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Killed by a Fleeing Robber.
CHICAGO, May 8.—While chasing a robber from his store last night Thomas J. Marshall, proprietor of the Golden Rule dry goods store, 278-82 West Madison street, was shot twice, and died a few moments later on the sidewalk in front of his place. The robber escaped after firing several shots to intimidate the people in the street. He wounded two other persons—Alexander Beggs, shot in the left leg, and Katie Hynes, shot through both knees. The murder was committed in the sight of a hundred people, but was done so quickly that there was no chance to apprehend the murderer. Miss Hynes may die.

Lynched by Masked Men.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 11.—Redden H. Williams, a white farmer residing near Manitow, Green county, was lynched by a mob of forty masked white men. Williams was arrested last Thursday on the charge of making a criminal assault upon his 10-year-old daughter. At the preliminary trial before Justice Lyon the evidence indicated his guilt, and he was held to the grand jury, and ordered committed to jail. Saturday night, while Deputy Cracken was taking Williams to jail at Rutaw, he was met by a mob near Eastman's mill and the prisoner taken from him and hanged to the nearest tree.

Addicks Defeats Higgins.
WASHINGTON, Del., May 11.—J. Edward Addicks secured a signal victory on Saturday at the election for delegates to the Republican state convention, and will now head the Delaware delegation to St. Louis. While he has been silent as to his preference for president, and has been credited with inclinations toward Quay, there is little doubt that he will drop in with the general drift to McKinley. The Higgins leaders are making claims of success, but the returns do not sustain them. Addicks will control the convention by at least twenty majority.

No Anxiety in Washington.
WASHINGTON, May 11.—If any official news was received by the government in Washington yesterday regarding the case of the Americans captured aboard the Competitor by the Spaniards, and condemned by court martial to be shot, diligent inquiry fails to disclose its nature. The fact that the Havana officials have referred the execution of sentence to Madrid is a source of gratification to those interested in the prisoners' fate, and inspires the belief that some leniency may be shown. It is not improbable that an effort may be made in congress during the coming week, by resolution, to acquaint the public with the facts in the case by calling on the president for information, and requesting him to take such steps as will give the condemned men a civil trial.

Double Tragedy in Trenton.
TRENTON, May 11.—The fashionable end of Trenton, which is on West State street, beyond the state house, was started by a double tragedy on Saturday. Joseph Graham, a carpenter, shot Annie Anderson, a domestic, in the dining room of C. I. Baumgartner, a well known dry goods merchant, at 190 West State street. He then put a bullet in his own head, and in twenty minutes both were dead. The cause of the tragedy was jealousy. Graham was a discarded lover and the girl had come to Trenton to get rid of him.

A Gypsy Held for Murder.
TRENTON, May 11.—Joseph Wells, a gypsy belonging to a band encamped near this city, was held for court last night, charged with causing the death of William Smith, aged 18, another member of the band. The gypsy camp is along the Delaware and Raritan canal, at Whitehead's mills, and in the afternoon a crowd of gypsies were teasing Smith because he did not know how to swim. Wells picked him up and threw him in the water. The lad struggled, but sank and was drowned before their eyes. They recovered his body.

Postoffice Thieves Arrested.
WASHINGTON, May 9.—Chief Postoffice Inspector Wheeler was yesterday advised of the capture of Doremus, the absconding registry clerk of the Newark, N. J., postoffice. Also of the arrest of Superintendent McNeil, of Station No. 4, Jersey City, for embezzlement of postal and money order funds. Inspector Edgerton, at Philadelphia, yesterday advised the postoffice department of the arrest of Frederick Herbst, a clerk in Receiving Station No. 15, Philadelphia office, for rifling registered mail.

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THE HANGING OF HOLMES

The Notorious Criminal Met His Death Fearlessly.

DIED PROTESTING HIS INNOCENCE

Just Before Plunging Into Eternity He Declared He Had No Hand in the Killing of Benjamin F. Pitezel or Any of the Pitezel Family.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—Herman W. Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, was hanged in Moyamensing prison shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He was fully a half-hour later before he was officially pronounced dead. A half-minute before he was shot into eternity he made this declaration to the solemn assemblage gathered about the scaffold:

"Gentlemen, I have very few words to say. In fact I would make no remarks at this time except that by not speaking I would appear to acquiesce in your execution. I only wish to say that the extent of my wrong doing in taking human life consisted in the death of two women, they having died at my hands as the result of criminal operations. I wish to also state here, so that there can be no chance of misunderstanding hereafter, that I am not guilty of taking the lives of any of the Pitezel family—the three children and Benjamin, the father, of whose death I was convicted and for which I am today to be hanged. That is all I have to say." (The two women referred to are Mrs. Gertrude Connor and Miss Emily Cigrand.)

It will be seen that the words are well chosen. They were equally well pronounced. The voice never quavered, and the hands clasped on the dark railing of the scaffold did not tremble. The nerve which had all along characterized this most marvellous of assassins had not deserted him to the very end. As the last syllable fell from his pallid lips he turned to his attorney. Clapping the shaking right hand of the young lawyer in his own grasp—firm even at that terrible moment—he laid his left on the other man's shoulder, and, gazing straight into his eyes, uttered in a loud voice, "Good-by." Then he carefully buttoned his coat, nodded to the sheriff, and an instant later shot to his death.

