

WEDS MURDERER IN COUNTY JAIL

PREACHER SMUGGLED INTO PRISON WARD

HUSBAND IS LEGALLY DEAD

Negro Slayer of Pasadena Car Conductor Married Contrary to Law and Against Jailer's Orders

An event savoring of romance, and unequalled in the criminal history of California, was the secret marriage in the Los Angeles county jail Thursday, December 22, of Archie Hill, who murdered a street car conductor at Pasadena many months ago, and who was subsequently found guilty of murder by a jury in Judge Smith's department of the superior court and sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Hill, who is a negro, has been confined in the county jail since the night of his arrest over a year ago, and is now held pending his motion for a new trial which is now before the supreme court.

The marriage of Hill to his love of ebony hue was against the law, and was only effected by the concurrence of the bride, Rebridia E. Blackman, who adroitly smuggled a negro Holiness preacher into the county jail.

Declared to be legally dead by the verdict of the jury which sentenced him to spend the remainder of his natural life in state penitentiary, Hill was not deterred in carrying out his purpose, and on December 22 Rev. James A. Biglow performed the ceremony in the presence of a score of armed officers without even being suspected.

Clergyman a Porter

The officiating clergyman when not engaged in preaching is employed as a porter by the Parmelee-Dohrman company, 222 South Spring street.

The secret marriage of the "dead" man in the county jail was first brought to the attention of the officers yesterday by a Herald reporter, and a rigorous investigation was commenced immediately by Under Sheriff Tonkin.

The marriage license was issued to the Blackman woman by Deputy County Clerk Kutz, but the identity of the groom was concealed from the officers by the substitution of a fictitious name by the bride.

The copy of the license under which they were married by the negro minister is as follows:

"William A. Hill, 30, native of Georgia and resident of Los Angeles, to Rebridia E. Blackman, 19, native of Louisiana and resident of Los Angeles."

Last night at Parmelee-Dohrman's establishment the porter-clergyman made a clean breast of the affair.

According to his story the Blackman woman telephoned to him and made an appointment to perform the marriage in the jail.

Marries "Dead" Man

He responded to the appointment and together with Rebridia Blackman's sister he entered the county jail on the regular visiting day, and there in the view of hundreds of visitors, quietly performed the ceremony that made Archie Hill, the "dead" man, and his dusky love one.

The ceremony was performed under adverse circumstances, as the murderer was separated from his bride by a great iron screen, but this did not deter them nor did it serve to dampen the ardor of their love.

With fingers touching through the great screen, and with hundreds of visitors whispering the words, and they were there and then commanded to love, honor and protect each other so long as they should live.

"Were Hill and his bride aided and abetted by anyone in petty authority?" This is the question that now confronts the sheriff of Los Angeles county, and a thorough investigation is to be made.

If it is discovered that Hill was assisted by anyone in authority the officials promise there will be trouble in store for the guilty person.

Under Sheriff Tonkin and Jailer White are personally conducting the investigation.

Marriage Forbidden

Hill made known his wish many months ago, but at that time he was told that a marriage was out of the question.

When asked last night in relation to the unique marriage, District Attorney Fredericks refused to say what would be done in the case.

"This is the first time that it has been called to my attention," said the district attorney, and he refused to be quoted, other than to say that such a marriage is invalid, one of the contracting parties being considered legally dead under the law.

It is said that a number of the chain gang are aware of the facts connected with the secret marriage, but aside from them, no one connected with the county jail seems to know anything of this remarkable marriage.

The investigation will be carried on today by the officers in charge, but they have little, if any, clue to the identity of the one responsible for the illegal marriage.

53 BELOW ZERO STRIKES MONTANA

ARCTIC TEMPERATURE IN THE NORTHWEST

COLD MOVING SOUTHWARD

No Moderation Is Expected for Several Days—Much Suffering Among the Poor in Chicago but No Deaths

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The entire northwest and the middle states will continue in the grasp of the present cold wave for at least twenty-four hours longer, according to information given out by the United States weather bureau tonight. The coldest spot in the United States today was Glendive, Mont., where 53 degrees below zero was reported. Other low temperatures reported during the day were Havre, Mont., 43 degrees below zero; Winnipeg, 34 below; Medicine Hat, 26 below; Bismarck, 20, and Devil's Lake, 24. The center of the cold wave is still in North Dakota, but is moving slowly southward and it is not expected that its full force will be spent in the middle west for several days.

