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WOULDN'T BE HANGED BY A POP

So Murderer Kinsauls Made Two Attempts to Cheat the Gallows

MAY BE SUCCESSFUL

Governor Grants Pardon for a Week

HIS THROAT BADLY CUT

First Took Morphine, and an Hour Before the Time for His Execution He Retired to His Cell, Feigning Sickness, When He Slashed His Throat—Will Not Be Hanged by a Populist

Archie Kinsauls, the Sampson county murderer, who was sentenced to pay the death penalty for his crime at Clinton yesterday, temporarily prolonged his life as the result of a self-inflicted wound, by which he hoped to defraud the gallows.

Kinsauls made two efforts yesterday to shuffle this mortal coil in advance of the scheduled event, which was to end his earthly career. He first tried the morphine route, and was unsuccessful in this attempt, he slashed his throat with a knife. This latter effort may prove successful. The wound was such that the execution could not take place and the governor has granted a reprieve to the unfortunate man for another week.

The first news of Kinsauls' attempt on his life came to the governor yesterday morning in the following telegram: "Clinton, N. C., Sept. 7, 1900. "Governor D. L. Russell, Raleigh, N. C.: "Kinsauls has cut his throat seriously and doctors think fatally. Wire instructions." "J. M. MARSHBURN, Sheriff.

Governor Russell then wired to Sheriff Marshburn at Clinton as follows:

"Execution of Kinsauls postponed till Friday, September 14, 1900. Reprieve by week." The following special was received by the Post last night from its Wilmington correspondent:

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 7.—Special.—Archie Kinsauls attempted suicide twice last night. He took fifteen morphine tablets, but they did not have the desired effect. It is thought he had striven in vain. Today one hour before time for the execution the condemned man used the Dutch watch permission to go to his cell, and there hid the razor to use.

It is reported here that feeling is intense at Clinton. The Populists are said to be openly exulting over Kinsauls' discomfort, while Democrats are hoping that he will die from his wounds.

NEW YORK FACTIONS CONFER.

The Only Statement Given Out Is That There Will Be Harmony.

New York, Sept. 7.—There was an important conference of the leaders of all factions of the State Democracy today at the Hoffman House. Richard Croker, ex-Secretary Murphy, Jr., Frank Campbell, Perry Belmont, State Senator P. H. McCarren, Corporation Counsel John Whelan and ex-Governor Stone of Missouri, who looked after the interests of the national committee in his capacity of chairman of the sub-committee of that body, were present.

CURTAINMENT BEGUN

George B. Hiss Says Cotton Will Reach Twelve Cents by January

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 7.—Special.—Speaking of the present and at the last meeting of the board of governors of southern cotton spinners relative to the curtailment of output of mills, Geo. B. Hiss, secretary of this organization, said today that a number of cotton mills this week are signifying their purpose partially to curtail their production for the next two months. He said that many mills began to lessen their output even before the action of the board of governors. He said further that in his opinion cotton would reach 12 cents by next January.

Taking Precautions Against the Plague

London, Sept. 7.—Ex-Health Officer W. T. Jenkins, commissioner of the New York Board of Health, has gone to Glasgow on behalf of that body, after having had an interview here with the secretary for Scotland, Lord Balfour. The United States quarantine officers

are also alert in regard to the bubonic plague situation. Drs. Hough and Thomas are now in Glasgow, and Dr. Anderson, who recently arrived from the continent to superintend conditions in London, has gone to Liverpool to inspect cargoes. These officers have been instructed to prevent the shipment of Smyrna figs to America.

SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS

A Bible Society Agent Writes of the Massacres in China

Highfield, Md., Sept. 7.—Rev. John R. Hyles, agent of the American Bible Society at Shanghai, China, has written a letter to Mrs. Jane A. Marshall, his wife's mother, at Highfield, under date of August 10th. He says:

"We are having exciting times in China. It is distressing to hear day after day of cruel massacres of helpless women and innocent little children. No less than 150 foreigners have been murdered, so far as we know, since these troubles began, and the end is not yet. The French consul general says that, so far as he has heard reports, he knows that the number of Roman Catholic native Christians massacred in the province of Pe-Chi-Li alone reaches the appalling total of 10,000. At least 400 Protestants and converts have been killed in these troubles."

