

TWO MURDERERS DIE IN CHAIR FOR KILLING FARMER

March and Pennington Pay Penalty for Slaying Pinkerton

BOTH SOB AND TREMBLE

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Feb. 21.—The first double execution under the law substituting the electric chair for the gallows took place at 7:29 o'clock this morning in the death house of the Western Penitentiary, at Rockview, seven miles from here.

George H. March and Roland S. Pennington, of Delaware County, were electrocuted for the murder of S. Lewis Pinkerton more than two years ago.

At dawn Pennington, whimpering, and with a face of ashen gray, was first led to the chair by two deputy wardens.

Then at 7:22, the flash of a white handkerchief in the orange-colored gloom was the signal that sent 1100 volts through his body.

Over and over again he bemoaned the fate that decreed he should suffer greater agony in 14 minutes than had passed in the 14 months he was denied commutation of the death sentence.

"Come, George," said a deputy, brushing away his tears and quickly regaining his composure.

He was strapped into the instrument of death, the signal was flashed to the official executioner, and once more the white handkerchief was waved as the death-dealing current flung the body of the condemned man outward against the straps with a snap like the crack of a whip.

Although four charges were applied to March also, it was apparent that death came when the first heavy voltage passed through his body.

The execution was in a great, bare room containing only the switchboard, the chair and the benches for the witnesses and guards.

Painted on the gray walls and on all the doors and corridors leading to it is the single word "Silence," in red and gilt letters.

The six witnesses, prescribed by law, were white and speechless from the door to the altar where they entered the death chamber.

March, after his weeping subsided, went to the death bench, and looked about the chamber coolly, even bravely.

More than two years have passed since March and Pennington were arrested for the murder of S. Lewis Pinkerton, a tax collector for Delaware County and overseer of the Wilson farm.

They lured him into a barn at dusk on the evening of Saturday, November 7, and beat him to death with a blackjack.

Pinkerton, a young man, popular and ambitious, was overseer of the G. Searns Wilson estate, Brick House Farm, near the town of Pottsville.

The murder was brutal, the circumstances gruesome. The murderers planned their crime in an old springhouse on the Brick House Farm property.

They hoped to better their position by removing Pinkerton, a young Pennington got \$10 from the dead man's pocket as the body lay in the grave they dug for it in Lauterbach's woods.

He spent the money playfully, but he was not to be so easily fooled. March's net was in the pool of the murder was an overcoat the dead man wore.

March, the testimony had worked himself into a jealous rage because he believed the farm overseer was calling too often to see Marie Louise Barber, his common-law wife.

He had young Pennington, it was testified, that he would be made overseer if Pinkerton were "rubbed out," and, once overseer, he would pay Pennington more.

The murder planned, Pennington bought a blackjack and, as the day darkened, crept into the great barn maintained on the Brick House Farm.

He was ready to begin business should he have been surprised in there, but he was not.

Pinkerton, the overseer, walked into the barn. Pennington pretended to be feeding the horses.

He called Pinkerton over to a big box stall, and at that moment March arrived at the barn door.

Both men told in detail how Pinkerton was killed, so the knowledge of what followed is exact.

Pay Death Penalty



ROLAND S. PENNINGTON GEORGE H. MARCH

MINISTERS DISCUSS THE SALOON PROBLEM

Evils of Liquor Traffic Condemned—Different Ways of Dealing With It Suggested

The Rev. Edwin Hay Wessler, pastor of the German Reformed Church, at 15th and Barling streets, in addressing the Reformed Ministerial Association at their weekly meeting, today, in the Reformed church at 14th and Race streets, said that he was not in harmony with the views of the majority of pastors of German Reformed churches in Philadelphia in their attitude on the liquor question.

The subject of Mr. Wessler's paper was "The Pulpit and the Temperance Question."

Dr. Wessler expressed the opinion that the scathing denunciation of the saloonkeeper from the pulpit would have the effect of discouraging any who might have some thought of entering the church, and would make enemies of them instead of helping them in their decision.

He believed in cutting at the root of the evil, and by personal appeal getting men engaged in the saloon trade to abandon the business. He does not believe in the methods of "billy" Sunday in denouncing the saloonkeeper, but would deal with the question in a sane manner by getting those men interested in the church and its work, and to get them voluntarily to give it up.

The Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Broad and Venango streets, and president of the association, in the general discussion of the subject which followed, took exception to the views of Dr. Wessler and denounced the saloon.

The fact that the asylums of the country were filled with the victims of the saloon should be considered as well as the coming generation.

"Sunday is right in his idea of flaying the grogshop," he said. "The only way to get rid of it is to dump the whole business into the sea."

The Rev. S. W. Berlemann said that the temperance question never bothered him at all. He never gave it a thought. "There are no Germans in my congregation and no Germans in the whiskey holes. I would not condemn a man because he drank a glass of beer. If you do, you are very narrow. I admit that the trade in Germany is very bad, but we must look at it and deal with it in a rational way.

Christ dealt with the liquor question in a rational way at the wedding feast. If you are a Christian, you are a sinner to drink a glass of beer. I will agree with the speakers who have preceded me."

Several succeeding speakers took the attitude of unimpeachable opposition to the saloon as conducted, the difference of opinion being as to the best manner to combat the evil and relieve the community of its menace.

WIFE DESERTER MUST STAY IN JAIL, OR GET BONDSMAN

Court Spurns Promise of Man Who Didn't Obey Order

A court order means nothing to John Driscoll, powder-maker, of the Camden County Jail, for 20 months out of the last two years.

Driscoll is a powder-maker, or, at least he was, and he got \$2.30 a day—when he worked. Two years ago he was ordered to pay his wife, Parthena, \$5 weekly toward the support of the four children and herself.

The court order was brought to John. "Means nuffin' in my life," he said, and he started on a stretch of 14 months in the county jail, and was released only when he paid the fine to pay the order. He did not. Back to the cell he went six months ago, and has been there ever since.

In view of John's performance Vice Chancellor Leaning refused today to grant an order for his release unless John went a step farther than a promise, and obtained a bondsman to guarantee payment.

MEDIA WORKMAN KILLED

Struck by Crane Bucket at Fire in Chester

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 21.—Joseph Lockett, 50 years old, of Media, employed by H. Lewis Morris, a contractor of Chester, was killed here today at the plant of the Beacon Light Company.

Spontaneous combustion caused a fire in a pile of hundreds of tons of coal at the plant and Lockett was helping to haul the coal from the fire when he was caught in a slide. A crane bucket struck him, breaking his back. Deputy Coroner White is investigating.

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SALOON MAN'S SLAYER CALLED WEAK-MINDED

Experts Testify That Young Anderson, Tried for Murder, Is Deficient

A plea of insanity formed the basis of the defense today in the trial of John Frank Anderson, son of L. P. Anderson, a wealthy banker of Ardmore, Okla., for the murder of James P. Campbell, in the latter's saloon at 22d and Market streets, on the night of September 24, 1915.

Anderson is said to have entered the saloon on the night Campbell was killed and to have flourished a pistol, causing all those in the saloon at the time to run out of the door or "duck" behind the counters and tables.

The prosecution charges that Anderson tried to "hold up" the saloonkeeper and then shot him. Anderson was put on the stand on Saturday, and said that he had merely taken out the gun to show it to those around him and that the safety device had slipped, with the result that the gun went off, killing Campbell.

The first witness called to the stand today by William H. Johnson, former United States Attorney to McKinley and Roosevelt, and chief counsel for the defense, was Sheriff "Buck" Garrett, former chief of police of Ardmore, Okla., for the murder of James P. Campbell, who told of knowledge of the early life of Anderson, who is now 27 years old. He said Anderson had always preferred to be alone, and a peculiar, and that his mental condition had never seemed right.

Dr. Thomas S. Booth, of Ardmore, Okla., testified that the youth had inherited a disease that had caused him to be blind at one time for a period of five months. He said the boy had an insane uncle.

Dr. H. M. Worsham, 12 Paso, Texas, who is the physician in charge of the State Hospital for the Insane at Austin, testified that Anderson was suffering from adolescent insanity. He said that he had advised Anderson's parents not to let him go to school because his mind was below normal. He believed Anderson killed right or wrong, but was deficient in other respects.

