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Lansing G. Pearsall Shot To Death By Rev. Byron Holley

Pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church, in New Orleans, Finds Prominent Young Man in Dark Parsonage; Fearing for Life He Fired at Youth.

New Orleans, Oct. 11.—Rev. Byron Holley, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, shot and instantly killed 21-year-old Lansing G. Pearsall, a well known young Orleansian, at 5:15 o'clock Monday morning, in the parsonage study, just behind the church at St. Charles avenue and Camis street.

At the threshold of his study, Rev. Holley fired one bullet at Pearsall, who stood in the center of the dim room. It plowed through Pearsall's right lung and he fell to the floor in a crumpled heap. He was dead when the minister stooped over him.

Youth Used Lattice Screen to Enter Holly Home.

Pearsall's presence in the Holly home is a mystery. He was well known socially, a graduate of the Tennessee Military Institute and a son of Nathan G. Pearsall, claim agent of the Texas & Pacific Railroad. He was time keeper for the J. W. Thompson contracting firm, now erecting the cotton warehouse. The Pearsall family lives at 1209 Valencia street, a few blocks from the Holly home. Until three weeks ago they lived at 4917 Prytanis street, around the corner from the parsonage.

No weapon was found by the police on the body of the slain youth, and it was stated by the coroner's office that it is impossible to state by an autopsy whether or not a slain man has been intoxicated.

Young Pearsall's fiancée, Miss Gertrude Hyde, 1226 St. Joseph street, declared that he had been drinking since he left her home Saturday night after they had been to the show at the Orpheum and that she had heard from him by phone at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. He told her he was plying from the Granewald Hotel, and Miss Hyde said, "called her six times during the day and each time from a different place."

Pearsall's friends advance the belief that he wandered into the Holly home, intoxicated. He entered a window, using a lattice screen as a ladder. He tore the lattice from the Pitt-street side of the house and carried it around to a window on the other side. After getting in the house, he walked over, across a wide reception room to the study, which adjoins the sleeping apartment of Dr. and Mrs. Holly.

"I was first awakened at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning by my wife," said Dr. Holly. "She told me she had heard a noise. I took my revolver and searched the house, but I couldn't find anything."

"A few minutes after 5 o'clock I was awakened by a noise in my study. I reached for my revolver again and crept to the door of the study. I opened it and in the dim morning light, I saw a white man standing in the center of the room."

"What are you doing there? What do you want?" I asked him. "He didn't answer and I called to him again."

"The man from next door," he mumbled. He reached for his hip pocket as though to draw a gun, and I stepped behind the door and fired. He fell to the floor and I rushed into the room."

The Holly telephone was out of order, so he called to neighbors. The arrival of the police led to the belief that a "gentleman burglar" had been killed. A gold watch and chain, a silver match case and coupons, which showed the man had been in a box party at the Orpheum Theater Saturday night, were found in his pockets.

The body was taken to the morgue and there his identity was learned from the laundry mark, "P-700" on his collar. A. S. Picard, president of the Dixie Laundry, looked over his records and found the same mark opposite the name of G. Pearsall, 1209 Valencia street.

After hearing two of the six witnesses summoned, the grand jury Tuesday exonerated Rev. Holley from all blame in the killing of Lansing G. Pearsall early Monday morning in the parsonage of St. George's Episcopal church. Dr. Holly was not summoned.

Sage Rose, proprietor of the New Hanson Hotel, and Corporal Roy, of the seventh police precinct, were heard. The former told the grand jury about young Pearsall's condition when he phoned home Monday night from the hotel. The corporal was assigned to the case when the shooting was reported.

Capt. Dave Johnson, of the seventh precinct, and Patrolman Paul Moreau, Joseph Sharp and William F. Hoggman were ready to appear before the grand jurors, but were excused. When the grand jury met District Attorney Lutenberg had an indictment for manslaughter for presentation, but the jury returned no true bill.

While the jury was investigating the shooting, the morning train on the Illinois Central was bearing the body of young Pearsall to the family burying ground at Grenada, Miss.

Young Pearsall is well known in Covington, having resided here for a number of years with his father and mother. His father, when here, was general manager of the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad.

