

# SKINNER IS GUILTY OF MURDER

## SCHURZ SCENE OF KILLING

### W. J. HARRIS SHOT BY SALOON-KEEPER OVER TOWN LOT

(Special to The Bonanza)

RAWHIDE, Nev., March 28.—William J. Harris, 42 years of age, was shot and instantly killed at Schurz by J. McKelligon, a saloonkeeper, at 5:30 p. m. over a town lot. McKelligon wanted the townsite people to pay him \$100, which he had paid on a lot on the old townsite. D. V. Snowgoose, the hotel proprietor, had given Harris a lease on the ground on which McKelligon's saloon stood, and at the time of the shooting Harris was erecting a building for a blacksmith's shop. He had been at work for two hours when McKelligon came from the saloon and shot him above the heart with a double-barreled shotgun. McKelligon has a wife in San Francisco, and his son is an attorney at Galveston, Tex. He also has a son 14 years of age who helped in the saloon tending bar. None of Harris's relatives are living. He was formerly of Wisconsin. McKelligon came here at the opening of the reservation in October, 1906, and was at first in the saloon business on the Schurz townsite. He never was satisfied with the lot which he bought of the townsite people, and when he learned there was land to be had nearer the railroad and after the other townsite people had moved his saloon he still was, unsatisfied and wanted the ground on which the hotel now stands. He was under the impression that the people were trying to take advantage of him, but this was not the case. He had a chance to buy the lot he now occupies but would not pay the hundred dollars, unless the corporation would refund the money paid for ground on the old townsite.

Charles Knolton, chauffeur for the

## ADMIRAL EVANS LEAVES FLEET

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Admiral Evans is on the way from Magdalena bay to San Francisco on board the battleship Connecticut, and upon its arrival at San Francisco he will go by rail to San Luis Obispo for medical treatment and mineral baths. The Connecticut will return to Magdalena from San Francisco.

### Fear for Evans' Health

(By Associated Press.)

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 28.—The receipt of the news that Admiral Evans is being taken to San Luis Obispo hot springs for treatment today gave rise to grave apprehensions regarding the state of his health. For the past ten days reports indicating a favorable condition have been received here and great surprise is felt over the latest development. The report says the admiral will come to San Diego from San Luis Obispo on the arrival of the fleet here and again assume command.

Admiral Thomas will bring the fleet from Magdalena bay to San Diego. It is considered extremely doubtful if Evans will be able to do all expected of him while on the coast.

## TRACK GAMBLING GETS DEATH BLOW

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 28.—Mayor Harper signed the anti-race-track ordinance today. This ordinance sounds the death knell of race-track gambling in Los Angeles, and becomes effective in thirty days.

### TORPEDO FLOTILLA ARRIVES

(By Associated Press.)

ACAPULCO, March 28.—The torpedo flotilla arrived here today.

Miller Auto company, made the run from Rawhide to Schurz, thirty miles, in an hour and ten minutes with Deputies Miller and Cullom. Judge Armstrong from here was sent for and left in an auto with State Policeman Otts.

## Jury Brings in Verdict in First Degree, Fixing the Punishment at Life Imprisonment, Against Slayer of Mona Bell, His Mistress.

The jury in the Skinner case returned a verdict at midnight last night finding the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment. The verdict was arrived at after six hours' discussion. The first vote taken stood two for acquittal, seven for life sentence and three for death.

On entering the courtroom the prisoner could be seen at a glance to have lost the bravado which he had carried during the trial. Judge O'Brien asked the jury if they had arrived at a verdict and the foreman replied that they had, and handed the written verdict to his honor. And as Judge O'Brien read the comment that will cause the murderer to spend his remaining days in the state prison, then and there, for the first time during the trial, did the prisoner's face turn to a deathly pale. The clerk read the verdict, and Judge O'Brien set Wednesday next at 10 a. m., to pass sentence. The citizens of Tonopah, one and all, congratulate the jury upon their verdict, for once, doing their duty.

