

JUDGE IS SLAIN IN COURTROOM

T. L. Massie of Virginia Bench Killed by Carroll County Mountaineer and Associates.

LAWYER AND SHERIFF ALSO ARE MURDERED

Jurors Wounded, One Seriously—Entire Human Machinery of Court Wiped Out After Verdict.

Hillsville, Va., March 14.—(2:30) p. m.—In a flame of unprecedented outburst, the entire human fabric of the Carroll county circuit court in session here today was wiped out by assassins.

Just as Judge Thornton Massie had sentenced Floyd Allen to one year in prison for aiding in the escape of a county prisoner, two of Allen's brothers and several of their friends opened fire with revolvers. The judge fell dead in his place on the bench at the first volley.

The weapons were turned on Commonwealth's Attorney William Foster and he sank to the floor with several bullets in his brain, death being instantaneous.

Sheriff Lewis Webb, making frantic efforts to reach the ring-leader, was shot dead before he had taken ten steps.

Several jurors who tried the case were seriously wounded, J. H. Blankenship probably fatally.

The Allen's, including the prisoner, and their friends after the killing of the sheriff backed slowly out of the courtroom, holding all would-be pursuers in check at the point of revolvers and dashed for the mountains on horseback. A citizens posse was soon in pursuit. Reports reached here that one of the Allen's was seriously wounded in a pitched battle with the posse.

Special officers are being rushed into the county to help run down the murderers. Governor Mann is holding two companies of militia in readiness in case the Allen's and their friends gather recruits in the mountain fastnesses. Hillsville is in a remote quarter, 15 miles from Barron Springs, the nearest railroad station. Outside help will be late in arriving. The village was thrown into a ferment. The wiping out of the law officers has left affairs in the hands of untrained citizens, but nearly every man in this section of the county has joined in the hunt.

Court Room Crowded. The trial had been in progress several days. Floyd Allen had been found guilty and called for sentence today. The stuffy little courtroom was crowded. Slimes and Jack Allen were among the first arrivals and took their places near the rail marking the enclosure for the prisoner and counsel. Standing nearby were a number of their associates from the mountains. Judge Massie went about sentencing the prisoner but the words "one year at hard labor" had scarcely passed his lips when there came the crack of revolvers. A volley of shots followed. The judge, who had partly raised at the first shot, lay bleeding on the bench. Commonwealth's Attorney Foster, sitting directly in front of the bench, succumbed to the outlaw's shots.

Every Court Officer Shot. The brothers and their friends were well armed. It seemed to the spectators who escaped from the bloody courtroom that fully 100 shots were fired. In the first fusillade several jurors were wounded. Blankenship probably fatally. Sheriff Webb, whipping out his own weapon, made for the prisoner who had joined in the shooting with an oath that he would never go in jail, but the officer was dropped by a perfect hail of lead and crumpled into a lifeless heap on the floor. By this time the shooting became general. There was a wild rush of those nearest the court clerk, receiving a bullet wound in the neck and is desperately hurt. His death would mean the wiping out of the last vestige of the court's officers.

Judge Massie was one of the state's most prominent jurists. He was appointed to the bench by Governor Swanson in 1902, was 43 years old and is survived by a wife, two sons and a daughter. Foster had held office eight years, was 48 years old and a fearless prosecutor. He was the republican leader here. Webb had been a deputy 15 or 16 years before being elected sheriff last November. Rountree, March 14.—It is reported from Hillsville that juror Douglas was killed, and Floyd Allen, one of the mountaineers, was fatally wounded.

Asserts Sugar Trust Defendants Broke Law Handed Down on Sinai



3500 PENNSYLVANIA MINERS ARE IDLE

Efforts to Strengthen the Mine Workers Union Causes a Walkout.

Pottsville, Pa., March 14.—The United Mine Workers' efforts to strengthen their organization in anticipation of a possible strike resulted in the firing of today of one-third of the colliers of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company in Panther creek valley. The trouble was caused by union men refusing to work with non-unionists. Thirty-five hundred miners are idle, 1700 quitting work today.

Police Kill Two Miners. Berlin, March 14.—The coal strike is spreading rapidly to other fields than that of Westphalia. Over 200,000 miners are idle. Feeling against the authorities is growing because of the killing of two miners by the police.

