

A WOMAN SPRUNG INTO ETERNITY ON THE GALLOWES

This Afternoon Mrs. Rogers Paid the Awful Penalty for Taking Her Husband's Life More Than Three Years Ago

WALKED TO HER DEATH WITHOUT ONE TREMOR

Deadly Pallor Overspread Her Countenance at the Fatal Words

As the Death Procession Wended Its Awful Way Mrs. Rogers Appeared the Calmest Person in the Party, Although Her Pallor Showed She Realized It All—She Was Gowned in Black and Deputy Sheriffs Walked on Each Side of Her—Only a Few Witnesses—Father Delaney Held Prayer for the Dying in the Woman's Cell.

Windsor, Vt., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Mary Mabel Rogers was hanged at the Vermont State prison at Windsor at 1:13 o'clock this afternoon for the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers, at Bennington, August 13, 1902.

She refused the aid of the deputies and refrained from uttering a word as she walked to the gallows. She said no word. A few short steps brought her to the stairs leading to the scaffold. Again Mrs. Rogers declined assistance and unaided mounted steadily to the top, stopping exactly upon the center of the trap. She sat down in a chair for a moment and when asked if she had any final statement to make, shook her head negatively. To bind the condemned woman with leather straps was the work of a minute only. A large black sack that was lying open upon the trap was brought up about her body and fastened around her neck, the nose was adjusted by one of the deputies, and another deputy placed the black cap upon her head. The next step was the official announcement by the sheriff.

At the prison on one was admitted during the forenoon except persons directly connected either with the execution or the execution. All attempts to gain information concerning Mrs. Rogers' condition were frustrated by the guard at the prison entrance. Finally, however, newspaper representatives, who by ruling of the officials were the only press men permitted to witness the hanging, were escorted into the prison.

History of the Case. Windsor, Vt., Dec. 8.—The crime for which Mrs. Mary Mabel Rogers was sentenced to death was the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers, at Bennington, August 13, 1902. At the time the crime was committed Mrs. Rogers was only 19 years old. She had been separated from her husband for some time, and was desirous of marrying a young man named Maurice Knapp. On the day of the murder Marcus Rogers went to Bennington to visit his wife, and that night she arranged to meet him in the woods near the Walloomsac river. While carrying him she induced him to allow her to bind his hands, and while he was powerless she chloroformed him. In this she was aided by Leon Perham, a half-witted boy who was the son of the woman with whom she boarded. Another woman, Estella Bates, was present.

After chloroforming Rogers, Perham and Mrs. Rogers rolled the body into the river, where it was found the next day. In order to divert suspicion the woman wrote a note to which she signed her husband's name, giving the impression that he had committed suicide. Immediately after the murder Mrs. Rogers endeavored to collect her husband's life insurance, amounting to \$500, and also made arrangements to purchase furniture for the house where she expected to live when she had married Knapp.

FULL OF SHAME, MITCHELL DIES

Convicted Member of United States Senate

ROBBED GOVERNMENT

After Long Service He Was Found Guilty and the How Crushed Him. Sudden Illness Took Serious Turn This Morning and He Was Kept Alive by Heroic Measures for Hours.

(By the Associated Press.) Portland, Ore., Dec. 8.—United States Senator John H. Mitchell died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in this city at 11:45 o'clock this forenoon, death resulting from complications which followed the removal of four teeth at a dental office yesterday morning. A hemorrhage of unusual severity followed the removal of the teeth.

John Hippie Mitchell was born in Washington county, Pa., June 22, 1833. In 1873, Mr. Mitchell was elected to the national senate. A democratic legislature in 1872 failed to return him to the senate. He engaged in the practice of law in Portland until 1883, when he was re-elected to the United States Senate at a special session of the legislature, that body having failed to choose a Senator in 1881 or 1882. He failed to be returned in 1897 and followed his profession until 1901, when the legislature again chose him as one of the State's representatives in the United States Senate.

