

TWENTY PEASANTS DIE ON RUSSIAN GALLOWES

Death Penalty Now Being Inflicted
for Offense Usually Punished by
Flogging by Jailers

(By Associated Press.)
KHERSON, Russia, May 23.—Twenty peasants who took part in recent agrarian disorders in the Yekaterinoslav district were hanged here Friday under decrees of a courtmartial.

They belonged to a peasant association, the avowed object of which was to drive out landed proprietors by the burning of their estates.

The resort to the death penalty for agrarian outrages is a new departure, flogging and short term of imprisonment having been the usual punishment, even during the great disorders of 1906.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE CLOSES AT SPARKS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

SPARKS, Ga., May 23.—The sixth annual commencement of the Sparks Collegiate Institute, which closed Tuesday, was the most splendid in the history of this institution. Rev. T. D. Phillips, of Macon, preached the commencement sermon Sunday morning. About seven hundred people were present to hear him, and his sermon was considered the most powerful ever delivered in this institution. On Monday evening occurred the grand concert given by the pupils of piano, violin, voice and expression. Tuesday morning the graduating exercises were held and diplomas delivered by the president. The members of the graduating class were Miss Annie Woodward, first honor; Miss Addie Bell Elliott, second honor; Miss Flossie Morse, Miss Foy Bass, Miss Kate Hendry, Messrs. Carl Pittman Jack Bussey, Clarence Blizzard, Simon Carver and Lonnie Dampier.

After the graduating exercises the medals of the grammar school and high school departments were awarded: Mathematics medal to Jack Bussey; English medal to Miss Annie Woodward; general excellence in the high school department to Clarence Phillips; general excellence in grammar school department to Miss Pearl Warren; excellence in care of rooms in boys' dormitory to Clarence Phillips; excellence in deportment to Miss Katie Hendry.

A greeting from the former president, Rev. Comer M. Woodward, of Texas, was heard with applause from the audience.

EXCHANGE BANK SHOWS BALANCE ON HAND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

MACON, Ga., May 23.—In a report just filed with the superior court by the receivers of the Exchange bank, it is shown that a balance of \$133,555.26 was left on hand after the third dividend had been paid to the depositors on the first of this month.

The receivers had a balance on hand April 1 of \$104,461. During that month collections were made to the extent of \$29,125.

A fourth dividend will soon be paid by the receivers and it will probably be for 20 per cent. The three dividends that have already been paid have liquidated the debt of the bank 60 per cent.

BIG NAVIGATION COMPANY MAKES GIGANTIC PLANS

MOBILE, Ala., May 23.—A special from Tuscaloosa, Ala., says:

With the placing on record here of a mortgage for \$10,000,000 by the Birmingham and Gulf Navigation Co. to the Carnegie Trust Co. of New York, records the first actual step of the company towards putting its gigantic plans in execution as proposed by the Tidewater Development company.

T. H. Moore, a well known steamboat man of Montgomery, is to be general manager.

An option has been secured on Dauphin Island for \$70,000. This means that the plans of the company for making that point its deep sea terminal is assured.

BOY KILLS HIS FATHER TO SAVE MOTHER

New Orleans Drug Store Clerk, Who
Struck Wife, is Shot by
Son

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, May 23.—Leon C. Perez, 44 years old, a drug store clerk, died here early Friday as a result of a wound inflicted by his son, William Perez, 20 years old, during the night.

According to the statement of the son, which is borne out by that of his mother, the older Perez was quarreling with his wife and threatened to beat her, when the boy seized a rifle and told his father that if he struck his mother he would kill him.

The boy was struck and the shooting followed. Young Perez was placed under arrest when he went to telephone for an ambulance to take his father to the hospital.

COLUMBUS WILL GET NEXT PYTHIAN MEET

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 23.—Although the grand lodge of Georgia Knights of Pythias adjourned Thursday afternoon there are still a large number of visiting members of the order here. The visitors and Savannah knights are down the river this afternoon on a steamboat excursion.

The next grand lodge convention will be held at Columbus. There was an invitation from Albany, but it was withdrawn after it was seen that a majority of the members wanted to go to Columbus. The grand lodge was very liberal this year. It gave the military branch of the order \$1,500 against \$750 for last year, and gave \$200 to the Pythian Lodge Secret, the official organ of the knights instead of \$125 as last year. It was also decided to have a committee investigate the plan of the grand lodge publishing a paper and report back to the next convention.

The session of the grand lodge was a very successful one. One of the things that was done which is of great interest to many lodges was to pass a resolution recommending all fines against all lodges for failing to get their reports into the grand keeper of records and seals' office on time.

GERMAN SHIP ASHORE; CARGO MAY BE SAVED

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 23.—The German steamer Hornsee, from Cuba for New York, with a cargo of sugar, went ashore four miles south of Little Egg harbor early today during a dense fog. The plight of the steamer was not discovered until after the fog lifted, when the life saving crews of the Little Beach and North Brigantine stations went to the steamer's assistance.

