MAIL ROBBERIS KILLED BY CL

Jury Votes Free State Soldier Swings Onto "Wild"

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 nenalty of death was returned by a Goss against Sol Wesley and Le Roy death three months ago in a holddeliberations at 3:17 and gave its ver diet at 5:26 Thursday afternoon

ka 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 The first ballot cast was eight for a death penalty and four for life imprisonment. Five ballots were taken, each time all the jurors showing an inclination to give a verdict of guilty, but hesitating to vote

Take Verdict Calmly.

the same stoic indifference that had spreading out toward the Atlantic marked their demeanor throughout and South Atlantic states. the trial. When they were called Iowa and Nebraska were snowthey sat and listened to the verdict, hen to the judge taking two polis of the jury, and with no trace of emotion on their faces, they walked doned in some middlewestern cities. able to plow through the drifts built from the court room to the jail.

County Attorney Henry Beal exthe way his deputies, John Yeager and Thomas Sheehan, had handled It was originally planned county attorney himself deputies were substituted for him.

First in County.

"Phis is the first time that any snow. as been sentenced to the e hair from Douglas county," Beal ing the day. "It pleases me in other ways than just the thought that my office | Flocks of wild geese, caught in the now before they wantonly take a ings in their mad flight.

ing shot and killed W. M. Deerson, New York. Storm warnings were while they were attempting to rob posted along the Texas coast tonight, Wennie Grogan. Deerson and Thomas the weather bureau reported. Rance were in the Grogan store. when the two bandits entered. Deer- ing to the weather bureau, except son was standing near the door and possibly in the far north. The comehind a pile of boxes in such a way paratively high temperature saved peak load

Rance and gave him the same com- freezing point. mand. Deerson tried to get out of the bandits turned, shouted to him the northwest at all." the man could comply. Deerson died wake of the storm. few hours later.

Captured at Once.

hours after the shooting and, after thorities. questioning them at police headquarters, secure d 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 the police without reading it, while Mauldron declared that he had been forced to sign his confession uestioned, he declared the two men that he had named were not in the man's line of vision.

The men will be sentenced in a few days, Judge Goss declared. The jury has set the sentence that must be passed, but it is up to the judge to set the date of execution.

Capitol Work Halted Until

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

At that time the olds capitol commission, which was functioning at the time the contract for stone was let. will decide on the merit of George E. Johnson's charges against Bertram Goodhue, architect

The old commission is identical with the present body, except that former Governor McKelvia was chairman instead of Bryan.

Bryan in Effort to Have

Code Change Bill Passed Lincoln, March 15 .- (Special.)-Governer 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 Mathers plan for state management, adopted by republicans in caucus last night.

Train, Saves Wreck

Two Bandits

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, sen it down the track. An officer of the railway protection corps notified troops at a blockhouse along the track and Brady, on duty in the cabin, acted prompton duty in the cabin, acted promptly. He took off his shoes and awaited the arrival of the locomotive, ed 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 appropriate train.

penalty of death was returned by a jury before District Judge Charles Equinoctial Storm Mauldron, charged jointly with the murder of W. M. Deerson, shot to of Unusual Furv op in the store of Wennie Grogan. 2836 Seward, street. The jury started Sweeps Country

This is the first time since Nebras- Railway and Wire Service fall in Years-Street Car Service Tied Up.

By Universal Service.

Chicago, March 15 .- An equinoxial storm of unusual severity was sweepcountry tonight. The full force of its fury was felt in the middle states today. It bore down on the The two men took the verdict with Great Lakes region and tonight was

from the county jail to the court bound. Transportation was retarded com to hear the verdict of the jury, and telegraph and telephone service they arose from their seats in their crippled. In some districts more cell and walked calmly toward the than two feet of snow fell in 24 With the same indifference, hours. Omaha reported 16 inches.

Street Car Service Abandoned.

So great was the snowfall that Fort Dodge, Ia., reported that street up by a 20-mile wind. pressed himself as highly pleased with car service had been abandoned at

there was a deluge of rain and sleet. should prosecute the case, but owing swept by gales that piled the snow to his recent trip to Cleveland, the in drifts. Transcontinental trains Prairies of the west were being

Wild Fowl Killed.

has been successful in the punish storm on the Missouri and Mississippi ment of a crime. I believe that it rivers, were driven out over the

The two men were accused of have south to the gulf coast and east to ing, but was not opened until two is rosy.

