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HOLDS THE CROSS

Execution Ceremonies of Pleasant Armstrong Prove Sensational in Manner of Nerve.

Kills His Sweetheart in Mad Fit of Jealousy and on the Scaffold Says He Has Repented and Will Meet Her, Again.

Baker City, Jan. 22,-The first legal execution in Baker county took place

at 7 o'clock this morning in the court yard, Sheriff Brown and his deputies being the executioners, Pleasant Armstrong the caiminal.

All during the night the condemned man, whose crime is well known to the community, entertained his friends and two brothers in his cell. He did not sleep much because of receiving so much company. He played for some time on his violin and seemed cheerful. Father Olivetti spent most of the night with him and during the latter part, the wards morning, they were alone. At 5:30 o'clock this morning, Armstrong washed and dressing himself carefully in a suit of black, ate a hearty breakfast of brofled ham and omelette, potatoes, bread

and coffee.
The Throng Gathers.

Shortly after 6 o'clock the invited witnesses to the execution began to gather in the court house square and by half past 5 500 stood in front of the gallows inside the high board enclosure. Sheriff Brown and deputies Hemple, Lachner and Snow had all arrangements made to perfection.

Doctors McDaniel and Curry of Baker City, Brock of Sumpter, Grant of Harney and Francis of Haines were summoned officially to judge of the death. The jury to witness the execution, summoned rom the crowd, was J. D. Vanderwill J. S. Kenyon, O. B. Davis, James York, Sr., J. K. Fisher, L. S. Potast, D. A. Mee-maw, H. E. McColough, J. T. Parkinson, C. F. Slade, George Hyde, H. A. Mitch-ell and A. T. Merwin.

The Condemned Man

Newspaper men and reporters repre senting all the local papers and the Portland and San Francisco papers were given a position inside the wire. A few minutes before 7 o'clock Sheriff Brown led Armstrong from his cell and as he passed through the jail he shock hands with his fellow prisoners and attendants and said: "Good-by boys, I will meet you in another world." The procession formed and marched through the rear of bade longer association. the jail, Sheriff Brown and Deputies Snow and Lachner leading, the con-demned man with the priest coming next, Deputy Hemple and a number of assistants bringing up the rear.

Alone and unaided, Armstrong stepped lightly up the scaffold stairs and took

his position facing the crowd, with

The priest invoked the blessings of the delty upon the repentant criminal, and after reading the death warrant when Sheriff Brown asked Armstrong if he had anything to say, the slayer of Minnle Ensminger, standing erect facing the light of the breaking day, in a voice made quite a lengthy speech, hold-ing in his hand before him a crucifix. Confesses Hefore the Cross.

You all see the world. This cross is the other world. It is a symbol of love, love for father, mother, children and friends. I had a sweet girl once whom I leved-Minnie Ensminger. I took her life, and I stand ready to die for the crime. Minnie Ensminger in the other world knows I was not responsible for the crime. Love proves all matures. I have prayed day and night and I die in the state of Christ and in the spirit of the true church. I sincerely repent of

As the sheriff adjusted the noose and black cap Armstrong cried out, "Did you ever see a brave man?" Look at me. I

Two minutes before 7 the trap was sprung and Armstrong's spirit shot into body. The neck of the executed criminal was broken instantly and the doctors pronounced the body dead in eight min-

Armstrong was 26 years of age last August. His victim was about 20. The

undertakers for burial at 4 o'clock to-

STORY OF THE CRIME.

The crime for which Pleasant Arm strong paid the death penalty this morn ing was revolting in the extreme. Although his friends say that he was crazed by jealousy at the time of his bloody deed, circumstances found that he had premeditated the deed and had dwelt upon its commission from the time his erstwhile sweetheart, Minnie Ensminger, refused to longer countenance his suit for her heart and hand Pleasant Armstrong was a farm hand

industrious, but passionate and impetu-ous. Prior to a year ago last Christmas he worked on a ranch near Haines He was 25 years of age, good-looking and generally popular. His descent was Spanish, which I guage he is said to have been very

miliar with although he refrained from speaking it. He had for some time worked in the neighborhood of the place where he did the killing. He attended all the social functions of the country side, and it is said he would rather walk 10 miles to a dance at

rural school house than miss it. The Victim. homicide, was a very prepossessing girl, scarcely, of age. She was the daughter of Jacob Ensminger, a prosperous farmer of Haines.

