

LYNCHED ALIEN WANTED HIS BODY WRAPPED IN FLAG

Mand Who Led Mob Testifies at the Inquest in Illinois

Collinsville, Ill., April 11.—The inquiry into the hanging of Robert P. Prager by a mob here last Friday morning probably will be concluded to-night by Coroner Roy A. Low. Developments at the inquest thus far, which have been secret, are said to indicate that at least one participant in the hanging has confessed.

Joseph Riegel, 28 years old, a Collinsville miner and honorably-discharged United States soldier, is said to have told the coroner's jury yesterday he was the leader of the mob, that he and another man dragged Prager from the basement of the city hall and that although he did not pull the rope that hanged the man, he looked on. He asserted the diving splash of Prager was that he buried in the American flag. This was complied with when Prager was buried at St. Louis while Riegel was testifying before the coroner's jury.

Prager was hoisted into the air by boys from twelve to sixteen years old, Riegel is said to have testified. He is declared to have said that Prager denied that he was a spy or that he had hoarded powder with the purpose of blowing up the Maryville mine. Riegel, it is said, paid a tribute to the mob by declaring that the latter never shed a tear when he kissed the flag, and that he did not beg for mercy.

Riegel made a confession early yesterday to a St. Louis newspaper man, and persons present at the inquest asserted last night that Riegel had reiterated before the jury every detail mentioned in his statement to the reporter.

Riegel joined the crowd According to Riegel's alleged statement to the newspaper man, he was in a Collinsville saloon, at 10.15 o'clock Thursday night, when a policeman came in and ordered the place closed, explaining that a crowd had collected around the saloon and a disturbance was feared. Leaving the saloon, he found the crowd.

"The Mayor came out and made a speech and tried to get us to go away," the confession said. "He declared the man was gone. I asked whether he would allow a United States Army man to go in and see, and I showed him my army discharge papers."

"He told me to come on in, which I did, and the crowd followed. If we had found the man in the cell we would not have bothered him, but it made us angry to feel that the police had sneaked him away. We went outside, surrounded the place and decided to look again."

"Another man and I went into the cellar and found Prager hiding in a pile of tiles. He came out and we grabbed him by each arm and led him out."

Forced to Kiss the Flag Riegel said that en route to the scene of the hanging several persons were met in automobiles and Prager was forced to sing and kiss the flag for them. At the tree, members of the mob questioned Prager for twenty minutes regarding his alleged Germanism.

"We asked him if he was a German spy and if he had tried to blow up the Maryville mine and why he did not keep his date at Edwardsville with Mose Johnson. He denied he was a spy and that he had hoarded powder, but made no answer about not keeping his date. If he had kept that date we never would have bothered him."

This date was with a district leader of the mine workers' union relative to Prager's admission to the union.

Riegel's story then proceeds: "Somebody tied the rope around Prager's neck and several boys from twelve to sixteen years old pulled him up. His hands were not tied and he grabbed at the rope. They let him down, and we said: 'Now, are you going to tell whether anybody is mixed up with you?' We told him

Lynched For Disloyalty



ROBERT P. PRAEGER

Robert P. Prager was taken in charge by a mob at Collinsville, Ill., the other day and hanged to a tree outside the town. He was charged with having made disloyal remarks in an address at a meeting of miners in the town. He is now being held in an Illinois prison as an effort to identify the lynchers.

We were going to kill him if he did not tell everything. Refused to Name Partners "He said his parents were living and that he wanted to write to them. He also said he had three partners, but refused to tell their names. "All the time the crowd kept getting more excited and angry. Some one shouted: 'Well, if he won't come in with anything string him up.' A boy produced a handkerchief and his hands were tied. I might have been the man who did the tying. I was drunk, and because I had been in the Army the crowd made me the big man in the affair, and I guess I was sort of puffed up over that."

Just as we were about to string him up Prager said: 'All right, boys. Go ahead and kill me, but wrap me in the flag when you bury me.' "Then they pulled the rope. I merely looked on, but I know a number of persons whose hands were on the rope. "He was the bravest man I ever saw in my life. He never shed a tear except when he kissed the flag, and he did not once beg for mercy."

Belgian Patrols Raid Enemy Camps; Bring Prisoners on Return

Pdelis, Wednesday, April 10.—A Belgian official statement issued to-night reads: "During the nights of April 8-9 and 9-10 our patrols made several raids into enemy advance works, especially near Lombaertzyde, St. Georges, Dixmude and Zevocote. Several prisoners were brought back to our lines. Similar enemy attempts against certain advance posts in the region of Merkem and west of Houtholst were without result. Along the coast the two artilleries have been very active, employing a large number of gas shells."

German Squadron Lands Force in Finnish Lovisa; Transports Near Capital

London, April 11.—A German squadron with several transports is reported to have arrived at Lovisa, midway between Helsinki and Ylbing, Finland, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. The squadron came from the direction of Reval and a small force was said to have landed and occupied Lovisa.

