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TEN CENTS A WEEK

TO THE GALLOWS RAWLINGS MUST GO

Day of Execution May Be Fixed by Court.

MAY BE SENTENCED AT ONCE

Not Necessary to Put Hanging Off Twenty Days, as a Man Can Only Once Be Sentenced to Death in the Same Case.

Atlanta, Nov. 7.—Now that the supreme court of the United States has declined to interfere with the judgment of the state courts in the case of J. G. Rawlings, of Lowndes county, sentenced to death for the murder of the Carter children, the question of the infliction of the death penalty rests wholly with Lowndes county superior court.

There is no law or precedent for that matter to prevent the execution of Rawlings by order of Lowndes superior court, should the court see fit to pass that order. This has already been decided by the state supreme court.

It is commonly supposed that the law requires the lapse of at least 20 days from the time the date of execution is set until it is actually carried out. This is only true as to the sentence of death. Attorney General Hart stated that a man can be sentenced to death but once for the same crime. What is commonly called "re-sentencing," is simply the fixing of a day upon which the sentence, already passed, shall be carried out.

It is now with the Lowndes county superior court to say on what day old man Rawlings shall be hanged. There is no necessity even to await the arrival of the mandate of the United States supreme court, Judge Hart says, though that will probably be done unless it is long delayed. The Washington tribunal has, however, ordered that mandate immediately transmitted, and it is expected it will reach the district court at Macon this week.

Old man Rawlings' fate having been finally determined by this decision of the United States supreme court, nothing further stands in the way of the prison commission considering the applications of his sons, Milton and Jesse, also sentenced to be hanged for the same crime, for executive clemency. It is asked for the boys that their sentences be commuted to life imprisonment, and the prison commission will take up their cases for consideration and action at its meeting on November 13.

Dying From Kick of a Mule.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 7.—Dr. M. C. Cox, a venerable physician of the county of Laurens, is in a precarious condition as the result of the kick of a mule, received several days ago. Dr. Cox was at the home of Captain W. H. Drummond, a neighbor, and while watching a negro boy try to bridle an obstreperous mule, the mule kicked Dr. Cox on the head just above the eye and the skull fractured. He was knocked down and rendered unconscious. He is over 70 years old.

Hit by a Stray Bullet.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 7.—Miss Olive Ferguson, 17 years old, was injured by a stray bullet from a revolver, and as a result seven persons were arrested and locked up by Detectives Simon and Kimble, of the Seventh district police station. Miss Ferguson, who is the daughter of Mr. William Ferguson, of Twenty-ninth and Eddy streets, was taken to the Deaconess hospital, where it was found that the bullet had splintered a collar bone.

Hamilton Courtmartial Begins.

New York, Nov. 7.—The courtmartial of Lieutenant John S. Hamilton, Twelfth infantry, U. S. A., for absence without leave, began on Governor Island Monday. Hamilton is the officer who disappeared from the concentration camp at Mount Gretna, Pa., nearly three months ago, and who later wrote a letter to General Bull, the chief of the general staff, telling that officer was going to demand outside.

SHOT BAD NEGRO.

Negro Resisting Arrest Killed Young White Man.

Wrightsville, Ga., Nov. 7.—Baillif J. L. Hightower sought to arrest a negro, William Newsome, 7 miles from Wrightsville. Two young white men, John Mason and Ernest Carter, were assisting Hightower. A stubborn fight took place in the negro's house between him and Hightower. Hightower called for assistance. Carter ran into the house, when the negro fired a shotgun at him, the load taking effect in Carter's forehead, killing him instantly. Then Hightower fired upon the negro with a pistol, two bullets taking effect, but not killing him. The negro was then captured.

As Hightower and Mason were bringing the negro to Wrightsville, at Sumner's bridge, over Choopee river, about thirty armed and disguised men halted them and fired several revolver shots into the negro and then silently disappeared.

The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the negro came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted by unknown parties.

