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Sing Sing Prison Scene Of Four Deaths Yesterday

Four Gunmen Explode Their Crime In The Electric Chair

Deny All Guilt As They Die

Curtain Drops On Last Act of New York's Most Sensational Crime

(Special to the Journal.)

Ossining, N. Y., April 13.—Without making a confession the four gunmen, "Dago Frank" Cirofici, Jacob Seidenschner, alias Frank Muller and Whitey Lewis, Harry Horowitz alias Gyp the Blood and Louis Rosenberg, alias Lefty Louie, charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal, went to their death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison this morning.

Frank Cirofici went to the chair at 5:48 and he was followed as quickly as possible by the other three and by 6:02 the last of the quartette had paid for their crime with their lives.

Seidenschner was the one, one of the four to make a statement. After being strapped in the chair he began to deny his guilt but the electric current was turned on in the middle of his speech and he died with the words on his lips.

Cirofici went to the chair with a crucifix in each hand, shouting prayers and chanting "God have mercy." Rosenberg and Horowitz prayed in Hebrew as the current sped into their bodies.

The Scene in the Death House.

Ossining, N. Y., April 13.—Harry Horowitz, Louis Rosenberg, Frank Cirofici and Frank Seidenschner have spent their last day on earth.

As the "gunmen" whose pictureque aliases were hung across the continent after the murder of the New York gambler, Herman Rosenthal, they died at dawn in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison, convicted of that murder.

To the relatives who bade them goodbye, yesterday, and to their spiritual advisers, the four condemned men again declared their innocence and as night settled down over the prison and the death watch stood close about their cells there was nothing to indicate that they would not deny their guilt until the end.

Easter Sunday and the night that followed, was almost one continuous prayer for the condemned. They were on their knees most of the time that they were not talking with relatives. A prisoner in a distant cell now and then blew from a battered cornet the quavering notes of "Nearer My God, to Thee," and in the death house proper a phonograph played sacred music. On the walks in front of the prison curious townspeople passed to and fro, whispering and every now and then a party of dusty automobilists swung down from their car to survey the buildings.

Of the scenes in the death house corridors yesterday that which stood out boldest concerned the visit of two nuns. As father Cashin, the Roman Catholic prison chaplain, led the four gunmen in prayer, two Italian Franciscan sisters, who came to New York to see "Dago Frank," whom they had taught in his boyhood, knelt outside his cell. Rai ed curtains, showing the cells bare and immaculate after yesterday's cleansing, disclosed the four gunmen also kneeling. Suddenly the spirit of devotion spread to the whole death chamber. Every one of the 10 condemned, among them three Christians and Hans Smith, mayor of Anna Armulder, joined in the Lord's prayer, which concluded the services.

The Franciscan sisters, black-robed and black hooded, urged the four gunmen to accept their fate as punishment for their sin, whether they were innocent or guilty of the murder.

To the eyes of the New Yorkers in New York, the French and the "gunmen" who had come through the "Whitey Lewis" murder, the scene in the death house was a dramatic and a tragedy.

GOV. O. B. COLQUITT



Governor Colquitt of Texas who recently declared that if the Washington government did not take steps to protect the borders of Texas from the raids of Mexicans he would use the Texas Rangers for that purpose.

get into. Bad company is the cause of their fall. They get a bad record and then, no matter whether guilty or not, they would be framed up.

"Keep away from bad company is the best message I can send."

"Lefty Louie said: "Add what I said the other day about bad company. A fellow who honestly earns six dollars a week is better off than he who gets \$1,000 a week, if he doesn't get it straight."

"We are supposed to have as many friends as any fellow that was on the East Side, but when it comes to a show-down it was only the 'shool' (synagogue) that stood up by us, outside of our parents. Stick to the Shool and to your parents. If I had my life to live over again, I would surely follow this advice."

"Gyp the Blood" said he had nothing to add to what he had said.