Looks For General Suspension. New York, March 14.—The United Mine Workers will not compromise a single demand they made of the anthracite coal operators, declared John P. White, president of the Mine Workers' union this afternoon. "I look for a general suspension of work in the anthracite field April 1," said he.

CLARK MEN NOW CLAIM THE KANSAS DELEGATION

Elated by Victory in State Committee, They Predict Convention Control.

Hutchinson, Kan., March 14.—Encouraged by their victory in the state committee meeting last night, when A. M. Jackson, an avowed Clark man, was elected temporary chairman, supporters of Champ Clark predicted this morning that they would control the state convention safely. Clark's manager stated the Kansas delegation of 29 would go to Baltimore instructed for Clark.

EASTERN ENGINEERS ASK HIGHER WAGES

Want Pay Equal to That Paid West of the Mississippi River. New York, March 14.—A committee of fifty locomotive engineers headed by Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood today submitted arguments at a joint conference with a committee of the officials of 48 eastern railroads supporting their demand for increased wages. The engineers desire an increase in order that their wages may be brought to the level of those paid west of the Mississippi.

"Turkey Trot" Not a Breach of Peace. New Britain, Conn., March 14.—The "turkey trot" dance is not a breach of the peace. Judge Meskill so decided today in the case of a young man arrested at a local dance last night for doing the "turkey trot."

40 Chinamen Killed in Battle. Amoy, China, March 14.—Sixty soldiers were killed in a battle with 4000 Chinese today.

District Attorney Wise Quotes The Tenth Commandment to Parsons.

New York, March 14.—John E. Parsons and the other American Sugar Refining company defendants on trial in the United States Circuit court for conspiracy under the criminal section of the Sherman law were charged by District Attorney Wise in his opening remarks for the government with violating also the tenth commandment. "Thou shalt not covet," Mr. Parsons came in for special mention that did the other defendants because he is counsel as well as director of the sugar trust had much to do, Mr. Wise charged, with arranging the deal, the purpose of which, the government charges, was to close up a rival refinery.

Throughout most of the day Mr. Parsons sat apart from the other defendants and at times during Mr. Wise's remarks regarding God's law and its application to business his eyes closed. Washington E. Thomas, president of the American Sugar Refining company, Arthur Donner and George H. Frazier, co-defendants with Mr. Parsons, sat up with the lawyers and frequently consulted with them. Charles R. Heike, under sentence for the swindling fraud, whose case is about to be reviewed, at times talked earnestly with Mr. Parsons. Mr. Heike is past 70 and Mr. Parsons past 50.

Letters of two men now dead are relied upon largely by the government. These men were H. O. Havemeyer and Gustave E. Kissel, the latter the man through whom it is alleged, the loan of \$1,250,000 was made to Adolph Sengul which resulted in the closing of the Pennsylvania sugar refinery. Mr. Havemeyer's letters were produced by the secretary of the sugar trust and Mr. Kissel's by his son, Thorne Kissel, an executor of his father's estate. Many letters of Mr. Parsons were also produced and marked for identification.

In his opening Mr. Wise referred to the case as an extraordinary one because of the character of the men involved. There was no novel application of law to the facts, he said. "It is not necessary," said the district attorney, "to talk about the Sherman law or about any man-made law. It is simply charged against those men that they violated a law which was handed down by the Lord to Moses in the tenth commandment. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, nor anything that is thy neighbor's." That is the law these men are on trial for violating, nothing more. That law has passed down the ages has been incorporated in every state law and has been incorporated in the Sherman anti-trust law.

ANDREWS CONVICTED OF ACCEPTING BRIBE

Entire Court Room in Tears When Ohio State Senator Is Found Guilty. Columbus, O., March 14.—"Guilty as charged in the indictment" was the substance of the verdict returned last night by a jury in the case of State Senator Andrew E. Andrews of Leontion, charged with having accepted a bribe of \$200 in connection with an insurance bill.

The case had been on trial before Judge Dillon in the common pleas court for ten days past. Sentence was deferred.

The scene which followed the reading of the jury's verdict was dramatic, almost tragic. Senator Andrews who was apparently hoping for a favorable verdict, practically collapsed. Mrs. Andrews gave expression to her grief in uncontrolled sobs while the aged father of the convicted legislator and the sons of the latter wept bitterly. Within a moment or so the entire courtroom was practically in tears.

LYNCH 3 NEGROES AS INCENDIARIES

South Carolinians Shoot Blacks Who Touched off Mayor's Residence.

