

Harry F. Powers Found Guilty of Killing Woman

Death Penalty Made Mandatory by Verdict of West Virginia Jury; Shows Little Concern.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—Harry F. Powers, of the West Virginia hills, was convicted Thursday of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Mrs. Dorothy Pressler Lemke, Northboro, Mass. The verdict carries a mandatory sentence of hanging.

It took one hour and fifty minutes for the twelve farmers and small town business men to decide that the man who wooed dozens of women by mail should go to the gallows for the first of the five killings he is accused of perpetrating in the subterranean death chambers of his windowless garage at a place paradoxically called quiet dell. J. Ed Law, defense counsel, made a motion to have the verdict set aside. Arguments for a new trial will be heard Saturday.

The jury deliberated in a dressing room in the basement of the town opera house. Above the jury in the center of a lighted stage, sat the man whose doom they were sealing. If Powers had any but a passing concern in what was being decided downstairs, he did it perfectly. His attorney, who had wept and clutched a table to support himself as he begged the jurors for "mercy, sympathy" was the only one on the stage who displayed any concern.

When the jury filed back to the stage, a hush fell over the opera house.

"Have you arrived at a verdict?" the court clerk asked.

"We have," said Nathan Richards, the jury foreman.

"Hearken to your verdict," the clerk replied, as he opened the envelope.

Powers was chewing his gum. One hand rested on the other. He tilted back slightly in his chair. As his fate was revealed he glanced at his counsel, but said nothing and displayed not a trace of reaction. A moment later he was being handcuffed and led to the stage door. Townspeople who had angrily shouted Powers' name for an hour when a mob formed outside the jail after his arrest looked more with curiosity than anger at him as he was taken back to his cell.

Powers was quoted as confessing verbally to the deaths of Mrs. Elcher and her children and making an oral admission of the killing of Mrs. Lemke. He repudiated the confession later, however, testifying at a hearing on his motion for a change of venue that officers resorted to third degree methods to get him "to talk."

—State Journal.

ASKS QUICK CHANGE IN PARK BOUNDARIES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Immediate adjustments in the boundaries of several national parks, especially the Grand Teton in Wyoming, were urged today by Horace Albright, director of the park system.

He said in his annual report submitted today that important lands now held in trust for park purposes by the Snake River Land company should be accepted as soon as possible. About 30 thousand acres are included in the area. There has been opposition to its transfer from certain groups in Wyoming.

Lincoln Man is Shot in Row Over a Still

Woman Wounds One of Trio Bombarding House; Impersonate Cops in Gun Attack.

Lincoln, Dec. 10.—Three men were held in jail here Thursday night to be charged with violation of the liquor laws as the result of a shooting, in which one of the men was wounded, at a farmhouse east of here Thursday afternoon.

Police sought two other men in connection with the case, Clifford Robinson, Gene Spore and Andrew Ogden were being held. Spore was wounded, but physicians said his condition was not serious.

Authorities said Ogden's story was that he had been tending a still in the farmhouse for another man. Ogden said he had not received any pay, and Thursday came to Lincoln to see the owner of the equipment.

While in town, Ogden said, Robinson, Spore and a third man went to his house, impersonated officers, shot at the house, broke out a window, and tried to gain entrance. Mrs. Ogden finally drove the trio away by shooting through a door and wounding Spore.

Robinson and the other man brought Spore to a hospital, where he was treated and taken to jail. Robinson accompanied officers to the Ogden farm, where police said they confiscated a still, 250 gallons of mash and 35 gallons of whisky.

Ogden charges the three men were sent to his home to get the still. Police were seeking the third member of the trio, and the man who Ogden charges owns the brewery equipment.

—Omaha Bee-News.

Lincoln Schools Not to be in the State Tourney

Heavy Strain on Athletes Is Claim—Lincoln, Jackson, Havelock, College View, Bethany Out

Lincoln, Dec. 10.—When the 1932 Nebraska high school basketball championships are decided at the University of Nebraska coliseum next March, Capital City quintets will be missing from the roster of teams.

The report from official circles in the Lincoln high school ranks brought the news coaches and school authorities after several conferences have decided against entering the tournament. This affects Lincoln high, Jackson, Havelock, College View and Bethany.