Women Waited Aroud

Mrs. Rosenberg, "Lefty Louie's" young wife, Mrs. Horowitz wife of "Gyp the Blood," Mr. and Mrs. John Cirofici and Paul Cirofici, relatives of "Dago Frank," Morris and Joseph Seidenschner, brothers of "Whitey Lewis," all spent the early part of the afternoon in a last visit to the death chamber. The women waited aloud as they went out of the prison, and could not compose themselves sufficiently to speak. On the way to the station they said that the men about to die never maintained their innocence so strongly as in the last remonstrance. They were calm and resigned, however, and it was the gunmen who played the part of "of consoler."

"I must die sometime," "Lefty Louie" told his wife, "if it pleases God that I die now, I am ready."

"Whitey Lewis asked his brother to tell their mother that she was not the mother of a murderer."

Near the railroad station a photographer who tried to take a picture of the weeping wives of "Gyp the Blood" and "Lefty Louie" was set upon by the Seidenschner brothers, Morris and Joe. He was knocked down and pinned into a small restaurant where he barricaded himself and saved his camera.

The prisoners were not left alone for an instant during the day or night. Until the moment of the execution they were under the observation of the police and the army in addition to the prison guards.

DOROTHY ARNOLD IS NOW AT HOME BUT IS DYING

Astonishing Statement Made By Attorney Jackson

HER FATHER DENIES REPORT Says That His Daughter's Where- abouts Are Unknown To Him.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 13.—District Attorney Jackson created a sensation here at noon today when he issued a remarkable statement declaring that Dorothy Arnold is now in her father's home in New York in a weakened condition and mentally unbalanced. Jackson declares that on the strongest kind of evidence he knows she returned to her home four months ago, and that her parents are doing all they can to keep the matter quiet.

The district attorney said that the Arnold girl came to Pittsburg immediately after her disappearance and was an inmate in the house of mystery. As a result of an unprofessional operation, it is said her mind is weakened, and when she left the maternity home she wandered about the country for two years.

Four months ago, Jackson said, the girl was found near New York and taken to her home by friends.

District Attorney Jackson's statement follows:

"On the strongest kind of evidence I am able to state that Dorothy Arnold is at the present time in her home in New York, and that she is dying. She has been there for three or four months. I am positive that she was at one time an inmate of the 'house of mystery,' and that an illegal operation was performed on her.

"As the result of this operation her mind was weakened, and upon leaving the place she wandered about the country until a few months ago when she was picked up by friends near New York and returned to her home."

Chemists working under direction of District Attorney R. H. Jackson are today analyzing ashes taken from the large coal furnaces in the House of Mystery at Bellevue.

Due to the fact that gas furnaces was used for heating purposes, the District Attorney believes that he will find traces of bodies in the ashes. While the chemists were at work a number of detectives were examining many gowns, hats and shoes of assorted size that came to light when the place was raided, trying to find some mark that would identify their owners.

When asked today how many women he judged disappeared in the isolated "House of Mystery," District Attorney Jackson said: "Quite a number, but I would not venture into figures."

Dr. C. C. Meredith and Lucy Orr, the nurse, who are alleged to have run the "Death House," returned to the place after being released on heavy bail and drove out the detectives who had been searching the house.

Although they dug up the cellar and examined every nook in the House of Mystery, sleuths failed to find any evidence of bodies. The authorities are now concentrating their efforts on the ashes and clothing in running down clues. The investigations of maternity homes is just beginning, according to a statement of the District Attorney today. He said many warrants had been issued, but he had decided to delay serving them until he is ready to tighten his web of evidence around them.

That at least a score of prominent physicians, including several in other cities, who sent patients to the "death house" would be caught in the investigation net was the statement of District Attorney Jackson today. He said the "House of Mystery" was known to physicians throughout the Eastern States, that the evidence he has on hand indicated that Dorothy Arnold was directed to the house through this channel.