No zero weather is in sight, accordthat he was not noticed at first the country from greater suffering and loss of life, it was said. At points The bandits ordered Grogan to hold where the snowfall was heaviest the up his hands, then turned to Mr. temperature was scarcely below the

"There is no prospect of much the store, and as he placed his hand lower temperature," the weather bu- general manager of the Omaha & upon the latch of the door, one of reau said. "There is no cold wave in Council Bluffs Street Railway comto raise his hands and fired before Fair weather is following in the

The snow and rainfall on the prairie Police captured the bandits a few crops, according to agricultural au-

Retired Railroad Man

out the two detectives that had used age of approximately \$300,000. Cun- over a year is over. ningham was 62 years old and resided | Assistant Attorney General Liljethird degree methods upon him. When at the Arlington hotel, which was qvist, who moved for dismissal of the

court room. Both were sitting in been confined to his room at the hotel Tuesday, also moved that the indictfront of the judge directly in the because of illness and efforts of police ments against Howard A. Hill and to find him were without result.

Leaps to Death

insane through illness, Mrs. Mae Gullion, 20, with her 11-day-old baby in her arms, jumped to her death from a fifth-story window in an apart-Arrival of Board Member ment 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
- When YOU want to sell, or phone your "Want" Ad to AT lantic 1000 and secure better results at lesser cost.

THREE LINES-THREE TIMES-TEN DIMES

Omaha Is Mourning sclared in Ireland; Recovering Dublin, March 15.—A proclamation by the "government of the republic of Ireland" has been issued decreeing

Being Resumed After Day of Inactivity Due-to 16-Inch Snowfall.

Records Are Broken

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

Shovels, brooms and scrapers were called into play by every householder the city in making some sort of a path in front of their dwellings.

Taxicabs were busy from early yesterday morning. One company alone answered over 500 calls. Nearly all cab companies were unable to promise cars sooner than from 30 minutes to Crippled by Heaviest Snow- two hours after the call was received. Tram Traffic Suspended.

All street car traffic was suspended after sweepers proved of no avail in keeping the tracks clear. West Farnam street, usually crowded with automobiles and thick with street cars, looked like the trail from Skagway to Nome yesterday morning. The tracks were buried beneath inches of snow packed down by automobiles and ped-

Several fire trucks were stalled because of the deep snow while answer-

Yesterday afternoon a grading machine, towed by a tractor, struggled along the boulevards, clearing a passageway for machines.

Telephone officials reported no unusual trouble as a result of the storm. Long distance lines were in operation. Many offices were not occupied yes-

One Mail Delivery.

Only one delivery of mail was made To the south, in Missouri and Kan-sas, the snowfall was not heavy but Only one delivery of mail was made. The reductions made in the tax yesterday. In some cases, where car-rate of the revenue law for last year, riers were in the outlying districts as compared with the one before and could not push their way would suggest a Transcontinental trains the office. Of the 28 mail trains due tion of the excess profits tax, the in drifts. Transcontinental trains running over northern routes were reported hours late, battling with the snow.

after 5 in the morning, word was relightening of the burden on the "litterported hours late, battling with the exclusively, was "somewhere in apply to incomes over \$6,000 instead over \$100. ectric Rain and snow fell in Chicago dur. Iowa." By 3 yesterday afternoon all of \$5,000 and some other slight

pupils could reach the buildings.

hours later.

Phone Girls Busy fought their way through the deep drifts yesterday morning to handle a

Three police shifts were on duty for any emergency which might arise. Clerks in the Metropolitan Utilities

district were dismissed at noon Autos Blamed for Car Delay.

R. A. Leussier, vice president and storm was the worst he can remember in Omaha.

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Night Riding Cases Dropped

at Request of Prosecution Believed Lost in Fire Medford, Ore., March 15 .- On mo-Ogden, Utah., March 15 .- William tion of the state, all the night riding Cunningham, retired railroad man, cases now before the circuit court could not be found today and it is be- at Jacksonville were dismissed and lieved he may have perished in the as far as present legal action is confire which early today gutted a down-cerned, the night riding agitation town business block and caused dam- which has stirred Jackson county for

cases against J. Alexander Norris and The missing man is known to have Thomas E, Goodie, who went on trial Bert L. Moses, former county jailer, for the alleged "hanging" of Arthur Burr, be dismissed. Liljeqvist gave Cincinnati, March 15.—Temporarily as his reason that the state "did not have a fighting chance.

Woman Buys Prayer Beads;

Leaps to Death Over Falls Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 15 .have come here from Albany, N. Y., plunged to her death in Niagara falls today, Patrolman John Ellis of the Reservation Guards, attracted by the young woman's strange actions, atempted to stop her, but too late. The girl ordered the taxi driver to

top at a trinket store on the Canidian side, where she purchased the beads. She then had him drive back to the American side. She leaped into the falls from Prospect point.