In explanation of the action a Lincoln school official asserted coaches and school authorities felt the string of tournaments as arranged by the state association brought no benefits to competing schools and subjected athletes to too great a strain following the usual strenuous season on the court.

The announcement by the Lincoln school officials followed action by the Loup Valley association which went on record as opposed to tournament competition in basketball.

The Nebraska High School Athletic association has derived some of its funds from tournament receipts and the action by the Lincoln and Loup Valley groups may cause for a revision of its budget. Lincoln school officials, however, declared they were in sympathy with the association and will pay increased assessments.

TWENTY CHOSEN FOR WESTS GRID ALL-STAR ELEVEN

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Twelve members of Pacific Coast college football varsities were invited Wednesday by Islam Temple shrine of San Francisco to become members of the west team which will play here New Year's day in the annual east-west shrine charity game.

The twelve players, with the eight selected by Coach Dana X. Bible of the University of Nebraska, bring the west team's strength to 20. A lineman and a backfield man are still to be chosen, shrine officials said.

Those invited here were: Neil, Stanford university, end; Fisher, St. Mary college, guard; Hurley, Washington State, guard; Ehrhorn, Stanford university, tackle; Edwards, Washington State, tackle; Bean, Olympic club (San Francisco), center; Hamner, Oregon State, center; St. Mary college, backfield; David, Olympic club, backfield; and Hufford, Washington university, backfield.

Coach Bible's selected list includes: Conrad Fisher, Oklahoma A. & M., end; Basil Wilkerson, Oklahoma City university, tackle; Charles Justice, Nebraska, guard; George Koster, Nebraska, guard; Weldon, Mason, Southern Methodist, back; Ishmael Pilkington, Tulsa university, back; Elvin McCoy, Emporia (Kas.) Teachers college, back; Walter Johnson, Haskell institute, back.

Bible, with Coach Percy Looey of the Olympic club, are to coach the west team in the game.

THREE LETTER MEN ON AUBURN SQUAD

Auburn, Neb., Dec. 10.—Three letter men are members of Coach Ralph B. Higgins' Auburn High school basketball squad. They are Captain Lanning Andrews, guard; Herman Jurgenmeier, center; and Edward Abington, forward. A squad of 46 is in suit, and other promising prospects include Wheeler, Umland, Bohl, Perdue, Ruddy, Maag, Ely, Bradner, Sailors, Brown, Chambers and Jenkins. Schedule:

Jan 5—Nebraska City at Auburn, 12—Tecumseh at Auburn, 12—Humboldt at Auburn, 15—Plattsmouth at Plattsmouth, 19—Falls City at Auburn, 22—Pawnee City at Pawnee City, 26—Tecumseh at Tecumseh, 29—Peru Prep at Auburn.

Feb. 5—Syracuse at Auburn, 12—Pawnee City at Auburn, 16—Peru Prep at Peru, 19—Falls City at Falls City, 23—Nebraska City at Nebraska City, 26—Humboldt at Humboldt.

BUTLER MADE AN ADMIRAL

Omaha—General Smedley D. Butler, retired marine corps commander, who has been crusading from the lecture platform for stronger military forces, is now an admiral.

General Butler Saturday was made an admiral in the Nebraska navy. The commission was signed by Lieutenant Governor Metcalfe of Omaha, acting in the absence of Governor Bryan who was in Denver at the Nebraska-Colorado Aggies football game.

There are upwards of 1,000 admirals enlisted in the Nebraska state navy but no common seaman and no ships to command. The commission for General Butler was forwarded to Florida, where the former marine chief is resting.

GANDHI ARRIVES AT GENEVA

Geneva—Mahatma Gandhi arrived from Paris Sunday to be the guest of Romain Rolland, his biographer, until Friday at Villeneuve on Lake Geneva. On the train journey crowds assembled around the windows of his compartment at every station, and some succeeded in shaking hands with him. He was anxious to deny a published report that he had said the Indian people would resort to violence if they lost patience with Great Britain. "I would give my life to prevent violence," he said, "suppose they would have no alternative but civil disobedience, which is the antithesis of violence."

SURVEY RIVER AT DECATUR

Decatur, Dec. 10.—Eighteen government engineers are completing a preliminary survey prior to making the Missouri river navigable at Decatur. The engineers have been at work here two weeks.

