

GHASTLY CRIME STIRS PARIS

MURDER CASE IS CUT SHORT FATHER CLAIMS WRONG DONE

Aged Parent of Benito Galmandez Furnishes Sensational Aftermath—Son Pleads Guilty to Murder of Private Bostic and Gets Twenty Years—He Was Told Would Be Given a Light Sentence, It is Charged

Benito Galmandez, Porto Rican, pleaded guilty this morning to the charge of murder in the second degree, and the trial of the man for the murder of Private Bostic at Iwilei on the night of June 10, 1912, came to a sudden end.

Galmandez was taken to prison with a sentence of twenty years' imprisonment passed upon him.

Two hours afterward the aged father of Benito made a public statement in which he declared that his son is innocent and that an injustice has been done him. The father, fifty-nine years of age, appealed to the Star-Bulletin to publish what he says is a statement of the conditions surrounding the plea of guilty and the end of the case.

He says, in brief, that his son was induced to plead guilty by the promise of a light sentence, and that he was told by the Spanish interpreter to plead guilty or he would certainly be hung.

On the other hand, County Attorney Cathcart, who represented the prosecution at the close of the case, says this statement is ridiculous and that he believes it is a framed-up job growing out of a row over interpreters that began some months ago.

Efforts to reach the attorney for Galmandez, L. M. Straus, and the interpreter in the case, Mendez, this afternoon were unsuccessful.

This is the story that Pascasio Galmandez, father of Benito Galmandez, told the Star-Bulletin after his son had pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree, and received a sentence of twenty years' imprisonment.

"My son is innocent, and something is wrong about this case. After he was sentenced this morning my son told me that he was forced to plead guilty. He says that he was told by the interpreter he would get a light sentence if he would plead guilty to the charge of murder in the second degree.

"The interpreter, Mendez, according to what my son told me, took Benito into a room this morning and told him to plead guilty to the second degree charge. He told Benito that if he didn't plead guilty he would be hung. He said he would certainly be hung if he didn't plead as he was told to. Benito told me that he pled guilty only because he was instructed to do so. He says in his own conscience he knows he is not guilty.

"There was a witness for my son there this morning but he was never called. His name is Artoquo Valdez, and he was living upstairs in my house when the man was killed. He would have testified for my son, but he was not called. Benito told me this morning that the interpreter said to him: 'You plead guilty to this charge or there will be no witness for you and you will be hung by the neck.'

"The girl, Carmela Ramon, who testified against him, has turned against him for another reason. He had told her he would not live with her because he must support his own father and mother. When this came up, she said to him: 'If you don't live with me I will put you in jail, and the same day he was arrested.'

"I want to tell the public these facts to show the true conditions under which my son was sentenced. I know he is not guilty and would not have pleaded guilty had he not been told he would get a light sentence by doing so."

County Attorney Cathcart's statement: County Attorney Cathcart scouted the story of injustice being done.

"The whole thing is a job on Straus, the attorney for the defendant," he said this afternoon. "He refused to allow a certain man to interpret for him and I believe that the man is attempting to get even with the attorney by sending the father of the defendant to the papers. It's too absurd."

"All that I know of the matter personally is that after the prosecution rested this morning I was called into the chambers of the judge, where I found Mr. Straus waiting. He asked me if I would take a lower plea and said I would accept murder in the second degree."

MIEHLSTEIN SAYS THEATERS ARE DANGEROUS

In his report of the work of the building and plumbing department for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1912, to the mayor, Inspector J. J. Miehlestein comments on pressure upon the inspection service, acknowledging assistance from the sanitary inspectors. He then proceeds to point out delinquencies in the matter of fire escapes and what he designates "another very grave matter" in the conditions of theaters and moving picture shows.

Mr. Miehlestein says: "With the new plumbing ordinance in effect, the situation—referring to inspection—will be somewhat relieved, but there are matters in the building ordinance which are of great importance to the community at large, such as fire escapes and stand pipes. Up to the present time, out of fifty (50) notifications to owners to place fire escapes and stand pipes on their buildings, only thirteen (13) have been complied with. This is a matter that this department would like to enforce vigorously in the immediate future.

"Another very grave matter is that of existing theaters and moving picture shows. Upon several occasions, while inspecting theaters with the chief of the fire department, we found that aisles had been changed, dressing rooms of wood constructed, inflammable materials prominently displayed around in the rear of the stage, exits looked and some barricaded, all to the immediate danger of the patrons of these establishments and the public in general. In cities on the mainland these conditions are remedied by ordinances incorporating regulations



John H. Wise
Who has been called upon at a late hour to take hold of the Waikiki regatta and pageant, and who is tackling the job vigorously.

Taft To Veto New Immigration Bill?

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—On high and credible authority it is declared here that the president will veto the new immigration bill. Hearing will first be given, as already reported, from Washington. The educational or literacy test is given as the reason for the president's veto, as it is stated Mr. Taft does not believe in an immigration law that will bar aliens merely because they cannot pass this test.

