## INSISTS HE IS INNOCENT

Last Effort for Reprieve Fails, and He Goes to the Gallows With Prayer on Lips\_Record of His Crimes.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Johann Hoch, onvicted murderer and confessed bigament, who, if stories are frue, was one of he greatest criminals this country, wer known, was hanged in the Cou Jail today for poisoning his wife, Marie Welcker-Hoch. He faced death as he has always said that he would face it when the final moment came—calmly and with-out fear. He stood on the scaffold be-neath the daughing neose in the attifude and with the piscidness of a soldier who realizes to the full that death is his portion, but is yet unafraid. He died with a prayer on his lips for the officers of the law who took his life, and, save for the word "Good-byc," his last utterance was an assertion that he was innocent of the crime for which he paid the extremo penalty of the law.

Penalty of the law.

The last scene in the exceet of Hoch came at 1:34 in the afternoon, while his attorneys were still making desperate effor a little more time on earth His death, the lawyers say, has ended the appeal that was made in his behalf, and, although the man himself is dead, they promise to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and, if it is there decided that he was un-inviully banged, proceeding will be com-menced against the officers of the law

### Insists on Time Limit.

soon as it was known that the a plication for the writ of habeas corpus had been denied by Judge Landis, preparations were commenced at the jail for the execu-tion of Hoch. Dr. H. R. Davis, the Coun-Physician, first went to the prisoner's cell. Hoch asked what time it was, and, when told it was almost 19:39 o'clock, re-

A. M. I have a few minutes yet to live, but I want to tell you that I am inno-cent. I believe in respect for the law, but I am not guilty of murder." Hoch was advised that his attorneys

were making strenuous efforts in his behalf, and to the Rev. Mr. Sletche, who called immediately after Dr. Davis, he declared that he intended to insist that all the time given to him under the sentence should be allowed. He told the clergyman that, if an effort was made to take him to the scaffold before 1:30 o'clock, he would resist.

At 12 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Peters, accompanied by Jaher Whitman, entered Hoch's cell, the former holding the death warrant, which they told him they had come to read.

## Ready for Death Warrant.

"I am ready to hear it," said Hoch, sitting down on the bed. Mr. Peters then sitting down on the bed. Mr. Peters then read the warrant, the two notices of reprieve which had been granted to Hoch and the final decision of the Supreme Court in his case. Throughout the reading Hoch was unmoved, and Mr. Peters at the close said to him:

"Mr. Hoch, I wish to commend you for the manner in which you have conducted yourself and also for the preparation you have made for the bereafter. I hope God.

have made for the hereafter. I hope God will have murcy on your soul." Hoch suilled, and said quietly; "I am a great singer in some ways, but

turning to Mr. Whitman, Hoch said: "I want all that is coming to me in the way of time. If you try to take me be-fore 1:30 I will fight."

"It will do you no good to fight, Johann," replied Mr. Whitman.
"I know that," said Hoch, "but I want what is coming to me, and if you try to take me before 1:30 I will fight. If you come at 1:30 I will go quietly and you will have no trouble,"

## Judge Grants No Delay.

Just as the reading of the death wartorney, appeared at the jail with an ap-peal bond to which he desired the signa-ture of Hoch. It was Mr. Whitman's intention to proceed with the execution immediately after the reading of the death warrant, but when informed of the errand of Mr. Comerford he issued orders that the proceedings be delayed while Mr. Peters communicated with Judge Landis through the telephone. Judge Landis said to the Deputy Sheriff:

"I have refused to do anything in the block matter. You need not delay the ention to proceed with the execution im-Hoch matter. You need not delay the

Mr. Whitman at once went to Hoch's cell, accompanied by six guards.

"Johann, your time has come," he said. Hoch had advanced to meet the party

am ready, Mr. Whitman."

"I am ready, Mr. Whitman."

As he left the room Whitman noticed that he still wore his collar.

"You will have to take that off," said Mr. Whitman, pointing to the collar.

"All right," replied Hoch. He took it off and threw it back into the cell, As the death march started, he stopped several times to shake hands with the attendants, saying:

"Good-bye, boys." "Good-bye, boys."

## Like Soldier on Scaffold.

Just at 1:22 e'clock Hoch stepped upon the drop beneath the cross beams. His face was very pale, but his manner was composed and his courage unsurpassed. He had said several times that when the hour of his death came he would meet it bravely; that he had been a soldier and knew how to die. His attitude on the seaffold bore out his words in full. He stood erect, his heels close together, his shoulders back and his gaze directed over the heads of the crowd toward the far end of the corridor. Rev. J. R. Burkland, who was reciting the prayers for the dying as the procession approached the scaffold, continued them while Hoch

the scaffold, continued them while Hoch was being prepared for execution.

