

WILLIAMS HUNG THIS MORNING

Made No Confession and Went to the Gallows With Stoical Indifference.

WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT END OF 15 MINUTES.

Williams was convicted on circumstantial evidence, of the murder of two women in Wasco county—To One of These Women He Had Been Married, Although He Had a Living Wife in Iowa—Williams Had a Checkered and More or Less Criminal Career in the East, and Is Supposed to Have Done Double Murder in Iowa.

The Dalles, Ore., July 21.—Daniel Norman Williams, the alleged murderer, whose crimes extend from Iowa to Oregon, and who for so many years escaped the penalty of his acts, was hanged in the county jail here today.

Williams went to the gallows promptly at 6:08 o'clock this morning, without a tremor or faltering in the least, and met the end with the same stolid, impassive stolidity that has characterized his conduct and speech for months past. He refused to end to talk. He was pronounced dead 15 minutes after the trap sprung.

Williams was hanged for one of the most atrocious crimes in the history of Oregon, the cold-blooded and brutal murder of Miss Alma Nesbitt on the night of March 8, 1900, on his homestead ranch about 20 miles from Hood River. At the same time he killed her mother, Mrs. Louise Jane Nesbitt, for the purpose of securing possession of a homestead claim taken up by Miss Nesbitt adjoining his, and to cover up other crimes which he is alleged to have committed against Miss Nesbitt. Back of this is a series of crimes in Iowa with which he was connected.

Williams knew the Nesbitts in Nebraska and induced them to come west. He then persuaded Alma to take up a homestead, which she did in 1899. A short time after this he induced her to marry him, although he had a wife living at that time in Iowa, and was the father of several children, who are now of an adult age.

But a short time after this marriage, which was a secret one, performed at Vancouver, Wash., in July, 1899, Williams is supposed to have learned that his wife could not hold her homestead, which is believed to have been the object of the marriage. On March 8, 1900, Williams, Alma Nesbitt and her mother left Portland for Hood River. They arrived there late in the evening and started to drive to the claim of Williams, a distance of 20 miles, although the night was dark and stormy. That was the last seen of the two women in life. Williams returned to Hood River the following morning without them.

The evidence, which was circumstantial, showed that Williams took the two women out in a buggy and murdered both with an ax, horribly mutilating them. The crime was committed only after a bitter struggle in which the women evidently resisted to their utmost their gruesome fate. He then buried their bodies in a huge brush pile and burned them.

Williams built his plans carefully and even went so far as to construct a henhouse over the graves of the unfortunate women. He endeavored to account for their absence by declaring that they had gone to Washington, and asserted that Alma had entered on a fast life. He wrote such a story of her to her sister, who is a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and to other friends of the murdered woman in the east.

Sometime after George Nesbitt, of Iowa, endeavored to trace the whereabouts of his mother and sister and became convinced that Williams had murdered them. The graves where the victims had first been placed was opened. The murderer had failed to remove all traces of his crime. A portion of Mrs. Nesbitt's scalp, with long gray tresses attached thereto, and some bloodstained gunnybags were found. The bodies of the two women have never been found.

Expert testimony showed that a portion of the hair and scalp had been torn from the head of Mrs. Williams.

Heat Slide.

Chicago, July 21.—Anna Teller, aged 30, committed suicide at noon, in the Illinois Trust Savings bank, after having withdrawn her savings. The shot created great panic among the patrons of the bank. The cause is unknown, further than that she had shown signs of dementia from the excessive heat.

GUNBOAT BENNINGTON IS DOWN UP

DISTRESSING DISASTER TO THE AMERICAN NAVY

Every Man but One on the Warship Was Killed or Injured and the Vessel Is a Blackened Bloody Crater

Dozens of Dead and Hurt Being Brought Ashore—Between Forty and Fifty Were Killed, and the Ship Is a Total Wreck and Will Go to the Bottom—The Accident Is One of the Worst "Gratuitous" and Useless Horrors in the History of the American Navy—The Cause of the Explosion Will Probably Never Be Known, the Engineers Being Killed—Vessel Was About to Leave the Harbor.