"We seem to be perfectly safe in Shanghai. We have twenty-two men-of-war here and more are expected daily. A telegram from Hong Kong today says that two regiments of Indian troops are being sent for Shanghai this afternoon. The Chinese are much concerned about this, but it is only the beginning of the garrisoning of Shanghai. The foreign governments are determined to make this place safe at all cost and they are right, for it is the only place of refuge in China."

Sixteen Missionaries Killed

London, Sept. 7.—An undated report from Tien Tsin via Shanghai today reports sixteen additional murders of Protestant missionaries in the Feng Chien and Taku stations during the recent troubles. The dispatch adds, were Americans chiefly. Anxiety is felt for the fate of other missionaries in Chi-Li province.

The stations at Feng Chien and Taku are in the province of Shensi. Missions are maintained there by the Protestant church. These foreign missionaries at that denomination were stationed at these places before the Boxer outbreak.

At Feng Chien, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Atwater, C. W. Price and Mrs. E. J. Price, A. F. Taku, D. S. and Mrs. Mary I. Chapp, J. B. Thompson, G. L. Williams, Misses Mary L. Partridge and Rowena E. Bond, Mrs. Mary A. Williams and Mrs. D. Etta Thompson.

Baden-Powell at Cape Town

Cape Town, Sept. 7.—Major General Baden-Powell arrived here from the front at 6 o'clock this morning. He was received at the railway station by the mayor and the council. The citizens turned out en masse to welcome him, marching to the station with bands and flags.

The hero of Mafeking alighted from the train amid a storm of cheers, the band playing "See the Conquering Hero Come."

Sir Alfred Milner, high commissioner of South Africa, had his carriage in waiting, but the general, mounted on a general, left the shoulders of citizens and his carriage was carried by them to the government house.

Escape of a Condemned Murderer

Freehold, N. J., Sept. 7.—William Bullock, the condemned negro murderer of Chief of Police Walsh, escaped from jail here during last night. His mode of escape was a difficult one and was evidently planned and accomplished with outside assistance. Bullock cut a hole through the cement floor of his cell under his cot. Under the cell and jail floor was an open passage. The space was large enough for a man to crawl through, but Bullock managed it somehow and then dug down the brick wall and up and out. His accomplice evidently started the hole on the outside, as the earth was piled around it there.

The Thomas to Sail for Manila

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—Orders have been received directing the shipment to the Philippines on the transport Thomas of 450 recruits now en camp at Presidio. The recruits were enlisted at various points throughout the country and sent here in small detachments, where they were formed into recruit companies and drilled.

The headquarter's bank and two battalions of the Fifth Infantry, now at Presidio, and one battalion of the Eighth Infantry, now en route from the west, will also sail on the Thomas, which will be taken out of dry dock today and put in shape to depart September 16th.

Savings and Loan Failure.

Pittsburg, Sept. 7.—The Fifth Avenue Savings and Loan Association of McKeesport, Pa., is in a state of liquidation. The McKeesport Trust Company of this city has been appointed temporary receiver. An alleged discrepancy of \$32,000 has been discovered in the accounts of a former secretary, but no proceedings have been instituted.

The cash value of the association is \$467,690.04. The failure is the largest in the history of building and loan associations in the State. Nearly seventeen hundred mill workers had deposited all their savings in the concern, expecting to buy homes.

Twenty People Injured.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 7.—During the production last night of the "Battle of Manila," by a fireworks company in the baseball park, a section of the amphitheatre 75 feet in length, collapsed, injuring 20 persons, 8 of them seriously.

THE PEKIN PROBLEM

Powers All at Sea in Regard to Pressing Questions

WAITING ON ONE ANOTHER

How Many Troops to Keep at the Chinese Capital Is Under Discussion—Developments Expected Next Week by Which the Powers Will Be Brought Into Harmony—Reported Advance of Chinese from the South

Washington, Sept. 7.—The question now being considered in regard to the occupation of Peking is how many troops it will be advisable for the powers to leave there if Russia modifies her course and remains. The length of time that the allied forces should be kept there under any agreement of the powers is also being discussed. From the various attitudes of the nations on these questions it is hoped that the United States will be able to suggest a happy medium which will find favor abroad.

The President and his cabinet members in town, including Attorney General Griggs, Secretary Wilson and Secretary Hitchcock, held their regular Friday meeting today, but, owing to the fact that Secretary Root was out of town, it was said that Chinese matters did not come up for much discussion.

