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MARY FARMER ELECTROCUTED

Woman Who Murdered Sarah Brennan Pays Penalty in the Electric Chair in the Audubon Prison.

FIRST WOMAN TO DIE

In Such a Manner in the Audubon Prison and Second in New York State—Exonerates Her Husband.

AUBURN, N. Y., March 29.—With half-closed eyes, muttering a prayer of the Catholic church, Mrs. Mary Farmer walked to the electric chair in the Auburn prison at 6:04 this morning and gave up her life as a penalty for the murder of Sarah Brennan. The electrical execution is the first of a woman in the Auburn prison and the second in New York state and was signally successful. After three contacts of powerful current the murderer was pronounced dead by Warden Benham at 6:15.

While she was being executed, pacing the cell within a stone's throw of the execution chamber, condemned to die in the same chair for complicity in the murder, was Mrs. Farmer's husband. Two score miles away, in the village of Brownsville, an infant so lay fretting, unconscious of the significance of this dawn. In the last word to Father Hickey, spiritual adviser, Mary Farmer dictated her confession, being the declaration of her husband's innocence for the crime which she stands condemned to die. She also dictated an autobiography that is to be read to the son by Father Hickey when the lad is capable of understanding.

The Death March.

Mrs. Farmer started on the death march accompanied by Father Hickey, chanting a prayer. On either side walked Mrs. John Dunningan and Mary Gorman, women attendants. She seated herself calmly in the brass rigged chair. The cap and other fittings were soon adjusted and Electrician Davis stepped to the switchboard. The switch was jammed into the socket at 6:05:38, the limp body jumped against the strap as 1,340 volts raced through it. Barely an audible moan came from the lips at the first shock. The contact was maintained one minute and two seconds. After an examination by physicians the second and third contacts were given.

Most Affecting Scene.

The visit of the condemned woman to her husband last night was a most affecting scene. They were separated by the bars. There was no tears at the hand touch and kiss. They addressed each other simply, and were allowed to converse privately for an hour. Leaving, Farmer said: "Good-bye, Mary." She replied, "Good-bye Jim, if I don't see you again in this world I will in the next."

Mrs. Farmer's confession says her husband knew nothing about the death of Sarah Brennan, and that she never told him anything that happened. She says in part: "James D. Farmer is entirely innocent of the death of Sarah Brennan; knowingly he had no part in the plans that led to it; he knew nothing whatever about it."

Autopsy is Held.

An autopsy over the remains of Mrs. Farmer showed the woman's body normal in every organ. The brain was found healthy, weighing forty-five ounces.

Case is Continued.

The cases of all the men arrested by Burns was continued today until Wednesday. Neither Calhoun nor Prosecutor Henry were present when the Calhoun trial was resumed. A monotonous examination of talesmen continued.

Wants Iowa to Join.

DES MOINES, March 29.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, addressed a joint assembly at the state legislature this morning urging Iowa to join the national movement for the conservation of forests.

Puddlers Have Struck.

READING, Pa., March 29.—Three hundred puddlers and helpers in the sheet mill owned by the Reading Iron company have so far joined the strike resulting from the company's cut in the puddlers' wages. Men of tier departments are ignoring the strike order.

CALHOUN CASE GROWS BITTER

Feeling Runs High on Both Sides in the Calhoun Bribery Case and an Outbreak is Anticipated.

SAFES BROKEN OPEN

Detectives Tried to Find Incriminating Evidence Against Calhoun But Failed—Were After New York Telegrams.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—Feeling is running high on both sides and an outbreak is feared when the nine men arrested on allegations which include larceny and disclosing the plans of the prosecution are arraigned before Police Judge Deasy at the preliminary hearing today. The fact that the raid on Calhoun's office, in which his safes were broken open, and private papers suspected, was made by Detective Burns, in defiance of the injunction issued by the supreme court, adds complication to the case. The real reason of the raid, the friends of Calhoun assert, were not to discover the evidence that had been stolen from the prosecution. Instead it is alleged, the purpose was to discover what copies of telegrams Calhoun had among his private papers. In order to prove Calhoun guilty of bribery it will be necessary to show while he was in New York he sent telegrams to officials of the United Railways here directing them to make payment of the money as a bribe. No record so far has been found of such telegrams in the local telegraph offices. Evidence against the nine accused men will be presented to the grand jury Tuesday. Following the police court hearing today it was announced the attorneys of the United Railways will go before the judge of the supreme court to demand those responsible for the violation of his injunction be punished. Those include District Attorney Langdon, Francis J. Henry and Detective Burns.

