

THREE SLAYERS ARE SLATCHED FROM GALLOWS

Murderers of Women Reprieved Day Before Time Fixed for Their Hanging

Acting Governor Wallace Informed by Petitions Against Capital Punishment

Reprieves were issued late yesterday afternoon by acting Governor Wallace to three condemned men in San Quentin, all murderers of women, two of whom were to have been hanged today.

Four women had been murdered by the three prisoners, Alex Szafscar of San Francisco, Willie Luis, a Chinese of San Luis Obispo, and Ed Williams, an Indian of Butte county. The first man shot down his wife in cold blood when she told him she would not support him any longer; the second carried out a plot to kill his stepmother, after his father had died and left her all his property, and the third murdered the girl with whom he had been living, and also her aunt, in a quarrel when the aunt undertook to take the girl away from him.

Luis and Williams were to have been hanged today. Wallace issued a statement saying he reprieved the doomed men largely because of advices received from various county clerks and the secretary of state that more than 50,000 signatures to the petition for the abolishment of capital punishment had been obtained in the measure for submission to a vote of the people.

MANY TIMES REPRIEVED

The two men in the death cells had already been reprieved several times by Governor Johnson, Willie Luis being the first to visit the executive clemency. In only one of the cases, that of the Indian, Williams, was the murder committed in the heat of passion, resulting in a quarrel. The others were without immediate provocation.

Alexander Szafscar killed his wife, Erma, in their home at 516 Frederick street, San Francisco, April 4, 1910. He fired three shots into her body and ran into Golden Gate park, where he attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Szafscar was an Austrian gendarme who had married a woman older than himself, becoming divorced later. He then married the woman he killed, Mrs. Erma Gross. Before the tragedy he had been arrested for deserting his wife and children.

The evening of the shooting he reached home in a drunken condition. He had been previously demanding money from his wife, and this time he asked for something to eat. She said he had better go to a restaurant, and when she turned away he shot her through the back. He suffered a scalp wound when he attempted suicide. An appeal was taken to the supreme court, which affirmed the judgment of the lower court and recommended the case for sentence.

WOMAN SLAIN IN SLEEP

Willie Luis, the Chinese, committed his murder in San Luis Obispo. His father, a wealthy merchant, was selling all his property to his second wife. While she slept with her little girl, Luis deliberately walked upstairs and killed her. The merchant's son had been convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

Edward Williams is a halfbreed Indian, who lived in Butte county with a girl named Edith. He had held two suits came to take her home last October, and he shot both the girl and the aunt, Mrs. Henry Mullings. He also wounded two other people before he was captured. This took place in Moretown, October 26, 1911.

REASON FOR REPRIEVES

In granting the reprieves, acting Governor Wallace issued the following statement: "I have decided to reprieve these men largely because from advices received from various county clerks and from the secretary of state I find that more than 50,000 signatures to the petition for the abolishment of capital punishment in this state have been obtained. This will result in the ultimate submission of the question to the people of the state, either at a special election or at the general election to be held two years hence, if, indeed, legislative action be not had at the next session of the legislature. If the people shall by their votes abolish capital punishment, I am willing that the punishment of those who are now under sentence of death shall be brought into harmony with the vote thus taken."

NEW NEWSPAPER LAW DEFINED BY WICKERSHAM

Ruling Limits Record to Part of Circulation

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Attorney General Wickersham today rendered an opinion as to the meaning of the new law which requires daily newspapers to render to the government an account of their paid subscriptions. The opinion, which upholds the views of the postmaster general, will result, in the case of the average daily newspaper, in only part of the total circulation being the number of copies of such publication distributed to such paid subscribers by any means, whether by the mails or otherwise.

"We shall administer the law justly and impartially, as we find it." Postmaster General Hitchcock said today. "Today we are beginning to mail to 120,000 editors, publishers and others interested to be filled out in compliance with the law. These will reach their destinations by October 1."

Mistaken an Invitation

Smith's invitation read "Evening Dress." By mistake he attended in his pajamas. He was somewhat embarrassed until he found he could do so properly on the \$1 a week credit plan. Stockton street, upstairs.

