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THREE BROTHERS ELECTROCUTED

Will Be Shocked Into Eternity

Special to the Mail.

Clinton, N. Y., Sept. 30—At an early hour tomorrow morning, when the sun is peeping over the hills beautiful in their autumn foliage, the sombre death chamber of Dannemora Prison will be the scene of one of the most dramatic executions in the annals of New York State. The victims will be the three youthful Van Wormer brothers, Willis, Burton and Frederick, who must die in the electric chair for the murder of their aged uncle, Peter A. Hallenbeck. The few persons that will be admitted within the prison walls to witness the state execution will see three brothers, the youngest scarcely twenty-one, pass, one after the other, to that seat in the grim engine of death. First one of the brothers will be led out, and, after receiving the rites, will be placed in the chair and shocked into eternity, while the other two, humanely prevented from witnessing his death throes, will await their places in the grim procession.

Today the warden and his assistants got everything in readiness for the triple execution and experts tested the death apparatus in order to make sure that no accident might occur when the fatal hour arrives. The condemned youths spent the day much in the same way that they have passed the many days of their confinement in prison. A quiet stolid reserve has been given way to the flippant manner affected by the boys in the earlier days of their imprisonment, but their courage evidently has not deserted them. The authorities expect all of them to meet death calmly. They embraced the Catholic religion some time ago and it is probable their last hours will be passed in the company of a priest.

The Van Wormer boys were living in Kinderhook, Columbia county, on Christmas eve, 1901, when they started in a carriage for Greenport, with their cousin, Harvey Bruce. The boys, who were under the influence of liquor, drove to the home of Peter A. Hallenbeck, their uncle. They wore false faces and also wore their coats turned inside out. Hallenbeck, who was a very old man, opened the door in response to their knocking, and as he did so they fired upon him, inflicting wounds from which he died in a short time. At their trial, which lasted about two weeks, the accused youths declared they went to Hallenbeck's house merely for the purpose of frightening him, with no thought of injuring him. Bruce escaped the chair by turning state's evidence, giving testimony that brought about the conviction of the other three for murder in first degree.

CANNOT ENDORSE ROOSEVELT

But Comes as Near as the Rules Allow

Executive Committee in Session

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Chicago, Oct. 1—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Republican National League this morning, the discussion as to the city in which the next national convention should be held brought into prominence St. Louis, Philadelphia and Indianapolis.

The committee evaded the prohibition against endorsing candidates by adopting a resolution extending a cordial greeting to Theodore Roosevelt and wishing him continued good health. The Roosevelt supporters say that they obtained all that they wished.

An executive session is being held to discuss ways and means of promoting the 1904 campaign. Mayor Seth Low is one of the most prominent men in attendance.

PILOT ENDS HIS CAREER

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

San Francisco, Oct. 1—Captain M. Meyer, a pilot, suicided this morning in Golden Gate park, by shooting himself.

CO-OPERATIVE GROCERY

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Seattle, Oct. 1—The Street car men frozen out in the recent strike, have formed a co-operative company with a capital of fifty thousand dollars to operate a grocery business.

Cause of Lockjaw

Lockjaw, or tetanus, is caused by a bacillus or germ which exists plentifully in street dirt. It is inactive so long as exposed to the air, but when carried beneath the skin as in the wounds caused by percussion caps or by rusty nails, and when the air is excluded the germ is roused to activity and produces the most virulent poison known. These germs may be destroyed and all danger of lockjaw avoided by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely as soon as the injury is received. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and causes cuts, bruises and like injuries to heal without maturation and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. It is for sale by John Prouss.

EXPECT WAR IN BALKANS

Spring Will See Hostilities Open

Special to the Mail.

Vienna, Oct. 2—Die Zeit, the government newspaper, learns from a court source that the ministers of foreign affairs to both Austria and Russia expect war in the entire Balkans in the Spring, and are trying only to keep hostilities confined to a small space, hoping thus to avoid endangering European peace.

GOULD'S GLOBE EXPRESS

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Denver, Colo., Oct. 1—The Globe Express company with general headquarters in this city, and with a capital stock of \$5,000,000, commences active operations today, succeeding to the business of the Denver and Rio Grande express company and Western express company, and taking over all their contracts, stock and operating equipment. The new company is backed by the Goulds and it is understood that its field of operations will be extended as possible throughout the entire Pacific coast territory.

MEXICAN RAILROADS COMBINE

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

City of Mexico, Oct. 1—The consolidation of the Mexican International railroad and the National railroad of Mexico became effective today. Henceforth the International is to be operated from the general offices of the National in this city.