"Was an insane person left right from wrong?" asked Attorney Johnson.

"Yes," replied Doctor Worsham. He said the clear testimony and memory of Anderson was no indication of a clear mind.

Dr. Charles W. Barr, instructor in mental diseases at the University of Pennsylvania, said that in his opinion Anderson was mentally defective, but not insane. He said he thought the youth had had an irresistible impulse such as a normal man would not have.

"INCOME AT SOURCE" CLAUSE IN SUSTAINED

Supreme Court Also Upholds Levying of Extra Sur Taxes on Big Incomes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Further sustaining the income tax law, the Supreme Court today, in constraining the clause relating to incomes from mining companies, upheld the Government's contention that profits taken from mines, even though resulting from the physical value of the mines, are taxable.

John R. Stanton, a stockholder, had sought an injunction against the Baltic Mining Company to prevent paying "at the source" income taxes upon his gross profits.

In another decision today the court declared valid the provision levying extra sur-taxes on larger incomes. The decision was made in the case of John F. Dodge, Detroit automobile manufacturer.

Dodge sued both the Detroit and District of Columbia internal revenue collectors, to enjoin collection of surtaxes on his income. He contended that increasing income taxes on larger incomes was discriminatory and "class legislation." He lost in the lower courts.

INSPECT SUBWAY WORK

Mayor and Twining Also Attend Meeting of P. R. T. Board

Mayor Smith, Director of Transit Twining and Thomas E. Mitten, president of the P. R. T., today inspected the work on the subway loop and the Frankford line.

Following their trip they went to the meeting of the P. R. T. board.

The Mayor said that Director Twining contemplated some re-arranging of the surface lines, but has not worked out any definite plans. He said, however, that the inspection today had nothing to do with the changes contemplated.

KILLED AS WIFE HUNTS HIM

Driver's Body Identified by Fellow Worker of Years Ago

Edward Dunlevy, unconscious from a fall, died while his wife searched for him for two days.

Dunlevy, who was a driver, of 625 Gray's Ferry road, fell from his coal wagon at 29th and Sanson streets Saturday. His head was injured and he died in the University Hospital two hours later, without regaining consciousness.

Acting Detective McDowell, of the 32d street and Woodland avenue station, who worked with him 15 years ago, identified the body yesterday at the Morgue.

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'CARLOAD' OF BREWERS' BOOKS, ONLY A BAGFUL, BEFORE U. S. PROBERS

Secretary of Association From New York Gives Records in Slush Fund Inquiry—May Jail Official

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21.—Hugh Fox, of New York city, secretary of the United States Brewers' Association, bringing a load of records today, appeared before the Federal Grand Jury probing the alleged nationwide partnership between brewers and politicians.

Instead of the carload or two of records which formed for the brewers, only a bagful of records, said Fox, would be called for, Mr. Fox, who arrived from New York in the morning, had all the records to be brought before the jury in a sack.

Commitment to jail of C. H. Riddell, president of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company, for contempt, was one of the possibilities of the late afternoon. This course is subject to the government. It is in the absence of any move for an appeal or other proceedings acting as a stay, the records were not produced when the Grand Jury reconvened.

United States Marshal Joseph Hawley with deputy marshals continued without success efforts to get in touch with J. P. Mulvihill, vice president of the Independent Brewing Company, and state leader of the so-called "liquor ring," for whom they held a subpoena.

The hunt for Mulvihill is complicated because the United States marshals may not leave the jurisdiction of the Western district to solve him. It is generally believed he is keeping outside the district on advice of counsel, and is in the region of Philadelphia or Atlantic City.

BURIAL OF THIRD VICTIM OF DARRY CREEK DROWNING

Solemn Scene Marks Funeral of Little John Carpenter

An air of solemnity hovered about the countryside at Clifton Heights today, when little John Carpenter, the last of three victims who perished in Darry Creek on Thursday, was laid to rest in the churchyard of St. Charles.

A big bank of flowers which encircled the coffin showed how the little fellow was loved by his playmates. These offerings were sent by the children of the Clifton Public School, the clumps of the dead boy, and the families who knew him.

