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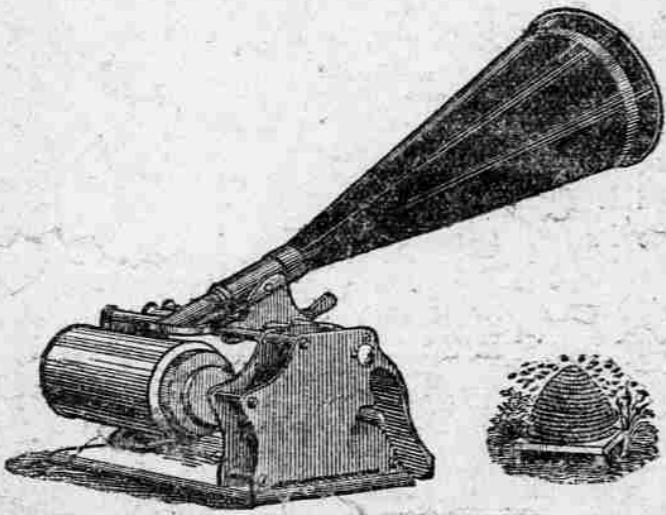
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HOCH MUST HANG

JURY AGREES THAT "BLUE-BEARD" MURDERED HIS WIFE BY POISON.

Anxious to Have it Over—Verdict Staggers Him, but He says He Is Ready to Die—Denies He Had Dozen Wives and Murdered Them.

Chicago, May 19.—Johann Hoch, who by his own confession is several times a bigamist, and who is charged by the police with having married at least 40 women in the past 15 years, today was found guilty of murder and the death penalty was recommended by a jury in Judge Kersten's court.

The crime for which Hoch will be led to the gallows was the murder of his last known wife, Mrs. Marie Walcker-Hoch. Hoch had been married to this woman but a few days when she became suddenly ill and died. He then formed an alliance with the sister of the dead woman and, securing the latter's money, fled from Chicago.

This woman in quest of revenge, notified the police that Hoch had poisoned her sister, and a search for him was begun. He was found two weeks later in New York, brought back to Chicago and confronted by several of his supposed wives. During the trial expert testimony was offered by the state that Hoch had poisoned the woman by administering arsenic.

Today's verdict was one of the quickest on record in Cook county, the jury having reached a verdict in less than half an hour. Three ballots were taken. The first ballot was unanimous as to Hoch's guilt, and then a ballot followed as to the punishment to be inflicted. This showed ten in favor of the death penalty and two for life imprisonment. A third ballot resulted in the 12 jurymen voting for the death penalty.

"Well I guess it's all over with Johann," grunted Hoch, as the verdict was read in court, and it was plain he was greatly affected. He had sat in a stooping position, but, when the dreaded word "death" was reached, he turned pale, stared hopelessly at the jurors and then sank limp in his chair.

Hoch's attorneys will ask for a new trial, although the condemned man, after reaching his cell, declared he was ready to die, and would be better satisfied if they did not make the effort.

"I wish they would hang me tonight, now that I have been found guilty," declared Hoch. "I am not afraid to die, and the sooner it is over the better."

Hoch expressed great surprise at the finding of the jury, and declared that the jurors did not take time to consider the evidence.

"The evidence was all circumstantial," he said, "and my life was 'guessed' away by the jury, which did not give sufficient consideration to the testimony offered. Had they done so, I might have stood a better chance. But there is no use in finding fault now; it is all over with me, and I hope that no time will be lost in taking me to the gallows. I do not want my attorneys to attempt anything more for me, as I know it will be of no use. The end cannot come too soon to suit me. I committed no crime. If my wife had been shot by me instead of poisoned, as was alleged, it would have taken the jury at least a day to return a verdict; but this a case of poisoning, and at least twice as much time should have been taken for its consideration."

Hoch denied positively that he had murdered a number of wives, as has been alleged, and displayed some bitterness in speaking of the matter.

"Such talk is foolish," he said. "The reports have been spread that I am a modern 'Bluebeard.' This is untrue. All that can be said against me is that I committed bigamy. As to the talk that I had nearly a dozen wives, it is nonsense, as are the stories that I made away with them. There was no evidence that I had another sweetheart and wanted to get rid of the woman I am accused of poisoning. I spent money to get her, but this part of the evidence was ignored by the jury."

Hoch said he preferred the death

penalty to life imprisonment. A prison guard who had heard Hoch's talk said, in attempt to cheer him up:

"Where there's life, there's hope, you know." Hoch smiled and replied:

"Not for me. It's all over, and Johann is going to die."

Hoch then commenced to whistle a lively tune as he was returning to his cell.

Hoch is said to be penniless, and for that reason it is believed he will not be able to carry his case to the supreme court, should he change his mind and ask for a new trial and be refused.

WAR IN RUSSIA. Russian Poland, May 19.—A workman who was trying to avoid the observation of two detectives on Midowa street at noon today stumbled on the curb of the sidewalk and a bomb which he was carrying in his pocket exploded, killing the workman and both of the detectives and injuring several persons who were passing by. It is believed the bomb was intended for Governor-General Maximovitch, who was expected to pass the spot on his way to the cathedral to attend the services in honor of the czar's birthday.

