

GOV. GIVES NEW LIFE LEASE TO BOY SLYERS

BORGIO May Not Be Executed If Bill Against Chair Is Passed.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 17. — together in Pennsylvania. Henry Ward Mottorn, seventeen years old, and Ernest Haines, eighteen, Jefferson county boy murderers, will not be electrocuted at Rockview Penitentiary next Monday. What is more, leaders in the Statewide movement to have their sentences commuted to life imprisonment believe that, despite the three rejections of their appeals by the Board of Pardons, they will not be executed at all, but that their lives will be spared.

The boys were to have been placed in the death chair on Monday for the murder of Haines' father. Six days ago the Board of Pardons finally refused to interfere.

Governor Brumbaugh today granted them a respite until March 5. On next Monday, the day they were to have died, there will be introduced into the Legislature a bill proposing that the death chair be abolished al-

Should the bill be passed it will undoubtedly be recognized by the Board of Pardons as an expression of the opposition of the entire State, not only to the execution of future murderers, but as well as to murderers now under sentence, and the Board of Pardons, it is believed, will commute the sentences of these two youths of Jefferson County's desolate hills.

Mottorn and Haines were to have been removed from the county prison at Brookville to the death house at Rockview tomorrow, but the Governor failed to act today.

The Governor's reason for granting the respite was the appeal for the two boys to the Supreme Court, where argument as to Haines, who insists he is innocent of his father's murder, will be heard on February 12. Mottorn's case will be heard as soon as alienists can examine him and make a report.

PRIEST ENTERS RANKS AGAINST BILLY SUNDAY

New York, Jan. 18.—A lively fight against Billy Sunday's evangelistic campaign in New York was presaged today by the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic church, one of the most influential in the city. In a message to his flock and to church people generally, Father McMahon bitterly attacked the baseball evangelist's methods.

"There is strong evidence," declared Father McMahon, "that Sunday deliberately makes himself an instrument of capitalists to making working people content and submissive under injustice."

Father McMahon charged that Sunday's converts to Christianity are not real ones. Investigation, he said, proved that in Philadelphia 1,200 of the alleged converts had given wrong names and addresses. Sunday had a gift of "mob hypnotism," he said, which enabled him to pursue successfully his trade.

ALTHOUGH 82 YEARS OF AGE, WILLIAM ROBINSON WORKS AS IRON MOLDER

William Robinson, aged 82 years, believed to be the oldest iron molder in the world, working steadily at his trade, is employed at the plant of the Marshall Foundry company, near Blacklick, this county. He is hale and hearty and has never missed a day's work since he became employed in the Blacklick plant. Mr. Robinson has been an iron molder for more than half a century and has worked in all parts of the country. He is known as "Grandpa" Robinson among his fellow workmen.

CLYMER AUTHORITIES ASK PEOPLE LIVING ALONG TWOLICK CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES TO HUNT FOR BOY'S BODY

Constant efforts to locate the body of Steve Maciha, aged six years, who was drowned while skating at Clymer three weeks ago, have been futile, and the authorities of the town have sent out an appeal to persons living along Twolick creek and its tributaries to be on the lookout for the lad's body.

The boy was drowned December 27, when he broke through the ice while skating on Twolick creek with some companions. The companions were saved.

The dead boy was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Maciha of Clymer.

MOUNT UNION POWDER PLANT AGAIN AFIRE

ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 17.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the finishing plant of the Aetna Explosives company at Mount Union, early tonight, where six men were killed recently in an explosion. The glare of the burning powder was seen for miles. Officials of the company began an investigation, but refused to make any statement. No one was injured as far as is known.

PENN RUN WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Made despondent by ill health, Mrs. Patrick Widdowson, 50, hanged herself in her room at her home in Penn Run Tuesday night.

The body was found by members of the family after Mrs. Widdowson had been in her room for more than an hour.

Mrs. Widdowson, had been in ill health for some time and been moody for weeks past.

