

QUARTETTE OF MURDERERS PERISH ON THE SCAFFOLD AT PENITENTIARY

ONE CLAIMS INNOCENCE, ONE SILENT, ONE SELF-DEFENSE, AND ONE CONFESSES PARTIAL GUILT

Doomed Men Are Hanged in Pairs—Garrison Makes Speech Claiming He Did Not Commit Crime—Faulder Says Hanging Will Not Cure Crime—Priest Pleads for Morgan—Roberts Proves Bravest of Them All, Says He Did Not Mean to Kill and Partly Innocent.

Governor West Says Every Good Movement Must Have Yellow Dog for Foos to Kick and He's the Dog—Hanging All Wrong, a Barbarous, Medieval Custom—Refuses to Witness Proceedings

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13.—Four men were strangled to death at the penitentiary here today with all the ceremony prescribed by law. They went to their deaths two by two.

Close on 100 invited guests witnessed the ceremony, though their host, Governor Oswald West, was not present.

The workmanship of the execution was much appreciated by the guests, and the condemned men themselves aided in making the execution a success by failing to make a "scene."

Noble Faulder and Frank Garrison went first. They mounted the stairs to the scaffold guided by the guards who marched with them and took their places on the traps.

Garrison Pleads Innocence Garrison, a wild, uncultured woods man, had planned to make a ten minute speech which he had prepared with great care.

"I want to say," he shouted, advancing to the rail and looking down upon his audience, "that I didn't commit the crime of which I was convicted. I was convicted on perjured testimony. The false witnesses were—"

He started to name them, but his voice broke, and for a moment he stood choking.

"Gentlemen," he said, then, "I have prepared a statement which will be given to the press."

"Hanging No Cure" Tall, wiry, immensely strong, Faulder then stepped to the rail and in a voice, clear and strong said: "Hanging will never cure crime. You've got to get at the root of the evil."

The black caps were fitted on. The nooses were adjusted. "My God, not so tight!" growled Garrison.

Faulder said not a word. The traps were sprung at the same instant—11:39. A twist or two. A convulsive movement as the dangling bodies swung gently and whirled to ease the kinks in the ropes.

Twelve stood in a row, their faces haggard and drawn, performing an official duty. They were the jury. The doctors listened at the breasts of the men who were all but dead, and caught the feeble, fluttering pulse of hearts that were reluctant to quit beating.

At 11:56 one of the three doctors said: "They are dead."

Even as he spoke there came the sound of tramping feet, as guards brought up the stairs two wooden

ASK COURTS TO DECIDE QUESTION OF RECORDERSHIP

Attorney F. W. Mears today began mandamus proceedings to ascertain whether or not City Recorder Foss and Councilman Campbell appointed to office, hold until the terms of the men they were appointed for expire, a year hence, or whether they must go before the people for reelection this coming January.

It was expected the socialists would bring these proceedings, or that Attorney Phipps acting for certain citizens would start them, but he has been too busy, and to settle the question, the city has employed Mr. Mears.

coffins. The bodies were cut down and stuffed in the boxes. And that was the end of Frank Garrison and Noble Faulder.

Both Die Fearlessly Then came Mike Morgan and H. E. Roberts. They, too, observed the deencies of the occasion, and Roberts, who, it was feared, would turn craven, even hailed some guards in the yard as he was passing to the death chamber, with: "So long, fellows!"

They, too, walked briskly and without aid up the stairs, and without fuss took their stand upon the traps. Father Moore preceded them to the scaffold, wearing the robes of his holy office and praying as he went.

Morgan had no statement to make personally, but while his arms and legs were being bound with the straps, Father Moore said in his behalf: "Morgan wants me to say for him that he killed John York in self-defense. He wishes me also to say that he is not guilty of killing his grandfather, of which charge he was acquitted. Nor did he have any hand in the murder at The Willows as some of his enemies have said."

Roberts Gamest of Four Father Moore fell to his knees and began to pray. Roberts, a dwarfish youth, whose nerve was doubted, turned out to be perhaps, the gamest of the four. Perhaps it was the courage of the drug given him before he left death row that sustained him. Perhaps he who lived vilely, was determined to go out bravely, and with dignity.

"I didn't mean to kill the two men in the automobile," he said, and there was scarcely a quiver in his boyish voice. "I thought the officers of the law were hounding me. I thought I had to do something to bring the authorities' attention to my case. I remember shooting once. I am partly guilty and partly innocent."

