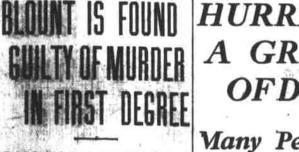
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Convicted on one Indictment Ath Two Others for Like Grime Pending

VERDICT GARRIES THE DEATH PENALTY

Crime One of the Most Atroclous Ever Known in State of Louisiana.

(By Associated Press.) AMITE CITY, La., April 7.-Late this afternoon the jury in the case of Avery Blount, charged with the murder of J. O. Breeland and Mrs. Breeland and Mrs. Joe Everett brought in a verdict of guilty in the first degree

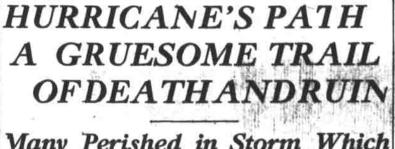
The verdict varries the death penal-The accused man received the verdict with comparative coolness. Judge Ellis fixed Friday of this week for the hearing on motion for a new trial.

Blount, a prosperous merchant of Tickfaw, was indicted on the charge of murdering "Buz" Breeland, Mrs. Breeland and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Joe Everett, and was tried first on the separate indictment of Buz Breeland's killing. Garfield and Ben Kinchen, two brothers, indicted for complicity in the assassination are yet to be tried.

The killing of the Breelands and Mrs. Everette was one of the most horrible crimes ever committed in the The tragedy occurred on the night of January 22, near Tickfaw, several, miles south of Amite City. Breeland and his wife were bringing their daughter, Mrs. Everette, from her former home in Livingston parish to live with them near Tickfaw. Mrs. Everette's husband had been killed by Ben Einchen a few days before. Brestand was shot from ambush. He was on foot, and the two women

were triding in a bugs. According to Breeland's dying state-ment, Avery Blount, accompanied by some other person, then levelled guns on Mrs. Breeland and her daughter. The latter held her young baby in her The elder woman was first shot and killed. Mrs. Everette, in the meantime was beseeching the assassins to spare her baby's life. Her supplications finally resulted in

child being taken from her arms and laid by the roadside. The mother was then shot to death.



Many Perished in Storm Which Swept from Great Lakes Eastward to Seaboard.

of the waves.

Both were rescued.

The steel barge Kelley's crew, three

after floating fifteen miles from Kel-

ley's island, whence the boat broke

away and drifted to sea. There was

neither an engine nor an oar on the

barge, so the crew was at the mercy

Several small buildings were wreck-

ed and buggles overturned in Cleve-

land. Two men were blown from

the shore of the lake into the water.

IN SOUTHERN STATES.

At Wabash, Ind., Mrs. James A.

from

CHICAGO, April 7.-Reports

(By Associated Press-) DETROIT, April 7 .- A severe rain men and a woman, were picked up and electrical storm which swept over lower Michigan early last night was followed by a windstorm of unusual wolence and many accidents and at least one death have been reported. Near Ionia lightning shot into farm house along a telephone wire and killed eight year old Benjamin Helmer and severely shocked two other children. Dozens of barns in

Western Michigan were set fire by lightning. The wind has averaged from fifty miles an hour in the western part of the state to as high as sixty-six miles last night's storm damage received in this city. One child was severely here today are that ten persons are njured on Michigan avenue here by known to have been killed in Missis-

a sign blowing down on her. At least eight persons are known sippi and at least fifteen were injurto have lost their lives in the storm ed. At the Terrell plantation east of that visited Detroit and Michigan last West Point, Miss., a number of negroes were killed. Reports night and today. Anthony Kaup, a maloon-keeper; Joe Kadich, a barber, Western Tennessee state that the an dAdam Felin, all of Wyandotte, attempted to cross the Detroit river storm wrecked many buildings. in a row boat from Wyandotte to Canada this afternoon in a fifty mile Hayes and four children were pinned down beneath the wreckage of their gale, to settle a wager, and all three were drowned when their boat caphome which caught fire. The moth-er was badly burned, being rescued, Kadich bet Kaup five dollars sized.

holder.

and hour.

TAFT SHUNTS QUESTION CASTRO IN RAGE LANDS

that had been blown off.

able to do effective work.

Detroit, have not been confirmed.

SHIPPING MISSING.

and will die. The children were ser that he would not dare to cross in the ously hurt. The high winds was folsmall-boat and Felin was the stakelowed by a cloud burst. Many bridges are washed away. A At Jennings, in Missaukee county lozen houses were demolished in Wathree young men. Bernard Carlson, Charles Jacobson and John Torrey, bash.

The damage will reach several thousand dollars. were killed by being caught under a wall that was blown down by the At Peru, Ind., four factories and several school buildings, many small wind at the Mitchell brothers' mill. Ray Moore was killed at Brightwood structures, were wrecked by the today when he was struck by a roof wind.

DAMAGE IN TOLEDO.

Rumors that a little boy and girl were drowned while fishing at Belisle, TOLEDO, O., April 7 .- Hundreds of nen out of work, thousands of dollars The damage to roofs, chimneys jamage done and many persons slight plate glass, etc., will probably reach \$50,000 in Detroit and Michigan. The ly injured are the results of a hurri cane that visited Toledo and vicinity today. The wind attained a velocity wind velocity reached seventy miles of sixty nine miles an hour in this city The root of the plant of the Massile Bridge company, 180 by 400 feet was ripped off and hurled into a field and CLEVELAND, O., April 7 .- The fishing tug George Floyd, with seven

200 men were thrown out of employ men aboard, and the sand sucker ment until the damage can be re Mary H., with nine men, are missing, paired. and the barge Norman Kelley, with a Pedestrians were injured by falling signs, parts of roofs, chimneys and crew of four persons, was rescued tonight after a desperate fight, as a relimbs of trees and many women were sult of a fierce windstorm which ragbowled over by the wind. In small ed on Lake Eric today. The wind blew a sixty mile gale throughout age was done. Many houses were the day. Life savers have been un-

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CONFERENCE FAILS TO



GEN. WILLIAM BOOTH,

the Salvation Army whose influence Has been Feit all over the World.

