

DEATH BY ELECTRICITY.

The Executions at Sing Sing Successfully Carried Out.

NO REPETITION OF THE KEMMLER HORROR.

The Medical Men Present Agree That The Victims Suffered No Pain and Died Instantly--Graphic Description of the Scenes Attending the Executions as Portrayed by One of the Witnesses--Crimes for Which the Condemned Were Put to Death.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SING SING, July 7.--Four murderers were put to death by electricity in the State Prison here early this morning. The men were James Slocum, who killed his wife on December 31, 1889; Harris A. Smiler, an ex-Salvation Army captain and bigamist, who murdered his second wife on April 3, 1889; Joseph Wood, a negro aqueduct laborer, who murdered a fellow-laborer, an Italian named Carlo Ruffi, in May, 1889, and Shibuya Jiguro, a Japanese sailor, who brutally killed a fellow-countryman, Mura Camille.

The execution of the four men is declared to have been perfectly successful, and without any of the horrors attending the execution of the murderer Kemmler, at Auburn Prison. There are, however, statements from witnesses which do not confirm the assertions of the officials. There is an interesting fact connected with the execution of the four men, and the presence of witnesses. A horse was brought in to be killed. The dynamo was run up to speed which could generate from 1,500 to 2,000 volts. The force of the current which it had been determined would be turned into the bodies of the condemned men today. The first contact, on account of the greater resistance of the animal, was 28 seconds. It did not kill the animal. It seemed to have stunned him, and another current, and a third were turned on before the work was completed. The necessity of two contacts, which is affirmed to have been the case in each of the other cases today, finds its excuse, if not its explanation, in the experience with the horse at yesterday's experiment. The witnesses of the execution signed an agreement last night that they would not reveal what occurred within the execution chamber.

The autopsies were performed by 4 o'clock this afternoon. The execution physicians left the depot a short time after for New York and Albany. Dr. McDonald, who conducted the execution and autopsy, was asked for statement. He declined to give any information, saying the results would be given out in Albany from official sources.

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"Do you deny that they were burned?" "I do not desire to be interviewed on that point."

Dr. Ward was asked, "Did the first shock kill the men?" and he said, "I do not care to say that. I think the executions successful."

The bodies of Jiguro, Wood and Slocum will be buried late to-night in the potter's field, and the body of Smiler will be removed by his wife in the morning.

When all preparations were completed this morning, the executioner, Deputy Warden Connaughton and two keepers went to Slocum's cell. He was quickly marched into the executive chamber. When the warden's assistants closed behind the party Slocum stood silent and stolid. He showed no depth of emotion in the ceremony in which he was to be put to death.

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The Kemmler execution to a close made a sudden end of Slocum's experience in the death chair. The skin and flesh of the leg and arm immediately afterward after the forehead began to smoke. Dr. McDonald again signaled the electrician to turn the switch. The current was withdrawn, and instantly the body of Slocum again revived. His response from the muscles, Slocum hung silent and motionless in the straps. There was no doubt that Slocum was dead when the current was unhooked. Unlike Kemmler, Slocum's remains were so limp that they would have slipped from the chair as the last strap was unhooked and the attendants held them in place.

The second of the condemned men chosen was Smiler, the Salvation Army bigamist, who murdered one of his wives. He came with a firm step, supported by Rev. Mr. Edgerton on one side and Rev. Mr. Lane on the other. Like Slocum, he stepped forward with out summons and seated himself, placing his hands on the arms of the chair and his feet on the footboard. The attendants hurried to bind him. The attendants hurried to bind him. The attendants hurried to bind him.

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The flag of death for the Jap, Shibuya Jiguro, was set, and he was believed that in taking the foreigner to a chair there would be desperate struggle, and a scene in the death chamber that would cause the warden, who talked of killing men as he did a chicken for his Sunday dinner, not to forget as long as he lived.

The Jap had a queer idea about death, indeed. He had the executioner led to that mysterious room and seated in that mysterious chair he was to be burned. He had said as well as he could that he would not resist, but he fought to the death before he would take the chair. The displacement of wires as of harness caused by the struggle would have been fatal.

The interest was at an extraordinary tension as the watchers on the outside looked up at the pole for the appearance of the condemned man. He came, and that fact in itself savored of a struggle. Just at 6 o'clock the flag was seen and all was over with the Jap.

The entire time consumed in executing the four men was one hour and twenty-three and a half minutes (1h 23m).

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FUSILLADE OF BULLETS.