Mr. Peters spoke to Hoch, asking him to move backward, as he was not squarely upon the drop. Hoch glanced down at his feet, moved quickly to the rear, and again resumed his military attitude. He had said that he did not care to say anything on the scaffold, but while Mr. Peters was pinioning his feet Hoch spoke to him in a low voice:

"Do you want to say something," asked

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## Mr. Peters, "Yes," said Hoch. Quotes Scripture at Last.

Mr. Burkland was still reciting the prayer and Mr. Whitman motioned with his hand to silence him. The clergyman, not noticing, continued the prayer, and Mr. Whitman stepped to the edge of the scaffold and asked him to desist for a moment. As soon as the voice of the clergyman had ceased Hoch spoke up in atrong clear tones and with a pronounced trong, clear tones and with a pronounced German accent he said:

German accent he said:

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do. L must die an innocent man. Good-bye."

He broke off the last two words in a crisp, concise fashion, and as soon as he uttered them the drop fell.

Dr. McNamara, the County Physician.

declared that death had been instantaneous, the neck having been broken. Hoth's marvelous physical strength was shown by the fact that his pulse continued to beat ten minutes after Dr. McNamura had declared him dead.

The body was given to a local under taker, who buried it at his own expense While the execution was in progress, Edward Maher was still making desperate efforts to induce Judge Landis to sign an appeal and grant Hoch, a supersedeas until his application for a writ of habeas corpus could be tested by the Supreme Court.

## HIS MARRIAGES AND MURDERS

Hoch Admitted Thirteen Wives, bu Had Several More.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Hoch is believed to have come originally from Horrweiler, a small town in Germany, not far from Bingen-on-the-Rhine. His father, Jacob Schmitt, is said to still reside there. A wife, supposed to be the first wife of Hoch, is also living in the same place. Hoch has always been reticent regarding his career in this country and his first wife married in the United Sintes is believed to have been Mrs. Martha Steinbrecher, to whom he was married in 1895. After living, with floch for four months, she died, the cause of death being given as neghritis.

In November, 1885, he married Mary Rankin, in this city, and left her the day after the wedding because she refused to give him moncy. In April, 1896, Hoch married Martha Hertafeld, and left her in four months, after obtaining from her 360. His next wife is said to have been

in four mouths, after obtaining from her \$600. His next wife is said to have been Mary-Hoch, of Wheeling, W. Va. She died of pephritis after three months. Hoch has always denied this unarriage, and declared that he merely assumed the

woman's name.

In the Fall of 18%, Hooh married Chara Bariell, of Cincinnati, and she died wighin three months of the marriage. In Johnsey, 1897 he was married to Julia Dose, in Hamilton, O., and abandoned her after obtaining 1999.

obtaining \$700.

In April, 1898, Hoch was arrested in this city for selling mortgaged furniture and served two years in the House of Cor-

In November, 1901, he was married to Mrs. Anna Goehrke, of Chicago, but aban-doned her after failing to obtain money from her. April 2, 1900, he married in St. Louis, Mrs. Mary Becker, who died early in 1905. Her relatives have claimed that

the way poisoned.

December 10, 1894, Hoch was married to Mrs. Marie Welcker, a widow of this city, the woman for whose murder he was condemned. December 20 the woman became ill, and January 12 she died, the cause of

ill, and January 12 she died the cause of death being stated in the physician's certificate as nephritis. Pive days later Hoch married Mrs. Emilie Pischer, a sister' of Mrs. Welcker-Hoch. He obtained \$750 from her and disappeared.

January ID last Mrs. Hoch reported to the pelice the disappearance of her husband. Suspicion was aroused by her story, and the body of Mrs. Welcker-Hoch was exhumed and 7.6 grains of arsenic were found in the stomach. Search was made for Hoch and he was finally discovered in New York, where his landwas made for Hoch and he was finally discovered in New York, where his landiady, Mrs. Kimberley, reported that she believed her boarder to be Hoch because he had proposed marriage to her on the day of his arrival in her house. He was arrested and later brought to Chicago.

Hoch, after being placed in jail here, admitted that he had been married it times, but always denied that he had caused the death of any of his wives. He was placed on trial April 19, and on May 20 the jury returned a verdict, finding him guilty of murder, and fixing the punishment at death. He was twice reprieved pending appeal, but after the Supreme Court finally refused him a new trial and set his execution for February 23 further reprieve was denied.

MINING MAN BATTLES WITH BANDITS IN MEXICO

Three of His Party Killed and Himself Wounded, He Saves Money From Capture.

