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TWO OF THE EMMA BURGLARS DIE TOGETHER ON THE GALLOWS

Great Crowd Gathered About the Jail and Were Addressed by Foster from the Jail Window—Both Men Made Speeches on the Gallows—Johnson's Neck Was Broken but the Negro Was Strangled.

At half past twelve o'clock yesterday Ben Foster and the unknown man who has been called Frank Johnson paid, on the gallows, the penalty for their crimes.

After the services of the ministers had been concluded and the men had addressed the crowd of witnesses and bidden farewell to those around them, the black caps were placed over their heads, the nooses adjusted, their hands tied behind their backs, and the legs bound with strips of black crepe above and below the knees by the officers of the sheriff's force who were in charge, with the direction and assistance of ex-Sheriff Monroe of Salisbury. The platform was then cleared and Sheriff Monroe raised his hand. Sheriff Lee quickly pulled the lever which held the pin supporting the platform.

There was a sudden, dead thud—the noise of the platform striking heavily against the cushions and springs arranged to keep it from rebounding. The sound was plainly heard by the crowd assembled without.

The eyes of the witnesses were irresistibly drawn to the appalling sight before them. The body of Johnson stopped quite still at the end of the six and a half feet drop, and the rope remained motionless. After a minute or two had passed the body began quivering like the foliage of a tree in the wind—the reflex action of the contracting muscles. Soon this ceased, and there was no sign of life except faint and intermittent pulsebeats.

When Foster had fallen his body could be plainly seen struggling terribly against its bonds. The body did not come to rest until three or four minutes after the drop, and one physician who was present expressed the opinion that there had been a minute or two of consciousness after the fall.

The attending physicians, Drs. E. B. Glenn, county physician, D. E. Sevier, coroner, and L. B. McBrayer found Johnson's pulse beating intermittently for six minutes, and that of Foster ten minutes. At the expiration of 18 minutes Johnson was ordered to be cut down and at the expiration of 24 minutes Foster was also declared dead.

It was found that Johnson's neck had been broken. There was a partial dislocation of Foster's neck, due, the doctors agree, to the contraction of the muscles. He died of strangulation.

It was a hanging carefully planned and carefully carried out. That the neck of Foster, thick and powerful as it was, was not broken by a drop of 5 ft. 10 in. is marvellous. To have given a man of his weight a longer drop would have been to risk the horror of severing the head from the body—a thing not easy to do, but still possible. Johnson was given a drop of six and one-half feet, he being a much lighter man than Foster.

AN EAGER CROWD SURROUNDED JAIL

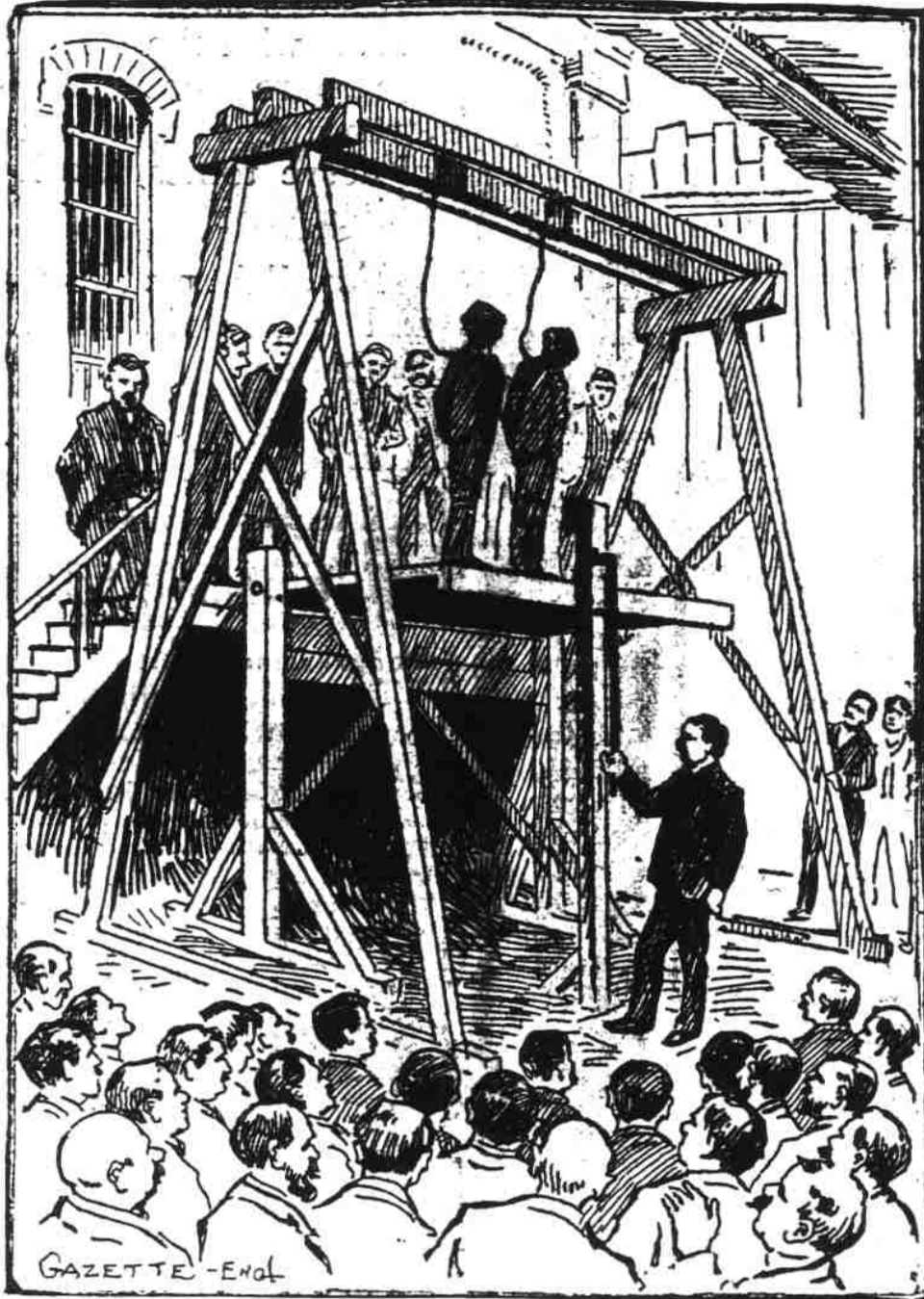
Second only in morbid interest to the actual view of the hanging was the crowd that surrounded the jail, composed of people representing almost every calling in life. Farmers who lived twenty-five miles from Asheville came in wagons, bringing their families and friends. People from surrounding towns came just to be present although unable to be eye witnesses. Many took a day off from work with the hope of hearing the trap fall.

