

CONVICTED NEGRO CUTS HIS THROAT

MARRIAGE EXPOSED, HILL SEEKS DEATH

FEARS SEPARATION FROM WIFE

Prisoner Inflicts Probably Fatal Injuries Upon Himself After Being Disciplined by Jailers

In a fit of despondency over the thought that he would never again be allowed to see the woman to whom he was recently married, Archie Hill, a half-breed negro, under life sentence in the county jail, on a charge of murder, yesterday afternoon attempted suicide by slashing his throat and wrists with a razor.

He was taken to the receiving hospital as soon as the guards discovered his injuries and an operation was performed. Little hope is entertained of prolonging his existence for more than a few days.

The thought of suicide is said to have come to the negro shortly following the arrival of the sheriff at the jail yesterday morning. The sheriff was informed by his deputy of the secret marriage of the negro, which occurred several days ago in jail and orders were given to put Hill in the dungeon for a few days as a discipline.

As Hill was being taken from the sick ward to the dungeon one of the guards is said to have told his prisoner that he would never again be allowed to see his wife and this is supposed to have caused the negro to attempt suicide.

Tells of Marriage At the receiving hospital, following the operation, Hill spoke a few words and made his ante-mortem statement to Under Sheriff Yonkin.

"I was married during November," said Hill, "and there was no one present but my wife, myself, the preacher and a woman attendant. They were on the outside of the screen and I was in the pen.

"Following my marriage I frequently met my wife in jail. Several days ago I had some altercation with a guard and was sent to the dungeon for discipline, but later was allowed the freedom of a trusty and put to work in the hospital ward, as I was sick.

"Yesterday when the sheriff returned and I was told that I was to be put in the dungeon and not be permitted to see my wife I could not bear it and hid the razor with which I was permitted to shave myself in my clothing. When the guards left my cell, in a fit of despondency, I slashed my throat and left wrist."

Disciplined for Marrying Under Sheriff Yonkin said that, pending his application for a new trial, Hill had been regarded as a trusty and was simply sent to the dungeon as a discipline for taking advantage of his liberty and marrying.

Hill with other prisoners who knew how to shave were allowed the use of a razor twice a week and Hill in some way managed to secrete the weapon in his clothing and carry it to his cell.

Hill's first request was made in writing as he lay upon the operating table and was a desire to see his wife. The wound in the negro's left wrist failed to sever the main artery and with the exception of the cutting of a number of small veins only small wounds were made. The wound in the throat was nearly five inches long and extended across the windpipe.

Surgeons have some hope of Hill's recovery if pneumonia complications do not develop before the wound in the throat heals.

Wife Visits Him Hill's wife reached the jail late yesterday afternoon and was permitted to see her husband. "Oh, why have you done this," she cried. "You have broken my heart." The woman remained with her husband the greater part of the evening and was present when Rev. A. A. Kidder came to the jail, at the request of the wounded man, and offered prayer for him.

"I cut my throat in a fit of despondency and am sorry that I did it," whispered Hill to the minister. "I feel that I will be forgiven both for the murder and for this deed and, although I feel that I am dying, I wish that I might live long enough to show my repentance."

Sheriff's guards spent the night with the man in order to prevent another attempt at suicide and special permission was necessary from the sheriff before anyone was allowed in the room.

PRINCE EITEL BETTER

Physicians Report Favorably and Cut Down the Bulletins

POTSDAM, Feb. 3.—Prince Eitel Friedrich has progressed so far toward recovery that the physicians announce they will only issue bulletins every other day hereafter.

The prince's temperature since yesterday has ranged from 99 to 98.6.

RAINS CUT OFF WEST FROM EAST

NO DIRECT COMMUNICATION BY RAIL

WASHOUTS DELAY TRAINS

Southern Pacific Roadbed Severely Damaged by Torrent of Water. Santa Fe Line Is Tied Up

Los Angeles was cut off entirely from direct railroad communication with the east yesterday and last night, owing to the washouts along both the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe, and it is not expected that traffic can be resumed until 8 o'clock this morning. Officials of the Southern Pacific railroad say that the washout that their line has sustained at El Casco is the worst in years, and there are others of less consequence between Los Angeles and that point.

