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CRAFT EXECUTED



The Second of the Ashland Murderers Swung Off.

He Meets Death Calmly, Proclaiming His Innocence to the Last—Every Effort to Excite a Confession From Him Fails—A Full and Accurate History of the Horrible Crime.

GRAYSON, Ky., Oct. 12.—Craft was hung at 12:41 o'clock, dying in twelve minutes. He rested well last night, appeared firm this morning, and persisted in saying he was innocent. The gallows was located on the northern part of the town, at the foot of a hill, inclosed by a fence twelve feet high. The inclosure is thirty-two feet square. The gallows was of primitive style, with six foot drop and a trap in the center. The structure was eight foot square. He retired at 12 o'clock last night and arose at 6 this morning. An immense crowd witnessed the proceedings from the hill above the gallows until the trap was sprung, when he was then visible only to those in the inclosure. He proclaimed his innocence on the scaffold.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME.

Nearly every citizen of Kentucky and Ohio will remember the horrid crime perpetrated in Ashland, Ky., on the Ohio river, on December 24th, 1881, by which a boy and two young girls were brutally murdered. The boy was Robbie Gibbons, and the girls Fannie Gibbons, his sister, and Emma Carrio (Thomas). The three had been killed by having their brains beaten out, the girls having been outraged. To cover up the crime the bodies had been saturated with coal oil and the house fired. Full particulars of the crime printed in the Lexington, Ky., Daily Transcript, indicate it to be one of the most atrocious crimes known in history. Robbie and Fannie Gibbons were the children of J. W. Gibbons, an old man of Ashland, who, from domestic infelicities, had long been absent from his home. Robbie was a cripple of seventeen years, and Fannie a well developed and handsome girl of fourteen. Emma Carrio, the other victim, was the handsome fifteen-year-old daughter of a neighbor, her mother having married a man named Thomas. On the evening of the murder Mrs. Gibbons, before going on a Christmas visit to Ohio, had asked the mother of Emma Carrio to allow her child to stay with her children over night. About 6 o'clock in the evening she had gone into the Gibbons's house never again to come out alive. This house was located in the outskirts of Ashland, and was a three-room frame cottage. During the early evening the neighbors, while passing, heard the merry laughter of the three children, who were especially joyous at the approach of the glad Christmas.

At about 10 o'clock on Christmas morning the Gibbons house was discovered to be on fire. The neighbors, and citizens, hastened to the scene, and finding that the house could not be saved endeavored to get out some of the contents. The first person who obtained access to the burning building stumbled over a dead body, which on being drawn out was found to be the disfigured remains of Emma Carrio. In a few minutes the body of Fannie Gibbons was found on a bed, partially unmoored, and then the body of Robbie was found on the floor. The three bodies were laid on the ground, it being seen that they were certainly dead, and search was made for other occupants of the house. No suspicion of foul play had yet been entertained, but a physician arriving, examined the bodies and found that the skull of each one had been crushed by a blunt weapon. Subsequent examination showed that the girls had been outraged. The announcement of these facts drove the Ashland people wild. Business was suspended and nothing was thought of, or spoken of in that little city on that day but the awful horror. On the 26th of December the three murdered innocents were buried from the Southern Methodist Church, Ellis Craft, the man hung to-day, being one of the pallbearers of Fannie Gibbons, and an immense concourse of people being in attendance.

Many theories of the crime were developed, a favorite one being that old man Gibbons had murdered his children and their visitor, it being alleged that he was on bad terms with his wife and that he had taken this method of revenge. That the old man should have also perpetrated the outrages was not thought of, and no one seemed to reflect on the improbability of his having done this, yet the people of

Ashland demanded that he should be forthcoming, and if he had been found in that neighborhood he would have been put to death. The detectives, with an eye to the large rewards offered by meetings of citizens, looked wise and inveighed against old man Gibbons but within a few days he turned up in West Virginia, where he had been all the time, and his alibi was complete. This put the detectives to their wits' end, but the reward tempted them and they continued their futile efforts, the criminals in the meantime having had plenty of time to cover up their tracks.

