

Quintuple Hanging Today of Murderers In Chicago Jail

The Men Were Put To Death Between Ten and Two O'clock--Final Desperate Efforts of Lawyers And Friends to Save Them.

Four Were Executed While Counsel Were Contending Before The Court That The Murderers Were Insane--Negro Died Last.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Five murderers were executed in the county jail today, four of them being hanged while counsel vainly tried to secure a stay order on the ground that the condemned men were insane.

The Shblawski brothers were the first to mount the scaffold and the drop had scarcely fallen when a bailiff from Judge McKinley of the superior court, rushed into the jail office and summoned Jailer Davy to court.

The command was not obeyed and instead Chief Deputy Sheriff Peters telephoned to the judge that two of the men had been hanged and that the execution would proceed unless a formal stay was presented.

No writ was issued and Sommerling and Scholtz followed their companions in crime onto the gallows. Representatives of the state's attorney's office resisted the attempt to delay the executions and told Judge McKinley that the petition alleging insanity, which under the law is a bar to execution, was presented for the purpose of delay.

This was hotly denied by counsel for the condemned men and a wordy altercation occupied the minutes in which the four were being prepared for the gallows.

Judge McKinley declined to permit the petition to be filed until it had been read. The prosecutors insisted that the petition which was signed by Rev. Mr. Reynolds was not in accord with the facts.

Counsel for Thomas Jennings, colored, the fifth murderer sentenced to die today, while the executions of the Gullow murderers were taking place, were arguing before United States District Judge Landis that the rights of the petition had been invaded by the introduction of finger print evidence in seeking to convict him of the murder of Clarence Hiller, a railroad official whose home the negro sought to rob.

Argument on the writ of habeas corpus was made before Judge Landis. Jennings counsel declared that the finger print evidence was inadmissible because Jennings had been compelled to give the print while he was in jail.

Priest Interceded. The petition before Judge McKinley was signed by Rev. Francis Repaski, of Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic church. The priest has visited the Gullow murderers in their cells and declared that they are of unsound mind and subject to hallucinations.

The court would not permit the petition to be filed before it was read as representatives of the state's attorney's office asserted its only purpose was delay.

While arguments on the filing of the petition were proceeding, the Shblawski brothers were hanged. Jailer Davis assisted in taking the bodies of the two from the gallows before complying with the order to appear in court.

MAJ. GENERAL AINSWORTH FACES COURT MORTAL

Washington, Feb. 16.—While no order of military arrest had been issued this morning, the status of Major General Frederick C. Ainsworth today was that of an army officer under suspension from the exercise of his duties as adjutant general and under orders to remain in Washington pending the adoption of disciplinary measures by the war department.

This is well understood to mean that General Ainsworth is to be tried by court martial on a military charge which, stated in plain English, is to the effect that he is alleged to have been guilty of disrespect to General Wood, the chief of staff, his superior in the army, and to Secretary of War Stimson, his official superior.

The war department officials are busy selecting the court which will try General Ainsworth and in formulating the charges. Necessarily a number of retired officers of high rank must be placed upon the court and the department is communicating with some of these officers to ascertain if they would find it acceptable to serve upon this court, which is likely to be one of the most notable in army history.

It may be several days before the issue of the court order creating the court and citing General Ainsworth before it.

Although the issues to be tried are exceedingly important, involving as they do all the old rancorous disputes that have been waged between the line and the staff for a quarter of a century, legal officers of the war department do not believe the trial itself will consume much time.

It is believed that the evidence to be presented will be principally documentary, including the various orders and reports that have issued from the adjutant general's office within the past four years and especially the letter made public yesterday from Secretary Stimson to General Ainsworth, formally charging him with disrespectful conduct. In view of the limited accommodations at the war department's general staff office within the past four years and especially the letter made public yesterday from Secretary Stimson to General Ainsworth, formally charging him with disrespectful conduct.

General Ainsworth maintains the attitude of absolute reticence he has steadfastly occupied since Secretary Stimson's letter was made public and it is understood that he is now arranging for counsel and preparing his own defense.

It is fully expected at the war department that this case will figure extensively before congress and that perhaps the democratic house may take steps to thoroughly investigate the whole war department and especially the relations between the general staff and the adjutant general's office.

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Women Charged With Bigamy

Associated Press. London, Feb. 16.—A remarkable sequel has developed to the marriage between Horace Field Parshall, of Alford, N. Y., the American capitalist-engineer, who is chairman of the central London Tube Railway, and Mrs. Deborah Jeffreys, which took place at Eltham registry office on May 8 last year.

