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CONSPIRATORS FOUND GUILTY

George Rock Now in Pen Awaiting Death On the 15th of Next June.

Deer Lodge, May 22.—With the conviction today of William Hays for murder in the first degree in connection with the death of Deputy Warden John A. Robinson at the state penitentiary in March, and the fixing of the penalty of C. B. Young at life imprisonment, three of the four men charged with murder growing out of an attempt to escape from the prison have been dealt with by the law. George Rock first tried, was sentenced to be hanged June 15. Oram Stevens, last of the quartette, will be tried Monday.

Probably Hays will appeal his case to the supreme court, with the hope at least of staying his death. On what ground the appeal will be taken has not been determined.

The jury in Hays' case was out 17 hours. Its verdict of guilty carried with it the recommendation that the prisoner be sentenced to death. After the verdict was in Young, on the advice of his attorneys, decided to change his plea to guilty, and on waiving the statutory time, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

At 9 o'clock this morning, after the jury had been cut all night, it was announced that a conclusion had been reached, and Hays was brought into court. He appeared unperturbed. When the verdict was read the color fled from his face, but only for a moment. Thereafter the apparently was unmoved. Judge Winston announced that he would sentence the murderer Tuesday, and Hays then was escorted to his cell.

"I would rather it was death than life imprisonment," declared Hays after the trial.

The case of Young was called immediately after Hays had been led from the courtroom. It was agreed between attorneys for the state and the prisoner that if he pleaded guilty he should escape the death penalty. Young was taken to the penitentiary this afternoon.

An effort was made by the attorneys for Hays to show that the prisoner had not actually attacked Robinson, his offense having been committed against Frank Conley, warden. It was brought out, however, that Hays was a member of a conspiracy that had been hatched some time before with a view to escape.

Rock now is in the penitentiary, awaiting death June 15.

FERRIS MAKES PLEA

Pleas of not guilty to the charges of murder against Louis Ferris, alleged train wrecker, were entered in Judge Donlan's department of the district court yesterday.

The Judge asked the defendant if he were ready to plead, but Ferris only looked stupidly and did not reply. He was then asked what his plea was—guilty or not guilty—but he only shook his head. His attorneys talked to him and evidently prompted him as to what to say, but when the question was again put to him he looked more stupid than ever, glancing from the court

to his lawyers and back. Finally Attorney Canning entered pleas of not guilty for Ferris.

The case in which Ferris is charged, under a new law, with dynamiting the train and causing the death of Engineer Bussy was set for trial June 1. If he is convicted on that charge, the death penalty must follow, whereas, in a straight charge of murder, it is optional with a jury whether death or life imprisonment is imposed as the punishment.

Tacoma Fleet Information

The festivities will begin Wednesday, May 27 on the arrival of the fleet, about 1 o'clock. Tacoma presents a splendid opportunity to view the fleet, the bluffs on which the city is built rising above Commencement Bay several hundred feet and making the "biggest free grandstand on the Coast." In the evening there will be a grand military ball and the rendering of an Oratorio, the Rose Maiden, at the First Presbyterian Church.

Saturday evening there will be an illuminated parade of all Tacoma harbor craft and an immense display of Japanese fire works, the finest ever seen on Puget Sound. The battleships will be illuminated every night, and the sight will be one never to be forgotten. Taken as a whole, the four days of fleet festivities at Tacoma will present a remarkable occasion of festivity.

Saturday, May 30, Memorial Day, will be the big day of the week, opening with a parade of the men from the battleship, with members of the Grand Army of the Republic, military and other uniformed bodies from all over the Northwest. Massed bands will lead this parade and will be a feature not heretofore seen or heard in the Northwest. This parade is attracting thousands of veterans of the two wars as well as others who are desirous of being present at this unusual event.

