

From Saturday's Daily.

FRED COOK HANGED AT NOON YESTERDAY

PENALTY FOR MURDER OF PITTS

Execution Was Public and Witnessed by Over a Thousand People—Declared His Innocence to the Last.

In the presence of over a thousand people Fred Cook, colored, yesterday paid the penalty for the murder of Isiah Pitts by being hanged in the south yard of the county jail.

Two hours before the time set for the execution crowds began to gather in the street in front of the jail, and by the time all was ready there were over a thousand present.

Cook, between two officials, made his appearance on the scaffold at a few minutes before 12 o'clock, and to all appearances was as steady as anyone in the crowd.

He calmly smoked a cigar until the word was given that he would be allowed to address the crowd. He spoke for about fifteen minutes, and stoutly denied his guilt in almost every sentence. He pointed out Allan Love in the crowd and said:

"There stands the man that killed Pitts, and he should be here on this scaffold instead of me; and I should be out there a free man. The day will come when all you people, both white and colored, will find out that I am being wrongfully hanged."

He warned those present against keeping bad company, stating that that was the one and only thing that got him into his trouble.

He told in detail about the killing of Pitts on the 7th day of last July, on the public road about a mile and a half south of town, claiming that he was an eye witness to the affair, but had nothing to do with it.

After he had finished his talk he asked the privilege of singing a song, which was granted him. He sang without the least tremor in his voice, and was accompanied by some of the colored people who had gathered to witness his execution.

Rev. J. W. Dukes, who had been his spiritual adviser ever since his conviction, asked that all join him in singing, "Father, I Stretch My Hand to Thee."

While this song was being sung the black cap and rope were adjusted and before the echo had died away the trap was sprung and Fred Cook went the way that the law dictates in such cases.

The attending physicians pronounced life extinct at the expiration of ten minutes, and the body was taken charge of by Messrs. Smith & Roberts, the undertakers, and buried in the colored burial grounds of the city cemetery.

In an interview with a representative of the Ocala Banner, about an hour before the execution, Cook said, in substance:

"I am ready to meet my God, and I know that there I will get justice, though I did not get it on earth. I do not hold anything against any living man, although I am being put to death for the crime of another."

"I know that I am going to die," he continued, "and that nothing I might say will save my life, so I am going to tell the truth, and that is that Allan Love killed Ruth and Pitts both. I would not face my God with a lie on my lips, and what I have told you is the truth, so help me God. Some day the truth will be known, but it will be too late to put life back into me. Love may some day confess that he was the guilty one, but that will not bring Fred Cook back. And I do not want to come back, because I will be beyond this sinful world resting in peace with the people who have gone before me, trusting in Jesus as their only guide and friend. People think they have lots of friends, but wait until they get into trouble and they will find that all have deserted them. Jesus is the friend who comes to those who ask his assistance, and is really about the only one that can be counted on when everybody is trying to put him down. People here in the jail have been kind to me, and I pray that

they may be rewarded."

At this time Allan Love was brought in to see Cook, and he pointed a finger through the bars and said:

"Allan, why don't you tell these people that you killed Ruth and Pitts?"

Love said he had nothing to tell, as he knew nothing about either one of the murders.

Cook's straightforward manner of telling of the crimes for which he was paying the penalty made quite an impression on the crowd; the wailing and weeping of many women told its effect on them. Several women fainted when the trap was sprung.

Thus ended the life of Fred Cook.

One Dollar Saved Represents Ten Dollars Earned.

The average man does not save to exceed ten per cent of his earnings. He must spend nine dollars in living expenses for every dollar saved. That being the case he cannot be too careful about unnecessary expenses. Very often a few cents properly invested, like buying seeds for his garden, will save several dollars out-lay later on. It is the same in buying Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It costs but a few cents, and a bottle of it in the house often saves a doctor's bill of several dollars. For sale by all druggists.

A Story of Success.

The Atlanta Journal says that Editor Bok, of the Ladies' Home Journal, is the largest salaried editor in this country. Besides this, he married Proprietor Curtis' daughter, who is a multi-millionaire.

A few years ago he was a poor Dutch immigrant in New York city, selling lemonade from a bucket. Then he carried a newspaper route, cleaned windows, worked in a bakery, ran errands—anything to make a living. He left school at 13 and studied stenography at night.

