

GALLOWS HAS FIRST VICTIM IN FAR NORTH

Indian Is Hanged for Murder After Two Wives "Killed Selves."

EDMONTON, Canada, April 1.—The arm of the law reached out from Edmonton, the capital of Alberta, into the heart of the unexplored Mackenzie basin of the far Canadian Northwest, and called to account Albert Le Beau, a full-blooded Slavey Indian, for the murder of his wife and child. This was the first legal execution in the Northwest territory of Canada.

Not many years ago punishment would have been left to tribal justice, or more likely to relatives of the murdered woman, but when oil and gold were found in the Mackenzie basin the white man came and brought white man's laws and justice, together with the Royal Canadian mounted police.

Albert Le Beau was a good hunter employed by the Catholic mission at Fort Providence. When winter came he would move his camp to the bush, squaw and dogs following, and when he made his kill of moose or caribou, sleigh loads were made up and brought to the mission.

Once before Albert had arrived without his squaw, his first wife. He simply stated she died in the bush and he had buried her there.

Disowns His Child. This was seven years ago. He married again soon. When the squaw gave birth to a child he refused to acknowledge it as his own. With the thermometer registering 40 degrees below zero he forced the mother to put her new born child outdoors, where it froze within a few minutes.

Then, according to the evidence, he tried to induce a 12-year-old girl who stayed with them to kill his wife, promising to marry her. The young girl refused. A few days later Albert went to the mission and reported his wife had committed suicide by shooting herself.

The mounted police were notified and one of them went with Albert to view the body. The woman was found in the snow, a black shawl covering head and shoulders, a gun supported by two forked sticks in front of her, and the skull was smashed in and perforated by a bullet.

1,000-Mile Trip. Every sign pointed to murder. Albert's tracks were the only ones near the scene. He was arrested and brought to Edmonton, 1,000 miles distant, for a hearing. Seven hundred miles up the Mackenzie river the Slave and the Athabaska were made by dog teams and the last 300 miles by the railroad connecting MacMurray with Edmonton.

The body of the murdered woman was strapped to a cariole and brought as far as Fort Smith, where the government doctor performed the autopsy. The nature of the skull wounds excluded self-inflictment.

Albert was bound for trial, and as all the witnesses were at Fort Providence the government thought it better to hold the trial there. Albert was returned in custody of the mounted police.

Girl Gives Evidence. Albert maintained his innocence. He produced a letter written by his wife in which she named a white man as the father of her child. But the testimony of the young girl showed the letter was written under threats, and the court disallowed the evidence.

Testimony showed Albert to have been brutal and jealous, and with the circumstantial evidence collected by the mounted police the jury returned the verdict of "guilty."

J. Wakelen, the executioner of Alberta, though 70 years old, made the trip to Fort Smith, over 630 miles, by boat and canoe, returning by dog team to Edmonton, after the first freeze-up. He reported that Albert maintained his innocence to the last.

CHICAGO, April 1.—Bert Helpert, charged with having beaten his horse, was ordered by Municipal Judge Haas to buy a copy of the book "Black Beauty" and return to court April 20.

