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DOOMED TO DEATH SAYS "THANK YOU"

Ernest Wirth Receives Sentence to Die on Scaffold with Smile of Relief

MAKES A SHORT STATEMENT

Tells Court He Killed Wife Because He Could Not Live with Her Any More

"Thank you," said Ernest Wirth when sentenced to death by Judge Willis yesterday. With an expression of relief and a smile as though he had won in some momentous contest, Wirth, who murdered his wife, Mrs. Hattie Wirth, last Friday, by stamping out her brains, received the sentence of Judge Willis of the criminal court that he will hang for his awful deed.

When he was brought into the court at 9:30 o'clock he wanted to waive all proceedings and receive his sentence at once. He refused to have an attorney, but was given a formal trial in accordance with the law.

With a deputy sheriff on each side of him and a couple more behind him, Wirth was an interested spectator of the proceedings, which he watched closely with clouded brow.

Detective MacNams, who assisted in the arrest, was the first witness. He told of the finding of the woman's body, the presence of Wirth, of his trousers and shoes, and of the human blood. He said Wirth acknowledged that he had murdered his wife and was ready to swing for it.

Dr. Robert V. Day, who examined the body of Mrs. Wirth after it was taken to the morgue, testified that she died of a cerebral hemorrhage, saying death had resulted from the woman's eyes being trampled to such an extent that the brain had been disturbed.

Following the testimony Wirth was asked if he desired to make a statement. He stood up and replied that he did, and said as follows: "I make a statement. I know I killed my wife because I could not live with her any more in this world. Now I hope you will give me the death sentence so that I will meet her in the other world as soon as possible. That is my statement."

JUDGE PRONOUNCES SENTENCE
Wirth spoke the words with firmness in broken English, and then stood awaiting the court's decision. Judge Willis read the indictment of murder in the first degree and the penalty of death.

"There is nothing which I could say which would mitigate your sentence," said his honor, appearing rather uncomfortable at the necessity which compelled him to send a man to his doom. "It was your own act, and the law prescribes the death penalty, the court having no feeling in the matter. For many years death has been the sentence for people who commit murder in the first degree, and I find under the circumstances that it is the duty of the court to sentence you to death."

Wirth's glance brightened at this statement, and he grew less nervous, while the crowd in court watched the proceedings breathlessly.

"It is the judgment of this court," pronounced Judge Willis, "that you must hang for your crime, that you will be taken to San Quentin within the next ten days, and on a date hereafter fixed by this court you will suffer the death penalty."

Every face in the room with the exception of Wirth's was solemn as the man was sentenced. He deliberately smiled with satisfaction, and, sitting down, nodded pleasantly to his guards as though he had received excellent news. On his way out of court he caught sight of several acquaintances, and he leaned over to shake hands with them most effusively, while they appeared uncomfortable over his unwelcome friendliness.

PARKINSON AND PIERCE IN CHARGE OF FAIR BUILDING
Governor Gillett has appointed John Parkinson and Fred E. Pierce members of the board of directors of the Agricultural Park association, which will have charge of the Los Angeles exposition building, for which the state has appropriated \$250,000.

HERE'S A PICNIC FOR DES MOINES
The Los Angeles-Des Moines club will hold a picnic on the afternoon of Saturday, May 7, at the residence of C. C. Cross, 1423 Eleventh street, Santa Monica. All former residents of Des Moines are invited to attend the picnic. Those expecting to be present are requested to notify the secretary, Mrs. Fletcher Howard, 401 South Grand avenue. Take Sayville car at Hill street station at 2:15 and get off at Eleventh street, Santa Monica.

PRISON REFORMER BUSY
Mrs. Alice Stebbins Wells will address a mass meeting at the First Baptist church, Long Beach, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock on the need of prison reform. In the evening at 7:30 she will speak at the Mount Hollywood Congregational church, Hollywood boulevard and Vermont avenue, Hollywood.