Editor Bok ascribes his success to his genius for work.

The Diamond Cure.

The latest news from Paris, is, that they have discovered a diamond cure for consumption. If you fear consumption or pneumonia, it will, however, be best for you to take that great remedy mentioned by W. T. McGee, of Vanleer, Tenn. "I had a cough, for fourteen years. Nothing helped me, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which gave instant relief, and effected a permanent cure." Unequaled quick cure, for throat and lung troubles. At Tydings & Co. price 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Mrs. William Connell, of Staten Island, is entitled to a blue ribbon for being the truest woman for her standard of morals in the country. Her husband bets on the races and wins stacks of money but Mrs. Connell puts it away from her and refuses absolutely the use of it, although he leaves bundles of bills in her bureau and other places where she is compelled to find them. She is pure to her Puritan ideas and supports herself and children from the earnings she makes as a seamstress. Now, here is a character certainly out of the ordinary.

The opening of the Ocklawaha river to navigation means thousands of dollars in increase of business for the great kaolin industry of Lake county. It means the employment of many men and the running on full time of the large plants now established at Richmond and Yalaha, not to mention other business enterprises that will be fostered and made to grow and prosper thereby.—Leesburg Commercial.

Picnic On August 4th.

Everybody invited to a big picnic at Buck Pond on August 4th. Come one come all and bring well filled baskets. A grand time is expected. Those who enjoy dancing will find a pavilion nicely prepared for same. Don't forget the date August 4th.

A Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party may be given to your stomach and liver, by taking a medicine which will relieve their pain and discomfort, viz: Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are a most wonderful remedy, affording sure relief and cure, for headache, dizziness and constipation. 5c at Tydings & Co.

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Oh for a lodge in a garden of cucumbers!
Oh for an iceberg or two at control!
Oh for a vale that at midday the dew cumber-!

Oh for a pleasure trip up to the pole!
Oh for a little one-story thermometer,
With nothing but zeroes ranged in a row!

Oh for a big double-barrelled hygrometer,
To measure the moisture that rolls from my brow!

Oh that this cold would were twenty times colder;
(That's irony ret-hot it seemeth to me)
Oh for a turn of its dreaded cold shoulder!

Oh what a comfort an ague would be!
Oh for a grotto frost-lined and rill-riven,
Scooped in the rock under cataract vast!

Oh for a winter of discontent even!
Oh for wet blankets judiciously cast!

Oh for a soda fount spouting up boldly
From every hot lamp post against the hot sky!

Oh for a maiden to look on me coldly,
Freezing my soul with a glance from here eye!

Then, oh for a draught from a cup of cold pizen!
And oh for a through ticket via Cold-grave!

To the baths of the Styx where a thick shadow lies on
And deepens the chill of its dark running wave.

—ROSSITER JOHNSON, in N. Y. American.

"Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me."

It is with regret that we learn of the death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harris, of Valdosta, Ga. The little one was born on the 4th day of July, and for just two short weeks she lived to brighten the lives of her parents and other relatives, who learned to care for the little one devotedly.

Mr. Harris brought the remains of his little daughter, who had been named Mary Elizabeth, to Anthony, and the little body was laid to rest in the family lot of Dr. Lindner in the cemetery at that place.

The parents have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

Indigestion.

With its companions, heartburn, flatulence, torpidity of the liver, constipation, palpitation of the heart, poor blood, headache and other nervous symptoms, sallow skin, foul tongue, offensive breath and a legion of other ailments, is at once the most widespread and destructive malady among the American people. The Herbine treatment will cure all these troubles. 50c. bottle. All druggists.

Both the Chailles to Wed.

Floyd and Lloyd Chaille, of Miami, well known when they lived in Bartow a few years ago, as "the Chaille twins," are soon to be married at the same time and place, the former to Miss Pearl Haygood and the latter to Miss Lula Warren. The brides to be are both residents of Plant, Tenn. The quartette will go on a bridal tour together before settling down in Miami.—Bartow Courier-Informant.

Seriously Hurt.

Mr. B. L. O'Neal had the misfortune to fall from a thirty-foot scaffold at the Palmetto Farm Friday afternoon and was very seriously injured.