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'SMOOTH SAILING,' SAY INTER-ISLAND OFFICERS

Statements Made by Company and Captains Contradict Each Other—No Trouble, Says the One—Lots of It, Declares the Harbor—Ships Going Out with Full Crews and Some Old Officers

Will have more and more difficulty in manning the ships.

Say the records kept by the customs office, "All the inter-island ships went out on time yesterday and today."

Every departure of the inter-island fleet was recorded as usual by the inspectors of Uncle Sam.

Say the records of the company, "The ships are all officered by old men, trained in the waters around the territory."

Say the captains, "The skippers are old men but the mates are all new. For the most part our members have stuck faithful to the harbor."

In the clash of conflicting statements one thing only appears certain. The company has sent out nine steamers since the resignations of the captains and mates were handed in by Captain Tullett. There has apparently been no delay in the sailing of any of these steamers. So far as can be ascertained, none of the new-comers have been in command of any of the steamers that have sailed, and in many instances the officers were all old-timers.

Nine inter-island steamers have been dispatched for island ports within the past forty-eight hours, in each instance the vessel commanded and officered by men who for years have been identified with the company.

The new steamer Kilauwa, sailed promptly at ten o'clock this morning on a run formerly covered by the flagship Mauna Kea. Captain Will-

FLORAL PARADE CHAIRMAN HARD AT WORK NOW

Chairman Vierra of Comic Section Says His Division Will Be Well Filled

"The comic section of the Floral Parade will be filled," said Henry Vierra, chairman of the committee on antiques and horribles, this morning. "We have entries in sight to make about as big a section as we want—and there are ideas in them, too. There are new things in the entries we are getting up, and I think the public will enjoy them. I'm not giving away the ideas at this time, but shall miss my guess if our section doesn't make a hit."

Vierra's ability in the comic line is well known, and big things are expected in his section. He hints at having drawn on certain sections of other islands for some of his schemes.

Entries coming in.

As the date for the parade approaches, entries are coming in faster. A notable new one for the auto section was made yesterday, when B. F. Ehlers & Co. decided to put in a big fleet. "We have placed an order for five hundred of a certain kind of flower," said Elmer E. Cheatham, assistant manager of the company, "and we think that our auto will make a striking showing."

Sam Walker, chairman of the auto section, says that he and his associates are meeting with much encouragement in getting up their part of the parade, and he expects a very large showing. The von Hamm-Young company have offered a fine cup, which is on display in the window of H. F. Wichman & Co. for the best-decorated auto. It is a voluntary private offering, the committee having decided not to offer any official prizes this year.



Henry Vierra
A Floral Parade chairman who is already sure of all the entries he wants.

CHARLES BON BETTER

According to statements made at the Queen's hospital this afternoon, Charles Bon, president of the Merchants' Association, is improving.

"Mr. Bon is resting and is better than he was last night," said an official of the hospital.

Contrary to report, the surgeons have not performed an operation. Nothing definite could be learned regarding the intentions of the doctors in this regard.

SUDDEN STRIKE IN RANKS OF STAGE-HANDS

Stage hands and employes of the Consolidated Amusement company struck this afternoon.

Intimations of trouble between the employes and the company have been rife for several days and it appears that negotiations have been in progress between Manager McGreer of the amusement company and the stage-hands' organization. This morning the manager thought an arrangement had been effected that would avert an open break but this afternoon he was informed that the men would not abide by the terms considered satisfactory and would refuse to go to work tonight.

Mr. McGreer this afternoon said that although the break comes only a few hours before the Bijou is putting on its most ambitious bill, "Alias Jimmy Valentine," all the houses would be running as usual tonight.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

In a partial report returned this morning the federal grand jury finds six true bills of a criminal character. Two were placed on the secret file until the accused persons are apprehended, and these are understood to be of a statutory nature. The others received some publicity at the time the arrests of the accused were made.

Felicia Santiago, otherwise known as Felicia Bagos, is charged with bigamy. She is a denizen of the Iwilei district. Kook Tong is accused of assault and battery on the high seas, his alleged crime consisting in attacking a Hawaiian named Poal aboard the Likelike. Both of these defendants are out on bail.

William Hagemann, the soldier who shot down his friend at Schofield Barracks several months ago, is indicted for murder in the first degree, and Solomon Haumea is indicted for incest. These defendants are held in jail.

Federal Judge Clemons this morning adjudicated the City Contracting Company as bankrupt.

The trustees of the Bishop Estate are holding another meeting this afternoon in consultation with Architect Traphagen over the proposed building on Bishop street.

Thos. F. McTigue, Ltd., has filed amended articles of association with the territorial treasurer, changing the name to the Waikiki Inn, Ltd., and empowering the firm to engage in the hotel as well as the wholesale liquor business.

JUDGE AND NURSE SLAIN BY FIEND

Believed That Automobile Bandit Entered Room of Aged Jurist and Strangled Him Then Slew Nurse Who Let Him as Only Witness to Murder—All France Thrilled by Brutality of the Affair

PARIS, France, Feb. 5.—All France is thrilled by the ghastliness of the murder of Edouard Peitler, a wealthy member of the bar of Paris, and his nurse. The body of the judge was found by his valet this morning, with the marks of brutal fingers on the throat, and that of the nurse was discovered later, hacked to pieces with a small ax such as the automobile bandits and Apaches of Paris have been known to use in committing crimes of this nature.