EUROPE HAS A RAILROAD HORROR

ANTWERP, May 21.—A railroad accident of unprecedented horror in the annals of Belgium train disasters occurred at 9 o'clock this morning at Contich station, six miles southeast of Antwerp on the main line. An express train from Antwerp to Brussels crashed into a train loaded with pilgrims on their way to a local shrine. This train was standing on a siding. Several of its cars were telescoped and shattered to matchwood. The total number of dead is placed at fifty and the wounded at over 100.

Up to 4 o'clock this afternoon thirty-eight dead and seventy-nine wounded had been removed from the wreck. Rescuers from Contich were at once on the scene and the labor of succoring the injured and removing the dead was conducted with all possible haste. Special trains with doctors, priests and nurses were sent to Contich from Antwerp and Brussels.

The accident is supposed to have been due to a misplaced switch. The engineer and fireman of the express train were killed outright.

The station has been converted into a temporary morgue and is rapidly filling up with the dead and injured. Everything is being done to alleviate the suffering of the injured. All the clergy and physicians of Contich and the soldiers from the neighboring barracks are taking part in the work. In addition surgeons who were hurried down from Antwerp and an ambulance corps from Amiens is also on the scene. It now appears that the locomotive of the express train jumped the track and plunged into and completely wrecked the last three passenger coaches of the train on the siding. This train was carrying an excursion of pilgrims to a local shrine.

The work of extracting the dead and wounded from the debris appalled even the stoutest of the rescuers. Many of the bodies had completely lost human shape and were reduced to pulp, head, arms and legs having been ground off by the wheels and scattered through the wreckage. Three decapitated bodies were found twenty feet from the track.

The occupants of the cars were mostly workmen and peasants. The wounded persons were transferred from Contich to Antwerp as rapidly as possible. A second class coach was overturned by the force of the impact. The bodies of the wounded were so pinned down by wreckage that the rescuers had to make use of axes to get the victims free.

Falls Heir to Millions

Helena, May 20.—According to information received by Joseph S. Luttus, an old-time resident of Winston, and a civil war veteran, he is one of the heirs of the estate of Baron Christopher Springer, valued at \$120,000,000. The estate is declared to consist of the land on which Wilmington, Del., stands, and 12,000 acres in Sweden.

According to the story, Baron Springer, who came to the United States in the eighteenth century, loaned the government \$3,000,000 and received 800 acres of land in Delaware as a bonus. He leased 100 acres of this, on which Wilmington is now built, and the lease has just expired, so the property reverts to his heirs, of whom the Montana man is one.

Disturbed the Congregation

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Glendive Drug Co.

MURDERESS HERSELF VICTIM

Mrs. Gunness Known To Be Dead. -- Accomplice Is Held Under Seven Indictments.

Laporte, Ind., May 22.—After 10 days' delay, digging on the Gunness farm in search for more bodies was resumed today. The entire garden where the "graveyard" of Mrs. Gunness' victims was located, will be dug up.

Jewelry belonging to May O'Reilly, who lived in Rochester, N. Y., was found by Sheriff Smutzer, who communicated the fact to the Rochester police. They replied by telegram to-day that the woman disappeared from her home several months ago.

Coroner Mack today filed his official report on the deaths of Philip Alex Gunness, Myrtle Adolphine Sorensen and Lucy Bergliat Sorensen, the three children of Mrs. Gunness, holding that they came to their deaths through felonious homicide and that the perpetrator thereof is the coroner unknown.

Mrs. B. F. Carling of Chicago has

written Sheriff Smutzer that she will come to Laporte to investigate the disappearance of her husband, whom she thinks became one of Mrs. Gunness' victims.

J. W. Smith, 1543 Pacific avenue, Tacoma, Wash., has wired Sheriff Smutzer that a woman and two girls whom he believes are Mrs. Gunness and her two daughters, have just reached there. He was informed that Mrs. Gunness and children were dead.