Rev. Holley is well known to many Covingtonians.

TAG DAY A SUCCESS.

Last Saturday Misses Jeanne Abadie and Mary Gabriel, assisted by Enez Lanson, Louise Sawaya, Naomie Abadie and Nena Gabriel, sold tags for the benefit of the Charity Hospital in New Orleans. Miss Abadie and Miss Gabriel deserve great credit for the success they made. They collected and have sent to the Charity Hospital \$40.20.

SLIDELL HIGH SCHOOL.

Misses Francis Bryson, Annie Bell and Leah Comfort were visitors to New Orleans this week. Mrs. F. F. Wiggington and Mrs. Decker visited our school last Monday.

Itath Bannister, of Oklahoma, has enrolled in the third grade. On account of an extra large enrollment in the lower grades, it was found necessary to employ another teacher.

Miss Ella Chunn, of New Orleans, came Monday and has charge of the overflow from the third and fourth grades. Alfred Mayfield, Frank Richardson and Miriam Rousseau are out of school on account of sickness.

Mrs. A. Frederick, of Tylertown, Miss. is here visiting her daughters, Misses Alma and May.

The penny party which was to have been given last Friday by the School Improvement League was postponed indefinitely.

Kindergarten chairs and tables have been ordered for the new primary room for the smallest pupils. We are very sorry to say Mr. Liddle is on the sick list this week. We hope he will soon recover.

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

The attendance during the week has been very low, owing to the bad weather. The former told the grand jury about young Pearsall's condition when he phoned home Monday night from the hotel. The corporal was assigned to the case when the shooting was reported.

The old school building has been remodeled on the inside, more suitable for basketball games. When completed it will have a seating capacity of 200.

The Mandeville and Abita pupils have been walking in from Bogus Palaya station.

The fifth grade netted a fine sum from a candy sale on Tuesday. The Palmer system of penmanship has been taken up and will be taught in each grade, beginning with the fourth. In order to do uniform writing, the same teacher will do the teaching in the several grades.

President Roy of the State Normal presented the school with a beautifully framed photograph of the buildings and campus of the Normal at Natchitoches. Thanks.

Following is the roll of honor for the first grade: Charles Bowles, Marian Bowles, Sam Blossman, John Cannon, Frits Burns, James Champagne, Sylvester Dutsch, Gray Pridden, Herbert Warner, Joe Ssurman, Alfred Smith, Norma Andrews, Laura Barell, Helen Greer, Odile Vergos, Edna Bolsman.

The first grade has enrolled up to date 59, but five have resigned.

TALISHEEK NOTES.

A birthday party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Watts in honor of their little sons on Sunday, Oct. 10th, Sheldon being 3 years old, and Howell 5 years. A good dinner was served and everyone wished the little ones a long and happy life. Those present were Pete Parker, Julie Parker, Sullivan Watts, Mrs. Alice Richardson, Mrs. Addie Singletary, Viola Parker, Dick Singletary, Griffin Richardson, O. Richardson, Hardy Richardson, Gus Singletary.

Mr. Martin Penton, of Florenville, spent Sunday with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker have returned home, after spending several days in Biattlesburg.

We are glad to say Miss Zelma Ryalis is up again after several days illness.

Miss Roena Kaul, of Bush, is attending school in Talisheek.

Mr. Hosen and Mr. Sam Parker were Shidell visitors Sunday. Mr. Will Watts and Mrs. Ruby Moore were business visitors to New Orleans, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McDuff visited their daughter, Mrs. G. C. Thomas, Sunday.

We are sorry to note that one of our school teachers, Mrs. Mary Stafford, is very ill. We hope she will soon recover.

Miss Nellie Penton is visiting her cousins in Abita Springs. Married—Miss Ophelia Parker and Mr. Will Quave, on Saturday, Oct. 9, 1915.

Born—To Mrs. Henry Mitchell, on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1915, a boy.

COLDS DO NOT LEAVE WILLINGLY.

