

# LONNIE HIMSELF FORGOT HANGING

### Negro Knew He Was to Be Executed Some Time, but Could Not Remember When

### STATE WILL NOT FREE HIM

By the Associated Press  
Shreveport, La., Feb. 10.—When Sheriff Grant of Ouachita parish, got busy last Friday and overlooked the fact that the hanging of Lonnie Eaton, Negro, was on his day's program, he was not the only absent-minded person in the parish. For Lonnie, himself, "clear forgot" the date, according to the story he tells in the Ouachita parish jail here.

"I may be dead, but I don't feel it," said Lonnie. "But I sure am glad that the sheriff forgot about me. I knew I was supposed to hang sometime, but I clear forgot the date."

Lonnie received the news that the sheriff had forgotten him, in a casual manner. He hopes now to get a life term.

Sheriff Grant issued a statement in Monroe today declaring he overlooked the matter because the Negro had been in jail at Shreveport three years and he was not reminded of the date for the execution.

New Orleans, Feb. 10.—An opinion handed down yesterday by Attorney General Coo declared that Lonnie Eaton, whose execution on February 4 the date set, was forgotten by the sheriff of Ouachita parish, may legally be hanged.

Prior to the rendering of the opinion by the attorney general, many attorneys

of the state had contended that because the state had once placed in jeopardy when the governor fixed the date for execution, and that date had arrived without a reprieve being granted, he could not now be legally hanged, but was legally dead and must be granted his freedom.

That view was not sustained by the attorney general, however, who, after setting out that he could find nothing in the text books, ancient or modern, or in jurisprudence, to furnish the least basis for such argument, stated as follows:

"Under the law in this state authority is conferred upon the governor to have the death sentence executed and it is made the duty of the sheriff to execute the sentence in conformity to the death warrant on the date named by the governor, and the law further provides that the death sentence shall be executed, by hanging the person by the neck until he be dead."

That these specific provisions of the law might be carried out in so important a matter by the failure of an officer to perform his duty is altogether beyond reason. The idea may have originated from an ancient superstition by which it was thought that if the criminal was not thoroughly killed and revived he was thereby rescued by the unknown hand of Providence.

The attorney general then stated that he would be glad for the governor again to fix a date for the execution of the prisoner, who was convicted of the murder of Charles Metzger, a painter, in 1917.

A movement has been started in the state to have the death sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Meanwhile a lion in the Ouachita parish prison, apparently not very much concerned over the settlement of the legal question.

# ROCKEFELLER GETS \$33,000,000 A YEAR

### Income Tax Figures Show He Accumulated \$1,500,000,000 Altogether

### NOW HAS \$900,000,000

Washington, Feb. 10.—"Who is the richest person in the United States and what is his fortune?"

The answer to the first part of this question is, of course, John D. Rockefeller, the answer to the second part, deducible from income tax statistics just published by the Internal Revenue Bureau, is that the fortune in the income of which he was taxed in 1918 was about \$650,000,000.

Re-coming in the capital, the tax on the income of which is exempt, his total wealth in that year was probably between \$800,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000, and at the present time it perhaps is not much short of the latter figure.

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about \$500,000,000, John D. Rockefeller has in the space of one lifetime accumulated about \$1,500,000,000.

Statistics of the Internal Revenue Bureau show that one woman, presumably Mrs. E. H. Harriman, paid taxes

for the year 1918 on an income of from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

As for Mr. Rockefeller the statistics show roughly that he paid income tax for the year 1918 on a net taxable income somewhere between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000, probably about \$22,000,000 after general deductions from his returned income of nearly \$33,000,000.

This, of course, did not include the exemptions of his charitable bequests which undoubtedly amounted to the 15 per cent of his total income exempted by law, nor did it include the income from tax exempt Liberty bonds and other tax exempt bonds, such as state and municipal bonds, which were excluded by law from federal tax.

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