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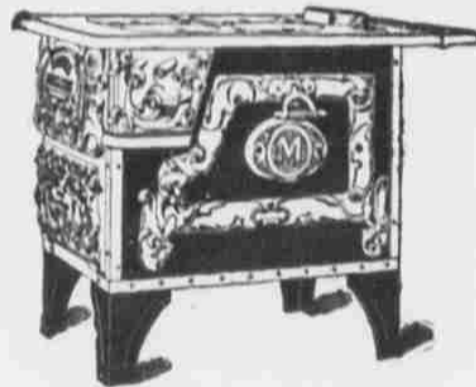
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## NORDSTROM DIES ON THE GALLONS

Completely Collapsed When About to Be Executed.

PRAYED TO SPARE HIS LIFE

Condemned Man Tied to a Board and Taken to the Fatal Trap Crying Like a Child—Story of the Crime.

SEATTLE, Aug. 23.—Chas. W. Nordstrom was hanged this morning at 9:49 o'clock for the murder of William Mason on November 27, 1891.

From early morning the condemned man had refused to fully realize his position, and while members and members of the Salvation Army prayed with him, he cried continually. Shortly after 9:20 Nordstrom was brought from the room in which he had been, just adjoining the execution room. It required the assistance of four men to keep him on his feet.

When he was taken into the presence of the scaffold he broke down entirely, crying in a childish voice, and praying that his life be spared him, he collapsed entirely and fell to the floor. Efforts to raise him and keep him on his feet were fruitless, and at last Sheriff Cuthbert ordered that a board be brought. To this Nordstrom was tied. It required six men to hold him while this was being done. While being tied to the board Nordstrom continued to cry in a loud voice. Several times he seemed to speak, but his words were unintelligible. The six men who had held him raised his body to the board and, with great effort, succeeded in getting him onto the gallows and onto the fatal trap. Here he was stood upright, four of the men standing on the four sides of the trap and holding him.

Within two seconds after the condemned man was in place the trap was sprung and Nordstrom had paid the penalty of his crime. The trap was sprung at 9:49, and Nordstrom was pronounced dead at 10:02.

MURDERED WILLIAM MASON. Story of Crime for Which Nordstrom Was Hanged.

SEATTLE, Aug. 23.—Chas. W. Nordstrom, who was hanged in the streets of the King county court house at 9:39 this morning, committed the deed for which he was convicted nine years ago, November 26, 1891. Nordstrom worked during the fall of that year for Thomas Mason, a rancher near Colfax mountain, in this county. He had a dispute about the amount of wages due him. The sum involved being \$35.

On the night of the murder William Mason was sitting down to supper with his father. Some one fired a shot from outside the window. Young Mason pitched forward and died in a short time. Investigation showed the prints of the murderer's feet as he stood beside a fence corner and rested his rifle on the top rail. The next day officers took up the chase. The murderer was tracked over a long stretch of country.

Several days later Nordstrom with a Winchester rifle of the same caliber with which the victim was murdered was arrested on the railroad track near Colfax mountain. He told conflicting stories. On trial he was convicted. The case was appealed to the supreme court of this state which refused to grant a new trial.

Colonel James Hamilton Lewis became associate counsel in the case. He fought the case in the Federal court on a writ of habeas corpus which was denied. He carried the matter to the supreme court of the United States and lost his case. He then went to the superior court of King county and asked for a commission of physicians to examine into the mental condition of Nordstrom. This was granted. The doctors pronounced the man sane.

Lewis demanded a jury trial as to Nordstrom's sanity. The superior court denied this. In the supreme court of this state, Lewis' appeal of this question was overruled. Then Lewis carried this to the supreme court of the United States and he also applied to the Federal court for a writ of habeas corpus in the strength of the insanity proceedings. The Federal court refused the writ. Lewis carried this to the supreme court of the United States, also. He was overruled in both cases. Since that Lewis has applied to Federal and superior courts for a stay of proceedings and been refused. The entire litigation has taken nine years.

