

FLEE JAIL TO DIE BEFORE A POSSE

Alabama Convicts Sentenced to Death for Murder Overcome Guards and Escape.

TWO DEAD, ONE WOUNDED

Birmingham, Ala., March 21.—David D. Overton, the former county clerk, under death sentence for the murder of Judge W. T. Lawler, was shot to death in a Birmingham suburb north of a sheriff's posse sent out to capture him and six other prisoners who had escaped from the county jail early in the day. In the battle between the posse and the prisoners, Tony Malino, another convicted murderer, also was killed, and J. L. Latham, held for a forgery charge, was seriously wounded. The other convicts escaped.

About fifty shots were exchanged during the fight, which took place in a briar thicket near Birmingham college. The posse, notified by a negro that the prisoners were hiding there, sent six deputies to round them up. Overton and his companions at first attempted to escape and then at a command to halt, began fire. The first shot, the deputies say, came from Overton's rifle.

Overpower Jail Guards.

The posse replied with a volley and several minutes of firing followed before the convicts retreated into the darkness, leaving the three wounded behind.

The battle was scarcely more sensational or dramatic than the jail delivery to which it was the sequence. The seven men, three of them under death sentences for murder, and three others held on murder charges in a concerted revolt, overpowered and disarmed the jail guards, fled into an automobile waiting nearby and were gone before an alarm could be given. Within a few minutes armed posses were sent out in all directions and an all day man hunt through the city and the surrounding country followed.

Officials predicted that by morning the last of the fugitives would be accounted for.

Overton was the central figure in a murder case which has been accounted one of the most sensational in the history of Alabama. He was a candidate for probate judge at an election last summer and was defeated by Lawler.

Victim's Body Found.

A few days later Lawler's body was found weighted down in the Tennessee river and Overton disappeared. Weeks later he was captured in Tennessee and brought to Huntsville. At the trial he testified that Lawler, in a night conference on the river bank regarding alleged election frauds, had attacked him. He killed the judge, he said, in self-defense, but the jury refused to accept the story.

The suicides of two Huntsville men, a lawyer and the county sheriff, were attributed to ramifications of the political feud.

Apparently none of the shots fired by the convicts tonight in their desperate stand against the sheriff's posse took effect. Overton was the only one armed with a rifle, but several of the other convicts were taken from the jail guards.

Union League Club Wants Country to Get Ready for War

New York, March 21.—With a warning that the United States is unprepared for war with any first class power, a committee of the Union League club, headed by Robert Bacon, former ambassador to France, and including in its membership, many men of prominence, presented at a special meeting tonight, a report calling upon the country to get ready for action. Charles E. Hughes presided.

"If we go to war with Germany," said the report, "our only protection will be the ships of the French and British navies, and our own navy, which is undermanned.

In opening the meeting Mr. Hughes said: "I regard these attacks, the method of their conduct, as an onslaught on liberty and on civilization itself. It is time that the American people understood it."

Elihu Root declared Germany is making war upon the United States. "The president," he said, "wants to hear whether the people of the United States want him to go on and act. He has said so many times. Let us answer him and tell him that the American people do not want him to discuss, to plan, or to talk about what is going to be done, but to act."

Theodore Roosevelt, insistently urged action. He charged Germany with murder and asserted that the United States was hiding at present in safety behind an English fleet.

Colonel Roosevelt said: "We want to prepare at once a great army; I should hope for a couple of million men, so that if the war lasts for a year we will be able to be the decisive and controlling element in it."

"But do not wait for that great army. We can send an expeditionary army force abroad now to fight in the trenches or fight the Balkan peninsula, wherever it is desired. We can get that expeditionary force, if we choose to within four or five months into the trenches."

Stories of the War

Berlin and Vienna Agree—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg spent two days in conference with officials at Vienna, discussing questions pertaining to foreign affairs, other political matters, and the military situation. "In all points," said the Overseas News Agency of Berlin, "absolute conformity of views on both sides became apparent."

Germans Capture Vessel—The capture by German sea forces as a prize of the Norwegian steamer *Advan* is reported. The *Advan*, which was carrying 200 tons of foodstuffs to London from Rotterdam, was taken to Zeebrugge.

Given Duty at Berne—Two of the American consuls lately in Germany have been assigned to duty with the consul general in Berne, Switzerland. They are A. W. Donegan, formerly stationed at Magdeburg, and William P. Kent, who is at Leipzig.

WAY IS OPEN FOR RUSS-U. S. TREATY

Milukoff Says No Obstacles in Removing Disabilities Governing Jews.

