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DEATH SENTENCE GIVEN TO BIGHAM

SHIPP FIXES JULY 14 IN REFUSING NEW TRIAL

Court Doubts Authenticity of Letters—Bigham Abuses Witnesses

The State.

Florence, June 9.—Judge S. W. G. Shipp in the sessions court here this afternoon refused to grant Edmund D. Bigham a new trial and sentenced him to be put to death in the electric chair July 14.

Bigham was convicted of murder in connection with the killing of his brother, Smiley Bigham, and is indicted for murder also for the deaths of his mother and sister and the latter's two adopted children. The wholesale murder took place on the Bigham plantation in January, 1921.

Bigham was tried in March of last year. The supreme court dismissed the appeal and Bigham's attorneys sought a new trial on the ground of after discovered evidence which, they declared, tended to show that Smiley and not Edmund Bigham did the killing. It is not thought the case will end here.

Unabashed by the sentence of death, Bigham argued with the court this afternoon before hundreds of spectators for the privilege of saying, "Some things I would like to tell now, as this may be my last chance to speak before these people." The court replied that "depended on how long you will take to tell them." Then as in afterthought, the court added, "You might as well tell it, though."

Abuses State Witness

Immediately the doomed man pounced upon Philip H. Arrowsmith, local attorney, who was an important witness in the conviction of Bigham for the wholesale murder.

"I would have liked to have seen Mr. Arrowsmith here," he said, in opening. "I would like to have him standing right here," indicating the center of the court room. "I would tell the reason Arrowsmith accused me right to his—"

Whatever he intended to have said probably will never be spoken, for the court stopped him summarily with the reminder that he was not up there to make a speech but to state any legal reason he might have why sentence should not be passed upon him.

"I never studied law," said Bigham, beginning on the line which the court had indicated he must follow in his discussion. "I am ready to meet my God and am not guilty. The reason I am convicted is because of the falsehoods which have been piled up against me. I may have to die. In fact, that's what I am up here in this prisoner's dock for now. It's hard to die for something one did not do."

"Jesus Christ had to die so. He prayed for the night to pass from Him. The people who testified against me and stuck out to have me killed did it."

Pleads for Himself

"If I knew the law, maybe I could state some reason why I should have a new trial—one more chance. No one knows it all except God and myself. If there's any way you could give me another trial, just one day more in court, I would appreciate it. The state has four other cases against me. I never had a fair trial. The verdict of that stands against me."

Bigham repeatedly avowed his innocence and as often averred that innocent blood would be shed when he was executed.

"I worked hard and had laid by some means," he said in the earlier part of his statement to the court. "But for my property, no one ever would have accused me. But they know that when the juice is turned on to me, it'll be money in their pockets."

Thereafter he likened himself to St. Paul, to John, the Baptist, and to Christ Himself, all their blood having been shed innocently. "But I'll rise in glory with them."

He challenged the state to confront him, even when he will be buckled into the death chair in the penitentiary in Columbia, with one person who can say truthfully that he ever did him a single wrong or injury.

Letters Do Not Impress

A. L. King, the attorney for the

SATISFACTORY TRIP FOR BISHOP KILGO

Arrives Safely at Home in Charlotte From Hospital in Memphis

Charlotte, N. C., June 9.—Bishop John C. Kilgo of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, who has been ill in Memphis, arrived at his home here tonight under the care of Dr. B. F. Turner and two trained nurses. He stood the trip well, according to Dr. Turner, who said that his patient had had a good day. The bishop himself appeared in fine spirits and joked with those who met him at the station.

Bishop Kilgo was brought home in the private car of Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern railway, of which the bishop is a director.

Members of his family who met him at the train afterwards expressed surprise to find his condition apparently so favorable. In the ambulance on the way to his residence, the bishop, noting the white uniformed ambulance drivers, jocularly remarked: "Well, the Ku Kluxers have got me."

Bishop Kilgo became ill on his way home from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had been attending the general conference of the Southern Methodist church, and was taken off the train at Memphis.