The suggestion that will soon be made to the powers by the United States were fully gone over, however. It is said that this government may wait to hear from St. Petersburg before promulgating another note, and there is confidence expressed that Russia will not insist on withdrawing. It has been pointed out to the President by one of his advisers that Peking is to be occupied at all, it must be by a sufficient force to carry authority with a large population which has recently passed through a most serious crisis. This seems to be the belief of most of the powers. It has also been noted that the imperial family and ministers will be much more likely to return to Peking and negotiate for peace if guaranteed the protection of all the powers than if offered the support of only one or a part of them.

The reported movements are expected by early next week, by which the powers will be brought into harmony and be able to proceed to the next step of communication with the Chinese government and settling, through an international committee, indemnities, treaties and the manner of guaranteeing the carrying out of such an agreement.

The War Department has received no information confirming the report that large bodies of Chinese troops are marching northward through the provinces of Hunan and Hupei. Shen-Si, whence the report was sent to the Japanese foreign office, is directly west of Peking, while the provinces of Hunan and Hupei are considerably to the south. If it is true that General Li is commanding the force it means that he has with him one of the best bodies of Chinese troops in China, taken mostly from the soldiers of Hunan.

The statistics collected by the bureau of military information regarding the troops under Viceroy Liu Kwen Yi shows that he is supposed to have 20,000 troops under his command, but this is probably double the number actually under his direction. A report made by an officer who viewed some of these troops before they entered China says:

"They were a fine body of men, many of them of splendid physique. The majority of them were Hunan men. The infantry were armed with three different kinds of rifles. They were well clothed and apparently well fed, but not well drilled and well disciplined."

The same officer saw a section of 3,000 men belonging to Viceroy Liu's force and garrisoned at Kiang Sin under General Li, which, he says, comprised two six-gun batteries of artillery and two squadrons of cavalry. He adds:

"I saw these men on parade as well as maneuvering over the country. They were a very fine lot of men, well turned out and well drilled. They had been drilled by German officers."

A dispatch from Manila gives cause to alarm among army officers who are of the opinion that if true it shows that the imperial court is probably going to return to Peking and desires to be escorted there by a sufficient force to insure its protection.

Large Passenger List for China

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—The Pacific mail steamer China sailed yesterday for Hong Kong with the largest passenger list in her history and with \$1,500,000 in coin destined to pay American soldiers in China. There were 120 travellers in the Cabin, while the steerage held 300 Chinese homeward bound.

ENGLANDSCENTS TROUBLE

Chinese Will Be Emboldened by the Restoration of the Powers

London, Sept. 7.—The signs of impending turbulence in China are more or less ominous. The procrastination of the powers in the matter of adopting a definite and harmonious policy of reprisal, it is feared, will yet bear fruit in the way of renewed disorders which will cost many foreigners' lives. The hesitation of the civilized nations in making demands upon the imperial government for reparation will be used as capital by the shrewd Chinese leaders, who will declare that the powers are cowardly and it is expected that this will lead to renewed disturbances in various parts of the empire which may give the allies a great deal of trouble.

A dispatch from Yokohama from which source many reliable reports have emanated since the beginning of the trouble in China, says that the Japanese foreign office has received a telegram from Shen-Si, dated September 4th, which states that large bodies of black flags are marching northward through the provinces of Hunan and Hupei.

There are no further reports from Canton, but it is believed that affairs in that locality are still in a condition border-

ing on riot and it is feared that a serious outbreak may occur at any time.

A dispatch from Paris says that the French consulate at Shanghai telegraphed that the vicerey of Nankin has granted an escort to Kinking for the apostolic vicar of Southern Kiangsi and two missionaries whose lives have been threatened. The consul also obtained an escort for a French missionary in eastern Kiangsi.

Earl Li Asks for an American Escort

Shanghai, Sept. 7.—Earl Li Hung Chang has requested the protection of an American escort on his journey north. Consul Goodnow is conferring with him.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia, Sept. 7.—Chicago should have won today's game handsly, but errors presented. Attendance, 1,847.

Philadelphia	101000211—8 12 0
Chicago	300001200—6 15 4

Game called on account of darkness. Batteries: Orth and McFarland; Hughes and Donohue. Umpire, Emslie.

New York 5, St. Louis 3

New York, Sept. 7.—Pitcher Jones and First Baseman McCann lost the game for the Perfectos at the Polo grounds this afternoon. The game was well played and close throughout. Both Jones and McCann did good work.

New York	101010022—5 8 2
St. Louis	210000000—3 8 1

Batteries: Hawley and Grady; Jones and Robinson. Umpire, Gaffney.