The woman was arraigned yesterday at the Bow street police court on a charge of bigamy. She is a very attractive woman, and appeared before the magistrate in a handsome costume. In answer to the charge she said:

"I am deeply sorry for what I have done. I would not have done it if my husband had not made me."

In a formal statement made to the court she declared that she first met Mr. Parshall in January, 1911, when she was presented as a widow. He afterward proposed marriage to her. Her husband, Herbert H. Jeffreys, from whom she was separated, urged her to marry Mr. Parshall for his money and threatened to kill her if she revealed to Mr. Parshall that she was a married woman.

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Lieut. Fields Must Pay For Mistake

Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 16.—The war department today decided to deal drastically with Lieutenant Ben W. Fields, of the 13th Infantry, who in command of a squad of American soldiers made the mistake of crossing into Juarez, Mexico, from El Paso, Tex., yesterday afternoon and nearly precipitating an international clash. Fields has been placed under arrest pending further investigation.

Associated Press. Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 16.—Smoke from a fire that broke out in the boys' dormitory of McLean College this morning overcame several of the students. Before the flames reached their rooms, however, the boys were carried out by a volunteer rescue squad. This is the second fire in McLean college buildings in a comparatively short time. The previous fire destroyed the main college building.

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Tidal Wave Of Enthusiasm Greets The News' Big Offer

THE WEATHER Forecast For North Carolina: Fair tonight. Saturday, probably increasing cloudiness and warmer. Moderate variable winds.

JOHN A. KELLY CONTINUES TESTIMONY. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 16.—John A. Kelly, secretary-treasurer of the Iron City Sanitary Manufacturing Company, of Pittsburg, who created a sensation yesterday in the government's criminal suit against the so-called bath tub trust by testifying that an officer of the alleged combine had discussed with him the "probability of going to jail" as a result of the license agreement entered into by manufacturers, was scheduled to continue his testimony at this morning's session of the federal district court.

The Iron City Company is one which refused to cast its fortunes with the "trust" and Mr. Kelly was expected to give further details of the advances, which he says were made to induce it to enter into the agreement.

CONTEST DEPARTMENT OPEN EVENINGS. The Contest Department of THE NEWS will be open from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. Those that are interested in the contest are invited to call. Representatives of the Contest Department will be present to give full information to all those that call. The Contest Department can also be reached by telephone, call No. 115 and ask for the Contest Department.

No Confederate Gray for Convicts. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 16.—Chairman J. S. Beasley, of the Tennessee prison board, in response to the widespread comment on the proposed adoption of gray as a uniform for the first grade convicts, said last night: "The facts are that the board has collected samples of uniforms from about twenty prisons. Nearly all of them are some shade of gray. That of Missouri, a Southern state, is more nearly the Confederate gray than any other. The uniform that the board intended to select is a shade of gray. But this gray is as different from Confederate gray as it is from the federal blue. The uniform will bear no noticeable resemblance to a Confederate uniform. It is very much darker, so much so that some call it a shade of brown."

Season Opens in Mobile. Mobile, Ala., Feb. 16.—The Mardi Gras season for 1912 in Mobile opened today with more visitors present than ever before.

The city tonight will be illuminated with an electrical display, Blenville Park, in the center of the city being turned into a garden of light of many fantastic designs.

Tonight the first parade will be given, the subject of which is "Life of Apollo." After this parade there will be a military parade.

WOODROW WILSON LEADING. "The News deserves the congratulations of a long suffering public." These, the remarks of a leading business man of this city yesterday when he with a friend, deposited ballots in the News' ballot box for Woodrow Wilson. He had in mind a recent campaign that was started (?) against the New Jersey governor and showed up by this paper in its true light.

Ballots continue to come in and the interest grows. It's a free-for-all "election." If you want to vote cut the ballot today and mail or hand it in. The final result will soon be published.

Messrs. Chase Brenizer, Heriot Clarkston and E. R. Preston argued for the aldermen and Mr. C. W. Tillett for the school commissioners.

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Judge Lyon After Witnesses - "Bring Them In"

The apparent custom of witnesses in superior court paying but little attention to summonses to appear at specified times, is very displeasing to Judge C. C. Lyon, who is sitting at this term of the court.

In today's session of court a number of witnesses were called who had been summoned and who failed to appear.

"I want those witnesses brought in to court," said the jurist. "It is strange how many witnesses fail to appear in this county. It is worse here than in any other county in the state."

He directed the sheriff to compel all witnesses who have been summoned to appear forthwith, and to keep in attendance upon the court until excused.