IDENTIFICATION OF MRS. BOYLE

Kansas City Police Claim Kidnapper is Mrs. Frank H. Parker—Knock at Jefferson City.

KANSAS CITY, March 29.—The alleged identification of Mrs. Helen Boyle, arrested in connection with the Whittla kidnapping, was made today by the Missouri authorities who declare the woman was once arrested in Kansas City where she is known as Mrs. Frank H. Parker. Parker was arrested with her but both were released later. Parker, it is said, was arrested in St. Louis where he was known as minor. He is known at the state prison at Jefferson City. Lieutenant Harry Stege, the Bertillon clerk at police headquarters, was shown a photograph of Mrs. Boyle. He declared she was Mrs. Parker.

Parker Denies Knowing Boyle. KANSAS CITY, March 29.—Frank A. Parker, alias Minor, denied today he ever knew Boyle.

SCHOONER SINKS; TWENTY DROWN

Nicaraguan Crew Leaves Women and Children Passengers to Perish.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, March 29.—The coasting schooner Kearsarge was wrecked last Monday between Monkey point and Greytown, and twenty lives were lost.

Drowned.

Mrs. Sofia Carter. Mrs. Clidia Hodgson. Mrs. A. Casanova and daughter. Mrs. Ersie Gare and four children. Felmenia Blandford. Imogene Blandford. Alverda Howard and daughter. Mrs. Newball and three children. Mrs. Teresa Casanova. Two Colombians.

Among the saved were Ferdinand Casanova, M. Blankford, John Newball, John Milton, Capt. Julian Gomeb, the cook and two sailors, who succeeded in getting ashore in a dory, leaving the other passengers, mostly women and children, to their fate.

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate today: Solicitor General of the United States: Lloyd W. Bowers; assistant secretary of the treasury, Chas. Byer Norton, of Illinois.

RULERS ON VERGE OF WAR MADCAP PRINCE AND MOB IN THE STREETS OF BELGRADE.



[Vienna, March 29.—In his efforts to secure peace between Austria-Hungary and Serbia Sir Edward Grey, the British minister, has sent a third and last note to Belgrade suggesting a spontaneous recognition of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The note is couched in such terms as to call for a sincere and straightforward response. If this is not forthcoming the recall of Austria-Hungary's minister doubtless will follow at once. Every day that the strained relations between the two governments continue results in heavy losses to commercial and agricultural interests, and the situation cannot exist much longer without a war. Regiments are being sent to the front almost daily, and Austria is determined, if the conflict comes, to make it short and decisive. The abdication of Crown Prince George of Serbia, because he was accused of the murder of his valet has stirred Belgrade to fever heat. Prince George is a jingo of the most pronounced type and an ardent hater of Serbia. Although his dissolute career made him an unlikable man, many of his subjects sympathized with him because he was a bitter enemy of Austria.]

OLLIE JAMES AND THE TARIFF

Kentucky Democrat Opens a General Debate on the Tariff Bill in Which He Injects Considerable Humor.

HE LAUDED CARNEGIE

Disappointed in Taft Because the President Failed to Commit Himself What "Reasonable Profit Meant."

WASHINGTON, March 29.—

Ollie James, democrat, of Kentucky, opened a general discussion of the tariff bill in the House today. He injected considerable humor in the debate by declaring he noticed fossils on the free list. He said, discussing the bill in general: "Instead of making the infant industries stand on their own feet, you (republicans) intend to make them stand on everybody's feet. So far as the farmer goes the tariff is not only a delusion and a snare, but a consummate fraud." He lauded Carnegie and expressed himself disappointed at President Taft because he had so far not committed himself as to what a "reasonable profit meant." James took hot shots at the lumber, sugar and tobacco trusts. He said: "When all is done and the bill passed the trusts can say, 'We have looked the Payne bill over. Thank God there is loot enough in it for us all.'"

Taft Will Act in Tariff. Taft today assured a number of congressional callers that he would use

BOYLE TAKEN TO SHARON, PA.

Abductor of Billy Whittla is Given Preliminary Hearing This Afternoon on the Charge of Kidnapping.

