MRS. HAHN'S SON MAKES FINAL PLEA TO GOVERNOR

Oscar on Way to Capitol After Seeing Mother

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Bennett, secretary to Judge Underwood, said the petition would be heard this afternoon.

Mrs. Hahn's 12-year-old son, Oscar, meanwhile left for the governor's mansion in the hope of seeing the State's chief executive so he could plead for clemency for his mother. The boy was accompanied by Defense Attorneys Sidney Kahn and Hiram C. Bolsiger.

Boy Visits Mother

Oscar came here yesterday from Cincinnati, where he lives with his grandparents. He spent three hours with his mother in the prison last evening, during which time they cried in each other's arms.

The boy went to the cell again this morning. She was weeping on the prison cot when he arrived. He fell face down on the cot beside her and they sobbed convulsively.

After some time she calmed down and discussed her plight with her attorneys. Then she signed the petition.

First Woman Victim

If Mrs. Hahn dies tonight she will be the first woman ever to be electrocuted in Ohio. A total of 213 men have paid the supreme penalty in this State.

No woman has ever witnessed an execution in Ohio, but Warden Woodard said that Mrs. Hahn's three matrons could be present if they wished. Only one of the three—Mrs. Esther Lyle—expressed a willingness to attend. She said she would be present if it was the wish of the condemned woman.

Attorney Hoodin announced that f Judge Underwood rejects the habeas corpus petition, the action would be carried immeriately before Judge Florence E. Allen of the United States circuit court of appeals in Dayton.

Trail Called Unfair

The petition filed with Judge Underwood contends that Mrs. Hahn is "unjustly and unlawfully imprisoned and under death sentence" in violation of the Fourteenth amendment of the Federal Constitution.

It further contends that her trial in Cincinnati was "only a form" and that despite her requests the defendant was not given adequate notice of the crime with which she was charged.

It alleges she was not given the opportunity to defend herself because she was unaware of the accusations against her.

"Public Passion"

The petition attacked the manner in which the trial was conducted, saying "the trial court permitted great throngs in the corridors and court room so that the defendant was rushed to conviction by an irresistible wave of public passion so that no trial was afforded her."

The petition further charges that during the trial the prosecuting attorney was permitted to accuse Mrs. Hahn of poisoning four other men besides the man for whose death she was indicted. It characterizes this as an "appeal to passion and prejudice by the prosecuting attorney so that no just verdict could be rendered."

Reporter Barred

It contends Mrs. Hahn was tried before a jury that had pre-conceived opinions as to Mrs. Hahn's guilt. It stated that members of the jury read newspaper articles which painted her as a "mass murderess."

Meanwhile, the condemned woman designated Charles Rentrop, jr., a reporter for the Cincinnati Post, as her official witness at the execution tonight, Warden Woodard announced.

The warden said, however, that Rentrop would not be allowed to witness the execution inasmuch as his paper is one of the Scripps-Howard chain. State Welfare Director Margaret Allman has issued orders that no Scripps-Howard reporters may witness the execution because of an article written about a conversation Mrs. Hahn had with Commerce Director A. A. Benesch.

Woodard said he would carry out Mrs. Allman's edict unless she instructed him otherwise.

On the short walk to the electric chair, Mrs. Hahn will be led past the cells of 10 condemned men. They have not seen her thus far as her cell is separated from theirs by a wooden partition, but the warden said the men's cells would not be screened to protect Anna from their gaze.

Last Sacrament

The last sacrament was to be administered to Mrs. Hahn this afternoon. Her son, Oscar, probably will be present.

Later a prison guard will clip the blond hair from the spot on the condemned woman's head where an electrode makes contact.

Despite her small stature, Warden Woodard said it would be unnecessary to alter the electric chair in any way. Her feet, he said, will not quite reach the floor but that will not interfere with operation of the lethal chair.

Thus far Mrs. Hahn has placed no order for the special meal to which all condemned prisoners are entitled before they go to the chair.

In a 500-word statement last night, Governor Davey said that he could find no reason or excuse that could be offered to the mother of any boy who has to go to the chair for murder that would make it seem fair to extend clemency in this case.

Guilt Proven

"I feel sorry for her boy," said Davey, "but I think his own mother has been most unfair to him. She has bequeathed him nothing to be proud of."

