

CONFESSES TO TEN

Hoch Scales Down the Number of His Wives.

FIVE WOMEN IDENTIFY HIM

Great Crowds Greet Hoch on Arrival in Chicago—He Treats His Marriages as a Joke, but Repudiates Some Claimants.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Johann Hoch, indicted for bigamy, suspected of murder and a man of many aliases, arrived in Chicago tonight, and for several hours after reaching here was interrogated by the police with little result. The train bearing Hoch and Officer Loftus, who had him in custody, was due in Chicago at 2:25, but it was 7 o'clock before it arrived. A large crowd had gathered, but none of the wives was among the number. Hoch had evidently expected a number of his wives to meet him at the station and he was plainly disappointed that they did not come.

HOCH'S MANY WIVES.

- Mrs. Madeline Schmitt, first wife; marriage in Germany. Mrs. Julia Steinbecker Hoch, 232 Belmont avenue; died suddenly. Mrs. Mary Wernicke Kankhan Hoch, 278 Ward street; living. Mrs. Mary Goetz, 3625 North Argon, Ind.; disappeared. Mrs. Minnie Poelzner, 2621 Westworth avenue; living. Mrs. Janet Spencer Hoch, 3167 Westworth avenue; believed to be living. Mrs. Emilie Fischer Hoch, 6330 Union street; died. Mrs. Emily Welker Hoch, 6620 Union avenue; died January 10, 1905. Mrs. Nellie Iringan, 111 Best avenue; believed by the police to have married Hoch. Mrs. Martha Heitfeld Hoch, 126 Ontario street; disappeared. Mrs. Marianne Hoch, Cleveland; living. Mrs. Sophia Pabst, Batavia, Ill.; living. Mrs. Hessler, Wheeling, W. Va.; thought to be remarried. Mrs. Carrie Catherine Andress, as Mrs. De Witt C. Cudde. Nellie Stevens, believed and later married; deceased about three hours. Mrs. — Hoch, living at 1296 West Fifteenth street; died suddenly. Mrs. — Hoch, a sister of Mrs. J. H. Schwartmann, Milwaukee; died. Mrs. — Hoch, another sister of Mrs. Schwartmann; died. Mrs. — Hoch, Norfolk, Va.; died. Mrs. — Hoch, Green, Ia.; believed to be living. Mrs. T. O'Connor, Milwaukee; living; name in "James". Mrs. Caroline Schaefer, 3043 Stiles street, Philadelphia; living. Mrs. Mary Goetz, 192 Eugenie street, Chicago; living. In Buffalo. Mrs. — Hoch; believed to live in Evanston. Mrs. Juettia Loeffler, Elkhart, Ind.; disappeared. Hoch's Alleged Crimes. Murder by poison, eight cases. Bigamy, 22 charges. Embezzlement, 20 cases. Abduction, one case. Hoch and his wife. Obscene game, 20 cases. Obtaining money under false pretenses, 20 cases. Larceny as bailee, two cases. Forgery, two cases. Perjury, 27 cases. Practising medicine illegally. Hypnotism as an aid to all the other crimes.

crowd surged and it was larger than the others. It was found necessary to call officers from the inside of the station before the walk could be cleared sufficient to allow the prisoner to be taken into the station. He was taken at once to the office of Police Inspector George Shippy. The interrogation Hoch was commenced at a few minutes after 7:30 o'clock and continued until after midnight. Hoch at the outset admitted that he had married Mrs. Marie Hoch, and that the marriage was illegal. He would admit nothing else.

Creeping of One Victim.

"You old boy; you got my \$750, didn't you?" Hoch made no reply to this, but smiled as though he considered the affair of \$750 rather a joke than otherwise.

Later the five women were, one at a time, admitted into the office of the inspector, and all of them identified Hoch as the man to whom they were married. Mrs. Ellen Hoppe at first declared that she had married Hoch, but later said she was not sure about it. Inspector Shippy asked: "Hoch, did you marry this woman?" "No," replied Hoch, "but maybe I will if you don't hustle her out of here pretty quick."

Mrs. Mary Rankin Hoch, who admitted last week that she had committed bigamy when she married Hoch, was repudiated in strong terms by the prisoner. He declared that he had not married her and had never seen her before.

When Mrs. Marie Hoch was admitted into the room Hoch declared that she was not his wife, but that the marriage was illegal. He also confessed to having married Mrs. Emily Fischer Hoch when she was shown into the room.

A physician who had attended Mrs. Walker Hoch, the last wife of Hoch, identified him as the husband of Mrs. Walker and showed him a bill for \$100 for attendance upon the woman.

"Oh, yes," said Hoch, "I remember something about that. Bring it around in the morning. I shall be here." And he laughed heartily at his joke.