He was brought to town and carried to the Marion county hospital where he is receiving surgical attention.

We could not learn the extent of his injuries.

Two Young Lads Arrested.

Charlie and Maxey Mason, two young white boys, aged respectively twelve and fourteen years, were arrested Thursday by deputy United States Marshal Bishop charged with robbing the postoffice at Connor. It is charged that the office was robbed in 1903, again in 1904 and yet again a few days ago.

Their parents are respectable people, residents of the county for a long time, and reside near Connor.

We bid for your business on the merits of our merchandise and the lowness of our prices. The Fair.

TOBACCO REPORT NOT CORRECT.

Investigation Shows that Three Errors in Acreage Were Made.

Washington, July 22.—A final report on tobacco acreage and condition was issued by the department of agriculture Friday, the report having been made up as a result of the discovery and correction of three errors in the computations for the report of June, 1905.

The preliminary report on tobacco acreage was based solely on information received from a corps of special tobacco correspondents located in the tobacco growing states, and as made up and published, showed a large increase in the acreage over that of the preceding year in the burley districts of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia, and in the regal, or dark, district of Kentucky and Tennessee.

The showing made by the report was criticised by persons cognizant of the actual conditions in these districts, and as a result of complaint made to the department, Secretary Wilson practically determined to have made a special investigation.

LOST HIS LIFE TO SAVE TWO.

Flagman Rescues Woman and Baby From an Awful Fate.

New York, July 24.—In saving the lives of an unknown woman and her baby, William C. McDonald, flagman for the Long Island railroad, died a martyr at his post in Long Island City last night.

McDonald had obtained the job only a week ago. His widow and four children are left destitute. Hundreds of toilers in nearby factories used the crossing where McDonald was stationed. He was to have been relieved in 15 minutes when he saw a woman with her babe in her arms, walk up on the track directly in front of an incoming train. The flagman sprang to her side just in time to drag her from the tracks. As he turned back the train on the opposite track crushed his life out.

The woman witnessed his fate and ran screaming from the scene. More than 50 persons have been killed on the same crossing in the past three years.

Attorney Charged with Larceny.

New York, July 24.—Growing out of the sensational arrest some weeks ago in an apartment on Riverside drive, of two men, charged with larceny of \$12,800 and attempts to secure \$7,500. Champe S. Andrews, a well known attorney and politician, has been warned against sailing for Europe today as he had planned. Two attorneys accompanied by a city detective, met Andrews last night as he left a train at the Grand Central station. The officials informed Andrews that if he persisted in going to the steamer this morning they would arrest him on allegations of extortion. The lawyer at once declared he would remain and hold himself in readiness to meet any charges. On the strength of this promise no action was taken.

Cabinet Will Not Resign.

London, July 24.—The dispatches of the Associated Press indicating that the British government decided at yesterday's cabinet meeting not to resign are definitely confirmed. The advisability of an autumn dissolution is still under consideration by the cabinet but it seems that the majority of the ministers are opposed to it, especially now that the government whp has received assurances that there will be no further slackness in attendance by the absentees who were responsible for Thursday's defeat of the government.

Trouble Brewing in Balkans.

Salonica, July 24.—A report received here says that a large Bulgarian band attacked the villages of Baltina and Gradshuitza in the Morinovo district last night, murdering the entire population indiscriminately and that the carnage did not end until this morning. The number of victims is not known. Troops proceeded to another village in the district and finding that the population had fled burned the village, the inhabitants of which were suspected of having murdered 30 Turks near Doiran.

Attempt to Assassinate Sultun.

Constantinople, Friday, July 21.—Evening—The authorities are jealously guarding all the details of today's futile attempt on the life of the sultun. Although the outrage occurred at 1 p. m., the fact that the sultun's life had been in danger did not become generally known until night, when it aroused widespread excitement and it was the first bomb explosion of this character that ever occurred in Constantinople. The majority of those killed or injured were soldiers who were lining the road near the mosque.

German Squadron Visits Denmark.

