

# SENTENCED TO DIE; BUT MAY ESCAPE

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## Coursey May Avoid Ex- treme Penalty Through Leniency of Pardon Board

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### First Degree Verdict Brought Against Duffield, Who Partici- pated in Kellman Murder

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Supreme Court Justice Garrison in Camden yesterday sentenced Frederick Coursey, 20 years old, to die in the electric chair at Trenton during the week of December 29 for his part in the murder of 18-year-old Karl Kellman on October 12 last. There is a chance that the youth may escape with a commutation to life imprisonment. Howard L. Miller, counsel for Coursey, served notice on Prosecutor Boyle that he will apply to the Board of Pardons next Tuesday for such action.

Harry Duffield, who was implicated with Coursey, had his trial yesterday. The fact that Coursey received his sentence of death while Duffield's trial was in progress greatly depressed the latter. He sat with his head in his hands and wept frequently. When the jury subsequently returned a verdict of murder in the first degree after two hours of deliberation the boy collapsed, falling into his chair and weeping. He will probably be sentenced today.

Although Coursey did the actual shooting which resulted in young Kellman's death, Duffield accompanied him to the spot and Prosecutor Boyle sought to get a first degree verdict. Lawyer John L. Semple, the youth's counsel, pleaded for acquittal on the ground that Duffield had not participated or had attempted to participate in any robbery because he was in such a stupid state from drink that he was unable to plan and deliberate.

In his charge Judge Garrison said the jury would either have to convict of murder in the first degree or acquit; there was no intermediate verdict that could be rendered.