Steamer Beached.

Greenport, N. Y., March 15 .- Leakmenace of Rocky Point and beached men in the scene. off this place today.

arrived to begin the work of salvage | the customary \$5.

All Sports Suspended

From Storm 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 rac-Street Car Traffic Is Slowly ing, hunting, coursing and all outdoor sports discontinued.

This action is taken, it is declared, in view of the present national tragedy caused by Great Britain's threat of war, the daily violation of the usages of war by the torture, illtreatment and the execution of republican prisoners and in consideration for the bereaved families and

Income Tax Will Show Prosperity Has Returned

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

Bq GEORGE F. AUTHLER.

Washington, March 15 .- (Special.) -Tangible evidence of the revival of business and the return of prosperity will be contained in the income tax returns made today, according to estimates of the Treasury department. Estimates prepared by the actuaries of the department indicate the returns, which close tonight, will approximate \$400,000,000 or amount to \$7,000,000 more than for the first quarter of the preceding year.

Attention is called to the fact that the time for making reports on the tax on capital stock, which was increased from 10 to 1214 per cent in lieu of the excess profits tax, which has been dropped, is extended to June 15 so will not be included in the reports for the first quarter of the

The reductions made in the tax through, they were ordered back to revenue. These include the elimina-

Schools in Omaha and Council The fact that the treasury antici Bluffs were closed, when it became pates the returns for this year will apparent that only a few of the be as great, if not slightly greater than the year before, is interpreted Car service between Omaha, Ral- as meaning that prosperity is more will tend to decrease offine in Omaha. prairies. The birds fell exhausted in ston and Papillion was suspended, generally distributed, earning power Some of the criminals will hesitate the snow. Many collided with build- Drifts, in some places 10 feet high, has increased, business is more were reported. Omaha to Council prosperous and that on the whole, persons, seven of them women, lost The storm is expected to be felt Bluffs line was tried at 7 in the morn- the prospert for the business future their lives in an explosion and fire The Treasury department is antici- county alms house at Augelica early

pating continued returns from the today. Dozens of plucky telephone girls settlement of back tax claims growlessly bedridden. ing out of the war period. Settlement of these claims, it is expected, will continue to net the government about Charles C. Sanborn, an attendant, \$32,090,000 a month. he had succeeded in saving three in-

Cooks Poison Food; 27 Persons Killed by through the institution.

Shanghai, March 15 .- (A) -Twentypany, said yesterday afternoon the seven students and teachers at the normal school at Hangchow are dead and 10 more are in a precarious con-"Every sweeper the company has dition as the result of eating rice states will be invaluable to small grain was out all night," he said, "and the polsoned by two disgrunted cooks who recently had been discharged, accordng to evidence at the official investigation into the deaths today.

Chemists who examined what rice was dentified at 10 a. m. enough poison had been placed there sible to get the names of the women to wipe out the entire community. Chien Ah-Li, one of the discharged cooks, testified that his fellow-conspirator, Pi Ho-Hong, stole a bottle nearly all of them of advanced age containing a white powder from the and many of them very feeble, and hemical laboratory of the school last 29 men, most of them feeble. Saturday and dumped the entire contents into the rice pot.

Following the serving of rice at seventh woman to die lost her life Saturday night's supper, 500 students when she succeeded in getting out of palace. and 50 teachers became violently ill, of her bed, going to a window on the whom 27 since have died.

Caleb Harlan Canby Dead. Chicago, March 15 .- Caleb Harlan

Canby, sr., 67, retired broker and former president of the Chicago board of trade, died at his home here last

stock exchanges. His seat on the perjury growing out of the dancer's years old, soon after Gould had been covenant between the powers of New York stock exchange brought \$1,000,000 breach of promise suit graduated from Columbia university. Europe, would enable the United After buying a string of prayer beads a young woman who is believed to time.