From then on his voice trailed away, and the words he uttered were disjointed, incoherent and without meaning. There could be no doubt that he was mad.

Is Pronounced Dead The traps were sprung at 12:30. Another jury of twelve stood in a row. Again the doctors listened with their stethoscopes for the heart beats of dying men, who a moment before

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CANDY TRUST NEXT TO BE PROSECUTED

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Charging that the Philadelphia jobbing confectioners' association, conspired to coerce candy manufacturers from selling direct to retailers, consumers or jobbers except members of the association, Attorney Wicker sham filed today a civil suit to dissolve the alleged "candy trust."

EXPLOSION DESTROYS 100 NAPLES' VESSELS

NAPLES, Dec. 13.—A terrific explosion in the harbor here today destroyed more than 100 small vessels, fishing boats and minor craft. No casualties are reported. The cause of the explosion has not been learned.

New Year's Issue

In accordance with its annual custom the Mail Tribune will on New Year's day issue a special edition descriptive of the growth and progress of Medford and the Rogue river valley during the past year.

The issue will be profusely illustrated and be replete with cuts and maps descriptive of the valley's development.

This is the only chance to send your friends the story of the valley brought up-to-date, to let the world know what we are doing in the march of progress. Send in orders early for extra copies. Price 5 cents.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE.

24-HOUR PROTEST AGAINST HANGINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 13.—With the crowds increasing as the day progressed San Francisco's twenty-four hour protest against the hangings today in Salem, Oregon, appeared to have been in vain, but the demonstration will continue until six o'clock this evening.

The watchword of the crusaders is "Thou shalt Not Kill," and thousands of persons with views both for and against the denouement of capital punishment are stopping to listen to the speakers.

Throughout the entire cold, foggy night the denunciations continued. At four o'clock this morning the discomfort of both speakers and audience was so great that everyone was forced to move in a trot about the automobile which served as a forum, to offset the cold.

At that hour the audience numbered about 100 men and women, and it was a strange mixture of creeds and callings.

Up to midnight the street was packed with a mass of people but after that hour the crowd began to thin out, although at no time during the night did he number fall below 100.

Anton De Haas presided as chairman and remained all night on the job, introducing the speakers. The speeches will continue until 5 o'clock this evening.

TURKEY TELLS GREECE TO SIGN ARMISTICE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 13.—It was semi-officially learned here today that the Turkish envoys to the London conference have been instructed not to negotiate with the Greek plenipotentiaries until Greece signs an armistice.

The Turks will demand that the Greeks either ratify the Haghteeh protocol or sign a separate agreement. News of the Turkish-Greek fighting today on land and sea caused this action.

TWENTY-TWO LOST ON LAKE SUPERIOR

MANITOWOC, Wis., Dec. 13.—That the freight steamer Alaska, has foundered in Lake Superior with her crew of twenty-two persons was stated in a wireless message picked up here today.

The message was interrupted before the sender's signature was received. The despatch was not dated.

DANIEL O'REILLY MUST SERVE PRISON SENTENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The appellate division of the supreme court affirmed today the conviction of Daniel O'Reilly, former attorney for Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White. O'Reilly was convicted of receiving stolen goods in connection with the robbery of Aaron Bancroft, a broker.

The conviction carries an eight months jail sentence.

HOME RULE BILL PASSES COMMITTEE STAGE IN COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Among great demonstrations and counter-demonstration the home rule bill has passed the committee stage in the Commons today. Premier Asquith and his ministers were given an ovation as they left the chamber.

It is the intention of the government to pass through the house of commons prior to the rising of parliament, three important bills—home rule, the dis-establishment of the church of Wales, and the reform of the franchise. The principal aim of the last named measure is to put an end to plural voting.

WHITMAN BOOMED FOR NEW YORK'S MAYOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A boom for District Attorney Charles S. Whitman for mayor of New York today is the outgrowth of a banquet to the prosecutor last night, which was attended by 1,000 guests, representing nearly all political creeds.

The suggestion that Whitman be a fusion candidate for mayor was made by Senator Borah of Idaho, who predicted that the district attorney eventually would get the support of the progressives.