The pallbearers were six boys with whom he played daily. Tears trickled down their cheeks as they entered the main aisle of St. Charles Catholic Church at Kellyville, to the solemn tone of the requiem.

High mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father John Moran. He took for his text the 23d Psalm, telling of God's love of little children.

The tragic death of the boy, whose acceptance of a dare caused the sacrifice of three lives, aroused the sympathy of the entire community, as was shown by the coming of all walks of life who thronged the church.

There were few dry eyes in the church when the sob of the dead boy's parents was heard by the congregation. The funeral was in the cemetery of the church.

The Carpenter boy went out on the thin ice of Darry Creek last Thursday. When he fell in the stream, his playmate, John Surad, tried to save him. Both boys were struggling when Andrew Surad, father of John Surad, came along. He pulled his own boy from the water and then tried to save young Carpenter. While the elder Surad was struggling with the Carpenter boy, the son tried to save his father, and all three were drowned.

The funeral of the Surads was held on Saturday.



RUDOLPH BRENN

PERFECT FIREMAN RETIRES

Pension for Man Who Never Missed a Roll Call in 21 Years of Service

Philadelphia's "perfect fireman," Rudolph Brenn, who, in 20 years' service in the department, never missed a roll call; never was sick a day; never was hurt, and never was reprimanded, retired last night on a pension. He said good-by to his brother firemen at roll call today, 20 years and 2 days to the minute since he put on a uniform.

Brenn, who is 52 years old and lives at Chatham and Chestnut streets, has been driver of Engine Company, No. 28, for 16 of the years of his service. Long ago, when the total passed 3000, Brenn lost count of the number of alarms he had answered. The firemen of the house gave him a supper last night and presented him with an umbrella. He told them he was going to retire to rustic simplicity for the rest of his life, living at Crofton and spending his time fishing. After shaking hands with his companions, he put his boots and left the station.

Fire at Home of Gardner Cassatt

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Resigns 47-Year Professorship

HANOVER, N. H., Feb. 21.—After a series of 47 years as a member of the Dartmouth College faculty, Dr. John King Lord, professor of Latin and literature, will retire June 30. It has been announced. His resignation, which was offered on account of the ill health of his wife, has been accepted by the trustees. He was vice president of Dartmouth from 1893 to 1909 and acting president 1892-3 and 1894-5.

Log Men Attend Special Service

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 21.—Several hundred Bethlehem members of the P. O. S. of A. attended special services last evening in Trinity Lutheran Church and listened to a sermon by the Rev. L. D. Lazarus. In Fritz Methodist Episcopal Church, nearly 1000 Knights of Pythias were addressed by the Rev. Benjamin Lapsich.

Motorcyclist's Skull Fractured

A fall from a motorcycle fractured the skull of George Biehl, of 755 North 20th street, who is in St. Luke's Hospital today. His machine skidded on the Northeast boulevard near Rising Sun lane, hurling him against the curb.

LIBRARIES ASSAILED AS VICIOUS AND FILTHY

Ministers Open Fight on Books in Drug Stores and City Repositories

Lutheran ministers have declared war against the Public Libraries, of Philadelphia, and the libraries that circulate books in drug stores, because of the "vicious, degrading and immoral literature that they are encouraging."

This was announced today by the Rev. L. W. Robst, pastor of the Church of the Reformation, Ontario and Charles streets, at a meeting of the Lutheran Ministerial Association at 1428 Arch street. Mr. Robst also declared they would enlist every other ministerial association in the city in the fight to eliminate the popular book sellers, which, he says, are corrupting the minds of young boys and girls.

"It has come forcibly to my notice of late that the Public Library and the Book-lovers' Library, which circulate books in drug stores, have been putting out and encouraging a particularly low quality of literature. Their so-called best sellers and popular novels are degrading. They are stupid and immoral. The more immoral they are the better they sell, it seems."

"Not only are the adults reading this filthy literature but also children, whose minds are becoming contaminated. How can a child read such trash and remain innocent? It is a shame, and with the aid of every other ministerial association in this city we are going to start a fight for their extermination. The secretary has been notified to tell the other associations of our stand and I expect that they will all join in the fight. Social workers and every person who has been aware of the coming danger have protested and protested and now we are going to fight."

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