MURDERERS' PLEAS DENIED BY BOARD

Seven Men Refused Commutation of Sentence by Pardons Body

PHILADELPHIAN ON LIST

By Associated Press

Harrisburg, Sept. 21.—Members of the State Board of Pardons, who sat until midnight to complete probably the largest list of cases ever submitted to that tribunal at a single session today announced decisions in addition to the eight first-degree cases in which findings were announced last night.

The application of John Shields, Philadelphia, for commutation of the death sentence, was refused, as were six similar applications last night.

Decisions in other cases were:

Recommended—Angelo Ferra, Armstrong County, conspiracy to commit larceny; Eugene Earig, Allegheny, voluntary manslaughter; Ben Schwartz, Allegheny, larceny and receiving stolen goods; Charles Hemmis, Center, attempted highway robbery; Domitick Angelo, Indiana, manslaughter; Sam Gray, Indiana, attempt to blow up store; Antono Arnone, Jefferson, second degree murder; Fred Burgeon, Jefferson, entering railroad caboose for robbery; J. H. Moody, Mercer, conspiracy; Frank Valentine, Mercer, receiving stolen goods; Stanley Rujinski, Northumberland, second degree murder; Frederick A. Bourque, Philadelphia, larceny of automobile; Harry Louis, Philadelphia, assault with intent to kill; Frank B. Hagerty, Philadelphia, operating automobile without owner's consent; Samuel Kramer, Philadelphia, receiving stolen goods; Charles Moore, Philadelphia, assault and battery; William Painter, Philadelphia, larceny of automobile; George Nestranski, Somerset, assault and battery.

Refused: Mckinley Heeler, Allegheny, entering building to commit felony; Tony Toranto, Cambria, second-degree murder; George A. Bruce, Chester, larceny; Lewis H. Faust, Dauphin, felonious entry; Harry J. Taylor, Dauphin, felonious entry; Nicola Battista, Delaware, second-degree murder; Frank Knitter, Erie, robbery; Alf Lewis, Jefferson, breaking and entering; Stefuro Catero, Lebanon, voluntary manslaughter; Charles Hoyer, Luzerne, breaking and entering; Alfredo Arzent, Philadelphia, sodomy; Arthur Barrington, Philadelphia, assault with intent to kill; Frank Dixon, Philadelphia, second-degree murder; Charles Kinlock, Philadelphia, second-degree murder; Max Weinberg, Philadelphia, selling liquor without license; William Godfrey, Wyoming, manufacturing liquor without license; William Tomalis, Wyoming, manufacturing liquor without license; Henry Snider, York, murder, commuted.

Continued—Just Paolis, Allegheny, second-degree murder; John R. Edwards, Cambria, murder, commuted; Frank A. Merlo, Fayette, second-degree murder; Andrew Joan and Joe Curry, Fayette, receiving stolen goods; Renato Mayer, Lackawanna, robbery; David Wilenski, Lehigh, breaking and entering; William A. Mercer, Luzerne, entering and breaking; Velka Ankarich, Mercer, murder, commuted; Dominico Russo, Northampton, second-degree murder; Vito Verano, Northumberland, second-degree murder; Thomas Burns, Philadelphia, second-degree murder; James Cass, Philadelphia, rape; Joseph Pickler, Philadelphia, bribery of public official; Antonio Frair, Schuylkill, second-degree murder.

Held under advisement—Eva Dymiński, Allegheny, felonious assault; W. A. Hoffman, Beaver, furnishing intoxicating liquors contrary to law; Eugene DeElect and John Collings, Philadelphia, robbery; Michael Pomiglia, Philadelphia, assault and battery; Lewis E. Smith, Philadelphia, assault and battery.

Hearings allowed—William Evans, Chester, second degree murder; Arthur J. Dougherty, Bucks, robbery; Adolph Witting, Philadelphia, sodomy; Allen Shermeyer, York, sodomy; Robert H. Johnson, Dauphin, rape.

Rehearings refused—Jacob Cohen, Philadelphia, larceny and conspiracy; Charles Mulligan, Philadelphia, burglary.

REBUILD GREAT WAR ZONE

40,000 Germans to Assist in Reconstruction in France

Berlin, Sept. 21.—(By A. P.)—The Berlin newspapers announced today that a contract was concluded in Paris September 14 between the Chambre Syndicale des Consructures Enciment Arme, comprising eighty-eight building firms, and the Berlin firm of Lehrer von Siemens Vereinigte Baustoffindustrie, on the lines of the Stinnes-Lubersac agreement, for the purpose of reconstruction work in the devastated areas of France.

It is expected 150,000 workers, of whom 40,000 will be Germans, will be employed on the work. The contract, it is stated, already involves 250,000,000 francs.

REVIVE LAW 128 YEARS OLD

Men Who Hauled Material on Sunday Arrested and Fined

Washington, Pa., Sept. 21.—(By A. P.)—A law enacted in Pennsylvania 128 years ago put $54 in the county coffer today. Thirteen men hauled materials over a State highway last Sunday, and members of the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian congregation had them arrested.

A plea that the materials were moved to avoid demurrage charges failed to prevent conviction in justice court.

YACHT DEFIES DRY RAID

Captain of British Liquor Suspect Holds Off Officials

New York, Sept. 21.—Customs officials putting out in a skiff from the cruiser Hahn, of the dry navy, to board the yacht Onward off the coast of New Jersey yesterday on suspicion that cases piled to her guard rail contained liquor from Bahamas, met with defiance from her captain, who stood at the rail, his hand at his hip pocket and pointed to the British flag the ship was flying. The officials returned to the Hahn, and the Onward went unmolested.

Captain Sheard, of the Onward, declared that the yacht was beyond the twelve mile limit and could not be boarded.

The Onward formerly was owned by Henry Ford.

DISASTER CLOUDS JEWISH NEW YEAR

Appeal for Sufferers Abroad Marks Start of Annual Rosh Hashana

At sundown tomorrow Philadelphia Jews will begin the celebration of Rosh Hashana, New Year's Day of the Jewish calendar. Services will be held in all local synagogues.

A New Year appeal in behalf of suffering Jews of Europe has been issued by the American Jewish Relief Committee for Sufferers from the War, who urge American Jews to come to the aid of their afflicted brethren in the war-ridden areas.

"More than 300,000 orphans in the Ukraine are threatened by death and moral decadence," the statement says, "unless American Jews come to their assistance. Together with the American Relief Commission, we are now feeding one-half of this number of children. The remaining half are equally our wards and our duty will not be done until we have saved them all."

Louis Marshall, chairman of the Relief Committee, says:

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