Dr. Turner will hold a conference with the bishop's physicians here tomorrow, it was announced.

76th Birthday Celebration

Mrs. E. C. Lane celebrated her 76th birthday Saturday, June 10, with a dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Whitaker, Nance street. The dinner was served on the long back porch, with forty-seven persons present. The table was artistically decorated with shasta daisies and lilies. Mrs. R. C. Perry made the birthday cake, which looked very pretty with its 76 candles. Mrs. Lane was presented with many nice presents. Many relatives were present, and the guests included her pastor, Dr. C. A. Freed (with Mrs. Freed) and her physician, Dr. R. L. Mayes. They returned to their homes after wishing Mrs. Lane many more birthday anniversaries.

VITAL STATISTICS OF CITY FOR MAY, 1922

Deaths	
White male	3
White females	4
Total whites	7
Black males	2
Black females	4
Total blacks	6
Total deaths	13
Births	
White males	13
White females	5
Total whites	18
Black males	3
Black females	3
Total blacks	6
Total births	24

defense, betrayed far more emotion in conducting the hearing than Bigham ever manifested. Mr. King impressed his audience deeply that he does believe Bigham is an innocent man. But the facts presented by the solicitor, L. M. Gasque, weighed against him. Considering the letters and signatures, which were alleged to have been written by Smiley, for whose murder Edmund is sentenced to die, to Edmund while the latter was in Georgia, the court stated frankly he doubted their authenticity. He practically as good as said they were frauds and forgeries.

Bigham began to show the strain of the trial for his life when the solicitor in the afternoon took the floor to argue against giving him a new trial on the alleged after discovered evidence. First, he turned almost livid white. Later, under the stress of taking the sentence of death, he turned ashen in color. As the judge pronounced the date of execution, his jaw dropped. As the case went on, evidently with diminishing hope for the defense, Bigham seemed to take on a desperate, haunted look.

It was the first betrayal of any feeling in the matter that has escaped him, in word or appearance, since the trial more than a year ago.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS PROSPEROUS PROSPERITY

Prosperity, June 12.—With Miss Willie Mae Wise hostess the Literary Sorosis held a very pleasant meeting Friday afternoon. The lower floor of the home was thrown together and was aslooming with the flowers of early summer. Miss Josie Griffin of Cross Hill, Miss Goode Burton of Newberry and Mrs. J. F. Goggans of Columbia former members of the club, were present.

The study on South Carolina was continued as follows:

Roll call: Name of leading educators of South Carolina, both of the past and of the present.

Paper: Education Prior to 1865, by Mrs. J. S. Wheeler.

Discussion: The Educational System of our State—It's Needs—A Program for Improvements, which was led by Mrs. Wyche.

Current events, Mrs. M. C. Morris.

A salad course with iced tea was served by the hostess and her sister, broad veranda a nook was prettily

An affair that brought much pleasure was the party given Friday evening by the Luther league of Grace church, at the handsome new home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wheeler. On the broad veranda a nook was prettily decorated from which delicious punch was served. In a unique contest Miss Olive Counts and Curtis Pugh scored highest. The grounds presented a gay scene and out door games were enjoyed by those who did not participate in the games that were in progress in the parlors. Refreshing ice cream and cake was served.

Rev. W. T. Derieux of Columbia filled the Baptist pulpit Sunday.

Miss Margaret Bell of Conway arrives this week to visit Mrs. R. C. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Simpson and children are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson and little Misses Mary and Odalite Wallace and Robert Wallace of Newberry were guests Friday of Mrs. J. A. Simpson.

Pierce Barnes of Greenwood was home for the week-end.

Mrs. Arthur Tinsley and children of Spartanburg are expected this week on a visit to Mrs. P. L. Langford.

A. L. Wheeler of Columbia is spending a few days with Mrs. J. S. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scott of Greenville are guests of the former's father, J. B. T. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Epting are spending a while with Mrs. W. T. Gibson. Mr. Epting, has been re-elected superintendent of Reidsville high school.