District Attorney McCarran is to be complimented upon his work for the state. He wore a chain of evidence about the defendant that left him no loop-hole of escape, and then presented it to the jury in so plain and forceful manner that there could be but one verdict—murder in the first degree.

It seems Nye county it to redeem its name for law and order and put down crime.

One jury has done its duty.

The courtrooms in the district court were crowded to the extreme yesterday morning when the final arguments were heard in the Skinner case. Horatio Ailing, assistant district attorney, opened the argument for the state and his address was one of the most masterful ever heard here. It was eloquent, forcible and convincing and several times during the address tears could be seen in the eyes of the jurors.

Walter Cole opened for the defense and presented a brilliant argument. He was followed by District Attorney McCarran, who addressed the jury for about two hours.

McCarran tore the evidence of the defense to pieces, and in concluding stated that the jury could bring in only one of two verdicts, murder in the first degree or acquittal.

During the entire afternoon Skinner sat apparently unmoved by the scathing terms applied to him by the prosecution. A weak smile was continually playing over his features.

The case went to the jury at 5:45 yesterday afternoon.

## FORGER'S WIFE IS LEFT PENNILESS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—Mrs. H. Mortimer Wilson, who was arrested with her husband at the St. Francis hotel March 12, was released from the city prison yesterday morning, as she is not wanted in Philadelphia. She is penniless, and as she is desirous of returning to her friends efforts are being made to procure her enough money for transportation. The police say that she threatens to sue the St. Francis hotel management for false imprisonment, although some of the silver spoons of the hotel were found among other souvenirs in her baggage.

Detective McLean, who arrived here from Philadelphia Wednesday with papers for Wilson's extradition on a charge of forgery, will leave with his prisoner Sunday evening. Mrs. Wilson was held here because of a dispatch from Chief Dohany of Philadelphia. Wilson forged the name of Curtis Guild Jr., governor of Massachusetts, to a check which he passed on the St. James hotel. He is also wanted in Denver, Boston, Chicago and Cedar Rapids, Ia.

## OFFICIAL CIRCLES STIRRED

### EMPEROR WILLIAM'S REFUSAL TO RECEIVE HILL CAUSES ANXIETY AT WASHINGTON

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—It was stated at the White House and state department that no additional information has been received from Berlin in reference to the indication from Berlin that Dr. David Jayne Hill would be "persona non grata" to Emperor William as American ambassador. Press dispatches are to the effect that the emperor would be pleased to have Lloyd Griscom, now stationed at Rome accept the place. Considerable anxiety over the matter is being shown in official circles.

### GERMANY NEED NOT EXPLAIN

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, March 28.—The Lokal Anzeiger prints a statement this morning, evidently emanating from the foreign office, regarding the matter of David J. Hill, the rejected diplomat. It denies the report cabled from Washington that a letter is under way from the German government explaining its attitude, and concludes:

"Germany is by no means placed in a situation where explanations are needed, because no differences of opinion whatever in this question exists between Berlin and Washington. It is superfluous to add that Dr. Hill has become persona non grata since his appointment is pure invention."

### CAN SHIP LIQUOR

(By Associated Press.)

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 28.—Attorney General West has handed down an opinion constructing the prohibition law to permit liquor shipped into the state to individual purchasers.

## SECOND STAMP MILL AT RAWHIDE

(By Associated Press.)

RAWHIDE, Nev., March 28.—A second stamp mill arrived in camp today, and there is great rejoicing. One hundred thousand dollars has been subscribed to insure a water system.

### REVOLUTIONARY REFUGEES

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, March 28.—The German cruiser Bremen left here today for Kingston, Jamaica, carrying all the revolutionary refugees who had taken asylum at the French and German legations. They number in all seventy-five men.

The German newspapers are beginning to attach greater importance to the case, printing long dispatches from New York, The Hague and London on the subject. The Kolonialzeitung also prints an inspired dispatch directly denying that the government has rejected Hill.

