

### MEETS DEATH IN CHAIR

#### Murderer of Nine Electrocuted in Sing Sing Prison.

#### WENT SMILING TO HIS FATE.

#### Wanted His Execution Hurried Up, He Said, When He Was Sentenced—Sailor Burness' Remarkable Criminal Career.

New York, June 28.—Frank Henry Burness, one of the most remarkable prisoners that ever occupied the death house at Sing Sing prison, has been electrocuted. With a smile on his face he walked from his cell and, seating himself in the chair, assisted the men in adjusting the straps which were to bind him. Four electric shocks were given before he was pronounced dead.

The crime for which Burness was executed was the killing of Captain George B. Townsend of the schooner Charles Buckley last November, but he also had confessed to having murdered no less than nine persons. Townsend was killed during a dispute over wages amounting to about \$20, which Burness claimed was due him.

After his arrest Burness freely admitted having killed Townsend and voluntarily told of other murders he had done. When convicted of the latest crime and brought up for sentence he announced that he was willing to waive the six weeks that the law requires to elapse between the time of sentence and the execution. Despite his objections the case was carried to the court of appeals.

Burness was born in Butler, Pa., forty-four years ago and had followed the sea nearly all his life.

At the age of sixteen Burness stabbed a boy in Butler and fled to Baltimore. He never returned.

He left Baltimore as cabin boy on the Norwegian bark Veronica. In his first voyage he rebelled against the authority of the captain and mates and was flogged at the mast. On landing at Bordeaux he deliberately attempted to kill the captain. He failed because of his poor marksmanship. He escaped and later in one of the sailor resorts in Bordeaux became involved in a row with a big Frenchman. He shot the latter through the breast.

Served in French Prison. After serving six months in a French prison he was tried and acquitted, the Frenchman having recovered.

He then shipped on another vessel and began his roving life as a sailor. On the steamer Urica, four days out from London to Savannah, he became involved in a row with another freeman. The freeman struck him in the face. Burness picked up an iron slice bar and struck his assailant a blow in the back that broke two ribs and almost killed him.

He was thrown in the brig, but while the ship was lying at Savannah managed to escape by jumping overboard and swimming across the bay.

After the Urica had sailed he returned to town and shipped on the Blaisdell for Pensacola.

In Pensacola he visited a notorious resort known as the Slaughter House and got into a fight with a one-eyed sailor of the name of Jarvis. The latter struck Burness in the face. A free for all fight started, and Burness, who was always cool, got free of the crowd, drew his revolver and began to shoot.

When the row was over Jarvis was found dead on the floor with a bullet through his brain.

A crole was arrested and hanged for the crime. Burness shipped on a German bark for Hamburg. From Hamburg he made his way to Antwerp, getting into several rows and shooting several men on the way.

Later he drifted back to Pensacola again and from there to New Orleans. With several tramps he started for Mobile by stealing rifles on freight trains. On arriving at the outskirts of the city he became involved in a fight with a white boy and a mulatto. While he was fighting with the negro the white boy slashed him with a knife.

Killed Both Boys. Burness grabbed a stick and struck the boy on the head, killing him in-

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standly. The mulatto ran for his life, but Burness gave chase. He caught the mulatto and choked his victim to death. He threw the body in a swamp and buried the white boy in a grave that he dug with a sharp stick.

He drifted to Boston and had not been there a week when he shot and killed a teamster in a fight. He served three years in the Charlestown state penitentiary for the crime.

His next victims were an Italian sailor and the mate of the bark Rebecca Moulton, bound from New York to Havana.

The mate aroused his hatred almost before the ship had left New York harbor. Before he could formulate his plans for killing the mate he became involved in a fight with the Italian sailor.

As the Italian ran at him with a knife Burness coolly drew his revolver and shot him dead. The mate upbraided him, and Burness again drew his revolver and shot the mate, sending a bullet through his heart.

This occurred in Havana, and Burness was put in the Carcel Nacional. He is said to have killed two Chinese men while confined there, but the cause of their death was given as yellow fever.

He stood trial, but was acquitted. He killed two more sailors before committing the crime for which he was electrocuted.

Postoffice Safe Blown Open.

Cleveland, O., June 28.—Three robbers blew the safe in the postoffice at Rocky River, a suburb. The explosion awakened Mayor Mitchell and his son, living near by, and they opened fire on the cracksmen. One of the men was wounded and fell to the ground. He was picked up and carried away by his companions. The robbers escaped, and no further trace has been found of them. They were frightened away before securing anything from the post-office safe.

Royalty in Motor Accident.

Wiesbaden, Prussia, June 28.—Count Chumbelahn von Specht was killed while riding in a motor car in company with hereditary Prince Adolf of Schaumburg-Lippe. The accident occurred near Langenschwalbach. In turning to avoid striking a dog the car swerved and dashed against a telegraph pole, which fell, killing the count chamberlain on the spot. Prince Adolf and the chauffeur were thrown out, but escaped with slight injuries.