Because a cold is stubborn is no reason why you should be. Instead of "wearing" it out, get sure relief by taking Dr. King's New Discovery. Dangerous bronchial and lung ailments often follow a cold which has been neglected at the beginning. As your body faithfully battles those cold germs, no better aid can be given than the use of this remedy. Its merit has been tested by old and young. Get a bottle today. 50c and \$1.00.

PLANT STRAWBERRIES.

Fertilizer and plants furnished by the St. Tammany Farmers' Association. A postal card inquiry will bring particulars, or call on J. H. Warner, Secretary, Covington, La.

Parish Executive Committee

The Democratic Executive Committee of St. Tammany parish will meet at the courthouse, in the town of Covington, La., next Saturday, October 23, 1915, for the purpose of levying assessments against candidates who desire to enter the Democratic primary, limiting time for entry, and doing any other business that may be necessary to transact at said meeting.

J. M. YATES, Secretary.

District Court.

District court convened last Monday morning, but owing to illness of Judge Lancaster, court was adjourned until October 25th.

King's Daughters.

There will be a meeting of the King's Daughters at the rooms of the M. C. B. Library next Monday, October 18, at 4 o'clock p. m. MRS. W. H. KENTZEL, Secretary.

Baseball

The Covington Grocery & Grain baseball team will play the City Stars, of New Orleans, Sunday afternoon, October 17. Admission: Adults, 25 cents; children, 10 cents.

COLMER—DORMEN.

Mr. M. A. Colmer and Miss Annie May Darman, both of Ramsey, La., were married at the Methodist parsonage, in Covington, La., Sunday, October 10, 1915. Rev. A. W. Hoffbauer performed the marriage ceremony.

LINGO—NESOM.

Dr. H. P. Lingo and Miss Ruby Celeste Nesom were married at the bride's home in Natchez, Miss., Sept. 26, 1915. Dr. Lingo is president of the Natchez Optical Co., of Natchez. Miss Nesom is well known here, having spent some time in Covington, and taught school at Onward last year.

Family of Mr. Jas. Mullally Poisoned Saturday By Eating Canned Goods.

LUSITANIA ISSUE WILL BE REVIVED BY UNITED STATES. Negotiations With Germany To Settle Four Cases To Be Resumed.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Negotiations with Germany looking to settlement of the cases of the Lusitania, Cushing, Guiltlight and Nebraska will be resumed next week by Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

In the case of both the American ships, Nebraska and Guiltlight, Germany already has expressed regrets and promised to pay damages. Liability for the damage to the Cushing, which was attacked by airmen, never has been assumed by the German government, which stated if the American government could furnish evidence that the airmen were Germans, payment would be made for damages sustained.

The case of the Lusitania presents the greatest difficulty. At the time the vessel was sunk, the German commander was understood to be acting in accordance with instructions generally given to sink belligerent ships without warning. Germany expressly disclaimed liability for the loss of neutral lives in such occurrences, in notifying neutral nations of the proclamation of a war zone.

State Department officials are basing their case on its legal aspects, taking the view that the German naval code issued at the beginning of the war conformed to international law in requiring passengers and crew to be removed to a place of safety. Officials contend that as the war zone decree was confessedly a retaliatory measure, it could not diminish the legal rights of neutrals and Germany, therefore, is liable to pay an indemnity for the loss of more than 100 American lives on the Lusitania.

WOMEN The safest liver medicine which you often need is Po-Do-Lax. Headaches, biliousness and dizziness caused by constipation readily yield to this "May Apple" laxative. Remember that it is non-gripping and easy in action. It arouses the liver and increases the flow of bile without sickening effects. Get over that irritableness by removing the cause—constipation. No gas, no fermentation, no pain. Po-Do-Lax, the perfect woman's laxative. 50c a bottle.

MR. MULLALLY IS NEAR DEATH FOR SEVERAL HOURS; MEDICAL AID RELIEVES HIM. Last Saturday night the family of Mr. Jas. Mullally was seriously poisoned by eating canned goods. Mr. Mullally was seriously ill from the Ptomaine poison, and at 2 a. m., Sunday morning, Dr. L. C. Heintz had to be called in, and it was not until 7 o'clock that morning that Mr. Mullally was considered out of danger. Dr. Heintz says that if medical assistance had not been rendered at the time time the entire family would have suffered fatally. Mr. Mullally says that from now on he intends to "can" the canned goods.