The police believe that the nurse was an accomplice of the murderer and admitted him to the chamber of the jurist, and was later killed by him as the only living witness of the crime. It is believed that the deed was done by an unrarrested member of the band of auto bandits, and that the motive was vengeance.

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Turks Prepare For Offensive

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 5.—The commander of Adrianople has wirelessed into the war department here announcing that the damage done by the furious bombardment of the allies so far has been small. Only eight men have been killed and some fifty buildings set ablaze, says the dispatch.

That the Turks are preparing to assume the offensive in the line before Tchalaja is being reported here. The Grand Vizier, Mahmud Shukri, left here for the front last night, presumably with the intention of starting the commanders there into a forward movement against the foe.

The cannon are to be distinctly heard from the streets of the city and the people are leaving here with their wives and children.

THOUSAND CAPTURED, REPORT

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Although a rigid censorship is withholding most of the details of the fighting now going forward in the vicinity of Constantinople, it has been learned that more than 1000 Turks were captured by the allies when the garrison of that city attempted a sortie last night.

Katsura Cabinet Censured

TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 5.—After a bitter attack upon Prime Minister Katsura this morning the Diet censured his premiership and declared it unconstitutional in the last degree. Immediately after the vote of censure the Emperor announced that he had suspended the Diet for five days in order to allow it to cool off.

The city and country is intensely excited over the crisis and the people met in vast crowds today and cheered the constitutionalists when they appeared. Efforts were made to mob the supporters of the cabinet but were prevented by the police and soldiers.

Women Weary of Jail Cells

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Martyrdom is all right, but the imprisoned suffragettes are getting tired of it and today granted permission to their friends to pay their fines and get them out of the prison cells where they have been ever since their arrest on charges of malicious mischief in smashing windows of the day following the refusal of the administration to incorporate woman suffrage in the suffrage bill. Sylvia Pankhurst and 19 other victims for the cause were accordingly set at liberty this morning.

Bradley Martin Is Dead

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Bradley Martin, the well known social leader of New York and Newport died at his home here today. No arrangements have been announced as yet for his funeral, which it is believed will be most simple, by the expressed wish of Mr. Martin.

To Probe Rockefeller In Secret

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The probe of William Rockefeller by the money trust committee will be held at the hotel in Jekyll Island, South Carolina, beginning Friday, and it will be held in secret. The announcement was made this morning that no newspaper man would be admitted to the examination of the old oil magnate.

Prince Murat Weds American

PARIS, France, Feb. 5.—Prince Murat this afternoon was married to Helena Stallo, of Cincinnati. The ceremony was comparatively simple.

HOSPITAL FOR TWO VICTIMS

Two accidents are reported from the police station this afternoon, both of which involve painful injuries to the victims. Carl von Schoen, an officer of the American-Hawaiian freighter Virginia, was struck by a sugar slipper this morning and his face cut and ears hurt. He was taken to Queen's hospital.

KOREANS HONOR NOTED VISITOR

Six hundred Koreans of the city, including a large number from the neighboring plantations, gathered at the Opera House last evening and held a reception in honor of Rev. Singeman Rhee, Ph. D., who arrived in Honolulu last Monday morning on the Sierra.

Dr. Rhee is one of the most distinguished Christian leaders of Korea, and under the old regime, before the Japanese gained control of the Korean Kingdom, was engaged in newspaper work of Seoul. On account of some offense to his own government he was imprisoned for a number of years during which time he carried on such a work of reform among his fellow prisoners as to attract a great deal

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HUMANE SOCIETY LAUNCHES PLAN FOR A BIG NEW HOME

A motion to the effect that the legislature be asked to appropriate \$50,000 for the erection of a concrete building for homeless children in Honolulu was made by Mrs. Sanford B. Dole, president of the Humane Society, and organization which was held in the Young hotel at nine o'clock this morning. The motion also contained a clause whereby the legislature be asked to donate to the society six or eight acres of land on which to locate the building, and to provide for the maintenance of the home.

Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the report of Special Officer Miss Rose Davison, came up the matter of the summary removal by the board of supervisors of the horse which was turned over to Miss Davison to assist in her work as humane officer. On January 4 Miss

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Davison, in a communication to the old board of supervisors, stated that she was greatly in need of another horse, and that she understood that there was a horse in the road department formerly reserved for the use of the road overseer, who was at that time using an automobile. She asked the old board to have this horse turned over to her. The old board then passed the resolution that the horse in question be given over to the use of Miss Davison. This was only a few minutes before the new board took office.

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A Japanese by the name of Maroskite was the victim of a near-runaway accident. While driving a delivery wagon for the Hawaii Meat Company through Dowsett lane his horse shied at a firecracker, said to be part of the Chinese New Year celebration, and the driver was thrown from the seat. The wagon passed over him; his face and shoulders being bruised. He was also taken to the hospital.

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