Although the Southern Pacific roadbed sustained the greatest damage the Santa Fe trains were temporarily delayed by washouts at Kingman, Ariz., and at a point east of Bagdad, Cal.

On the Southern Pacific at El Casco, near Beaumont, the White Water river has burst its banks, and where a railroad embankment once stood there is now a raging torrent 100 feet wide and thirty feet deep speeding oceanward.

At other points between Beaumont and Los Angeles the roadbed has been made unsafe in a number of places.

Bridges Warped

On the Redlands branch of the Southern Pacific, four bents of the big bridge west of Redlands Junction have been warped out of their places by the flood, and the Redlands bridge east of the city yesterday morning was not considered safe for travel, so that Redlands, since 9 o'clock yesterday morning, has been practically isolated from train connections. At Loma Linda the water is running over the tracks.

The Golden State limited and trains No. 7 and No. 9 on the Southern Pacific are held at Beaumont and Indio, waiting for the break in the road at El Casco to be temporarily repaired that they may pass over. At the Santa Fe headquarters it was given out at 8 o'clock last night that they would have trains running shortly after midnight, but that the rain continued to fall steadily at Kingman, where the larger washout occurred.

Trains from the north were also long delayed, although the rains were not so heavy as have been reported east of Los Angeles. The Owl, due to arrive in Los Angeles at 8:45 a. m., was six hours late, owing to a washout between Tropico and Burbank, and when the passengers learned that they were to be detained for an indefinite time until the track could be repaired, many of them engaged farmers to haul them to the Tropico terminal of the Pacific Electric railway and reached Los Angeles some hours earlier by this means.

Water Pouring Over Track At El Casco the White Water river has practically changed its course and is pouring its waters like a mill race through the break in the track. The country at this point forms a watershed which drains into the White Water river, which soon after the beginning of the rains began to rise with incredible rapidity. At a turn in the river bed, which the stream follows under natural conditions, the wall of water which rushed down the canyon Thursday night leaped the bank and, carrying with it the roots of trees, stones, sand and underbrush, swept over the Southern Pacific tracks.

Tracks Patrolled In anticipation of washouts watchers were patrolling the track. All trains were halted at Beaumont, and on news of the accident being received at Los Angeles, three construction trains were sent out within an hour of each other to the scene of the accident. A fourth train was dispatched from Indio, and since Thursday night a large force of men has been constantly at work in an endeavor to construct a temporary bridge.

At Beaumont, where trains No. 7 and No. 9 are delayed, and at Indio, where the Golden State limited is held, everything possible is being done for the convenience of the passengers. On the Santa Fe, near Kingman, torrents of water which came down the Truxton and Crozier canyons have washed away 380 feet of the embankment, and several bridges yesterday afternoon were in danger of going out. Construction trains were sent to the scene from Needles, and it was reported yesterday afternoon at the Los Angeles offices that it might be possible to repair the break within eight hours.

East of Bagdad there was a second washout, but of much smaller proportions. This was due to a small cloudburst on the desert, and the sudden rise of water in several dry streams carried away the bridges.

Death of Eastern Centenarian By Associated Press. MAHANAY CITY, Pa., Feb. 3.—Mrs. Tighman Craigie is dead at Quakake at the age of 102 years. She spent her life on a farm and was the mother of fourteen children.

H. T. HAYS



CHARGE NOYES WITH PREJUDICE

HAYS AND DISS ON TRIAL IN RIVERSIDE

Notable Array of Legal Talent Appears in the Case, E. A. Meserve and Earl Rogers Representing Former Bankers

Special to The Herald.

RIVERSIDE, Feb. 3.—Standing room was at a premium when the Hays and Diss indictment cases were called in the superior court at 11 a. m. today. Judge Taggart of Santa Barbara presided and a notable array of legal talent was lined up before him. H. T. Hays, the alleged bank wrecker and "grafter," was represented by E. A. Meserve and Earl Rogers of Los Angeles and L. Gill of Riverside, and District Attorney Evans was assisted by Oscar Lawler, the Los Angeles orator.

The hour before adjournment was taken up with the reading of the ten indictments. Neither of the defendants entered a plea at this session.