This was the coldest day of the year in Chicago. Early this morning the official report showed 14 degrees below and a mean temperature of 8 degrees below zero for the day was announced. This is thirty-two degrees below the normal temperature. At 9 o'clock tonight the weather bureau thermometer registered 8 below and was steadily going lower with indications that 15 below zero would be reached before morning. Owing to the absence of wind the cold has not been felt so much as is usual in Chicago. Among the poorer classes of people there is a great deal of suffering, but no deaths directly due to the frigid temperature so far have been reported.

FRIGID IN MIDDLE WEST

Temperatures Many Degrees Below Zero Registered in Many Places

By Associated Press. OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 2.—The bitter cold which has prevailed for forty-eight hours over Nebraska and western Iowa continued tonight, accompanied in the southern part of Nebraska by a snowstorm. The minimum in Omaha was 24 degrees below zero early in the day; at Lincoln it was 22 and at Sioux City it reached 30 below. Mail trains from the west were from four to six hours late. In Omaha the street car service was at a standstill for twenty-four hours on account of the cold. The cold weather has been the severest for many years and intense suffering of live stock has been reported from many sections in Nebraska.

Record Breaker in Missouri

By Associated Press. TRENTON, Mo., Feb. 2.—The government thermometer here early today showed a temperature of 19 degrees below zero, the coldest in the history of the station.

By Associated Press. ARMOUR, S. D., Feb. 2.—The government thermometer registered 45 degrees below zero this morning, the coldest of the year.

Temperatures in Ohio

By Associated Press. CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 2.—The thermometer today registered 2 above zero. At many points in the state the mercury indicated from 5 to 10 degrees below zero.

Extreme Cold in Lincoln

By Associated Press. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 2.—A temperature of 22 degrees below zero was recorded this morning. This is the lowest February temperature for four years.

Omaha Falls Twenty-Five Below

By Associated Press. OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 2.—Twenty-five degrees below zero was registered here today, the coldest in a number of years.

Sudden Drop in Pittsburg

By Associated Press. PITTSBURG, Feb. 2.—The thermometer registered 2 degrees above zero today, a drop of 22 degrees in twenty-four hours. The coldest weather of the winter is predicted for tonight.

Cold Wave in Tennessee

By Associated Press. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 2.—Another cold wave prevailed today over the central south and southwest.

South Dakota Shivering

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 2.—Last night was the coldest in many years. The mercury reached 37 below zero by official registration. Public schools are closed on account of the cold.

Below Zero in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—The coldest weather of the season prevailed here last night and today 9 degrees below zero was recorded.

Blizzard Strikes Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 2.—At 11 o'clock tonight the storm has become a blizzard. The temperature is 5 below zero.

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OYAMA RENDERS FULL REPORT

RUSSIAN REGIMENTS NEARLY ANNIHILATED

FIGHTING MOST DESPERATE

Battle Waged in Midst of Driving Snowstorm and Severe Loss Inflicted on Both Sides

By Associated Press. TOKIO, Feb. 2, 9 p. m.—Field Marshal Oyama telegraphing yesterday reports that the extreme Japanese left holds a line along the Hun river with its extreme left established on the right bank. The main body of the Russians after their defeat at Heiyoutai retired across the Hun river and occupied Niuyupao, Shufangtai and a portion of Changtan. On Wednesday the Russians began constructing defensive works in the neighborhood of Shufangtai, Chungchlawopeng and Changtan. Russian cavalry patrols were seen Wednesday along the line of Tzu-yuto, Pinpaotzu and Yuhpaotzu. The Russians made a series of small attacks on the right army and the left flank of the left army but were repulsed in each instance.

Details of the fighting from January 25 to January 29, which Field Marshal Oyama officially designates as the battle of Selkoutai, show that the operations were more extensive, the forces engaged larger and the fighting more desperate than the first reports indicated.