RECOGNITION GIVEN SOON

Petrograd, March 20.—(Via London, March 21.)—"Nothing now stands in the way of the new commercial treaty between Russia and the United States," said the new foreign minister, Prof. Paul Milukoff, in an exclusive interview that he gave to The Associated Press today. "I think I am right in saying that the United States is eager for the resumption of all commercial relations and for the removal of all the disabilities governing Jews here. There now appears to be no obstacles to such an event."

"The details of such an arrangement, however, cannot at present be stated; they will have to be left to the future."

"This," continued the minister, "will only be one manifestation of the closer relations into which the new Russia hopes to enter with the democratic world. The old government in its monarchial form was in close sympathy with Germany and Prussian ideas. The new regime will find an inspiration in the ideas of the western world."

Recognized by U. S. Soon.

Washington, March 20.—Early recognition by the United States of the new government set up by revolution in Russia was forecast here today in the belief that, with good order now prevailing the plans being made for a permanent constitutional government, call for the moral support of this country. All reports to the State department indicate the army and navy are supporting the provisional government.

Ambassador Francis at Petrograd summarized the situation today in the following cablegram:

"The last week has seen the most astonishing revolution. Two hundred million people who have lived under absolute monarchy for 1,000 years and who are engaged in the greatest war in history, have forced their emperor to abdicate for himself and his son and induce the brother to whom was transferred imperial authority to accept only if the people wish."

Quiet Everywhere.

"No opposition to provisional government which is council of ministers appointed by committee of twelve named by Duma. Absolute quiet here and throughout all Russia. Rodzianko and Milukoff assure me whole army and navy in support. Everything learned from unofficial sources confirms. "Plan of provisional government is to call constituent assembly or convention whose members be elected by whole people and who be empowered to organize good government. Whether republic or constitutional monarchy undecided, but conclusions of assembly will be accepted by the people and enforced by army and navy."

Retiring Germans Carry Off French Young Women

Paris, March 21.—The French war office officially announces that in evacuating Noyon, the Germans carried away by force fifty young girls ranging in age from 15 to 25 years.

German Gunboat Blown Up.

London, March 21.—A German gunboat in the harbor of Tsing Tau, China, has been blown up and sunk, says a Reuter dispatch from Hongkong.

MORALS SQUAD IN THREE RAIDS

Barkeeper Arrested for Sending Drinks to Patrons by Dumb Waiter.

TWO MORE PLACES PULLED

The reconstructed police morals squad, headed by Sergeant Russell, arrested Fred Mason in the basement of the Paxton hotel Tuesday. He was found, according to Sergeant Russell, in a little room stocked with liquor. From the room, the officer said, a dumb waiter runs to the third floor of the hotel. The sergeant says Officer Cunningham of the squad saw the dumb waiter in action. He followed it to the basement, where he found Mason.

Mason was charged with running a disorderly house.

"We intend to keep a close watch on all the bars in hotels," Captain Dempsey said, following the arrest of Mason.

Says Lid Will Stay On.

"The lid is on and it's going to stay on. If hotel keepers violate the law by selling drinks to their patrons from their bars, we're going to raid the places as fast as we can get the evidence."

Given orders to clamp the lid down and see that it remains so, Sergeant Russell and his men, in two automobiles, scoured the city for violators of the lid tilting law.

Isaac Grossman's saloon, 524 North Sixteenth street, was raided shortly after the "regular closing hours" and C. A. Lager, booked as running a disorderly house and two inmates were arrested.

The California hotel, Sixteenth and California streets, was raided for the fourth time in three weeks and the proprietor, Sam Houston and four inmates taken to jail. Houston was charged with running a disorderly house.

The proprietor was refused bail. "It's no use leaving him go," said Captain Dempsey after several persons had called at the station to secure Houston's release.

"We'll just hold him and see what the judge will do to him. That's the fourth time in three weeks we've arrested him."

Women Arrested on Street.

Four women were taken off the streets. All were released on bonds. In regard to certain organizations posing as private clubs, one of which was raided Saturday night, Captain Dempsey said that even if the judge does release the inmates and proprietors, his men would continue to raid the places.

"We know that they are violating the law. If the judge releases them on one charge, we will book them under another one."

Houston was fined \$25 and costs. The four inmates were released.

The Paxton hotel case was postponed for hearing until Friday. "Big" Wilson, bartender at 211 South Thirteenth street, was fined \$12.50 and costs for catering the thirsty after 8 p. m. on the night of March 17.

German Prices Lower.

Berlin, March 19.—(By Wireless to Seattle, March 21.)—Somewhat lower prices for certain cereals and generally decreased prices for meats have been fixed by the German Federal council in a new list just issued, the Overseas News agency announced today. The price of wheat, the announcement states, is increased to 119 marks per ton, as compared with 120 formerly. The average price of potatoes is increased from 4 marks 10 centimes per centner (110 pounds) to 5 marks per centner.