Morning Grind. George Valez, a Greek merchant of this city was fined \$40 in superior court this morning by Judge C. C. Lyon for failure to appear as a witness in a case called for trial today.

When Valez was called he failed to appear. Sheriff Wallace stated to Judge Lyon that the Greek probably knew nothing of the laws of the United States and that this possibly accounted for his absence.

"Send after him, Mr. Sheriff, and we will teach him some American ways. He will soon become Americanized," said the judge.

Sheriff Wallace sent a deputy to locate the Greek and bring him into court.

Rans Hall was acquitted of the charge of assault on Irene Moore. The case consumed but a short time. The negro was charged with having drawn a gun on the woman.

The testimony showed that Hall took food to the Moore home, and that a quarrel between Hall and the wife of the negro, about her alleged failure to look after him.

The jury was absent for some time, but acquitted the negro.

One Capital Case. The only capital case which will be tried at this term of the superior court, will be called this afternoon.

Will Durin, a negro, is charged with the murder of A. S. Cook, a white man of Monroe, in this city during the past winter. The points in the case are familiar to the local public.

Letters are included to show regular fees were paid to McManigal and that the cost of doing local jobs frequently was discussed in letters.

Representative Small Makes Strong Denial

Washington, Feb. 16.—Denial was made in the house today by Representative Small, of North Carolina, that he had ever used expert lecturers of the agricultural department in his district for political campaign purposes.

Mr. Small called attention to the statements made by Chief Engineer Wright, of the Florida drainage service, that his report on the everglades investigation had been delayed because he had been detained to lecture in Mr. Small's district.

"It is strange indeed, when a representative cannot utilize one of these government departments for the betterment of his people without the charge that it is being done with ulterior purpose."

THE DAY IN CONGRESS. Not in session; meets 2 p. m. Monday. Manufacturers of steel products continue to protest before finance committee against house steel tariff bill.

Appeals for constitutional amendment granting votes to women made before woman suffrage committee.

Met at noon. Florida everglades investigation continued.

New interest added by proposed prosecution of recently dismissed agriculture department officers.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner B. H. Meyer at a hearing urging wide powers for the commission, including physical valuation of railroads and supervision of bonds.

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John Ross Reprieved By Governor

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 16.—John Ross, was not electrocuted today for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon near Shelby, Dec. 17, as scheduled. He has been reprieved by Gov. Kitchin to April 12th in the hope that he will be induced to make a full and clear statement of the murder, that will lead to the punishment of others who officials believe were necessarily accessory to the brutal crime.

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Cases Against Drug Stores, Clubs Continued For 90 Days

Solicitor Parker Made Statement to The Court This Morning and Asked For a Continuance of the Cases for 90 Days Longer.

Subpoena Issued for Oscar L. Flow, Missing Witness, with Order That He be Placed Under \$5,000 Bond if Apprehended Recorder Talks.

Messrs. W. L. Hand, of W. L. Hand & Co., druggists; J. W. Bowen, of the Bowen Drug Co.; T. W. Blackman, of the Hornet's Nest Club; Tom Crump, of the Clover Club, and Clem Wilson, of the Royal Club, were all present when the recorder's court was called to order this morning at 9:30 o'clock, Chief Christenbury having served the warrants on them early yesterday morning, either to appear at this morning's court, as stated in yesterday's News, there was no session of the recorder's court yesterday morning, owing to the fact that Solicitor Parker had no case made out against them and would make a statement in open court this morning. Mr. Parker's

statement, as printed in yesterday's News, was read this morning at court. Cases Continued 90 Days. Following the submission of his statement, Mr. Parker asked for a continuance of the cases for 90 days, which was granted. The recorder also ordered that a subpoena be issued for Oscar L. Flow, the main witness in the cases and the absence of whom makes the trial of the cases impracticable.

Subpoena for Flow. The recorder also ordered that a subpoena be issued for Flow and that if apprehended, he be placed under a \$5,000 bond until such time as the cases against the clubs and drug stores could be heard. He further ordered that if Flow was found in the county within a period of two years he should be apprehended and the cases brought for trial, two years being the limit of time during which a misdemeanor is still open to the recognition of the law.

RECORDED IN TURKEY. STAN WILL BE ATTEMPTED. By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—The Russian cabinet has prepared for submission to the duma a bill calling for an appropriation of \$275,000 for the extension of the growth of cotton in Turkestan, and the replacing of American agricultural machinery by implements made in Russia and other countries.

Premier Kokostoff and the majority of the members of