The steamer is hard aground on the Little Beach shoals, but is resting in an easy position. Wrecking tugs will try to float the vessel. The life savers are of the opinion that a part of the cargo will have to be lightered before she can be floated. The Hornsee has a crew of 24 men and one passenger on board.

PROF. ROBERTSON TO HEAD SCHOOLS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

GAINESVILLE, Ga., May 23.—At a meeting of the city board of education last night Professor T. H. Robertson, assistant state school commissioner, was elected to succeed Prof. E. J. Robeson as superintendent of the public schools here.

Principal of High School Department Professor Gillon did not apply and his successor was not elected. Messrs. King and Harrison did not apply for re-election and Messrs. Dorsey Loocher and Mason were added to the corps of teachers. All the other old teachers were re-elected.

COLLEGE AT LAGRANGE HAS CLOSING EXERCISES

Southern Female College Has Con-
cluded Its Sixty-Fifth Annual
Commencement

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

LAGRANGE, Ga., May 23.—The Southern Female college has just closed its sixty-fifth annual commencement. This has been by far the most successful in the long history of this institution. The last three years, in fact, have all been marked with success, due to the untiring energy and able management of its president, Prof. M. W. Hatton, who is assisted by an able corps of instructors in the various departments of the college.

Students have been enrolled from twelve or thirteen states. There were eleven regular graduates and thirty-two in all, including those receiving certificates.

On Friday evening the elocution class had charge of the program, the exercises fully sustaining the high standard of the institution. Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Dr. A. B. Vaughan, pastor of the First Baptist church of LaGrange. His subject was "Immortality as Taught by the Resurrection." The sermon was both logical and beautiful.

The art class held its reception on Monday afternoon from three to four o'clock, during which time a large number attended and viewed the many beautiful works of art by the pupils in this department.

The class day exercises were held at four o'clock Monday afternoon.

Monday night at eight o'clock the music class annual concert was held.

The graduating exercises were held Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. Rev. Henry Phillips, rector of the Episcopal church of LaGrange, delivering the literary address.

The following is a list of graduates and those receiving certificates:

CLASS ROLL—1908.

Bachelor Arts: Misses Mannie Carroll, Annie Fendler, Ruby O'Kelly, Emmie Roberts.

Bachelor of Didactics: Misses Jessie Lee Gill, Mary Snelson, Helen Wilson.

Bachelor of Music—Misses Mannie Carroll, Zola Parler.

Bachelor of Oratory: Miss Ila Mae Bryant, Alberta Heard, Nellie Nelson.

CERTIFICATES.

Advanced Certificates in Music: Misses Georgia Bell Carroll, Gene Bulloch, Bessie Cook, Mary Jones, Lucille Oliver, Louise Oliver, Susie Travis, Clara Vaughan, Mattie Ware, Marie Zeiler.

First Certificates in Music: Misses Jessie Beall, Mary Earle Duke, Alma Dunbar, Irma Phillips, Nanette Bell, Philline Arvilla Ware.

Advanced Certificates in Elocution: Misses Willie Mae Wall, Sadie Ware.

First Certificates in Elocution: Misses Gene Bulloch, Annie Fendler.

Certificates in English: Misses Louise Vaughan, Helen Wilson.

Certificates in Art: Misses Maggie Belle Horn, Callie O'Kelly, Jose Shuler, Louise Vaughan.

Certificate in Shorthand and Typewriting: Miss Alice Hodge.

MACON TO COLLECT ITS STREET TAXES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

MACON, Ga., May 23.—Macon this year is going about in a systematic way the collection of the street or commutation tax which is fixed at \$2, and must be paid by every male inhabitant between the ages of 21 and 45 years, unless he is an active member of the fire, police departments, or of the military. Last year the city realized about \$1,700 this way, but at least double that amount is expected in 1908.

Yesterday notices were served for the first time and in ten days the money will be due the city treasurer. Unless it is paid each person will be liable to arrest and trial in police court. The tax may be worked out by five days' labor upon the streets of the city.

MONTGOMERY EDITOR TO BECOME BENEDICT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

COLUMBUS, Ga., May 23.—Mr. H. F. Everett has issued invitations to the marriage of his daughter, Elizabeth Mary, to Mr. Walter Hicke Berry to take place at the First Presbyterian church in this city on the afternoon of June 3, at 4 o'clock. Mr. Berry is at present telegraph editor of the Montgomery Advertiser. He was formerly on the Enquirer-Sun, later in Atlanta, going from Atlanta to Birmingham, where he worked on the News. He went from there to Savannah, where he was on the news staff of the News for a short while prior to going to Montgomery, where he has been for several months past. He is also representative of the Associated Press in Montgomery.