

# THE ASSASSINATION.

## All the Prisoners Found Guilty.

## Payne, Harrold, Atzerodt and Mrs. Surratt to be Hanged To-Day.

## Dr. Mudd, Arnold and O'Laughlin to be Imprisoned for Life.

## Spangler to be Confined Six Years.

## How the Assassins Received the News.

## Mrs. Surratt Begs for More Time.

### PUBLIC OPINION IN WASHINGTON

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 6, 1865.

The published announcements in the evening papers of the hanging of four of the conspirators to-morrow created quite a sensation in town, although every loyal man expressed himself satisfied with the verdict approved by the President.

It was known for several days that the findings were in the hands of the President, but no one anticipated a decision for some time to come, and the promptitude with which he has acted is universally commended.

Many wonder that Spangler was not included among those to suffer the death penalty, and believe him equally culpable with Atzerodt and Harrold.

Preparations for the executions are going forward rapidly, and Gen. Hancock is overwhelmed with applications for admission to the penitentiary grounds. Notwithstanding the request of Mrs. Surratt for additional time, it is not believed that her execution will be postponed.

There is a universal feeling of satisfaction here that these abhorred assassins are to meet with such a swift and terrible retribution.

To the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 6, 1865.

Major-General Hancock repaired to the Arsenal at noon to-day and delivered the death warrants to Payne, Harrold, Mrs. Surratt and Atzerodt to Maj.-Gen. Hartman, who is in charge of the prisoners, when they together visited the condemned to inform them of the sentences pronounced and the time fixed for their execution.

Payne was the first to whom the intelligence was communicated. It did not seem to take him by surprise, as doubtless he anticipated no other sentence and had nerved himself accordingly. The other prisoners were naturally more or less affected. Mrs. Surratt particularly sank under the dread announcement and pleaded for four days additional time to prepare herself for death.

All the prisoners will be attended by clergymen of their own designation. The scaffold has been erected in the south yard of the old Penitentiary building, which is enclosed by a high brick wall. The coffins and burial clothes have already been prepared. Only a limited number of persons will be admitted to the scene. The sentences of the conspirators who are to be imprisoned will be carried into immediate effect.

### The Finding of the Court.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 6, 1865.

The following important order has just been

issued:

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
WASHINGTON, July 5, 1865. }

To Major-Gen. W. S. HANCOCK, U. S. Volunteers, commanding Middle Military Division, Washington, D. C.:

Whereas, By the Military Commission appointed in paragraph 4, Special Orders No. 211, dated War Department, Adjutant-General's Office, May 6, 1865, and of which Major-Gen. David Hunter, United States Volunteers, is President, the following persons were tried and sentenced as hereinafter stated as follows:

First—David E. Harrold.

Finding—Of the specification "Guilty," except combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler, as to which part thereof "Not Guilty." Of the charge "Guilty," except the words of the charge that "he combined, confederated and conspired with Edward Spangler," as to which part of the charge "Not Guilty."

Sentence.—And the Commission therefore sentence him, the said David E. Harrold, to be hanged by the neck until he be dead, at such time and place as the President of the United States shall direct, two-thirds of the members of the Commission concurring therein.

Second—George A. Atzerodt.

Finding.—Of the specification "Guilty," except combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler. Of this, "Not Guilty."

Sentence.—And the Commission does therefore sentence him, the said George A. Atzerodt, to be hanged by the neck until he be dead, at such time and place as the President of the United States shall direct, two-thirds of the members of the Commission concurring therein.

Third—Lewis Payne.

Finding.—Of the specification "Guilty," except combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler. Of this not guilty. Of the charge "Not Guilty," except combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler. Of this not guilty.

Sentence.—And the Commission does, therefore, sentence him, the said Lewis Payne, to be hanged until he be dead, at such time and place as the President of the United States shall direct; two-thirds of the members of the Commission concurring therein.

Fourth—Mary E. Surratt.