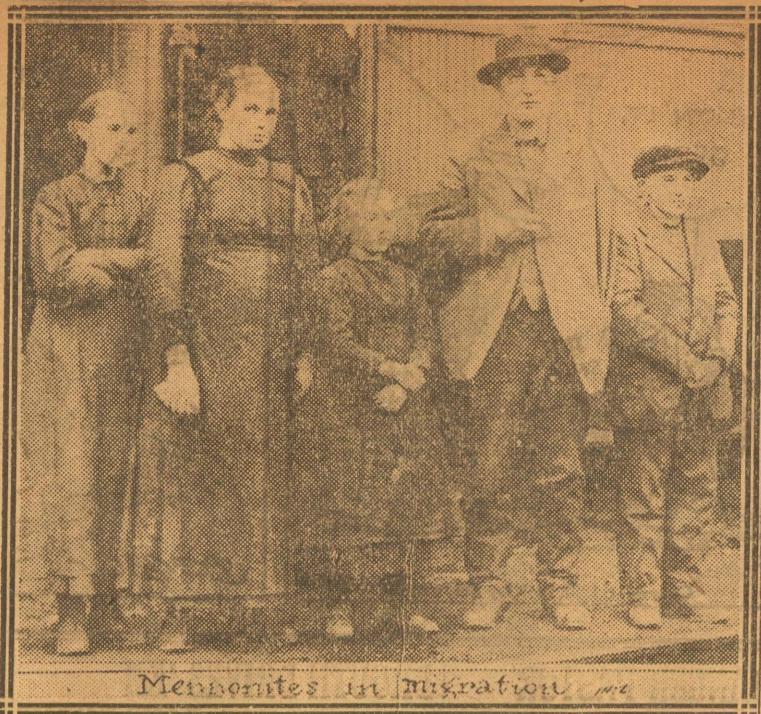
SPANISH WAR VETERANS INVITE AGUINALDO TO CONVENTION

Spanish-American war veterans at Los Angeles have invited Emilio Aguinaldo, Philippine insurrectionist, to attend their convention next August. Coincident with the invitation comes the news that Aguinaldo, banned from politics by the United States government, is being urged by his friends to again become active in the affairs of the government of the islands. Following his banishment from politics by our government the famous rebel chief has been little heard of during the past few years. He has not yet accepted the invitation to attend the convention of the California Spanish-American war veterans.



Emilio Aguinaldo

MENNONITES IN RELIGIOUS MIGRATION



Mennonites in migration

One of the greatest religious migrations since the days of Moses now is in progress. From Canada to their new homes in Mexico 20,000 members of the Mennonite faith are traveling. Members of the sect were ordered by their bishops to sell their Canadian holdings, after the Mennonite leaders and the government had come to legal blows. This photo shows a group of the tribe and typifies the majority.

CONGRESSWOMAN WILL DEFEND SISTERS' RIGHT TO PUFF THE WEED

(By Lawrence M. Benedict, United Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 1.—A nationwide campaign to divorce the cigaret from feminine lips is not far distant, Representative Johnson, Mississippi, author of a bill to prevent women from smoking in the national capitol, believes.

Passage of his bill, Johnson said, would cause states and cities to take similar action.

Riles Miss Alice. His views caused Miss Alice Robertson, Oklahoma, the only woman member of congress, to rise in defense of women's right to smoke.

"Let women smoke if they want to," Miss Robertson said. "It's just a matter of taste and they've got just as much right to smoke as the men." "Cigaret smoking by women is one of the most degrading habits ever started," Johnson said. "It's as bad as liquor and maybe worse."

Right Back at Him. "Show me a case where a man smokes two or three cigarets and goes home on a jag and murders two or three members of his family," replied Miss Robertson.

Representative Volstead, of Minnesota, father of prohibition law, indicated he would not support a measure to make women cut out smoking. "Let 'em smoke," said Uncle Joe Cannon. "My mother used to smoke. Nearly all the women did down in North Carolina where she was born and raised."

THREE TESTS DRILLING SOUTH OF CROSS PLAINS

CROSS PLAINS, Texas, April 1.—Work was begun this week on three tests southeast of the Pennant company's big gasser, seven miles southwest of Cross Plains. The Leonard company, drilling on the Prater farm, one and one-half miles southeast of the big gasser, encountered a strong flow of gas at 283 feet, but has cased it off and is drilling at 385 feet. Crabb et al., in the same district, are drilling at about 400 feet and Joe Cullinan, on the Stone farm, is drilling at 525 feet. The pay is expected on these wells at about 2,900 feet, as this is the depth of the Pennant company's big gasser near by. This is entirely different pay from that in the field toward Pioneer, where the depth is reached at 2,465 to 2,510 feet, though many believe that the two fields may come very near overlapping.