Their Testimony May Bring About the Conviction of Mrs. Georgia Sampson For the Murder of Her Husband

Hy before Harry Sampson staggere (By Associated Press.) LYONS, N. Y., April 7.—The father and mother and two brothers of Mrs. dead that Mrs. Mamison was seen on Georgia Sampson, charged with the killing of her husband, Harry Samp son, were called to the witness stand torneys brought out the fact that Rob-today by District Attorney Glibert to ert Manson, of Niagara Falls, had give evidence on which the state is written to Georgia inviting her and depending to convict Mrs. Georgia a triend, Miss Mildred Cyrvoss, to

OF POLITICS FROM | TO CARRY THROUGH DEAL WITH TRUS SLY OLD SENATORS President Taft Not Such A Democrats and Insurgent Re-Novice as to Let Them duce Protection on Crude **Oll to Small Figure** Steal Glory **OVERRIDE DECISION**

LEARNS THE GAME LEADER NOT ABLE

ADOPTS NEW METHOD **OF CUTTING EXPENSES**

OF THE COMMITTEE

Oll Trust.

WASHINGTON, April 7 .--- This was

Gannon Makes Vain Plea for Which Will Give Upper House Small Chance to Play His Friend, the Standard

to Galleries.

(Sheldon S. Cline.) WASHINGTON, April 7 .- Theodore Roosevelt left the white house with he reputation of being the greatest naster of politics who ever occupied that mansion, but his successor is showing surprising accomplishment in that direction. Those past masters of the art political in the senate who

expected to find the new president

"easy" have been rubbing their eyes of late. Mr. Taft has gathered in several tricks which the senate already had counted as won. It would be unfair to say the ac tion of the senate in creating a special committee to cut down appropriations was nothing more than a shrewd move in the game of politics. No doubt the senate leaders are genuinely impressed with the need for economy. but it was, nevertheless, a shrewd po-litical move. The senate is very hungry for a share of the popularity which has been denied it in recent which has been denied it in recent years, and the senate leaders thought they saw a read to popularity in being the watch-dogs of the treasury. In the past the senate has been noto-rioualy liberal in the matter of appro-priations. It had gotten to a point where even members of the house wanting appropriations that would not bear too close scrutiny would wait until the appropriations that would not bear too close scrutiny would wait until the appropriation bills had passed the house and reached the senate and there would have the ap-propriations they wanted tacked du as amendments. The chances were about even that in the stress of correl an amen

about even that in the stress of con-ference as the session neared its and the appropriation which could not have passed the house in the first instance would be allowed to stand When the senate finally awoke the fact that the house and officials of the departments, not to speak of outsiders, were habitually taking ad-vantage of its generosity, it saw an opportunity of turning the tables. The creation of the "committee on ex-

penditures" was the result.

Visions of Popularity. It readily will be seen how large a

eather it would have been in the sen-

ite's cap to have been alone responwill try it anyway." .He then offered sible for saving the treasury some will try it anyway." He then offered scores of millions of dollars at each an amendment putting crude petrolsession of congress. The public is cum and its products on the free list, proverbially of short memory, and In an elaborate decision the chair

bad day for the republican organi zation of the house. By a coall between some republican insurg and democrats, the ways and m committee was bowled over, and the advocates of free crude oil and its advocates of free crude oil and products won a signal victory when an amendment by Mr. Norris, of No braska, placing the insignificant duty of one percentum ad valorem on th articles was adopted by a substantial majority. A decision of the chair-man that amendments could not be offered to the oil schedule other than the one covered by the special rule of last Monday which provided for the removal of the countervalling duty crude petroleum and applying an ad valorem duty of twenty-five perce was overruled and not even a forvid appeal by the speaker, in an endeavor to raily the republican forces, was sufficient to stem the tide avowedly against the Standard Oil company. By a practically unanimous vote countervailing duty yent out as connervailing duty yont out as the committee recommended. On all oth-er propositions the committee was sustained. The barloy schedule ran the gauntiet without change, tes and coffee were placed on the free list, and duty on barytes increased from seventy-five conts a ton to a dollar and a hair a ion.

up Mr. Vresland of New York ; By offered an amendment strib the countervalling duty on troleum and its products, and the rate of duty at 25 percent ad valorem. Immediately Mr. Norris, of Nebraska, presented an amendment fixing the rate at one percent ad valorem.

"Point of order," shouted Mr. Dalsell, of Pennsylvania, and then a dos-en members were on their feet.

"Is that schedule so sacred you cannot smend it at all?" asked Mr. Clark of Missouri. Mr. Dalmell answered that that was the situation. "Well," interjected Mr. Clark,



As "amitation" at present. At the conclusion of the conference it was announced that the whole mat-ter would be referred to Solicitor General Bowers, of the department of jus-tice, who is to take testimony.

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was left over to next meeting.



WASHINGTON, April 7.-Forecas for North Carolina; Fair and coold Thursday: Friday northwest winds.

listed men of our navy adapting themdations will be provided and that re-duced rates will be offered. Special ing her of his destination. The let-trains will be operated into the city ter, he declares, fell into the hands of seives to strange and unexpected circumstances and successful perform-

ing with ability and thorough good fair; moderate will this most difficult task. Our nation can well be proud of them,"

on the 20th-"Taft Day"-from all a rival and thus his whereabouts was directions,