NATION RESPONDING LIBERALLY TO THE APPEAL FOR AID

ALLENS DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Father and Son Executed in Richmond Prison

FOR HILLSVILLE TRAGEDY

ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEM FOILED BY GOVERNOR.

Mann Returns Unexpectedly and Prevents Lieutenant Governor From Acting Upon a Request for a Commutation of Sentence—Pathetic Farewell Between the Aged Mountaineer and His Loyal Son—The Elder Allen Was Once the Terror of a Whole Section of the Blue Ridge.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Richmond, Va., March 28.—Half whispering "I am ready to go," Floyd Allen stepped into the electric chair at 1:20 o'clock this afternoon and was dead in six minutes. Nine minutes later his youngest son, Claude Swanson Allen, was pronounced dead from the electric current, both men giving their lives to the commonwealth of Virginia for the part they took in the Hillsville courthouse tragedy of March 14 last year, when the judge, the commonwealth's attorney, the sheriff and a juror were killed in the courtroom, a spectator dying a few days later from a bullet received during the fight between the Allen outlaws and the court officials.

The executions followed a morning of many developments after a night spent by the sympathizers of the doomed men in pleading with Lieutenant Governor J. Taylor Ellyson to commute the sentences on the ground that Governor Mann was out of the state. The conference resulted in an order going to Superintendent Wood, of the state prison, to hold the electrocution scheduled for 7 o'clock until noon in order to give Attorney General Samuel W. Williams an opportunity to put in writing his opinion relative to the Lieutenant Governor's right in the premises.

MANN HURRIES BACK.

Governor Mann, in Philadelphia, en route to Trenton, N. J., at 2:55 o'clock this morning heard of the attempt to have the Lieutenant Governor commute the sentences, and the Chief Executive of the state canceled his Trenton engagement and hastily returned to the city, wiring from Washington that he would be on Virginia soil at 8 o'clock, thus terminating by his presence in the state any authority that the Lieutenant Governor could assume. The officials of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway saw that there was a heavy guard of private detectives thrown around the Chief Executive that no harm could come to him, as feared by his young son and relatives. The guard was augmented upon the arrival of the train at Elba Station at 11:25 o'clock, whence the Governor, his son Hodges and Private Secretary Ben P. Owen were hurried in an automobile to the executive offices in the state capitol. A few minutes after arriving at his office Governor Mann issued this statement:

"Hearing at five minutes to 3 o'clock this morning of the action taken in the Allen cases after I left the city, I considered it my duty to hurry back. I simply desire to repeat that after the most careful consideration of the evidence in these cases I have not the slightest doubt of the guilt of Floyd and Claude Allen, and I will not interfere. The law must take its course."

WENT BRAVELY TO DEATH.

Thereupon, the prison authorities were notified of the governor's final decision, and the jurymen who were summoned for 7 o'clock and excused, were again reassembled, and at 1:20 o'clock Floyd Allen, the aged mountaineer, walked to the death chair and took his seat. The death current was turned on at 1:22 o'clock, and at 1:26 Floyd was pronounced dead. Claude followed his father to the chair, entering it at 1:30. The current was applied at 1:31 and at 1:36 he was pronounced dead. State Prison Surgeon Herbert Mann officiated at the examination of the bodies.

The father and son went to their death bravely. They did not break down, as anticipated, although the elder man was the more nervous of the two. The bodies were taken in charge by an undertaker and prepared for shipment to Carroll county. They will arrive at the Allen home on the Blue Ridge Mountain, in Carroll county, some time Saturday afternoon. The funeral ceremonies will be held Sunday afternoon.

DECLARE THEIR INNOCENCE.

Both Claude and Floyd Allen left lengthy letters declaring their innocence of conspiring to wipe out the court officials; reiterating that they acted in self-defense and that they were brought to their doom through the evidence of their political enemies. Reviewing his history from the date he was born, June 11, 1889, Claude Allen wrote:

"From my earliest recollection I was taught to speak the truth in everything and deal honestly with my fellow man, which I have tried to do. Our parents have tried to rear us to feel that we must be honorable and under no condition speak falsehoods.

"I went to Hillsville during my father's trial and heard some of the evidence. I never thought for one moment of trouble. The first I knew of it was when it began and what I did was without any premeditation whatever, and there was no plot beforehand, or any conspiracy, as far as I know, and I do not believe there was any with anyone else. I am not guilty of the charge of conspiracy. I had too mumch love for my dear mother and sweetheart.

THE HILLSVILLE TRAGEDY.

Floyd Allen and his son, Claude Swanson Allen, belonged to the notorious Allen clan whose reputed lawlessness for years held the natives of the Virginia mountains in terror, and culminated on March 14, 1912, in the shooting up of the Carroll county court when five persons lost their lives. The news of the crime sent a thrill of horror throughout the nation, and the shocked Virginia authorities moved expeditiously to bring the criminals to justice.