San Diego, July 21.—Boilers on the gunboat Bennington, now lying in the harbor, exploded at 10:30. The entire ship was blown up, so that she is seen to be listed heavily.

First reports are that 60 men are killed and over 100 injured. Dozens of dead and wounded are now being brought ashore.

Captain Lucian Young reports at 11 that every man on deck was injured by the explosion, and between 40 and 50 were killed.

The ship rapidly settled after the explosion and is now being towed from the understream to a wharf by tugs.

Every available wagon on the water front was called upon to bring the dead and wounded to the morgue and hospitals. There are 28 at one hospital, and seven dead at the city morgue.

Story of the Accident.

Captain Lucian Young and Commander Veene were on shore at the time of the accident. Lieutenant Commander John Calvin Leonard was the executive officer. Lieutenant Commander Victor Blue of South Carolina, is said to have been in the hospital at Mare Island, undergoing an operation.

The ensigns were Charles T. Wade, Newman K. Perry, Jr., Midshipman Leo Sahn and Midshipman Lindsay H. Lacy; Paymaster Charles Morris, Jr.

The Bennington was a gunboat of the third class, a sister ship to the Yorktown; of 1110 tons burden, twin screws, six guns in the main battery, and carried 174.

This is one of the most frightful disasters in the history of the American navy, almost rivaling the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, and the horror at Samoa. It occurred at 10:30 o'clock this morning, when one of the boilers on the gunboat, which had just arrived to tow the crippled Wyoming back to the Mare Island navy yard, blew up, blowing out between 40 and 50 of Uncle Sam's sailors and injuring all the other men on the vessel at the time.

The only man to escape so far as known, was Commander Captain Lucian Young.

Practically the entire inner portion of the little fighting craft was blown out. Immediately after the shock and explosion the Bennington listed badly and began to settle. Tugs hurried to her assistance, and she was towed from the understream to the wharf.

Explosion Heard at San Diego.

The explosion was plainly heard and felt throughout the city, and along the water front the building shook violently. A great column of water was hurled into the air, and the fact that a terrible accident had occurred was quickly realized. Immediately every available craft in the harbor made for the crippled ship and, picking up the dead and dying from the wreckage was begun. All around lay mangled corpses and moaning sailors, some injured beyond hope of recovery, their legs and arms shattered and chests and faces scalded. Some, maddened by pain, sought to hurl themselves into the water, but were restrained. Others begged their res-

cue.

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Saloons Must Close.

Newport, Ore., July 21.—Prosecuting Attorney Brown's announcement that Newport will be closed next Sunday is causing consternation at that summer resort, as everything there for years has been run wide open seven days a week. Last Sunday, for the first time in the history of Toledo, Sunday booze was tabooed and the saloons were tightly closed all day. The Lincoln county grand jury, which has just completed its labors, which has just completed its labors, sprung a sensation by bringing in a true bill against the saloon keepers of Toledo for keeping open on Sunday. Each was fined \$25 and costs, and was warned that a second violation of the law would result in the forfeiture of his license.

A new bridge 275 feet long, will be built across the Touchet at Shaw's crossing, Walla Walla county.

WILL SUPPORT SCHMITZ.

Labor Organizations Will Fight All Other Elements.

San Francisco, July 21.—A stormy meeting of the United Labor league was held last night for the purpose of deciding upon a course to be pursued in the fast approaching municipal campaign. The meeting had been called by one wing of the league whose purpose it was to pass a resolution that no office holders should be sent to the nominating convention. The other wing, the Schmitz faction, filled the rear end of the hall, booed and yelled, and finally succeeded in deposing the original chairman and electing another. Mayor Schmitz was present and made a speech. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That this association of union men, regardless of former political affiliations, does hereby pledge itself to foster, aid and support the county committee of the United Labor party, and unhesitatingly urge the nomination and re-election of labor's irreproachable champion, Eugene E. Schmitz."

The election is likely to develop into a strictly class contest, union labor against the other elements of the city's population.

WANDERED TO DEATH.

Little Child Dies by Fatigue and Exposure.

Ephrata, Wash., July 21.—The 4-year-old son of Herman Groes, a farmer living six miles north of here, wandered from home yesterday morning while his parents were in town, having left the child in the care of his sister, 12 years of age.