PIONEER WHO LIVED HERE HALF CENTURY



ROBERT STEERE

ANGELENO DIES IN HOME HE DWELT IN 35 YEARS

Robert Steere Passes Away in Olive Street—Lived in California 50 Years

Robert Steere, a resident of Los Angeles since 1875, and of California since 1859, died last evening at his home, 226 South Olive street. Mr. Steere was seventy-seven years of age and had been in ill health for a considerable time. He is survived by a widow.

Robert Steere was born in Laurens, Ontario county, New York, December 27, 1833. In 1854 he went to St. Paul, Minn., then little more than a trading post, and five years later joined a party of emigrants who made the trip overland to California, arriving at Placerville in September of that year. With the exception of seven years in Bloomington, Ill., his after life was passed in California.

In 1864 he married Miss Annie Higgins of Sacramento and eleven years later brought her with him to Los Angeles, where, in 1875, he built the home in which he and his wife have lived in Olive street.

Mr. Steere served one term as internal revenue collector for the northern district of the state and one term in the Los Angeles city council. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church and was a communicant of St. Joseph's church.

Funeral services will be held at the family home at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning, and high mass will be celebrated at the cathedral at 9 o'clock. The service at the cathedral will be open to friends.

BODY OF WM. REYNOLDS FOUND IN RUINS OF FIRE

Jack Kane, First Thought to Be Victim, Identifies Remains

Hidden by bed clothes and burned hay, half lying and half crouching, the body of William Reynolds was found yesterday morning in the rear of Klugman's bakery at 321 East First street. The bakery was destroyed by a fire Thursday night.

The body was found by Patrolman John Fitzgerald and Neil Finblestein, a dealer in second-hand goods. They were rummaging about the ruins in search of some clue which might lead to the cause of the fire. A hypodermic needle was found beside the charred body, and it is believed that Reynolds was under the influence of the drug when he perished.

At first it was believed that the victim was Jack Kane, but the latter appeared at the police station last night and said the body was that of Reynolds, a friend of Kane's.

JOHN MOSE, HE'S MAD
John Mose is connected with the portland department of the Van Nuys hotel. John is a man of color, and likewise John was shocked. Truth is, John telephoned to the police Thursday night that Nathan Ricks had attempted to absorb the carbolic concoction, and the police connected with him were busy explaining all day yesterday.

IN A FICKLE OVER OLIVES
Charging C. P. Grogan with failure to pay for about twenty tons of olives from his last year's crop on his ranch near Sope, Harry H. Kennedy filed suit in the superior court yesterday for the amount, which is claimed to be \$1004.42. The plaintiff alleges that he charged the defendant the same price and terms that he did to the Olive Growers' association at Santa Barbara, but that, instead of accepting it, he took the olives and failed to settle.

BUMPED BY BENZINE BUGGY
While crossing Broadway at Sixth street yesterday afternoon, Mrs. A. J. Eaton was knocked down and run over by an automobile driven by Duane H. Jaques. She was picked up and taken to the receiving hospital by Jaques, where a slight examination showed a contusion of her breast. She refused to have a proper examination made and was later removed to her home at 2419 South Flower street.

GOING TO LEAVE US, JUDGE?
With a list of 6900 signatures attached, the petition of Judge Curtis D. Wilbur for candidacy in the race for a seat on the supreme bench of California was filed with the county clerk yesterday, the number being considerably in excess of what is required. The petition has 1 per cent of the vote of the state and 1 per cent each of ten counties, as provided by the new primary law.

EASY MONEY FOR GARBAGE HAULERS

Court's Decision in Durbin Case Reduces Work of the Contractor

CITY PAYS \$4000 A MONTH

Vernon Hog Feeders Lighten Burden, but Contract with Alexander Sticks

Charles Alexander, the garbage contractor, certainly has the soft way of making a money, and that living amounts to \$4000 a month at that. All he has to do is to present a demand for that amount to the city every month, and all the city has to do is to pay the demand.