REPORTS FOR DUTY WITHOUT REPAIRS

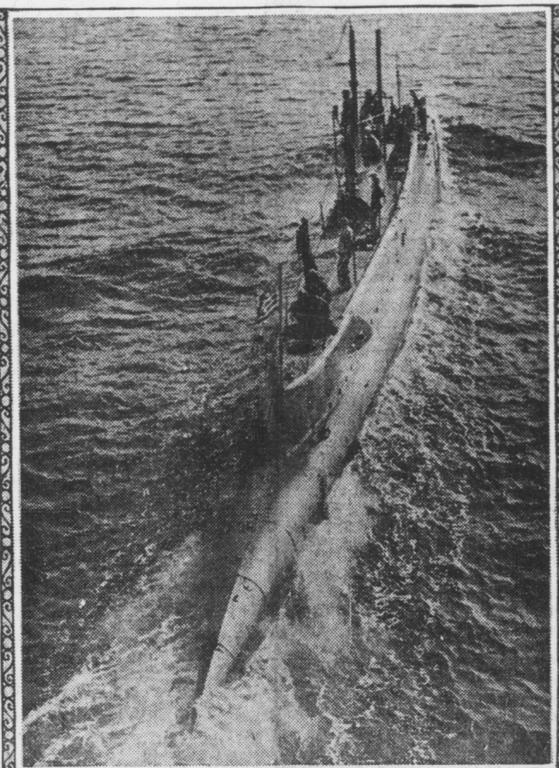


Photo by American Press Association.
United States submarine G-1, after waiting in drydock nineteen months, had to sail without repairs because steel companies were too busy.

WILL BUY U. S. SHELLS IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — The United States government has been forced to go to one of the belligerent countries to secure shells for the navy. The Navy Department today awarded to Hatfield's, Ltd., of London, contracts for 3,000 16-inch shells at \$5.13 each and 4,500 14-inch shells at \$3.56 each, delivery in 16 months.

American firms submitted much larger bids and demanded much larger periods of deliveries.

JEFFERSON COUNTY IS AGAIN IN THE "DRY" COLUMN

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Jan. 18.—Jefferson county went "dry" today, Judge Corbet refusing all applications for liquor license. An unusually large number of applications had been filed. The court's action was not wholly unexpected.

Revenge Believed Motive For Murder Of Creekside Resident Shot In the Back Seven Times

Rosario Spagnolo, a Creekside miner, was found murdered near Lucerne Mines, Wednesday morning. He had been shot in the back seven times. There is no clue to the slayer. A large sum of money and a gold watch found in the man's pockets, eliminated the robbery theory. Outside detectives have been secured and in connection with the Indiana county officers a rigid investigation will be made, and such has been instituted with the belief that an arrest may be made shortly.

Just what Spagnolo was doing in that vicinity has not yet been determined and the dead man's brother has been unable to give any reason. Spagnolo came to Indiana late Tuesday afternoon and consulted with several persons on business matters. Later in the evening in company with a friend he boarded a Homer City street car, and left it at Lucernemines station. From there, as nearly as can be ascertained, he went to Tide, near Homer City and it was while he was returning to Lucernemines he was attacked and killed.

It is not known why he went to Tide, other than the presumption that he had been lured there by a person or persons who were responsible for his death.

One of the bullets cut the aorta in the heart and his body was filled with blood. The bullets were steel-jacketed, 12-gauge and were shot from a Colt automatic revolver. So close was the assassin when he shot that the skin was powder-burned.

That death was instantaneous was evidenced by the fact that there was no struggle. When the bullets were fired it is thought that Spagnolo fell to the ground dead. One of his gloves was partly off but the scarf around his neck was tied neatly and his features were composed.

It was a foul, cruel, deliberate and premeditated murder, according to the officials and the search for the slayer will be an exhaustive one, that the ends of justice may be met promptly.

COAL MEN FIGHT PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

HARRISBURG, Jan. 18.—Soft coal operators in the Clearfield, Cambria, Indiana and Westmoreland districts appeared before the public service commission to protest against the plan of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to increase its rates where coal is loaded into cars from wagons instead of from tipples.