HE LAUDED CARNEGIE

It is Said Southern Relatives Will Secure Ablest Counsel Possible For the Defense of Mrs. Boyle.

SHARON, Pa., March 29.—

James H. Boyle, the abductor of Billy Whittla, left Mercer at eleven today for Sharon where he will be given a preliminary hearing this afternoon on a charge of kidnapping. He will return to Mercer at four o'clock this afternoon. Billy Whittla, Thompson, the liveryman and a half dozen other witnesses have been subpoenaed to identify Boyle as the kidnaper. Mrs. Boyle will be taken to Sharon tomorrow. It was rumored today that wealthy Southern relatives were coming to the assistance of Mrs. Boyle. It is said that within a few days money will be forthcoming to assure her the ablest counsel that can be secured in this section of the state. SHARON, March 29.—Boyle this afternoon waived the hearing before Justice Gilbert and was committed to the Mercer county jail for trial. At 2 o'clock Boyle was taken from the police station to the justice's office. The street was lined with people, while the prisoner was trembling from head to foot, fearing violence, and begged the sheriff to protect him.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

FORT MADISON PENITENTIARY

Inquiry is to be Made by the Subcommittee of the House of Penitentiary Doings at Fort Madison.

COUNSEL FOR WOMAN TO PROHIBIT TRUSTS

House Passes a Bill Preventing the Formation of Creamery Trusts and Monopolies—Fewer Judicial Districts.

STATE HOUSE, DES MOINES,

Iowa, March 29.—In the house a special committee reported in favor of a reduction of the number of judicial districts to fifteen and the number of judges from 53 to 43. The committee was introduced to prepare a bill. The house passed the senate bill prohibiting the formation of creamery trusts and monopolies. The senate passed a bill providing for special committees composed of members elect to visit the state institutions prior to each session and report at the opening session. The senate passed the house bill prohibiting marriages of cousins. The sub committee of the house committee on penitentiary and pardons was instructed to inquire into the complaints against Fort Madison penitentiary and report as to the necessity of an investigation. Harriman in Salt Lake. OGDEN, Utah, March 29.—Harriman arrived here accompanied by a number of western officials, today. He proceeded to Salt Lake where he spent three hours and then started east.

CRAZY SNAKE FIGHT TROOPS

Indians and Half Breed Negroes in a Battle With State Troops in the Hills Near Henrietta.

SMOKE SIGNALS SEEN

State is Taking Every Precaution to Put Down the Uprising With the Greatest Possible Speed.

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 29.—Early today it was reported from Henrietta that firing has been heard in the hills and it is believed a fight between Chief Crazy Snake, his band of Indians and half breed negroes, and state troops sent out to quell them, has taken place. The fighting is seven miles away in the hills. Telephone wires from nearby stations are cut and the details of the fighting have not been received. There is great excitement in Henrietta and surrounding towns. Smoke of signal fires were seen today at different places in the hills about Henrietta. Today it is said they were burning at different places from where those appeared yesterday, old Indian fighters declaring they are replies to the signals of yesterday. The state is taking every precaution in the matter of uprising and it will be ended with the greatest possible speed.

Deputy's Death Accidental.

Deputy Stidham, who was shot and killed yesterday, was not shot by an Indian, according to a statement made today. The deputy accidentally killed himself with his own gun.

Twenty-Four Killed.

Twenty-four negroes and half-breed Indians have been killed since the trouble started at Hickory Grounds, according to Dr. Wallace, who has been caring for the wounded there.

Crazy Snake Located.

STIDHAM, Okla., March 29.—Chief Crazy Snake has been located. With more than one hundred heavily armed Indians he is lying in a ravine about two miles from his former camp. The place is a natural fortress. There is but one approach and could be held by three men against an army. The militia under Colonel Hoffman, is still camped at Hickory Ground, according

Trouble Due to Lobbyists.

That the present troubles with Crazy Snake and his followers in Oklahoma is the outcome of agitation, aided and abetted by professional lobbyists in Washington, with selfish interests to serve, is the opinion of Indian Commissioner Leupp. He said today, "All the blood that is shed in Oklahoma in this trouble should be laid at the door of professional lobbyists. Crazy Snake came to see me when I first took this office, and laid his case before me. I saw then what he wanted was the complete overthrow of the government's Indian policy, and a revision to the old wild life of the tribesmen. I told Crazy Snake he could expect absolutely nothing from me. He took the case before Secretary Garfield and received the same answer. Various Indian societies and lobbyists got hold of Crazy Snake and his people and made them believe they could secure the overthrow of the Indian office through legislation by congress. This hope has kept the agitation alive.