### PORT ARTHUR FIGHT

#### Togo Tells How He Foiled Witthoff's Attempt to Escape.

#### SANK A BIG BATTLESHIP.

#### Disabled Another and Put a Cruiser Out of Commission—Eight Attacks on Russian Fleet by Japanese Mosquito Squadrons.

Tokyo, June 28.—Admiral Togo's detailed report of his attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Thursday night reached Tokyo.

The report confirms the destruction of a Russian battleship of the Peresviet type, the disabling of a battleship of the Sevastopol class and a protected cruiser resembling the Diana and the inflicting of a torpedo destroyer, but throws no light on the Russian plan.

The entire Russian fleet steamed out to sea in line of battle. Suddenly, when within 14,000 meters from the Ja-

pan fleet, the Russian fleet refused battle and steamed back to an anchorage outside the harbor, where during the night the Japanese destroyers and torpedo boats made eight desperate attacks upon it. The Russian vessels re-entered the harbor on Friday, since which time they have failed to reappear.

Russians Come Out. In his report Admiral Togo says that the exit of the Russian fleet from Port Arthur harbor began early Thursday.

The battleships Peresviet, Poltava and Sevastopol, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruisers Pallada, Diana, Askold and Novik, came first, a steamer leading them, clearing mines.

A warning, flashed by wireless telegraphy by the Japanese patrol, brought up Admiral Togo's fleet at full speed to a series of prearranged stations.

Three flotillas of Japanese destroyers and torpedo boats steamed close to the harbor entrance and watched the Russian vessels. At 11 o'clock the Russian battleships Cesarevitch, Retvizan and Pobieda joined the other Russian ships outside the harbor. Several steamers and boats were engaged in clearing and exploding mines to make a passage seaward.

Beginning of the Fighting. Captain Asai, commanding the Japanese torpedo flotilla, attacked the vessels engaged in clearing out the mines and hampered the work. At 3 o'clock seven Russian destroyers appeared and the Japanese vigorously attacked them. One of the Russian destroyers, which was hit and set on fire, retreated to the harbor, burning.

The Novik attacked the Japanese, who scurried away. The vessels engaged in clearing the harbor finally made a passage and the Novik led the Russian fleet seaward.

In the meantime Admiral Togo concealed the positions of his ships and at 4 o'clock sent the third squadron out into the vision of the Russians, with the object of withdrawing them seaward. The Russian fleet stood south-eastward and then southward. During this time Admiral Togo had concealed his first squadron south of Gagan Rock.

Togo Ready to Attack. As the Russians approached Admiral Togo assembled his fleet and prepared to attack. At 6:35 p. m. the Russians were in plain sight eight miles north-west of Gagan Rock. The Cesarevitch led and the nine others followed in a single line. The Novik and seven destroyers were placed at the right of the line.

Admiral Togo waited with battle flags flying from all the tops. The Japanese fleet formation represented the first letter of the Japanese alphabet inverted.

At 7:30 p. m. the Russians headed for the Japanese and Admiral Togo veered slightly to the right, to bring pressure against the head of the Russian formation. At 8 p. m. the Russians changed their course and headed northward. Admiral Togo followed in a long single line, ordering the destroyers and torpedo boats to prepare for an attack after sundown.

At 8:22 p. m. the small flotillas swung around the rear of the Japanese fleet and headed toward the Russians at full speed.

Jap Flotilla Makes Eight Attacks. At 9:30 the fourteenth flotilla delivered the first attack on the Russian fleet, now in the rear of a point five miles outside the entrance to Port Arthur. Immediately afterward the

fifth flotilla delivered a second attack. The Russian fleet was confused and it was impossible for it to retreat quickly into the harbor on account of the narrowness of the channel and possibly the low tide.

At 10:30 p. m. the Russian fleet anchored in a single line extending from the foot of Wantaueing fort to the base of Chentouharan. During the night the torpedo flotillas kept up constant attacks on the Russian fleet, going in eight times.

A Battleship Goes Down. The most effective attack was that of the sixteenth flotilla, which, at 11:30 p. m., caught the Russians rounding Shenshen. The first class torpedo boat Shlrataka, Commander Wakabayashi, sent two torpedoes in a battleship of the Peresviet class. She was seen to sink in a volume of smoke and fire.

Other effects of the attack were not observed on account of the heavy firing, which cast volumes of water over the flotilla, and the heavy commencing which rent the air. The searchlights from the ships and forts also blinded the Japanese.

At dawn Friday a reconnaissance of the entrance was made by the fourth and fifth flotillas, whose report confirmed that of the patrol ships as to the Russian loss.

Admiral Togo says the moonlight and the narrow line of the enemy prevented his fleet from inflicting greater damage.

The Japanese loss was unexpectedly small. The destroyer Shirakump was struck in the cabin and three of her crew were killed and three wounded.

The first class torpedo boat Chidori was struck in the engine room. Torpedo boats 64, 65 and 53 were damaged, the others engaged being uninjured. In concluding his report Admiral Togo says:

"The effect of the attack and the small loss must be attributed to the illustrious virtues of his majesty."