Lewis last night, in spite of the announcement the other day that he had left the case, was out of the city looking for a writ of prohibition from some supreme court justice. The governor had refused to interfere.

BAR ASSOCIATION ADJOURNS. DENVER, Aug. 23.—After the election of officers and the selection of Sarato-

ga, N. Y., as the place of the next meeting, the American Bar Association adjourned and etc.

The annual dinner was attended by most of the members of the association in the city tonight. A large number of toasts were responded to.

CHINESE DILATORINESS CAUSING UNEASINESS

Probability That They Will Ultimately Refuse to Sign the Protocol—La Nor in It.

PEKIN, Aug. 23.—The delay of the Chinese plenipotentiaries in signing the protocol is causing some uneasiness in the foreign community here, although the ministers of the powers do not think the Chinese intend to defy the powers by ultimately refusing to sign.

A decree reciting the punishments and suspending the constitution will be issued before the Chinese signatures are affixed.

Li Hung Chang has retired into the background, leaving to Prince Ching the responsibility of consummating the work. Earl Li finds himself in the same precarious position that he occupied at the close of the negotiations following the war with Japan. The native press is unanimous in violently denouncing him for what is called a surrender to foreigners and a number of officials have petitioned the emperor to punish him for betraying the country.

TO OUST RUSSIA.

Movement on Foot for Evacuation of Niu Chwang.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Apparently there is a movement on foot on the part of Great Britain, Japan and the United States, says a dispatch to the Morning Post from Che Foo, "to force Russia to evacuate Niu Chwang."

NINETEEN BODIES RECOVERED.

Five Victims Arrive on Steamer Hading—Official List of Drowned.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 23.—The steamer Hading arrived today bringing the remains of five victims of the island disaster. In all nineteen bodies have been recovered and it is authentically stated that the total number of lives lost is forty. The official list of the drowned follows:

Passengers, first-class—Emmie J. W. Bell, Miss Kate Isaacs, A. W. Jerry, M. J. Braulin, Mrs. Rosa maid and child, Arthur Keating, F. R. Douglas, Mrs. J. C. Henderson, Mrs. Dr. Phillips and child, Dr. J. Duncan, Mrs. Minnie Ross, J. Dald, Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Keating, B. Keating, F. Rikate.

Second-class—H. T. Rogers, N. Cassler, William Meadows.

Crew—H. B. Fossie, master; H. Fowler, Miles Jacob, George Buckholder, H. Parger, Norman Law, S. J. Pitts, two Chinese mess boys, George Allen, A. Kendall, James Hatch, James Baird, F. Geo. Miles, two coal passers, names unknown.

KENTUCKY FAMILY FEUD.

Five Dead and Posses in Pursuit of the Murderers.

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky., Aug. 23.—News has reached here of a bloody battle in the eastern part of the county, twenty miles from here, in which Jesse Logan and his two sons and two Wilson brothers were killed by Westmays and George Golden in a quarrel over domestic troubles.

A posse has left for the scene to make arrests and to bury the dead, as the neighbors are afraid to go near them.

SHOT HIMSELF IN THE MOUTH.

Man Found Dead Lying Against a Shock of Wheat on a Farm.

MINNAPOLIS, Ore., Aug. 23.—A man was found dead leaning against a shock of wheat on a farm a mile south of Satterfield, of Hillsboro, B. C.

There was nothing about his person by which he could be identified. He was evidently a laboring man about 40 years of age.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Private Stationed in Vancouver Wanted in Hillsboro, Texas.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 23.—Sam. E. Clemens, a private of Company B, Twenty-eighth infantry, was arrested today on a charge of forgery alleged to have been committed in Hillsboro, Texas.

The arrest was made in accordance with a telegram today from Sheriff Satterfield, of Hillsboro.