John Cecil McWaters of Columbia is visiting Mrs. Horace Counts.

F. W. Schumpert, Jr., of Darlington returned home with his grandmother, Mrs. B. B. Schumpert.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Wyche have returned to Spartanburg, after a short visit to Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Wyche.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jones and W. W. Fogle of Columbia were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Kohn.

Misses Agnew and Fuller of Columbia are spending the week-end with Miss Marguerite Wise at the home of her mother, Mrs. Laura Wise.

Mrs. Ray Kohn is visiting in Columbia.

Miss Mary DeWalt Hunter has returned from the Columbia hospital.

Miss Helen Clayton of Central is the guest of Miss Olive Counts.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Harmon, Mrs. L. W. Harmon and Mrs. J. F. Browne are spending the week in Atlanta.

Miss Nannie Simpson has gone to Clemson College where she will spend six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hawkins and W. W. Wheeler motored to Columbia Friday.

Rev. J. A. McKeown has returned from a visit to his mother at Cornwell.

The many friends of Mr. S. J. Kohn will be glad to know that he is able to be out again after having been confined to his room for three weeks with "flu."

Mrs. Z. W. Bedenbaugh is visiting in Newberry.

Mrs. J. B. Pugh has returned home after attending Woman's college commencement at Due West.

GARY SENTENCES TO HARD LABOR

Violation of Prohibition Law Draws Chaingang Terms in Abbeville

Abbeville, June 8.—Judge Frank B. Gary adjourned criminal court here this morning after disposing of the following cases:

Richard McAllister, charged with murder, not guilty; George Massey, murder, not guilty; Robert Childs, assault and battery, guilty sentenced to serve three years at hard labor; True Belcher, statutory criminal assault, guilty, sentenced to one year at hard labor; Jim Tullis, violation of prohibition law, guilty, six months at hard labor; Horace Waters and Clifton Crittensen, housebreaking and larceny, guilty, sentenced to 60 days at hard labor; Lester Butler, violating prohibition law, guilty, five months at hard labor; Georgiana Quarles, violation of prohibition law, guilty, five months at hard labor; Grady DuBose, violation of prohibition law, guilty, six months at hard labor; Roy Barrett, violation of prohibition law, misdemeanor; Love Booth, violation of prohibition law, guilty, six months at hard labor; Dewey Brown, violation of prohibition law, guilty, three months at hard labor.

Death of Mr. Hahn

Mr. E. F. Hahn, who was living with his family over the store of Mr. Jesse L. Burns in Main street, died Sunday noon after a lingering illness of cancer and the body was taken through the country early Monday morning for Graniteville. Mr. Hahn had been a great sufferer from cancer. Last fall he went to Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, and underwent an operation, having then and since been in a serious condition. He leaves a widow and two children.

BASEBALL

West End Defeats Lydia Mills of Clinton in a Fast Game

After winning from the Columbia stars on Friday 12 to 1, West End went to Clinton on Saturday to meet the strong Lydia team. West End won 4 to 0 by hitting Kay Cashon's left hand offerings all over the lot.

Werts was invincible, allowing only one clean hit and one man to reach third.

The fielding of the West End team was faultless and at times brilliant.

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Lydia000 000 000—0 3 3
Batteries—West End: Werts and Oliver; Lydia: Cashon and Mann.
Umpires: Cunningham and Harde-man.

Calvin Crozier Chapter

Will give a bridge and rock tournament in Legion hall, beginning Tuesday, June 20, at 5 o'clock. All who enjoy either of the games are invited to participate. It costs only 25 cents to enter.

Mollohon Defeats Whitmire

Whitmire went down in defeat at the hands of the fast Mollohon team here Saturday by a score of 7 to 4. Boozier, Clemson star pitcher, was master of the situation throughout. He outpitched Lewis and Gilliam, the star pitcher for Whitmire. It was Whitmire's second defeat of the season. The feature of the game was the catching of Swygert who did not allow a man to steal. Howard of Mollohon did some of the classiest playing at short seen this season. He also secured two three base hits out of four times at bat.

