

3 Slayers Die At Sing Sing Denying Guilt

Sister of Persons Besieges Governor in Vain and Brother Goes Calmly to Chair for Taxi Murder

Bent Iron Bar Found in Cell of Marweg and Key-hole Stuffed With Rags

William Marweg, Raymond Mulford and Edward Ferguson were hanged, one by one, from the death house at Sing Sing prison last night and put to death for murder. Each walked calmly to his death, each died protesting his innocence.

Marweg was the first to enter the death chamber. He walked through an arched doorway at 11:01, turned his head to the right, bowed and took his seat. At 11:04 he was dead.

Mulford was the next. He entered the chamber after Marweg had been hanged. Mulford had not a strong fight in his behalf and did not give up hope until, after she had spent several hours this morning besieging the Governor's office in Albany, he sent out word that he could not give up for extending executive clemency to any of the prisoners.

Persons was led in at 11:20. He also turned and called goodby to the "boys." His last words were a denial of all he ever had set eyes on the man he was convicted of killing.

"I am an innocent man," he said, "I never saw George Klingler."

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Persons was convicted of the murder of George Klingler, a taxicab driver, in Jamestown. For years his sister sought new evidence upon which to demand a new trial and succeeded only two days ago in obtaining a hearing before Supreme Court Justice Sawyer. He decided, however, that the evidence submitted, which included affidavits concerning alleged third degree methods employed by Chautauque County assessor and a repudiation of his testimony by Persons's committee, who pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree, did not warrant any interference on his part.

Denies Guilt to End "I'm not worrying," said Persons, as the hour of his death approached. "I had a good sleep last night. I was not within six miles of where the murder took place. I want things made as easy as possible for my sister after I am gone."

Marweg had twice been a prisoner in the death house. He and Walter Bojanowski, held up three years ago and a Jeweler in Buffalo, three years ago and a running away from Marweg stambled and was overtaken by the jeweler. Bojanowski tried to free his pistol and killed Weitz.

More than a year ago Bojanowski was put to death for the crime. Marweg's case the conviction of murder was reversed upon a technicality and, while awaiting a second trial, he escaped from his Erie County jail. He was caught in Brooklyn, where he was acting as a burglar's helper, and convicted for the second time.

Baby Girl, Abandoned. Found Asleep in Lobby

Note Pinned in Clothing Says Mother Is Destitute and Pleads for Child's Care

Mrs. Antonia Westergard, an actress, known on the stage as Ruth La France, returning to her apartment at 131 West Sixty-first Street after the theater last night, found a blue-wool girl baby about six weeks old asleep on a settee in the lobby.

The settee occupies a position near the office door of Dr. John P. Neardi, the Mrs. Westergard, thinking the mother of the infant, had stepped into the doctor's office, took it in her arms and awaited the arrival of some one to take it. When the mother failed to appear Mrs. Westergard examined the child's clothing and found pinned inside its white woolen robe a note which read:

"For God's sake, please care for my baby, as I have no means to provide for her. Please raise her a Catholic. May God help and forgive a broken-hearted mother. Please baptize the baby 'Christina.'"

Mrs. Westergard summoned Dr. Viscardi, who was unable to explain the infant's presence. He communicated with the West Sixty-ninth Street police station, and the captain in charge there summoned Mrs. Mary Reynolds, police matron of the West 123rd Street station. Mrs. Reynolds arrived in an ambulance and conveyed the foundling to Bellevue Hospital, where it was cared for last night in the infant ward.

Burglars Drug Terrier To Rob Home of \$2,500

Adele Tarrab, the sixteen-year-old Syrian who was chloroformed by burglars who stole \$1,000 worth of articles from the home of her mother, Mrs. Regina Tarrab, 6814 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn, Tuesday night, was said to be much better yesterday. Detectives are searching for the plunder in Oriental shops in Manhattan, where it is thought it might be offered for sale.

Two more burglaries in the same neighborhood which a light rain today caused residents to write to Police Commissioner Enright to establish a police booth at the Twentieth Avenue station of the Sea Beach Brooklyn Rapid Transit subway.

It was learned that burglars who dragged a fox terrier got \$2,500 in loot December 21 at the home of Morris Weisman, 2151 Sixty-seventh Street. Two days later burglars stole \$68 from Morris Yellin's trunks, which were draped over the foot of Mr. Yellin's bed at 2171 Sixty-seventh Street.