LIGHTWEIGHTS FIGHT A DRAW.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 23.—Steve Crosby, of Louisville, and Joe Gans, of Baltimore, fought twenty rounds to a draw tonight for the colored lightweight championship.

## COLOMBIA ISSUES OFFICIAL DECREE

Duty of Governors of Departments Pointed Out.

CASTRO RELEASES PIETRI

Popular Move on Part of Colombian President—Situation Becoming More Complicated in Venezuela—Drafting Going On.

COLON, Colombia, Aug. 23.—An official decree addressed to the governors of departments was published today. It says:

"It has been resolved—firstly, to suspend payment of all accounts for war material pending, and to limit the expenses to payment of the armed forces and the administration."

"Secondly, to appropriate all necessary elements for the feeding, equipment and mobilizing of the army."

"Thirdly, to levy forces and voluntary loans, according to circumstances, and to impose war contributions."

"Governors are authorized to proceed according to the requirements of laws and each governor must assume responsibility in order to save the situation within its territory."

DRAFTING IN VENEZUELA.

Employees of American Company Disappear During the Night.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—President Castro has sent the gunboats Zumbador Miranda and other Venezuelan war vessels from La Guayra and Corro to troops under the command of General Davila to Rio Hacha, on the coast of Colombia, says the Westminster, Cuba, correspondent of the Herald.

Eight hundred men are in the expedition. These troops will assist the Colombian revolutionists under General Uribe-Urbe. President Castro has also sent a good supply of ammunition.

News from Venezuela confirms the reports that the republic is absolutely quiet, notwithstanding a fear of a general uprising on the Colombian frontier due to the proclamation of President Castro that Venezuela was being attacked by the conservative government of Colombia.

There is excellent authority for the statement that a new Venezuelan revolution led by Liberals is being arranged. The leader of this revolution is now in New York. The political situation in Venezuela is more than serious. No one is allowed to leave the country without special permission. At the Lima fair where an American company employs three hundred men, one morning only fifteen were found on the premises, the others having been forcibly recruited during the night to defend the country.

PIETRI SET AT LIBERTY.

Former Minister of War for President Castro Given His Freedom.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—A special to the Herald from Caracas says: General Juan Pietri, who was minister of war for President Castro during the revolution of 1892, while on his way to Guayra to raise an insurrection, was arrested on the shore of Lake Valencia.

General Pietri. It is announced, has been in hiding fourteen months conspiring against President Castro. He was brought to this city immediately after his arrest and was paraded in the streets from the German station. After the pronouncement he was escorted to the central square of the city and set at liberty by order of President Castro. The city is perfectly quiet.

SENIOR VICUNA'S FUNERAL.

Remains Arrived in Washington Today—Final Disposition Yet Unknown.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The remains of Senor Morda Vicuna, late minister of Chile to the United States, arrived in Washington today from Buffalo. The funeral cortege was met at the depot by a number of officials and members of the diplomatic corps, including Colonel W. H. Michael, in behalf of the state department; W. C. Fox, acting chief of the bureau of American Republics; the Peruvian minister, Mr. Calderon; the Costa Rican minister, Mr. Calvo; representatives from the Mexican, Japanese, Venezuelan, Dominican and other legations. The funeral party proceeded to Rock Creek cemetery, where the casket was deposited in the receiving vault pending a determination on the final disposition of the remains. Over the casket were draped the Chilean and American flags, while a profusion of beautiful floral offerings were arranged about it. There were no services at the cemetery.

It will be decided later whether the remains will go to Chile on board the Chilean warship, soon expected in American waters, or will go from San Francisco on a merchant steamer. The bureau of American republics was closed today as a mark of respect to the deceased minister.

At the request of the Chilean government the state department has recognized Senor Elodoro Infante as chargé d'affaires of Chile, owing to the death of Minister Vicuna. Senor Infante has been first secretary of the legation for some time and is thoroughly familiar with its affairs.

