

THOUSANDS FIGHT TO SAVE CITY

HUMPHREYS ARE SENTENCED TO DIE ON JUNE 14

George and Charles Humphrey Convicted of Murdering Mrs. Eliza Griffiths at Her Lonely Cabin Last June Sentenced to Death.

Motion for a New Trial is Denied—Crime One of the Most Brutal in History of Oregon.

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 3.—George and Charles Humphrey, brothers convicted of the brutal murder of Mrs. Eliza Griffith at her lonely cabin near Philomath last June, today were sentenced by Judge Hamilton to be hanged at the state penitentiary June 14.

Before sentencing the brothers, Attorney Jeffrey for the defense, made a motion for a new trial. It was promptly denied.

George Humphrey, the elder brother, and considered the more vicious of the murderers, was ordered to stand up and receive his sentence.

After denouncing him for committing "one of the most atrocious and heinous crimes ever committed in the state of Oregon," Judge Hamilton asked the prisoner, who stood trembling with bowed head, if he had anything to say in his behalf. In a tone so low as to be inaudible save to those within a few feet of him, Humphrey replied: "No." The court then pronounced the death sentence.

Charles Humphrey then received the same sentence. Like his brother, he had nothing to say in extenuation of his crime and made no plea for mercy.

The prisoners displayed little emotion. The court room was crowded when the brothers were sentenced.

The people of Oregon at the general election in November through the referendum will decide if they want to abolish capital punishment, and it is considered probable that the Humphreys will be reprieved until after the election at any rate.

The crime for which the brothers were sentenced to death was one of the most foul known. They went at night to the home of Mrs. Griffith of whom they were neighbors, believing she had a considerable sum of money in her home. As the woman was taking down her hair, the men leaped on her from behind and overpowered her, then strangled her with a rope. Before and after death they in turn attacked her. After the second assault they took her body and carried it to a millpond, a third of a mile from her home. They threw the body in the pond.

The next day the woman could not be found, and neighbors formed searching parties. Several days after the tragedy her body was found floating in the pond.

George Humphrey's face bore marks of fresh scratches and this and other suspicious circumstances led to his arrest, together with his brother. Both later confessed to the crime.

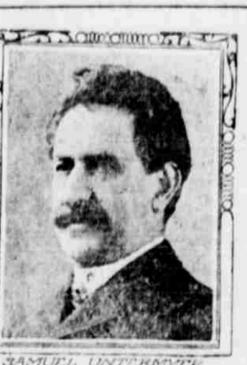
Charles also confessed that he and his brother murdered William King, their step-father; George Selby and George Danvers. Most of their victims were choked to death.

GENERAL HEAVINESS NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, May 3.—Today's opening stock market reflected a general heaviness caused by the labor situation on the eastern railroads. Reading was off 1 1/2, Union Pacific 1 1/4, and United States Steel a good only notable gainer with a rise of a point. Later Reading made a one point recovery and Union Pacific and United States Steel made up some of their earlier losses. Missouri Pacific and Tennessee Copper were under pressure.

The market closed steady. Bonds were steady.

To Probe Trust



LAWYER CHOSEN TO DIRECT FEDERAL MONEY TRUST PROBE

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Samuel Untermyer, of New York city, and Edgar H. Farrar, of New Orleans, the latter one time president of the American Bar association, have been selected as counsel for the "Money Trust" investigation of the house committee on banking and currency. The two lawyers will begin their work at once and will have charge of the preliminary inquiry into the private affairs of the big financial institutions of the country.

115,000 HOMELESS IN LOUISIANA AND FLOOD CONTINUES

BATON ROUGE, La., May 3.—Hope of patching the break in the Mississippi river levee at Torras, La., has been abandoned today. The water is rushing through a gap 800 feet wide at a rate of 12 miles an hour, inundating several towns.

Hundreds of refugees are being brought here today from the flooded section. Relief trains are being rushed, and the government is everywhere active in dealing out rations and caring for the homeless.

It is estimated that 115,000 persons made homeless by Mississippi floods during the last month are now in the various refugee camps. How many will be added to this number by the Torras disaster cannot yet be estimated, but it will be many thousands.

TED AND TAFT TO MARYLAND

WASHINGTON, May 3.—A flying trip through Maryland is the next step in President Taft's campaign, according to announcement from the White house today. The president will leave on the trip tomorrow, speaking at Havre, De Grace and Aberdeen. He will return here tomorrow night.

On Sunday President Taft will start for Cincinnati for a rest.

SALISBURY, Md., May 3.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's campaign for Maryland's delegation at the republican national convention was opened here today before a large and enthusiastic crowd.

In addition to his address the former president spoke to big gatherings at Havre De Grace, and Delmar. He is scheduled to speak tonight at Baltimore and will return to New York Saturday.

Holland Royalty to France
PARIS, May 3.—Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and the prince consort will visit France this spring. The date has not been definitely set.