On January 2, ten days after the perpetration of the crime, George Ellis, a laborer, stated that he in company with Ellis Craft and William Neal were the perpetrators of the crime. The first intimation that he gave of the guilty parties was early in the morning of the day named. He walked into a grocery store, purchased a cigar, lit it and leaning against the counter remarked, "I think I have a clue to the murder of these children, and if I had witnesses it would be all right, but I am afraid they would turn State's evidence." He then left the store but was soon after taken to a hotel by a United States official, when he told the entire story of the horrible deed. He said: "A few evenings prior to December 24th I met Craft who stated that he was going to see Fannie Gibbons Christmas eve night, and take her some black candy, and that he was going to have intercourse with her and he wanted me to go along. About midnight of the fatal night we all started, Craft, Neal and myself, and when we reached the house, Craft raised the front window with an old axe and stepped in first, Neal followed, and I stayed behind on the porch, but afterwards went in. Robbie was the first aroused and started to get up, when Craft said 'you had better lie still.' Craft then went to the bed where the two girls were sleeping and began to take improper liberties with them. Robbie said 'you had better stay away from there,' when Craft hit him with the axe. He fell back on the lounge, then plunged forward and fell fully six feet from the bed, under the stairs where his body was found. The girls screamed, when Craft jumped on the bed when Neal jumped from the bed and pulled her onto the floor. She fought him and I held her while he outraged her. Neal then struck her on the head with the big end of the crowbar and she instantly died, after throwing up her hands. Ellis Craft had some trouble also with Fannie Gibbons, and called on me to come and help him. He then outraged her and then killed her. Neal proposed killing the girls, and after they were dead I took some coal oil, poured it over the bodies and set fire to them with a match. We then left the house."

On Ellis's confession Neal and Craft were speedily arrested. The excited populace were determined to hang all three. The prisoners were placed in Cadetsburg jail, but before their examining trial was concluded a mob assembled, and they were put on board an Ohio river steamer-boat, which headed down the river. The mob took another steamer and an exciting chase took place, but the prisoners were landed in Maysville and afterwards placed in the Lexington jail for safe keeping. The Legislature being in session a special statute was enacted, authorizing a special term of the Boyd County Circuit Court to try the prisoners. By order of Gov. Blackburn, Major John R. Allen, commanding three companies Kentucky State militia, escorted the prisoners to Cadetsburg, and the trial of Neal began January 16th. After some delay a jury was obtained for the trial, which lasted eight days, and the jury, being out eighteen minutes, returned a verdict of guilty, fixing the death penalty. Craft's trial immediately followed, lasting ten days, upon the same testimony as that on which Neal was convicted. The jury was twenty minutes making a verdict, which was the same as that of Neal, and they were sentenced to be hanged on Friday, April 14, 1882. On being sentenced they both delivered short speeches declaring their innocence, and from that day to this they have vehemently asserted their innocence. George Ellis's trial was postponed until May, the three prisoners being again placed in the Lexington jail. While in the Lexington jail George Ellis recanted his confession, declaring it false in every particular. His declarations were reduced to writing and sworn to before Judge Kinkaid.

On Tuesday, May 30, Ellis was taken to Cadetsburg for trial. He was specifically charged with the murder of Robbie Gibbons, to which he pleaded not guilty. His trial lasted three days, his sentence being fixed at imprisonment for life at hard labor. This verdict was rescinded after the jury had been out twenty-two hours. This sentence was passed on him on Friday, June 3d. That night he was taken from the Cadetsburg jail by a mob of probably thirty determined men, carried to Ashland and hung to the limb of a sycamore tree near the ashes of the Gibbons home. It is said that his dying words were a reiteration of the statement that his confession was true.

The cases of Neal and Craft were taken to the Court of Appeals and reversed on some technicality. Their second trial was fixed for the third day of the Boyd Circuit Court, and they were escorted to Cadetsburg by six companies of the Kentucky militia under command of Col. John R. Allen. They made application for change of venue, which was granted and the case sent to Grayson, Carter county, the prisoners being ordered back to Lexington. As the troops were about embarking on a steamer to return via Maysville, a mob of probably a thousand men was assembled, and on failing to get possession of the prisoners, who were safely placed on the boat, the mob captured a train on a road running parallel to the river and ran to Ashland, reaching that point before the boat. Some of the men on the train ran down to the bank, took possession of a ferry boat, and with guns at the pilot's head ordered him to steer out after the boat having the prisoners on board, which he did. When the

ferry boat was in range a few shots were fired at the militia, who returned the fire, and several people were killed on the river banks in Ashland.