To the governor Anna's guilt "seems clearly proven." He cited that she was convicted by the unanimous vote of a Cincinnati jury —there were 11 women jurors —and that all the courts, including the United States Supreme Court, have passed on her case.

'Last Meal' Shunned

COLUMBUS, Dec. 7 (I.N.S.). — Mrs. Anna Marie Hahn had made no request for a last meal up to noon today. She hadn't eaten since yesterday noon. Only a pot of tea has sustained her.

Warden James C. Woodard said if no request is received the last meal offered her will consist of fried chicken, French fried potatoes, peas, fruit salad, rolls and coffee.

The meal will be prepared by the warden's wife.

Girl Scout Aide To Give Lecture

Women leaders of Washington will be addressed today by Miss Oleda Schrottley, dramatic advisor of the Girl Scout national staff, at a luncheon at the Y. W. C. A. Miss Schrottley spoke before a Girl Scout meeting last night at Pierce Hall, Fifteenth and Harvard Sts. N. W.

Engineer to Speak

John J. Crowe, Jersey City engineer, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Washington chapters of the American Society for Metals and the American Welding Society, to be held next Monday night in the new Interior Department Building.

First Ticket to Jamboree



ADVERTISING CLUB JAMBOREE—Miss Lillian K. Wainwright buys first ticket from Alvin Q. Ehrlich, president of the Advertising Club for Jamboree Saturday night, January 21, at Wardman Park Hotel.

Refuses Pardon

'I Feel Sorry for Her Boy'

Must Die Tonight



GOV. MARTIN L. DAVEY — ANNA MARIE HAHN, POISON MURDERESS

"I want to live for Oscar," sobbed the blonde Borgia as she was told the Ohio Governor had refused to grant her a last-minute pardon. A photograph of the 12-year-old son who begged his mother's life be spared is shown in the portrait study of the condemned woman above. — I.N.P.

BORGIA TERRIFIED

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 7 (I.N.S.).—"Oh, my God, what about Oscar?"

Weeping bitterly, Mrs. Anna Hahn screamed in terror today as she flung her arms around 12-year-old Oscar Hahn when the boy visited the doomed poison slayer this morning.

Oscar, amazing everyone with his fortitude while fighting back tears, entered his mother's cell in "death row" in company with Chief Defense Counsel Joseph Hoodin, with whom he spent last night in a hotel.

After mother and son were parted by prison officials, the wife of the warden brought Mrs. Hahn a pot of tea to quiet her nerves. The woman whom Governor Davey has refused to save from the electric chair tonight was on the verge of complete collapse.

CURB ON CUPID IN ALEXANDRIA

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 7. With 1,000 new marriage license blanks ordered, Alexandria prepared today to succeed Elkton, Md., as the Gretna Green of the East—with reservations.

The reservations, spelled with a capital "R" by Clerk of Court Elliott F. Hoffman, are that licenses will not be issued to any apparently inebriated persons or to couples who cannot prove by birth certificates that they are at least 21 years old.

Clerk Hoffman also requires divorced persons to show their final divorce decrees. Another stumbling block to week-end romances is that the clerk's office closes at 4 p. m. daily and at 1 p. m. Saturdays.

With the new Maryland law requiring a 48-hour wait between the license and the ceremony becoming effective at midnight tomorrow, indications are that Alexandria's all-time record of 24 licenses issued in one day will be shattered on Saturday.

Paradoxically, the city refused to live up to its advance publicity yesterday. Not a single license was issued for the first time since the Maryland law was ratified in November.

Three Honored By Medical Club

Honorary memberships were conferred on three prominent Washingtonians last night by the Smith-Reed-Russell Society of the George Washington University School of Medicine at the Army and Navy Club. Those honored are Admiral Edward R Stitt, former surgeon general, and Dr. Ralph W. Barrie and Dr. James W. Watts, professors at the university. Dr. William M. Mann, director of the Washington Zoo, spoke.

Socialite Thwarts French Kidnapers

PARIS, Dec. 7 (I.N.S.).—Roger Paillard, wealthy French socialite, today foiled kidnapers who tried to seize him as he was driving through the Bois de Boulogne. He swerved his car, causing the kidnapers' car to crash. One man was arrested and another escaped.

