

NEIDERMEYER WEAKENS AT SCAFFOLD

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returned the volume with the comment, "I get my opinions from my own thoughts, not from Ingersoll or anyone else. I wish I could believe in your religion. If I could hypnotize myself into the belief that I was going somewhere to be happy forever, don't you think I'd be glad to die. The world is all wrong. There's no attraction in it for men like me. We grow up in the slums, half-starved and always miserable. We work day after day like slaves, to die miserably. Chicago is full of boys like me, growing up without advice or help. I've been pretty bad, I admit, but I'm going to pay all the penalty I shall ever pay this morning. If the churches did something, they would do more good than can be done by converting men who are about to be hanged. But you do some good; you've cheered two men in the other cells into the belief they are going to heaven. That's consoling to them. If you hadn't got Vandine into that belief it would take a dozen men to strap him for the noose."

At 10 o'clock the jailer notified the men to get ready and that the hangings would be separate.

Neidermeyer Strung First.

A delay was caused by Neidermeyer's refusal to permit the guards to escort him to the scaffold, and he was carried through the long corridor. The thousand prisoners in the jail signaled the hour of execution by shouting, "Hail off." Another shout warned those in the execution chamber of the approach of the condemned men.

Neidermeyer was pale and trembling as he approached. The doomed man was quickly pushed into an upright position on the drop, the jailer quickly strapped his legs and arms, adjusted the white domino and noose, stepped back, and the drop fell at 10:36.

For six minutes Neidermeyer's body writhed and twisted. The doctors gathered about to feel his pulse. "The man is conscious," said one. "He realizes his condition. He may

be too numb to feel the physical pain, but his mind is not too clouded to know the solemn import of the events now taking place." The doctor's fingers felt his pulse for fully five minutes, when life became extinct.

Neidermeyer kept up his stubborn resistance against religious counsel. Weakened by his efforts to commit suicide, he barely could sit alone in the chair in which he was carried under the dreaded loop. But at the last moment he held his head erect to enable the jailer to adjust the noose, and then it fell limply on his breast. Neidermeyer's body was cut down at 10:55.

Marx Dies Game.

After the leader's body had been removed the jailer closed the trap, and tried the rope for the second victim. Then he returned to the chapel to escort Marx to the scaffold. Marx was praying; he arose and tried to speak. He turned toward Vandine kneeling with him with extended hands. Both men stood silent for a moment and then embraced. "Good-bye, Gus," exclaimed Vandine, "keep a brave heart, old man. Remember what the priest says. We shall be together again." Marx answered in an inaudible tone, and the journey to the scaffold was begun, while another shout came from the prisoners. Marx walked calmly, and submitted to the strapping quietly. Two priests uttered prayers for him, and the drop fell at 11:17.

Marx's convulsions lasted two minutes, and death came in six minutes afterwards. Before stepping on the scaffold he requested that none speak to him, as he was concentrating his mind on religion. Marx was in the midst of prayer when the drop fell. His body was cut down at 11:34, the yellow grass rope removed from his neck, and again tied and tested for the third victim. Marx's neck was broken.

Vandine Hangs in Prayer.

Vandine was found in prayer when the executioners visited the chapel. Two priests took their positions by his side, and, with his eyes bent on the crucifix in his hand, Vandine's march to the drop was begun. While he was uttering a prayer the drop fell, the time being 11:55½. Vandine's short, muscular body hung without a

movement, and death was almost instantaneous, his neck being broken. Two hundred officials and spectators witnessed the execution.

History of Their Crime.

Chicago, Ill., April 22.—The car barn bandits, Marx, Neidermeyer, and Van Dine, whose criminal exploits and sensational capture attracted widespread attention some months ago were executed today. The triple hanging took place in the Cook county jail in the presence of the usual official witnesses, newspaper men and medical examiners.

Worst Record in Chicago.

Never before in Chicago, and perhaps never in all the country, have so many desperate crimes been crowded into so short a time as was the case of Harvey Van Dine, Peter Neidermeyer, Gustav Marx, and the fourth members of the gang, Emil Roeski, who obtained a separate trial and is now confined in the same jail where his three partners in crime were executed today. The four youths had a criminal history extending over less than five months, with the exception of small offenses of larceny. In that time they killed seven men, wounded several others, robbed a dozen saloons, a railroad ticket office, the car barns at Sixty-first and State streets, and attempted to dynamite a train. Five of the murders were committed within two months.

First Big Crime.