Olar, S. C., March 14.—Three negroes in charge of two constables on their way from Olar to Bamberg to be lodged in the county jail, were taken from the officers by a mob at Odums bridge, seven miles from this place, and shot to death yesterday afternoon. The mob of 75 to 100 men surprised the two constables and, quickly securing the three negroes, finished their work in short order. The negroes were Lafred Dublin, Richard Dublin and Peter Rivers.

The negroes had confessed to attempting to burn the residence of J. E. Cook, mayor of Olar, early Tuesday morning. On February 21, a destructive fire occurred in the business part of the town. A rigid investigation followed the attempt to burn the mayor's residence in view of the fact that indications at the time of the February fire were that it was incendiary in origin. As a result one negro was arrested Tuesday night and the two others yesterday. Two Dublin negroes had been discharged from the employ of Mr. Cook and Rivers had been fired by the mayor for alleged "boot-legging."

The negroes were held in the guard house at Olar until the confessions were obtained when it was decided to send them to the county jail at Bamberg. On the way thither, the lynching took place.

TAFT PEOPLE ALARMED BY ROOSEVELT ACTIVITY

Will Open New York Headquarters Soon to Combat Colonel's Friends.

New York, March 14.—Taft's eastern campaign headquarters will be opened here this week. The Roosevelt committee's activity, it is said, has alarmed Taft people here. All the important presidential candidates have headquarters here. Those include Harmon, Wilson and Underwood.

25 PERSONS INJURED; GREAT WESTERN WRECK

Train Strikes Broken Rail on Curve—Fourteen Passengers in Iowa Hospital. Lunkerton, Ia., March 14.—Twenty-five were injured, thirteen seriously and one probably fatally, in a wreck on the Chicago Great Western three miles east of here this afternoon. The train struck a broken rail on a curve. Fourteen passengers were removed to the Waterloo hospital.

3 Dead, 20 Hurt in Wreck. Albuquerque, N. M., March 14.—Three are dead, five missing and a score or more injured as a result of a rear-end collision yesterday afternoon between a west-bound extra freight and a work train on the Santa Fe Coast Line at McCartneys, N. M., 60 miles west of here. The five laborers who are missing are believed to be buried in the wreckage.

TRIES TO KILL KING OF ITALY

EXPOSE POWER TRUST'S LOBBYING FOR MEASURE

Measure Said to Nullify Laws Governing National Domain Is Rejected.

Washington, March 14.—After charges had been made that a powerful lobby was at work to procure the adoption of the bill, the house yesterday defeated, 98 to 27, a measure permitting the Hydro-Electric company, a waterpower corporation, to lay a pipe line across part of the Mono national forest reservation in California. Those opposed to the bill declared it affected the laws governing the national domain and would result in virtually nullifying them. The "waterpower trust," it was charged, was behind the legislation.

Minority Leader Mann, Representatives Lever of South Carolina, James and Cooper of Michigan were among those who openly declared that they had been victims of the work of a "lobby." Representative Mann said that he had been inundated by letters and telegrams and annoyed by high priced lawyers in an effort to influence him. Mr. Lever displayed a telegram from a firm in his state asking him to withdraw his opposition to the bill. The cost of the telegram, he said, was \$40.

"The people behind this bill," said Mr. Mann, "have spent thousands upon thousands of dollars in lobbying and in trying to induce this house to break down the law that keeps government property in the keeping of the government. Such actions as we have seen ought to condemn the measure under consideration."

The bill, which was introduced by Representative Baker early in the present congress, has been fought bitterly. Representative C. B. Smith of New York contended that "lobbyists were as thick as blackberries" and introduced a bill to compel every "counsel or agent" of corporations, firms or individuals, seeking congressional legislation to register with both houses of congress on December 1 of each year, with heavy fine and imprisonment as a penalty for failure to comply.

ORDERS ADVERSE REPORT ON HOUSE STEEL BILL

Washington, March 14.—Eulogies of the late Senator Frye of Maine were delivered in the senate today. The senate finance committee, by a vote of 8 to 6, ordered an adverse report on the house steel tariff revision bill.

The free sugar bill debate began in the house, with democrats from cane and beet sugar producing states against the measure. Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee, presented a majority report favoring a proposed excise tax bill. Representative Longworth presenting a minority report opposing it.