New York, April 13.—"The statement is absurd. It is a lie. I believe my daughter is dead. How can Mr. Jackson know she is here when he has remained in Pittsburg, Pa. from New York?" In preparing a letter to Mr. Jackson today, Dorothy Arnold's father, who makes such a statement, said: "I will not make this

CITY TO AID IN FIGHT AGAINST WHITE PLAGUE

Aldermen Vote To Help Pay Dis- trict Nurse.

SANITARY OFFICERS EMPLOYED The Policemen Fall To Get An Increase In Their Salaries.

A recess meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last night for the purpose of attending to a number of matters which were left unfinished at the regular meeting of the Board last Tuesday night.

One of the first matters taken up was a motion made by Alderman Blades that the city contribute twenty-five dollars per month to the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, to be used in employing a nurse to visit the homes in the city and see that they are kept in a sanitary condition. This motion was passed.

There were two applications presented to the Board, those of Henry T. Brinson and J. D. McCoy, who desire to be sanitary officers. After considering the matter the Board decided to employ both at a salary of fifty dollars per month, each and they will assume their duties at once.

The City Beautiful Club asked that a slaughterhouse be erected and maintained. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and after securing suggestions from Wilmington and Raleigh where similar slaughterhouses are in operation, they will make a report to the Board and the matter will be acted upon at that time.

Alderman Blades made a motion that the Circulating Library be given water and light without cost. For several reasons this motion was opposed but a motion made by Alderman Hagl, increasing the Library appropriation \$2.50 per month was passed.

The matter of increasing the salary of the policemen ten dollars per month and of increasing the salary of the sergeants five dollars a month was brought up by Alderman Dill. The motion was voted upon and six of the nine members voted against it.

At a previous meeting of the Board the age limit placed on the young people who were prohibited from skating on the streets was placed at sixteen years. Upon motion of Alderman Ellis this limit was last night placed at twelve years and in the future no children more than twelve years of age can skate on the streets of the city.

Alderman Ellis also made a motion which was accepted, that a small electric light be placed on the City Beautiful Club's tennis court on Pollock street and also that electric lights be placed at the corner of Queen and George streets and Burn and Cypress streets. Alderman Ellis also made a motion that the city advertise for bids for coal to be used at the water and light plant, bids to be opened at the next regular meeting. This motion was adopted.

TO PREACH FAREWELL SERMON SOON

Rev. J. B. Phillips will return from Norfolk some time this week, probably Wednesday, where he has been conducting a revival for the last few days. Mr. Phillips accepted a call to the Tabernacle Church at Chattanooga, some time ago and will preach his farewell sermon to the New Bern people the first Sunday in May.

D. L. Taylor passed through the city yesterday morning enroute from Norfolk and other cities in Va. to his home at Havelock.

letter public until I have consulted my attorneys."

This statement was made by Dorothy Arnold's father this afternoon when he was asked regarding the statement from Pittsburg.

Arnold invited the reporter to follow him through the house from the cellar to the garret, but no signs of the missing girl were evident. After the search Arnold again demanded that Jackson be termed a "liar." Questioned whether Miss Arnold so far as her father knows, if anywhere else in the city he repeated: "I believe my daughter is dead."

Summer School For The Craven County Teachers

WILLIAM PHILLIPS



Mr. Phillips has been selected to succeed Dudley Field Malone as third assistant secretary of state, a position he has filled before. In 1912 he resigned to become secretary of the Harvard corporation. He has had considerable experience in the diplomatic service.

THREE BANDITS AT BAY IN A SWAMP

CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP ILLINOIS CEN- TRAL TRAIN.

Amite, La., April 13.—Poses, headed by Sheriff Parish and Special Agent Young of the Illinois Central Railway, tonight surrounded Beaver Swamp, near here, where they expect to capture the two white men who who today attempted to hold up Illinois Central passenger train No. 34, wounding Tom Allen, a porter, and causing the death of Luke Anderson, who jumped from the train and was ground to death beneath the wheels. It was expected that the men would be captured before morning, as one of them was said to be limping from a wound received when W. J. Kent, assessor of Tangipahoa Parish, fired on the bandits as they left the train.