EL PASO, Feb. 23.-Attempted robbery of the Mexican party which left here last week with a large sum of money for the Dolores mines and a deadly battle with

the robbers are reported here. While passing through a narrow defile near Santo Tomaso, in the mountains of Northern Mexico, the men were fired upon from a point on Pajarito Pass, where the rothers had entrenched themselves. Two of the Mexicans fell dead on the spot, William Smith, who led the party, or-dered his men to return the fire, and in the battle which followed another mem-her of Smith's mark was killed.

ber of Smith's party was killed.
Smith was seriously wounded but, after a desperate struggle with his assailants. a desperate struggle with his assailants, he managed to separate the pack mule from the others in the train, thereby saving the money from the bandits. Shith was pursued for miles, while a veritable hall of bullets fell around him. Upon reaching a place of safety he gave the alarm, and then only did his pursuers turn from their purpose.

A posse has been constantly in search of the robbers, but not a trace of their whereabouts has as yet been obtained. Governor Creel, of Chibushus, has posted a reward of \$50,000 for the bandits, dead or alive. It is reported that the band was made up entirely of Americans.

## WANTS TO IRRIGATE EGYPT

America's Claim to Slice of Desert Held Up.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 51.—The State epartment has been informed. WASHINGTON, Feb. ... Informed. Department has been informed. through Consul-General Gittings, at the claim of Caire, with regard to the claim of Cope Whitehouse to a vast tract of land in the Egyptian desert, that the application filed by Whitehouse was

regular. Whitehouse has made extensive explorations in Africa and Egypt. He discovered what he believed to be the discovered what he believed to be the site of an ancient city in the Egyptian desert, and took steps to secure title to a large area of land including this place. His purpose was to reclaim and develop the arid land by means of irrigation. He has not yet been able to take possession of the land and he alleges that his claim has been held up in the Egyptian Foreign Office on technical grounds without any right.

## NOT MURDERER OF KUHN

Detectives Do Not Think Soldiers Were Implicated.

Detectives Kerrigan and Snow, who are making every effort to solve the Kuhn murder mystery, do not believe that Earl W. Kain and David Pierce, the two soldiers arrested on a charge of burgiary and given sentences in the Penitentiary of 18 years each, are at all connected with the murder. Hiss Shoop, who it was thought would be taken to Vancover by the detectives yesterday to try to by the detectives yesterday to try to identify the prisoners in hopes that one of them might be implicated, did not leave Portland; neither did the detectives.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY, to LAXATIVE BROMO Quintos Tax

Chicago Loses Suit to Enforce 75-Cent Rate. APPEAL TO HIGHEST COURT

Court Holds Ordinance Invalid Under Which Consumers Hoped to

Recover Millions-Chesper Gas in Other Cities.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.-Chicago's 75-cent gas ordinance against the People's Gas Light & Coke Company was held to be invalid, and not enforcible by a decision of Judge Peter S. Grosseup, of the United State Circuit Court late this afternoon. In 1900, the City Council passed an ordinance fixing the price of gas in this city at 15 cents a thousand. The gas company refused to recognize the ordinance and continued to charge 21 a thousand. Two continued to charge it a toursand. Iwo years later the city brought suit against the company to compel it to rebate E cents of every dollar that had been paid the company for gas after the passage of the E-cent gas ordinance.

The E-cent ordinance passed by the City

The 85-cent ordinance passed by the City Council and accepted by the gas company invalidated the 75-cent ordinance, but many of the consumers who had saved their gas receipts since 1900 still held them in the hope that the city would win the suit, and the gas company would be compelled to pay the rebates.

Since the litigation began, the amount of money involved has grown stoadtly

of money involved has grown steadily each month, until now it amounts to sev-eral million dollars. The suit will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

KANSAS CITY GAS CAMPAIGN

Proposed 75-Cent Rate and Municipal Ownership Amendment.

KANSAS CITY, Peb. 13.-A special com mittee of the Board of Aldermen decided today to recommend two gas ordinances for passage by the Council next Monday

cubic feet as the maximum price to be charged for artificial gas. The other measure proposes to submit to the voters at the city election April 3 an amendment to the charter providing that in the granting of all lighting franchises the city re-serves the right to purchase, at its actual value, the grantee's plant at the expira-

CHEAP GAS IN MANHATTAN

State Board Reduces Price to Eight

Cents Per Thousand Cubic Feet. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. El-The State Commission of Gas and Electricity today issued an order fixing the maximum rate for gas on Manhattan Island at 80 cents per 1000 mode. per 1000 cubic feet.