On the morning of March 14, Floyd Allen stood before the bar of the Carroll county courthouse at Hillsville, to receive sentence for his part in aiding the escape of another mountaineer from the custody of the sheriff. A crowd packed the little courtroom, for the character of the prisoner was well known. Members of the Allen family were known to be in court and trouble was thought imminent.

The jury having announced a verdict of guilty, Judge Thornton L. Massie sentenced the prisoner to one year at hard labor. With the last word of the sentence, a crash of firearms broke from the spectators' benches. Floyd Allen, with a smoking revolver in his hand, leaped from the prisoner's dock and joined the rush of the gang toward the door.

JUDICIARY SLAIN.

When the courtroom was cleared the body of Judge Massie, riddled with bullets, was found lying over his desk; Commonwealth's Attorney William M. Foster and Sheriff L. F. Webb lay dead on the floor. Augustus Fowler, a juror, and Elizabeth Ayers, a spectator, were bleeding from wounds which proved fatal the next day, and Dexter Goad, clerk of the court, lay shot through the neck. Goad was one of the principal witnesses for the state at the conviction of the prisoners.

When the courtroom was examined later it was found that more than 200 shots had been fired. Twenty-seven shots took effect upon those killed and wounded.

An army of detectives and newspaper correspondents soon was scouring the muddy roads of the mountains in search of the prisoners. Floyd Allen, the cause of the shooting, who had been wounded by Sheriff Webb in the courtroom, was taken the day of the crime, together with his son, Victor Allen, and his nephew, Bird Marion.

SURRENDER OF OUTLAWS.

Sidna Edwards, a nephew of the Allen brothers, was captured in a hut in the mountains March 22. Edwards, who is lame, had eaten nothing for several days, and was very weak when found. Claude Swanson Allen, another son of Floyd Allen, walked up to a posse in the mountains and surrendered himself on March 28. The next day Friel Allen, youngest member of the gang, was taken at his father's home.

Floyd Allen, charged specifically with the killing of Commonwealth Attorney Foster, was found guilty of first degree murder on May 17, and sentenced to death. Claude Allen, his son, was tried on a charge of killing Judge Massie, and convicted of murder in the second degree. The jury recommended a sentence of 15 years in the penitentiary. The state demanded a new trial, and a verdict of guilty in the first degree was returned on July 27, and he was sentenced to death.

LONG HUNT FOR SIDNA.

Friel Allen pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree, and on August 14 was sentenced to 18 years in prison. Three days later Sidna Edwards pleaded guilty to a like charge and was given a sentence of 15 years. Victor Allen was acquitted of the charge of having participated in the murders.

Sidna Allen, brother of Floyd Allen, and recognized leader of the clan, and his nephew, Wesley Edwards, eluded pursuit for many weeks, and eventually escaped out of the Virginia mountains and made their way West. They were captured at Des Moines, Ia., September 1, as the result of a love affair of young Edwards. A letter from him was lost by Maude Iroler, of Mount Airey, N. C., and detectives followed its information and captured the two men.

Sidna Allen was sentenced to 35 years and Wesley Edwards to 27 years in the penitentiary.

Byrd Marion, a relative of the Allens, was indicted with them, but the case was dismissed.

HOW THE FLOOD SWEPT THROUGH OHIO, CAUSING DEATH, DESTITUTION AND DESTRUCTION

FIRST FLOOD PHOTOGRAPHS TO REACH BALTIMORE FROM THE WEST. SENT TO THE AMERICAN BY THE CINCINNATI COMMERCIAL TRIBUNE.

FIRST LISTS OF THE DEAD

AT COLUMBUS, O.

JAMES CROTHERS.
MRS. STRICKLER.
MRS. SHIPLEY.
EDWIN D. DAMSEL, musician.
MR. AND MRS. JOHN STOTTLER.
EMMA COOPER, 5.
MRS. DELIA M'NERNEY.
MRS. O. C. TOY.
Three Diss children
Ten-year-old son and young daughter of Charles W. Underwood.
MR. AND MRS. O. MASHEN.
MRS. WITHEY.
MRS. SARAH SOVILL.
MRS. GREENLEE, died from exposure.
MRS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MRS. MILLER.
MRS. CAROLINE MAEBURY, died at State Hospital from exposure.
WILLIAM GUY.
ARNOLD WEISENDANGER.
MRS. EMMA HOLLOBAUGH.
HOWARD PRESTON.
KENNETH HOFFMAN, aged 13.
JOSEPHINE UNDERWOOD.
C. H. HUSTON.

AT DAYTON, O.