EMMETT NOLAN SAYS CONSPIRACY EXISTED TO PREVENT HIS MARRIAGE WITH PORTLAND GIRL.

SEATTLE, Aug. 23.—Application for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in the United States district court today for the purpose of releasing Emmett A. Nolan from service in the United States navy. He claims that a conspiracy was entered into by his father, a Portland attorney named Davis and Deputy Sheriff Wagner, of Multnomah county, Oregon, to prevent his marriage with Miss Louie Elliott, of Portland.

It is alleged he was accused of a crime, and forced to enlist in the navy to escape punishment. He is now restrained on board the receiving ship Neisick at the Puget sound navy yard.

## WILL HURRY THE FINAL OUTCOME

Trust to Be Given a Telling Blow in Six Days.

LABOR LEADERS PLEASED

Amalgamated Officials Satisfied With the Way Things Are Moving—Conference of Labor Officials Held Behind Closed Doors.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 23.—A summary of the steel strike situation tonight remains practically unchanged.

A conference of labor leaders today was the leading feature of the strike during the day. Officials of the organization seemed pleased with the way things were moving and one said: "In another six days you will see a decided change in the strike that will tell with great effect on the trust and aid in hurrying the final outcome of the struggle."

Sessions were held by conference behind closed doors. There were present at the conference, besides Amalgamated officials, John Mitchell, president of the United Mineworkers; J. W. Jenks, member of the industrial commission; Ralph M. Eastley, secretary of the National Civic Federation, and Henry M. White, general secretary of the United Workmen.

WILL DENY INTERVIEW.

Trust Officers Will Not See Pittsburg Arbitration Committee.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—It is understood from the attitude of officers of the United States Steel Corporation that no official interview will be granted to a delegation representing the commercial interests of Pittsburg which was said to have come here for the purpose of effecting a settlement of the steel and iron strike.

ADVERTISING LOTTERIES.

Attorney-General Knox's Opinion on Newspaper Advertising.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Attorney-General Knox has rendered to the postmaster-general an opinion on whether certain western daily papers have violated the law prohibiting the use of the mails by advertising lotteries, gift concerns and similar enterprises.

A paper advertised that it would give prizes to persons making the nearest estimates of the number of paid admissions to the Pan-American exposition. The attorney-general says: "I am unable to reach a conclusion that the giving of prizes as a reward for superior intelligence in estimates, where human intellect existed in making such estimates, is in purview of the statute and a conviction cannot be effected of the demoralizing tendencies to which you refer."

RAILROAD CONTRACT LET.

SEATTLE, Aug. 23.—A contract was let today by the Northern Pacific railroad for the construction of a five-mile extension of the Green River branch. Nelson & White, of Seattle, were the successful bidders.

HARAHAN OFFERED POSITION.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 23.—A special to the Tribune from Chicago, says: James T. Harahan, second vice-president of the Illinois Central railroad, has been offered the position of president of the Southern Pacific Company.

THE WEEK'S FAILURES.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Dun's Review of Trade says: Failures for the week number 205 in the United States against 171 last year.

FOUGHT TO A DRAW.

DENVER, Aug. 23.—George Dixon and Abs Atton, of San Francisco, fought ten rounds to a draw tonight.

UNABLE TO EXPLAIN IT.

Well-Known Yachtsmen Astounded at Constitution's Poor Showing.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., Aug. 23.—There is chagrin among the friends of the Constitution over yesterday's defeat. Bad sails, it is said, did not explain it. Whenever the wind held true and showed any strength at all, Columbia simply walked away from the Constitution.

Well known yachtsmen were astounded at the spectacle, and unable to explain it.

TREE-FELLING CONTEST.

TACOMA, Aug. 23.—In a tree felling contest of loggers: J. Bede, of Olympia, and George Digs, of Shelton, broke the world's record, felling a thirty-seven-inch tree in four minutes, nine and a quarter seconds.

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