GRACE WILL DIE

Spinal Cord of Atlanta Man Severed by Bullet—May Linger Several Weeks. Atlanta, Ga., March 14.—Eugene H. Grace, the young business man who was mysteriously shot at his Eleventh street home and whose wife, Mrs. Daisy Opie Grace, is held in the county jail for the shooting, cannot recover, according to his physicians' statement.

Doctors W. S. Goldsmith and Willis Jones said: "A second X-ray examination was made upon Mr. Grace Tuesday night. The picture shows the bullet lodged in the spinal canal on a level with the ninth dorsal vertebrae. The cord is entirely severed. No operation will be performed as no benefit could result from it. We entertain no hope for his recovery although he may live several weeks."

House Adopts Neutrality Resolve.

Washington, March 14.—The house adopted the concurrent resolution the senate passed yesterday authorizing the president to prohibit the exportation of war supplies to any American country where domestic violence exists. In signing the resolution the president will issue a proclamation specifically forbidding the shipment of arms to Mexican revolutionists.

"Bathub Trust" Case to Jury. Detroit, March 14.—The government's case against the "bathub trust" charged with conspiracy in restraint of trade, was given to the jury in federal court here at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Anarchist Fires Repeatedly at Victor Emanuel as He Drives With Queen Through Rome.

BODYGUARD SHIELDING MONARCH IS WOUNDED

Infuriated Crowd Attempts to Lynch Would-Be Regicide, but Police Rush Him to Station.

Rome, March 14.—An attempt was made to assassinate King Victor Emanuel this morning as he was on the way from the palace to the Pantheon to attend the annual memorial service in honor of his father, the late King Humbert. A young man fired several shots from behind a crowd in the street, one bullet dangerously injuring an officer of the king's bodyguard. The king was unharmcd and proceeded on his way after a brief stop, sitting through the Pantheon service without a sign of emotion. The crowd attempted to lynch the youth who made the attack, but the police rescued him and rushed him to the police station. The prisoner gave his name as Antonio Dalba and said he was an "individual anarchist."

The would-be regicide chose for his attempt on Emanuel's life the anniversary of the birthday of King Humbert, the present king's father, who died the victim of an assassin's blow at Monza, on July 29, 1900. King Emanuel escaped all the shots fired at him, several of which were aimed at him from a short distance. The royal carriage, in which Queen Helena was riding with the king, was proceeded and followed by a soldiers' escort. When the first shot rang out from the crowd, officers following the royal carriage rushed forward, the commander of the bodyguard receiving one of the bullets intended for the king. The assassin was taken to the police station. Crowds of loyal subjects showed intense anger and desired to wreak immediate vengeance.

Dalba told the police that he was 21 years old. He said he made the attempt on the king's life as a protest against organized society. In all quarters of Rome demonstrations have been prepared to protest against the outrage whose effect has been to increase Victor Emanuel's popularity. On the king's return journey from the Pantheon his appearance was greeted with a great outburst of cheering and cries of "Long live the king."

SLAYER OF BANDITS GETS \$600 AND WATCH

Express Messenger Who Prevented Robbery Will be Rewarded by Express Company.

Houston, Tex., March 14.—David A. Trousdale, the express messenger who killed two bandits who were attempting to rob a Southern Pacific train near Sanderson yesterday, will receive a reward of \$600 and a gold watch suitably inscribed by the superintendent of the Wells-Fargo Express company. Trousdale will be given a standing reward which is \$200 for the arrest and conviction of each train robber.

ABUSE OF PATRONAGE IN KANSAS CHARGED

Stubs Telegraphs Taft of Methods Used by Federal Appointees to Defeat Primary. Topeka, Kansas, March 14.—Charging that Taft appointees are using "thoroughly disreputable" methods to defeat a presidential primary in Kansas, Gov. W. R. Stubbins sent a telegram to President Taft last night asking him if he approved such methods.

In his telegram the governor declares that the caucus and convention system the Taft managers propose to use will disfranchise 80 per cent of the republicans of Kansas and that federal patronage is being dangled before the eyes of the committeemen.

MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT If I could select the man I would name Name Address Cut this ticket out and mail it to The Gazette-News, or hand it in at this office. If you do not care to write your name on the ballot, you can write it in a registry book provided at the office. Results will be published from time to time and in no case will the name of the voter be given out unless so requested.