Mrs. Sanger Heads League

Mrs. Margaret Sanger was elected president of the American Birth Control League at the first annual meeting of the organization last night at the home of Mrs. Lewis L. Delaford, 20 West Fifty-eighth Street.

The action was taken in breaking up the meeting at Town Hall some time ago served to give the movement a vim that might otherwise have been lacking. Mrs. Sanger declared in an address. It was said that the opening of birth control clinic at 317 East Tenth Street had been delayed because of the inability of the league to obtain a license.

Other officers elected last night were: Mrs. Lewis L. Delaford, first vice-president; Mrs. Juliet Barrett Rublee, second vice-president; Mrs. Frances B. Ackerman, treasurer; Mrs. Anne Kennedy, executive secretary; and Clara Louise Rowe, corresponding secretary.

War Brides on Old Transport Menaced by Sea

Crook Reported Crawling to Port Under Own Steam at Two Knots to Avoid Heavy Pounding of Ocean

Expected Here Sunday

Surprise Expressed at Use of Worn Ship With Many New Craft in Idleness

The transport Crook, a vessel forty years old, which sprang her plates and took on a flood of water Tuesday night that threatened to sink her, was reported at noon yesterday as proceeding under her own steam to this port at a speed of two knots. She has on board 1,103 persons, which include her master and crew, some thirty war brides and troops returning home from the army of occupation at Coblenz.

At noon yesterday Captain Joseph Rappo sent a radio message giving his position as latitude 40°26 north, longitude 66°13 west, which is approximately 350 miles east of Sandy Hook. He explained that he had throttled his engines down to a speed of two knots to avoid as much as possible the pounding of the heavy head seas that are prevailing now on the Atlantic.

At the office of the naval communications center where the ship's message was received the position of the Crook at the time of her first message on Wednesday and the position given yesterday were compared on the chart and it was estimated that she had drifted about fifty miles to the southeast of her course. Unless the transport should increase her speed with a moderation of the weather she will be unable to make port much before Sunday.

It is believed by the army transport service that the shoring up of the Crook's sprung plates and the effectiveness of her pumps have been able to cope with the flood that threatened to submerge her. Unless exceedingly heavy weather strikes here it is believed that the transport will be able to hold her own in making port.

The plight of the Crook has caused much comment along the waterfront. Just why the government should send over a vessel of her type to bring home troops when so many new and seaworthy vessels of the United States Shipping Board are resting idly in the anchorage has aroused much speculation.

The army transport St. Mihel, which was sent out to the aid of the Crook on Wednesday, about noon, her own time this morning. The St. Mihel in a message sent out yesterday reported having encountered heavy weather, which caused her to run at reduced speed.

Girl's Engagement Ring Fails as Truancy Alibi

Court Tells Sadie She'll Have to Go to School Some More, Even if She Is in Love

Sadie Baer, an attractive sixteen-year-old girl, displayed a solitary diamond ring when arraigned before Magistrate Charles E. Simms in Municipal Court yesterday, charged with truancy. Miss Baer told the magistrate she thought being engaged automatically completed her education.

"I've been engaged for three months," said the girl. "As soon as I promised to marry the young man I quit school because I was afraid if he found out I was only a schoolgirl he might not love me any more."

Five Burned on Ship by Flames From Fire Box

The engineer, assistant engineer, and three firemen of the United States Shipping Board vessel Osakis suffered burns about the face and hands yesterday when they were enveloped by a sheet of flames from the boiler room.

The men were standing in front of the fire box, when a gust of wind blew the flames outward. The men threw up their hands, dropped to the floor and crawled to the stairway leading to the deck. Their burns were treated aboard ship and they were then sent to Cumberland Hospital, Brooklyn, from the Hudson Street pier, where the Osakis is docked.

Those burned were: Charles Knauas, engineer, 6341 Regent Street, Philadelphia; Carl Johnson, assistant engineer, 37 Fortoughth Street, Brooklyn; William Craven, 415 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, N. J.; Michael Papiodok, 181 Vineland Avenue, Long Island City, and Carroll Seymour, 3133 Broadway.

Hoey Takes Stand And Denies He Is Neville's Slayer

He Declares Policeman Was Killed in Lot Where He Ordered 4 Suspects to Put Up Their Hands

William Hoey, the young gangster on trial before Judge Wasservogel and a jury in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court for the murder of Policeman Daniel Neville, took the stand in his own behalf yesterday and denied any part in the shooting. He also denied knowing the other men held in connection with the murder and now in the Tombs awaiting trial.