The Japanese casualties totaled 7000. According to the Japanese estimate, the Russians lost over 10,000. The armies fought in a driving snowstorm. It was bitterly cold and very difficult to see. A night attack delivered in the early morning brought success to the Japanese.

A Russian division surrounded and attacked Heikoutai January 25. Field Marshal Oyama reports that the garrison, though outnumbered, made a stubborn resistance and retired at night under cover of darkness to Kuchengtu. In the meantime Field Marshal Oyama, warned of the attack, ordered an advance, for the purpose of retaking Heikoutai. It was snowing and the movements of the troops were delayed. January 26, about noon, while the attack on Heikoutai was developing, a report reached the Japanese headquarters that another division of Russians, advancing from Changtan, had surrounded Chenchiehpao, and also that an independent and smaller body of Russians was operating west of Chenchiehpao, threatening the left flank of the Japanese force moving against Heikoutai, which had deployed from Sumapao, westward of Heikoutai.

The attack on Heikoutai was resumed January 27. A covering force was sent to protect the right flank, rear and also the left flank Japanese force operating at Chenchiehpao. Another covering force protected the extreme left. The troops attacking Heikoutai advanced fearlessly and, despite the heavy losses inflicted by the reinforced Russians, constantly gained step by step. A force of Russian infantry and mounted artillery fired into the rear of the left column. The Japanese lost heavily and the extreme left wing was compelled to retreat temporarily. The Russians made a series of night attacks January 27 in all directions. They succeeded in catching a detachment stationed at Sumapao in the front and rear. A desperate hand-to-hand encounter followed, but the Japanese finally succeeded in repulsing all the attacks.

A portions of the Russians remained concealed at Sumapao and on the morning of January 28 fired into the rear of the Japanese center. The Japanese turned, attacked and practically annihilated the Russians, only 200 of them surrendering. The firing continued throughout the day and night of January 28. The Japanese, who were everywhere outnumbered, decided to make a general night attack.

In his report, Field Marshal Oyama said: "Our object had not been attained; so I encouraged all columns to make a night attack. All columns of the attacking force expected annihilation. We attempted several attacks and movements, but suffered heavily by the enemy's artillery, especially the machine guns. All columns continued the attack with all their might. The

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HERALD'S CIRCULATION IN LOS ANGELES

Attention of the public is called to the fact that the circulation of The Herald in the city of Los Angeles is greater than that of the Examiner and second only to that of the Times. This circulation is permanent, delivered at the homes and not thrown about as specimen copies or swept into the gutters. The Herald, as the oldest morning newspaper in Los Angeles, is more widely read than most of its contemporaries, and its value as an advertising medium is correspondingly greater.

Copeland Asks Time

Attorney J. L. Copeland next took the floor on behalf of the defense, saying in part:

"An affidavit has been introduced to besmirch the characters of the members of a legislative committee. In order to make a proper defense I believe it would only be fair to give us until next Monday night to produce our witnesses."

Attorney Copeland commenced a derogatory arraignment of the men who had been instrumental in filing the affidavits against the senators when he

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REPUTATION OF WITNESS ASSAILED

SENATORS' DEFENSE ATTACKS HARTLING'S CHARACTER

MORE TIME IS REQUESTED

B. F. Littlejohn Declares the Accuser of Legislators Once Perjured Himself in a Murder Trial

By Associated Press. SACRAMENTO, Feb. 2.—The fourth night of the investigation of charges of bribery against the four state senators attracted a larger crowd than ever in the senate chamber. Every seat was occupied, both on the floor and in the gallery, and the aisles were crowded to standing room. Long before the proceedings were opened the spectators, tipped with excitement, struggled for places of vantage. It was generally expected that some sensational evidence would be introduced before the inquiry was concluded for the evening.

It was exactly 8:30 o'clock when Chairman Belshaw called the board of inquiry to order. The defense placed its first witness on the stand in the person of B. F. Littlejohn.

"Do you know a man named Henry Hartling at Forest City?" asked Attorney F. V. Cator.

"I do," said the witness. "Hartling is a detective who swore he had seen the accused senators take money from Joseph S. Jordan."

"What was Hartling's reputation? Was it good or bad?" was the next question.

