

THE DEATH CHAIR

Slocum Was the First Victim at Sing Sing.

KILLED AT AN EARLY HOUR

The First Man to Share Kemmler's Fate.

The Ex-Baseball Player Done to Death in the Early Morning—A Report That All the Other Murderers Were Also Executed by Electricity Immediately After Slocum Paid the Death Penalty.

SING SING, N. Y., July 7.—Slocum was the first of the condemned murderers to be put to death. He was electrocuted at 4:42 a. m.

It is claimed that Joseph Wood, Harris A. Smiler and Schliok Jugiro were also killed by electricity in the order named after Slocum died.

SING SING, July 7.—The second victim was Smiler and the time 5:13 a. m.

SING SING, N. Y., July 7.—It is now believed that the four condemned men will die today some time. At 12:05 the warden had a long talk with the United Press correspondent in front of the prison.

"The men are all awake," he said. "I was just down to see them. They are very quiet, but they evidently know that something is coming."

Mr. Brown denied that Deputy Attorney General Hogan had brought any papers of an official character with him. "He brought himself and nothing else," said he. "The death warrants came here at the time the men were last resented. Let me see. That was June 2, I think. I have had them in my safe ever since."

All Four Would Die.

Mr. Brown said that no papers had been served on him in the Wood case. He said he had the opinion of the attorney general on the appeal put forward by Wood's lawyer as a claim for a stay of execution. He could not say what it was, but he said: "If no other papers are served on me before the execution you can say that all four men will be executed." This would seem to dispose of Wood's last hope.



WARDEN BROWN.

The Witnesses Do Not Know.

The warden said that most of the witnesses were asleep. "They are like you," he said. "They would like to know when this thing is going to take place; but they do not know any more about it than you do."

There is no one known when it is going to occur to me," the warden said that he did not know whether he would get any sleep or not. He has not had any sleep since Saturday night. The guard over the condemned man remains unchanged. Partridge and Baxter, who have kept the night watch for many months, were on duty in the condemned cells last night. They know nothing of the time set for the execution. Father Creedon and Father Lynch were in the prison at midnight as was Mr. Edgerly, the prison chaplain. They will join the condemned some time before the hour set for the execution. They will probably be the first to know what the hour is.



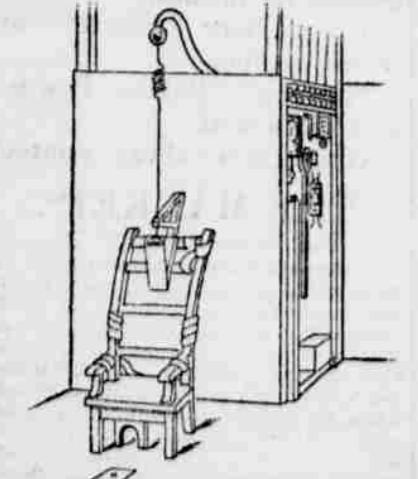
JOSEPH WOOD.

Hope for Wood.

At 1 a. m. Colonel Haire and George C. Hooper arrived from New York city. Haire is attorney for Wood and Hooper attorney for Slocum. They drove immediately to the prison. Mr. Haire had in his pocket a certified copy of the petition for habeas corpus filed by him with Judge Lacombe. Hooper had no papers with him. The guards stopped the two attorneys at the terrace until Head Keeper Connaughton came forward and gave Mr. Haire permission to enter and interview the warden. Haire soon left the building to find a notary public for the purpose of swearing to some paper to be filed with the warden in support of his claim for a stay. The warden refused to make any statement until Haire's return.

The Witnesses at the Killing.

Twenty-two persons who will be present at the first killing were in Sing Sing prison last night. They were Dr. Charles F. McDonald, president of the state board of charities; Professor L. H. Landy, of Columbia college, an eminent nerve specialist; Dr. Alphonso D. Rockwell, therapeutical expert, of Buffalo; Dr. Franklin Townsend, an eminent practitioner, of Albany; Dr. Samuel B. Ward, of Albany, formerly Grover Cleveland's physician; Dr. R. H. Southwick, the Buffalo dentist, who is the father of the law under which the killing



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ing will be done: Dr. Charles E. Daniels, of Buffalo, the post mortem examiner, who directed the autopsy on Kemmler's body; Deputy Attorney General Hogan, who will directly represent the state; Dr. Hiram Baker, of Sing Sing; Warden Charles Durston, of Auburn prison; Father John B. Creedon and the Rev. Silas W. Edgerly, prison chaplains; Father Hogan, assistant pastor of St. Augustine's church; Electrician E. F. Davis, who will control the plant on the fatal hour; Warden William T. Brown, of Sing Sing

prison, and seven deputies chosen from among the guards of the prison.

The brutal animal instincts that led Jugiro to murder Muri Commi have been awakened and he swears that he will never go to the chair, but will kill himself. When trying to place him in a barber's chair to shave him he fought so that it had to be given up. It is thought he will try to kill the guards who take him. He thinks he is to be placed in the chair and torn to pieces. He has been brooding over the pictures in a magazine for a week and whenever a chair appears he has turned a leaf down.

He May Try Murder.