Boston 5, Cincinnati 6

Boston, Sept. 7.—Cincinnati won out in the ninth inning today by a lucky combination of hits and a base on balls. Willis held the Reds down to six scattered hits in the first seven innings.

Boston	101030000—5 12 0
Cincinnati	100010012—6 11 2

Batteries: Willis and Clarke; Phillips and Kahoe. Umpire, Snyder.

Brooklyn 6, Pittsburg 6

New York, Sept. 7.—By far the most exciting ball game seen here this year was played by the Pittsburg and Brooklyn at Washington Park this afternoon. The result was a draw, the champions tying the score in the ninth inning at the end of which Empire O'Day called the game on account of darkness. Both McGinity and Waddell were hit freely at times, but the sensational fielding by both teams kept the score down. Brooklyn tied the game with a home run by Dahlen, which netted two runs.

Brooklyn	102000021—6 10 0
Pittsburg	010102020—6 11 2

Game called on account of darkness. Batteries: McGinity and McGinire; Waddell and Zimmer. Umpire, O'Day.

The iron and steel trade continues positively cheerful in tone and a large business has been and is being reported. No important gains in prices are reported.

IRON TRADE IMPROVING

Crop Prospects in the South and West Better Than Expected—Export Demand for American Goods Increases

The Situation Becoming More Cheerful—Commercial Paper Discounted at Higher Rates

Developments During the Week Mainly Favorable

New York, Sept. 7.—Bradstreet's of tomorrow will say:

Trade developments this week have been mainly favorable, and the improvement in general distributive business noted in the latter part of August has gathered force in the first week of September. Leading features have been the widening fall trade reported at nearly all points west, south and on the Pacific coast; some improvement in the jobbing demand at the east with southern buying a marked feature; rather better reports from the two great staple crops of the west and south, corn and cotton; improved export demand for American products, notably wheat, iron and steel and cotton; a growth in cheerfulness, albeit with some irregularity in prices of iron and steel, and unvaryingly good returns by the transportation interests of the country.

Boers Liberate Prisoners

Pretoiria, Sept. 7.—Nine officers of the Imperial Yeomanry, who were the British prisoners at Nootgedacht, hid in excavations which they had made in their tent and when the other officers were released and sent on to Barberton, they were nowhere to be found. They subsequently escaped.

When the other officers were being liberated, Commandant Viljoen came among them and said:

"You are free. I am sending a small escort with you to show you the road to your lines. Keep together. Do not go to your houses. I know that I am speaking to soldiers of the queen and I have confidence in you. I hope that the next time we meet we shall be friends."

The prisoners were then started for General French's lines. They state that on the day before that on which they were liberated three trains bearing guns and supplies were hurriedly brought down the lines. The Boers were very disorganized and disheartened.

New Idea in Customs Taxes

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 7.—An unparalleled case has been recorded in the El Paso custom house in Juarez. Two fine compartment cars, the property of the Mexican government, built for the use of President Diaz and his cabinet, were held by the custom officials for the pay-

THE WAR IN AFRICA

Lord Roberts Pushes Operations Against Boers

TRYING TO FORCE A FIGHT

British Hope That a Decisive Battle May Be Brought on Soon—Desultory Fighting Goes on Almost Constantly with Small Lessons on Both Sides—Boers Abandon the Siege of Ladybrand Upon the Approach of Relief

London, Sept. 7.—General Roberts continues to push operations vigorously in South Africa. There is every reason to believe that a decisive action will be fought with the Boers in a few days. Buller is fighting a large force of the burghers on the Lydenburg road, and will soon have the co-operation of Ian Hamilton.

The British garrison at Ladybrand, which had been surrounded by a force of Boers that fled to take Winburg, has been relieved by Lieutenant-Colonel White.

There has been desultory fighting in numerous places, during which both the British and the Boers have sustained some losses.

General Roberts' latest dispatch to the War Office is dated Belfast, September 5, and says:

"General Paget reports that in an engagement near Warzabhath, he had one killed, nine wounded and two taken prisoners, including Surgeon Foy, who was captured while attending a wounded man. The enemy directed his fire chiefly against a kopje, which was ably defended by two mountain batteries and the British South African police, and a company of the Minister Fusiliers. The enemy lost five killed, including the field cornet commanding. Paget collected and sent to Pretoria between 4,000 and 5,000 head of cattle."