The case was called again at 1 p. m. when pleas of not guilty were entered by both defendants. Attorney Rogers then refused to accept the testimony taken before the grand jury, alleging that it should have been presented when the indictments were read. He then moved to set aside the indictments on the ground of prejudice on the part of the grand jurors; that the grand jury was improperly drawn; that it engaged special attorneys to conduct the prosecution before testimony was taken; that no copy of the testimony taken was furnished the defendants.

The examination of the grand jurors as to their qualification then commenced.

Judge Noyes Testifies The feature of the afternoon proceeding was the testimony offered by Judge Noyes, who was put on the stand by Attorney Earl Rogers to prove that he packed the grand jury in an attempt to "do" his former friend and political manager H. T. Hays.

"Did you not know that the members of the grand jury were biased and did you not state to members of the grand jury that they had been selected because they were enemies of Hays and enemies of yours?" asked Rogers.

To this rather pointed inquiry Judge Noyes replied that he did not say this in so many words, but that to members of the grand jury he had declared that he wanted them to probe to the bottom of the reports of "grafting" by certain supervisors, Inspector Carroll and H. T. Hays. In order that no bias might appear in the prosecution in the indictments returned by the 1903 grand jury he had called in judges from other counties to try the cases.

"I didn't mention myself, because I knew I hadn't done anything," concluded the judge.

Several grand jurors were examined, both at the afternoon and evening session, and all declared that they were not prejudiced against Hays, though some were losers through his defalcation from the Orange Growers' National bank.

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.

CRUSADERS STORM PORTALS OF SIN

EVANGELIZING HOST MARCHES AGAINST SATAN

THOUSANDS IN BATTLE ARRAY

Revival Army Sweeps Through Sloppy Streets Singing Martial Hymns. Mass Meeting at Theater

Christian crusaders—an army two thousand strong—tramped through the muddy streets last night protected from the driving rain by a wavering canopy of umbrellas and to the inspiring music of martial hymns stormed the strongholds of sin in the slums of Los Angeles.

Following the onslaught upon the ranks of Satan, the evangelizing host gathered at the Grand opera house and there before an audience larger than any ever attracted by the plots of villains who connive at the hero's downfall in the home of melodrama struck a mighty blow at iniquity in all its forms.

The walls of the theater echoed and re-echoed with the songs of triumph and the story of the Christ and the cross was told to eager, expectant thousands.

Visiting evangelists, local ministers, members of the Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, rescue workers and Christian men and women were in the singing songs of Christ and carrying the message of light.

Gather for March

The regular district meeting was held in the Temple auditorium and at this the representatives from all the other districts began to arrive at 10:30 o'clock.

The evangelists who have had charge of the services in the outlying districts together with their singers took their places by Dr. Chapman and his aides and the whole throng lifted their hearts in prayer that success might fall upon the parade and midnight meeting.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the meeting was dismissed and the procession began to form in front of the auditorium.

They marched in fours headed by the Salvation Army with a brass band. Behind them came J. Wilbur Chapman, his wife and members of the party. The other evangelists and ministers followed and then came the main body of the procession. A group of singers directed by Charles Allen and Fred Butler was at the head of the line and other chorus leaders and soloists were so placed as to keep up the singing in the different divisions.

Through Streets

Down the center of the streets they marched, unmindful of the river underfoot or the showers of rain.

As they came down Fifth street to Spring the brass band struck up "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The chorus leaders began to sing, and by the time the chorus was reached 2000 voices were swelling forth in one burst of song.

Windows went up and heads appeared. Men lounging in the lobbies of the Spring street hotels left their papers and went out to watch the crusaders. Bartenders left their work and joined the throng on the sidewalks as the army swept by.

The procession marched north on Spring street to the Plaza, changing the tune now and then as they marched, but always with the words of some gospel hymn on their lips.

Saloons Invaded Ahead of the procession there were forerunners, who darted into saloons and gave the invitation to the men gathered around the bars, even extending cards to the white-aproned bartenders. The cards told of the midnight meeting at the Grand opera house and invited every one to come.

Women of the Salvation Army and Rescue missions darted up dimly lighted stairways, on the chance of finding some one who was waiting for the message which they had to bring.

The tottering old man in the procession who had devoted all the years of his life to serving God extended a hand to the youth on the sidewalk and asked him to come along. The sweet-faced woman who had raised a family of her own and had a glad word to cheer some other mother's boy or girl, and even the little child in the line, who upon any other occasion would have been sound asleep in his bed, had his own little smile and cheering message.