## WITTE HAS NOT RESIGNED

Changes in Cabinet Cease and Gapor Exposure Occupies Reds.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21 - The re peris abroad that Premier Witte had re-eigned and that his resignation had been accepted by Emperor Nicholas are dis-credited here. No further changes in the Cabinet are expected at present, and it is probable that M. Nemechaieff, Minister of Communications, will retain his portfolio for the time being. The successors of Minister of Commerce Timiriazeff and Minister of Agriculture Kutler have not been determined upon. The appointment of M. Krivoshein, ex-Minister of Public Works and Rallways, as Minister of Agri-Works and Railways, as Minister of Agri-culture, is regarded as only temporary.

All the organs of the press are contrib-uting to the outery over the disclosures of the governmental subsidies to the Ga-pon organization, and a liberal amount of mudslinging is directed against Count Witte and Father Gapon, who are charged with having arrived at a corrupt under-standing to buy off the labor leaders and break up the force of the liberal move-ment among the workingmen by bribery. ment among the workingmen by bribery.

The evidence, however, actually works out in their favor. It shows that Gapon did not receive any of the money contributed, while Count Witte's action in authorizing M. Tiriasen to furnish funds for the legitimate expenses of the conservative or-gan is regarded as a justifiable counter-move to the financing of the Postal Tele-graph Union and other political strike-or-gans by the League of Leagues.

DURNOVO REALLY RULES LAND

Liberals Gradually Leave Cabinet and Reactionists Control.

ST. PETERSBURG. Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The political crisis which confronts Russia has reached an acute stage. If the remaining two Liberal ministers resign, the situation is hopeless. The premiership is already practically in the hands of M. Durnovo.

GIRLS FLOGGED TO DEATH Sample of Holy Russian Government

Given in Odessa. ODESSA. Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Thirteen women and girls were stripped of part of their clothing, tied up in the public squares and flogged with knotted whips. Two died from the effects of the blows and the others are in a precarious condition.

RUSSIA WILL BORROW AGAIN

Raise Loans Abroad and at Home to Meet Deficit. ST. PETERSBURG, Pet. 23.-In view of

an article published in an afternoon organ established by Premier Witte, in which reference was made to the "extreme reference was made to the "extreme measures" necessary to raise a sum to cover the budget deficit, which excited considerable apprehension in financial circles here and abroad, Finance Minister Shipoff today explained that the phrase was pooring chosen. No extraordinary measures for securing money are being used. It is realized in the present financial condition that the terms for any loans secured must be considerably more onerous than those of the loans contracted prior to the outbreak of the war. Only in this sense would the measures be termed "extreme." Though not taking a too rosy view of the financial situation, M. Shipoff said he considered that it had been greatly ameliorated. ameliorated.
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The Minister was unable to specify when the foreign loan negotiations would recommence, but he intimated that the United States and Great Britain would be invited to participate. With the steady improvement in the internal conditions there was every hope of continued improvement in the financial condition.

As was predicted by the Associated Press on Pebruary 13, the financial committee of the Council of the Empire, at

Obliged to Lie With Limbs Higher Than Head - Suffered Untold Agonies and Could Not Walk -Doctor Said It Was the Worst Case he Ever Saw.

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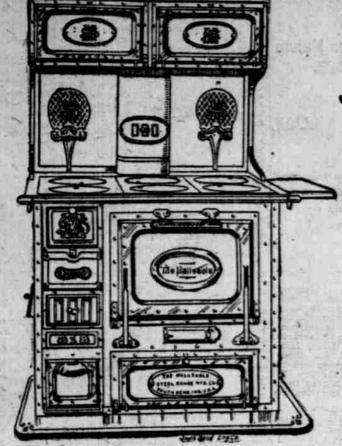
ils session today, accepted the project of effecting an internal loan on the lottery basis, the bonds of which, instead of interest, have chances to draw prizes at annual drawings. The bonds will be issued in as small denominations as £5, in order to attract small investors. The project awaits the Emperor's approval.

## ALEXANDER MAY RECOVER

Condition of Former Equitable President Much Improved.

NEW YORK, Peb. 22.—H. W. Alexander, son of James W. Alexander, ex-president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, said tonight that his father's condition was more encouraging than it had been at any time since his illness set in, and the family and the physicians in attendance were now hopeful of recovery.

Paris.—Minister of Marine Thoms nounces his intention to ask Parlian build three battleships of 18,000 tons, will be the largest French ships ye gracted.



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to force the food onward. And the longer they stay in that state the weaker they become, because the less exercise they get through the slow passage of food.

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ing diseases: Constibation Bad Breath Biliousness Diabetes

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