Battery for Mollohon: Boozier and Swygert.
Battery for Whitmire: Gilliam, Lewis and Milwood.

Prison Sentences in Abbeville

The State.
Judge Frank B. Gary, presiding in the circuit court of Abbeville, where he lives, sentenced seven persons convicted of violation of the prohibition law to serve terms on the chain gang or in prison at hard labor. The sentences will have a wholesome effect in Abbeville. Men will be more careful about selling intoxicating liquors in that county.

Alexandre Dumas, Toussaint L'Ouverture, Rene' Maran, and many other writers and scholars of France are of negro descent.

CROMPTON TAKEN FROM HOME NEAR BELTON

The State.

Anderson, June 9.—Further activities of what is believed to be the Ku Klux Klan in this county Thursday came to light today when it was reported here that a body of masked and robed men took Ollie Crompton from his home in the eastern part of Anderson county and escorted him to a remote spot near Cooley's bridge near Belton, then administered a severe whipping to him and admonished him to stop dealing in liquor. Crompton is said to have been returned to his home later in the night.

Police and county officers say they have been unable to find any clue to the identity of the men who kidnaped Sullivan and Miss Floyd or beat Crompton.

Anderson, June 9.—While Anderson was still talking today about the kidnaping here last night of Robert W. Sullivan and Miss Ruby Floyd, it became known that Ollie Crompton was taken from his home at Williamston last night and flogged by masked men.

Crompton told police his captors charged him with being a bootlegger and advised him to sell no more liquor. No arrests have been made in either case and Solicitor L. W. Harris said today he had not decided whether or not to seek a grand jury investigation of the kidnaping.

Sullivan, who is a well known cotton mill man, was warned by his kidnapers not to be seen again in the company of Miss Floyd, but he declared he made no promise and they were said to have gone riding together again tonight.

FARMWOMEN PLAN ANNUAL MEETING

Grows From Membership of Two Hundred to Six Thousand in Year

Rock Hill, June 9.—The annual meeting of the State Council of Farm Women will be held at Winthrop college, Rock Hill, June 14 and 15.

The State Council of Farm Women was organized last June with 200 members present, and the following officers elected: Mrs. P. B. Morrah of Greenville, president; Mrs. Paul Brown of Camden, vice president; Mrs. T. L. Tinsley of Seabrook, secretary-treasurer. These women were at Winthrop attending the short course given annually by the home demonstration department of Winthrop college. Thirty-three counties banded themselves together in this state organization that they might not only receive benefit themselves, but that they might make their influence felt and the voice of farm women heard in matters pertaining to the improvement of home, community, county and state life.

The greatest drawback in any effort to develop community organization or otherwise aid the rural woman and girls to help themselves is the lack of leadership. To this end the officers of the women's home demonstration clubs of the county organized themselves into county home demonstration councils. The first of these councils was organized in Calhoun county and the second in Greenwood county. There are now 36 of these organizations with a membership of more than 6,000 farm women. In 1920 there were only 17 of these councils. They served several purposes, among which may be mentioned the following:

To assist county home demonstration agents in planning work and in meeting needs of the county; to promote the economic and social welfare of the county; to encourage specialized industries for purposes of developing specific resources in the county; to develop leadership in each community; to foster friendly relations and cooperation between rural and urban communities.

A good representation of the farm women of the state is expected at the meeting in Rock Hill and an interesting program has been arranged. The opening address at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning will be made by Mrs. P. B. Morrah, president of the State Council of Farm Women. This will be followed by an address by Dr. D. B. Johnson, president of Winthrop college. The morning's session will consist of addresses by Dr. Ruby Green Smith associate leader of home demonstration work of New York; G. W. Humphrey, live stock development officer of the Southern railway; Mrs. Bertha T. Munsell, chairman of the legislative council; W. W. Long, director of extension work, Clemson college; O. B. Martin of the office of extension, department of agriculture, at Washington.