Carter was 23 years old and leaves a wife and one child.

Young Man Accidentally Shot.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 7.—While out hunting, near Georgetown, Willie Walker, the son of State Senator Legrand G. Walker, accidentally shot himself in the right arm and the limb may have to be amputated. The accident occurred several miles from town and but for the passing of a vehicle the boy would have bled to death as a large artery was cut by the load of shot. Walker and a companion were riding to the hunting grounds on an ox cart and the guns were lying to the bottom of the cart. When they started to alight Walker picked up his gun by the barrels and it was discharged as he drew it out, the load opening his arm from the wrist up and mangle the limb above the elbow. A lady passing in her buggy took him up and drove him rapidly to the Georgetown infirmary.

Officers Not Blamed.

Hong Kong, Nov. 7.—The finding of the marine court of inquiry into the fire on board the British steamship Hankow, which was burned by the side of her wharf on Oct. 14, last, absolved the master, Captain Branch, and the ship's officers from any blame in the matter. They, it is said, did all in their power to save life and property, but were unsuccessful overboard and the fierceness of the fire. The court was of the opinion that hereafter all light texture cargoes should be stowed below hatches or screened in such a manner that it would be impossible for passengers to have any access to it.

Negro Found \$1,000.

Wabash, Ind., Nov. 7.—Finding \$1,000 in a grip in a Marion hotel, the negro porter dashed to the Big Four depot to return it to a member of a theatrical troupe bound for this city. Missing the train, he checked it through. An actress saw the negro waving the grip as the train pulled out, and when it was missed the Marion police were telephoned, and they brought the negro here. He proved he had sent the satchel and had not touched any of the money.

Color Line Must Be Observed.

Columbus, O., Nov. 7.—The color line must be observed in the United States army or recruits who are seen on the streets with negro women will be confined in the guard house. Privates Kane and Shannon, of Columbus Barracks, were given the "mill" because of a violation of this regulation. They are charged with "conduct unbecoming the uniform and detrimental to the service," and will be dealt with by a summary court.

Firman Killed; 4 Others Injured.

New York, Nov. 7.—One fireman was killed and four others injured in a fire that caused a money loss of \$75,000 in the building occupied by the New York Vitreous Tile company and the Pilgrim Steam Laundry, in Brooklyn. The dead fireman was J. W. McCook, an engine man, and all the injured were members of his engine company. They were buried under a wall that collapsed.

DYING, SHE HELD MAN SHE LOVED

Girl Commits Suicide Thinking Her Love Unreturned.

MISUNDERSTANDING WAS CAUSE

Sweetheart Says He Was Only Teas- ing Her, and She Took His Jest Seri- ously—A Sad Tragedy Through a Misunderstanding.

Alpharetta, Ga., Nov. 7.—A lover's misunderstanding is the cause of a very sad tragedy in the southern part of Forsyth county, about 7 miles from Alpharetta, in the death from suicide of Miss Minnie Webb, the beautiful 16-year-old daughter of Mr. Henry Webb, a widely known and popular farmer.

For a number of years Miss Webb and Mr. Speer Stone, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stone, and a near neighbor, had been sweethearts, and their devotion was a constant source of favorable comment, as both were extremely popular in the community. They were constant companions and attended together the village church.

On the way to and from church Miss Webb appeared in extremely happy spirits and smiled in light-hearted joy on all who she passed.

Consequently one can imagine how sudden was the shock which came to all when it was known that Minnie Webb had shot herself shortly after dinner, and the family hearing the report of a gun and rushing to her room had found her lying across the bed in a dying state.

She stated that her sweetheart had told her that he did not love her, and as a report she had shot herself.

The dying girl sent for her sweetheart, Mr. Stone. He arrived almost prostrated over the sad intelligence and protested that he was only trying to tease her and thought her threat to kill herself in answer to his statement was only an attempt to worry him.

However, the explanations proved too late, and in her lover's arms the fair young 16-year-old girl died.