The next trial being set for the February term in Grayson, the prisoners were guarded there by ten companies of militia and three pieces of artillery. Craft's case was tried, the jury returning a verdict on Friday morning, February 23d, after being out twenty-nine minutes. The verdict was a sentence to death, and the judge fixed the day of execution for May 5th. Craft again made a speech declaring his innocence. During this speech Mrs. Gibbons, mother of the two murdered children, fainted. The Court of Appeals confirmed the judgment of the sentencing court, but Governor Blackburn failed to fix the day of execution, as required by law, and a long postponement occurred. On the accession of Governor Knott to the executive chair, he took an early opportunity of fixing the day of execution. The friends of Craft were untiring in their efforts to save his life. Claiming that they had testimony that would acquit which they would produce at Neal's trial in February, they urged a respite of Craft until after his trial. On Tuesday the Governor announced that he would decline to interfere with the execution of the laws.

These cases have been the most remarkable in the history of Kentucky. The enormity of the crime; the confessions of Ellis, which he knew would cause his death; the attempt of outraged men who have wives and daughters to protect to lynch the criminals; these attempts being baffled by the military resulting in the death of a number of people; the cost to the State of probably \$100,000; the death of several soldiers caused by exposure in camp while guarding these prisoners; the gleeful humor of the prisoners under all circumstances, and a thousand other incidents of peculiar character go to make this the cause celebre of the age.

LORD COLERIDGE

A Great Reception Tendered Him by the New York Bar.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The reception tendered by the State Bar Association to Lord Coleridge at the Academy of Music last evening was the occasion for the gathering of the largest number of legal luminaries ever, perhaps, seen together in this city. The reception was announced to commence at 5:30, and by that time nearly every seat in the spacious building was occupied by elegantly dressed ladies and their escorts. Chief Justice William C. Ruger presided, assisted by Hon. John Jay and Algernon S. Sullivan. Among those present who were honored by seats on the platform were Hon. Noah Davis, Wm. M. Everts, Sir James Harman, Judge Blatchford, Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow, Edward S. Pierpont, Chauncey M. Depey and about fifty other distinguished gentlemen. After addresses of welcome by Chief Justice Ruger and Hon. Wm. M. Everts, Lord Coleridge responded thanking those present for the grand and brilliant reception they had been pleased to give him, and said: "I have left ever since I set foot in this great continent, and, wherever I have spoken, that it would have been far better if I had stayed away and left it for younger and abler men to fulfill the duties to which, in all honor, I assure you I feel myself totally inadequate. You know that oftentimes a tone of self depreciation is but a subtle means of personal vanity, but I want you to distinctly understand that I have not, and can not have, any pretense whatever to answer for my country's intelligence, her scholarship, her oratory, and her law. They know this in England and they are not slow of reminding me in case I should forget myself. I am a radical, and although I support Mr. Gladstone, I agree with Mr. John Bright most heartily." Lord Coleridge concluded his remarks by giving a brief account of his visit to the different parts of the country. The reception terminated with a grand supper.

A HORRIBLE DEED.

Three Wild Beasts Attack a Kentucky Household.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 12.—Wednesday night in Franklin county three men called at the house of Elisha Curtis, induced Curtis to come outside and tied him to a tree. One of the men was then left to watch him while the other two went inside and ravished the wife and daughter of Curtis, repeatedly. The latter crime was shared by all three; one standing guard at a time. The perpetrators of the crime were recognized as James Bates, Harrison Washburne, and Isiah Olan, who live in the neighborhood. Warrants have been issued for their arrests.

Lost in the Smoke of Swamp Fires.

WESTBORO, Mass., Oct. 12.—For several days smoke from swamp fires near the village has settled down in the night to a great extent. Thursday morning it was so dense that no object could be seen beyond a few feet distant. Teams coming in town lost their reckoning, milkmen in some cases using a fog horn. There were some ludicrous scenes. A farmer mistook his reckoning, got off his course and had to be piloted back to his starting point. Another attempted to make a certain street and became so confused as to need aid. About nine o'clock the sun had so dried the atmosphere above that the smoke and fog began to lift and soon disappeared altogether, but the disagreeable odor remained.

Prohibition Defeated by 100,000.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 12.—Noon.—The latest returns from the State do not indicate much change in Hoadly's majority. Any change in figures, until fuller returns are received, is mere speculation. Secretary Newman thinks the Second Amendment will be defeated by 100,000, when the official vote is counted. Judge Okey, of the Supreme Court, is reported as saying that he thinks the Sood Law will be modified by the Legislature, but not reversed by the Supreme Court.

A WICKED BREED.

Another Whelp of the James Litter Breaks Loose.