Sometimes it would be the words of a hymn that had not been heard since boyhood days or a glance or a tone of a voice that would make a man accept a ticket offered him. He would join the procession and would perhaps find himself singing the words before he knew it.

When the procession reached the Plaza the marching army halted and Rev. William Horace Day announced that the return trip to the theater would be made. The throng again marched away to the tune of another gospel hymn, and as they proceeded their numbers grew.

Scene at the Theater

The marchers reached the Grand opera house just as the play had ended and the lobby was filled with people

(Continued on Page Three.)

EVANGELISTS HEAD CRUSADE AGAINST VICE IN THE SLUMS



REV. W. E. BIEDERWOLF, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVANGELISTS

CROWNED HEADS STRIVE FOR PEACE

GERMANY AND BRITAIN MEET IN CONFERENCE

KAISER AND KING COMBINE

German Chancellor and British Ambassador Discuss Propositions Looking to Termination of Present War

Special Cable to The Herald. LONDON, Feb. 3.—There is high diplomatic authority for the following statement:

On the initiative of the German government an interview took place Monday at Berlin between Chancellor Von Buelow and Sir Frank Lascelles, the British ambassador, at which the former proposed that efforts be made by Germany and Great Britain to secure peace between Russia and Japan.

The informant believes this conference was preceded by an interchange of views by King Edward and the kaiser. A double motive for this action is ascribed to the German emperor. One is that he seeks to damage the alliance between France and Russia, and the other is that he desires to destroy the anti-German feeling in England.

JAPANESE OUTNUMBERED

But Russians Attacked Under Circumstances of Great Difficulty

By Associated Press.

GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 30, noon, via Tien Tsin, Feb. 3.—(Delayed in transmission)—The Russian attempt to turn General Oku's left flank has proved a complete failure. This, it is thought by the Japanese, is following on the failure of the recent cavalry raid down the railway, will induce the Russians to await in the future the Japanese attack.

The attempt, even with the bombardment of other portions of the line or a cavalry movement around the flank, was doomed to failure from the start. The Japanese were at Heikoutai but withdrew their small force from there and allowed the Russians to occupy the positions until they could move over enough men to make its recapture certain. The recapture of this position was easily accomplished, although the loss was heavy. The casualties have not yet been reported, but it is believed that they will amount to fully three thousand.

The Russians had five divisions engaged at Heikoutai, and in that direction. They were driven back by less than two Japanese divisions.

Large Forces Engaged

Over 100,000 men were engaged in the Russian demonstration against the Japanese positions immediately east of Heikoutai, with a force strong enough to have been successful, as only about one Japanese division was sent against them. The Russian loss is estimated at over four thousand, although prisoners say that one regiment was practically annihilated. The Japanese loss is only placed at 200, due to the fact that they remained in their trenches while the Russians were forced to cross open ground, solidly frozen, where the construction of shelter trenches was impossible.

The ground being covered with snow was naturally a great disadvantage to

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST Southern California: Showers Saturday; brisk to high south winds. Maximum temperature yesterday, 64 degrees; minimum, 54 degrees.

- 1—Storm portals of sin. 2—In blizzard's grasp. 3—Appear in famous play. 4—Heavy downpour. 5—Editorial. 6—Busy day in police court. 7—Classified advertisements. 8—Southern California news. 9—Sports. 10—Markets. 11—Preserve Spanish names.

EASTERN Cold wave moves eastward and Alleghenies are in blizzard's grasp. Judge Swayne's attorneys appear in senate and answer impeachment charges. Leprosy question is discussed in house of representatives.

FOREIGN German chancellor and British ambassador discuss possibilities of peace. Conditions in Poland still stormy, with many new strikes in evidence. Gen. Gripenberg asks to be relieved and criticized European.

COAST Senator Frank French assaults Detective Tichenor in rounds of capitol. Superior judge of Santa Cruz county asks legislature to investigate charges against him. Church in Pasadena struck by lightning and destroyed.

LOCAL Heavy rains destroy direct railway communication with the east. Christianizing host storms vice in slums of Los Angeles. Negro Hill attempts suicide by cutting his throat.