The bodies of the victims were literally blown to pieces. A cafe near the scene of the explosion was entirely demolished, all the windows in the neighborhood were smashed and a lamp post was torn out of the ground.

When a correspondent of the Associated Press reached the scene the mutilated remains were still lying in the roadway, portions of them being on the sidewalks 20 yards distant. The roadway was covered with debris.

After the officials had entered the cathedral detectives observed a poorly dressed man loitering nearby. When the man saw the detectives he ran toward the entrance of a confectionery store, where he either tripped or threw the bomb backward at the detectives. The explosion occurred only a moment before the people commenced to pour out of the cathedral. Three minutes later the Governor-General would have passed the spot.

Cossacks who were hastily summoned soon cleared the streets, and the governor-general drove by another route to the castle. In all 32 persons were wounded.

Riga, European Russia, May 16. Two policemen were killed by unknown persons at midnight near Gupenburg Park. A bomb was thrown at a police patrol, with the result that a police commissioner was wounded and a policeman was killed. A policeman, among those who pursued the bombthrowers, was shot and killed by the assassins, who were armed with revolvers.

Largest line of matting in the city at Blackledge's.

THE WAR RESUMED

RUSSIAN COLUMNS ATTACK AND ARE REPULSED AND DRIVEN NORTH.

The Battle Commences in Manchuria—Oyama Disposes His Forces for Attack and Linievitch Is Ready.

Tokio, May 20.—It was announced this evening from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field that three Russian columns of mixed forces advanced southward May 18 to the vicinity of the railroad. The Japanese engaged them and drove the Russians northward. Simultaneously 500 Russian cavalry attacked a Japanese field hospital at Kingpin, on the right bank of the Liao river. Japanese and artillery and infantry dispersed the attacking cavalry, inflicting very heavy loss upon them.

Gunhe Pass, May 20, 108 miles north of Tie Pass, Manchuria, May 20.—A general engagement is imminent. Field Marshal Oyama is deploying heavy forces against General Linievitch's left, and is concentrating his troops along the center, but his base is opposite the Russian right. It is not yet clear which wing is making a demonstration and which will deliver the main blow. It is evident from Linievitch's preparations that he intends to accept a decisive battle.

Paris, May 21.—The Petit Journal's Saigon correspondent, telegraphing Saturday evening, says he has information from an authoritative source that the entire Russian fleet, after leaving Port Dayot, made for the island of Hainan, where it anchored, taking on coal, and that on the night of May 19-20 a portion of the Russian fleet, comprising 11 ships, returning to the annam coast anchoring at Port Royal, but outside territorial waters.

The Petit Journal says this fact was immediately telegraphed to Saigon and Admiral de Jonquieres decided to proceed immediately to Port Dayot to enforce the observance of neutrality and that the admiral carries precise and severe instructions to that effect.

The Petit journal says that it is believed the returned portion of the Russian fleet is composed of the less rapid of the Russian vessels and that it is a ruse of Rejstvensky, who hopes to mislead Togo by making him believe that the entire Russian fleet has returned to Indo-China waters, and thus permit Rejstvensky, with his faster ships, to slip at full speed to Vladivostok.

Officials the paper concludes, do not fear complications because of the return of the Russians as the ships are outside the territorial wa-

ters. A later dispatch says the vessels outside Port Dayot brought colliers.

London, May 20.—British naval expert authorities here incline to the opinion that Rojstvensky has been unable to get into close quarters with Togo, and that he has received stringent orders from St. Petersburg to go forward at all hazards. Japan has no fear that the Russians will injure her trading ships as Rojstvensky is not likely to encumber himself with slow-sailing merchant vessels while on his way north.

It has hitherto been customary for the British fleet in the Far East to proceed north about this time for summer cruising. It has received orders this week to remain in Hong-kong for the present, in view of the possible clash of the Russian and Japanese fleets.

A torpedo boat is said to have met with Togo's fleet not far from this port. The Japanese signalled the British not to report their whereabouts.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—The court of appeals has decided that the sentencing of four persons condemned to death at Warsaw by a military court-martial for attempts on the life of Chief of Police von Nolken and other officials of that city, was illegal, as martial law did not exist there at the time. The prisoners will be tried again before a civil court.

In the County Court.

At an adjourned session of the county court Saturday, Dr. Pernot was appointed secretary of the County Board of Health to succeed Dr. Bennett, of Monroe. Hereafter the secretary must reside at the county seat and the records be placed in the office of the county clerk.

A proposition of L. B. Gear to donate a road 60 feet in width through his farm, and to fence and clear the same was accepted by the court.

Dr. Pernot and P. A. Kline each donated fifty dollars toward gravelling the Oak Creek road, and the county is to furnish the remaining necessary gravel.

Roy Raber was appointed as assistant to Mr. French in caring for the Benton exhibit at the Lewis and Clark.

Hathaway Bros. were awarded the contract for finishing the iron for the new Monroe bridge. The contract price was \$65.

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