So far as is told by police reports and the confessions of the men, the first crime of note committed by them was the robbery of the Clybourn Junction station of the Northwestern railway July 3 last. Neidermeyer and Roeski carried out this robbery. The ticket agent and telegraph operator were in the station when the men pointed a revolver through the lattice work and demanded the money in the drawer. The ticket agent reached for a revolver and was shot through the body, but not mortally hurt. The robbers secured \$70. Less than a week later Van Dine, Roeski and Marx robbed a saloon in Ashland avenue, lining up the customers before the bar and shooting and killing a young man named Otto Bander who started to run. The following night, July 10, Van Dine and Roeski went to a saloon in Addison avenue, Louis Cohen, the bartender, was alone, and the men had little trouble in securing \$25. It was in this saloon that Marx later shot detective John Quinn. Two nights later Van Dine and Roeski held up the saloon of Charles Alvin. There were five men besides the bartender in the place when the youths entered with handkerchiefs over their faces. One hundred dollars was taken from the cash register.

Killed Saloon Keepers.

Roeski and Van Dine on July 20 found Peter Gorki alone in his saloon in Milwaukee avenue. When confronted by the robbers the saloon-keeper crouched behind the bar and reached for a revolver. Before he could secure it four shots had been fired at him, one of the bullets striking him in the head. The murder of Benjamin C. LaGrosse and Adolph Jensen on August 1 in the former's saloon in West North avenue came next. The saloon-keeper and Jensen were playing cards when the robbers entered. LaGrosse and his customer held up their hands when ordered to do so, but both were shot. LaGrosse dying at once and Jensen a day later. There was \$64 in the till.

Their Most Desperate Crime.

The most desperate crime of the youths was the car barn robbery on August 30. Marx and Roeski arranged the details, but Roeski was not an active party in the robbery. Two men were killed and \$2,250 was taken. Marx, Van Dine and Neidermeyer invaded the barn at 3 o'clock in the morning and began shooting without warning. Francis W. Stewart, a student at the Armour institute, a student at a desk in the cashier's office, was shot through the body and died soon afterward. William B. Edmond, receiving cashier was shot, but not mortally. James B. Johnson, a motor-man, was killed as he rose from a

bench in which he had been sleeping.

Brought to Bay and Captured.

The men made a failure of their plan for dynamiting the limited train of the Chicago & Northwestern railway. After the car barn murders two of the gang went to Cripple Creek to buy dynamite for the purpose. Van Dine learned when a large sum of money was to be carried, and on that night Roeski flagged the train between Jefferson and Des Moines. The engineer did not stop, but slowed up. As the locomotive passed Roeski fired a shot, the bullet wounding the fireman in the thigh. When the train was brought to a stop it had passed the point where the dynamite had been concealed and the robbers hurried away. Soon after this the police became hot on the trail of the young bandits. In an attempted capture Detective Quinn was shot and killed by Marx. The desperadoes then fled the city and a few days later were brought to bay in a dugout just across the Indiana state line. A desperate encounter followed in which the youths were slightly wounded and two of the pursuing posse killed. Their trial, conviction and execution has set a new record for speed in the Cook county courts. The total cost of the trial is estimated at \$100,000, the most expensive, with the exception of the Luetgert trial, ever held in Chicago.

Hobos Galore.

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Tacoma, Wash., April 22.—William Littlefield, one of the oldest telegraph operators on the Pacific coast, in time of service, passed away this morning at the family residence, 903 Tacoma avenue, after an unsuccessful struggle with a complication of diseases. For the past three years he was employed as train dispatcher of the Northern Pacific at the Tacoma depot.

His record as a telegraph operator dates back more than thirty years, during which time he held several important positions in the service of different railroads. As far back as 1876 he was superintendent of telegraph for the St. Louis & San Francisco railway with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo., a position that he held until 1882. From 1882 to 1889 he was assistant superintendent of telegraph for the Missouri Pacific at St. Louis, subsequently occupying the position of dispatcher at Winfield, Kas., and Van Buren, Ark., for the same company, and in 1900 he was train dispatcher at Denver for the Denver, Texas & Fort Worth railway.

Though in failing health for several months, it was not until last Thursday that he left his office, being compelled to relinquish his duties and take to his bed. He was esteemed by a large number of friends and fellow workers in Tacoma, who sympathize with the widow and daughter left to mourn his death.

Mr. Littlefield was not a member of any beneficiary society, his only affiliation being with the Train Dispatcher's association of America.

Yamhill County Mohair Sold. Dallas, Or., April 22.—Lee Fenton last night purchased the Yamhill county mohair pool of about 40,000 pounds at 33½ cents. The mohair is to be delivered at Sheridan, McMin-



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