Finding.—Of the specification "Guilty," except as to the receiving, entertaining, harboring and concealing Samuel Arnold and Michael O'Laughlin, and, except as to combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler. Of this not guilty. Of the charge "Guilty," except as to combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler. Of this not guilty.

Sentence.—And the Commission does therefore sentence her, the said Mary E. Surratt, to be hanged by the neck until she be dead, at such time and place as the President of the United States shall direct, two-thirds of the members of the Commission concurring therein; and

Whereas, The President of the United States has approved the foregoing sentences in the following order, to wit:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, July 5, 1865.

The foregoing sentences, in the cases of David E. Harrold, George A. Atzerodt, Lewis Payne and Mary E. Surratt, are hereby approved; and it is ordered that the sentences in the cases of David E. Harrold, G. A. Atzerodt, Lewis Payne and Mary E. Surratt, be carried into execution by the proper military authority, under the direction of the Secretary of War, on the 7th day of July, 1865, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. of that day.

ANDREW JOHNSON, President.

Therefore, You are hereby commanded to cause the foregoing sentences in the cases of David E. Harrold, G. A. Atzerodt, Lewis Payne and Mary E. Surratt to be duly executed in accordance with the President's order.

By command of the President of the United States.

E. D. TOWNSEND, Assistant-Adjut.-Gen.

In the remaining cases of O'Laughlin, Spangler, Arnold and Mudd, the findings and sentences are as follows:

Fifth—Michael O'Laughlin.

Finding.—Of the specification "Guilty," except the words thereof as follows: "And in the further prosecution of the conspiracy aforesaid, on the nights of the 13th and 14th of April, A. D. 1865, at Washington City, and within the military department and military lines aforesaid, the said Michael O'Laughlin did then and there lie in wait for Ulysses S. Grant, then Lieutenant-General and Commander of the Armies of the United States, with intent then and there to kill and murder the said Ulysses S. Grant." Of said words, "Not Guilty," and except "combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler." Of this, "Not Guilty." Of the charge "guilty," except combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler. Of this, "Not Guilty."

Sentence.—The Commission sentence Michael O'Laughlin to be imprisoned at hard labor for life.

Sixth—Edward Spangler.

Finding.—Of the specification, not guilty, except as to the words, "the said Edward Spangler, on said 14th day of April, A. D. 1865, at about the same hour of that

day as aforesaid, within said military department and the military lines aforesaid, did aid and abet him," meaning John Wilkes Booth, "in making his escape" after the said Abraham Lincoln had been murdered in the manner aforesaid, and of these words "guilty." Of the charge, not guilty; but guilty of having feloniously and traitorously aided and abetted John Wilkes Booth in making his escape after having killed and murdered Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States—he the said Edward Spangler, at the time of aiding and abetting as aforesaid, well knowing that the said Abraham Lincoln, President as aforesaid, had been murdered by the said John Wilkes Booth as aforesaid.

The Commission sentenced Spangler to be confined at hard labor for six years.

Seventh—Samuel Arnold. Of the specifications—Guilty—Except combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler; of this, not guilty.

Of the charge—Guilty—Except combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler; of this, not guilty.

The Commission sentenced him to imprisonment at hard labor for life.

Eighth—Samuel A. Mudd. Of the specification:

Guilty—Except combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler; of this "Not Guilty;" and excepting receiving and entertaining, and harboring and concealing said Lewis Payne, John W. Surratt, Michael O'Laughlin, George A. Atzerodt, Mary E. Surratt, and Samuel Arnold; of this Not Guilty. Of the charge "Guilty," except combining, confederating and conspiring with Edward Spangler; of this "Not Guilty."

Sentence.—The Commission sentence Dr. Mudd to be imprisoned at hard labor for life.

The President's order in these cases is as follows:

It is further ordered that the prisoners, Samuel Arnold, Samuel A. Mudd, Edward Spangler and Michael O'Laughlin, be confined at hard labor in the penitentiary at Albany, N. Y., during the period designated in their respective sentences.

ANDREW JOHNSON, President.