Minnie was far better educated than attended the little school at Muddy Christmas night, 1902, there was a

dance at Redding's ranch, near North Powder, Baker county.

A few days prior to Christmas Armstrong was informed by Miss Ensminger that she could have nothing more to do with him. It is said he grew violently angry and told her he would get even. He accused her of many things and finally threatened to shoot her. days afterward he wrote her a letter

again threatening her. Both Attended the Dance.

At the Christmas dance both attended, but the girl came in company with another man. All the evening Armstrong was sullen and outwardly displayed his rankling jealousy. He left the dancing place some time before the party broke up. He lay in wait at a neighboring ranch where he knew the object of his crime was to sleep. About 1:39 o'clock the morning of the 26th, Miss Ensminger came through the gate. Armstrong jumped behind her and shot her in the back with a long new Colt's revolver. After the girl fell mortally wounded, the murdered fired another shot into her breast and turning the weapon upon himself he inflicted a slight wound on his temple. Then he ran.

Several who were in the party returning to the ranch-house with the wounded

strongly guarded. Open threats were made of lynching. The following afternoon Sheriff Brown brought the murderer to Baker City, where he was placed in jail and extra deputies were placed on duty to watch him.

Peigned Insanity. He at once feigned insanity, and even at the time of the inquest, assumed an imbecile stare. He repeated time and

again, that he knew nothing of the kill-(Continued on Page Two.)

SPOKANE OFFICER KILLS A BURGLAR

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 22. - Officer James Logan discovered two men work-

Logan entered the front door, which the safeblowers had unlocked, and cried: "Hold up your hands!" The men dropped their tools and started out the back way and ran into the street, with Logan after them. The man in the lead turned and fired three shots at the

disappeared in the Great Northern yards below zero. Firemen fought the flames and has not yet been captured. and their clothes froze stiff as soon as James Logan discovered two men working on a safe in the Station saloon, at Division and Front streets, early this morning, and killed one of them, Charley Mitchell, a barber at Texas City, a small station on the other escaped.

Logan entered the front door, which the safeblowers had unlocked, and their clothes froze stiff as soon as and their clothes froze stiff as soon as the water touched them. They had to change several times during the excitement. Spectators who stood close to the fire were nevertheless nearly frozen. A large amount of merchandise and their clothes froze stiff as soon as and their clothes froze stiff as soon as the water touched them. They had to change several times during the excitement. Spectators who stood close to the fire were nevertheless nearly frozen. A large amount of merchandise and their clothes froze stiff as soon as and their clothes froze stiff as soon as the water touched them. They had to change several times during the excitement. Spectators who stood close to the fire were nevertheless nearly frozen. A large amount of merchandise and nearly all the city's supply of hams were destroyed. et him.
The dead man is under 20 years

age, well, dressed, with dark hair and soft hands. On him was found a chisel, some nitroglycerin, a glant cap and several pieces of fuse and a revolver. The men had been loitering around the officer, and Logan returned the fire as they ran down the street. At the fourth men had been loitering around the santable the second man reeled and fell to the walk.

When Logan reached him he was in this city for the past month.

THE MURDERER AND HIS VICTIM.



PLEASANT ARMSTRONG AND MINNIE ENSMINGER

FOR MORE TIME

Reported That Czar Is Giving Into Japan But She Buys War Materials All the While---Revolts in Korea.

(Journal Special Service.)

London, Jan. 22.-A statement published in London this morning with an question of the neutral zone has disappeared from the Russo-Japanese negotiations. Although it is impossible to confirm this, it agrees with other inspired statements that Russia has acquiesced in Japan's views regarding the integrity of Korea and that the only trouble now remaining relates to Manchuria.

It is thought that Russia may be making a play for time as she is placing heavy war material orders and is not inclined to give in to Japan in the mat-

Japan continues active as a purchaser of food stuffs and has drawn the censorship so close that it is difficult to get air of authority is to the effect that the accurate information about her ships and

REVOLTS IN KOREA.

Washington, Jan. 22 .- A state dispatch from Minister Allen at Seoul says there is considerable disturbances throughout Korea and that the Japanese in many places have been attacked. The indications are that Russia is inciting the uprising. The news has also reached Washington that Japan has sent a major general to Seoul, wanting a high ranking ter of removing part of her Asiatic officer on the scene. The Koreans are squadron.

