Carl Panzram Dies on Gallows With Sneer on His Lips

Slayer Sent to Prison From D. C. Expresses Regret He Was Unable to Kill All Mankind

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ty or freedom so that he might "rid the world of humankind." A Federal jury, acting on a crime committed on government property, gave him the death penalty despite Kansas' laws not providing for capital punishment.

Scorns Death Warrant

Panzram spurned religious solace in his last hours. Instead he read "to be continued" stories in women's magazines. His only regret, he said, was that he could not finish the stories.

"Don't bother me with that stuff. My part of the performance isn't ready yet, but I'll prance up those 13 steps like a blooded stallion. Are you sure the scaffold is strong enough?"

The condemned man was a physical giant of middle age, his exact years undetermined. He weighed 212 pounds, grown fat while awaiting death.

Panzram seldom took his eyes from the magazine during the night except to scowl at a guard or light a cigaret. He smoked continuously.

Feared Burial Alive

His last request, apparently in fear of his being buried alive, was that a complete autopsy be performed on his body.

Prison authorities surrounded the unusual event at Leavenworth with rigid precautions. Machine guns were posted at strategic points. Extra guards were armed with automatic rifles. Officials said a wave of discontent had traveled thru prison ranks after the warden announced "work as usual" would occupy prisoners today despite the hanging.

Panzram's cell was cleared of all furniture to prevent any violence by him.

Asked for Death

Altho the condemned man was malicious he did not begrudge his fate. He had asked for death.

"I deserve my fate," he had said. "I killed because I hate people and would kill everyone if I had a chance. I get pleasure out of seeing them die. I believe every human being should be exterminated. Society should build a monument to Carl Panzram because I have not propagated my line."

Panzram climaxed his boasted life of crime by the murder of Frank Warnke. He seized an iron bar and fell upon the laundry foreman from behind, crushing his skull with repeated blows. He shouted in fiendish glee as the guards closed in upon him.

Claims 27 Murders

Thruout his trial in Federal Court in Topeka, Panzram insisted he wanted to die. He cursed the attorney who sought to have him declared insane, and threatened to kill doctors who tried to examine him.

Panzram claimed to have slain between 21 and 27 persons in all parts of the world. He said he once took eight men out for a boat ride and capsized the boat to watch them struggle as they drowned. His claims were unverified.

Panzram Was Toughest Prisoner in D. C. Jail

Carl Panzram was arrested in Washington on Sept. 4, 1928, on charges of housebreaking and larceny. On Nov 12, 1928, he was sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment and lodged in the District Jail.

Because he was so mean that the local jail authorities couldn't deal

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peaceably with him, Panzram was transferred to Leavenworth on Jan. 30, 1929. Panzram was known as the "toughest hombre" ever confined in the local prison.

Hated Mankind

He seemed to have utter contempt for all mankind. When on trial in the District Supreme Court, Panzram electrified the court room by declaring that he would like to kill every man in the room.

He admitted he was guilty of the charge of housebreaking, and related that he had stayed in the house three hours waiting for the owner of the home to come home so that he might kill him.

He confessed that he had robbed many D. C. homes, including that of the late Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

Threatens Prosecutors

He asked for the names of the judge, the prosecuting attorney and members of the jury, saying that he wanted "to come back some day and fix 'em."

"I hate everybody in the world, and I'd like to kill everybody, including myself," Panzram said as he glared over the court room from his seat on the witness stand.

After he had completed his confession, Panzram turned to the judge and said: "I've done my part, now you do yours."

Got 25 Years

The judge pronounced a sentence of 25 years, and Panzram said:

"I can serve it, and then I'll come back."

The principal prosecuting witness against Panzram was a small boy who had been arrested trying to pawn some of the stolen household goods. He led police to Panzram.

Makes Death Gesture

"Do you know me?" Panzram asked as the boy took the stand.

"I've seen you before," the youth replied.

"Well, take a good look, buddy," said the meanest prisoner. Menacingly, he drew his forefinger across his own throat, then motioned the boy to leave the stand.

3 Missing Persons Sought by Police

Wife Reports Husband Absent Since February, 1929; Father Seeks Missing Boy

Three persons were reported missing from their homes today.

Mrs. Lillie M. Cox, 1424 34th-st nw, asked police to search for her husband, John Herman, who disappeared in February, 1929.

Julian Stutz, 16, of 2443 Q-st nw, has not been seen since Tuesday, his father, William, reported.

Mrs. Carrie Howard asked the Detective Bureau to look for her husband, Frank C., who vanished from his home, 206 Indiana-av nw, Tuesday. He has been under treatment for heart trouble, Mrs. Howard said.

District Veterans' Band Picked by National Group

Special to The News

BALTIMORE — The Washington Overseas Military Band last night was awarded the grand prize and chosen the national band of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the veterans' 31st encampment here.

Choice of the prize-winning unit was based on music, military bearing, appearance and drill. Sixty-seven units competed for the title but the judge's verdict in favor of the District group was unanimous.

Coste to Tour U. S. as Ambassador of French Good Will

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in which Dallas sought to outdo Broadway in acclaiming the Frenchmen's feat.