The grand jury this afternoon returned seven indictments against Ray Lamphere, one each for murder of Mrs. Belle Gunness, Philip Gunness, Lucy Sorensen and Myrtle Sorensen by destroying the Gunness house, one for arson in destroying the Gunness house by fire; one for murder of Andrew Helgelein on Jan. 14, and one for being an accessory in assisting Mrs. Gunness in the murder of Helgelein.

MONTANA BILLS PASS

Washington, D. C., May 21.—Wednesday was field day for Montana matters at Washington, despite the filibustering that has been continuously carried on by Democratic minority in the house for the past sixty days, which seemed to threaten disaster to many Montana measures that had passed the senate in the early part of session. Roll calls have been demanded on the most trivial matters from approving the journal of the previous day, to adjournment.

For several days it has been feared that nothing more except appropriation bills would be possible for consideration in the house. Yesterday to avoid these conditions the house committee on rules reported the legislative omnibus bill from the committee on public lands, also the Indian affairs measures, each carrying many separate bills, among them the Dixon bills allowing mining entries in the Bitter Root valley, authorizing irrigation projects on the Flathead reservation and Carter's bill opening to settlement the Fort Keogh military reservation, which have now passed both senate and house and will receive the president's signature soon.

In addition to these, the house omnibus public building bill carrying Pray's item of \$125,000 for a public building Billings, Dixon's carrying \$130,000 for a Missoula building and Carter's amendment for \$50,000 for a site only at Livingston were passed.

JURY FAILS TO AGREE

San Francisco, May 21.—After being out for 4½ hours, the jury in the trial of Abraham Ruef, the former political boss of San Francisco and central figure in the bribery-graft prosecution, against whom wholesale indictments were returned, failed to agree upon a verdict and was discharged at 5 o'clock this afternoon by Judge Maurice T. Dooling. The specific charge against Ruef in the trial just closed was the offer of a bribe of \$1,000 to former Supervisor Jennings Phillips to influence his vote favorably upon an electric railroad franchise applied for by the Parkside Realty company.

The jury, which went out at 9:30 Tuesday night, stood 6 to 6 upon the first ballot and remained so without a change during the 13 ballots taken.

It was learned that the question upon

which the jury split was the credibility of the witness. Fourteen members of the so-called "hoodling board" of supervisors of the Schmitz administration testified to the offer of bribes, their willingness to receive the same and their actual acceptance of money in some of the other cases against Ruef. Six of the jurors, it is said, considered the supervisors as "accomplices" who had been granted immunity by the prosecution and contended throughout the deliberations of the jury that, as such, their uncorroborated testimony was not entitled to credence. There still remain 111 indictments pending against Ruef.

Depositors Paid in Full

Guthrie, Okla., May 21.—Within one hour from the time H. H. Smock, Oklahoma banking commissioner, had taken charge of the International Bank of Colgate, he had authority to pay the depositors in full, though the cash and available funds in other banks fell \$22,000 short of the total amount of deposits. The commissioner was enabled to do this under the operation of the new banking law and this is the first time it has been called into use.

Commissioner Smock took charge of the bank for alleged gross violations of the banking laws and notified the banking board at once. Governor Haskell, president of the banking board, immediately authorized the payment of deposits in full and payment began. The amount of deposits is \$38,000.

The bank had \$5,000 on hand and \$7,000 deposits in other banks. When the cash was exhausted, the commissioner drew checks on the state guaranty fund. Under the operation of the guaranty banking law in Oklahoma, a tax of one per cent is levied on the average annual deposits of all state banks and the money thus raised is used in payment in full of all depositors of an insolvent state bank after the funds of the bank have been exhausted.

Ban Placed on Bucketshops

Albany, N. Y., May 21.—After Sept. 1 it will be a felony to conduct a bucketshop in this state. Governor Hughes signed without comment today Senator Cassidy's bill amending the penal code to that effect. The act is substantially similar to the Massachusetts law.

Have you noticed the neat rigs at Gilmore's Livery? 4t6p