STEELTON NEWS ITEMS

BONUS HELPFUL TO EMPLOYEES

Schwab Declares System Responsible For Good Showing of Plants

The bonus system is responsible for the unusual efforts of all employees of the plants of the Bethlehem Steel Company, including the Steelton plant, to aid the government, Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors, declares. Effects of the bonus system are evident at the local plant, all employees working hard to increase their daily wage through this method. The bonus system which is used in many departments of the local plant has without a doubt stimulated the production of the local plant, in the opinion of officials of the local plant. Mr. Schwab talking at the annual meeting of the directors of the company held at Newark, N. J., recently declared that the company's output "is showing a splendid improvement, as compared with the previous earlier months in the year, owing to the improvement in transportation facilities."

"Steel plants are now running at 80 per cent capacity, compared with only 50 per cent in January," said Mr. Schwab. "Our shipbuilding departments are running at 100 per cent capacity. Practically all our plants are working for the United States Government and the allies."

E. G. Grace, president of the corporation, presided over the meeting, at the opening of which about twenty-five stockholders were present. Mr. Schwab did not address the stockholders. He told reporters that the bonus plan had stimulated production. He said the bonus system was responsible for the unusual efforts of all employees of the plant to aid the government.

Every man in Steelton desirous of taking a course either in First Aid or in Elementary Hygiene and Home Care of the Sick, each course consisting of ten lessons, is urged to register at the Red Cross headquarters at once as classes are now being organized.

FOREIGNER WAS NOT ROBBED Chief of Police Grove declared this morning that Sanchio Sanchez, of Lemoine, who is alleged to have struck on the head and robbed of \$250 in Steelton on Tuesday night, fell down the steps of a West Side hotel and was not attacked. The chief said that Sanchez did not have any money with him.

TO AMPUTATE LEG Fred Morris, colored, 63 Frederick street, Steelton, will have his leg amputated at the Harrisburg Hospital as soon as he recovers from the shock he sustained in an accident at the steel plant, last night. Besides the injuries to his leg, he was injured internally.

CLASS MEETING Class No. 4, of the Grace United Evangelical Sunday school, taught by the Rev. J. K. Hoffman, pastor, will meet this evening at the home of Mrs. Glattacker, 417 Lincoln street. The weekly rehearsal of the church choir will be held Friday evening in the church at 8.15 o'clock.

J. C. DOUGLASS DIES J. Calvin Douglass, aged 68, died yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Bricker, 246 South Second street. Death was caused by apoplexy. Surviving him are his wife and four children.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES Joseph H. Gore, a former resident well known here, died yesterday morning at 10.45 o'clock at Detroit, Mich. He is survived by four daughters, Katherine, Georgia, Gertrude Gore, and Mrs. Mary Shepherd.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR The weekly rehearsal of the St. John's Lutheran choir will be held in the church this evening at 7.45 o'clock.

DEVIL IS KAISER'S GOD, DECLARES TAFT Carbondale, Ill.—In an address William Howard Taft, former President, declared the United States to be fighting "the German people, led by William Hohenzollern," adding that "Germany has mistaken the devil for God."

Mr. Taft was addressing a convention of the Southern Illinois Teachers' Association.

Roosevelt Nephew Would Force All Idlers to Work

SENATOR THEODORE DOUGLASS ROBINSON Senator Theodore Douglas Robinson, member of the New York State Senate and nephew of Colonel Roosevelt, has introduced a bill to require all idlers rich and poor, to go to work. He insists that a man has enough money to maintain himself without work, is not sufficient, and that in these war times, he must do enough to pay his way.

Adam Masters Saves Girl From Drowning

Adam Masters, the fifteen-year-old son of Night Sergeant Valentine Masters, R. H. borough police force, yesterday heroically saved a small girl from drowning in the canal in the vicinity of Booser's creek in South Front street. The child was chasing an umbrella, which had been blown from her hands, and tumbled into the canal. Young Masters, who was passing the place at the time, heard the cries of some of the girl friends and ran to the canal and rescued the girl after she had sunk the second time. The little girl was taken to her home on the West Side and resuscitated after much difficulty.

Meeting of Loan Workers Will Be Held Tomorrow

Frank A. Robbins, Jr., chairman of the Third Liberty Loan drive in Steelton has called a meeting of the borough's loan workers for the evening of 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. At this meeting preliminary plans for the drive will be made. Letters were sent out to businessmen this morning requesting their presence.

CHARLES ROBERTS LEAVES Charles A. H. Roberts, an employee of the local post office for fifteen years, selected by the Post Office Department for foreign postal service, left this afternoon for Washington to take up preliminary training. Mr. Roberts is the second employee to be taken for foreign service from the local office in less than a year.

SCHOOL BUILDING CLOSED Sessions at the Pothergill school building were suspended this morning when a case of diphtheria was discovered in the building. The building will be properly fumigated. Allen Drawbaugh is principal of the building.