The fatal shot was fired from a single-barreled shotgun. The young lady was highly accomplished and was greatly loved by all.

Chief of Police Suspended.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 7.—Mayor Malone Tuesday suspended Chief of Police George T. O'Haver for insubordination. Under the city charter the mayor has the right to assign the police where he may deem fit provided that in his judgment serious trouble is feared. There has been much bitterness between local factions in the campaign for the state legislative ticket and Mayor Malone has made re-assignments for the police force. Vice Mayor John T. Walsh and Chief O'Haver instructed the men to remain where they had been first assigned. The mayor thereupon suspended the chief and temporarily appointed Police Sergeant W. I. Hays to act as chief of police. It is said that the majority of the patrolmen took the assignments given out by O'Haver.

"Chewing Gum" Beeman Dead.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 7.—Edwin Beeman, one of the best known physicians in this city, died at an early hour Tuesday morning. About 25 years ago Dr. Beeman quit the practice of medicine to enter into the manufacture of pepsin chewing gum and later he was associated with W. J. White, now of New York. Dr. Beeman made a fortune of several million dollars as did Mr. White. It is said that the idea of combining pepsin with chewing gum was suggested to him by a young woman at a newsstand where he bought chewing gum. At any rate when Dr. Beeman was making money out of the idea he employed the young woman and saw that she was well taken care of when he disposed of his gum business.

Dressmaker's Dead.

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 7.—Miss Mayne Deenan, a dressmaker, living near Newburg, Ind., committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. No cause is assigned.

HIS JEALOUSY CAUSE OF DEATH

Lamp Accused Berry of Improper Re- lations with His Wife.

Albany, Ga., Nov. 7.—A report from Spizester, the county seat of Worth county, says Marshal Berry came in and surrendered to Sheriff Sumner for killing Joe Lamp near their house in the southern part of Worth county, jealousy being the cause of the difficulty. Lamp having repeatedly accused Berry of having had criminal relations with his (Lamp's) wife.

Reports have it that the friends of both parties had no confidence in Lamp's charge, believing hallucination to be the result of an insane jealousy, and these friends were trying to reconcile the two men. Lamp first tried to get at Berry with a shotgun and a pistol, which were taken away from him. He then rushed on Berry with a knife and cut him once in the back, whereupon Berry wheeled on him and cut him to death.

Lamp leaves a wife and widowed mother. Berry has a wife and two or three small children.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that Berry was justified.

Big Fire from Incendiary.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 7.—Fire broke out in the general merchandise store of Sol Hammett, at Spread, Ga., on the Augusta Southern railway, and before being placed under control had destroyed \$40,000 worth of property. The cause of the fire is thought to be the work of robbers, as the iron safe in Hammett's store was broken open. A heroic fight was made by the citizens to prevent the whole town being destroyed. The largest losers in the fire are T. Worthen Bros., which is said to be \$30,000. No trace of the alleged robbers and incendiaries have been found.

Cashier Short \$22,115.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 7.—Cashier H. C. Dubose, of the Monroe bank, at Monroeville, has been checked short \$22,115, and the same reported to State Bank Examiner Rutledge. The bank is perfectly safe, as the surplus funds will make the depositors' whole. D. D. Minis has been appointed cashier. The directors say Mr. Dubose has taken the sum of \$22,115.77. However, \$30,000 has been secured against the shortage.

Boy Incendiary at Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 7.—As a result of eight fires occurring in this city, all of which were extinguished before much damage was done, Charlie Woodberry, 15-year-old white boy, was arrested by the police. The boy was seen to start two of the fires, and he is suspected of causing numerous other fires occurring in the past three weeks.

Ogeechee Slips from the Ways.

Quincy, Mass., Nov. 7.—The steel steamship Ogeechee, the second of a fleet of four steamers being built by the Fore River Shipbuilding company was successfully launched at the company's yards Monday. The vessel was christened by Mrs. Dimon, wife of C. L. Dimon, vice president and general manager of the Brunswick company.