States to enter the league by pledging nev

Aged Women Die British Labor in Beds of Fire Leader Dines Blaze Starts in Alms House

J. Ramsey MacDonald Guest of King and Oueen at Semi-Buffalle, N. Y., March 15 .- Nine

that swept through the Alleghany London, March 15 .- (P)-For the second time within a fortnight, J. The women were all aged and help bor party, tonight dined with royalty -this time at Buckingham palace, One of the men, who perished was whither he, with the leaders of the Five minutes before he lost his life various parties and their wives and

The explosion took place in the The dinner was of a semi-state charboiler room and the fire spread rapidacter. Forty-one guests were seated or even reach the windows every shots over the fleeing man's head at a number of round tables. The times, which contained a powerful shot which brought him down. tendants rushed to the sleeping quar- stewards and footmen in waiting wore scarlet coats with gold epaulets, knee narcotic. ters and carried out many inmates, breeches, white hose and low shoes and powdered hair. The band of the

Irish Guards played during a constant warnings, made his way inthe dinner. to the sleeping quarters for a third From the point of view of some time, after bringing out three womsections of the labor party, dining his accomplices. en. That was the last seen of him. with their majestles is becoming quite a habit with Mr. MacDonald, The other man killed was still uni who seems rather to enjoy his new

Authorities said it would be impos-Through some confusion, the imuntil a careful check-up of all the The inmates included 24 women, The charred bodies of six bed- but later it was learned that Ramsay luncheon given by Lady Astor yester. his way to Omaha. ridden victims were recovered. The MacDonald was the only laborite in- day afternoon, vited to this function at Buckingham | Lord Cecil declared it his belief | He denied knowledge of the ne

George J. Gould, jr., have been di-

his brother-in-law, Anthony J. Drexel,

Denver, March 15 .- Ben Englander

federal prohibition agent, was suspen

at Denver Is Suspended

Federal Prohibition Agent

social position.

second floor and jumping to the Mr. and Mrs. George Gould

Dancer Is Indicted Nyack, N. Y., March 15 .- Evan Bur

ground before any attempt could be

made to rescue her.

After Explosion-Res-

cuer Killed.

When the explosion occurred at

but fast spreading flames soon cut

their entrance off. Sanborn, despite

His charred body was found later.

rows Fontaine, a dancer, and her been awarded to the mother. Mr. Canby, prior to 1915, held seats mother, Mrs. Florence E, Fontaine,

Movie Riot Too Realistic

inmates.

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

Los Angeles, March 15 .- A riot of A howl went up and the 300 men movie men that was not filmed and threatened to storm the bureau, ng badly through a hole stove in its sent five of the extras into the receivside by submerged debris, its engines ing hospital here eccurred at the ser-ing extras to quiet them. They "irregularities," according pushed to the danger point, the vice bureau for motion picture em- mobbed him when he drew his pistol, nouncement by E. H. McClenshan. steamer Cape Cod of the Thames ployes. It was an outgrowth of reover line, crowded with passengers duction in pay from \$5 to \$3 for mo-York City, slid swiftly by the jagged tion picture extras. There were 200 turned, it was stated, and fired six the investigation was under way.

Andrew Lane, watchman for the ed by federal investigators from Washshots into the crowd. Policemen The suspension followed a probe

Why Don't the Bankers Adopt Modern Methods?



WHY DON'T THE BANKS INSTALL DEPARTMENTS FOR THE OUTFITTING OF BANK ROBBERS AND GET THE EXTRA PROFITS



IT WOULD BE JUST AS SENSIBLE AS FOR THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONS TO SELL MODERN WAR EQUIPMENT TO BACKWARD RACES

Fume Robber With Royalty Thieves Throw Powder in Thirty-sixth

Fireplace-Occupants Over-State Function in Buck-

ingham Palace. powder thrown into an open fireplace, they found nothing. occurred at Aversa, near here, today. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the la. eye clinic, had summoned the whole trip found the door of this same car hospital staff and the patients into locked from the inside one room for a demonstration when The train was stopped immediately some powder into the fire and then pared to force an entrance prominent society folk, was bidden down the room, locking the At this point, the negro threw open prominent society folk, was bidden door. The powder gave off dense to break bread with the king and fumes and before the doctor and his dash for liberty. Clerks accompanied assistants could break down the door their commands to halt with two

> victims several hours later they found clung to a suitcase which Coble told the clinic premises rifled, all the in- police contained jewelry, silk and a struments and furniture, even the small amount of money taken from beds and mattresses, having been re- registered packages. Coble said be moved in a cart by the robber and could make no estimate of the value

League Desires U. S. Moral By Universal Service.

pression had gained circulation that London. March 15 - Lord Robert Dengar and said his home was in Bufsame labor members of the house Cecil, who is leaving for his first trip falo, N. Y. He was lodged in the of commons who dined with the king to the United States on the Majestic Omaha city jail. and queen a few days ago at Vis- next Wednesday under the auspices of Dengar, who is an Austrian, so s count and Lady Astor's home were the Foreign Policy association of he boarded the blind baggage at North included in tonight's list of guests. America, was the chief guest at a Platte with the intention of beating

that France is now ready to accept a who was shot. really reasonable offer from Germany | He said his first intimation on reparations and is confident that anything was wrong was when it a movement for settlement of the train stopped at Summit, and he Divorced at Nice, France problem which has kept Europe on New York, March 15 .- Mr. and Mrs. the brink of another war is unoffi- the firing of the shots. A few mocially under way.

