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FAMOUS CASE IS CONCLUDED.

Motion For New Trial Will Be Made by Defendants' Attorneys—Verdict of Jury Caused Little Surprise After So Prolonged Deliberation.

Cynthiana, Ky., August 15.—The jury in the case of Curtis Jett and Thomas White charged with the assassination of James B. Marcum at Jackson this morning returned a verdict of guilty, fixing the punishment of each at life imprisonment. The verdict was returned when there were but few persons in the courtroom.

The only attorney present was County Attorney Webster. Jett received the verdict with comparative indifference and calmness. White, who has been apparently under a severe strain during the trial, flushed up and his eyes filled with tears. Attorney Golden, for the defense, stated that a motion for a new trial will be made as soon as possible. The general opinion seems to be that the motion will be overruled by the court and that it will then go to the court of appeals.

The verdict occasioned little surprise here after the deliberation of the jury had been so prolonged.

The only question which caused the delay, it is said, was that of punishment—death or life imprisonment. The verdict on the whole is regarded as a victory for the defense as the prosecution asked that no middle ground be taken and that the men either go clear or be hanged.

The case has been on trial almost three weeks, having been begun July 27. At the first trial at Jackson, the jury disagreed and it is believed the verdict today was a compromise with a juror opposed to capital punishment. The friends of Captain B. L. Ewen and other witnesses for the commonwealth who have suffered greatly and were living in fear of their lives are greatly relieved. They expected the death penalty, which they were confident would have been followed by confessions from the condemned men exposing parties high in authority in Breathitt county who are considered to be back of the conspiracies.

There have been 27 lives lost within the past two years in the Hargis-Cockrill feud in Breathitt county and this is the first conviction. No arrests or indictments had been made until last May, when the troops were ordered to Jackson to protect the grand jury and afterward the trial jury and witnesses.

Jett is still under indictment for first degree murder for killing Town Marshal Cockrill. Jett said last night the rope had never been made with which to hang him. His friends say he will have a new trial, and even if he falls in that effort he might be pardoned in the course of time.

The friends of the defendants showed such relief as to leave no doubt of their previous apprehension of the death penalty.

The attorneys for the defense were absent when the jury came into court and Judge Osborne sent for them. The court asked them if they had anything to say after the verdict was read. Attorneys Blanton and Golden, for the defense, said they did not. The judge then said that he would adjourn court until 1:30 this morning. Ben Golden objected as he desired to leave earlier for his home in Barbourville. Judge Osborne told them to make their motion for a new trial. The attorneys went to the office of Blanton and filed a motion for a new trial. When it was announced that the jury had come out a crowd gathered at the courtroom, but it was quiet and orderly. All the mountain men having gone to their homes.

At 10:45 a motion for a new trial before Judge Osborne and he under consideration until 2 p. m.

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KEG OF POWDER EXPLODES.

Loss of Life in Mines Near Birmingham, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., August 15.—A keg of powder exploded at the entrance of the North Alabama Coal and Iron company's mine, at Coal City, the following results. The dead:

Austin Davis,
Sam Scrogins.
Fatally injured: John Dickens,
John Kitchens.

Kitchens and Dickens were brought to Birmingham and taken to St. Vincent's hospital. They are both badly burned on the face and about the upper part of the body. It is not known whether or not they can recover.

The explosion occurred while Davis, one of the men who was killed, was testing a handful of powder to see whether or not it would burn.

At the entrance of one of the mines there were several kegs of damp powder. Taking a handful of this, Davis is said to have poured it over his miner's lamp. It would not burn, so he took another handful from another keg. This proved to be dry, and a spark fell on the keg where more powder was and ignited.

The result was a terrible explosion. Five men were standing around in a group and not one of them escaped injury.

Davis and Scrogins died in a few hours. The others are painfully injured.

TRAIN RAN WILD.

In Southern Railway Accident Two Lives Are Lost.

Asheville, N. C., August 15.—A train of 13 loaded freight cars got beyond the control of the engineer on the Southern railway Thursday afternoon and dashing wildly down a steep grade on Saluda mountain, was wrecked at a turn in the road near Melrose.

The dead:
Engineer H. Averill, Jr., of Asheville, N. C.
Fireman William Hair, of Asheville, N. C.

The injured:
Brakeman W. B. Sherrill, of Swannanoa, N. C., fatally.

The train was found to be beyond control soon after leaving the top of the mountain, and its speed increased with each mile of the long run. By the time the train reached Melrose, it was going at a rate of more than 60 miles an hour.

Operator J. W. Heatherly, hearing the noise of the approaching train, ran out to see why it did not stop in compliance with the signal flag. He emerged from the station door just in time to see Fireman Hair wave a last farewell and smile grimly as the train sped on. Realizing that the train was running away, Heatherly fainted and fell to the platform.

Both engineer and fireman stuck to their posts, and when the train reached a curve several miles below Melrose, it jumped the track and landed in a conical mass at the bottom of a steep embankment with the trainmen crushed beneath the debris.

Brakeman Sherrill had both legs cut off and he is expected to die.

Train Dashed Down Mountain.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., August 17.—The brakes on a coal train on the Central railroad of New Jersey failed to hold on the steep mountain grade near Ashely today and a big wreck was the result. The engine preceded the train to Ashely to take water and was about to start back to pick up the cars when they dashed down the mountain side at a terrific speed. They crashed into the locomotive and Charles Devitt, a brakeman, was caught in the wreck and fatally injured. He had a leg and an arm cut off.

Husband Suspected of Murder.

Kansas City, August 17.—Mrs. Lillie Maude Evans, wife of George B. Evans, manager of the American Transfer company, was murdered in her home in the southern portion of this city today. The husband, from whom she filed suit for divorce last Wednesday, cannot be found and the police are searching for him. The murder was most cold blooded and occurred while Mrs. Evans was asleep.

Not Over-Wise.

There is an old allegorical picture of a girl scared at a grass-hopper, but in the act of heedlessly treading on a snake. This is paralleled by the man who spends a large sum of money on a cyclone cellar, but neglects to protect his family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a safeguard against cholera, whose victims are severely afflicted. These cholera victims are promptly removed to the hospital.

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