N. Romanoff will Quit Former Realm

Petrograd, March 21.—(Via London.)—The former Dowager Empress Marie Fedosovna, who was at Kiev, went to meet her son, former Emperor Nicholas, as he was returning after his abdication. She had long resented the influence over Nicholas wielded by the Empress Alexandra, Gregory Rasputin, the mystic monk and Mademoiselle Virubava, lady-in-waiting to the empress and Alexandra's best friend, who had introduced Rasputin to the empress. Her meeting with Nicholas was said to have been very affecting. It is reported that she intends to go to Denmark, her native country.

Culls From the Wire

Military authorities at Corpus Christi, Tex., received orders to suspend work of dismantling buildings at Camp Seelye, which was begun several days ago preparatory to a home movement of Texas Guardsmen.

Charles A. Sulzer, Democrat, and brother of former Governor William Sulzer of New York, was elected delegate to congress from Alaska last November, by a majority of almost seven hundred in a caucus of independent republicans, elected, but an appeal was taken to the federal court. Wickorham served four terms as delegate from Alaska.

Elihu Root will preside at a patriotic mass meeting at Madison Square Garden Thursday night, for which elaborate preparations have been made by committees representing all the patriotic organizations in New York. Other speakers will be President John O. Hibben of Princeton university, George Wharton Pepper of Philadelphia, and Charles S. Patridge. Seats on the platform have been reserved for Theodore Roosevelt, Charles E. Hughes and James W. Gerard.

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Are You Weak and Run-down?
Is the Appetite Poor, the Liver Lazy or the Bowels Constipated?

TRY HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

Buying has been at "Fever Heat" during the first days of the Sale—Unchallenged Values will keep it so

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Every Garment Bears the Charm of Spring

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GERMAN RETREAT FULLY EXPLAINED

Military Officer Says It Is Designed to Crumple Planned Offensive of Foe.

JARRING ALLIES LOOSE

Berlin, March 20.—(By Wireless to The Associated Press From a Staff Correspondent, Via Tarkentoh, N. J.)—The German evacuation of Baunne, Roye, Noyon and Peronne is but part of a great strategic undertaking which promises to revolutionize warfare on the entire western front and constitute one of the most decisive moves in the war.

Just as a month ago the Germans evacuated an important sector on the Ancre, but kept the fact secret for a week, while the British bombarded the empty trenches, so today's report shows the most important developments of 1917 on any front.

Covers Somme Front.

The sector including the evacuated cities virtually covers the great Somme battle front. Reports from this section of the front tell of effective work of destruction carried out before the occupied land was given back to the French and the British, so that it will avail them nothing as captured soil, according to views expressed here.

Grand Duke Nicholas Is Yet Commander-in-Chief

London, March 21.—The Russian troops at held headquarters welcomed the revolution with a remarkable demonstration, according to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's quoting a telegram received there from field headquarters. The telegram says that the troops marched in detachments to the public square waving red flags and singing the Russian Marseillaise to the music of their bands. At the request of Grand Duke Nicholas, General Alexieff, chief of staff, read the abdication proclamation of the emperor and exorted the troops to serve loyally the new government.

Ends Offensive Plans.

"The giving up of this portion of our front puts an end to all their finely laid spring offensive plans. Ever since November hundreds of thousands of men have been at work building trenches, ammunition depots, railroads and cable lines to prepare for the biggest spring offensive of the war. Now at once blow all that is gone for nothing. In the face of our withdrawal all this is useless. Four months' work in value has been rendered valueless, while more important still, all the energy plans are likewise of no worth."

Believe Two of Interned German Sailors Escaped

Philadelphia, March 21.—Notwithstanding the Navy department's announcement that all the sailors on the German auxiliary cruisers interned at the Philadelphia navy yard had been accounted for after their dash for liberty last night, the police tonight were working on the theory that at least two had escaped.

Banker and Son Held.

Chicago, March 21.—Robert Reed, the aged banker, who tried to commit suicide by County Civil Service commission, were held by the federal grand jury today on charges growing out of the failure of their bank.

Whisky Craft Trial May End.

Seattle, Wash., March 21.—With the failure of the deputies to place Mayor Gill on the stand the speedy end of the so-called whisky craft trial was foreseen here tonight. It is expected that the case will go to the jury during the present week.

With clanging blow and punch and pound, the "Wreckers" soon bring it down to ground. The building housing the Parisian Cloak Co. is soon to be torn down.

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