The large jail yard which is half sur-

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SHERIFF LEE STEPS TO THE LEVER.

rounded on the north and west sides by a high embankment, is fenced with a fifteen strand barbed wire fence seven feet high. Outside of this fence stood an eager, restless crowd, variously estimated at from 2000 to 3000. Every available rock or mound that offered a better view of the jail door, windows and hanging shed was eagerly sought. To those only who mingled with the waiting anxious beings can the true moral lesson of the event be appreciated. Expressions of sympathy, pity, will, pity, distrust, anger, and every degree of feeling were to be heard. Heated arguments as to the fairness of the court, the governor and officials in many instances showed an entire lack of knowledge of the crime. From the small boy, both black and white, to the aged man who came on crutches, the utterances were in the majority of a warning and thoughtful nature. Only a few festered.

An opening on the north side of the shed which enclosed the gallows gave several a view of Johnson as he was being prepared for the drop. Only the top of his head could be seen, however. When Sheriff Lee pulled the lever that sent the men to their death it seemed as if an invisible force permeated the silent throng. The thud of the drop, the snap of the trap, sent a shudder through the mass and a sigh of relief was heaved in unison.

The strain of delay and anxiety was then evident. Most of those present had been on hand for three hours or more and as every move of the officers, and every sound in the jail had been given strained attention, many found themselves in a completely exhausted condition.

Long before the hour of execution, the hills and fields adjacent to the jail building were crowded with spectators. The road leading to the jail was so crowded that passage was almost impossible.

One hundred guards stationed at intervals of ten feet or more around the jail and mingling with the crowd inside the yard, carried guns and revolvers to preserve perfect order.

JOHNSON'S BRIEF TALK; FOSTER TALKS FREELY

The bearing of both men at the trying hour was firm and courageous. The

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"Nobody here can sing," said someone below.

"O, yes, some does; some can sing," said Foster, smiling.

He then started the well known hymn, singing in a clear, strong voice. No one joined in the song. At the chorus of the second verse, he suddenly stopped and left the window.

"He absolutely refuses to allow that," said Deputy Reed, from the window, to a man with a camera, down in the crowd. The man took his camera away and Foster returned to the window, beginning his song several lines before where he had left off, after saying, "My friends, I have objections to my picture being taken. He finished his song, and both men slowly left their windows. Both, when they first came out, looked up at the sun, thinking doubtless of the fact that they would never see it again.

Sheriff Lee read the warrant for the execution to his prisoners at 9 o'clock, telling them how sorry he was to be compelled to do this unpleasant duty. They assured him they bore him no ill will, and expressed sorrow that he was worrying about it. They also spoke of this to Dr. Glenn, when he visited them a little later. "I am afraid he will be so worried he will lose his mind," one of them said.

Rev. J. R. Nelson, colored, administered the sacrament of the holy communion to Foster at 10:15.

All preliminaries having been carefully looked to, all those who were to enter the death room as guards, assistants, witnesses, etc., were taken in through the front door, giving their tickets to Deputy Reed. No one was admitted to the jail yard except those having tickets.

At four minutes to eleven the heavy door between the prison and the enclosure was opened, and the prisoners and their guards came in. The ministers accompanied the men up the steps.

Johnson sprang nimbly up the steps, (Continued on fifth page.)

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PRESS BANQUET FOR THE PRINCE

PROMINENT MEN RESPOND TO
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WASHINGTON.

New York, Feb. 26.—Today was comparatively an off day for Prince Henry. It was not near so arduous as the preceding days, though he had a busy afternoon and evening and it was late tonight when he left the Waldorf-Astoria where he attended the dinner given to the American press in his honor by the New York Staats Zeitung. The exhausting functions of yesterday resulted in the royal guest remaining in comparative seclusion throughout the morning. In order to obtain this he was compelled to forego the visit to Grant's tomb, also to Columbia college, to the Normal college and to abandon the contemplated tour of the city.

It was exactly 12:20 when the prince started out to fulfill the first engagement on today's program. This consisted in an luncheon in his honor at Sherry's by "captains of industry". Nearly a hundred representative men of the country, many of whom are millionaires, were there to greet him. The actual hosts of the day were a dozen business men of this city. The guests were drawn from all over the country and chosen because of their actual achievements in the line of industry and commerce.

Luncheon was served in the ball room which was beautifully decorated and brilliantly illuminated.

From Sherry's the prince returned to the Hohenzollern and after a short stay (Continued on 4th page.)

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