Copenhagen, July 24.—The first German squadron commanded by Grand Admiral Von Koester, arrived here yesterday and exchanged salutes with the forts and the Danish squadron. The German and Danish admirals then exchanged visits. King Christian gave an audience to Admiral Von Koester and other German officers, and invited them to dinner today. His majesty conferred the highest Danish order, that of the Elephant, on Admiral Von Koester. The squadron will leave Danish waters Monday.

CREWS OF RUSSIAN SHIPS IN MUTINY

Reported That the Black Sea Fleet Again in Trouble.

POLITICAL REVOLUTION BREWING

All of the Summer Maneuvers of the Fleet Are Cancelled—Editors and Professional Men and Their Families Are Imprisoned.

Odessa, July 24.—A report has reached here from Sebastopol to the effect that a mutinous conspiracy has been discovered among the crews of the vessels of the Black Sea fleet, in consequence of which the summer maneuvers have been cancelled. General Ignatieff, president of the special committee for the revision of exceptional laws designed for safe-guarding public order, arrived here today for the purpose of investigating the disorders.

It is reported from Elizabetgrad that General Ignatieff, after spending several days there sent for the representative Jews and informed them that unless they kept the youths from participating in the revolutionary movements of the city continue making SHRMent he would destroy the city. Authorities of the city continue making wholesale arrests and causing the expulsion of citizens of advanced liberal opinions.

A number of professional men with their wives and families including four editors of the Odessa Novosti, have been imprisoned and will be expelled from the city. Renewed disturbances are reported in the country districts. At Kartamyshvka peasants were complaining to the proprietors of their lands of the exorbitant rents, and were attacked by Cossacks and infantry. Three peasants were killed, 11 were wounded and 120 were arrested.

BOY CREMATED UNDER AUTO.

In Fatal Accident One Life Lost and Four Injured.

Indianapolis, July 24.—The burned body of 14-year-old Olive Johnson, of Lima, O., and five other persons suffering from burns and bruises were dragged from beneath a burning automobile which plunged into a ditch on the river road about a half mile east of Broad Ripple, 7 miles northeast of this city, exploding the gasoline storage tank. C. O. Dale, of this city, who was driving the machine, is seriously burned. The others who sustained severe burns and bruises were: Clara Brennan, Muncie, Ind.; Ethel Jones, Shelbyville, Ind.; Inez Brennan, Hazel Ore, both of this city.

The party was speeding along the river road leading east from Broad Ripple when the machine struck a rut. The forward wheels were sent into the ditch, overturning the machine and throwing the occupants underneath.

From the tail light the gasoline was ignited and two explosions followed, throwing burning oil over the young people pinioned beneath the machine.

Crazy Woman Kills Companion.

Traverse City, Mich., July 24.—Mrs. Mary Larkins, a patient at the state insane asylum here, was murdered by Mrs. Ernestine Berg, another patient, while the attendant was absent from the room for a few moments attending another patient. When Miss Fenton, the nurse, returned to the room the two women were in, she found Mrs. Larkins with her head crushed from blows with a granite iron vessel. She died in two hours. Mrs. Berg, after the killing, walked quietly to her own bedroom. Both women were victims of suicidal mania.

Members of Statistical Board.

Washington, July 24.—Secretary Wilson today made public the names of four men who will comprise the statistical board which, under the directions of Assistant Secretary Willett S. Hayes, will prepare the government estimates of cotton acreage and yields, as well as statistics of other crops. The board will be composed of Victor Olmstead, present associate statistician; George K. Holmes, chief of the division of foreign markets, and W. W. Long, recently resigned as an assistant statistician.

Japs Control Sakhalin Island.

Tokio, July 21.—9:30 a. m.—It is officially announced that the Russians who have thus far surrendered at various points of Sakhalin island number 461, including one colonel and 14 other officers. An imperial ordinance was issued this morning authorizing the appointment of non-commissioned officers from the reserve conscripts, also converting those of sundry service rank into privates of fighting rank.

Declare Treasurer's Office Vacant.

Topeka, Kans., July 24.—State Treasurer T. T. Kelly has refused formally the demand of Governor Hoch to give a new bond for \$750,000 to cover that impaired by the failure of C. J. Devlin, who was one of Kelly's principal bondsmen and the governor declared he would declare the office of state treasurer vacant because of Kelly's refusal.

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