Under direct examination by Joseph Rosalsky, his counsel, he admitted a long previous criminal record, and testified that he was a "red" ally. He also admitted he had killed a negro fellow inmate of Elmira Reformatory, but said it had been done in self-defense and that he had never been indicted for it.

He said that on the night of the shooting of Neville, who, he said, was a friend of his, the policeman had come into the lot where he was employed as watchman and had talked with him several minutes. About 8:15, he said, four men entered the lot carrying bundles and went into a shanty there. He testified, however, that he did not see the policeman until he was called, according to Hoey, "Hands up!" Three shots followed immediately and the policeman fell.

Hoey testified that he had at once run into the street and held a boy to notify the police of the shooting. He said, because the police had beaten him only a week before, and he was already out on bail on a robbery charge, he did not when he read later in the papers that the police were after him he went to Sing Sing and gave himself up to Father Cashin, Catholic chaplain there.

Rosalsky produced a surprise witness who proved a strong card for the defense. This was H. Floyd Folsom, a pistol expert, who testified that a bullet found in Neville's body could not have been fired from an automatic pistol such as a witness for the prosecution had said he saw in Hoey's hand when he ran from the lot after the shooting.

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Bedtime Stories Black Pussy Gets a Fright

By Thornton W. Burgess He biggest lives who runs away When danger lurks behind the way. —Black Pussy.

Old Man Coyote had begun to think that he would be able to spend the winter under that stack of straw in Farmer Brown's barnyard without being found out. There were times when he was tempted to be careless. But he wasn't. You see, that was too fine a place to run the risk of being found out. Several times he frightened Powder the Hound away from a good meal and ate it himself, but always he was careful to make sure that neither Farmer Brown nor Fanch the Boy saw anywhere about and that Mrs. Brown was in the house.

Yes, Old Man Coyote was spending much of the pleasant winter he could remember. There were times when he went hungry, but on the whole he was getting a very good living. Whenever there was fresh snow that would show his tracks he kept away from Farmer Brown's. He was far too clever to make such a mistake as to leave tracks that would give his secret away.

Then one morning, while Old Man Coyote was asleep under the straw, Black Pussy the cat took it into her head to hunt for a Mouse. She didn't want one to eat. She just wanted the fun of catching one, for, you know, Black Pussy is a born hunter. Nothing gives her quite so much pleasure as hunting little people smaller than herself.

Undermyer Doubts if Stokes Is Really Ill

Suspicion that the illness of W. E. D. Stokes was more feigned than real was expressed in the Albany Court yesterday by Samuel Undermyer. Several cases in which Mr. Stokes figures have been adjourned because his counsel told the court that the railroad man and real estate operator was suffering from pneumonia.

One action is brought by Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, who obtained a separation from Mr. Stokes. She is suing to set aside transfers of property made by her husband, including the Hotel Algonquin, which transfers, Mrs. Stokes alleges, were made to deprive her of her dower interest in the property. The case was called before Justice Cabalan yesterday. A. H. Gleason, for Mr. Stokes, announced that Mr. Stokes was still too ill to appear in court.

"We are satisfied," said Mr. Undermyer, attorney for Mrs. Stokes, "when ever a case against him comes up in court, he produces a doctor's certificate. It was the same way in other cases recently."

Mr. Gleason said his client would not be able to appear within a week, and Justice Cabalan set the case for trial on next Thursday.

Arrest of Six Declared To Smash Lottery Ring

Detective Sergeant Michael Fiaschetti, of the Italian squad in arranging six men yesterday in Essex Market Court, announced that the "backbone" of the lottery ring has been broken. The ring is held to be responsible for forty murders since 1915.

The six men arraigned yesterday were charged with possessing the lottery tickets. Magistrate Max S. Levin held each in \$500 bail for action of the grand jury. The winning numbers in the lottery, according to Sergeant Fiaschetti, are called from Italy each Saturday, and the double wheel, he said, from disputes as to who should have charge of the local operations of the "society." Sergeant Fiaschetti said the numbers called from Italy are received by lottery agents in a number of large cities throughout the country.

The six held in the lottery charge were: Vincenzo Perrone, 174 First Avenue; Giuseppe Storone, same address; Pasquale Pomoro, 200 East Eleventh Street; Joe Scarpino, 93 First Avenue; Carlo Costoro, 121 First Avenue; and Frank Ciano, 218 East 117th Street.

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