

THEIR CRIMES AVENGED.

The Four Sing Sing Murderers Executed by Electricity.

JUGIRO STRUGGLES FOR LIBERTY.

All of Them Put to Death Within an Hour and Twenty-four Minutes.

JAMES SLOUM THE FIRST TO BE TO BE KILLED.

The Fatal Button Touched at 5 A. M.

Which Ended His Earthly Existence--Harris A. Smiler Executed at 5:13 A. M.--Followed a Few Minutes Later by James Wood and the Japanese Jugiro--The Apparatus Worked Perfectly, and the Men Were Apparently Killed Without the Least Sign of Pain.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

New York, July 6.--The effects of the expected executions at Sing Sing are most remarkable. Among the newspaper correspondents and telegraph offices there was the greatest excitement, and the World, Tribune and Times buildings were filled with correspondents and messenger boys standing at every corridor, waiting to "rush" the matter to the telegraph offices and the latter were filled with correspondents hurrying off special stories.

The Witnesses Arrived Last Evening.

Dr. Soutzwick of Buffalo, Dr. Alphonso Rockwell of New York, Dr. Daniels of Buffalo, Warden Durston of Auburn, Dr. Carlos McDonald of the State Board of Lunacy, Professor Landuy of Columbia College, E. A. Davis of New York, E. A. Brown, Prison Purchasing Agent, Dr. Ward, Dr. Townsend and a Rochester physician were all at the prison.

Deputy Attorney-General Hagan Arrived Late in the Evening with the Death Warrants.

Two Priests entered the prison about 9:40 P. M.

Father Crescan and Father Lynch visited the prison at 5 o'clock. Joseph Edgerton, the prison chaplain, they again joined the condemned at an early hour some time before the hour set for the execution.

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THE AGONY OVER.

SING SING, July 7.--An extra just out has this "James J. Sloum, Joseph Wood, Harris A. Smiler and Schilbach Jugiro were killed by electricity in conformity with a legal decree in the prison this morning, in explanation of the crimes they committed. Only the prison officials, scientific experts and witnesses especially summoned were present."

THE EXECUTIONS.

SING SING, July 7.--A night of suspense gave way about 3 o'clock to daybreak, which none doubted would mark the death of one or more men awaiting their doom. Daylight was dawning, and there came with its increasing light symptoms of life about the prison.

Inside the Warden's house as late as 8:30 o'clock, however, quiet reigned more absolutely than at any time during the previous night. The dynamo was not running and the prison had its usual appearance of quiet. The armed guard and the group of newspaper men in the roadway were the only reminders.

About 4:25 the engineer in the dynamo house to the north of the prison began firing up for more steam with which to run the fast compound engine. Black smoke rolled from the tall chimney, and very soon clouds of steam showed that the engineer was ready at any time to take his signal.

In fact by 3:40 o'clock the dynamo was running at a steady pace, only waiting to be increased as the demand came. It was run for several minutes, and then stopped, the test having evidently been satisfactory.

In the Warden's house, in the meantime, all shutters had been closed so the movements of those within could not be seen, but there was a suspicious stillness about the building that, coupled with the sound of the whirring of the dynamo, made the observers without all the more watchful.

The window blinds of the execution-room were closed tightly, and no view could be obtained of the interior, but it was known about 4:15 A. M. that breakfast had been served to the condemned men in their cells, and to witnesses in the Warden's house.

Sloum, when awakened from his last sleep, was offered food and then was instructed to prepare for death. Soon after he was led into the death chamber. Here the witnesses gathered. Sloum met death bravely.

As nearly as could be learned his death was quick and painless. His bearing was that of fear, but he nerved himself to a point where he seemed indifferent. He was strapped firmly in the chair, and when all was ready the signal was given which launched him into eternity.

The working of the apparatus was perfect, it is said. There was no repetition of the frightful torture suffered by Kemmler. The signal was given quickly. When the unfortunate man was in the chair at 5 A. M. a full current was turned on, and in less than a minute it was known that Sloum was dead.

The electric current was kept on until

the men of science pronounced him dead. Then his lifeless form was removed and the chair made ready for the next victim.

Smiler was the second victim, and was executed at 5:15 A. M.

The third man killed, James Wood, was dead at 5:30.

The fourth to die was the Japanese, Jugiro, at 6:04.

The execution of the Japanese sailor had been left until the last in the expectation of a struggle. The expectation was realized. He did struggle with the guards, but was overcome, placed in the chair and subjected to the fatal current.

The entire time consumed in executing the four men was one hour twenty-three and a half minutes.

None of the autopsies have yet taken place.

FORTIFICATION OF WINES.

The Process Cannot be Carried on Except in Rooms at the Vineyard.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.--Ever since the revenue regulation of 1890 went into effect, there have been continued disputes between the sweet wine manufacturers and the revenue authorities as to their proper interpretation.

The Revenue Commissioners decided to hold a conference in Washington and settle the question. Revenue Agent Eldridge, representing the Government, and George West of Stockton, representing the winemakers, attended the conference, which was recently concluded.

Mr. Eldridge returned to this city today. From him it was learned that the conference had been satisfactorily conducted for all parties, and that while the interests of the Government were fully protected by new regulations formulated, the winemakers have been well provided for.

The principal question discussed at the conference was the methods in fortifying sweet wines.

One of the new regulations will provide that a separate room must be assigned in each winery for fortification purposes. All sweet wines will be fortified therein. Pipes will convey the freshly made wine into vats located in these rooms, and the flow may be stopped by the winemakers at any time, who will have keys to the room and the means of shutting off the wine.

