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BENT WITH AGE, STARTS LIFE ANEW

Woman Who Killed Husband Thirteen Years Ago Is Set Free.

(By Associated Press.) Reading, Pa., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Kate Edwards, who has been under sentence of death for nearly thirteen years for killing her husband, today was released from the Berks county jail under a pardon granted by Gov. John K. Tener, and secretly was taken from the city to begin life over again. She was convicted of first degree murder in 1901 and sentenced to be hanged, but four governors declined to fix a day for her execution. After her conviction petitions were circulated in many parts of the country and were signed by thousands of women protesting against the execution.

Mrs. Edwards' case was several times taken to the board of pardon, but commutation of sentence was always refused. Last month, however, the board recommended she be pardoned, provided she would not be a victim of further notoriety. She was released before daylight today. She is nearly 60 years old.

Mrs. Edwards was convicted of the murder along with a negro who was employed with her husband in a quarry. The husband was found dead with his head battered in. A short time after her arrest the woman gave birth to a negro child. She later confessed that the negro was innocent of the crime, and he was granted a new trial and acquitted.

STAGGERS TO DEATH BENEATH CAR WHEELS

INTERURBAN TROLLEY KILLED GREER MAN

WILLIAM J. MASON

Motorman Could Not Stop Car and Man Was Horribly Mangled and Mashed

Greer, Feb. 27.—Attempting to flag an interurban car near Knox station early last night William Mason, a mill employee of Appalache, staggered down the track toward the oncoming car and was crushed to death beneath the wheels. Information regarding the tragedy, was meagre, but it is said Mason had been sitting upon the track talking to a companion when the car appeared in sight, and while his companion stepped to one side he, instead of following this example, began to examine the swiftly moving car.

The motorman blew his whistle repeatedly as the headlight from the motor revealed to him the desperate situation before him. The warnings of the motorman proved to be in vain, though, the car hitting Mason with full force. His left leg was ground to pieces beneath the huge wheels and practically every rib in his body broken.

The mangled form was tenderly placed by the motorman and several other volunteers upon the car and carried to the undertaking establishment of John Wood in Greer. Little could be learned of Mason. He is said to be a resident of Appalache and has a son living in that place.

Coroner Black was notified of the affair and will hold an inquest over the remains here. The coroner said he would stop at Knox station to investigate the killing.

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GAMBLING IN COTTON TO END

BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

PASSAGE A SURETY

Deprives Traders Who Disregard Standards of Value the Use of Commodities.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 27.—The Senate committee on agriculture and forestry today submitted a favorable report on the bill introduced last spring by Senator Smith of South Carolina, to regulate the selling of cotton. The bill, designed to reform the rules and regulations of the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges, would require any person or corporation in the making of an offer for future delivery of cotton, to specify the grade or grades contracted for in each contract, such grades to be in accordance with United States government standardization.

The secretary of agriculture would be required to standardize the grades of "upland" and "gulf" cotton separately, "gulf" cotton not to include anything below the grade of "good ordinary" or above "middling fair."

The bill further would require that in dealing with long staple cotton, the length of the staple shall be designated in all contracts and deliveries would be made according to contracts. Many dealings in violation of this system would be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or imprisonment not more than a year and both.

The bill would also deny the use of the mail, telegraph, telephone, express or other methods of interstate communication for transmission of information regarding any cotton future sales not in accordance with the proposed regulations. Violators of this provision would be punishable by a fine of from \$50 to \$1,000 for each offense.

In the report on the bill, the committee said: "To great losses would be sustained by the producers of cotton if the cotton exchanges were to be limited in their deliveries to the government standards, and the prices of the different grades made to conform to the spinning values of the different grades as determined by the official tests above referred to. In this bill they are limited to the specific grades."

"It is the opinion of the committee that this bill should pass. According to the findings of the department of agriculture, and the tests referred to, the evils complained of would be eliminated. It is the opinion of the committee that the passage of this bill will ultimately force the exchanges to accept the government standardizations and to acknowledge that the fictitious differences as they have heretofore fixed them between the several grades are unwarranted and unreal."

OVER HALF OF REVENUE CONSUMED BY WARS

Past, Present and Future Hiring and Equipment of Men for Murder Expensive

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 27.—Opening debate in the house today on this year's \$190,000,000 army appropriation bill, Representative Hay of Virginia, chairman of the military committee, declared the measure was essentially one for peace and not for war, and that the war department did not contemplate any necessity for a war basis.

Representative Kahn, of California, followed with an attack on the administration's policy.

Army officers who spread war scares and tales of unpreparedness for war when army appropriation bills are under consideration were sharply criticized by Representative McKellar, of Tennessee, who declared that documents were circulated under the frank of the chief of staff of the army, which were calculated to frighten congressmen into increasing appropriations.

"The time has come," he said, "when a law should be passed, if a law is necessary, to prohibit army officers from making these statements of our unpreparedness for war. I believe, in fact, our army is the best paid, best equipped and most efficient in the world. Sixty-five per cent of all our revenues now goes to pay for war, past, present and future. We should not be asked to do more than that."

Representative Stinson of Mississippi made a plea for international disarmament.

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And want to take this opportunity to say yesterday I went going back into the police department and cleaning up the gunmen in New York. I would not go back on the force for all the money in the world. There is nothing that could induce me to live in New York after I am finally freed, for I am confident that I will be.

"I see that District Attorney Whitman is quoted as saying that he plans to have me brought to trial again within the next six weeks. I hope he does. I do not fear the district attorney. I believe him to be a just man. If he is, personally and no else prosecutes the case against me I know the thing will be done right. Whitman is on the level. I can say no more than that."

"Gyp the Blood," Lefty "Lewie," "Whitey Lewis" and "Dago Frank" jointly or vicariously with Becker, for the murder of Rosenthal, will be electrocuted during the week beginning April 12. The date was fixed by the court of appeals today, when the judges signed the four death warrants.

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(By Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 27.—June 27 was chosen, it was announced today, as the date for the fight for the world's heavyweight championship between Jack Johnson and Frank Moran, of Pittsburgh. The Velodrome D' Hiver, which has a seating capacity of 30,000, was chosen as the place for the contest.

RANGERS REPORT IT WAS MURDER

CAPT. SANDERS TELLS OF THE KILLING OF VERGARA.

HE WAS DECOYED

And After Being Induced to Cross River to Get Pay for Horses Was Ruthlessly Killed.

(By Associated Press.) Austin, Texas, Feb. 27.—Ranger Captain J. J. Sanders, reporting to Governor O. B. Colquitt late today, said: "Five federal soldiers under command of General Rodriguez crossed the Rio Grande into the United States. In passing the town of Vergara, which stands on the banks of the river, on the Texas side, one of the men went to the river and called to Vergara, requesting him to come across the river, as the captain wanted to arrange with him about paying for the horses."

"Vergara and his nephew crossed in a skiff to the Mexican side, where two more men struck him three blows on the head with a pistol, dragging him to the bank and carrying him to Hidalgo on the Hidalgo side of the river, which stands on the banks of the river, as the captain wanted to arrange with him about paying for the horses."

"Vergara was born and reared in Webb county, Texas, and I am informed that he had a pass to cross the river, signed by Sheriff Sanchez, of Webb county, and by Garses Galvan."

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