and property of foreigners, specifying the missions, under pain of the most severe punishment.

A strong force of the troops of Yuan Shi Kai has been sent to the southern part of the province of Chi Li where the people have been threatening the Christians.

## NO INDICATION OF IT

### President Sloss-Sheffield Denies Merger

Rumored that United States Steel Would Include It in General Merger of Southern Interests—After Pope Tin Works.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Birmingham, Ala., March 6.—J. C. Maben, president of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Company, today gave out this statement regarding the story that his company is to be included in the reported general merger of southern iron and steel interests with the United States Steel Corporation.

"There is absolutely no indication that the control of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Company has changed hands, nor do I apprehend any in the near future. I can hardly believe that the United States Steel Corporation will make an effort to get the Sloss-Sheffield Company through John W. Gates."

Stenboville, Ohio, March 6.—The efforts of the United States Steel Corporation to secure the Pope Tin Works here through the La Belle Iron Works created a sensation at a meeting of the directors of the La Belle Iron Works. About a million dollars is involved in the La Belle plant but the independents were powerful enough at the preliminary meeting to block the deal for the tin works.

## LORD SEYMOUR BEFORE COURT.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Jefferson City, Mo., March 6.—Division No. 2 of the supreme court today transferred the murder case of "Lord" Frederick Seymour Barrington to the court in banc, for a hearing before the full court. Barrington is now in jail at Clayton, Mo., under sentence to be hanged on March 15 for the murder of James P. McCann.

## WHOLESALE BOMB FACTORY TAKEN.

(By The Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, March 6.—A wholesale bomb factory was captured by the police today at the lodgings of a druggist. One hundred and twenty loaded bombs were seized. The apartments had been the rendezvous of students and revolutionists, twenty of whom were captured. Another terrorist who was arrested in the streets had a bomb in his pocket.