CHANGE IN ARMY CIRCLES

Special to the Mail.

Washington, Oct. 2—General Chaffee was relieved of the command of the department of the East, and assigned as first assistant to the general staff, relieving General Corbin who was placed in command of the department of the East.

SAVES STATE EXPENSE

Murderer Dies Under Surgeon's Knife

Special to the Mail.

Seattle, Sept. 30—Wm. S. Thomas alias Kid Smith, held for murder of Patrolman A. C. Schaneman, succumbed to a surgical operation this morning. The doctors say that cowardice was the real cause of death, as Smith always feared lynching.

PHILIPPINE POSTAGE STAMPS

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 1—On and after today United States postage stamps overprinted "Philippines" will not be accepted for postage on matter mailed within the United States, and United States postage stamps without the Philippine overprint will not be accepted within the Philippine Islands. A notice to this effect has been sent broadcast throughout the country by the Postmaster General.

TO GREET BRITISH SOLDIERS

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Boston, Mass., Oct. 1—The members of the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of London who are due to arrive in Boston tomorrow on a fraternal visit to their name-sake organization of this city are assured of such a welcome as never before was accorded British soldiers in "the cradle of the Revolution." They will be met on their arrival by representatives of the state and city, delegations of patriotic and other societies and the entire Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of Boston. The period of their stay in Boston will be marked by a continuous round of banquets, receptions and other forms of entertainment. The steamship Mayflower, on which the Ancients are passengers, will be greeted on its arrival in the harbor by salutes from the United States cruiser Chicago and Chicago and the British cruiser Retribution.

President Scott of the Oregon Goodroads Association has issued a call to the members of the executive committee for a meeting to be held in Portland next Saturday when the matter of changing the date of the next state convention will come up for discussion.

ANOTHER MURDEROUS ATTEMPT

To Wreck Northern Pacific Train

Nitro Glycerine Found By Track-Walker

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Butte, Oct. 1—A gallon can of nitro-glycerine was found on the track of the Northern Pacific railroad six miles east of a high crest. The persons who for some weeks have repeatedly attempted in various parts of the state to dynamite Northern Pacific trains, are believed to be guilty. The explosive was found by a track walker shortly before the passage of the North Coast limited.

NAVY YARD BOSSES

Discriminate Against Nonunion Men

Roosevelt Reiterates His Position

Special to the Mail.

Norfolk, West Virginia, Sept. 30—Notwithstanding President Roosevelt's open shop policy, the naval officers at this station assert that navy yard bosses discharge whenever they can, mechanics not identified with the trades unions.

Mechanics just discharged for this reason appealed to the officers and the commander of the yard, upon investigation ordered the men's immediate reinstatement.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 1—Milkman Hoppe and Farmer Smith are held responsible for the death of little Carrie Constancine by a coroner's jury. They will be arrested for selling formaldehyde milk, under the state law. If developments further implicate them in the poisoning of the baby they may be held on a charge of murder.

Governor Chamberlain Tuesday received a letter from United States Senator C. W. Fulton, tendering his resignation as senator from Clatsop county. The resignation was accepted, and the vacancy will probably be filled at the next general election, which will be held the first Monday in June, next.

MILKMAN AND FARMER ARRESTED

For Selling Poisonous Milk.

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington, Sept. 30—It is believed here that Mr. Gompers is not surprised by the President's reiteration at a meeting last night of his position against discrimination between unionists and non-unionists in government employ. It is known that Gompers considered the stirring up of the Miller case as ill-advised. In fact, the Miller matter seems to be dying out in this city.

DEATH OF PROMINENT DIPLOMAT

Special to the Mail.

London, Sept. 30—Sir Michael Herbert, British ambassador at Washington died at Davos Platz, Switzerland, this morning.

LORD MILNER DECLINES

Special to the Mail.

London, Oct. 2—Lord Balfour announced this afternoon that Lord Milner has declined the colonial secretaryship of England and has returned to the continent.

TALK OF REDUCTION IN WAGES

Special to the Mail.

Chicago, Oct. 2—There is a rumor current in financial circles that on January 1st, the wages of the employes of the Homestead steel mills will be reduced 15 percent. The reduction, it is stated is the forerunner of similar reduction in all the plants of the steel trust.

The taxable property of the state has reached the sum of \$175,000,000 an increase of \$25,000,000.

The new county Wheeler, had a squash raised by John H. Tilley of Fossil at the state fair, weighing 188 pounds. It came too late to be entered. The one which took the prize was only 66 pounds. The big squash was only one of 15 which grew on the same vine, the average weight of which was 80 pounds.