PRINCE LUDWIG TO RULE OVER BAVARIA

MUNICH, Dec. 13.—Prince Ludwig will replace his father, Prince Luitpold, who died Wednesday, according to announcement today. No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made, but it is understood that the kaiser and other rulers of the German empire will attend.

The late Prince Luitpold ruled over Bavaria for the mad King Otto and it is said that a semi-official agitation is on foot to depose Otto and place Prince Ludwig permanently upon the throne.

STRANDED GERMAN SHIP SUCCESSFULLY FLOATED

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—The German steamship Nauplia, which ran aground on the beach near Fort Worden yesterday afternoon was floated again this morning with the assistance of the Tugs Tyee and Prosper. The Nauplia is bound from Hamburg to this port and will arrive here tonight. It is believed she is undamaged.

AUSTRIA SEEKS EXCUSE TO ATTACK SERVA

PARIS, Dec. 13.—A conservative opinion in Paris is that the Austrian cabinet is making ready to attack Servia on one pretext or another or wishes to be master of negotiations in London.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—A semi-official note issued here declares unfounded the rumors that the Persian Crown Prince Alexis has been stricken with an incurable malady.

GREEK ATTACK PLAN TO FORCE TURKEY'S HAND

General Forward Movement of Entire Greek Army Underway—Design Is to Secure Sultan's Consent to Peace at Any Price.

Balkan Allies Demand Session of Scutari and Adrianople to End the War.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Pressure to force the hand of Turkey in the peace negotiations to open here Monday is admitted in despatches from Athens today, in which it is stated that the fighting at Janina is part of a general forward movement of the whole Greek army. This, it is believed here, is designed to force the Turks to accept peace at any price.

Despatches received at Athens from General Sapountzakis, commanding a Greek detachment, report that his force has occupied the Turkish advanced posts near Visano, at the point of the bayonet. The Greeks captured three cannon and a great quantity of supplies.

Allies Want Fortresses Only the session to the Balkan allies by Turkey of Scutari, Janina, Adrianople and Durazzo will bring peace in Europe, according to the representatives of the Balkan states, who are here today to open peace negotiations on Monday.

This statement was made by representatives of all the Balkan states who apparently are determined that Turkey's power in Europe shall never again be a potent factor in the near eastern question, which has threatened world peace for generations.

Indications that the allies will stand fast for their territorial conquests were given by Premier Venizelos of Greece, one of the envoys, who declared that reports of friction were baseless, and that the allies were more united today than at any time since the confederation was formed.

Servia Will Recede Indication that Servia, while insisting on an Adriatic port, is prepared to make concessions to avoid trouble with Austria, came today in the assertion by Mr. Novakovich of Servia that his country, if permitted to retain Durazzo would agree not to attempt to fortify it and would agree not to cede it to any other nation.

Peace by Christmas It is certain that the Greeks despite the fighting still in progress between them and the Turks will participate in the conferences here. Owing to the non-arrival of the Turkish envoys, Sir Edward Grey said today that he could not receive any of the Balkan plenipotentiaries formally, but that he expected several informal calls from them.

Prediction that peace will be arranged before Christmas is reported to have been made by Reschid Pasha, chief Turkish envoy, in a telegram from a correspondent who inter-

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RAILROADS PLAN TO DISCREDIT REGULATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Declaring that the railroads are engineering a campaign to discredit regulation, President John Eshleman of the state railroad commission is on record today as denouncing President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific for a speech delivered by the latter before the San Francisco chamber of commerce.

President Eshleman's denunciation was delivered before the Berkeley chamber of commerce.

"The head of every enterprise in the state may indulge in veiled threats," said Eshleman, "but regulation will continue and will continue to be effective."

GAMBLING ON WALL STREET FINDS DEFENSE

Members of Board of Governors of Stock Exchange Admit Transactions, and State Exchange Could Stop Short Sales if It So Desired.

Attempts Made to Justify Speculative Practices, Short Sales and Wash Sales.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—F. J. Sturgis of the brokerage firm of Strong, Sturgis and company, a former president and a member of the board of governors of the New York stock exchange today resumed his testimony in the house money trust probe.

Sturgis explained "split" commissions and shortselling. He said shortselling was defensible, asserting it depended on circumstances. He admitted if a panic were raging shortselling might increase it.

"It is a question," he said, "between a man and his conscience. Some approve of it; others do not. I approve of it in some circumstances."