He was undoubtedly the most stolid of any at that assemblage of fifty odd men. The pallor of his face was no deeper than the ordinary prison bleach, and he stood erect, gazing steadfastly before him, until the horrible black cap shut out his last look at earthly things.

He spent his last day of life uneventfully. During part of Wednesday Father Daily, of the Church of the Annunciation, visited him and said prayers. In the afternoon his lawyer, Samuel P. Rotan, called for a short time. The balance of the day Holmes occupied reading his Bible and other devotional books. Father Daily came again early in the evening and remained until 10:15 o'clock.

After the priest left Holmes wrote letters of farewell until midnight. It is understood that these communications were addressed to his wives—the one in Gilmanston, N. H., and Georgianna Yoke, of Franklin, Ind., the third wife, whose testimony did so much to bring about his execution. He also penned a letter of instructions to Mr. Rotan, his counsel.

At midnight he undressed and went to bed, under the watchful eye of Keeper George Weaver, who was fearful lest the man in the cell beyond might commit suicide. But, apparently, nothing was further from the abnormal mind of his charge. Holmes slept the sleep of an innocent babe, and at 6 o'clock in the morning it required two calls to arouse him.

At 7 o'clock Father Daily came, with Father McPike, of the same church. Holmes received them silently, and knelt with them while they went over the communion service. According to the rites of the Catholic church, to which he had been converted during the past week—in form, at least—he had been fasting since midnight. The service once over, his breakfast was brought in and he fell to with an apparent relish.

The only sign of defiance he made just after the priests left.

"Am I nervous?" he demanded, stretching his hands out to Keeper Weaver. They were steady as a rock. Soon after this the priests returned, and remained with him until the end.

At two minutes after 10 o'clock the procession to the gallows was begun, headed by Prison Superintendent Perkins and Assistant Superintendent Richardson. Fifty or more men, with uncovered heads, made up the solemn parade, and halted before the scaffold. The platform, which stood eight feet above the level of the floor, was approached by a flight of steps.

The witnesses passed around the structure and faced it. An awful silence followed for a moment. Then a murmur of sound arose from the other side of the scaffold. It was the prayers of the priests, who were escorting Holmes to the gallows. A moment later they mounted the steps and came into view. Holmes, a crucifix clasped in both hands, upon which his eyes were fixed, walked steadily between them.

There was a pause after they had reached the deadly trap, and then Holmes stepped forward and pronounced his valedictory. It took him exactly two minutes to pronounce what nearly every man there regarded as the last of a series of lies. Father Daily is the only man who knows whether or not the man went into eternity with a lie on his lips, for to him Holmes, either Wednesday night or yesterday, made a final confession. But that is buried in the secrets of the church.

After shaking hands with his lawyer

who then left the scaffold, Holmes turned and bade farewell to Superintendents Perkins and Richardson and the priests. Then he and the two clergymen knelt in silent prayer. They arose at 10:12 o'clock. In another half minute the end had come. The execution was entirely successful.

After the body had been cut down it was placed in a plain pine box, the bottom and sides of which were covered with cement. This was done so that the material will harden about the corpse and practically fasten it to the box, preventing any attempt to steal the body. The body was taken to Holy Cross cemetery and placed in a vault. Today it was buried with brief religious services, a double grave being secured for the purpose, owing to the size of the cement covering. In addition, two feet of cement was placed over the box containing the body.

Both Mrs. Pitezel and her lawyer place no belief in Holmes' last declaration of innocence. Lawyer Rotan believes he died an innocent man.

One of the Quintuplets Dead.
MAYFIELD, Ky., May 11.—One of the five boy babies born a few days ago to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lyons, of this city, is dead. The others are enjoying good health.

LURADA STEALS AWAY.

The Filibustering Steamer Again Bound for Cuba.

THE DETECTIVES EASILY FOOLED.

How the Cargo of a Lighter, Probably Consisting of Arms and Ammunition, Mysteriously Disappeared While the Steamer Was on Its Track.

NEW YORK, May 11.—A great deal of mystery surrounds the movements of the American steamship Laurada, which came into port Saturday and anchored off Liberty Island. It was generally believed that the Laurada had been chartered by the Cuban junta for the purpose of conveying another filibustering expedition to Cuba.

When the Laurada came into port it was observed that she was drawing very little water, and was apparently in ballast. The news of her arrival was soon made known to the Spanish consul general, who hurried to the barge office, where he is said to have held a conference with United States Marshal McCarthy.

Meantime it appears that the consul general had communicated with his subordinates, who kept a close watch on the leaders of the Laurada. They learned that a lighter, the name of which could not be ascertained, had made fast at pier 11, East river. The detectives watched the delivery of many boxes and cases on board the lighter. All this time a tug was in waiting for the detectives at pier 3, East river. At the barge office the revenue cutters Hudson and Chandler were also under way.