The child's absence was not noted until 11 o'clock, when the little girl began a search for him. Upon the return of the parents an hour later a general search was instituted through this sparsely settled district, continuing throughout the night.

At 6 o'clock this morning a party of 50 from the village here took up the search, finding the lifeless body of the child at 6 o'clock this evening about two miles from his home. The little fellow had succumbed to fatigue and exposure.

Will Arrive Saturday.

New Port, R. I., July 21.—The government torpedo station here has received a wireless message from the squadron of warships conveying the remains of Paul Jones from France. The message states the squadron will arrive at Chesapeake Cape Saturday. No incident on the passage.

Ship Is Sinking.

The ship is leaking very rapidly and it is feared will soon sink.

The cause of the explosion is not definitely ascertained. Engineer Nelson was personally making an inspection of the boilers preliminary to leaving port. He had found everything all right and was about to give orders to put on steam, when the explosion occurred. Nelson was blown back into the store room and injured, but not fatally.

The captain and a few other officers had not yet joined the ship, and thus escaped.

Ensign Perry, officer of the day, was on the forward deck directly above the boilers, and was perhaps fatally injured. Other officers were injured, but none, it is thought, fatally. The members of the engine crew were all at their places when the explosion occurred. The explosion was followed by an outpouring of a sheet of flame, scalding water and smoke. This caught every man in the boiler and engine rooms, and blew the terrified men into the air and bay. In the panic others jumped into the bay and were picked up by boats which were soon on the scene. To step upon the gang plank and aboard the ship it was necessary to step over the bodies of three dead boys. Those sailors who remained in a condition to walk about behaved in a heroic manner and did not stop until every badly injured man had been sent ashore on lanchons.

IRISH COMMISSION APPROPRIATION WAS CUT.

Issue Will Go to Another Vote Soon, When It Is Believed the Ministry Will Be Sustained by a Normal Majority—Great and Radical Difference Among the Newspapers as to Balfour's Proper Course—Common Adjourns for Developments.

London, July 21.—After a half hour's session this morning the house of commons adjourned until today to await the government's decision regarding its future course in view of the defeat of the ministry last night in the bill to reduce the appropriations for the Irish land commission.

It is believed in well informed circles the Balfour ministry is not likely to resign, and that the government will be sustained by a normal majority on the vote Monday.

Conservative papers today urge the premier to hold on to office at any cost, while the liberal papers are shrieking at him to get out.

It is reported in lobby circles about the house of commons that a meeting of the cabinet held this afternoon Balfour had decided to resign, but there is no confirmation.

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SURRENDERING TO JAPANESE

Last Vestige of Russian Opposition on Saghalien Island Now Abandoned.

JAPANESE ARE ADVANCING RAPIDLY ON VLADIVOSTOK.

The Inhabitants of That Place and Nearby Russian Towns Are Fleeing—St. Petersburg Is Taking Alarm at the Terms Which It Feared Toglio Will Demand in Relation to the Trans-Siberian Railroad—Details From Tokio of a Recent Victory Over the Russians—Partial Reorganization of the Japanese Army.

Tokio, July 21.—It is officially announced that 461 Russian soldiers on the Island of Saghalien, together with 15 officers, have surrendered to the Japanese.

Fleeing From the Japs.

Copenhagen, July 21.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that advising the appointment of Japanese warships are sighted near Nikolaevsks, at the mouth of the Amur river. Many inhabitants of Nikolaevsks and Vladivostok have fled to Khabarovsk.

Getting Scared Early.

St. Petersburg, July 21.—The Novoe Vremya today asserts it is alleged that the Japanese peace conditions forbidding the double tracking of the Siberian railroad are utterly unacceptable, being equivalent to the economic suicide of Russia.

Details of Victory.

Tokio, July 21.—An imperial ordinance was issued this morning authorizing the appointment of non-commissioned officers from the reserve conscripts and also converting those of sundry source rank into privates of fighting rank.

A dispatch from Otaru says the Russians defeated at Dalnie were 500 strong with six field and three machine guns. The offered desperate resistance. The cannonade began at 6 the morning of July 7. The second line of Russian defense was not taken until the following morning, when the Russian guns were captured.