"Bellonte and I are overwhelmed," said Coste.

Between a shave and a haircut in a downtown barber shop, he remarked:

"We signed a contract with Col. Eastwood to make this flight for $25,000. I have not studied the exact terms of our contract. I do not know when or where the money is to be paid, but we are not worried about that."

London advices from Easterwood said he desired to present personally the fliers' reward either in Paris or New York.

To Tour U. S.

Coste said he and his companion were enthusiastically in accord with the planned tour and that they may set aside 40 days to visit numerous American cities and retrace the triumphant paths of Lindbergh.

Intimation that they might extend their visits by a flight to Mexico was given by Rene Recova, their New York representative, who accompanied them here.

The Frenchmen retired late last night after receiving an ovation from Texans, some of whom traveled long distances thru mesquite and tumble weed to catch a glimpse of the fliers.

Misses a Convoy

After missing an air entourage despatched to state borders to welcome them, Coste wiggled the "Question Mark" in over Love Field almost unnoticed. The plane's propeller had hardly ceased spinning, however, when the joyous crowd broke guide lines and overwhelmed the pair. They were lifted upon strong shoulders, and in the midst of bedlam, smiled their pleasure.

After brief greetings in French thru a microphone, the fliers were borne to an uptown hotel where they were feted with a civic banquet.

Coste Makes Speech

"Altho terribly fatigued from this trip and the flight from Paris, both Bellonte and I are overwhelmed with the enthusiastic reception," said Coste. "The memories of the occasion will be with me always.

"The receptions at New York and Dallas were the biggest thrills of our trip. Your Dallas reception was fully as enthusiastic as that of the New Yorkers.

"Incidentally," the smiling pilot added, "I want to compliment your Texas girls on their beauty. I have never seen their equal."

Rum Car's Smoke Screen Startles Carnival Crowd

A dense cloud of smoke settled over St. Gabriel's Church at Grant Circle last night. The merry-makers ran into the school nearby and dragged out a fire hose.

Then one, more observant than the rest, picked up a megaphone and announced that it was nothing but a smoke screen from a passing bootlegger's auto.

Naval Academy Names New Set of Officers

Regimental, Battalion and Company Commanders in Cadet Corps Named for School Year

Special to The News

ANNAPOLIS—The Naval Academy yesterday announced the following midshipmen officers and petty officer for the academic year beginning Sept. 26:

REGIMENTAL LEADERS—M. W. Hibschman, Washington State; T. D. Tyra, Minn.; G. K. MacKenzie Jr., New York; A. D. Gray, Pennsylvania; R. C. Needham, Utah; P. G. Powell Jr., Kentucky; K. E. Jung, New York, and C. C. Kirkpatrick, Texas.

BATTALION COMMANDERS — E. C. Holtzworth, West Virginia; A. C. Veasey, New Jersey; Robert L. Taylor, Michigan; and D. A. Bauer, Nebraska.

COMPANY COMMANDERS—J. E. Flynn, N. Hall, R. F. Cullinan Jr., all of New York; O. E. Hagberg, West Virginia; W. M. Thomas, California; R. J. Fabian, Montana; C. F. Braught, Pennsylvania; and V. R. Ham, Ohio.

Youth Shot by Companion During Squirrel Hunt

Special to The News

ANNAPOLIS — The first accident of the local hunting season sent Louis Dawson, 16, son of Mrs. Mary Dawson of Carvel Hall Hotel, to Emergency Hospital in a serious condition, the right side of his face badly mutilated by a discharge from a shotgun.

Louis set out yesterday with his cousin, Howard Dawson, 18, of Iglehart, to shoot squirrels. They were at Herald Harbor, on the opposite sides of a tree, when Howard fired wildly, the shot tearing away part of Louis' face.

Petitions Sent Out for 4th Candidate in Illinois Race

Chicagoan Declares That He Will Run Under Liberal Party Banner and as a Wet

By United Press

CHICAGO—The complicated senatorial race in Illinois was further entangled today with announcement that a fourth candidate, Abe Lincoln Wisler, Chicago, a wet, was circulating petitions and probably would enter the contest.

The third candidate, Mrs. Lottie Holman O'Neill, entered the race yesterday as an Independent to oppose Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, Republican, and J. Hamilton Lewis, Democrat. Wisler said he will be the candidate of the Liberal Party, a new organization.

With Wisler added to the list, the candidates will include two men opposed to prohibition, one woman who probably will be backed by the Anti-Saloon League, and Mrs. McCormick, who has announced she will be governed on the prohibition question by a state referendum which is to be held.

Mrs. O'Neill, regularly a Republican, entered the race because she said, the Republican state convention has been controlled by wets and had repudiated the Hoover policy as regards the 18th Amendment.

Promoters to Demonstrate Martin Auto Sunday

Car Will Be Driven Over Rough Fields at Washington Airport

The Martin car will be shown to Washingtonians Sunday at the Washington Airport by the promoters. The car will be driven at a mile a minute over the ditches and mounds of earth.

The three demonstrations Sunday will be at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 5 p. m.



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