After the lighter had received her cargo she steamed up the river and took a position off Corlear's Hook, where she anchored. The tug containing the detectives followed in her wake, and lay in the middle of the river until the lighter, hugging the Brooklyn shore, went down the river, passing through Buttermilk channel.

As the lighter was going by Governor's Island, by way of the channel, the tug put back for pier 3, where, it is said, the detectives met Consul General Baldesano and Marshal McCarthy. They were evidently instructed to continue their pursuit of the lighter, as the tug steamed across the river through Buttermilk channel to Atlantic Basin, where the lighter was found warped to a dock. Her cargo had been removed.

The tug then proceeded over to where the Laurada lay, and dropped anchor to the south of Bedloe's Island. Smoke was pouring from the funnels of the steamship, and there was much bustle and activity on deck. Half an hour later the Laurada steamed down the bay and passed out at Quarantine.

The Laurada was met off Montauk Point by the tug Commander, with the barges Relief and Green Point in tow, and about a hundred Cubans, together with several tons of arms and ammunition, were transferred to the Laurada, which at once put out to sea.

Says Cleveland Will be Nominated.

SPRINGFIELD, O., May 11.—John W. Bookwalter, the Democratic candidate for governor of Ohio in 1887, predicts that Grover Cleveland will be nominated for the fourth time at the Chicago convention in July. He eulogizes the president as the leader of tariff reform, and says he is now wanted as the leader of the war party in this country. Mr. Bookwalter believes that the conditions in foreign affairs, especially with Great Britain and Spain, will be such two months hence as to compel the Democracy to take up President Cleveland, and that the war sentiment will be in his favor in November. He says the administration will be heard from at the proper time on the Cuban question and also on the Venezuelan boundary, and then it will be Cleveland's call.

To Investigate Bond Issues.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—By the decisive vote of 51 to 6 the senate yesterday inaugurated an investigation to be conducted by the senate committee on finance into the facts and circumstances connected with the sale of United States bonds by the secretary of the treasury during the last three years. The six adverse votes were cast by Senators Caffery, Faulkner, Gray, Hill, Mitchell and Palmer, all Democrats. The resolution directing the investigation is very explicit.

CONVICTED FILIBUSTERS.

Death Sentences Referred to Madrid for Confirmation.

SUMMARY EXECUTION NOT FEARED

While General Weyler Thirsts for the Blood of the Competitor's Men, It Is Not Likely That the Spanish Government Will Consent to Their Execution.

MADRID, May 11.—There are evidences of growing popular excitement in Spain over the attitude of the United States government towards the question of the filibusters captured on board the Competitor. The riots and outbreaks of popular hatred towards the United States at the time of the passage through congress of the resolutions favoring the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents have not been forgotten, and the sentiments which caused them are but smoldering.

The Spanish government has on all possible occasions expressed its appreciation of and satisfaction with the efforts made by the United States government to prevent as far as lay in its power the giving of unlawful aid to the Cuban insurgents by citizens of the United States. But the widespread sympathy felt for the insurgents in the United States is well recognized by the Spanish people, and the news of expeditions from the United States landed from time to time in Cuba creates intense irritation.

The news of the capture of the men on the Competitor was received with great



CONSUL GENERAL RAMON O. WILLIAMS, satisfaction and rejoicing. It was felt to be the first opportunity that had been offered to make an example of those engaged in feeding the insurrection. The popular demand for their execution is general, and it is likely to become vociferous. Little account is taken of the refined questions of treaty interpretation involved in the protest of the United States government against the execution of the sentences. The action of the United States is regarded rather as an expression of sympathy with the insurrection, and there will be a strong popular clamor to disregard it.

A dispatch from Havana this morning confirms the report that Captain General Weyler has threatened to resign his post unless the sentences are executed. Several papers publish the report that besides General Weyler Generals Ochando and Ahumada, who hold important commands in Cuba, have also threatened to resign if the judgment of the court martial is quashed.

Allegations are made in these Havana dispatches of very extraordinary conduct on the part of Mr. Ramon O. Williams, the United States consul general. If these are not true they are nevertheless certain to add fuel to the fire of popular indignation in Spain. Mr. Williams' attitude, it is asserted, is the subject of general censure in Havana, and is said to be very provocative. The story goes on to relate that the United States consul general shows himself everywhere in public places in Havana, using irritating and menacing language regarding the probable action of the United States towards the authorities in case the sentences upon the Competitor captives are executed.

Great indignation is expressed both by the public and the press over the landing of the latest Bermuda expedition, which has been announced in a highly sensational manner by the newspapers here.

No Summary Executions.

HAVANA, May 11.—The Spanish government has been asked to approve the sentences of death passed by a court martial upon the men captured on board the Competitor on a charge of piracy and rebellion. The men sentenced are: Alfredo Laborde, said to be the leader of the party, and claiming American citizenship; Dr. Elias Bedia, also claiming American citizenship; William Gildea, said to be a British subject; John Milton, a native of Kansas; Teodora Mata. This places the fate of the men in the hands of the authorities at Madrid, and insures that they will not be executed without an order from the Spanish government. It has become known that the British consul has also intervened in the name of his government on behalf of the Competitor's captives sentenced to death. He invokes clemency for the prisoners.

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