## BOMB DEALS OUT DEATH

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 28.—Officials of the city government are resolved tonight that there must be an immediate and thorough cleaning out of anarchistically-inclined persons in this city. It is agreed that whatever is done must be with thoroughness, but with extreme caution. The dangerous element will be handled without gloves, but the law-abiding labor seekers will be given intelligent consideration. Today's meeting, at which a bomb intended for the police, exploded in the hands of Eli Silverstein, killing his companion and fatally injuring him, besides injuring a number of policemen, was called through notices in the socialist papers. Silverstein said he was told to commit the act, but refuses to disclose the names of his advisers. The rioting which took place today has caused a deep concern on the part of the authorities, but public sentiment hesitates in an expression. There is a feeling that the police acted too hastily and lacked discretion in their handling of the crowd.

## PERISH IN COAL MINE

(By Associated Press.)

BUTTE, Mont., March 28.—A special from Hanna, Wyo., says the camp was visited by another disaster this afternoon and the lives of twenty men were snuffed out in an instant by an explosion in mine No. 1 of the Union Pacific Coal company. Among the dead is Superintendent Alexander Briggs. All of those who were killed were married and many leave large families. This is the mine in which an explosion of dust in 1903 killed 200. Experienced fire fighters from neighboring mining towns are coming on special trains to help fight the fire, which has been raging below the tenth level since last Saturday. The men killed today were fighting the fire. Relief parties are already at work, but the bodies cannot be reached for several days.

### Rescuers Meet a Like Fate.

(By Associated Press.)

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 28.—A special from Hanna says that a second explosion occurred in the Hanna mine at 10:30 tonight. From thirty to fifty rescue men were in the mine, and it is feared all have been killed, including State Mine Inspector Elias.

## FIEND'S WORK IN COLORADO

(By Associated Press.)

TELLURIDE, Colo., March 28.—Hundreds of citizens are aiding Marshal Fitzpatrick in his search for the person or persons who placed a bomb under the bed of Manager Wells of the Smuggler-Union mine at 2 o'clock this morning. The dynamite was exploded by means of a fuse outside of the building and the means which were used to place the bomb under the bed are a mystery which the authorities are unable to solve. One man has been arrested, but the only evidence against him is that he was heard to say, "Wells ought to be killed." Arthur Collins, predecessor of Wells, was assassinated in the same building two years ago and St. Seve Adams is now being held and will soon be tried for this murder.

General Bulkley Wells was in charge of the Colorado state militia during the trouble with the miners in that state several years ago, and it is well known that he incurred the enmity of the lawless element at that time, and it is more than likely that one of their number is now seeking his life.

## Postoffice at Schurz Robbed of Large Sum

(Special to The Bonanza)

RAWHIDE, Nev., March 28.—The postoffice at Schurz was robbed while the postmaster was putting the mail pouch on train No. 23. The amount cannot be ascertained until checked up, but it is believed to be a large sum. Captain Cot of the state police, dispatched Deputy Otts in an auto from Rawhide. There is no clue to the thieves, but it is believed to be the same parties that looted the Rawhide office. There is evidently a gang of experienced postoffice thieves working in this section.

## CALIFORNIA WINS FROM STANFORD

(By Associated Press.)

BERKELEY, Cal., March 28.—Freshmen of California won the field meet from Stanford freshmen today by score of 81 to 40.

### OUTLAW KILLED

MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 28.—Charles Wycliffe, a notorious outlaw, sought by officers, was killed today by his brother-in-law, in a family row.

## SECRET SERVICE MEN ARE ACTIVE

(By Associated Press.)

RAWHIDE, Nev., March 28.—Several members of the secret service are here presumably to look into postoffice affairs in connection with the using of the mails for fraudulent securing of money on mining stock. It is rumored that some sensational developments will result, implicating certain big operators. It is known that unusual time is being given this matter by the postoffice department.

## Very Rich Ore Is Found in Bullfrog

(Special to The Bonanza)

RHYOLITE, Nev., March 28.—Eight inches of a green-stained ore seamed with gold was struck on the footwall of the West Extension on the 150-foot level. The streak is estimated to run from 45000 to 50000 a ton. The quartz is literally lousy with gold. Specimens at Bishop's jewelry store and ore shown on the street by Judge Hoggart has attracted crowds.