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BRIGHTER YULE MOVE SPREADS

Three more civic organizations here were on record today as enthusiastically in favor of the contest to be staged by the Patterson Newspapers for the best decorated homes this Christmas.

Resolutions praising the plan were passed last night by the Randle Highlands Citizens Association, on motion of Adelbert W. Lee, president; the Hampshire Heights Citizens Association, on motion of Harold D. Johnson, president, and the North Cleveland Park Association.

John B. Dickman, jr., president of the latter group, moved that its secretary, Mrs. William A. Walsh, be directed to send a copy of its resolution to the Washington Herald and Times.

Indian Origin Hunt Costs $3,000,000

The Federal Government, through the WPA, is spending three million dollars and has about 2,500 men hard at work trying to solve the following five-word question:

"Who were the American Indians?"

In cooperation with universities, museums and scientific bodies in 22 States, the WPA is financing 50 major "who were the American Indians" projects. Daily, 2,500 men, ranging from studious Ph.D.'s to laborers, are digging for relics that will solve this question.

WIFE TO BID BERGDOLL BACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (I.N.S.). Aboard the liner Hamburg bound for Germany, Mrs. Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was confident today she will persuade her husband to return to the United States and serve a prison term imposed upon him as a draft dodger in 1920.

"I am sure he will come back as soon as I am admitted as a permanent resident," said the woman who married the millionaire fugitive in Germany.

Since Bergdoll, sentenced to five years in prison, escaped his guards and fled to Germany, his million-dollar brewing fortune has been tied up. Should he serve his term he may reclaim the money.

Mrs. Bergdoll has been living in Philadelphia nearly four years.

VA. BAR BACKS POWER PLANS

ARLINGTON, Va., Dec. 7.—A petition signed by George P. Grove, president of the Arlington Bar Association; Frank L. Ball, past president; Clarence R. Ahalt, past president; John McCarthy, secretary, and 24 bar members today asks establishment of a county-owned power system as a means of reducing taxes and lowering electric rates.

The County Civic Federation has announced it will supply speakers to furnish "facts" on the proposal to all citizens groups.

The federation last night re-elected Dr. Victor Myers president for the second year, and chose the following new officers and executive committee members: Mrs. Florence Cannon, vice president; Frank P. Tracy, treasurer; I. Chance Buchanan, Albert A. Carretta, Percy A. Crittenden, Mrs. Ruby G. Simpson and A. E. Adams.

Engineers have estimated cost of a complete power and distribution system here at $3,075,000. The civic federation favors the establishment of a distribution system only, estimated to cost $1,475,000.

Student Forum to Meet

Sponsored by La Societe Jeane Labat, a meeting of the Georgetown University French Forum, to be held in Copley Lounge tonight, will be featured by an address on "Personalite et Liberte," by Jacques Maritain, French literary critic and philosopher.

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SIFTON BANS ANY 'WINKING' AT OVERTIME

Employers Warned of Blanket Responsibility

(I.N.S.). Employers affected by the wage-hours law, who forbid their employes to work overtime, and then "wink" at overtime performed in "defiance" of such orders, still must pay the required time-and-a-half for such work, Deputy Wage-Hours Administrator Paul Sifton declared today.

The issue arose in connection with many inquiries received by the wage-hours administration as to methods of keeping the required records of hours worked daily and weekly by employes.

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The gist of Sifton's statement was that his agency was not interested in how the records were kept, as long as information regarding hours worked is obtainable for inspection.

But employes are responsible for reporting the exact number of overtime hours worked, whether with or without their express authority, Sifton emphasized.

NO DODGING ALLOWED

"No provision of the act or of our regulations prohibits an employer from directing that no overtime work be done without express official authority," Sifton said.

"Attention is called, however, to the fact that the act defines 'employ' to include 'to suffer or permit to work' and that if an employe is in fact allowed to work even though 'without express official authority,' the hours so spent are properly 'hours worked' and must be taken into account."

One Cripple Killed, One Injured in Fire

SALISBURY, Md., Dec. 7 (I.N.S.).—Dr. George W. Purnell, a crippled dentist, was burned fatally and Walter Brewington, a cripple, was severely burned last night in a fire which ignited three row houses

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