Russian Gloom. Kuropatkin's High Officer Tells of Dis- cord at Headquarters.

Tientsin, June 28.—A correspondent here has seen a translation of a private letter from an officer high in command under General Kuropatkin to a brother officer, giving a gloomy view of the situation for Russia and making disclosures. The writer said:

"It is a shame to see officers constantly quarreling, divided into cliques and fighting for their own interests, until Japan, the common enemy, is forgotten. Every one, from the viceroys and Kuropatkin to insignificant subalterns, is quarreling and unwilling to obey orders.

"In the eyes of the correspondents and foreign attaches we are disgraced. Until the whole system is changed we cannot hope for victory. Jealousy and suspicion are rampant throughout the army. The members of our secret service are so busy spying on each other that they cannot apprehend the spies and Japanese agents, who work with impunity. Japan seemingly knows every plan made by us, which accounts for many plans having been changed suddenly.

"Our brave soldiers go into battle like sheep to the shambles. No one can deny their loyalty, but until they are properly officered their loyalty and zeal are wasted. Europe now knows we are a divided house and will profit accordingly. Those who have the welfare of Russia at heart cannot help feeling that if Port Arthur falls and Japan takes Liaoyang, the powers will intervene, to our eternal disgrace."

Big Battle Imminent. Russian Army on Liaotung Peninsula Assuming the Offensive.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—A dispatch from Tashichiao, between Kalgow and Haidchong, Liaotung peninsula, dated June 27, says a great battle seems to be impending. A part of the Russian army has assumed the offensive against the Japanese forces commanded by General Oku, and it is reported that General Kuroki is moving along the Russian left flank against Haidchong. According to a high placed personage, General Kuroki's army is strong enough to take the offensive and he presumably is anxious for a decisive action before the rains begin.

Severe fighting is reported to be in progress near the village of Tengen. An officer who galloped in reported that the Russians were gaining the upper hand and driving back the Japanese. This, however, has not yet been confirmed.

Chefu Hears of Japanese Loss. Chefu, June 28.—A Chinese who has arrived here from the vicinity of Port Arthur in a junk reports that at day light last Friday morning he saw two large Japanese ships and three torpedo boats withdrawing from the fleet off Port Arthur. The vessels were all damaged.

H. L. Doherty Again Tennis Champion. London, June 28.—H. L. Doherty again won the tennis championship at Wimbledon, defeating Frank L. Risley by 6-1, 7-5 and 8-6.

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### POSSE CHASES NEGRO

Evansville, Ind., Aroused to Fury by Brutal Assault.

Police Preparing to Protect Him if He Is Captured—Black Man Drove Girl's Male Escort Away With a Pistol and Overpowered Her.

### CULPRIT MAY BE LYNCHED.

Evansville, Ind., June 28.—The negro who committed an assault on Clara Weinbach, sixteen years old, is still at large. The entire police and sheriff's forces with posses are looking for him. Ample provisions have been made to guard him if he is arrested. The victim is resting easy.

Miss Weinbach and Harry Smith were returning from one of the city parks, and while they were passing the Chandler avenue school building, in the fashionable portion of the city, a negro sprang from behind the corner of a building and pointed a revolver at Smith's head, uttering, "Run now; run for your life!"

Smith ran down the street to the police station, where he informed the officers. The entire police force and as many men as could be found returned to the scene of the assault and after searching for some time found Miss Weinbach lying in the schoolhouse yard in an unconscious condition. She was taken to the hospital.

The district surrounding the schoolhouse was thoroughly searched without result. Posses were sent in all directions, and especially to Baptist Town, where the bloody riots of last July occurred. As the news spreads throughout the city hundreds of people are joining in the search, and the police are making preparations to protect the assailant if he is captured. There is considerable apprehension that a riot will follow the capture of the negro.

Miss Weinbach, after being revived, told the police that as soon as Smith disappeared down the street the negro dragged her into the schoolhouse yard and committed the assault. Smith said that he was knocked down several times by the negro and that Miss Weinbach tried to pull the negro away from him, but was unsuccessful.

Girl Helps Lynch Assailant. Europa, Miss., June 28.—Starting Dunham, a young negro who was wanted on a charge of having attacked the young daughter of John Wilson, a white resident of Bellefontaine, and attempting to attack three other young women near this city, was hanged here in the public square, the noose being placed about his neck by the Wilson girl, who identified him.

PERDICARIS THANKS HAY. He is Profoundly Grateful For Being Snatched From Captivity.

Washington, June 28.—Secretary Hay has received the following cablegram from Tangier, dated June 27: "Profundly grateful to the government for securing my release."

The Tangier report to the effect that the British minister and the American consul general at Tangier had united in a demand upon the sultan for the punishment of Raisuli is supposed at the state department to be based upon the "Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead" dispatch sent before Perdicaris was released.

It is repeated at the state department that there is no disposition to make further demands upon the Moroccan government so long as there are no further outrages upon American citizens.

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