Wage Increase is Refused.

Fall River, Mass., Nov. 7.—In reply to their letter requesting an advance in wages of 10 per cent, the textile council received Monday a reply from the manufacturers' association that the request was premature, and that there must be a longer run of the present improved business before the proposition could be considered.

Hunted Wife With Gun.

Steuersville, O., Nov. 7.—Jacob Johnson, aged 40, after seeking and failing to find his wife, intending to shoot her for causing him to be sent to the workhouse, shot himself in the left breast with a rifle and died in a short time. Mrs. Lizzie Galtner took carbolic acid because of family troubles, ending her life.

Accidentally Shot Mother.

New York, Nov. 7.—While taking apart his revolver so that it could do no harm, Henry Stecher, 13 years of age, of College Point, L. I., accidentally shot his mother. She is dying and the boy will lose his reason as a result of the tragic accident.

IN PIT OF GRAIN MAN MEETS DEATH

Comrade Who Went to His Re- lief Was

ALMOST SMOTHERED TO DEATH

Man Fell Into Grain Pit and In Try- ing to Rescue Himself Sank Deeper and Deeper to His Death, the Grain Completely Burying Him.

New York, Nov. 7.—Patrick Dolan, foreman of the grain handling in the elevator of the William B. company, Brooklyn, fell into a pit containing 3,000 bushels of grain.

The little kernels, rolling against one another like miriads of cogs, a great machine, grasped his feet, his ankles, his legs, his knees, crisscrossing each other like honey cells, held him fast and drew him down with a power that was irresistible.

Dolan plunged this way and that with every step the quicksand-like little grains gripped him more firmly. He called for help, and Paul Amazio, a fellow worker, went to his assistance. He threw a rope to Dolan which the latter seized so desperately that he drew Amazio in the pit.

Other workmen who had been at lunch, now heard the outcries, but both men had disappeared.

A rush was made for the chute through which the grain was unloaded, and unfastening the covers the men let the wheat run into the street.

Soon Amazio's body shot down the chute and Dolan's followed.

The latter was dead, having been smothered, but Amazio was still alive and will recover.

Judgment Was Reversed.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 7.—The judgment of the United States district court was reversed by the circuit court of appeals in the case of Thomas B. Rider against the United States and the higher court rendered its decision against the government. The case came from the eastern district of Arkansas. The government charged that Rider was not registered as a physician and was not authorized to grant a permit to any person to bath in any of the bath houses of the Hot Springs Mountain reservation. He had been fined \$25 by a court commissioner and on appeal to the district court Rider was fined \$100 and costs.

Appeals to Charity.

London, Nov. 7.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to Reuter's Telegraph agency today says that Lieutenant General Stoessel, the defender of Port Arthur, is in such financial straits that he has applied to a charitable institution for wounded soldiers, for assistance to enable him to employ a servant. The officers of the institution asked the general to produce a medical certificate showing that his health required the services of a servant.

Aged Engineer Dead.

New York, Nov. 7.—Charles Frazer, the oldest engineer of the Erie railroad, died at his home at Paterson, N. J., Monday. Mr. Frazer was 72 years old, and had been in the employ of the Erie for 56 years. He entered the service of the Paterson and Ramapo road in 1850, when that road had only two locomotives. He was in only one accident. It occurred in 1853, when his train ran into a carload of emigrants, killing two of them.

Shot by a Hog Thief.

Collinsville, Ill., Nov. 7.—Almost at his own doorstep Martin Fuchs, a farmer, was shot to death after a struggle with a man to prevent his hogs from being stolen. His own shotgun was used in killing him. Tom McMiller talked so much about the killing after the body was found that he was arrested on suspicion.

Carnival Opens.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 7.—The Carnival opened Monday night with an attendance of 10,000. It is the largest event of its kind in the history of the city. The government and the people are in the opening excitement, and the city is crowded with visitors.