

MAIL ROBBER IS KILLED BY CLERK

Jury Votes to Execute Two Bandits

Slayers of W. M. Deerson Found Guilty of First Degree Murder and Face Death in Electric Chair.

Pair Shows No Emotion

A verdict of guilty of first degree murder with a recommendation of a penalty of death was returned by a jury before District Judge Charles Goss against Sol Wesley and Le Roy Mauldron, charged jointly with the murder of W. M. Deerson, shot to death three months ago in a hold-up in the store of Vennie Grogan, 2336 Seward street.

This is the first time since Nebraska adopted the electric chair that anyone has been sentenced to death in Douglas county. The death penalty was all that held the jury for the two hours. The first ballot cast was for a death penalty and four for life imprisonment.

Take Verdict Calmly

The two men took the verdict with the same stoic indifference that had marked their demeanor throughout the trial. When they were called from the court room to the court room to hear the verdict of the jury, they arose from their seats in their cell and walked calmly toward the exit. With the same indifference, they sat and listened to the verdict, then to the judge taking two polls of the jury, and with no trace of emotion on their faces, they walked from the court room to the jail.

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This is the first time that anyone has been sentenced to the electric chair from Douglas county. Deerson was shot to death in the store of Vennie Grogan, 2336 Seward street, on March 13, 1922. The two men were accused of having shot and killed W. M. Deerson, while they were attempting to rob Vennie Grogan, Deerson and Thomas Rance were in the Grogan store, when the two bandits entered. Deerson was standing near the door and behind a pile of boxes in such a way that he was not noticed at first by the two men.

Captured at Once

Police captured the bandits a few hours after the shooting and, after questioning them at police headquarters, secured a confession. This confession was introduced as evidence at the trial and was denied by the two men. Wesley declared that he had signed a paper that was given him by the police without reading it, while Mauldron declared that he had been forced to sign his confession and said that he was able to point out the two detectives that had used third degree methods upon him.

Capitol Work Halted Until Arrival of Board Member

Lincoln, March 15.—(Special)—Laying of stone for the new state house will be halted until W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, a member of the capitol commission, returns from California. Governor Charles W. Bryan announced this morning.

Bryan in Effort to Have Code Change Bill Passed

Lincoln, March 15.—(Special)—Governor Charles W. Bryan today prepared a lengthy statement in an effort to put his code modification bill through the legislature.

Debate waxed warm in the lower house on the Matthers plan for state management, adopted by republicans in caucus last night.

Free State Soldier Swings Onto 'Wild' Train, Saves Wreck

Dublin, March 15.—(By A. P.)—The bravery of a national soldier averted a railway accident between Thomastown and Athlone yesterday. A band of irregulars, seizing an engine, sent it down the track. An officer of the railway protection corps notified troops at a block-house along the track and Brady, on duty in the cabin, acted promptly. He took off his shoes and awaited the arrival of the locomotive, which soon appeared, making between 20 and 30 miles an hour. Brady caught hold on the engine and swung himself aboard, succeeded in reaching the control and bringing the runaway to a halt, scarcely 500 yards from an approaching passenger train.

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Retired Railroad Man Believed Lost in Fire

Ogden, Utah, March 15.—William Cunningham, retired railroad man, could not be found today and it is believed he may have perished in the fire which early today gutted a downtown business block and caused damage of approximately \$300,000.

Leaps to Death

Cincinnati, March 15.—Temporarily insane through illness, Mrs. Mae Gullion, 29, with her 11-day-old baby in her arms, jumped to her death from a fifth-story window in an apartment house here today.

Told and Sold in One Day

Mrs. M. A. Lane, 2877 Saratoga, had the right idea. When she wanted to make a quick sale for her Hoosier cabinet she used an Omaha Bee "Want" Ad.

And after her ad appeared in the "Household Goods" column of The Omaha Bee but one day—the cabinet was sold.

When YOU want to sell, or rent, or trade, or buy, phone your "Want" Ad to AT 1200 and secure better results at lesser cost.

THREE LINES—THREE TIMES—TEN DIMITS

Omaha Is Recovering From Storm

Street Car Traffic Is Slowly Being Resumed After Day of Inactivity Due to 16-Inch Snowfall.

Records Are Broken

Street car service was resumed on a few lines for a distance of several blocks at an early hour last night following a 16-inch snowfall which broke records in Omaha.

Income Tax Will Show Prosperity Has Returned

Treasury Department Predicts Increase of \$7,000,000 in First Quarter Over Last Year.

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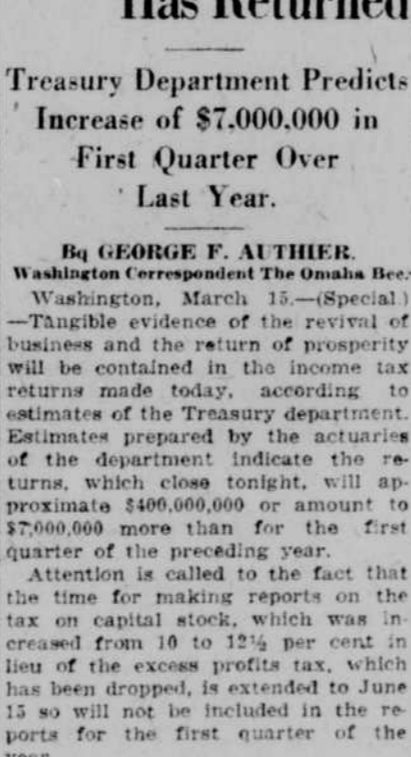
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Passengers and crew were safely removed to shore and wreckers have arrived to begin the work of salvage.

Mourning Declared in Ireland; All Sports Suspended

Dublin, March 15.—A proclamation by the "government of the republic of Ireland" has been issued decreeing an indefinite period of national mourning, during which sports and amusements are to be suspended and theaters and moving picture houses closed, and, in particular, horse racing, hunting, coursing and all outdoor sports discontinued.

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British Labor Leader Dines With Royalty

J. Ramsey MacDonald Guest of King and Queen at Semi-State Function in Buckingham Palace.

Fume Robber Raids Hospital

Thieves Throw Powder in Fireplace—Occupants Overcome—Everything Removed.

League Desires U. S. Moral Support, Lord Cecil Says

London, March 15.—Lord Robert Cecil, who is leaving for his first trip to the United States on the majestic next Wednesday under the auspices of the Foreign Policy Association of America, was the chief guest at a luncheon given by Lady Astor yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gould Divorced at Nice, France

New York, March 15.—Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, Jr., have been divorced at Nice, France, friends here learned today. The two children have been awarded to the mother.

Dancer Is Indicted

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 15.—Evan Barrows Fontaine, a dancer, and her mother, Mrs. Florence E. Fontaine, were indicted today on charges of pecuniary growing out of the dancer's \$1,000,000 breach of promise suit against Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney.

Extras Mob Watchman Who Draws Gun After Threats by Crowd in Protest Against Wage Reduction—Five Men Wind Up in Hospital.

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Shippers' Bulletin. Protect shipments during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperatures as follows: North and west, 10; east, 20; south, 25.

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