

EVANSVILLE MAN KILLED EN ROUTE HERE TO BETHEA EXECUTION

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The Weather Kentucky—Partly cloudy, continued warm tonight and Saturday; possibly scattered showers in west and central portions.

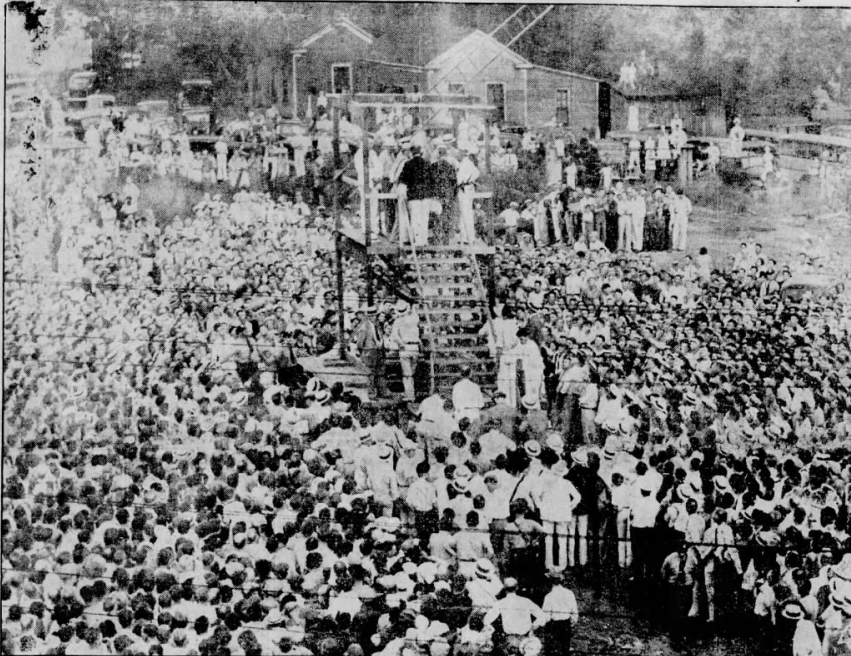
20,000 SEE BETHEA DE ON SCAFFOLD AS EX-LOUISVILLE COP SPRINGS

L. A. PETERS, 36, DIES IN WRECK ON HIGHWAY 60

Three Other Persons, Including His Widow, Slightly Injured; Car Attempted to Pass Truck.

One man was killed and three other persons, including his widow, were slightly injured about 4:30 a. m. today when the automobile in which they were en route to the hanging of Rainey Bethea here on the gallows at 10 o'clock about five miles west of Owensboro on Highway 60...

Thousands Watch As Noose Is Adjusted On Neck Of Rainey Bethea Here Today



Thousands watched as Rainey Bethea, negro, was hanged here at sunrise today for the criminal assault of Mrs. Elza Edwards on June 7. In the above photograph, taken at G. Paul Hanna, of Epworth, who officiated in the execution, extreme left in a white cap, Arthur L. Hinkle, of Louisville, with his head on the lever that is short while later released the trap that sent the condemned man to his death. In the center, with his arm raised, is the sheriff, and Deputy Sheriff Albert Reitz, extreme right. The top of the gallows is visible in the upper right corner of the picture.

NEGRO IS HANGED FOR ASSAULT OF AN AGED WOMAN

Mrs. Florence Thompson, Sheriff, Sits in Car at Execution Scene, as Unsteady Hand of Arthur Hasche Pushes Lever; Crowd Orderly.

It was the unsteady hand of a former Louisville policeman that pulled a lever, allowing Rainey Bethea, 22 negro, convicted of the assault-killing of Mrs. Elza Edwards, 70, to drop to his death through a trap door on a gallows in Owensboro shortly after sunrise today. A crowd estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000 persons surrounded the high scaffold erected in the yard of the county jail department in First street and west of the execution without disorder.

Mrs. Thompson refused to dismount from the gallows. She sat in her office today after the hanging identified the hangman as Arthur Hasche, former member of the Louisville police force.

World News Briefs

Domestic: Cleveland—President Roosevelt arrives here for visit to Great Lakes exposition, an National Union for Social Justice convention opens.

SPANISH REBELS AND LOYAL FORCES IN STIFF BATTLE

Madrid—Loyalists hold rebel sympathizers to prevent attack by Insurreccion to kill them. Berlin—Olympic scene shifts to water as Washington crew leads American boys.

Bethea's Last Letter To Sister Asks Burial By Father's Grave

Rainey Bethea, 22 negro, hanged today for murdering a 70-year-old white woman, Mrs. Elza Edwards, wrote his sister, Ora Fudge, Nichols, S. C., asking that he be buried beside his father and declaring that he was "nave".

MARY ASTOR SAYS ROOSEVELT GETS SHE WAS VICTOR IN COURT BATTLE

Los Angeles, Aug. 14 (AP)—President Roosevelt's train started on its journey this afternoon, leaving the grounds of the Great Lakes exposition.

3,308 FARM DEBTS ARE ADJUSTED

Kentucky Has Reduction of \$333,000 Upon Which \$13,000 in Taxes Paid. Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 14 (AP)—The settlement of farm mortgages today reduced the total of 3,308 farm debts, affecting a savings of \$333,000 for farmers involved.

Dr. Townsend and Rev. Gerald Smith to Address Group After Conclusion of Official Business.

Cleveland, Aug. 14 (AP)—Right hands upraised, delegates took the pledge of the National Union for Social Justice, and formally opened the first national convention of the organization today.

13 Horses Entered At Dade In Governor's Handicap

Dade Park, Aug. 14 (AP)—The Governor's handicap, feature race of the Dade Park Summer meeting, which will be run tomorrow, drew a field of 13 thoroughbreds.

Big Bowling Green Cop Robbed of \$21 at Hanging

Big Bowling Green Cop Robbed of \$21 at Hanging. Bowling Green, Aug. 14 (AP)—A police officer was robbed of \$21 during a rain storm at the gallows here today.

U. S. AND MEXICO IN DEBT CONFRONTATION

Countries Seek to Settle Long-Pending Claims Aggregating \$70,000,000. Washington, Aug. 14 (AP)—Representatives of the United States and Mexico today met here to discuss the final phase of an attempt to settle over \$70,000,000 of long-pending general claims between the two countries.