Financier Will marry Social Favorite to Be Bride



Miss Bernice Smith of Nevada City, who has announced her engagement to Alfred L. Meyerstein, president of the Merchants' National bank.

Bernice Smith's Engagement to Alfred L. Meyerstein Causes Surprise Here

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Bernice Smith and Alfred L. Meyerstein, with the news that the wedding of the couple will take place within a fortnight, comes as a great surprise to their friends.

The pretty bride elect formerly lived in this city with her mother, Mrs. Ida Smith, and recently they went to Nevada City. Miss Smith was a favorite here with the younger girls and took an active part in social affairs.

Meyerstein is prominent in banking circles, being president of the Merchants' National bank of this city. He built a handsome home in Woodside, where the couple will live on their return from their wedding journey.

The country house is surrounded by 24 acres and is provided with a swimming pond, tennis and handball courts. They will entertain extensively later in the season in their new home.

No definite date has been announced for the wedding save that it will be soon and probably in this city. It is to be a quiet affair, with only the immediate friends and relatives present.

So heated did the meeting of the bull moose county central committee in Bancroft hall for organization become last night that J. B. Sayer, secretary of the county convention of the third term, was forced to arise and nominate himself as candidate for secretary of the central committee.

Through a slip in the cog of the Tom Finn machine none of those who had been tipped off to support Sayer arose to nominate him, and for this absentmindedness they got a few caustic words from Pete Kelly, Finn warrior and sometimes janitor of the Ferry building.

In rising to nominate himself Sayer said: "I have no employment, I have received nothing from the state organization, and I feel I am entitled to this position. I will save money for the party. I know where to get good printing and cheap printing. I will get political stickers in time, I understand where Phil Bancroft, who has been nominated against me, pays 65 cents. I am a competent organizer. I know how to keep tabs of campaign progress, and I hope you will elect me."

One of the Finn delegation after some minutes seconded the nomination. Bancroft, W. W. Thayer and John Gilson also were nominated for the temporary secretaryship, and after two ballots Bancroft was elected. A significant fact was that after the first ballot, with Sayer running third, Kelly passed among his water front gang and tipped them off to vote for Bancroft, leaving Sayer with but five ballots in the final vote.

George Crothers was nominated for chairman by T. W. Nowlin after D. A. Ryan had been placed in nomination by Rola V. Watt. Nowlin said he did not want any man connected with the state offices to preside, and therefore did not favor the selection of Ryan, attorney for the harbor commissioners. Ryan, heralded as a reconciler, withdrew. Crothers being elected by acclamation.

When it came to permanent organization the north of Market adherents lined up against Boss Finn's south of Market gang. The latter came over the appointment of a campaign committee. J. W. Sweeney, in a bitter speech, objected to the selection of two members from each assembly district.

After a bitter discussion Finn's plan to have the representation based on mileage instead of voting strength was carried and two members will be appointed by the delegations from each of five districts. In addition to these five will be appointed at large and the two vice presidents, the chairman of the finance committee and the secretary of the central committee will act as ex officio members of the campaign steering committee.

The permanent officers elected are: Chairman, George Crothers; first vice president, J. L. Polito; second vice president, Mrs. Ida Mackrille; treasurer, T. W. Nowlin; sergeant at arms, Pete Kelly; secretary, Phil Bancroft.

BOURBONS WORK FOR A MAJORITY IN THE SENATE

Managers Plan to Capture Presidency Should Election Fall to Upper House

DENVER, Sept. 26.—Governor Shafroth admitted today that he has been urged by state and national democratic leaders to call an extra session of the legislature to choose a United States senator for the seat left vacant by the death of Charles J. Hughes Jr. At the last regular session the legislature failed to fill the vacancy.

"I am not ready to announce whether or not I shall call an extra session," the governor said. "I shall cross that bridge when I come to it."