THEFT OF 85 CENTS IS COSTLY TO COUNTY Clinton, Ill.—Prosecution of a man alleged to have stolen a piece of lumber valued at 85 cents has cost DeWitt county more than a hundred dollars and the case is undecided. The case is that of Hugo vs. Querfeld. A jury failed to agree and the case has been postponed for second trial. Hughes charges Querfeld with taking the lumber from a line fence to make a grape arbor.

Too Many Adams, Eve Quits Chicago Eden

Chicago.—Eve Unanwlich, gypsy bride, is bewailing the loss to-day of \$3,500 and also complains there were too many Adams in her Garden of Eden. She asks the police to arrest four of the family that lived in her paradise. Also a Mary Adams is wanted.

Eve married George Adams, she said, according to the gypsy custom. All this takes, she said, is a fierce glance and if it goes home that is all there is to the ceremony. George had a wife, Mary, but it did not make much difference, it seems. Eve went to live with George and Mary. Three other Adams came around and everything seemed lovely.

Then Eve caught Mary looking into her bag containing \$3,500. That was at night. In the morning when she awoke all the Adams and Mary and the \$3,500 were gone.

MINNEAPOLIS.—One thousand hidden dollars which James Purdy, postmaster, believes were not originally supposed to be recovered until spring, went into the Treasury of the United States recently. This amount was invested by a workman in the post office. The man approached the Purdy stamp window and by pointing to a stack of stamps indicated he wanted to buy some. "Where's your money?" asked the clerk. The man took out two ponderous shoes and brought forth \$1,000 in bills. Clerks who witnessed the procedure said there was certain conclusive evidence that the money had been stowed away many months. He got the stamps.

U.S. TO GUARD TRADE AT BASE ON THE AZORES

Guns Landing at Funchal in Preparation For Establishment of Station

Washington, April 11.—For the protection of the Atlantic trade routes to southern Europe, the United States, with the consent of Portugal, has established a naval base at Funchal, on the Azores Islands. Guns have been landed to begin fortification of the station, which in addition to being used as a naval base for American submarines, destroyers and other small craft, also will serve as an important home station for American airplanes, a number of which already have been assembled there.

Negotiations in Progress Negotiations now are in progress between the State Department and the Portuguese government to insure full co-operation between American naval forces and the local authorities of Portugal on the islands for the adequate defense of the station. This action will simplify the task of protecting the great trade routes, not only to southern Europe and the Mediterranean, but also returning traffic to South America and Southern Gulf ports in the United States.

Portugal not only was willing to enter the arrangement but was eager to see it perfected that her own lines of communication to her colonial possessions would be covered. The value of the new station as a base for the replenishment of supplies for American submarines, submarine

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chasers and destroyers on the voyage to Europe already has been demonstrated. Facts Known to Germany It is permissible to disclose these facts now because it is known to the government that they are known in Germany. The Azores, a constituent part of Portugal, lie in the Atlantic, about 750 miles east of Gibraltar and 1,400 miles east of New York. Many of the islands are uninhabited and since the German unrestricted submarine warfare began, there have been several reports that one of the islands had been used as a submarine base by the Germans. Numbers of vessels have been sunk by submarines in the vicinity of the Azores.

LABORER BECOMES SHIP OWNER WORTH MILLIONS

Milan, Italy.—Henry E. Pierce, an English ship owner, who started life in humble circumstances as a laborer in the harbor works at Messina and afterwards became one of the leading shipowners in Italy, has just died at his home near Naples, leaving a fortune of \$20,000,000. At the great Messina earthquake nine years ago, all the other members of his family were killed.

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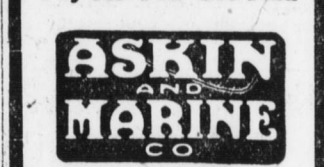
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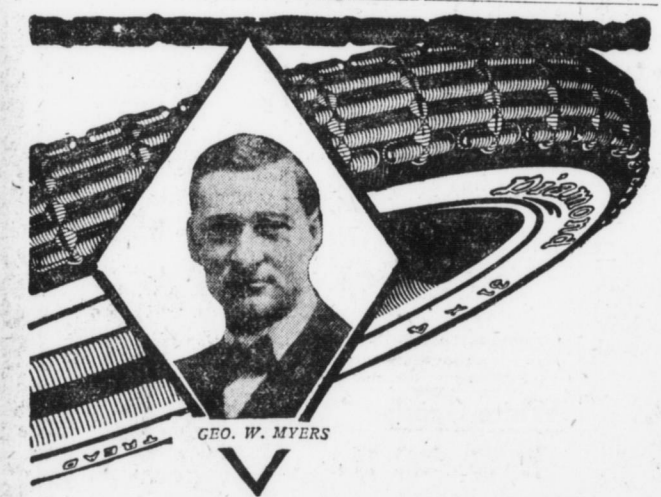
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