SIMON SAYS HE IS OUT OF SENATORIAL RACE

the true church. I sincerely repent of all my sins, especially of the great crime for which I suffer. I humbly trust in infinite mercy of Christ, my savior, who died for me. Into thy hands, oh Lord, I commend my spirit."

A Brave Man.

As the sheriff adjusted the noose and As stated in The Journal several days to succeed Senator Mitchell in 1907, nor vorite arguments against the Simon faction, for there is a considerable element among the voters which would support bitton to represent the standard among the standard support bitton to represent the standard among the voters which would support bitton to represent the standard support su tion, for there is a considerable element sion as to the ex-senator's personal amamong the voters which would support bition to represent the state of Oregon Simon if satisfied that he is not seeking again in the United States senate. As another term in Washington.

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Simon has repeatedly declared, in conversation with his friends, that he is not of President Roosevelt, the issue be-

SAYS JOHN GATES

DAWSON SUFFERS

and will not be a senatorial candidate, tween them narrows to questions of local In discussing the subject this morning interest and to the merits of the candi-he said: Under no circumstances shall I seek forward for the county offices. rived here from Texas today. Mr. Gates is ready to bull stocks and says: country is too rich to warrant pessimism.

Money is abundant and our trade is enormous. Our exports are at the highest A \$120,000 FIRE mark in the history of the country. Our internal commerce is on a sound ba-(Journal Special Service.)

Dawson, Jan. 22.-Fire yesterday morning did damage to property to the amount of \$120,000. The Ladue warebetter markets. We are stronger com-mercially this year than last." dead, having been struck by two bullets. The first man crossed the street and aged. The thermometer was 42 degrees

(Journal Special Service.)

ahoga. sis. Farming communities are rich and prices of our agricultural products give farmers increased profits. I look for

MILLION YEARLY FOR STRIKERS' SUPPORT

Indianapolis, Jan. 22.-Another socialistic resolution of the miner's convention was this morning voted down. The executive committee before leaving Indianapolis will levy on the entire membership an increased per capita assessment, bringing the amount to 25 able report on Senstor Mitchell's bill

Houses to Help Pay Mrs. Fishbeck.

CLOSING MAD RUSH CYCLON

Ice Gorges Which Have Formed Above City.

Gambler Wants Other Pittsburg Threatened by Entire Town in Alabama Reported to Have Been Destroyed

A WORDY WAR FOLLOWS OHIO VALLEY IN TERROR HEARTRENDING REPORTS

Would Not Open His House Until Justice Had Been Done to the Poor Woman

At the meeting yesterday afternoon be tween Henry Griffin and District Attorney Manning, to settle the Fishbeck case, a stormy scene took place. Mr. Griffin insisted that Manning refrain from further discrimination against the Erickson club room and arrest all of the gamblers, and keep them closed until they formed a purse and paid the

Manning would not listen to the proposal and said that Erickson's gambling house would not be allowed to reopen until the woman received her money. Griffin replied that they would not put him in jail if the house opened, and he did not care one way or the other, as his only interest was to "square" the trouble for others. On leaving he said of Mr. Manning: "I may come up and you sometime when I am going past

"You need not come back to this office until you are prepared to return to this poor woman the money she has lost." An appointment had been made at the office of Mr. Manning for Mrs. Fish-beck and Manager Griffin to meet there at I p. m. yesterday. The time arrived and Mrs. Fishbeck and Mr. Manning were present. Henry Griffin was called up by telephone and asked why he had not kept his appointment, and told that unless he appeared within 20 minutes another complaint would be issued and he house again closed.

Griffin replied that he would consult his attorney, W. T. Hume, and would then make a reply. Nothing was heard from him and a complaint was drawn Before a warrant could be serve Henry Griffin appeared at the office of the district attorney and a wordy war occurred between the two. Griffin told Mrs. Fishbeck that he would not pay her a cent. He said he was acting under instructions from Mr. Erickson and Attorney Hume. Mr. Manning told him that he would have another warrant issued and would keep the house closed until justice had been done by the woman who had lost her money. Griffin went to Erickson's, and in a few minutes the locks were again on the gamblingroom doors.

The name of August Erickson did not appear on the police court transcript this morning following the issuance of a third warrant for gambling for which District Attorney Manning was sponsor vesterday.