Democratic leaders, it is said, are anxious to have Colorado fully represented in the senate, in view of the possibility that no candidate for the presidency will secure a majority vote in the electoral college. In case the choice of a president should be thrown into the hands of the states, as provided in the constitution, might not give any of the three leading candidates a majority. In that case the vice president chosen by the senate would be president, but the present senate has been deadlocked and was not able to elect a president pro tem.

A democratic senator from Colorado would help to break the deadlock in case a vice president should have to be elected. The Colorado legislature is democratic.

Bryan Addresses Nevadans

CARSON, Nev., Sept. 26.—William J. Bryan addressed a large number of people in this city during the late afternoon, arriving from Virginia City in an automobile over the grade. He was introduced by Governor Oddie and made his address from the capitol grounds.

Bryan took up the three parties in the field and made his aggressive talk against Roosevelt, treating Taft with a few remarks, and compared him to the boulder in the stream, which collected the driftwood and refused to move with the progress of time.

He denounced Taft for vetoing the late tariff measures passed by congress. In his reference to Roosevelt he told of the Baltimore and Chicago conventions and the platforms adopted by the two parties. He contended that the salient sections of the democratic party platform had been taken boldly and boldly from the platform by Roosevelt and his party.

He made a great hit in reference to the steel trust turning out \$700,000,000 worth of steel in a few minutes, while it took the great Comstock mines 50 years of hard labor to produce a like amount. Bryan left directly after his speech in an automobile for Reno, where he will address the people. On his way to Carson he stopped and made a short address at Silver City, one of the oldest settlements in western Nevada.

Wilson in Massachusetts

FALL RIVER, Mass., Sept. 26.—Governor Woodrow Wilson found the people of Massachusetts who greeted him today as enthusiastic and demonstrative as any he has met since he began campaigning. Great crowds turned out in Springfield, Barre and Fall River, where the governor made scheduled speeches, but along the way his reception was practically continuous.

People pressed to the rear of the train and stretched their hands upward to him, wishing him success. Cries for buttons were insistent, and the governor himself helped toss them from the train.

The nominee covered a variety of topics in his speeches, including the tariff, questions affecting monopoly, and governmental assistance to farmers.

The governor reached Fall River on a special train at 7:40 tonight.

Taft and Wilson Meet

BOSTON, Sept. 26.—President Taft and Governor Woodrow Wilson met for the first time, since the campaign started at a hotel here late tonight. They greeted each other heartily and conversed for several minutes.

Moose Indorse Churchill

CONCORD, N. H., Sept. 26.—Winston Churchill, the author, was indorsed unanimously as the progressive candidate for governor of New Hampshire by the party's annual state convention which opened here today by Governor Johnson of California. Churchill accepted the indorsement. The convention will adopt a platform and name a candidate for governor who will be nominated by petition under the state laws.

Herbert K. Smith for Governor HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 26.—Herbert Knox Smith, former United States commissioner of corporations, was nominated for governor of Connecticut by the delegates at the progressive state convention. The delegates pledged themselves "to work with all our power to eliminate from state politics all corporate influence."

They also indorsed the national platform and candidates for the presidency and vice presidency. The state platform favors the direct primary in preference to the presidential preferential primary, the initiative, referendum and recall, woman's suffrage and a woman's compensation act.

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

The democratic state central committee will meet Saturday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Palace hotel for the purpose of organizing. J. O. Davis is a candidate for chairman and J. J. Scott is a candidate for secretary.

Follow Your Common Sense

A person, when sick, is very apt to grasp at a straw. Unworthy articles are alluringly advertised to cure all manner of ills and you are made the goat for experiment unless you use common sense. Everybody is occasionally or perpetually in the throes of a bilious attack of which all the symptoms are nature's danger signals for you to do something before it is too late.

Headache, bad stomach and constipation are the forerunners of most intestinal diseases. Everybody in time, of common sense, they soon pass over. Study your case and study the remedy. Take something which will effectually operate, first on your liver, then on your stomach, and lastly on your bowels. Take something which nature state and which is untouched nor altered by human hands. A natural remedy is the choice of every doctor. Hunyadi Janos Water is their choice. It is the most ideal, sensible and safest Natural Laxative, Mineral Water and half a tumbler on arising acts speedily, sure and gently.