The interest was actually greater than at the Kemmler execution, many of the correspondents having been at their desks all the night and day. Every part of the country shows extraordinary interest in getting the news.

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DESTRUCTIVE FLAMES.

A Fire Does Serious Damage in St. Helena.

ST. HELENA, July 6.--A fire occurred here at 4 o'clock this morning, starting in Morris & Swatout's fruit store, destroying their store and contents, and Thomas Watt's law office and library, adjoining.

Next door to the store, the residence of St. Helena, was also damaged. The losses are: Thomas Watt, two buildings, \$200,000; insurance \$500,000; Morris & Swatout, stock, \$800; insurance \$500,000; fully insured; damage to building, \$300; fully insured; contents of meat market, \$100; fully insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

FIRE AT HOLLISTER.

HOLLISTER, July 6.--The planning-mill, furniture and store of Watson & McKay were totally destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$1,000; insurance, \$500. Fire-ward James Brown was overcome by heat and is now in a serious condition.

DWELLING BURNED.

SAN RAFAEL, July 6.--The residence of John A. Roy, a dairyman at the residence of John A. Roy, destroyed by fire this afternoon. It is reported that the fire was started by a spark from a passing engine. Loss, \$5,000.

GRAIN FIRE IN MERCED COUNTY.

MERCED COUNTY, July 6.--A large quantity of grain in the neighborhood of Placerville, Merced county, has been burned. Considerable wheat has been burned, but no list of losses is obtainable. The air is full of smoke.

A STEAMER SUNK.

Seventeen of the Persons on Board Reported Missing.

LONDON, July 6.--Intelligence has been received that a large steamer was sunk off Dover some time during last night. The dispatches say that one most of the vessel is visible above water. No details of the disaster are obtainable.

LATER, the steamer Kinloch has landed at Gravesend part of the crew of the sunken steamer, which was the Dunholm, bound from Middlesborough to Rio Janeiro. The Dunholm was sunk at 2 o'clock in the morning, two minutes after the collision with the Kinloch. Seventeen of the persons on board at the time were missing.

The captain, mate, two sailors and three firemen are saved. They state that the Dunholm was struck by the Kinloch at 2:50 A. M. in a thick fog. There was no time to lower the boats. The Kinloch assisted them as far as possible.

Counterfeiters Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.--United States Secret Service Agent Harris has arrested John H. Green and Mrs. Fanny Page, keepers of an inn at Sydney Flat, near Antioch, Contra Costa County, on a charge of counterfeiting. He is now awaiting trial for the same offense.

A complete counterfeit outfit was seized. The prisoners were taken to Martinez, and held in \$2,500 bonds each.

Ousted from Office.

FRESNO, July 6.--Judge Cross of Visalia today ordered William Fahy to vacate his office as City Trustee. Fahy was elected on the Democratic ticket last April, and is ousted on the ground that he is not eligible to hold office, as he was voted at Merced last fall, while the law requires that while in office he shall reside in the city at least one year. Fahy was fined one cent damages.

The Servia Disabled.

NEW YORK, June 6.--The steamship Eider, which arrived off Fire Island this afternoon, brought news that the steamship Servia, which left on Saturday for Queenstown, is returning to this port, having broken the crank-pin of the high-pressure engine.

The Servia, when she left New York, had on board a large number of passengers, mostly people from Chicago. Prince George of Greece was also a passenger.

Explosion on a British War-Ship.

SYDNEY (N. S. W.), July 6.--The British war-ship Cordelia has just returned to this port after a disastrous trip to sea for practice with her big guns. The Captain reports that while firing one of the six-inch breech-loading guns it exploded, killing Lieutenant Hillyar, Lieutenant Gordon and four seamen, and wounding three midshipmen and ten seamen.

COAST CHRONICLES.

Conflict Between Officers and Indians on the Mohave Desert.

TWO WHITE MEN AND TWO INDIANS KILLED IN THE FIGHT.

The Bodies of the White Men Horribly Mutilated--Sensation at Santa Rosa Caused by the Finding of Bloody and Torn Garments on the Banks of a Laguna Near the City--Judge Ross Dismisses the Case Against the Schooner Robert and Minnie.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

BAKERSFIELD, July 6.--On July 3d Constables John Powers and Sam Gann, with Mr. McCoy, a ivoryman of Le-moore, went out in the Mojave Desert to arrest some Indians charged with firing a haystack. A fight ensued, and Powers and McCoy were killed, also two Indians and two horses. Gann's mustache was shot off, but he managed to get Powers' horse, his own being killed, and rode to the south fork of the Kern River for help. Twelve men went back with him.

The bodies of the two Indians had been buried in the sand. Powers' throat was cut from ear to ear, and the flesh was torn from McCoy's face in shreds. Just at dusk the Indians who were in ambush opened fire on the party.

Powers was a single man. McCoy leaves a wife and six children. The remains were taken to Santa Rosa.

Kiowa, ring-leader of the Indians, is a bad character. He and two of his sons killed an Indian man long ago. He had a personal grudge against Powers.

A posse now in pursuit numbers thirty men. The Indians are well mounted and armed with fire arms. They were in the first party, but perhaps 100 more in the vicinity, and several hundred between there and Inyo County.

THE ITATA.

No Orders Have Yet Been Given as to the Disposition of the Vessel.

SAN DIEGO, July 6.--Nothing new is developed as regards the Itata, though she has been here two days. Nothing has been heard of United States Marshal and District Attorney Cole, who are at Los Angeles, and who were expected to arrive here as soon as they heard the Itata was in this port. The vessel at present is in charge of Collector Berry, who holds her for violating the navigation laws in leaving port without clearance papers.

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