After Mrs. Minnie Fishbeck, who demanded the return of \$165, which she says her husband lost in Erickson's, learned that the gambling house was again open yesterday she swore to a third complaint. Shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was handed to Chief of Police Hunt by the district attorney. It was first intended to have it served by Constable Jackson of Justice Reed's court, but that official was not in at the time.

A few minutes later Henry Griffin, manager for Erickson, appeared at poice headquarters and had a conference with Chief Hunt lasting about 10 minutes. No ball was required from Griffin and the warrant was not served. August Erickson and George Fuller are named as the defendants in the case. As Erickson is ill it was not served on him. Chief Hunt says that the paper was given to Patrolman Grif Roberts to be executed, but the officer reported that he could not find Fuller.

MIDST OF FLOODS

(Journal Special Service.) Cleveland, Jan. 22.—Three big steel rust boats, the Moore, Eades and Reis, the latter heavily loaded, broke from their moorings this morning under the great pressure of the flood on the Cuy-The boats were swept down together into the Superior street viaduct and completely blocked the east passage, hadly deranged the viaduct and greatly damaged the east abutment. The Moore was badly crushed and the Reis had a big hole torn in her bow above the water line. On the way down stream struck the fireboat Clevelander, damaging it so badly that the latter was beached to keep from sinking. The ice then piled up against the lodged steam-The viaduct, which is the largest drawbridge in the world is completely closed to traffic and the damage will be

heavy.
At 7 o'clock this morning the Cuyahoga is seven feet above the normal and rising two inches an hour. Flats are being flooded where there is much lum-

INDIAN BILL PAVORED. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Jan. 22,—The committee

cents each month. It will thus raise providing for the sale of all unsold nearly \$1,000,000 yearly, sufficient to support all the striking miners of Colo-tion, and to ratify the agreement with rade, West Virginia, Pennsylvania.

Manning Maintained That Erickson Cincinnati Also in Danger From High Through the East Mississippi Valley Waters Carrying 20 Miles of Ice-The Worst Flood in

> (Journal Special Service.) Pittsburg, Jan. 22.-Intense excitement prevails here today! Telegraphic warnings have been sent as a weather forecast that breaking ice has formed an immense gorge in the Allegheny river, The police department has notified all business houses and residents in the threatened districts that the worst flood in 40 years is expected. Reports from

> the entire state show an unprecedented rush of mad waters. The Ohio river is a raging torrent and all along its course the inhabitants have

> > CASUALITIES.

Indianapolis, Jan. 22.-The first casualities from the flood were at 5:30 o'clock this morning when John Shobe and his wife were drowned trying to escape from a househoat. The entire west part of Indianapolis is practically cut off this

The White river bridge is tottering. Dispatches from Terre Haute and Vincennes on the Wabash this morning say that they are dynamiting the ice under the bridges in order to save the struc

CINCINNATI TERBATENED. .

Cincinnati, Jan. 22.- Twenty miles of ice is coming down the Ohio in the flood and a big gorge reported at Coney island let go this morning. Several barges were destroyed and people along the banks are terror stricken.

TWENTY VESSELS HELPLESS.

20 vessels are lying helpless in the Black river and ice is jamming against them. The water is 10 feet above the normal stage. The damage will already reach half a million dollars. It is still raining hard.

STREETS UNDER WATER.

Findlay, Ohio, Jan. 22.-Many streets are under water and also a portion of the residence section. Two hundred families have been rescued. The damage is immense to electric plants and power houses which are under water.

DEFAULTING CASHIER CAUSES BANK'S RUIN

(Journal Special Service.) Cleveland, Jan. 22 .- The Produce Exhange bank at noon made an assignment to the Cleveland Trust company, who put a man in charge and closed the doors. The cause of the failure is the defalcation of Cashier George Rose of \$170,000. The bank's liabilities exceed \$1,500,000, but the officials ham were demolished and Posy Bros. say the depositors will not suffer any loss.

Wreck and Ruin Is the Result of the Fierce Tornadoes That Are Raging.

(Journal Special Service.) Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 22.-Consternation and intense excitement prevails here today over the reports of the terrible cyclones that are swooping over portions of the state.

