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ATONED FOR HIS CRIME

Duestrow, the Millionaire Murderer, Hanged.

HE MET DEATH WITHOUT A TREMOR

Previous to the Execution, However, He Broke Down and Sobbingly Confessed His Guilt.

UNION, Mo., Feb. 16.—Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire, who on February 13, 1894, shot and killed his wife and child in a fit of drunken rage, in that city, was hanged in the courtyard of the county jail here, at 12:59 p. m. today.

At 12:30 Sheriff Pancha entered the jail to read the death warrant to Duestrow. The crowd all about was so dense it was almost impossible to get near the place. A rope fenced off a space about twenty feet wide and fifty feet long. Here twenty-five deputies patrolled, keeping back the crowd. When the newspaper men attempted to enter the jail they were denied admission. The sheriff had promised that they might be present at the reading of the death warrant, but changed his mind at the last moment. The reporters were even denied admission within the ropes.

The condemned man marched to the gallows without a tremor or a shade of fear passing over his face. On the scaffold he said he was General Brandenburg, not Duestrow, and that he did not kill Mrs. Duestrow, and was dying illegally. He died of strangulation, 20 minutes after the drop fell.

ADMITTED HIS GUILT.

Duestrow Broke Down Shortly Before His Execution.

UNION, Mo., Feb. 16.—Not until this morning, when he arose after a fitful night's rest and saw the gallows upon which he was to die, did Arthur Duestrow, the condemned St. Louis murderer, show any signs of realization of his fate. For the first time since the crime was committed, three years ago, he shed tears. He put away all semblance of insanity and groaned:

"I know I have got to die. I killed my wife and child, but it was not my fault. Something within me made me do it. I was not myself."

These words were repeated again, his tears flowing fast and sobs occasionally checking his utterances.

The condemned man had called himself General Brandenburg, of the United States army. This morning he wrote the following message to this attorney, Governor Charles P. Johnson:

"St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16.—I am in a predicament. Intercede with Governor Stephens for me immediately. I now need your advice. I was insane, but it did no good. I have nothing left but hope of forgiveness."

He signed "A. W. F. Brandenburg." The sheriff took the message but did not forward it.

In a short time the condemned man regained his composure, talked with visitors and smiled. Small doses of whiskey were given him from time to time to keep his courage up, and he was much gratified. Duestrow has not been visited by any spiritual adviser, having announced that he would die without such consultation.

DUESTROW'S FIENDISH CRIME.

Killed His Wife and Child in a Fit of Drunken Rage.

St. Louis, Feb. 16.—The crime for which Arthur Duestrow met death on the scaffold today was committed on the afternoon of February 13, 1894, at his residence, 1704 South Campton avenue, this city. On that day he had been drinking heavily. During the forenoon he had called at a livery stable and ordered a sleigh for the afternoon, stating that he intended taking his wife and 2-year-old son, Louis, sleighriding.

A few minutes before 4 o'clock Duestrow arrived home and found the sleigh awaiting him. The generally accepted version of the crime is the testimony given by Katie Hahn, a domestic in the Duestrow household. She said she met Duestrow at the door and asked him if he was going to take his wife riding. This question angered Duestrow, and he

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ran upstairs to his wife's room, and, after some words, slapped her face. Mrs. Duestrow upbraided him for his conduct, which seems to have worked the murderer up to the point at which he could no longer restrain his demoniacal passion.

The Hahn girl said she heard Mrs. Duestrow cry, "Don't shoot, Arthur; don't shoot." Three shots followed in rapid succession. The servant rushed upstairs and found Duestrow standing over his wife's body, revolver in hand, crying: "Good-bye, Tiny; are you dead?"

At this point the man's fury seemed to be diverted to his child. Grabbing it up in his arms he held it against the wall and emptied the other two chambers of the revolver into its head. It died instantly.

Duestrow then went to the police station with the revolver in his hand and surrendered. He was sobbing hysterically.

"I have killed my wife," he cried, "but it was an accident. I suppose they will say I am a murderer, but I am not. It was an accident."

He tried to explain that the revolver was discharged while he was handling the weapon. On February 14th the doctors removed the two bullets from Mrs. Duestrow's head, and it was thought she might recover, but on February 17th she died, after having regained consciousness.

Duestrow, by the terms of his father's will, would draw \$6,666.66 a year as long as he lived. Duestrow's father, Louis Duestrow, died a few years prior to the murder, leaving an estate of \$2,000,000.

UNION IS COMPLETE.

Annexation of Crete to Greece Practically Accomplished.

ATHENS, Feb. 16.—It is generally believed here that the Cretan feature of the Eastern question is now a thing of the past, and the landing of the Greek troops at Crete is not likely to turn out a casus belli between Turkey and Greece.

The absolute decision of Greece to persist in the occupation of Crete and protection of Christians on that island, in spite of the attitude of the powers, is founded on the declaration of the Cretans that they are prepared to shed the last drop of their blood in order to attain their national aspirations, to which they add that they will not be satisfied with anything short of an absolute union with Greece. These circumstances were communicated by Greece to the powers and the policy of the Greek government has been carried out in every point.

An order of the minister of war, M. Smolenitz, has been gazetted, appointing Colonel Vassos, aide-de-camp to King George, commander of the Greek army corps landed yesterday at Platonicas, a short distance from Canes. After explaining that the action of

Greece is due to the fact that she is unable to any longer countenance the lamentable situation of the Christians in Crete, to whom we are united by the sacred ties of religion," the order proceeds:

"The government consequently has decided to occupy the island in the name of King George and raise his flag over the fortresses of which you will take possession. All your action shall be accomplished in conformity with Greek laws, in the name of King George and on the responsibility of this government. So soon as you have landed you will publish a proclamation announcing the occupation of the island by the Greek troops."

This has been done, by Colonel Vassos calling on the the Turks to surrender. The reservists, who have been called to colors, are rapidly registering at the different military centers. It is hoped, however, the most serious difficulty to be anticipated is the possible severance of diplomatic relations between Greece and Turkey. The annexation of Crete by Greece is fait accompli, and it is not thought likely the powers will do anything further.

Meanwhile diplomatic negotiations on the subject continue between the ambassadors at Constantinople, who, in turn are in constant communications with the porte.

Reinforcements of men, arms and ammunition are on the way from Greece to Crete. It is intimated that in due course the marines from foreign warships will be recalled and Greece be allowed to assume the administration of Crete, possibly under some restrictions.

The announcement that Prince Nicholas will start for Larissa, Thessaly, with a regiment tomorrow created the greatest enthusiasm in military circles.

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Beck Dropped Dead.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Feb. 16.—Frank Castile, a stockman, stabbed John Beck at Cleveland, this morning, in an altercation at a masquerade ball. Beck dropped dead. Castile surrendered to the sheriff today, and claims the act was committed in self-defense.

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