Some time ago Jugiro was taken to the barber to have his hair cut. He did not want to go. When the guard went in Jugiro fell upon him. Other guards came to the assistance of their companion. Then a battle began that showed how powerful Jugiro is. He threw the guards right and left. They used their clubs, but that did not quiet him. It took a dozen men to hold him until shackles were put on. Since then Jugiro has been morose and quarrelsome.

Certain officials of the prison say that Jugiro will try to kill the man who enters the cell to take him out.

Troubles of the Reporters.

From midnight until the warden arrived the newspaper men were permitted to occupy the iron steps of the prison and the prison office. His son was in charge during that time. When the warden reached town himself he came at once to the jail. Five minutes after he had got inside Principal Keeper Connaughton came out, and in an apologizing way began to point out the beauties of the site across the street on the grass or the stone wall.

Then the men with Winchester came out and relieved the guards, who had been on duty all night. From that time on the street was closed to the newspaper men. If a man stepped toward the middle of the street a rifle was pointed at him and he was ordered to "Go back! Go back!"

The guards were impudent. One named Mahr, who comes from Newburg, the town where the warden comes from, in reply to a civil question asked by a man who had the right to the information he desired, said:

"That's none of your business. Go back there. Ain't you got orders to keep off of here?"

The Warden Criticized.

The warden's interpretation of the law is receiving a good deal of comment just now. He assumes that because the law contains a clause that the papers shall not print facts, it is his duty to prevent them from getting the facts. His duty, he thinks, makes him a press dictator. He has even gone so far as to say he will not make public the names of the witnesses after the execution is over.

This means that he assumes he has the right to take human life and make every one take his word without any corroboration that it was done in a legal way.

The placing of his men with Winchester rifles to shoot down men who are doing their duty in a place where they have a right with every other citizen of the state to be caps the climax.

Conduct of the Murderers.

The day saw little difference in the bearing of the condemned men. They understand, or at least three of them, Wood, Smiler and Slocum do, that this is the first day of their last week of life, and they know that probably the grim scene in the wooden death chamber is but a few hours away. Yet their demeanor is not perceptibly changed.

Possibly they are a little more religiously inclined, but for the last few days all of them except the stalwart and stubborn Jap have given little heed to other things than their preparation for that one supreme instant before oblivion overtakes them. Of the three men who are ready for the coming of the mysterious bolt of death, Wood, the negro, is best prepared and is most confident. The religion which he professes seems to be real. It has not the false ring which marks so many of the professed conversions under such distressing circumstances. The sure coming of death at a specified time seems not to have been the great influencing motive in Wood's profession.

He seems to have embraced religion willingly and gladly at the very first opportunity. So the time at which he shall be called from his cell and asked to walk through that iron doorway to his death matters not much to Wood.

In Self Defense.

It is worthy of comment that he doesn't cease to proclaim himself innocent of the frightful charge of murder. He maintains stoutly as ever that the killing of the Italian Huff was done in self defense. And there are not a few men here who believe him.

Thinks It Will Be a Failure.

N. B. Nostrand, superintendent of the electric lighting companies of both Sing Sing and Peekskill, has tried several times to have things arranged so that he can be present at the killing of the four men. He is an expert electrician, and has made a study of the effect of electricity on human beings. He wanted to get into the prison as a scientist, but he will not be admitted in self defense. He has examined the entire electrical plant in Sing Sing prison.

"The boilers and engine are more powerful than those in use at Auburn," said Mr. Nostrand. "The dynamo is a perfect apparatus. It will generate 2,000 volts, and 2,000 volts will be shot into the men who sit in the chair. I do not think the killing will be a success."

"It is almost impossible to get a perfect contact. The sponges will be dried and possibly burned. I do not think death will be instantaneous in every case. If any one man has a weak heart and gets excited the chances are that he will die at the first shock. With the strong men—Jugiro and Wood—it will be different. They will not die easily. The electric current will have to be applied longer to them, and I believe trouble may be expected."

Mr. Nostrand says that no one directly

connected with an electric lighting company will be a witness to the killing.

THE CRIMES OF THE MEN.

Two Were Wife Slayers, Wood Killed an Italian, and Jugiro a Japanese.

NEW YORK, July 7.—James J. Slocum is an ex-baseball player. He lived at No. 7 Cherry street. On the last night of December, 1889, he killed his wife with an ax. He was tried, convicted, and in March of last year he was sentenced to death by Judge Martine. He was to be executed in the week beginning May 6, 1890. John B. Heinzelman, who defended him, had never been admitted to the bar, and a stay was secured on the ground of illegal defense.

Harris A. Smiler was formerly a Salvation Army officer and had no less than three wives. When one of them, Maggie Draine, refused to live with him, because of his brutality, he shot her. This was April 13, 1879, at 284 Seventh avenue. The week originally set for his execution began April 4, 1880, but his lawyer, Ambrose H. Purdy, appealed and several stays were granted.

Joseph Wood, the condemned negro, was a laborer on the new Croton aqueduct. In May, 1889, he killed an Italian named Carlo Ruffi, a fellow workman, in a pay-day row.