Great loss of life is reported and the full particulars are not known at this hour.

life at Moundville, 70 miles north of here, in last night's cyclone. tor Capehart of the Queen & Crescent railway wired from Akron that he could not pass Moundville owing to the wreckage on the tracks. He declares that all inhabitants of that town are killed.

Capehart has backed his train to Ak on and sent a message in a roundabout way. A special wrecking train left here with doctors and nurses for the scene Cyclones are reported in several places in Alabama this morning. At North Birmingham five stores and several residences, were blown down and a number of persons killed. Moundville is also

wrecked by the storm. At Memphis wires south of there are down owing to cyclonic conditions. In the Meacham suburb of Memphis five nouses were destroyed, but the inhabi-

tants escaped. Another message from Akron says the entire northern portion of Moundville, which is practically the entire reside section, is destroyed and the population

At Vicksburg, Miss., several houses were demolished and Charles Lavinski, by a falling wall and killed.

TOTAL DESTRUCTION.

Birmingham, Jan. 22.—A dispatch from Tuscaloosa, 16 miles from Moundville, at noon says Moundville was toally destroyed and a negro section la borer brought the news here on a hand-car. He says the country is laid bare for many miles. Many bodies are lying around. Every doctor in Tuscaoosa has gone to the scene. Another report received here by telephone says 30 persons were killed. Tuscaloosa merchants are preparing to send relief to the destitute.

BODIES RECOVERED.

Tuscaloosa, Jan. 22 .- Five bodies of Moundville victims have been brought here. They are those of A. Warren, a traveling salesman; Cobert Powers; a small boy, name unknown; a night telegraph operator, name unknown, and a allway employe, name unknown. The list of dead and fatally injured numbers from 30 to 50. Heavy damage was done in the path of the storm through Hale county. Many were doubtless killed there, but the wires are not yet working south of Tuscaloosa.

CLEVER FORGERS UNDER ARREST

has been broken up.

Albert Stags was taken into custody Wednesday, Sam Herman was arrested yesterday, and last night the officers went to The Dalles where they found Fred Lewis, who is alleged to be a member of the band of youthful criminals. The fourth member of the gang is said to be George Williams who is now in jail in Seattle under the charge

In the police court today Stags and Herman were arraigned, and the local detectives will arrive with Lewis tonight. The cases of Stags and Her-man were continued until tomorrow when Lewis will also be taken before The officers have learned that the

of forgery.

gang operated in Seattle. Tacoma and Portland. After passing a few checks in one city they left for another and in this manner managed to evade the of-ficers with the exception of Wilson, who was caught in Seattle while attempting He will be brought back tonight. to pass a bogus check. Detectives Kerrigari and Snow have in their possession five forged checks, three of which were passed in Fortland during the middle of passed in Fortland during the middle of the found. They are also certain that rigar and Snow have in their possession five forged checks, three of which were last December, while two others were

cashed here this week. After commit-ting the crime here last month the al-leged forgers left and did not return un-til recently.

Kerrigan and Snow have been on the trail of the gang for some time. A quarrel between Sings and Herman lad to the latter's arrest and the confession which implicated Lawis and Wilson. In which implicated Lewis and Wilson. In fact, Herrann appeared at the police sta-

By the arrest of three men by Detec- tion yesterday afternoon as a witness tives Kerrigan and Snow of this city, against Stags, when the later turned on the police believe that a gang of forgers. Herman and accused him of writing the checks.

After the officers took Stags to the city jail Herman confided to them that Stags owed him \$15. Stags had about \$96 on his person when arrested, and Herman wanted his share of the money, The prisoner refused to settle, where upon Herman unfolded what he knew about Stags, but not implicating himself. Upon hearing this, Stags became highly indignant and at once "peached

"He's got the pen with which he wrote the checks in his pocket now," Stags told the officers, and sure enough there was a pen in Herman's pocket. There-upon Herman was also locked up, and the confession showing that Lewis and Wilson belonged to the gang followed.

upon his pal.

Herman told the detectives that Lewis was at The Dalles. They took Herman with them to point out the suspect, and word received this morning by Chief Hunt stated that Lewis is in custody.

he found. They are also certain that the prisoners are wanted in Seattle and Tacoma. By their arrest one of the most elever and smoothest elique of forgers that has recently operated on the coast has been rounded up.

The first arrest, that of stage, followed the enabling of one of the land checks by Sam Waffer, keeper of a sale of at Fifth and Ruznalde streats, said