"General Ian Hamilton got through to Dulstroom yesterday, having encountered slight opposition. He is now moving along the Lydenburg road and is in signaling communication with Buller whose advance he can hear and who informs the general he has been engaged during the morning with the enemy's left flank. Hamilton is endeavoring to turn the enemy's left flank."

"Brookhurst's brigade of cavalry joined Hamilton's column at Eacon. Its attack on a train proceeding south was fired at last night near Bunk Sator. A few horses were shot. Previously the patrol of Bushmen were fired at near the same place. One was killed and two wounded."

"Two strong columns, one under Clements and the other under Hart, are now moving about the district near Krugersdorp and Johannesburg."

"A post held by 125 men of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, guarding the railway station at Wondersfontein, was attacked at daylight this morning by a body of the enemy under Commandant Treckardt with two guns and ammunition. Colonel Mahon, who was marching within a few miles of the place at the time, proceeded to the assistance of the British garrison, but they had beaten off the enemy before Mahon and his troops arrived. It was a very creditable performance. Major Saunders, who commanded, and Lieutenant Moddie were both slightly wounded. Two privates were wounded and six are missing in the attempt to take Winburg hurried toward Ladybrand, which was being held by one company of the Worcester regiment and two small troops of the Imperial Yeomanry. The Boers surrounded the position in which the troops were entrenched and called upon our men to surrender. On the summons being refused their guns opened fire and commenced a heavy bombardment."

"On the news reaching me a telegraphed the officer commanding my account to surrender. As General Kelly-Kenny had informed me that hearing the Boers were making for Ladybrand, he had arranged to send a small column to Lieutenant-Colonel White to the garrison."

Sir Archibald Hunter to send Bruce Hamilton's brigade by rail from Winburg and Kroomstadt to Bloemfontein to be ready to assist White's small force if required. The enemy failed in their object, fired 320 rounds into our position, which occupied a front of about half a mile, and kept up a heavy rifle fire at the same time."

"I was informed yesterday by the resident commissioner of Basutland that a small union jack was still flying over the intrenchments and this afternoon I received the joyful news that the garrison had been relieved by White, our casualties being only five wounded."

MISSIONARIES RESPONSIBLE

Serious Charge Made Against Catholics and English Methodists in China

New York, Sept. 7.—The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has received a letter from Rev. J. E. Shoemaker, under date of August 10, in which that Presbyterian missionary in China, Messrs. Croker and Murphy are unfavorably mentioned in the selection of candidates who will be acceptable to Mr. Hill, now that the Boer movement has collapsed, and in that way will endeavor to secure harmony in the convention at Saratoga.

W. J. Mackey's friends in Erie county are still insistent. They claim that an agreement was made at Kansas City that Mr. Mackey should have the gubernatorial nomination. It is said that Messrs. Croker and Murphy are endeavoring to place Mackey on the ticket. This proposal, however, does not seem to be acceptable to the friends of the Erie county aspirant.

BRYAN CANNOT WIN

So Says Vice Chairman Payne and He Submits Figures

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 7.—Vice-Chairman Payne of the Republican National Committee has given out a list of States the Republicans regard as certain for Bryan, those which are conceded to McKinley and those which might be called fighting-ground. The electoral vote, as figured by Mr. Payne, follows:

Certain for McKinley—California 9, Connecticut 6, Illinois 24, Iowa 13, Kansas 10, Maine 6, Massachusetts 15, Michigan 14, Minnesota 9, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 19, New York 36, North Dakota 3, Ohio 23, Oregon 4, Pennsylvania 22, Rhode Island 4, South Dakota 4, Vermont 4, Washington 4, Wisconsin 12, Wyoming 3. Total 249.

Conceded to Bryan—Alabama 11, Arkansas 10, Colorado 4, Florida 9, Georgia 13, Idaho 3, Louisiana 10, New York 36, Missouri 11, Montana 3, Nevada 3, North Carolina 11, South Carolina 9, Tennessee 12, Texas 15, Utah 3, Virginia 12. Total 149.

Fighting-ground—Delaware 3, Kentucky 13, Maryland 8, Nebraska 8, West Virginia 6, Indiana 15. Total 53.

Total vote, 447. Necessary to elect, 224.

"There is no possible way of figuring out Bryan's election without New York," said Mr. Payne. "And New York is a safely Republican as Wisconsin. Give him the benefit of every possible doubt, and he still would not have votes enough to elect him."

McKinley's Letter of Acceptance

Washington, Sept. 7.—President McKinley has completed his letter of acceptance and will make it public in the newspapers Monday morning.