GIVES JEFF A WEEK TO COVER HIS MONEY

Jack Johnson Given Big Reception by Colored Population of New York.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The negroes of New York turned out a force today to welcome Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion. Great crowds were on the streets and at the Grand Central station, following Johnson. Windows were crowded generally, making the greatest reception the black champion ever received. Addressing the crowd from the balcony of the theater he said he would give Jeffries a week to recover the five thousand posted for the match. If he didn't cover it, it is open to any other fighter, except Burns. He said: "There's nothing doing for Burns unless he pays me ten thousand out of his pocket and somebody else pays me twenty-one thousand before the fight. That's what he got in Australia and I, the winner, only got five thousand. Now I'm dictating my terms."

Daily River Bulletin.

Stage Height, Change, Wea'r. St. Paul . . . 14 8.3 x1.9 Snow La Crosse . . . 12 Cldy Davenport . . . 15 5.8 0.0 Pt Cldy Galland . . . 8 3.8 x0.1 Keokuk . . . 15 7.4 x0.6 Clear St. Louis . . . 30 Pt Cldy The river will continue to rise from Keokuk south.

Local Observations.

March. Bar, Ther, Wind, Weather. 28 7 p.m. . . 29.75 45 NW Clear 29 7 a.m. . . 29.85 30 W Clear Rainfall for past 24 hours, 1 hundredths. River above low water of 1864 7 feet 4 tenths. Change in 24 hours, rise 2 tenths. Mean temperature, 49. Maximum temperature, 28. Minimum temperature, 38. Des Moines river 11 feet 1 tenth, falling. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

VANDERLIP'S FAST RAILROAD RACE

President of the National City Bank of New York Used a Special to Reach His Mother's Bedside.

HE ARRIVED TOO LATE

New York Central Railroad Broke All Records to Get the Banker Into Chicago in Time—16 Hours' Run.

CHICAGO, March 29.—In a race against time to reach the bedside of his dying mother, Frank Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, Sunday covered the distance from New York to Chicago in fifteen hours and fifty-eight minutes. This, according to railroad officials, broke all railroad records for the trip. Mr. Vanderlip arrived twenty-eight minutes after his mother died.

Shortly after midnight last night Mr. Vanderlip in New York received word from Chicago of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Charlotte L. Vanderlip. He immediately ordered the New York Central to supply him with the fastest special train at its command. The company had a train ready to leave New York at midnight.

The train consisted of four coaches and a powerful engine. It was necessary to add the three extra coaches to give the train the proper weight for making high speed.

Given Right of Way.

Mr. Vanderlip's train was given the right of way. The run from New York to Buffalo, 440 miles, was covered in 399 minutes, which included a three-minute stop for a change of engines. The run from Buffalo to Cleveland—183 miles—was covered in 168 minutes, and the special fairly tore up the rails in its mad rush. The engineer threw the throttle wide open, and the miles slipped by at a dizzy pace.

Leaving Cleveland at 9:27 a. m., the special arrived at Toledo at 11:23 a. m.—covering 108 miles in 116 minutes. This was the slowest stage of the run. Elkhart, Ind., was reached at 1:23 p. m., making 133 miles in 120 minutes. Englewood was reached at 2:58—the last ninety-five miles being eaten up in ninety-two minutes. Mr. Vanderlip left the train at Englewood, which was the nearest station to his mother's home.

Mrs. Vanderlip was 68 years old. It was not thought she was in any danger until last night, when Mr. Vanderlip was summoned.

THE WEATHER.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, Wired From Chicago.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Colder tonight. For Illinois: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Colder with frost south portion. For Iowa: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Colder east and central portions tonight.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Colder tonight with frost southern portion.

Weather Conditions.

The area of low pressure from the lake region has moved out the St. Lawrence Valley, followed by a high area in the Northern Plateau Region, and there has been light snow from the Rockies eastward, through the upper Mississippi valley and lake region to the coast.

There is an area of high pressure in southern California, and areas of low pressure in Oregon and on the Gulf coast, with rains on the Pacific coast and in the southeastern states.

Conditions indicate the advance of

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