RYAN BOUGHT, SPIRIT OF GOD MOVES

Explains Why He Got Hyde's Equitable Stock

NO HARRIMAN THREAT

Questioned as to What Railroad Magnate Wanted, the Witness Declined to Answer, but Finally Said That There Was No Foundation for Report—Big Man on the Stand.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 8.—Thomas F. Ryan, before the insurance investigating committee to-day, testified that he bought the Hyde Equitable stock because he believed that by so doing he prevented the most tremendous panic the country had ever seen which, he believed, would have followed if the Equitable would have been put in the hands of a receiver.

Mr. Ryan said that after his purchase E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific Railroad, desired to share in the purchase. Mr. Ryan refused Mr. Harriman's offer. Mr. Ryan declined to answer questions as to what was said at the conversation between him and Mr. Harriman. Mr. Hughes said he wanted to know whether there was any truth in the report that it was hinted there would be an investigation of the life insurance business if Mr. Harriman was not given an interest in the Equitable. Mr. Ryan declined to answer and was upheld in his declination by Paul D. Cravath, his attorney. Chairman Armstrong, of the committee, said the question was proper and should have been answered.

BUFFALO FIRE BURNS \$131,000

(By the Associated Press.) Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The shops of the Union Dry-Dock Company and the Erie Railroad transfer and freight house on Ganson street were destroyed by fire to-day, causing a loss estimated at \$131,000.

TRANSPORT ADRIPT WITH TROOPS

(By the Associated Press.) Chefoo, Dec. 8.—Two Japanese army officers who have arrived here in a lifeboat report that the transport Janzen, which left Dalny for Japan two days ago with 1,900 troops and 300 horses aboard, broke her propeller between Shantung Promontory and the Korean coast, and is now adrift.

The two officers embarked in a lifeboat and came to Chefoo to seek assistance. The Japanese consul here has telegraphed for a man-of-war to rescue the helpless vessel. Some British officers are on board the transport.

NO ACTION BY SECRETARY SHAW

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Shaw announced after the cabinet meeting to-day that the subject of making deposits in national banks to relieve the money situation had not been mentioned at the meeting. The Secretary added that he did not expect to make any deposits to-day or take any action unless the situation grew materially worse.

FOUR CONVICTS ESCAPED TO-DAY

(Special to The Evening Times.) Carthage, N. C., Dec. 8.—Ben Linkey, Haywood Jackson, Dunk Melver and Donnie Ferral, convicts on the road gang, escaped from the camp this morning shortly after midnight. They, together with the balance of the road force, were stationed in an old store at Cole's Mills, four miles from here, and were under guard, though it seems the guard did not know of the escape until informed by some of the convicts who did not take advantage of the chance to escape.

COMPROMISE WITH PORTE

(By the Associated Press.) Constantinople, via Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 8.—The ambassadors of the six powers, at a conference just held, have accepted some of the modifications proposed by the Porte to the original scheme for the financial control of Macedonia, and an amended agreement has been forwarded to their respective governments for ratification. This is expected promptly, when the incident will be closed.

FIVE BLIND TIGERS CAUGHT

(Special to The Evening Times.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 8.—The illicit sale of whiskey in this dry community continues. Sergeant Aldridge and two of his men went out on a raid and before they quit business five new cases were put on the docket to-day. At one negro house they found a regular bar-room, capturing fifteen full pints and twenty-six half pints of "white lightning."

RESIGNATION OF McCURDY ACCEPTED

New York, Dec. 8.—The resignation of Robert H. McCurdy, general manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, was presented to the Board of Trustees to-day and accepted. The resignation takes effect December 31.

Caroleen's Postmaster

Washington, Dec. 8.—Arbuth L. Smart has been appointed postmaster for Caroleen, N. C.

C. M. Rock Volunteers as Missionary to Japan

RAISE \$36,000 FOR STATE MISSIONS

Inspiring Reports on Great Work by the Missionaries and Schools—Suggesting the Pioneers in Education Shown by Dr. Huffman—President Potter Greeted This Afternoon.

