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Four Escape Execution in Usher Killing

Life Sentences Given for Shooting of Girl in Chicago Holdup.

Homicide Believed Not Deliberate, Judge Says in Decision.

Youths, in Tears, Thank Jurist for Sparing Their Lives.

Chicago, July 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Four youthful slayers of Pearl Eggleston, 17 years old, movie usher, killed when the youths tried to hold up a theater in Berwyn, a suburb, today escaped the electric chair when Judge Frank Comerford in criminal court sentenced them to life imprisonment, following their plea of guilty.

The youths, in tears, evidenced their relief by shaking hands with the judge and thanking him for the decision. They were Stanley Durmaj, 27 years old; Albert Mas, 20; Stanley Thomas, 19, and John Tulacz, 20. They changed pleas of not guilty to guilty after a week spent in a fruitless effort to find 12 men who would agree with the state's demand to send the youths to the electric chair if they were found guilty.

Judge Comerford, in sentencing the four said an alienist sent to examine the quartet had told him that three of them were sub-normal mentally, and also said he believed that the homicide was not a deliberate murder, but that Tulacz had pulled the trigger accidentally, the bullet striking the cashier's cage and ricocheting and striking the girl. Relatives of the four youths were in court, many of them in tears as the sentence was pronounced, but the parents of the slain girl were not present.

9 Outdoor Ad Firms Named in Trust Suit

Specific Acts in Restraint of Trade Alleged by Government.

New York, July 23.—(By Associated Press.)—An injunction suit against the General Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc., and eight other defendants, alleging violation of the anti-trust law and specific acts in restraint of trade, was filed by the federal government here today.

The principal defendant is said to handle \$35,000,000 worth of the \$75,000,000 outdoor advertising business done annually in this country. The other defendants named in the action were: National Outdoor Advertising Bureau, Inc.; Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.; Foster & Kleiser Co.; Foster & Kleiser Investment Co.; Kerwin H. Fulton, George Johnson, George Armsby and George W. Kleiser.

Position Stated.
Mr. Fulton, president of the General Outdoor Advertising Co., said in a statement that the filing of the suit by the department of justice followed "an extended negotiation with the department concerning the possibility of a consent decree in equity."

"In the latter stages of this negotiation," the statement continued, "the department took the position that the company should be restricted as to certain activities necessary in the judgment of the company to the proper servicing of contracts for outdoor advertising made by the company with its advertiser clients."

"This company, realizing that the restrictions proposed by the department would render impracticable the delivery of satisfactory service to users of the medium and would seriously impair, if not destroy, the company's ability to sell the medium in volume sufficient to support the industry, has been unable to meet the terms which the department has sought to impose."

U. S. Cites Merger.
The government alleges that an illegal monopoly was created in the organization of the General Outdoor Advertising Co. 10 years ago by the merger of the firms of Cusack Co. and several companies known as "The Fulton Group." Mr. Fulton is

23 Reliability Planes Reach St. Paul Today

Large Crowd Expected to Greet National Air Tour Fliers.

Eveleth Aviators With Pontoon Craft Will Land in River.

Party to Arrive From Fargo—Traveling Referee Here.

Twenty-three airplanes of various manufacture which have flown together for nearly 6,000 miles in a circle tour of the United States, will arrive at the St. Paul airport Tuesday morning from Fargo. Their mission is to demonstrate the development and safety of commercial aviation.

The planes, flying in the national reliability tour, will leave Fargo at 9 a. m. Tuesday and are expected at St. Paul between 11 and 11:30 a. m.

Referee Flying Ahead.
Ray Collins, traveling referee, and his pilot, Captain R. G. Breene, who are flying ahead of the tour, arrived at Wold-Chamberlain airport at 4 p. m. Monday. While Pilot Breene was having the ship serviced at the 109th Aero Squadron hangar, Mr. Collins went to St. Paul to confer with officials there for the reception of the fliers.

It is expected that a large crowd of aviation enthusiasts will be at the St. Paul air field to greet the visitors. Police had made special plans to keep the field clear enough for the planes to land and to handle the crowd. A dinner and aviation rally at the Saint Paul hotel at 7 p. m. will culminate the day's events. The program at the dinner will be broadcast over radio station KSTP.

Pontoon Plane in Number.
Several dozen persons from the northwest are flying to St. Paul Tuesday to be present for the reliability tour arrival. Included in the number is a delegation from Eveleth, Minn., which will fly to St. Paul in a monoplane equipped with pontoons. The plane will land on the Mississippi river alongside the airport. It will be piloted by "Dusty" Rhodes and will carry Eveleth city officials.