Manuel Soto Inaugurates a Bloody Engagement at San Jose.

HE KILLS NICHOLAS SMITH AND IS SHOT DOWN BY OFFICERS.

Reign of Terror Still Continues at the Franklin and Newcastle Mines in Washington--Chances Favorable That the Government Will Be Forced to Declare Martial Law in the Districts Where the Trouble Exists.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN JOSE, July 7.--This morning at 6 o'clock a man named Manuel Soto inaugurated a bloody engagement which resulted in the death first of Nicholas Smith and afterward of himself. Soto, a man of 32, was a native of Mexico, several months ago cutting her throat with a knife. She recovered and came to San Jose, leaving on El Dorado street. Soto fled, and has since evaded a warrant of arrest. This morning he went to his wife's house, and while in the back yard was seen by Smith, who lives next door. He warned Mrs. Soto, and she made her escape. Soto entered the house and tried to kill one Laper, his wife's paragon, but the girls failed to take effect. He then went to the front of the house, but could not get in because Smith held the door. Soto then fired a shot through the panels, which pierced Smith's heart, killing him instantly. The murderer then fired a shot into the air, and a loss pistol in each hand and defied the officers to arrest him. Two officers, Monahan and Edwards, the latter a member of the police force, were sent further down the street, where he hid under a bed. Here he was found by the police, and he refused to surrender. The murderer refused and again opened fire, and then a terrific fusillade ensued, which lasted for some time. Soto yielded up the ghost. His body and that of his victim are now at the morgue.

WASHINGTON COAL MINES.

Prospect That Martial Law Will Be Declared.

SEATTLE, July 7.--Brigadier-General Curry and Sheriff Woolcott returned at 1 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning from the mining camps at Black Diamond, Franklin and Newcastle, where they have requested all armed bodies to surrender their arms without forcing the Governor to declare martial law and disarm them by force.

The men at the two camps met with moderate success. The committees appointed in mass meetings agreed to give up their arms, but individuals will doubtless refuse to abide by the committee's decisions. No overt act marred the serenity of the day in King County, but the water level of the Columbia River at the mine at Gilman is thoroughly fortified, and the action of the strikers is still awaited with interest.

In the district where the mines are dominated by the radical few, who hold the others in subjection by moral intimidation, the appearance of a late hour last night it was thought that the Governor would be forced to declare martial law in the districts where the trouble exists.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

He Witnesses the Musical Ride of the Life Guards.

LONDON, July 7.--After breakfasting with the Queen at Windsor the Emperor of Germany drove to the park, where he watched the musical ride of the Life Guards, a most skillful equestrian performance. The Emperor said it was one of the finest military spectacles he had ever seen.

THE SALTON LAKE.

The Source of Supply Traced to the Colorado River.

LOS ANGELES, July 7.--The party sent by the Southern Pacific from Ogilvie last week to find the source of the Salton Lake have returned. The following dispatch was received at the railroad office today: "Mr. Carter arrived at 9:30 last night, and gives the following report: The water level of the Colorado River at the point eight miles from El Rio, and through several channels from four feet deep, and from thirty to fifty feet deep. The channels pass over the sand hills, on a line of the old overland stage route, and through Alamo Mudo Station. The channels at the mouth of the Colorado are from 100 yards wide or more, and having a velocity of four miles an hour, and gaining. It was too deep to get the depth, but the old stage route, which was formerly twenty feet deep. This is about thirty-five miles from the river.

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Portland yesterday, on the steamer Michigan, to work in a salmon cannery. The United States revenue cutter Wolcott closely followed the Michigan, and returned near the Chinese steamer, which landed. No trouble has occurred as yet, but great excitement prevails, and it is thought that an attempt will be made to force the Chinese out of town. It is believed that this invoice of Chinese, at this point on the Gulf of Georgia and the international boundary line, will open the coast to the sale of opium, and that British Columbia to the United States.

Two Portuguese Shepherders Killed. FRESNO, July 7.--Word was received here this morning that two Portuguese shepherders had been killed near the head waters of the San Joaquin in a quarrel over the range. A young man named Ship and Kio Bellare accused of the deed. The Sheriff and Coroner will go to the scene.

The Portuguese who brought in the news of the killing of the two shepherders at French Canyon, says Ship and Bellare, who were shepherders to begin with, and a quarrel ensued. Ship and Bellare left, and while the shepherders were eating dinner they were fired upon from ambush and both were killed.