The Baptist State Convention to-day resembled a great religious revival. The deepest piety and consecration characterized the deliberations of the 46 delegates present and scenes were witnessed which will never be forgotten by these men. Following an earnest prayer for more laborers in the foreign field, one bright young man consecrated his life for service in Japan and his simple story moved the great body to tears. Three other young people said privately that they were preparing to become missionaries.

The report on State Missions so announced the work and the convention determined unanimously to raise \$36,000 next year for evangelization in North Carolina. Nearly fifty of those consecrated home missionaries with present and several of their wives inspiring talks on their work. Report was made on the denominational schools. This afternoon the report of the Wake Forest trustees under discussion and for the first time Dr. Potter, the new president of the college, is formally recognized by the convention.

Chairman J. C. Hunter held a meeting of his committee on time and place for the next convention. This afternoon and night he decided to recommend Greensboro as the place for the next convention. Invitations were also extended from Wilmington, New Bern and Wraycrossville. The committee voted for Greensboro. The report will probably be made to-night.

Devotional Services. The devotional exercises at the seventy-fifth annual session of the Baptist State Convention to-day were conducted by Rev. C. B. Justice, of Hatterford. The special subject in this service was prayer for more laborers in the foreign field.

Appeal to Free Will Baptists. President W. N. Jones called the convention to order at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. J. Hall, of Fayetteville, offered a resolution to appoint a committee of three, with Rev. Livingston Johnson as chairman, to confer and see if a closer relationship cannot be brought about with the 12,000 or 13,000 Free Will Baptists of the State, who stand with the Baptists on cardinal principles.

On motion of Dr. J. D. Huffman the resolution was indefinitely postponed. Religious Freedom the Principle. Dr. Seymour then addressed the convention in the interest of the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, of which he is secretary. In the course of his remarks he endorsed the speech made yesterday by Dr. Ferguson and declared, "We Baptists have no right to cater to any religious sect that denies the divinity of Jesus Christ and does not rely upon his merit and power."

Religious freedom was the great Baptist principle, all men should follow the truth as revealed to them through conscience, and in the mighty struggle of the English Baptists to-day they need the prayer and sympathy of their American brethren.

He emphasized the importance of Baptist literature in Baptist Sunday schools and in Baptist homes. The Society has several cars traveling throughout the country and in these 14,000 souls have been converted since 1891, and now fifty-three wagons are being sent into the back country to carry this literature.

The Georgia Baptists. Editor Graham, of the Georgia Baptist Index, the oldest Baptist paper in the world, was introduced, and his wonderful statement that the Georgia Baptists had contributed \$10,000 for denominational objects this year.

State Mission Work. The report on State missions was presented by Rev. M. L. Kessler. In this report he emphasized that the status of the country people in the towns had been checked. Rural preaching, the building of good roads, the free delivery and other things have turned the tide in many sections from the towns to the country. The country has now come to itself and the importance of the work there cannot be overestimated. Education in Western Carolina. (Continued on page two.)

Governor Bell Notified

White River Junction, Vt., Dec. 8.—Gov. Charles J. Bell was promptly notified by telephone of the execution of Mrs. Rogers. Afterwards, the Governor gave out the following statement: "I am much relieved to know that the execution of Mrs. Rogers was accomplished promptly according to law, and without a hitch or unnecessary delay. It was a disagreeable duty I have been called upon to perform, but notwithstanding my private views in regard to the matter, I have acted on my oath as chief executive, and I believe I have acted in the interest of public good and according to the law-abiding sentiment of the people of Vermont. The incident is closed, and I do not care to say anything more at this time."

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The Democratic Senators held a conference to-day, at which they authorized the Democratic Steering Committee to act for them in the matter of filling minority vacancies on the Senate Committees.

Senator Teller was designated as a member of the Steering Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of ex-Senator Cockerell. Senator Gorman was re-elected chairman of the Democratic caucus. Senator Blackburn vice chairman, and Senator Carmack secretary.

There was some discussion of a rumor that the Republicans would seek to reduce the Democratic representation on committees, but it was stated that Republican members of the committee on rules had given assurance to the contrary.