

FLOYD ALLEN, FIRST OF THE OUTLAW GANG TRIED, CONVICTED OF MURDER

Wetmore, Va., May 17.—Floyd Allen's jury today found him guilty of murder in the first degree. Death in the electric chair is the penalty.

After a night of deliberation which at one time threatened a disagreement, the jury filed into court this morning and delivered its verdict. Sentence was deferred, as Allen may be called as a witness in the trials of his kinsmen who are also charged with the five murders in Carroll court at Hillsville on March 14, when the Allen gang swooped down out of the Blue Ridge and all but wiped out the human fabric of the institution. Clerk Goad was the only official who escaped.

A sparsely filled court room heard the end of the trial. Some thought that fear of an outbreak such as marked the adverse verdict at Hillsville might be seen today. It was impossible, however. Officers searched all who entered the room.

The other prisoners probably will be tried immediately. Claude, Friel and Victor Allen, Byrd Marion and Sidna Edwards are under indictment for the murders, while Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, two other members of the gang, are defying capture in the fastness of the Blue Ridge.

When court opened today the jury was called in and the foreman questioned by Judge Staples.

The jurors declared there were a number of points of difference existing in the panel and it was doubtful whether a verdict could be reached. Judge Staples declared the case was one of much magnitude, he felt he must send the jury back with a few words of caution and advice. He said when a number of men were thrown together in intimate isolation for a long period of time, with all their thoughts and attentions centered upon one matter, it was but natural there should be a tendency to different views and positions. Along with this tendency, he said, there was another tendency of the human mind to fix deep rooted in ones mind unwarranted opinion in an earnest effort to convince others.

Judge Staples declared the jury had not been sworn to do other than to reach one conclusion—the guilt or innocence of the accused. He said if the jurors lost sight of that issue in any private individual opinion, they would do wrong to themselves, an unintended violence to their solemn obligation and grave injustice either to the commonwealth or the accused.

The jury again retired and it was but a short time before announcement was made an agreement had been reached. When court reassembled the foreman read the verdict of "guilty as charged in the indictment."

Judge Staples held that was not the proper form. The foreman then explained that the verdict was one of guilty in the first degree, the penalty being electrocution.

Floyd Allen was charged specifically at this time with the murder of Commonwealth's Attorney William M. Foster, prosecutor in the Carroll county courthouse at Hillsville last March when the trial of Floyd Allen culminated in the killing of five persons—Presiding Judge Thornton L. Massie, Prosecutor William M. Foster; Sheriff L. F. Webb; Miss Elizabeth Ayres and Juror Augustus Fowler. The news of the shooting up of the court created a sensation and sent a thrill of horror throughout the country.

The tragedy created a panic in the little mountain side town of Hillsville where the inhabitants always held the Allen clansmen in deadly terror. Arrests of several of the Allens followed the shooting, but five of the principals escaped to the mountains. Rewards for their arrest resulted in three of them being taken, but Sidna Allen, leader of the gang, and Wesley Edwards, his nephew, still are at large.

The other prisoners, it is expected, will be tried immediately. On the first ballot taken by the jurors the vote stood 10 for murder in the first degree and 2 for murder in the second degree. This vote remained practically unchanged until Judge Staples had addressed the jurors again this morning after they had announced they were unable to reach an agreement.

The verdict came as a distinct surprise as it was thought the jury was hopelessly divided. One of the twelve men is known

to have said previous to being summoned for jury duty that "you can't always get justice in courts and maybe the Allens were not far wrong," and the attorneys for the commonwealth had made arrangements to arrest him on a charge of perjury should he bring about a disagreement. This morning he agreed to a verdict.

The commonwealth announced a change of the plan of trying Claude and Victor Allen jointly and that they would next take up the case of Claude on the indictment charging him with the murder of Judge Massie. The trial will begin Monday and a venire of men has been summoned from which it is hoped to get a jury without all the delay experienced in the trial just completed.

In discharging the jury today Judge Staples thanked them for their patience and promised that none of them would be called upon to do jury duty for two years.

Attorneys for the defendant announced after court adjourned that they would ask for a writ of error. The charge delivered by Judge Staples this morning was said, touching on points upon which the Virginia Court of Appeals had never passed.

The prisoner's wife sat beside him. She was dressed in black and wore a large poke-bonnet so that her face could not be seen.

Allen seemed brighter this morning than on yesterday, evidently expecting a mistrial, but he was the picture of despair when the verdict was read.

"Floyd Allen Got Fair Trial."

Bristol, Tenn., May 17.—"Floyd Allen got a fair trial," declared Judge N. P. Oglesby, who returned to Bristol this afternoon after spending three weeks in defense of the Carroll county clansmen. "Judge Staples was fair to the defense throughout."

Judge Oglesby said that a writ of error would at once be asked. Under the Virginia practice an appeal does not come as a matter of right but only by permission of the higher court after it has considered the grounds for appeal.

Judge Oglesby said that Floyd Allen's case was prejudiced by the fact that during the trial he was so heavily guarded as to give the impression to the jury that he is a desperado that even though his leg is broken, is likely to shoot another court.

Judge Oglesby is more hopeful of saving young Claude Allen, whose trial will be begun Saturday.

Boston Shop Girls Attending a School of Salesmanship.

According to the article in the June Woman's Home Companion, the proprietors of five of Boston's largest department stores are sending a number of their sales girls to attend courses in a school of salesmanship. According to the article, the girls go three hours a day for five days a week and receive full pay for the time thus occupied. Following is an extract from the article.

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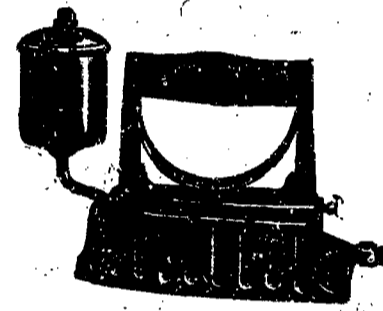
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Dewey Covington	Mebane	2.
Jessie Fogleman	Rock Creek	2.
Ross Fogleman		3.
Albert Gibson	Haw River	3.
Clarence Hinshaw	Liberty	3.
Willie Hinshaw		3.
S. Linn Homewood	Burlington	1.
Roy Zell Hornaday	Rock Creek	2.
Brower Ingle	Burlington	4.
Austin Isley		1.
Garland Isley		7.
Herman Isley		7.
James C. Isley		2.
Claud W. Jeffries		2.
Herbert E. Jones	Mebane	1.
J. W. Mann		1.
Herman McAdams		1.
Rossie McBane	Snow Camp	1.
Walker Moore	Graham	2.
Curtis J. Newlin	Saxapahaw	1.
Willie Bliss Nicholson	Burlington	1.
Walter O'Daniel	Haw River	3.
Hobart M. Patterson	Burlington	1.
Walter Ripper		5. Box 72.
Henry A. Scott	Haw River	1.
W. K. Scott		1.
Chas M. Stanford	Teer	1.
Willie Stuart	Liberty	1.
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