He Confesses Ten Marriages. The questioning of Hoch was almost concluded when he confessed that he had married ten women. Hoch also ad-

mitted that he had intended to commit suicide, and that the white powder found in a fountain pen taken from his room in New York was arsenic, which he had purchased with the intention of killing himself.

The names of two of the women married by Hoch were not disclosed by the police. The other eight were: Mrs. Julia Steinbecker, married in 1894. Mrs. Julia Marie Walker, married December 12, 1904. Mrs. Mary Becker, St. Louis. Mrs. Anna Hendricks, married in Hammond, Ind., January 2, 1902. Mrs. Marie Goetz, married in 1904. Mrs. Mary Rankin, married in 1894. Mrs. Martha Heitfeld, now of Pasadena, Cal., married in 1895. Mrs. Emilie Fischer, married in December, 1904.

MAY PREVENT DOUBLE HANGING

Mrs. Edwards Confesses, Exonerating Her Convicted Accomplice. READING, Pa., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Kate Edwards, who is under sentence to be hanged with Samuel Green, colored, on Thursday next for the murder of her husband, made a statement to her counsel tonight in which, it is said, she exonerates Green from complicity in the murder. The statement will not be given to the public until it is presented to the Board of Pardons, but the inference is left that she alone committed the crime. Extraordinary efforts have been made to save Mrs. Edwards and Green from the gallows. The Board of Pardons has heretofore refused to interfere and the State Supreme Court has affirmed the lower court's decision.

RULER WHO HAS HANDED REINS TO HIS SON



KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

11, the day before the date fixed for the double execution. If the woman's statement is accepted by the board, it may save the man's life. If the woman is spared, it will therefore be entirely on sentimental grounds, as strong pressure is being brought upon the board not to permit the woman to be hanged.

Must Suffer for Torturing Woman.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 9.—The Iowa Supreme Court today affirmed the decision of the lower court which sent ex-convict United States Marshal W. A. Richards to the penitentiary for 3 years for complicity in the holdup of Peter Sullivan and wife at Hamilton, Ia., two years ago. Masked men broke into the Rich's house, and after torturing the woman by holding lighted candles under her feet, compelled her to produce a sum of money which she had that day drawn from the bank.

Convicted Murderers Reprieved.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 9.—Seven men, Gordon and Richards, three men convicted of the murder of Jack Welch on the night of the Santa Fe guilty of disquieting death, were reprieved today. The reprieve is granted to give the court opportunity to hear a motion for a new trial.

"Get-Rich-Quick" Ryan Acquitted.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—John G. Ryan charged with embezzlement, grand larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses in an alleged "get-rich-quick" investment concern, was acquitted today by direction of the trial judge.

Acquitted of Part in Murder.

TOWANDA, Pa., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Sophia Martin, charged with the murder and burial of Maggie R. Johnson, her son's wife, in September last, was acquitted today. Higher Johnson, the dead woman's husband, pleaded guilty last Tuesday.

Methodist Book Committee Meets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The book committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church concluded its session today and received reports from editors of church papers over which the committee has general supervision, including Mr. A. D. Bovard, California Christian Advocate, San Francisco, and Dr. D. L. Rader, president of the Christian Advocate, Portland, Or. Arrangements have been about completed for the sale of the property used by the depository in San Francisco, but an account of the protest against the sale of the matter was referred to the committee on agents' reports.

Only American Vessels Need Apply.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Senate committee on commerce today authorized Senator Gallinger to report favorably a substitute for the merchant marine commission's bill requiring that only vessels of the United States shall be employed in the transportation by sea of material and equipment to be used in the construction of the Panama Canal and in the operation of the Panama Railroad.

Arizona Glad She Is Left Out.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 9.—Both houses of the Legislature passed a concurrent resolution thanking the United States senate for eliminating Arizona from the statehood bill and asking the House of Representatives to concur in the amendment affecting this territory.

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COLOMBIA PROPOSES TERMS TO UNITED STATES. Wants Popular Vote on Secession of Panama, Would Divide Debt and Sell Providence Islands.

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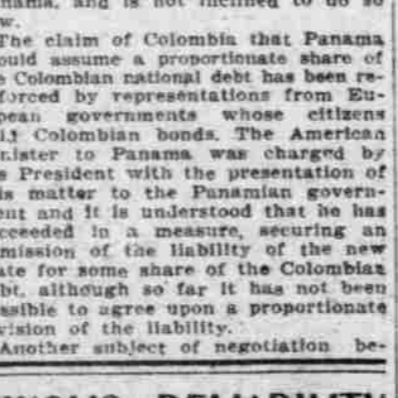
The Minister's proposition to be in explanation of his failure to transmit to the State Department a copy of the draft of a treaty which he has been arranging with the Colombian Foreign Office.

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