ALLIED WARSHIPS COMB SEAS FOR RAIDERS

Hunt For Commerce Destroyer Is Begun By Powerful Fleet

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A powerful fleet of British and French warships are scouring the Atlantic today for the new terror of the seas—a German raider that is accredited with having sunk or captured more than a score of merchant ships.

Following the official announcement of the admiralty, admitting the loss of a dozen British and French ships, it became known here today that British warships are taking part in the hunt.

The search is being made up and down the South American coast and off the southern part of the United States. As the men-of-war look for their quarry they are sending out wireless warnings to merchant ships.

In addition to the raider, a submarine has been reported in the Atlantic 800 miles off the Virginia coast.

British and French consul representatives have gathered important information from the refugees of lost ships that were landed at Pernambuco from the Japanese ship Hudson Maru.

The sea-fugitives were unable to give the name of the raider, but from their description it was supposed that the ship formerly was the Vineta. She is well armed with guns and torpedo tubes, and carries a large and well-trained crew.

INVESTIGATION OF WALL STREET MOVED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — Representatives Emerson, of Ohio, today introduced a resolution for investigation of the New Stock Exchange by four Representatives, equally divided as to politics, and authorizing them to report legislation "to prevent frauds." A \$50000 appropriation is asked.

EXPLOSION WRECKS MINE POWER HOUSE AT DUBOIS

DUBOIS, Pa., Jan. 17. — A terrific explosion, followed by fire, wrecked the power house of the Buffalo and Susquehanna Coal Company here early today. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The cause has not been determined. A night crew of 300 miners were lifted from the mines before the hoisting machinery and elevators were affected by the fire.

Negotiations were closed here Tuesday by the county commissioners for the purchase of the home of the late Judge Silas Clark, located in the central part of town, for a county memorial hall for the old soldiers, historical interests, etc. The consideration was \$20,000.

BETHLEHEM FILLING ORDER FOR 3000 FRENCH GUNS

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Jan. 17. — A large order recently received by the Bethlehem Steel Company, about which little or nothing was made public at the time, is for 3000 field cannon for France, of 4.71, 5.71, 6.1 and 6.3 calibers. The draftsmen have just about finished their work and the forgers have begun making the gun tubes. Guns of these calibers range in length from twelve to eighteen feet and their diameters are just a bit different from anything made for any other nation, so that the ammunition will not be interchangeable or so that if captured they cannot be turned on the French troops.

For a large proportion of the order the Bethlehem Company will also make the mounts and carriages complete. The price ranges from \$10,000 upward. While the borings of these guns can now be made in several hours as against weeks heretofore, before rapid steel-drilling was discovered, the order is so large that it will keep the foreign ordnance department of the Bethlehem plant, with its other orders, busy at least two years.

ENTENTE ALLIES EXPAND NOTE TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — The Entente Allies, in a note addressed by Arthur Balfour, British Foreign Minister, to Amba-

HESS CONCERNS TO BUILD 30 HOUSES FOR COLLIERY CO.

JOHNSTOWN, Jan. 19. — Another big contract has been awarded to Hess Bros. local contractors, this one for the erection of 30 new dwelling houses for the Vinton Colliery Co. at its new operations at Claghorn, Indiana county.

Work on these houses will be begun within the next few days and the dwellings will be ready for occupancy by the early part of next spring. The houses will be of the latest type.

The Vinton Colliery Co. is sinking three shafts at Claghorn and will have one of the largest operations in Indiana.

It was reported this morning that the Cambria Steel Co. is contemplating the erection of a number of dwelling houses in Johnstown and vicinity next summer.

sador Spring-Rice and delivered to the State Department, amplify their reply to President Wilson's peace note by explaining in detail why they believe it impossible at present to attain peace which will assure them such guarantees as they consider essential. The note also explains why the Allies demand the expulsion of Turkey from Europe, restoration of France, of Italia Irredenta to Italy and the other territorial changes set

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