"Bad," said Littlejohn. "Would you believe Hartling under oath?"

"No, I would not."

Attacks Witnesses' Integrity

It was evident from this line of questioning that the defense intended to impeach the integrity of the witnesses placed on the stand by the prosecution. The prosecution then took the witness and brought out the fact that Littlejohn had known Hartling when he was a young man.

Littlejohn then declared that Hartling had admitted that he had perjured himself at a murder trial in the early eighties.

In answer to a question by Senator Simpson, Littlejohn said he had never had any personal difference with Hartling. Addressing the board of inquiry, Attorney Cator frankly stated that at a meeting held by the accused senators with their counsel this afternoon it was agreed to secure witnesses who would be put on the stand with the idea of attempting to discredit the characters of the witnesses who had been placed on the stand by the prosecution.

"While we wish to conduct this case with all possible celerity," said Cator, "we have been unable to serve subpoenas on witnesses whom we wish to produce. The prosecution kept its witnesses in the dark until the last moment, and we have been handicapped in preparing our case on that account. We want to produce men who have lived in places where George N. Tichnor and Henry Hartling have lived."

No Subpoenas by Telegraph

Chairman Belshaw wanted to know if the witnesses desired by the defense could not be subpoenaed by telegraph. Attorney Cator said telegraphed subpoenas could not be used in this case.

"While we do not want to put one straw in the way of the defense," interrupted Chairman Belshaw, "you must understand that this investigation is interrupting the legislature."

Cator said that witnesses wanted for the defense were located in Downieville, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Bakersfield.

Senator Simpson said he was satisfied that the prosecution had not offered its full evidence. He believed Joseph S. Jordan should be made to testify, and all other witnesses who were wanted by either side should be compelled to appear before the committee of inquiry.

"We shall expect to be given the privilege of putting on witnesses who will testify to the good repute of our witnesses if their characters are to be assailed," offered Attorney Frank Gould of the prosecution. "I would suggest that impartial witnesses be secured to testify regarding those who have given testimony on our side of the case. This would make but one visit of the sergeant-at-arms, who is to serve the subpoenas to the various cities."

MINERS HURLED TO DEATH

Cable Chains Snapped by Cold, Precipitating Cage

By Associated Press. BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 2.—William McAndrews and Thomas Greedy, miners, were killed today, their bodies being imprisoned in a cage that lies under fifteen feet of water in the Rarus shaft. They were being lowered when the cable snapped and the cage went to the bottom. The cable is tested to carry a load of seven tons but the extremely cold weather made it break.

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J. S. JORDAN, IMPLICATED IN CHARGES AGAINST SENATORS



SOCIETY EUCHRE GAME IS RAIDED

PROSECUTION IS STARTED BY CHICAGO MINISTERS

Young Woman Who Paints China Pieces for Prizes Is Arrested and Calls Preacher a Liar

Special to The Herald. CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Do euchre parties with hand-painted china as prizes come under the head of gambling? This was a question Justice Quinn in the Hyde Park police court was today called on to decide.

The Woodlawn Ministers' association attempted to prove that Miss Lena M. Gehring, in whose study at 429 Sixty-third street fashionable women often congregate to compete for valuable trophies, was conducting a gambling resort. The justice, after hearing the evidence on both sides, declared he would think the matter over until February 17. Rev. M. P. Boynton, pastor of Lexington Avenue Baptist church, and Rev. R. M. Little, pastor of the Woodlawn United Presbyterian church, were present as men who had brought about Miss Gehring's arrest on the charge of gambling.

Miss Gehring declared on the witness stand that she gave away prizes to advertise her china and her school for hand-painting.

After the court adjourned, Miss Gehring stepped up to Mr. Little and said to him in decisive tones:

"Now I know you and what you are. You have lied about me—you, a minister of the gospel!" Little made no retort.

OFFERS \$500 FOR POISON FOR CONDEMNED WOMAN

Prison Guard Promised Reward to Carry Drug to Mary M. Rogers

By Associated Press. WINDSOR, Vt., Feb. 2.—Five hundred dollars was offered to Harold Harpin, a guard in the state prison, if he would carry a package of poison to Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, convicted of the murder of her husband. The offer was made in an anonymous letter from Boston containing \$250 in bills, which Harpin received recently. The writer offered to send the other \$250 as soon as the poison was delivered to Mrs. Rogers. The guard turned the letter over to Superintendent Oakes, who showed it to Governor Bell. Postal authorities have been asked to investigate.