NEW ORLEANS FACES GRAVE DANGER FROM OVERFLOWING RIVER

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 3.—Thousands of male residents of New Orleans this afternoon are fighting desperately in an attempt to save the city from the flood water of the Mississippi river. Although many are engaged in strengthening the dykes with sandbags and others repairing breaks as rapidly as reported, the water late this afternoon is lapping over the levee at the foot of Esplanade avenue, in the heart of the fashionable residence district, and also at Canal street, the city's chief business thoroughfare. It is believed, however, that the flood fighters will have the situation under control here before night.

Reports from Baton Rouge, the state's capital, say the situation there is desperate. The water is pouring in torrents over the levee at such a rate as to threaten the city with destruction. Already more than 4000 square miles of land is under water and in the surrounding territory more than 200,000 homeless persons are fleeing to higher ground.

The convict farm at Angella, a few miles from Baton Rouge, is under 10 feet of water despite the game but hopeless fight the convicts made against the flood. About 1500 convicts at the institution could easily have escaped in the confusion last night but none tried.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 3.—Eight persons met death this afternoon at Naragansett, 20 miles above Baton Rouge, when the levee there broke, sweeping everything before it. Sugar plantations covering hundreds of acres are inundated and the loss from this source will run into the thousands. The property damage at Point Coupe, West Baton Rouge, Iberville and other parishes to the south, where several thousand persons are homeless, is also heavy.

BOND ISSUE TO CAUSE CHANGE ELECTION DATE

Will Be Called at Later Date Than May 14 in Order That Bond Issue to Provide Funds for Bridge May Be Included at Same Time.

The special city election called for Tuesday, May 14, will be postponed and called at a later date in order to include a bond issue to provide funds for paying the city's share of the new bridge over Bear creek and building the approaches to it. Mayor Canon stated today that such a postponement would be necessary. The postponement will probably be made at the next regular council meeting, Tuesday night.

In the last tax levy made by the city council a tax of one mill was assessed for bridge purposes, which provided approximately \$5500. This money, however, is to be used to move the present structure over Bear creek at the Main street crossing to Jackson boulevard and hence is not to be used to pay for the new bridge over Bear creek.

In the last tax levy made by the county 4 mills was provided for the road fund. One-half of the amount realized from this road district is returned to the district, the other half going into the general fund. This makes approximately \$12,000 for this district, but it is stated that it is for use on roads in the district outside of the city limits. Whether any portion of this will be available for the bridge over Bear creek is not known.

The bond issue to be voted upon will be large enough to pay the city's share of the cost of the new structure and to build approaches to the bridge.

\$1,881,111 IS LIFE INSURANCE LOSS IN TITANIC WRECK

NEW YORK, May 3.—Life insurance companies will have to pay \$1,881,111 in losses, and nearly as much more in accident insurance, as a result of the Titanic disaster, according to figures published in the current issue of the Insurance Press. The largest insurance carried by a single passenger was \$146,750, on the life of Herbert F. Chaffee of North Dakota. The next largest was that of John B. Thayer of \$50,000. He also carried \$100,000 worth of accident insurance. The biggest accident insurance policy was one for \$75,000, carried by Emil Brandeis of Omaha.

Claims Waifs



THE RESCUED WAIFS OF THE TITANIC

FRENCH WOMAN SAYS LITTLE TOTS STOLEN FROM HER

NEW YORK, May 3.—Mme. Navatill, of Nice, France, now claims the two waifs who were rescued from the sinking Titanic and who are now in New York in charge of Miss Margaret Hayes, who also was saved. She says her children were stolen by her former husband, whom she divorced, and adds that he evidently perished in the disaster. Negotiations are now on for a further identification of the two tots, who appear quite happy in their new home.

Much interest is taken in the two waifs throughout the county hundreds of families offering to care for them.

SIX-YEAR TERM FOR PRESIDENTS TO BE CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Prediction that early consideration of resolutions urging a six years term for presidents of the United States and prohibiting re-election would be had in both houses of congress was voiced today by Senator Works of California. Opinion is divided concerning the merits of the propositions.

Senators Bourne of Oregon and Bristow of Kansas are opposed to these measures, while Senators Penrose of Pennsylvania, Johnston of Alabama and Clapp of Minnesota think a four years term is sufficient without extending it to six years.

RUSH OF WATER FIRST WARNING STEERAGE HAD

Knew Nothing of Accident to Vessel Until a Torrent of Water Started Rushing into Quarters According to Steerage Passenger.

NEW YORK, May 3.—That the steerage passengers aboard the Titanic knew nothing of the accident which had befallen the vessel until a torrent of water started rushing into their quarters was the testimony given to Senator William Alden Smith, chairman of the Titanic investigating committee, here today by Daniel Buckley, aged 21 years, of County Cork, Ireland, a steerage passenger. One of the stewards, he said, warned the passengers in the steerage that they had better hurry to the upper decks unless they wanted to drown. Buckley said: "I rushed upstairs, but found no life preservers, and started back down, but found that the water had reached up to the third step leading from the steerage quarters and was coming in fast."

"I saw a steward trying to lock a gate which would bar us from the first and second class decks. A man tried to stop the steward but was knocked down. Then we all rushed and broke down the gate."