Arrived at Paris.

Paris, July 21.—M. Witte, the Russian peace envoy, arrived this afternoon en route to the United States.

TRANSFER JURISDICTION.

Canal May Be Dug by the State Department.

Oyster Bay, July 21.—President Roosevelt is in conference this morning with Secretary of State Root, who was accompanied from New York by Dr. Lyman Abbott, who will remain until after luncheon. Root will remain over night.

Among the questions discussed was the proposed transfer of the Panama canal from the war to the state department, and the details of the peace conference.

Drake Shonts' Assistant.

New York, July 21.—E. A. Drake, secretary-treasurer of the Panama Railroad company, has been appointed assistant to President Shonts. Drake will exercise all the functions of president of the railroad during Shonts' absence.

FRENCH IS SUSPICIOUS.

Says Railways Are Behind His Present Trouble.

Cleveland, July 21.—After his release from jail at Akron, Charles W. French, the railroad promoter accused of securing money by false pretenses, came to this city. French intimates he suspects a large railroad corporation is behind his arrest. He expects to return to the Pacific coast, where he is projecting a mammoth steel plant at San Diego and a railroad from that city to Chicago by way of Denver.

Second Trial Begun.

Portland, July 21.—The second trial of Congressman Williamson et al for land fraud conspiracy, began today.

Lloyd Will Not Accept.

Cleveland, O., July 21.—Rev. Frederick Lloyd has recalled his acceptance of election as Episcopal bishop coadjutor of the diocese of Oregon on the ground of continued opposition from four leading clergymen, who objected to him as a "high churchman." Dr. Lloyd is now at home at Washington, Pa.

PIERCE COUNTY STOPS GAMBLING

IN TACOMA DRIVEN TO THE SECOND STORIES.

The Sheriff States That Slot Machines and All Games at All Points Outside of Tacoma in Pierce County Have Been Stopped, and the Washington State Law Will Be Enforced—Among the Prohibited Towns Is Wilkeson, the Worst Gambling Point in the County—The Closing Down Is a Great Surprise.

Tacoma, Wash., July 21.—All gambling in this county, outside of the city limits, is a thing of the past. Pierce county is closed tight. For the last few days Sheriff Denholm and his deputies have been kept busy notifying all saloonkeepers in whose places of business money paying slot machines were being operated and gambling tables conducted, that things have gone too far and all kinds of gambling had to stop. The last of the places in the county where games of chance were in full swing, were visited by officers yesterday and today. The sheriff says that all gambling has been stopped.

Towns of the county which have been placed under the ban are Puyallup, Sumner, Orting, Buckley, Wilkeson, Fairfax, South Prairie, Stella, and others.

Every Day Like Sunday.

Reports received from Wilkeson since the places there were notified to discontinue gambling are that the orders of the sheriff are being strictly obeyed. Wilkeson is a mining town and has a worse reputation for gambling than any other place in the county. The miners have been in the habit of gambling away their wages at faro banks as fast as they earned them. The reformation that has struck the town makes every day like Sunday to some. The closing up of all gambling came as a great surprise.

Gambling has never been stopped in Tacoma, but all games have been removed to second story locations.

CHICAGO TEAMSTERS' STRIKE IS ENDED

Chicago, July 21.—Six hundred lumber drivers of this city have voted to declare the strike off and return to their former positions, regardless of the action of other striking unions. Department store drivers began voting today on the question of declaring the strike off and the railway express drivers and truck teamsters will vote tomorrow night. This action is being taken without the sanction of the strike leaders, the teamsters' joint council having adopted a motion advising the strikers in the local unions that the time has come to vote the strike off. Following the calling off of the teamsters' strike by the joint council the strikers broke ranks today in order to secure work. In most cases the conditions imposed by employers was hiding union buttons. Of five thousand men who quit, probably not more than 1500 will be taken back within the next few days. The employers held a meeting today and adopted rules to govern the conduct of employees, which will be one of the conditions on which the strikers are taken back.

The strike has cost 21 lives, \$15,000,000 in money, and 500 injured in rioting.