Bill providing franchise for street lighting in this city is pending in legislature. Rainwater submerges streets in many parts of city. Mayor McAlister is asked to lend assistance to passage of charter amendments. Native Sons protest against changing name of Duane into Main street. City attorney advises legislators concerning repeal of city fund law.

WANT TO CONVERT REAL 'MRS. WIGGS'

BAND OF THEOLOGUES VISIT 'CABBAGE PATCH'

Students From Southern Baptist Seminary to Call on the Heroine of Well Known Story

Special to The Herald.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 3.—A squad of ten students from the Southern Baptist theological seminary will go to every house in the "cabbage patch" tomorrow and ask the people what church they belong to, if any, and how many go to Sunday school.

They will not overlook the famous "Mrs. Wiggs," notwithstanding the late experience of a charitably disposed woman and her husband, who were "soused" with slop for intruding on the privacy of the mistress of the "cabbage patch."

Every part of Louisville will be canvassed in this manner. About 50,000 invitations to meetings will be distributed. Mrs. Wiggs is angry because many visitors are attracted to her cottage by curiosity and she usually chases them away. Her reception of the preacher-students tomorrow is awaited with interest.

DRINKS EXPLOSIVE AND BLOWS UP

Special to The Herald.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 3.—Peter Eberhart is supposed to be the name of a farm hand who yesterday drank a small bottle of nitro-glycerine on a wager, froze to death while walking, and today exploded while efforts were being made to thaw him out. He worked for Claude Argonvale near Wheatley, Minn., and while in the village yesterday got drunk with the town marshal, who showed him a bottle of nitro-glycerine, saying it was taken from a bank robber.

Pete be he could drink it and never feel injurious effects. He drank it and started for home. This morning he was found by the roadside, frozen to death and much distorted.

While the body was left in an outbuilding near a stove, in which was a roaring fire, the nitro-glycerine exploded. The building was almost completely destroyed as were the remains of Pete. One button, a boot heel and a piece of watch chain were found. Nobody else being in the immediate neighborhood when it happened, there were no other casualties.

Must Answer Murder Charge

By Associated Press. ST. PAUL, Feb. 3.—Alleg Goucher, a convict in the Minnesota penitentiary, accused of murder in San Francisco, was released today to a California detective by the state board of pardons. Goucher's term would have expired in March.

BOLT STRIKES A PASADENA CHURCH

IGNITED BY LIGHTNING, IT BURNS TO GROUND

Structure on the Corner of Iowa and Washington Streets Bursts Into Flames During the Storm and Is Destroyed

Special to The Herald.

PASADENA, Feb. 3.—During the sharp thunder shower soon after 2 o'clock this afternoon lightning struck the North Methodist church and the building burned to the ground within an hour and a half. George Newman of North Fair Oaks avenue was the first person to see the flames bursting from the tower a few minutes after a crash of thunder had startled people in the vicinity.

Hastily calling the fire department and giving the local alarm, he unlocked the church and within a few minutes all of the chairs, pulpit furniture, carpets, china, stoves and piano were taken to neighboring houses. In the haste the piano was dropped and somewhat broken.

By the time the fire engines had made the hard run up the nearly two miles of Fair Oaks avenue, little could be done to save the building.

The church was rebuilt two years ago and was valued at \$5000, with an insurance of \$3500. Rev. J. C. Elliott is the pastor. The church was located at the corner of Iowa and Washington streets.

T. C. Mercer, who lives just east of the church, thought for a time that their cottage must be ruined, but the wind from the east saved it, as the flames and smoke blew to the northwest.

WOMAN FATALLY INJURED BY CALF

Special to The Herald.

MODESTO, Feb. 3.—As the result of an attack of a vicious yearling calf, almost in front of her residence in this city this afternoon, Mrs. Ellen Grayston, aged 78 years, is at the point of death.

At 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Grayston, who is one of the pioneer women of this county, left her house and started to cross the street to a neighbor's, when she was attacked by the half grown steer, knocked down, badly bruised and cut by horns.

Before she was rescued she had suffered severe internal injuries and both jawbones were broken. The calf has been teased by children and had acquired a violent disposition. Its owner will be arrested.

14,000 Belgian Miners Strike

By Associated Press. MONS, Belgium, Feb. 3.—About 14,000 coal miners struck today for higher wages. The National congress of miners will meet shortly to discuss a general strike.