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Total Contributions to Bourbons \$298,750

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Total contributions to date to the democratic campaign fund amount to \$298,750, it was announced tonight by Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the democratic national finance committee. Of this sum, he said, \$206,096 has been expended and, while the national committee feels encouraged over the contributions received, there is urgent need of not less than \$750,000 additional to pay legitimate expenses.

"The feeling of confidence throughout the country in the success of the Wilson and Marshall ticket is hurrying us in a standard way," said Morgenthau. "We have received contributions from 17,116 persons," he continued, "and every state in the union has been heard from."

The states credited with the largest amounts are New York, \$105,395; Pennsylvania, \$19,516; Illinois, \$15,453; Missouri, \$10,470; New Jersey, \$7,012; Wisconsin, \$6,125; Louisiana, \$5,465; Virginia, \$5,402; Washington, \$5,324; Alabama, \$5,036, and Texas, \$4,382.

JORDAN ADHERES TO BALLOT IDEA

Republican Leaders Take Steps to Prevent the Listing of Moosers as Republicans

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 26.—Having received notice informally that the pro-Taft forces will bring an action immediately in the courts to prevent him from placing the names of the progressive platform electors on the November ballot, Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan announced today that he would submit to the attorney general his plan in the form of a sample ballot for the first assembly district, comprising Del Norte and Siskiyou counties—for placing both the Taft and progressive republican tickets on the ballot, and that he would be guided by the opinion of the attorney general in his actions, providing a court injunction was not secured by the Taftites.

The progressive republican electors will appear under the designation, "Republicans Favoring Roosevelt," and the Taft presidential electors will appear as "Republicans Favoring Taft," said Jordan. "That I have under the law—if it is to be liberally construed—the right to place both sets of electors on the ballot, I believe both sides should have candidates so that the people can choose between them when voting. This is a question the people should decide, and I shall do what I can to give them the opportunity."

Republican Leaders Confer

A conference of several republican leaders who participated in the state convention was held in San Francisco yesterday to determine a plan of action in regard to the tangle over the placing of presidential electors on the ballot for the November election, and, although no specific action was taken, a general scheme to force a recognition of the right of the republican party was agreed upon.

Roughly, the plan is to institute mandamus proceedings against Secretary of State Jordan to compel him to put the names of the regular republican electors pledged to vote for Taft and Sherman on the ballot alone in the republican column, proceedings to enjoin the secretary will be instituted, and similar action will be taken if he tries to put both lists in the republican division.

The attorneys in the case spent most of yesterday in going over the transcript of the convention proceedings but did not finish their work, which may not be completed for a day or more. When this is done the exact course of action will be determined.

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IRISH LORDS DEFY KING AND TROOPS

Earl of Kilmorey Says Ulster Never Will Submit to Home Rule

By THOMAS EMMETT [Special Cable to The Call] BALLYMONEY, Ireland, Sept. 26.—Within gunshot of the famous glens where Rory the Rapparee held at bay the invading Scotch covenanter and fought the last battles in Dalriada for the vanquished Stewarts, the Irish lords bade defiance to any decree of king and commons placing the government of Ireland in the hands of a British parliament. Fifty thousand excited unionists, with flaunting banners and brass, fife and drum bands from Derry, Antrim and Down listened to the earl of Kilmorey pledging the lords of Ulster never to submit to "the degradation of the north."

The earl's speech was the most violent of this campaign of mock heroics. He presided over the demonstration and came prepared with a great roll of manuscript which he left unread, giving free reign to his passionate periods despite the presence of Dublin castle shorthand writers who were detailed to submit the notes of all the unionist agitators' speeches to the Irish attorney general.

The earl of Kilmorey named a number of peers who, he said, had sworn to refuse seats in any home rule house of lords. These included the Duke of Abercorn, Field Marshal Lord Roberts and the Marquis of Dufferin, son and successor of the distinguished Victorian diplomat who was famous as ambassador to Paris and viceroy of India.

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