The present plans are to begin the actual work on the bank on either side at this point early in the spring and seven or eight miles will be made navigable here before work ceases. Once the banks are made permanent a bridge at this point or between Onawa, Ia., and Decatur will follow, as all preliminary negotiations for the span have been completed.

Fourteen are Convicted in Conspiracy Case

Eleven Others are Freed of Charges Involving Big Liquor Ring in the Midwest

Peoria—A federal court jury late Friday convicted fourteen of the twenty-five defendants charged with operation of a huge liquor syndicate thru Illinois, Iowa, and other middle west states. The other eleven defendants included Ted Newberry, Cannon gangster from Chicago, and Illinois Highway Patrolman Kampster.

The jury, after deliberating for twenty-nine hours over the 500,000 words of evidence introduced during the three weeks' trial, divided the convictions into three groups. Nine defendants including Mike Blumberg, rum dealer from Clinton, Ia., were found guilty of conspiracy; three of manufacturing liquor; and two on all five counts of the indictment against them.

Counsel for those convicted immediately made motions for new trials. Judge Fitzhenry announced he would rule on them Saturday morning. Meanwhile, the fourteen found guilty were allowed their freedom on their original bonds. The jury's verdict for the defendants follows:

Guilty on all five counts: Nick Coin and Edward Lathrop, both of Davenport, Ia.

Guilty of manufacturing: Harold Reed, East Moline, Ill.; Mike Redovich and Sam Sideras, Moline, Ill.

Guilty of conspiracy: Plumberk, Jack Wall, Davenport; Sam Karas, Silvis, Ill.; Dominic Leonnetti, Des Moines; James Andrews, East Moline; Jack Coin, Rock Island; Isadore Lucchesi, Davenport; James Stathis, Silvis, and Mike Polos, East Moline.

If Judge Fitzhenry denies the new trial motions Saturday, it is possible he may pronounce sentence immediately afterward. Marks Alexander, assistant district attorney, said he was "satisfied with the verdict." The defendants acquitted, in addition to Kempster and Newberry are Emory Keith, Davenport; Ralph Knight, Muscatine; Miss Florence Ozias, the only woman defendant, and Mike Talarico of Davenport; Louis Spridgen, East Moline; Frank L. Smith, Rock Island; James Hlas, Silvis, and Henry Puscas, Rock Island.—State Journal.

FOUR HORSEMAN TEAM BEATEN

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—A team of New Yorkers in the national bridge tournament Saturday night nosed out the "Four Horsemen" to win the national contract team championship, last event on the week's program.

The event is composed of Commander Winfield Liggett, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth B. Banfield, Mrs. Norman Newman and George Unger. They won 46 of 76 matches, one more than the "Four Horsemen"—F. Hal Sims, of Deal, N. J.; Willard S. Karn, Oswald Jacoby and David Burnstine, all of New York.

Four Clevelanders were third by half a point. They were Edward C. Wolfe, Henry P. Jaeger, Omar Mueller and Sam Guggenheim.

The victory of the winning team was considered a triumph for the "official" system which they use. Commander Liggett is chairman of the advisory council of the official system.

HOOVER WELL GUARDED ON VISIT TO CAPITOL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—President Hoover went to the capitol today, but once there he didn't go in. It was a surprise visit which came in the course of an extended tour of inspection of new federal construction projects, many of which he himself sponsored.

The chief executive game no apparent notice to the extra precautions taken to guard him. He has received many demands from the unemployed demonstrators who converged upon Washington today. Not only did metropolitan police and an automobile loaded with secret service men follow him closely, but more than a score of extra policemen surrounded the White house.

ISSUE IS OVERSUBSCRIBED

Washington—The 1300 million dollar security sale announced Monday by the treasury was oversubscribed \$484,065,900. The books were closed Friday. Secretary Mellon announced that the fourth billion dollar offering of government securities has brought subscriptions totalling \$1,784,065,900. The 3 1-2 percent one year treasury notes were sought for a total of \$703,703,400 and the 3 percent, nine months certificates proved the most popular bringing twice the amount asked for a total of \$619,715,500.

More complete details with announcement of the amount finally allotted are to be made later and reports are received from the federal reserve banks.