BERNHARDT TO PLAY EVE. PARIS, April 1.—Sarah Bernhardt announces that she has contracted to play the rôle of Eve in the four-act play, "Adam and Eve." The play was written by Sacha Guitry, whose father, Lucien, will play the part of Adam. Eve, in the person of Mme. Bernhardt will be 70 years old and Adam seven years her junior.

Five Years in Pen Worse Than Death; So He's to Hang

(By Associated Press.)

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga., April 1.—Monday Genus Cofield, a negro, said in court that he preferred hanging to serving five years in the penitentiary. Thereupon he stabbed his nephew, who had turned state's evidence in a burglary charge. The wounded man died Tuesday. Cofield was placed on trial and found guilty of murder Wednesday. Thursday he was sentenced to be hanged May 5.

LAREDO SECTION GETS FIRST FLOWING WELL

LAREDO, April 1.—Much excitement was caused in Laredo when news came from the Miranda City oil field in this county, announcing that Laredo No. 2 well, just east of Miranda City, which came in about ten days ago making better than 200 barrels, suddenly began to flow and was making over 1,000 barrels per day. The flow of oil steadily increased until the well was shut off to prevent wasting of the product. This afternoon a test of the well showed it was making fifty-four barrels per hour, or 1,296 per day. Later the well was again tested and it was announced the production exceeded 1,500 barrels.

This being the first flowing well in the Laredo district, much interest attaches to further developments, and oil operators are watching this well closely. They expect the production to increase to 2,000 barrels or more.

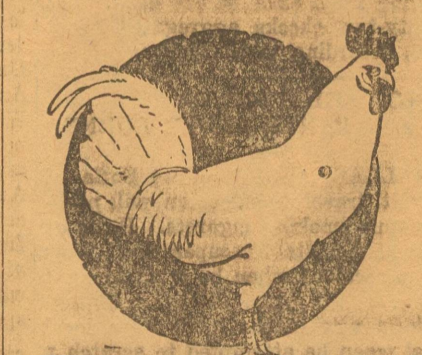


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CONDEMNED MURDERER WANTS FANCY DENTISTRY

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 1.—Warden Preston E. Thomas, of the Ohio penitentiary, has decided that only temporary repairs would have to do for Dominic Benigne, condemned Italian slayer, who is to be executed April 27 unless higher courts or the governor interfere. Dr. G. G. Way, prison dentist, received a requisition from the doomed man for one gold crown on a tooth that has been causing him trouble. Dr. Way balked on this, considering that

as Benigne has only one month to live the probable life of the tooth would not justify the investment. He was in favor of extracting the troublesome tooth. Benigne appealed to the warden, who today decided after mature deliberation that temporary repairs would do.

ALBANY ORPHANS' HOME TO BE MOVED TO DALLAS

FORT WORTH, April 1.—The Reynolds Home will be moved from Albany to Dallas, according to the

decision of the board in meeting here Friday afternoon. The site offered by Dallas is a part of Love aviation field and includes several large buildings, among which is the base hospital.

DICK KERR WILL PLAY SEMI-PRO BASEBALL

CHICAGO, April 1.—Little Dick Kerr, pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, who has been holding out, will play with the City Hall nine, a Chicago semipro team, it is announced. The players are city employees.

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HALF ARBUCKLE TRIAL SPENT IN ARGUMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—The trial of Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle bids fair to go down in legal history as having involved more legal technicalities than any case hitherto tried in the supreme court here. The day opened in court here yesterday with long arguments over the advisability of certain affidavits taken by the defense in Chicago. The prosecution is fighting tooth and nail to keep these out of the record. The jury was not brought into the courtroom while the arguments were made. To date fully half of the time has been taken up with legal arguments. The defense planned to attack further today the health of Virginia Rappe to support their contention that she was suffering from a chronic ailment which might have caused her death.

ARTHUR WOODS MAY ASSIST HAYS AT MOVIE JOB

ARTHUR H. Woods, former police commissioner of New York, is said to have been offered a position as chief assistant by Will H. Hays, who will soon begin his duties as "umpire" general of the motion pictures. The position offered Woods would carry a salary of \$50,000 annually.



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