

JOHN BROPHY PLEADED GUILTY TO MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE TODAY

Slayer of Officer James McNamee Changes His Former Attitude in Case—With Three Companions He Fatally Shot Down Bristol Officer Without Provocation—Sentenced To Life Imprisonment.

**HENRY SCHRAGER, A COMPANION
ALSO HELD FOR TRIAL**

Two Others Involved In Forestville Shooting On January 16th Are Still At Large.

(By the Associated Press.)

HARTFORD, March 21.—John Brophy 29, of Waterbury charged with the murder of policeman James McNamee of Bristol on the evening of January 16 pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the Criminal Superior Court here this afternoon.

Brophy had originally pleaded not guilty to first degree charges and elected trial by three judges on April 1st, but today he appeared in court to change his plea.

State Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn accepted the statement of alienists who said his condition was such that the youth should not pay the extreme penalty.

Brophy, with three companions one of whom was Henry Schrage, of New Britain, who is awaiting trial at the Hartford County jail, came to Forestville on Thursday night, January 16, shortly after 9 o'clock and stopped at the Ebb Filling Station on West Washington street to get gasoline.

While they were at the gasoline station Officer James McNamee recognizing the car occupied by the youths, to be a Franklin reported stolen from New Britain earlier in the evening, approached the car, and addressed the driver in a friendly manner concerning the owner of the car. He was told by the youth in the driver's seat that the car belonged to his father. The officer then said that he would take them to the police station to find out about it when Brophy, sitting in the back seat, fired upon the officer inflicting bullet wounds from which the officer died half an hour later in the Bristol hospital.

Then followed the all night and day hunt in the Waterbury woods for bandits by Waterbury, Bristol, Torrington and State Police which resulted in the capture of Brophy and Schrage on Friday night. The two companions made their escape.

At that time four other youths from New Britain and Bristol, who are believed to be mixed up with Brophy and Schrage in some of their escapades, were arrested and have been held at the jail under heavy bonds, which they were unable to furnish, on a technical charge of breach of the peace.

The action in court today came as a surprise as preparations were being made by local witnesses to attend the trial which was scheduled to take place in Hartford beginning on Tuesday, April 1.

FLORIDA WILLING TO GIVE UP THE CONN. CONVICTS

(By the Associated Press.)

HARTFORD, March 21.—State Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn was notified by Florida authorities today that they would accede to his request for the return to Connecticut of Roland Lalone, Watson Moulthrope and Leo Landry, and his next step will be to ask Governor Trumbull to forward the necessary extradition papers.

The announcement that Governor Carlton was willing to send back the three escaped convicts came this morning in a telegram received by Mr. Alcorn from State Attorney Charles Burrance of Duval County, Florida, where Lalone and Moulthrope were convicted of murder and where Landry is awaiting trial on the same charge.

With the path cleared in Florida, Alcorn said the next move will be to obtain the cooperation of Governor Trumbull. He said he would confer with the Governor at once. The Governor was in Baltimore today but is expected back tomorrow.

Although Governor Trumbull has expressed opposition to this move he has also indicated he would not interfere with Mr. Alcorn's plans.

If the trio are brought back to Connecticut Lalone will merely return to his former status as a lifer after enjoying several weeks of freedom. The other two will face 30 year sentences as habitual criminals in addition to other charges that await their discharge from Wethersfield.

JACKSONVILLE, March 21.—Charles M. Durrance, states attorney, announced today he favored returning Watson Moulthrope and Roland Lalone escaped Connecticut convicts to authorities of that State rather than hold them here to serve life sentences in prison for the murder of detective W. D. Smith.

FEDERAL RESERVE CUTS REDISCOUNT RATE IN SAN FRANCISCO

(By the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Federal Reserve Board announced today that the Federal Reserve

JAMAICA GINGER PARALYZES MANY IN KENTUCKY

(By the Associated Press.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 21.—As the number of cases of partial paralysis believed by Kentucky health officers and physicians to be caused by drinking adulterated Jamaica ginger mounted today to 250 or more, hopes for a scientific diagnosis of the puzzling malady centered here.

Several of the victims are to be brought to Louisville City Hospital immediately and will be isolated for medical and neurological investigation. Meanwhile samples of the "Jake" as the widely-distributed mixture is called, are being analyzed.

Dr. L. L. Terrell of Corbin, where there are more than 100 cases, said he had had one brand of ginger analyzed at Atlanta and was told it contained industrial instead of pure grain alcohol. Supplies of ginger have been traced to New York, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Tennessee points.

WET CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNORSHIP IN PENNSYLVANIA

(By the Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—The prohibition question has been injected into the mixed up political situation in Pennsylvania.

Former congressman Thomas W. Phillips, Jr., of Bradford, the latest candidate to enter the free-for-all race for the republican gubernatorial nomination, announced that he would make the fight on a platform calling for the repeal of the 18th amendment.

In announcing his candidacy last night, Phillips stated that he has decided to take the step after consultation with "a number of prominent citizens of Pennsylvania," but he did not intimate whether he had support of any organized group.

His opponents for the governorship are Francis Shunk Brown, who is backed by the Vore faction of the party; Samuel S. Lewis, the running mate of Senator Joseph R. Grundy; former Governor Gifford Pinchot and Judge J. Ambler Williams, of Montgomery County. Phillips is the only one who has made any declaration on prohibition.

Secretary of Labor James J. Davis, candidate of the Vore organization for Senator against Grundy, and William S. Vore planned to confer today with Mr. Brown in an effort to complete the remainder of the ticket which will oppose that headed by Grundy and Lewis at the primary on May 20. A tentative slate has been selected by members of the Philadelphia organization and up-state leaders who are supporting Davis and Brown.

TILSON RECOVERING