A Brother of Jesse and Frank James Commits a Deliberate Murder in Kansas City—Shooting a Hackman at Midnight—Zetter Daniels, a Hackman, at Midnight—Samuels had come over from his mother's farm in Clay county, near Kearney. He had been knocking about town all day and in the evening hired a hack. He visited a number of places during the night, frequently ordering the driver to whip up his team and go faster. When the horses became jaded, and the hackman had mercy on them and halted, Samuels jumped out and demanded that he go ahead. The driver said he would when Samuels paid his bill. At this Samuels darted around the corner like a scared wolf. The hackman pursued him yelling furiously. He overtook the fugitive, and the two had some words, when Samuels whipped out a Colt's navy pistol and fired, the ball taking effect in the hackman's left breast. Several persons say that Samuels fired more than one shot. He was afterward arrested and taken to the police station, where he was searched, and among other things found in his possession was a letter written by Frank James from Gallatin, where he is still in jail. This letter reads:

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 12.—John Samuels, a half-brother of Frank James, the notorious Missouri outlaw, shot and almost killed Zetter Daniels, a hackman, at midnight. Samuels had come over from his mother's farm in Clay county, near Kearney. He had been knocking about town all day and in the evening hired a hack. He visited a number of places during the night, frequently ordering the driver to whip up his team and go faster. When the horses became jaded, and the hackman had mercy on them and halted, Samuels jumped out and demanded that he go ahead. The driver said he would when Samuels paid his bill. At this Samuels darted around the corner like a scared wolf. The hackman pursued him yelling furiously. He overtook the fugitive, and the two had some words, when Samuels whipped out a Colt's navy pistol and fired, the ball taking effect in the hackman's left breast. Several persons say that Samuels fired more than one shot. He was afterward arrested and taken to the police station, where he was searched, and among other things found in his possession was a letter written by Frank James from Gallatin, where he is still in jail. This letter reads:

"Dear Brother John—Things are going all right; I will soon be out of this trouble, and when I am you will soon hear of me again in the saddle.

"FRANK JAMES."

John Samuels was one of the second rop sons of Mrs. Samuels, and was with her on her farm during the days when Jesse and Frank were the terrors of the western border. He was frequently suspected of conveying information to the banditti. He has been known as a determined young man. The city has been startled by the occurrence, and people are loud in their denunciation of Samuels, and say the farce at Gallatin is beginning to bear fruit. The hackman died at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Yellow Fever in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Oct. 12.—There are four new cases of fever at Brewton. Major Brewton, the pioneer of the place is among the number. The disease is pronounced yellow fever. Nearly all the stores and dwellings are closed and the inhabitants are leaving in a body. Mobile and Montgomery are quarantined rigidly and have stationed officers on all the railroads.

California Wine Crop.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The Chronicle publishes interviews with prominent wine merchants of this city, showing this year's wine crop to be 40 per cent less than was expected. The total yield did not exceed 10,000,000 gallons. The immediate cause is a disease of the vine known in France as "Canem," which manifested itself for the first time this year.

Celebrating Evacuation Day.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—In answer to the invitation of the committee on the celebration of the centennial anniversary of Evacuation Day, to Governor Cleveland, to be present at the ceremonies, the reply has been received that: "The Governor, fully realizing the importance of the event, has decided to review with his staff the troops of the National Guard who are to parade.

Bouncing Chinamen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 12.—Secretary Folger yesterday received a communication from the Collector of Customs at Port Townsend, Washington Territory, in which it was stated that eleven Chinamen had been captured while being smuggled into the United States. The matter was laid before the President who instructed Secretary Folger to order their immediate return to British Columbia from whence they had been shipped.

O'Donnell's Trial.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Ex-Judge Fullerton, associate counsel for O'Donnell, the slayer of Carey, said that he had not yet learned whether the trial would be postponed. He had seen a dispatch which said that Mr. Hynes, of Chicago, had been informed by cable by a Mr. Sullivan that O'Donnell was an American citizen and that his trial would be postponed. Ex-Judge Fullerton had not received any information to that effect.

New York State Democratic Committee.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 12.—The Democratic State Committee will meet at its campaign headquarters in this city and a large representation of prominent men of the party from all sections of the State is expected.

Threatening the Emperor William.

BERLIN, Oct. 12.—The Emperor William, having recently received a number of menacing letters, an inquiry was made and it was discovered that the sender is an insane person.

Business Failure.

MARQUET, Ill., Oct. 12.—Schlinger & Schubigel, millers, doing business at this place, have assigned to F. H. Pieper, with liabilities amounting to \$65,000.