Sturgis did not deny that the exchange could stop short sales if it wished, and admitted it was "gambling pure and simple." He denied a large part of the daily transactions in Wall Street constituted gambling, but refused to state the probable average proportions of real and speculative trading.

Sturgis said he saw no reason to punish persons who participated in pools. He thought it legitimate for "the capital of a company like the Reading railroad, to be turned over to the stock exchange forty-eight times a year."

Samuel Striet, another governor of the stock exchange, defended shortselling.

Rudolph Koppler, governor of the New York stock exchange was the next witness. The brokers present laughed when he admitted that "some part of the transactions are somewhat of a gambling nature."

Koppler tried to justify shortsales, "wash selling" and "matched sales."

STRENGTH DEVELOPS IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The stock market opened irregular. Union Pacific was up 1, while Colorado Fuel American Sugar and Reading also gained substantially. United States Steel was unchanged. Canadian Pacific dropped 1. Great strength developed later in Union Pacific and Reading, both jumping two points.

HOLE IN CEILING NETS THIEVES \$25,000 IN GEMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Thieves who cut a hole through the ceiling of the store of the Varga jewelry company on Fifth avenue stole \$25,000 worth of diamonds, according to a report made to the police today by Joseph Varga, head of the firm.

WAR NEWS SLUMPS EUROPEAN MARKETS

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The slump which started in continental markets on vague rumors that Austria, Germany and Russia might withdraw their consent from the ambassadorial meeting, caused a decided lull in the market here today, prices dropping noticeably.

CLAIM SPANOS' CONFESSION DUE TO STARVATION

Jury Secured and Taking of Testimony Underway in Case of Greek Accused of Murdering Countryman Last September.

Finding of Knife and Bludgeon Described as Well as Bloody Shirt Worn by Defendant.

That Mike Spanos was kept for eight days in the county jail with only a crust of bread and a cup of coffee for food during that time and hence was in no mental condition to make a proper confession to the officers was the opening statement of attorneys for the defense when the trial of Mike Christo Spanos opened in the circuit court today. A repudiation of the confession given the officers is to be the first step taken in Spanos' defense.

Jury Is Secured A jury was finally obtained in the case this morning after 37 veniremen had been examined occupying an hour and a half. The jury which will decide Spanos' fate is composed as follows:

H. T. Pankey, orchardist, Central Point; W. E. Lane, furniture maker, Medford; O. M. Murphy, saloonkeeper, Medford; James Briscoe, farmer, Central Point; John Budgeon, hotel-keeper, Talent; R. P. Cornelius, merchant, Ashland; Thomas Moss, miner, Steamboat; W. V. Barnum, orchardist, Phoenix; P. L. Ashcraft, farmer, Ashland; W. E. Furney, carpenter, Jacksonville; E. F. Smith, orchardist, Ashland; F. T. Clark, farmer, Central Point.

In his opening statement to the jury, B. F. Mulkey, for the state outlined the murder of George Dedaskalous, a Greek, in this city on the night of September 22, 1912. He declared that to this murder Mike Spanos, the defendant, had confessed.

H. H. DeArmond for the defense stated that the so-called confession had been improperly obtained, charging that the officers had held out offers of immunity and in addition had used threats and starvation as a means of getting Spanos into that frame of mind where he did not know what he was doing.

With the opening statements complete the taking of testimony was undertaken.

Witnesses on Stand Fred Witt of Gold Hill, a section foreman for whom Dedaskalous had worked four years, was the first witness called by the state. Mr. Witt was simply called at this time to swear that the body found under the box factory at Medford was that of George Dedaskalous.

Dr. R. W. Clancy was the next witness, testifying to the wounds upon the man's head and body. He was subjected to a severe cross-examination at the hands of Attorney DeAr-

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GOOD BYE MESSAGE FOUND IN BOTTLE

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Dec. 13.—"Good bye, everyone, good bye, I guess we are all through." This message was picked up in a bottle by a fisherman in Lake Michigan here today. It was dated Friday, and continued:

"The sea washed away our deck-lead Thursday. During the night a small boat was washed off. Our vessel is leaking badly. Engwald and Steve fell overboard yesterday. God help us!—Hermann Schuenemann."

Schuenemann was captain of the Steamer Rouse Simmons. The writing of the message was unsteady and the stopper of the bottle was whittled from a Christmas tree.