WILSON SECONDS ARMY INCREASE PROGRAM OF GARRISON. Expenditure of \$182,000,000 Will Be Asked of Congress By Administration.

Washington, Oct. 14.—President Wilson today approved Secretary Garrison's plan for increasing the army. It calls for an annual expenditure of \$182,000,000, an increase of approximately \$75,000,000. The plan in its approved form will be presented to Congress with the full backing of the administration.

Much of the increased appropriation would be devoted to coast defense and a substantial increase in the field artillery. Details as to increases in the army's personnel have not yet been made public.

If the navy, which will ask for an increase of \$100,000,000 carries through its plan, making the total naval appropriations \$248,000,000, the appropriation for national defense, including the army's \$182,000,000, would total \$430,000,000. It is probable, however, that in final form the appropriations will not exceed \$400,000,000.

Number of men. The president spent practically the entire morning going over Secretary Garrison's estimates and plans which are understood to propose an

FARMERS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETINGS; BERRIES DISCUSSED

TWO DISTINCT CHILDREN BORN WITH ONE HEAD.

Children Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andre Foreman, at Ridge, La.

Lafayette, La., Oct. 8.—Two perfect baby girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andre Foreman, near Ridge, this parish, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, with only one head. The children are separate and distinct in every respect except that they are bound at or near the neck and from there on become one, anam with the exception that each child has its own separate eyes, mouth, nose, limbs and organs—but only one brain and positively only one head. Both children are, at this writing, well and being nursed by the mother as two distinct and separate children would be.

Dr. J. O. Duhon, who made the delivery of the freak, is of the opinion that the children will live. He says further, that to this knowledge the medical profession has yet to record a like case.

The twins, if they can be so called, weighed at birth 12 pounds, to the ounce. The doctor says that in the event that the twins do not live that he is going to have them preserved in alcohol. In his opinion as a physician, it is one of the most freakish works of nature ever recorded and for those reasons and additionally for the benefit of the profession to which he belongs, he believes the twins should be preserved as one case on record where two separate children were brought to earth with only one head. He says further that one has to see the twins to appreciate the full worth of this freakish twist of nature.

Lafayette, Oct. 12.—Both girl twins, with their heads joined, born to Mrs. Andre Foreman, October 7, died last night. They first died twenty-four hours after birth, the other following about twenty-four hours later. A medical statement was given out to the effect that an examination assured doctors that, despite the fact that their bodies were perfectly formed, there was but one brain, and this in the structure connecting the skulls.

It was pointed out that when one went to sleep, the other soon followed and that when one cried, the other joined in. They were quite lusty at birth and partook of milk fed to them from a spoon. There was also remarkable similarity in muscular action, going to prove that there was one brain. Their bodies will be preserved for medical inspections.

The condition of the mother is such that she has not been told of the death of her babies.

St. Paul Defeats the Jesuits; Score 26-13

Local Team Shows Champion-Class in First Game of Season; Jesuits Protest Game On Account of Half-Back Wood.

In one of the best games ever played on the local campus, St. Paul defeated the Jesuits of New Orleans before a large crowd. The game was fast and snappy throughout. It was anybody's game until the final quarter, when Wood, the crack half-back of St. Paul, crossed the visitor's goal twice. Coach O'Bryan, of the Jesuits, protested Wood on the ground that he had already played on the Mississippi College team. The protest, however, can not stand because there is no rule stating a player who has played with one college can not play with another. All that is required is that he be a bona fide student of the college with which he is playing. At present Wood is taking the shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping course.

Gannon and McEnerney showed up best for the Jesuits, while Wood, Fruge and Capt. Richard starred for St. Paul.

