CURRENCY EXPANSION

A billion-dollar expansion of U. S. currency on a five-year plan, advanced by Carter Glass of Virginia, is approved by the Senate banking committee.

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THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy today. Possibly scattered showers in afternoon. Friday, showers. Fresh southerly winds. Highest temperature, Wednesday, 86; lowest, 72. Year ago, highest, 83; lowest, 70.

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FOUR BANDITS DIE ON GALLOWS HERE AS TWO IN CADDO PAY FOR MURDER

O'Day, Taylor, Rylich and Jacques Executed for Killing of Raymond S. Rizzo After Holdup

HOPE FOR REPRIEVE HELD OUT UNTIL END

Governor O. K. Allen Refuses Last-Minute Appeal as Prison Warden Completes Arrangements

Six bandits died on the gallows in Louisiana Wednesday for murders during hold-ups. Three young white men and a negro were hanged in the Orleans Parish Prison, and two white men died on the gallows at Shreveport.

George O'Day, 23 years old; Herman Taylor, 20; Donald Rylich, 20, and Ito Jacques, 29-year-old negro, were hanged at the Parish Prison here for the killing of Raymond S. Rizzo, 39, grocer, 2226 Iberville street, on November 20, 1930, during a hold-up of the Rochebleve Market branch of the Canal Bank and Trust Company at Iberville and Rochebleve streets.

R. L. Patterson, 46, and Boris Spiett, 30, were hanged at Shreveport for the murder of Charlie Jones, Pine Island merchant, during the robbery of his store in November, 1931.

Four Held Up Well.

The six bandits died on the gallows between noon and 1:30 p. m.

The four men hanged here held up well as they were led from their death cells to the death chamber about 50 feet away. They entertained hope almost until the last that their attorneys would succeed in efforts to have Governor O. K. Allen grant them a reprieve or, failing that, an "eleventh hour" affidavits so they would have an opportunity to escape the bullet which killed Rizzo was not fired by any of them. The chief executive refused a last-minute reprieve while final arrangements for the hanging were completed by Captain George Miller, warden of the prison.

During the last few hours on earth the four men attended religious services and prayed with their spiritual advisers, who accompanied them on the "death march."

Jacques Goes First.

Jacques was the first of the condemned men to be led to the gallows, but his execution was delayed 10 minutes because a key for the door catch had been left in the warden's office. As factory whistles were blowing for the noon hour, the hangman was adjusting the noose and black cap over the head of the condemned negro slayer. The rapid remained silent on the steel trap while a deputy sheriff was dispatched for the key for the lever.

The Rev. George MacNamara of St. Edward's college, university at Austin, Tex., who came to New Orleans at the request of the four condemned, accompanied Jacques to the gallows and while the negro and the priest were being adjusted he recited the Litany of the Dead. Jacques repeated the prayers.

Exactly 8 minutes after the noose had been placed around his neck the hangman sprung the trap and Jacques dropped to his death before a feel below. In a room directly under the gallows were Dr. George F. Keeling, coroner, and his assistant, Dr. George F.Hauser, assistant coroner, and Dr. Louis A. Monte, Isidore Mattes, Dr. Edmond duchon, C. F. Haseltine and Dr. Charles, official witnesses.

Coroner Keeling pronounced the negro dead at 12:22 p. m. At 12:35 p. m. his body was taken from the gallows. Undertaking Company to be prepared for burial.

At 1:30 p. m. until the "last min-

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O'Day, Taylor, Rylich and Jacques Hanged for Killing Rizzo

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Three of Quartet Hanged for Murder of Rizzo



Three of the four men who were hanged Wednesday for the murder of Raymond Rizzo, who was killed November 22, 1930, when the Canal bank was held up. Left to right are Herman Taylor, Donald Rylich and George O'Day. A negro, Ira Jacques, who was convicted as an associate of the three white men in the crime, also was executed Wednesday.

—Photos by The Times-Picayune.

BANDIT ASKS WIFE TO FORGIVE DEEDS, IN FINAL LETTER

'Tell Her I Was Brave,' Pleads Taylor, Awaiting Gallows

By Pauline Schoenberger

A few brief hours before he walked up to the gallows, Herman Taylor, last one of the four bandits executed Wednesday who was not related by his confessions, wrote a letter to his wife.

"Send it to her with my picture," he asked the Rev. W. H. Bowman, who is studying at the Baptist Bible Institute and who attended him during his last moments.

"Tell her I was brave. That I held up for her and the kids. And tell her that I turned to God—"

In the letter Taylor wrote—

"Dearest—Words to say that I am hastily sorry for my sins and that I am doing penance unconditionally not only for having offended God in the heavens but the exact same dreadful evil and babies in the world. Oh, the only girl and babies in the world! To whom I am really and truly grateful for having known, and to whom I owe my life. God be with you and 'babies' till we meet again."

Telegram from Sister

Wednesday morning Taylor received a telegram from his sister, Vivian Taylor, asking him to forgive in "kind and almighty providence."

"God will help you from in heavenly," the telegram read. "I love you as much. Your sister, Vivian."

It was this same sister who wrote to Taylor that she was going to borrow money and come to New Orleans to be with him in his time of need.

But Taylor begged her not to come, begged his wife not to come, said it would be better for them to remember him as he had been.