LABOR FACTIONS SILENT

Chicago—Railway labor steamed into the problem of wage reduction beset by a fog of rumors and kept in its own counsel. General chairmen of the twenty-one rail brotherhoods and unions met behind the carefully guarded doors in a Chicago hotel. Outside the air was thick with rumors—that the men would accept a 10 per cent wage cut, that they would refuse, that they were anxious to compromise. From inside came only the official word that the wage problem was finally being discussed.

It had taken three days to clear the way for this discussion and the labor representatives took every precaution to see that no inkling of it leaked out. Only one man, D. B. Robertson, head of the firemen's brotherhood and chairman of the meeting, was permitted to talk to newspapermen. Robertson said the outcome of the meeting could be nothing more than a policy to guide the various local unions when the roads ask, as they have indicated they would, that the men accept voluntary wage reductions for one year.

The meeting broke up Thursday afternoon and each of the twenty-one brotherhoods and unions held a caucus to elect three members of each group. These representatives then went into conference with the Railway Labor Executives' Association to form program on wage cuts and unemployment relief.

Robertson declared that no announcement would be made until after a report is made to the 1,500 leaders in general session Friday.

WOMAN PASSENGER KILLED

Kewanee, Ill.—A woman passenger was fatally injured and four others were hurt, one critically, when a Braniff Air Lines passenger plane crashed in a farm yard near here while attempting to land in a sleet storm on an emergency landing field. Mrs. Myrtle Messenger of Denver, died less than two hours after the crash. She suffered a broken arm and internal injuries. The other most seriously injured was Miss Elma Duncan of Kansas City, Mo. She was reported near death from internal injuries.

Pilot Jack Ayres, who was not injured, said he attempted to land the plane for the night because the sleet storm was lowering visibility and ice was forming on the wings. The plane was en route from Kansas City to Chicago.

ITALIAN WILL EXPLAIN LONG LIFE OF VILLAGERS

Crovo, Italy, Dec. 6.—Ire and envy are the arch-enemies of long life, says the will of Mrs. Anna Lungho, who died at 100. The document counsels her three sons, all over 70, to avoid these failings and to eat lots of vegetables. Mrs. Lungho's death was the first in this village in several years. Crovo is noted for the longevity of its people and most of the villagers who attended the funeral were near the 90th milestone.

WANT 10-HOUR DAY LIMIT

Omaha—A ten hour day on all state highway contracting jobs was called for by Nebraska chapter, Associated General Contractors of America, in resolutions adopted at their annual meeting here Friday. This was said to be the first time the contractors agreed to any definite limitation on working time.

A committee was ordered appointed by the president to represent paving, bridge and grading contractors to confer with representatives of the department of public works on changes in the state highway specifications which might seem desirable in light of 1931 experience.

Three directors were named: Glen I. Voyles, Omaha, representing bridge contractors; R. C. Yant, Omaha, paving and gravel, and Robert Malone, Lincoln, grading.

Speakers at the afternoon session included Justice Paine of the state supreme court and T. C. These assistant highway engineer in charge of the central section, United States bureau of public roads.

L. E. Ray, Grand Island, was re-elected president and other officers are Glen I. Voyles, Omaha, re-elected first vice president; A. W. Gaines, Omaha, second vice president; R. C. Yant, Omaha, third vice president; George F. Abel, Lincoln, re-elected treasurer; Wilmer G. Johnson, Wahoo, financial committee chairman, and R. O. Green, Lincoln, reappointed executive secretary.

FOUR WILL DIE IN CHAIR

Menard, Ill.—Arrangements were completed for the execution of four men, three of them negroes, who will go to their death in the electric chair early Friday morning.

Henry Pannier, fifty-seven year old farm hand, the only white man in death row, will pay the supreme penalty for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schuline on their farm near Evansville July 24. The other three who will pay the death penalty are: Hazel Johnson, twenty-three, Decatur; Willie Green, thirty-one, East St. Louis, and James Jackson, thirty-one, East St. Louis.

CONVICT ROBBER IN HAMLET BANK HOLDUP

Lincoln, Dec. 4.—Authorities here were advised Friday of the conviction Thursday at Hayes Center of Richard Brumfield, tried for participating in the \$132 robbery of a bank at Hamlet in 1927. The regular standard grade of history paper 40c per ream, not a special sale light weight article, but high quality, marked at a close price, at the Bates Book and Stationery Store.

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