The line-up was: St. Paul Neells, left end; Bertoniere, left tackle; Dabexies, left guard; B. LeBlanc, center; N. LeBlanc, right guard; Dugas, right tackle. Jesuits Curtis, left end; Gaudin, left tackle; Goplin, left guard; Reed, center; Palapno, right guard; Unsworth, right tackle; Pajerno, left end; Brown, right end; Landry, quarterback; McKeary, C. Richard, left half back; Gannon, Wood, right half back; McKinney, Fruge, full back; Malley, Touchdowns: St. Paul—Wood, 1; Fruge, 1. Jesuits—Gannon, 1; Malley, 1. Referee, Tad Gormley; Umpire, Ventress.

houses will approve the plans. In the recommendations of both Secretaries Garrison and Daniels, particular attention was paid to aircraft.

ADVERTISED LETTERS. List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Covington post office: A. R. Adams, George Alfred, Mrs. Sarah Bailey, Mrs. A. S. Dunand, T. W. Derrin, Miss Grass Francis, Mrs. Leatha Jones, Mattie Jones, Mrs. A. Menage, Miss Hattie Patterson, Mrs. Mattie Bruce Reynolds, Miss Margaret Smith, James Orant, Mrs. I. Seibert, E. D. Wilson, Mrs. Nancy Williams.

JACOB SHILLER, Postmaster.

Mr. H. D. Wilson and Prof. Tiebout Addressed Meetings and Arouse Much Interest; Capt. Millar Also Spoke.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY ACRES BERRIES TO BE PLANTED

The Association Will Furnish Plants and Fertilizer To Responsible Farmers, On Notes, Payable Next April, Without Interest; See Mr. Warner

The Association held meetings on last Tuesday, October 12th, at Madisonville, at 10:30 a. m., which was not so largely attended as had been hoped for, due to the inclement weather.

At Abita Springs a meeting was held at 1:30 p. m., after which the speakers were dined, and then proceeded to Mandeville, where a meeting was held at 4 p. m., there being quite a gathering of the parties interested in strawberry growing, including several ladies.

Mr. H. D. Wilson, for years with the State Agricultural Department, and Prof. Tiebout, of the Louisiana State Experimental Station, addressed all the above meetings, and were called on to answer many questions pertaining to the culture of strawberries, showing that the farmers were deeply interested. It is safe to say that at least two hundred and fifty acres will be planted this year in the Covington district.

The Association is furnishing plants to any responsible farmer, who will plant, on his note payable next April, without interest, and in this way you need not invest one cent of your own money in the proposition to get a start.

Mr. J. H. Warner, secretary of the Association, will be glad to receive applications for membership to the Association from anyone who wishes to plant strawberries, whether in small or large acreage.

A meeting of the St. Tammany Farmers' Association was held at the courthouse in Covington, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, quite a large number of members being present. "Strawberry Culture" was discussed in all its branches. Addresses were made by Mr. G. C. Lewis, Farm Demonstrator, and Mr. Wells Bachemin, Jr., who has recently graduated from the Louisiana State University, at Baton Rouge, he having taken a course in the Agricultural Department.

Capt. G. E. Millar spoke at length on the value of cooperation in the handling of truck crops, and he advised that all communities in this section of St. Tammany parish get together and ship their berries from this point, and thereby be in a position to obtain better prices and better service in handling by the railroad and express companies.

Rev. O. W. Leucke, New Minister At Abita Springs, Given Welcome

Installation Services Conducted By Former Pastor, Rev. C. Kuegele, Who Urges All To Assist In the Upbuilding of the Church; Other Notes.

Abita Springs, Oct. 13, 1915. On Sunday, October 10th, Rev. O. W. Leucke was installed as pastor of the Lutheran Church, Rev. C. Kuegele, of New Orleans, conducted the service. Quite a number were present at this service, which was most impressive. We urge all Protestant friends, of no matter what denomination, to attend the services and add in whatever way possible.

A singing school will be held each Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in which all are asked to take part.

Come and help with the singing. The Ladies' Aid Society met on Thursday to plan for the week of the new year, and there are big things to be done and willing hands to do the work of the Master.

On Tuesday afternoon the Mothers' Club met despite the bad weather, and a called meeting will be held shortly to consider a playground for our school children. When the fall comes respond, dear friends, and give us your advice and counsel. ONE INTERESTED.