And in a little blue leather notebook belonging to the late Mr. Bowman, Taylor scribbled the following message just 15 minutes before he died:

"I take this glorious occasion of saying 'Goodbye,' from now on to my Darling, 701 — No. Miss Vivian Taylor, 7317 Cregier avenue, Chicago, Ill."

Words in Note Book

The messages left in the little leather book by the other three condemned men varied with their personalities.

"I and my pals are deeply grateful to you," wrote the Jacques at 11:10 a. m. Wednesday, with a wife and two children to support and a home for a negro.

"I suppose it was God's will," the accident's note continued, "and my only wishes are that his will carried out to the letter. The grass be cool when I'll be looking down upon you from my heavenly home. Jacques."

At 11 a. m., just an hour before the appointed time for the hanging, Rylich wrote a message to his mother, within something in the small book.

"Okay God bless you and pray saved ones for the kindness you have bestowed on us," read the message to mother.

O'Day, being handed the little book and a pencil, became philosophical—

O'Day Philosophical

"Little things of life amazed to some," he wrote. "If people would only realize to have religion in them, oh how happy they would be. It sure gives relief to all. I have it sure helped me in my last few days of life. My experience in the Parish Prison have sure made me think twice for I know if I would have gotten a chance I sure would have tried to help others. Groups O'Day."

The Rev. Mr. Bowman, who worked with the condemned men for six months preaching their funeral, said that never had he seen such a change come over human beings.

"They went out not as four men who had been arrested for brutality and murder, but as four men with character and a new viewpoint to the world life," he said. "When I first started visiting them they held themselves aloof, but with each trip I made they became friendlier."

The minister said that when he reached the condemned row at 6:30 a. m. Wednesday, all the men were dressed and dressed and each one told him that he had rested all night, getting between four and six hours' sleep.

"They told me they had had company until midnight," Mr. Bowman said. "They seemed in fine spirits, you might say almost joyous, and when about 9:30 a. m. I had a quartet in from the Dillon Institute, to sing they all joined in the singing, Tell Mother I'll Be There,' 'When You Were a Tulip,' and 'My Wild Irish Rose.'

"At 10 o'clock a they all drank some coffee, and from that time on the Rev. Charles O. Clark and I spent most of our time in the cell with Taylor. Father Kent, St. Augustine was with O'Day, while the Rev. George MacNamara, who came all the way from St. Edward's university in Austin, Tex., was with Rylich and Jacques.

Hour Death March

"At two minutes after 12 o'clock Captain Hiller arrived. None of the men knew who was going first, and then we heard him walk down to the fourth cell and we knew it was Jacques.

"At 12:12 p. m. he returned, this time for Taylor, although when we heard the key turn in the gate we again didn't know which one.

"Taylor had just bit a cigarette, and when he saw Captain Miller step at his cell he threw it down, ground it out, and extending his hand through the bars on the right side shook hands with a grunt and two nuns. Then he asked to be allowed to tell the boys 'Good-bye,' which privilege was granted him.

"But once did he weaken. Not once did any of them weaken, and I think that was the bravest of all when he was last to go and had to wait an hour and 45 minutes for his turn to die."

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GROUP ADVOCATED BY CAMP

The establishment of at least one company of air defense artillery here is being advocated by Hayden V. Grubbs Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans, according to Fred W. Matthews, commander, and Secretary Erwin C. Broussard has been urged to co-operate in this project. Senator Broussard already has taken the matter up with the war department, according to word received recently by Mr. Matthews.

In urging that an anti-aircraft artillery company be stationed here, the organization asserts that New Orleans, the second port in the United States in almost entirely without national defense.

Approval Voted Rate Changes in Insurance Bill

Amendment to Be Offered from House Floor by Burke

Special to The Times-Picayune

Baton Rouge, La., June 1.—Proposed amendments to the Long-Allen insurance rate bill so as to provide a 1.5 per cent tax on premiums collected by life insurance companies and 2 per cent on fire insurance premiums were approved by the House ways and means committee at a meeting this afternoon.

Representative Priest, J. Bloch Fifth Ward, New Orleans, who introduced the insurance tax bill, told the committee that the amendments had been agreed upon at a conference this morning between administration leaders and representatives of the fire insurance companies.

Since the bill was not before the committee the amendments will have to be offered on the floor of the House, and Mr. Bloch explained that Representative Edmund G. Burke, chairman of the ways and means committee, offer the amendments when the bill comes up Thursday for third reading.

The proposed amendments to the pitch bill exempt life and fire insurance companies from the income tax and corporate stock tax provided in other measures now before the Legislature, should they be enacted into law.

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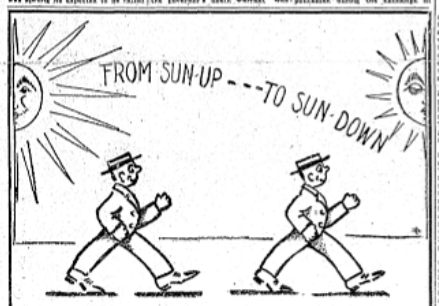
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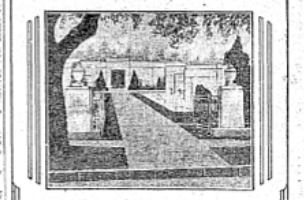
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