GEORGE MORGANTHALER.
J. N. HAVERSTICK.
L. C. HAUPT, police operator, wife and three children.
MRS. COLLINS AND CHILD.
LILLIE EICHTMAN, 31.
MRS. SCHMIDT AND DAUGHTER.
MRS. BOND.
ANTON SHARTLE.
MRS. CARRIE SCHULTZ.
MRS. THOMPSON.
GEORGE RICHARDSON.
SMILEY CUPP, JR.
JESSE WALLACE.
EMEL ELDERMANN.
LESSIE MOSELEY.
ETHEL McCONNELL.
MRS. ABEL.
MRS. LILLIAN TINGLEY.
MRS. SCHUNK.
JOHN F. GARBER.
ARTHUR SLAT.
OLLIE ZATTLE.
PATROLMAN WILLETT.
CARL DEUR.
MRS. TREE.
MISS BOHN.
MRS. LUCY ABEL.

SWEEP OF THE FLOODS EAST

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and relieving tired firemen and police, many of whom have been on continuous duty for 48 hours. Fires today added to the seriousness of the flood situation and firemen were kept busy all day answering alarms in the flooded district. Damage estimated at thousands of dollars was done by fire. There is much destitution among the flood sufferers and the state armory and Y. M. C. A. have been converted into relief stations.

Albany, N. Y., March 28.—The Hudson River today reached the highest point in its history when at 1 P. M. the local weather bureau's records registered 22.4 feet. The crest of the flood, which has caused enormous losses and widespread suffering throughout the Mohawk and Hudson Valleys, is believed to have been reached. The lower section of the city is inundated. Police and firemen are patrolling the flooded area in boats, carrying food and drink to those imprisoned in their homes. Much sickness already is reported and physicians and nurses are aiding in relieving the suffering. Business in the South End and along Broadway, one of the city's principal business thoroughfares, is suspended and many factories and some schools have closed. Railroad service is crippled; mails are delayed and telegraph and telephone service is hampered. There has been much damage to property, but no loss of life has been reported.

CONNECTICUT RISES

The Shutting Down of a Number of Factories in the East.

Springfield, Mass., March 28.—Two flood waves, born of the rainstorms in the northwestern part of New England earlier in the week, swept down the Connecticut River today, causing some damage to property in the lowlands, necessitating the shutting down of many industries and interfering with railroad traffic at several points.

So far as known, there was no loss of life. The flood was not a record-breaker, but many old marks were threatened.

The first wave was the higher, and this evening the crest was passing Holyoke and was being watched with some anxiety by the river bank inhabitants below that city.

The second wave was following 125 miles back, having driven the lowland dwellers from their homes at Woodsville, N. H., last night and carried out a dam on Israels River, a tributary of the Connecticut, at Lancaster, this afternoon. The second wave was abreast of White River Junction tonight, but it was not so high nor so long as its predecessor.

The first wave left behind it work for the Boston and Maine, Central Vermont and the Rutland Railroads. There were many washouts and some bridges went out. Factories were forced to shut down at Bellows Falls, Brattleboro and Northampton.

MORGUES FILLING UP

Columbus' Death Roll About 200—Sixty Bodies Recovered.

Columbus, O., March 28. — The morgues of Columbus filled up slowly tonight as the swollen waters of the Scioto slowly receded. The number of bodies recovered from the yellow flood tonight reached 60.

Through the somber temporary morgues hundreds of shivering survivors passed, dreading to find the faces of missing loved ones on the hastily improvised wooden slabs. Twenty-three bodies lay in a temporary morgue on the east bank of the Scioto and 20 more were placed in a recently-constructed fire engine-house on the hilltop, just west of the flood district.

In the West Side Morgue the flood had cut off all electric power and the volunteer undertakers worked by the light of flickering candles and oil lamps. Several bodies lay in small undertaking shops in various parts of the city.

Word reached Columbus tonight that several bodies had been seen floating down on the current of the river at Circleville, 25 miles below here. The authorities believe that these were victims of the Columbus flood, and many of those lost will never be recovered.

While dead bodies were picked up wherever found during the day, the energies of the authorities were directed toward rescuing the thousands marooned in upper stories, on roofs, and in trees throughout the flood zone. For miles along the swollen river there are great drifts of debris, the wreckage of houses swept away and demolished. The debris had formed great banks, held together by the thick mud brought down by the river.

Practically all of the bodies recovered have been taken from the edges of these drifts as the waters receded and the authorities believe that many more are buried in the debris. No attempt can be made to search these drifts until the water subsides. With this in view Coroner Benkert tonight estimated that the total death list would reach 200.

Relief measures were rushed today and by night the various relief agencies had the situation well in hand.

Since the work of rescue began nearly one hundred children of the flood have been born. Tonight the authorities opened a maternity hospital, where the new mothers among the survivors, with their babies, were taken and cared for. Many of the mothers had suffered terribly from cold and exposure.

