

WITNESSES TELL

OF SCORE SLAIN

Illinois Jury Hears Details of Slaughter. Trial of Five Men.

Marion, Ill., Dec. 14.—The march of several hundred armed men driving before them through the streets of Herrin, six blood stained prisoners and the finding later of 20 bodies was described to the jury by several witnesses today at the trial of five men held in connection with the riots of last June.

Before a tense audience who packed the somber court room to the doors and overflowed into the hallway leading to it and the corridors below, witnesses for the state pointed out three of the dependants as men they had seen with weapons in their hands the morning of the tragedy. Six of the bodies, according to the testimony of J. Marshall Lantz, a Herrin real estate dealer, and T. N. Lantz, his brother, who is a blacksmith and a member of the United Mine Workers of America, were bound together with a single rope about their necks. Fourteen other dead or injured victims were found just outside the Herrin city cemetery on the outskirts of the town, they testified.

Marshall Lantz, the first of the two to take the stand, testified to seeing a crowd of several hundred men passing before his house in Herrin early in the morning of June 22, the day of the killings. He said the crowd was shouting and singing and looked like a mob and that about six others with bloody heads were being driven ahead.

Later, he said, he had gone with his brother through the woods at the edge of the village.

"What did you see in the woods?" he was asked.

"Fourteen men who had been shot down and some armed men." He added that he had then gone toward the city cemetery.

IN BANKRUPTCY

In the District Court of the United States, For the Western District of South Carolina.

In the matter of J. D. Godfrey, Bankrupt.

To the Creditors of J. D. Godfrey, of Laurens, S. C. R. F. D. 2, in the County of Laurens and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of December A. D. 1922, the said J. D. Godfrey was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in the office of the referee, in Greenville, S. C., on the 28th day of December A. D. 1922, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

All claims must be itemized and sworn to on forms prescribed for use in bankruptcy. The referee requests that all claims be properly folded and duly endorsed on back.

E. M. BLYTHE, Referee in Bankruptcy. 23-1t

"What did you find there?" asked Delos Duty, states attorney.

"I found six men in the middle of the road tied together with ropes about their necks. Three of them were still breathing I think."

"Did you see anything else of wounded or dead men?"

"Yes, we drove down the road in an automobile and saw four more dead—one of them was hanging to a tree."

Lantz said he could not identify any of those he had seen with guns except Horbert Walker, who is not one of the defendants in the present case, an indictment against him having been set aside at the request of the prosecution.

I. N. Lantz corroborated his brother's testimony regarding the finding of the bodies. George Harrison, who has a farm at Herrin, near the scene of the slayings, told of seeing a group of about 25 men with a single prisoner near his farm.

"They started south with the prisoner and shot him down when he ran," he said.

Later the witness testified he saw another group of about 12 armed men enter a clump of woods with two prisoners. Then he heard shots, he added.

Mr. Harrison pointed out Bert Grace, one of the defendants as one of the men he had seen with a gun in his hand. He also said he had seen Otis Maynard and Dallas McCree, neither of whom is a defendant. Maynard, he said, had no gun.

McCree, according to the witness, with three other men, whom he was unable to identify, came up to his barn and told him they wanted to go through the lot "to head off some men who had gotten loose."

"What else did he say?" Harrison was asked.

He said: "We shot two of them before we got here."

Another witness, Lawrence Beare, a Herrin truck driver, pointed out from the stand Joe Carnaghi, a defendant, as a member of the mob whom he had seen carrying a pistol.

R. L. Poole, a resident of Herrin, testified he had seen Leva Mann, another defendant, and Percy Hall, a resident of Herrin, who is not among the defendants in the present case, among the armed marchers.

Poole said the crowd of marchers was made up of between 200 and 500 persons and declared the prisoners, "tired, dirty, and clad only in shirt and trousers," were driven ahead of the marchers in the direction of the cemetery.

The witness said he had seen among the spectators who had watched the procession Robert Herron, the chief of police of Herrin. After the marchers had passed, he testified, he had walked several blocks from his house and on his return had heard the distant sound of gun firing.

PLAN PROPOSED

TO HELP GERMANS

Representatives Would appropriate 70,000,000. Appeal By Newton.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Appropriation of \$70,000,000 for relieving famine conditions in Germany and Austria was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Newton (Republican) of Missouri.

The resolution, which declared the people were in despair, provides that the fund be expended for purchase of food supplies in the United States, to be distributed by the American Red Cross with the assistance of Red Cross organizations in Germany and Austria.

Introduced in behalf of 21 members of congress, the resolution recited that "widespread starvation even now prevails among the 70,000,000 people of Austria and Germany," and that unless relief is immediately extended, "hundreds of thousands if not millions will die of hunger and cold during the coming winter."

Bread riots already have occurred in a number of German cities, the resolution continued. "Sixty per cent of the children of the two countries are undernourished, and the death rate from tuberculosis, stomach troubles and other diseases have increased to an alarming extent."

The resolution declared that the allied reparations commission had estimated 2,000,000 tons of grain would be necessary to prevent starvation in Germany, and that with the low value of the mark twice the present circulation of paper money in the nation would be required to pay for it.

In a statement accompanying the resolution Representative Newton said that under the terms of the peace treaty Germany had been required to relinquish milch cows, heifers, goats and sheep essential to her food supply and that in addition the great bulk of her coal was being taken to France and Belgium, with a consequent shut down of factories.

"We are a Christian nation," Mr. Newton said, "and our religion teaches charity, even unto an enemy, and while Germany and Austria were our enemies, they are now our fallen foe, and I am sure that America is not willing to see their helpless women and children die of cold and starvation."

"The people who are now suffering in Germany and Austria are not the people who started the war, and they had no control over its conduct."

Quoting President Wilson as having said that the United States had no quarrel "with the German people," the statement continued:

"Our government continued, during the war, to pledge its sympathy for the people of Germany and to denounce the militarism and ambition of the Hohenzollern monarchy. The morale of the German army broke down; they drove out the kaiser and set up a republic resembling our own. Surely now we should not abandon them in their distress and drive them to Bolshevism. If we force the German people, were of industry, organization, chemistry, military discipline and skill into the resources and manpower of Russia the result to the rest of the world may prove disastrous."

Mr. Newton cited relief measures by the United States in behalf of China, Armenia, Belgium, France, Russia and the Balkan states, declaring the country should not now "permit women and children in Germany and Austria to die of cold and hunger."

The following representatives, all Republicans, sponsored the bill: Newton, Sweet, Stephens, Rhodes, Rodenber, Roach, Fairfield, Hull, Huksriede, Patterson (Missouri), Atkeson, Knutson, Hayes, Britten, Voigt, Sinclair, Beck, Lampert, J. M. Nelson, Thompson, Wurzbach.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the B. Y. P. U. convention will be held with the First Baptist church of Laurens December 31st, beginning at 2 o'clock. All young people are urged to be present. Following is the program:

- Song Service—Choirster in charge.
 - Devotional—Miss Edna Riddle.
 - Greetings—Mr. Carroll Smith.
 - Response—Mr. Harold Wallace.
 - Talk: Old Testament Reveals God's Plan for World-wide Missions. Rev. W. L. Cooper.
 - Jesus Planned World-wide Missions.—Mrs. Chalmers Armstrong.
 - Special music.
 - Jesus Commanded World-wide Missions—Mr. J. B. Hart.
 - Our Part in the World-wide Program.—Mr. Robert Caine.
 - Reports of Vice-Presidents and Junior Leader.
 - Three Minute Report of Northern Sectional Convention.—Miss Agnes Martin.
 - Business.
 - Dismissal.
- Scott George, Pres.
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