No sooner was the announcement made that the court had decided that garbage is property and that anyone can collect it and carry it through the streets, than the garbage wagons of the pig farms in Vernon were on the job. The southern part of the city was filled with them yesterday, and when Alexander the garbage contractor to collect the garbage there was nothing but empty cans.

The decision of the court was based on the garbage ordinance and had nothing to do with Alexander's contract with the city. The contract is still perfectly good and valid and the city must pay Alexander \$4000 every month for the next five years. He has no use for it, for he has only a few hogs to feed and the rest of it he buries. It costs money to bury it, and this expense is wiped out. In fact, it is a profit all around for Mr. Garbage Contractor.

TO HIGHER COURT
"The matter presents a difficult situation," said City Attorney Hewitt, "but we have it under prayerful consideration and do not intend to let it rest as it is." Mr. Hewitt hinted that the matter would be taken to a higher court. Meanwhile the garbage transfer station at Aliso and Macy streets continues to be a nuisance. While the biggest part of the garbage is going to Vernon and creating its awful smells there, Alexander has to make some kind of a bluff at collecting the refuse, and the little he gets goes to the garbage transfer station. People who are so unfortunate as to live in the vicinity of this station have been made sick by the odors. The William R. Hearst, around the garbage and then wipe their muddy feet on the food in the houses around are spreading the germs of disease.

STATION A NUISANCE
Dr. L. M. Powers, city health officer, has declared the garbage transfer station an unmitigated nuisance. He declared it so a long time ago, but the first alphabetical section of the big book will go to press in a few days.

MORE NAMES IN BOOK BUT COSTS ONLY \$7.50
New City Directory Called Amazing Bargain by Manager

The Los Angeles city directory company has about completed preparatory work on the 1910 directory and the first alphabetical section of the big book will go to press in a few days.

"Although we are spending more money than ever before on this edition of the directory," said R. O. Devereaux, manager of the directory company, yesterday, "not only on account of the necessarily increased size, but by reason of better paper and binding, the directory will be furnished at the same price as in previous years, \$7.50."

"This year's book will contain about 10 per cent more pages than the 1909 book, although the book will be half an inch longer than previous editions, and will, through decreasing the size of the margins, carry many more names on each page."

"We have been working with the city engineer's office for several months, and the street directory and street car guide will be a much more valuable feature than in former years."

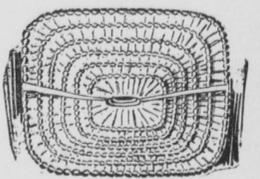
"Although our canvassers have been withdrawn, the forms have not yet been closed by the printer, and anyone who has been overlooked by the canvassers, or who desires to have his address changed, can make it right by sending us a postal or telephoning us. Present indications are the book will be out on schedule time, June 15, and a few advance copies may be completed before that date."



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DENIES MACHINE PACT TO MAKE BELL DEAD ONE

Jefferson Club Secretary Scouts McNab-Hearst-S. P. Combinations

Henry M. McDonald, secretary of the Jefferson club, denied yesterday that the McNab-Hearst-Southern Pacific machine combination is back of the latest attempt to drag Joseph H. Call into the race as a candidate for governor against Theodore A. Bell. Mr. McDonald also denied that the expense of circulating ten petitions urging Mr. Call to enter the race is borne by the "machine," but insisted the petition-bearers are to be paid from a fund which Judge D. K. Trask, Milton K. Young and Charles Wellborn have subscribed. Mr. McDonald's letter to The Herald making this explanation is as follows:

"Editor Herald: Referring to an article appearing in Friday's issue of The Herald, entitled 'Hearst-McNab-Southern Pacific Pay Thirty Dollars a Day for Circulation of Call Petition,' in which article it is stated that I am being furnished money by Gavin McDonald in behalf of the Southern Pacific machine and by William R. Hearst, owner of the Los Angeles Examiner, to pay the expenses of circulating petitions requesting Mr. Call to permit his friends to secure 'the execution of petitions nominating him as candidate for governor to be supported at the August 16, 1910, state primary, I would state that the following are the facts, viz: The desirability of circulating these petitions was conceived by D. K. Trask, Milton K. Young and myself. Neither Mr. McNab or Mr. Hearst, or any one connected with the Examiner, was or has been consulted in reference to the circulation of the petitions. None of the parties just named have been requested to contribute any money to pay for circulating the petitions, nor have they done so or agreed to do so. Nor have the gentlemen mentioned any connection whatsoever with the petitions or their circulation. The total amount paid and contracted to be paid for the circulation of the petitions is \$12.65. To meet this expense Judge Trask, Charles Wellborn, Milton K. Young and I have each 'chipped in' \$5."

"Will you not kindly, in the interest of 'fair journalism,' which you have so frequently and commendably advocated in the columns of The Herald, publish this letter? Yours very truly, 'HENRY M. McDONALD.'"

When questioned yesterday, Judge Trask stated that Mr. McDonald had represented to him certain petitions were to be circulated by "the Democrats of Los Angeles," and that he agreed to "chip in" \$5. Further than this, Judge Trask refused to discuss the matter.

Charles Wellborn, whom Mr. McDonald says contributed to this fund, stated that he had been similarly approached by Mr. McDonald and led to believe it was a "general Democratic movement" in behalf of Mr. Call, and had casually agreed to "chip in" \$5 if it was needed. That, he said, was all he knew about it.

Milton K. Young refused to discuss the petitions, but laughed heartily when informed of the statements of Mr. McDonald's letter.

WILLIE WING, CHRISTIAN 'CHINK,' IS OUT ON BAIL

Deposits Coin to Open Jail Doors. Enslaved White Girl, Is Charge

Willie Wing, the "Christian mission" Chinese over whose head hang grave charges that the county authorities believe may result in indictments affecting the slave traffic, was released from the county jail yesterday on depositing \$5000 cash bail. Wing is awaiting trial on a charge of ruining pretty 15-year-old Edith Curtis, a white girl, whom he is said to have sold into a life of shame among the Chinese. Wing's bail money came from his friends, thought to be members of a powerful tong. Every effort, it is said, will be made to obtain his liberty and save him from conviction, although several similar charges in which he is accused of seducing girls of immature years have been denied against him.

Wing was a constant attendant at the Chinese missions and appeared to take great interest in mission work. He procured himself a prayer book, and to the tender-hearted missionaries appeared to be a devout Christian. It is said that he pled his trade for a Chinese company, dealing in white girls, for houses of ill fame in Chinatowns of eastern cities, under the very eyes of his teachers, without exciting the slightest suspicion.

It is said Wing first met the Curtis girl while attending a Sunday service. Another 15-year-old white girl, whom he is said to have sold and who escaped her Chinese masters before she could be transported, is the object of a diligent search by the police and sheriff. Mill Sing, his alleged accomplice, is still in jail. Sing, it is said, pursued much the same methods in obtaining his prey.

SLEEPERS ESCAPE HOLOCAUST
While the occupants were asleep, a fire broke out yesterday morning in a two-story frame building at 1043 Orange street, owned by C. O. Coxman, and occupied by J. D. Eckelhoff and his family. No one was injured. Mrs. Eckelhoff was awakened by the crackling of flames and awakened the rest of the household. Damage to the building was \$1000 and the same amount to the contents. This is entirely covered by insurance. Detective Irving is given as the cause.

TRIO ARRAIGNED
Gus and Carl Krantz and Dan McMahon, charged with grand larceny, who were arrested in San Diego Thursday by Detectives Rich and Roberts and brought back to Los Angeles, were arraigned before Police Judge Rose yesterday and their preliminary hearings set for 10 o'clock May 4. The trio are alleged to have entered the room of Mrs. R. Munchalter, 334 Corcoran avenue, during her absence, taking a pocketbook containing more than \$200 and a quantity of jewelry.

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