When the motor-boat rescuers at work in the flooded district were forced to suspend their work by darkness closing in over the swift current, half a score of blocks in the worst of the flood area had not been reached at all. In the upper floors of houses in this district were many survivors who had been without food since Tuesday. An effort will be made at sunrise tomorrow to get to this section.

EVERY BRIDGE SWEPT AWAY

None Left Standing Between Marietta and Zanesville.

Zanesville, O., March 28. — With communication being slowly restored, rumors are rife of loss of life, but there are only four known deaths in this city as a result of the flood. However, practically all of the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth wards and a large portion of the Second and Tenth wards are still under 10 to 30 feet of water, and few boats have dared brave the waters. About half the entire city is still submerged.

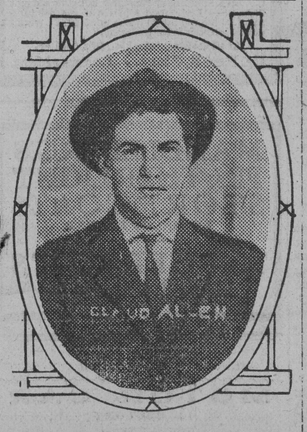
Five men—Theodore Cassidy, John Rail, Ray Beach, William Canning and Policeman Huey—successfully crossed the Muskingum River to Putnam Thursday afternoon and saved 13 lives. They recrossed the river to the Zanesville side this morning.

B. & O. Bridge Gone.

Gravel Bank, O., March 28.—From this point, within sight of Marietta, O., but separated from it by the flood waters of the Muskingum River, it can be seen that the Baltimore and Ohio bridge at the mouth of the Muskingum has gone down, and the highway bridge over the same stream has been washed away. The great bridge connecting Marietta and Williamstown, W. Va., across the Ohio, was intact this morning. The country for miles is one vast sea of surging flood.

ELECTROCUTED IN RICHMOND FOR THE HILLSVILLE CRIME

FLOYD ALLEN,
Father.



CLAUDE ALLEN.
Son.

CINCINNATI IS NOW IN PERIL

The Ohio River Fast Nearing the Record Stage.

CITIZENS ARE IN SUSPENSE

ALL LOWLANDS ABOUT CITY SUBMERGED.

More Than 200 Houses in Covington Flooded and the Water Still Rising—A Number of Kentucky Towns Along the Ohio Isolated—Many Manufacturing Plants Are Closed—Prompt Steps Taken to Prevent Looting—All the Bridges Crossing River Closed.

Cincinnati, O., March 28.—As the waters of the Ohio River continue to rise, increased in volume by the flood waters from tributaries east and north of here, this city is facing the worst flood in its history. Late today the river stage was 64 feet, with indications that before many hours have passed the gauge would reach 70 feet, almost to the mark of 1884, the record year.

At Cincinnati the conditions are not yet acute, but it is feared that soon they will be. All the lowland to the west and east of the city has been submerged and also along the waterfront of the business section the commercial houses are gradually disappearing under the yellow river. No loss of life has occurred here.

Along the Kentucky shore conditions are rapidly becoming worse. At Covington more than 500 houses are reported submerged and their occupants are being given shelter and protection in public buildings.

The riverfront section of Ludlow is deep under water and the residents have removed. Bromley is entirely cut off from other neighboring towns. Dayton, Ky., and other small nearby towns are in the same isolated condition and there is much suffering in consequence.

Many of these large manufacturing plants have closed because operatives have been unable to reach their places of employment.

Newport, which, with Covington, is opposite Cincinnati, forming the larger of the suburban sections, is in almost as bad a case as its neighboring city. The flood water is rising in all parts of the town.

One of the bridges across the Ohio has been closed and authorities are preparing to close others to the public, thus cutting off the south shore from communication with Cincinnati, and also closing practically the only railway outlet this city has had to the South and East.

No food shortage is anticipated in this section, but warnings have been issued by the mayors of this and other nearby cities that merchants must not take advantage of the situation to charge exorbitant prices.

AT CHILLICOTHE

The Death List There Now Placed at Fifteen.

Chillicothe, O., March 28.—First authentic information regarding the loss of life shows that 18 persons are dead. Already 11 bodies have been taken from the wreckage of homes in the east end, where many railroad men live. With field glasses seven more bodies were today discovered hanging on the Kilgore bridge, three miles south of here, but it has been impossible to recover them. Conditions are much improved, the light plant has been able to resume service and the water supply also is now adequate. The estimated damage to property is one million dollars. Clearing of the wreckage has begun.

Potomac Receding.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Williamsport, Md., March 28.—The flood in the Potomac River, which reached its highest stage this afternoon, from 15 to 20 feet, according to measurements taken at different points, is receding very slowly. After the most rapid and vigorous rise in recent years, at 8 o'clock tonight the water had only fallen off six inches at this place and is being held in check by the heavy volume of water pouring into the river from the large tributaries below.

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