The evening session will be held at 8 o'clock in the college auditorium, at which time messages will be brought from the Federation of Women's Clubs and the South Carolina League of Women Voters and an address will be delivered by C. W. Pugsley, assistant secretary of agriculture.

The second day's program will include addresses by Mrs. Elizabeth Lauredbach, county agent of Hamilton county, Tennessee; Mrs. Francis Y. Kline, state marketing agent; Dr. Ruby Green Smith and Mrs. Julian Salley, third reginal director of the National League of Women Voters.

Goes to Hospital

The State.
Dr. B. E. Kneese, formerly health officer of Newberry county, has gone to the Butterworth General hospital, at Grand Rapids, Mich., for a year's training. He resigned the position of health officer of Newberry county some time ago.

Ice Cream Festival

The Willing Workers of Trinity church will give an ice cream festival at the home of Mrs. John Brehmer Saturday night, June 17, from 6 to 10. Everybody come.

COMMITTEE MAKES DIVIDED REPORT

THREE PROPOSALS AS TO FORD OFFER

One Accepts With Elimination of Gorgas Plant and Another Includes

Hugh W. Roberts in The State.

Washington, June 8.—The house committee on military affairs completed its work on Muscle Shoals this afternoon when the members, having been unable to agree, prepared three reports bearing on the Henry Ford offer.

The three reports, it is understood, will be submitted to the house tomorrow at noon, and immediately thereafter released for publication.

The first of these reports will be that of the "committee," submitted by Acting Chairman McKenzie in authority of a majority of the members. It will recommend the acceptance of the Ford offer with the Gorgas steam plant of the government eliminated. It is entirely unacceptable to Ford.

The second will be the report of the minority members, practically all of them Democratic. It will be submitted by Representative Wright of Georgia, and will bear the signature of Representative Stoll of South Carolina and other Democrats. It will recommend the acceptance of the Ford offer with the Gorgas plant included. It is entirely acceptable to Ford. He is willing to bear the brunt of litigation to be instituted by the Alabama Power company in the event the minority report is adopted.

The third will be submitted by Representative Parker of New Jersey. It will bear at least one other signature. It will recommend that rejection of the Ford offer on the ground that it would be unprofitable for the government to expend \$60,000,000 in completing the dams for the generation of the greatest waterpower in the United States for the operation of the private enterprises of one individual.

It is indicated that the divergence of the views of the members of the committee will bring about an identical situation in the house. The situation for a long time will be chaotic, it is indicated. The result of the fight is doubtful, although Ford's supporters are apparently optimistic.

News of Excelsior

Excelsior, June 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Lominick of Newberry spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Cook and family.

The continued rains have put the farmers behind with their crops. A good deal of corn is yet to be planted and grass to be killed. With all the improvements that may come along the cotton crop will be short this year.

N. A. Nichols and son, J. E. Nichols, spent Sunday and Monday in Greenwood on business.

Little Misses Nellie and Rhea Kibler of St. Phillips section have been visiting Miss Vivian Taylor here.

Prof. J. C. Brooks and family came up from Orangeburg on Thursday and will spend their vacation with her father's family, Mr. E. G. Counts, here.

The Rev. J. D. Kinard and daughter, Miss Mazie, of Johnston have been on a visit to his brother, Mr. H. J. Kinard, and wife.

The Southern Railway company has opened up the underpass way here at the trestle thirty feet by putting in an over head steel span. The road is now in good condition and we hope there will be no further trouble.

H. J. K.

Death of Mrs. Arrowwood

Mrs. Nancy Arrowwood, wife of Mr. A. Arrowwood, died at home, 75 Glenn street, Mollohon mill village, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after a lingering illness and was buried at Rosemont cemetery Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. She was 64 years old and is survived by her husband and several children.

According to a German official document published recently, the number of submarines lost by that government during the war was 199, including boats sunk, interned and captured.