In March 1890, Recorder Smyth sentenced him to be executed in the week beginning May 12 of last year. Robert J. Haire carried his case to the court of appeals and the supreme court, but with no success. The ground on which the appeals were based were that no colored men were on the jury.

Shibuya Jugiro, better known as "the Jap," because of his nationality, got into a row in a James street sailors' boarding house. He stabbed Mura Cami, one of the combatants.

In December last he was sentenced to die in the week beginning Feb. 3. Lawyer Heinzelman, who also had charge of his case, took an appeal, and the conviction was affirmed by the court of appeals.

The case was then taken to the United States supreme court, which also affirmed the original decision.

DREW ASKED TO RESIGN.

The Examiner Says His Bad Mistake Was Clearly an Accident.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Controller Lacey has written to Bank Examiner Drew requesting his resignation. No reply has been received from Drew. The correspondence between Controller Lacey and Drew has been made public. Under date of June 20 the controller asked Drew to explain why he had omitted to state in his report of Jan. 24, 1891, that the Keystone bank owed the clearing house \$544,851.46, said indebtedness being secured by pledge of its notes and bills amounting to \$729,308.93, which assets were then held by the clearing house committee and were not in the custody of the bank.

The following day Drew replied: "I was confounded at the omission, and I can account for it only that, purposely not including it in the report, I intended to include and explain it in my letter, which, it appears, I failed to do, although the memoranda for my letter contained reference to the subject. In my later reports it was not omitted. The omission was clearly an accident, but was no less calculated greatly to mislead. As stated in my letter of transmittal the report was informal and incomplete in many respects, owing to the fact that many of the accounts were then, and for some time afterward, undergoing verification, but notwithstanding these embarrassments the omission referred to should not have occurred, and would not have occurred except by accident as stated. I need not add how greatly I regret the inadvertence."

On July 2 Controller Lacey said he had placed the matter before Secretary Foster. He adds: "As a result the conclusion was reached that so important an omission, after fifteen days' investigation of the bank, is not consistent with the confidence which must necessarily be reposed by the department in the reports of those appointed to make examination of national banks. By direction of the secretary I have therefore to request that you forward to this office your resignation as an examiner of national banks. I cannot close this communication without assuring you of my sincere regret that anything should have occurred which would render necessary the severing of your official relations with this bureau."

WEDDING BELLS AT WINDSOR.

Brilliant Marriage of Princess Louise and Prince Arlbert.

LONDON, July 7.—The wedding of the Princess Louise was one of the most magnificent spectacles ever witnessed in Windsor. Multitudes from London and other places packed the town, and St. George's chapel was choked with the wedding guests, their brilliant attire presenting a scene of splendor unequalled since the marriage of the late Prince Leopold in 1882. Guards of honor were mounted at the castle and at the chapel, and the route down Castle Hill was lined with guards.

Frederic Louis Ritter Dead.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., July 7.—A cablegram was received here last night announcing the sudden death of Mr. Frederic Louis Ritter, well known on both sides of the Atlantic as a composer and writer on musical topics, which occurred July 6 at Antwerp. He came to America in 1856. He was appointed professor of music at Vassar college the same year, and since 1874 he has resided in this city.

Dr. Spurgeon Slightly Better.

LONDON, July 7.—The Rev. Dr. Spurgeon is slightly better.

General Markets.

NEW YORK, July 6.—FLOUR—Firm, with a little more doing; fine, \$3.25@3.85; superfine, \$3.65@4.30; Minnesota extra, \$3.85@5.50; city mill extras, \$5@5.15 for West Indies.

WHEAT—Opened weak at 1 1/2c decline, and fell 1/4c more in the early trading. The market subsequently rallied to the opening prices; receipts, 455,000 bushels; shipments, 23,638 bushels; No. 2 red winter, \$1.04, cash; do., July, \$1.01 1/2; do., August, 88 1/2c; do., September, 92 1/2c.

CORN—Opened weak and 3/4c lower, subsequently rallied and advanced 1c before noon; receipts, 188,250 bushels; shipments, 182,787 bushels; No. 2 mixed, 70 1/2c; cash; do., July, 66 1/2c; do., August, 63 1/2c; do., September, 66 1/2c.

OATS—Dull, but steady; receipts, 48,400 bushels; shipments, 37 bushels; No. 2 mixed, 40 1/2c; cash and July; do., August, 36 1/2c.

PORK—Dull; mess, \$11.50@12.25 for new.

LARD—Quiet; July, \$6.63; August, \$6.65.

MO'ASSES—Quiet; domestic grades at 25 1/2c to 35c for good to fancy.

TURPENTINE—Dull, but steady, at 37 1/2@38c.

FREIGHTS—Fairly active and firm; grain to Liverpool, 2d.

BUTTER—Dull; state creamery, tubs, extra, 19 1/2c; western, extra, 18c.

CHEESE—Easier, with light offerings; Ohio flat, 5 1/2@7 1/2c.

SUGAR—Refined quiet; cut loaf and crushed, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2@4 1/4c; moid A, 4 1/2c.

WALL—Dull; prime city, 4 1/2c.

COFFEE—Spot lots quiet; fair Rio, 10 1/2c.

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