The attempted hold up occurred between Fluker and Tangipahoa, a few miles north of here. It is believed that the robbers expected to secure large sums from paymasters of lumber companies in this section who are usually passengers on this train on Saturday, the weekly pay day.

FEATURE PICTURE PLEASSED.

Packed Houses At The Star Yes- terday.

"The Betrothed" a six reel feature picture, was presented at the Star theatre yesterday and was witnessed by three packed houses. The picture was a marvel of photography ad everyone who saw it were greatly pleased and profuse in their praise of the production.

For today the managers of the Star have an exceptional program and one which cannot fail to attract.

CONCERT PLEASSED

Oxford Orphans Were Here Last Night.

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage gave a concert at the Max one theatre last night and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event. The Singing Class is this year far superior to those of past years and their efforts to please were successful in every sense of the word.

Will Be Held At Vanceboro Three Weeks, Begin- ning May 25.

Dr. Highsmith To Be In Charge

Plans For County Com- mencement Formula- ted Yesterday

A very important meeting of the Board of Education of Craven county was held in this city yesterday morning and before the close of the session many matters of interest had been taken up.

Probably the most important of these was the decision of the Board to operate a summer school for teachers of the county. This will be held at Vanceboro where there is ample dormitory room in the Farm Life School, and will begin on May 25 and will continue for three weeks. Dr. Highsmith of Wake Forest College will be in charge. It is expected that the public school teachers of Pamlico county will take part in this.

Twenty-three thousand dollars were appropriated to the county school fund for the year and before the close of the meeting preparations had been made for the commencement of the county schools which is to be held in New Bern on April 21.

One of the chief events of this commencement will be the big parade to take place early in the day. All school children, their parents and friends will assemble on the school campus at 10 o'clock and the parade will begin there and traverse the principal streets of the city. After the parade the pupils will assemble on the campus and hear the address by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Supt. of Public Schools Instruction and diplomas will be presented to the graduates of the grammar school.

After dinner has been served there will be a spelling contests, recitations, declamations, and athletic contests. The following list of prizes have been announced for the successful contestants:

Best Spelling. In contest of pupils of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Cash prize of \$3.00. Donated by Judge O. H. Guion.

Best Spelling. In contest of pupils of 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades. Cash prize of \$3.00. Donated by S. M. Brinson.

Best recitation by girl. One girl from each school eligible to contest. 1st prize \$3.00 in cash. Donated by Hon. A. D. Ward. 2nd prize. One year subscription to Semi-Weekly "Sun." Donated by O. G. Dunn, publisher of the "Sun."

Best Declamation by boy. One boy from each school eligible to contest. 1st prize. \$3.00 in cash. Donated by C. D. Bradham. 2nd prize. One year subscription to Semi-Weekly "Journal." Donated by H. K. Land, publisher of the "Journal."

To the schools which has the largest per cent of school enrollment in the parade. Cash prize of \$5.00. Donated by the New Bern Chamber of Commerce.

Best specimen of penmanship, (open to pupils of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, grades) 1 pearl handled knife. Donated by Cutler-Blades Hardware Company.

Best specimen of penmanship, (open to pupils of the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades) Six months subscription to the daily "Journal." Donated by O. G. Dunn, Publisher of the "Sun."

Best drawing. (Open to pupils of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades) 1 pearl handled knife. Donated by the Gaskill Hardware Company.

Best Drawing. (Open to pupils of the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades) prize two pound box of Norris candy. Donated by Wood-Lane Drug Com.

Best Essay. First prize, \$3.00. Donated by Hon. C. R. Thomas (open to pupils of all grades.) Six months subscription to the daily "Journal." Donated by H. K. Land, publisher of the "Journal."

ATHLETIC CONTESTS

100 yard dash. Cash prize of \$2.00
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