"I went on deck and saw five boats launched from the starboard side. A sixth boat was ready and some men got in it as there were only a few women about. They were ordered out by an officer. A woman whom I afterward learned was Mrs. John Jacob Astor threw a shawl over me and I stayed in the bottom of the boat."

TURKS DECISIVELY DEFEATED, 300 OF THEM BEING KILLED

ROME, May 3.—A decisive defeat of the Turks at Lebda by the Italians under General Reissol, in which 300 Turks were killed was announced here today from the office of the war department. The report says that Reissol and his forces occupied Lebda which is sixty miles south of Tripoli. Nine Italians were killed and 54 wounded, according to the government.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., May 3.—Otto Lass, awaiting trial on a charge of stealing rich ore from the Goldfield consolidated mines, hanged himself

Is Very Ill



WILLIAM A. DORR

ACCUSED MAN IS BREAKING UNDER CHARGE OF MURDER

STOCKTON, Cal., May 3.—William A. Dorr, a Stockton motorcycle dealer, who is being held pending the arrival of officers from Lynn, Mass., where he is wanted for the murder of George E. Marsh, a wealthy soap manufacturer, was brought before Judge Norton this morning on a writ of habeas corpus.

The prisoner was so weak that he had to be carried into the court room. Throughout the proceedings he sat with a vacuous expression on his face his lips moving continuously. The court ordered a continuance.

ATTEMPTING TO AVERT STRIKE IN COAL MINES

NEW YORK, May 3.—In an attempt to avoid a general strike in the anthracite coal fields, which has become imminent as a result of their refusal to accept the compromise agreement drawn up by a sub-committee, the mines committee are expected today to ask the mine operators to modify the compromise proposal. Their request will probably be rejected. The miners will then call a general convention to decide whether they will accept or reject the compromise as it now stands.

LOS ANGELES IS GREETING SHRINERS

LOS ANGELES, May 3.—Registration for the national Shriners' convocation next week began today with the arrival of the advance guard of the thousands of lodgemen who are coming to Los Angeles from every corner of America.

The first of the scores of special trains now en route to California will arrive late today or tomorrow. Other trains will come hourly over three transcontinental lines, until Tuesday morning, when the real celebration will begin.

One hundred thousand dollars has been expended for street decorations and \$250,000 for parades, entertainments and other features.

WILSON AND CLARK SPLIT WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, May 3.—Wilson and Clark delegates are so evenly divided in Washington that there is a likelihood that when the democrats hold their convention at Walla Walla on Monday there will be a stampede in favor of Bryan. There is an exact division of "instructed" delegates, and there are many who are "uninstructed," with the understanding that they will stampede to Bryan in the event of a contest.

SEC'Y WILSON IS DENOUNCED BY METHODISTS

Amid Wildest of Cheering, Following Debate in Which Disorder and Confusion Were Rampant, Secretary of Agriculture is Roundly Scored.

Announce Conviction That in Aiding Liquor Traffic Those in Authority Have Forfeited Claim to Votes.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 3.—Amid the wildest of cheering and following a debate in which disorder and confusion were rampant, the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church by a rising vote adopted resolutions denouncing Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson and reiterated the denunciations which followed his appointment as honorary vice president of the Brewers' association, the resolution reads as follows:

"Resolved that while we pledge ourselves to remain loyal citizens to the United States and to support those in authority in every laudable, lawful and legal way, we hereby announce our conviction that, in so aiding the liquor traffic by persistent endorsement of the Brewers' congress in the face of our earnest protest, those in authority have forfeited their claim to future franchises of the Christian, sober manhood of the nation."

The second session of the Episcopal address was read today by Bishop Earl Cranston of Washington, D. C., and consisted of the report of the board of bishops. The report advised five year terms for pastors, and denounced predatory wealth. Regarding amusements it said in part:

"Just where persuasion and exhortation should give place to statutory law in dealing with specified amusements is a crucial point in current discussion of the subject. For hundreds of years Methodism followed the methods of John Wesley. Your bishops still hold to every word submitted to the general conference through Bishop Foss in 1904. They would make it stronger if they could, but they cannot repress the conviction that Wesley dealt wisely with these dangers when he simply prescribed such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus."

The liberal element among the delegates believe that this report of the bishops forecast liberal legislation in regard to amusements, allowing Methodists such amusements as conscience dictates.

NEW STOCKYARDS ARE BEING BUILT

The Southern Pacific Railroad company has a large gang of men at work at the Crater Lake Junction, one mile north of Medford, putting in new stockyards and grading a siding for the accommodation of the stockmen of the valley.

The yards will have corralling capacity for eight carloads of cattle, while the sidetrack leading to the yards will have a holding capacity of about 30 cars. Pipes have been laid from the city water mains and the yards will be supplied with water from the city.

As soon as the new yards are ready for use the old corrals, near the passenger depot, will be removed. It is expected these will be removed by the first of June.

SHOW BIG AUTO RACE BULLETINS IN WINDOWS

The Pacific Motor-Speedy Co. will display bulletins of the big auto speed race at Los Angeles Saturday together with pictures of the racers and their cars. This is the greatest auto speed contest of the year, all the speed kings of the world participating.