A group of Ovatonna business men will fly to St. Paul for the day, and several other groups are expected by plane. The majority of spectators, however, are expected to come in automobiles and trains.

From St. Paul the tour will go late Tuesday to Wausau, Wis., and then on to Milwaukee.

Polar Aviators Meet Air Tourists at Fargo

Fargo, N. D., July 23.—Parties comprising the entourage of the 23 planes of the national air tour arrived here shortly after noon today and were guests of the Fargo association here tonight. They will leave at 8 a. m., Tuesday for their next stop at St. Paul.

The armada of the air was led into Fargo by L. F. Schoehair, piloting a near duplicate of the Wilkes-Eielson polar ship which was on Hector field to greet the arriving fliers. Eielson and Wilkins spent the day renewing acquaintanceships with the visiting fliers between their several appearances at the Fargo state fair. A check made tonight shows that the plane piloted by John Wood is leading by a substantial margin in the annual reliability contest. A tri-motored plane piloted by Frank Hawks is second and the craft piloted by Randolph Page, the nation's first night air mail pilot, is third.

30,000 Welcome Fliers at Minot.

Minot, N. D., July 23.—The National city air tour comprising 22 airplanes took off for Fargo at 10 a. m. Monday after having been given a reception seldom equaled on the aerial trek of 6,300 miles now nearing its conclusion.
Arriving Sunday afternoon at the new Minot air field, the motorcade of the clouds was greeted by 30,000 persons who formed a dense swarm of sweltering humanity which blocked highways leading to the port and formed a shifting panorama of colors against the yellow and green grain which surrounded the landing field.

Guardsmen to Act as Traffic Police at Cannon Falls

1,200 Members of Minnesota Unit to Direct Drivers to Memorial Exercises.

Approximately 1,200 members of the Minnesota National Guard will act as directors of traffic on highways leading into Cannon Falls Sunday when the Colonel Colvill memorial will be unveiled, at which exercises President Coolidge will be a speaker. This announcement was made Monday by Adjutant General E. A. Walsh.

Control units will be stationed at Northfield, Castle Rock, Farmington, Hampton, Miesville, Zunibrota, Vasa and along county road "A."

General Walsh also asks the co-operation of the automobilists in driving carefully and observing all traffic regulations.

"The roads will be taxed to the utmost and Cannon Falls will be called upon to care for one of the largest gatherings in the history of the state," General Walsh said. "It is urgent that every autoist driving along the highways observe the traffic regulations and thereby minimize the dangers resultant from congestion."

Lanphier Will Join Lindy in Air-Rail Plan

Major Quits Army Post to Aid Lone Eagle in Project.

Detroit, July 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Major Thomas G. Lanphier has tendered his resignation from the army to the secretary of war, it became known here today. It is understood Major Lanphier will become associated with Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, in the newly organized trans-continental air transport line. The resignation, it is understood, becomes effective sometime next month.

Major Lanphier, for years an outstanding figure in army aviation, is a close personal friend of Colonel Lindbergh, and several months ago their names were linked in connection with rumors of a proposed flight to Europe by a northern route. The two conferred here recently but the purpose of the conference was kept a secret.

The resignation of Major Lanphier came only a few days before he was to have been transferred to Langley Field, Va., as an aviation instructor.

Major Lanphier has been credited with having developed the first pursuit group at Selfridge field into one of the finest flier groups in the army service.

Resignation Unreported.

Washington, July 23.—(By Associated Press.)—War department officials said today that the resignation of Major Thomas G. Lanphier, one of the leading aviators of the army, had not been received at the department here. In its absence they refused to comment.

'U' Announces New Strain of Wheat That Resists Rust

Breeding of new strains of wheat which under test give promise of surpassing the yields of the rust resistant Marquillo variety, has been announced by plant specialists of the University of Minnesota, who have collaborated with the United States department of agriculture.

According to the experts, the yield of Marquillo during heavy rust years is 31 bushels to the acre, compared with a 19-bushel yield to the acre of Marquis, the variety generally seeded. The new strain is said to average, under the same conditions, 35 per cent more than Marquillo.

The university specialists are endeavoring to increase for distribution Glabron barley, a new variety, and Anthony oats, highly resistant to stem rust. They are also experimenting with a new wheat that will resist rust, and a number of varieties of corn.

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