The dead men are Portuguese, named Frank Falardo and Manuel Verdano, and are being taken to the morgue.

PETITION FOR DISINCORPORATION.

RED BLUFF, July 7.--A petition containing 215 names of citizens was presented to the Town Trustees last night asking the board to call an election to vote on the disincorporation of the town. The board voted to call the election for August 1st, and a majority of the electors vote, yes, all the town except block 10 will be set off into the county.

Only Three Saloons.

YUBA CITY, July 7.--At a meeting of the Supervisors to-day a petition signed by nearly 1,000 people was presented asking the board to refuse to grant any more liquor licenses. Several licenses were made in its support. The license is now \$200 a quarter and there are only three saloons in Sutter County.

Another Pioneer Passes Away.

MERCED, July 7.--N. C. W. Hooper, founder of the Yosemite Colony of Merced and a pioneer of California, died at his home on the colony this morning after a long illness. He was 67 years of age, 59 years and a native of Georgia.

Shot Her Husband.

SEATTLE (Wn.), July 7.--Mrs. Mary McNeil shot and dangerously wounded her husband to-day, at the Golden State Hotel. The woman claims that he abused her. McNeil will probably die.

THE CARLOW ELECTION.

Indications Point to the Defeat of the Parrotite Candidate. DUBLIN, July 7.--The polling in Carlow to-day for a successor in Parliament to the late Organman Mahon is proceeding quietly. The result of the election will be announced to-morrow.

During the day an exciting scene took place in the polling booth at Bagnalstown. Canon O'Neal a supporter of Parrell, entered the booth and voted, but was astonished to find the canvasser instructing the anti-Parrellites how to vote. The Canon vehemently protested against the curate's action, claiming that he was a member of the canvasser's party. The people outside the booth, composed of both factions, ranged themselves on each side of the polling-place and prepared for a fight. The police, however, prevented a free fight. In the midst of the disturbance a man tried to strike Parrell, but was prevented by some bystanders.

The supporters of Parrell are despondent to-night as the result of the election.

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WORLD'S FAIR.

The Committee Investigating the Charges Against Forsyth.

CHICAGO, July 7.--Forsyth of California, whose appointment as Chief of the World's Fair Horticultural Department is pending, appeared before the Committee on Agriculture to-day. The committee went over the various unpleasant charges made against Forsyth in California. He answered the accusations by demanding documentary evidence to prove their falsity, and the committee took the matter under advisement.

It is believed here now that Forsyth will be confirmed. All of the opposition comes from California, and the Director-General said to-night that if the nomination is not made, it will not be likely to be made.

Some physician prescribes the following as a preventive of "sour stomach": Avoid eating foods which ferment easily, such as sugar, potatoes, and the like. Drink hot water to wash the stomach out, say one cup about one hour before eating. This prepares the organ for the kindly reception of the food. Avoid fruit and meat, if they give you trouble. Should this not agree, use yeast, or scraped beef, boiled, using with it little salt, and dried wholewheat bread. Be careful to not eat too much meat in hot weather, as it is quite heating. You may try to drink a half-cup of cold skimmed milk, filling the cup with boiling water. Should you not be relieved by following the above, you had better hunt a sanitarium.

Two Babies.

Mrs. Newma--Oh, I wish you could see Mrs. Winkler's baby. It's perfectly lovely! Such a delicate, sweet little creature as it is. It's a perfect little cherub, with the loveliest eyes, the sweetest little mouth, the cunningest little nose, and eyes of heavenly blue. It looks as if it had just dropped from heaven and every tiny feature had been fashioned by the angels.

Mr. Newma--Is it as nice as our baby? Mrs. Newma--Mercy! no, not half. New York Weekly.

TERrible EXPERIENCE.

Shipwrecked Sailors Endure Hardships on the Auckland Islands.

SYDNEY (N. S. W.), July 7.--The crew of a schooner which arrived here from New Zealand say that the bark Compadre, bound from Calcutta to Chile, caught fire at sea and the captain made for Bluff Harbour, New Zealand. The bark was overtaken by a fearful hurricane, and was eventually so storm-stricken that she became water-logged and began to sink. Finally, she drove

upon a ridge of rocks at the Auckland Islands. The crew managed to swim ashore, where they remained 108 days, enduring great privations. They were rescued by a sealing vessel, which conveyed them to New Zealand. Before the crew was rescued, one seaman, while hunting for food, was lost and never seen, and it is supposed to have died of starvation.

Two Miners Submerged.