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CAPIVE POLES IN CRUEL PLIGHT

APPALLING CHARGES MADE AGAINST POLICE

GORKY VISITED IN JAIL

Bearing Solitary Confinement Philosophically and Anticipating Long Detention, Had Started Learning English

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—Order appears to have been quite generally restored in Russia, the exception being in Poland. Even in Warsaw, however, there has been a return to conditions approximating the normal. A committee of members sitting at St. Petersburg has formulated, and the emperor has sanctioned, a number of proposals looking toward the establishment of the senate upon a basis of closer connection with the throne; doing away with the administrative orders suspending certain laws, and in other ways checking the evils that have arisen through the arbitrary acts of ministers or officials.

The latest reports received by Consul General Watts from the American consuls in Russia indicate a cessation of the trouble in most of the industrial centers of the country. The consul at Riga reports that the rioting at that place was precipitated by students and rowdies, who fired on the police. The police and troops returned the fire and fifty-three persons were killed and 150 wounded.

At Reval the soldiers were obliged to defend a factory on Saturday against a mob. Three rioters were killed and several others were wounded.

Official Reports

Reports filed at the headquarters of the St. Petersburg military district, where minute records are kept, show that in breaking up the demonstration on January 22 only 480 shots were actually fired. The troops represented eight different units from a squad of eight to a company of 120, and the total number of ball cartridges expended was 1002. The authorities point out that this indicates that there was no reckless or general volleying. The number of wounded in the hospitals today is 208.

The report of Maxim Gorky's release apparently is either incorrect or, if true, he was released on the promise to leave St. Petersburg without the slightest delay. He had not returned home up to a late hour last night. The friend with whom he lives and who was permitted to visit him yesterday afternoon for the first time since his arrest, told the Associated Press that he found the author still in solitary confinement in the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress.

The novelist, whose real name is not Maxim Gorky, which is a pseudonym, meaning "Maxim the Bitter," but

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THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST

Southern California: Cloudy, unsettled weather, with showers; fresh south wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 65 degrees; minimum, 55 degrees.

- 1—Weds murderer in county jail.
- 2—Denver ballots went anyhow.
- 3—Four injured in collision.
- 4—Christians going to storm city.
- 5—Editorial.
- 7—Loves art more than husband.
- 8—Classified advertisements.
- 9—Southern California news.
- 10—Sports.
- 11—Markets.
- 12—Sues mother-in-law.

EASTERN

Interstate commerce commission reports Santa Fe guilty of giving rebates.

Record-breaking cold weather experienced in northwest and middle west.

Senator Mitchell of Oregon says he welcomes the closest investigation into his acts.

FOREIGN

Maxim Gorky taking his imprisonment philosophically.

Serious charges against Warsaw police. Strikers punish robbers.

Oyama sends in full reports of recent battle.

COAST

Defense in bribery case tries to impeach testimony of witness for prosecution.

Estudillo's bill providing for recession of Yosemite valley to United States is passed by assembly.

Belshaw's Yosemite bill receives important amendments in senate.

LOCAL

Council proposes to take census of city's inhabitants.

Independent Gas company promises to begin laying extensive system of mains.

Council accepts invitation of Salt Lake officials to participate in celebrating opening of road.

Runaway car on slippery grade at First and Olive streets crashes into stationary car at curve and injures four passengers.

Graded schools hold graduation exercises.

Officers are investigating the secret marriage of Archie Hill, a murderer, at the county jail on December 22 last.

Doctor Woodbridge wins another point in his legal battle with his mother-in-law, and begins suit for \$20,000.

Wife's art more to her than her husband, and he is granted a divorce.

Carpenter's attorneys ask new trial for convicted officer.

Chinatown celebrates advent of Chinese New Year.

Police and detectives riding the city of its men and women of ill fame in an effort to fulfill the orders of the new commission which has declared war upon these creatures regardless of any political protection.