vorced at Nice, France, friends here He told Universal Service that he Coble said he did not believe Dea learned today. The two children have had submitted to the league of nations gar was involved with the negrea supplemental treaty to the Ver-The marriage took place at Phila- sailles pact, which guaranteeing se as he says," said Ceble. on both the Chicago and New York were indicted today on charges of delphia in 1917 when both were 21 curity to France through a military cer. The marriage caused a temporary only moral, economic and financial estrangement between Gould and his support to the league.

At Port Au Prince Washington, March 15,-The

Gould companies, as was expected, he went into the bond business with army airplanes flying to porto Rico Postoffice Inspector Coble that Kan ir. Gould is said to be in Egypt, His left Guatanamo, Cuba, today for wife and children went to France Port Au Prince, Haiti, according to a wireless message to the War de partment.

The Weather



Surprised in Act of **Looting Car**

Train Is Halted Six Miles From Omaha When Suspicions of Mail Men Are Aroused.

Shot While Escaping

An unidentified negro was shot and fatally wounded by a mail clerk or, Union Pacific No. 6 at Summit. 4. point on the Lane cutoff 10 miles west of Omaha, about 6 last night The dead man, according to Post office Inspector W. M. Coble, was sur prised in the act of tampering with mail in a storage room of one of the

by John C. Kuil, 2016 Avenue A Council Bluffs, when he attempted to

Found in Car.

According to the story told by Coble, Kull was making a trip of inspection, when he came upon the storage car, where he found the ne gro. The man had locked and barri When the mail clerks tried to force an entrance, the negro tried to make his escape by leaping from a side door of the car. When he failed to heed orders to stop Kull fired. The negro fell mortally wounded, with a bullet in the abdo nen, and he died after the train reached Omaha at 6:30.

Coble refused to say whether the negro offered resistance. "Kull was justified in shooting, said Coble, "that's the only comment

Tampering With Mail.
"He was found tampering with the mail, some of it registered mail, some of it plain mail," continued Coble. "I cannot say how valuable it was." Under his arm. Coble carried a package about 24 inches long and 15

inches wide, which appeared to con No. 6 is the fast mail train which runs from Ogden to Omaha. Yester Curtis Cook, 3702 Grand avenue Raids IIS pital Other clerks in the car were A. J. Anderson, 3214 North Fourteenth street; H. C. Madden, 6101 Florence boulevard; W. T. Corbourn, 4123 North

Seal Was Broke. According to the story told to come-Everything Removed. Omaha police by Cook, mail clerks first noticed at North Platte that a seal on one of the storage cars had Naples, March 15 .- (P)-The daring been broken. At Grand Island they robbing of a hospital carried out with entered the car through a vestibule the aid of stupefying fumes from a door which they found open. But

Then, when the train reached Sum-Dr. Mastrocinque, proprietor of an mit, Kull in making his inspection

one of the servants suddenly threw and clerks armed themselves and pro-

one in the room was overcome by the When he failed to stop, Kuli fired the Loot in Suitcase. When consciousness returned to the In his leap from the car, the negr

of the loot. clerks searched the train and from Support, Lord Cecil Says the blind baggage removed a white man who gave the name of John

Denies Part in Crime.

heard the shouts of the clerks and ments later he was seized

"Probably a bum beating his way,

Hold Inquest Today. The body of the dead negro was

removed to the Jones & Co, morgue, No papers which might lead to his identification were found on him. County Attorney Beal announce that an inquest will be held at ! o'clock today, but that for the presix ent he was accepting the word of was justified in the shooting and that

3 Free State Soldiers Killed by Rebel Troopi

he would not order Kull held

Dublin, March 13 .- Three Free State soldiers and one bregular were killed in fighting early today. Two Free Staters were killed dur ing a clash with rebels in Dublin and one Free Stater and one rebel were killed in a fight at Charlestown. The fighting at Charlestown fel-

lowed a raid upon the town by irregu-Steamer Sinks: 12 Die

Passengers and crew were safely emoved to shore and wreckers have that the wages would be \$3 instead of rrived to begin the work of salvage the customary \$5.

They were waiting for work when found the crowd quieted and caring by the flying squad of federal investing for the flying