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WOMAN SPRUNG INTO ETERNITY ON THE GALLOWS

She Said No Word.

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Governor Bell Notified.

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White River Junction, Vt., Dec. 8.

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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

Her Countenance at the **Fatal Words**

Only a Pew Witnesses-Father was brought up about her body and Delaney Held Prayer for the Dying was adjusted by one of the deputies, 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 Beanington, August 13,

Mes. Rogers was pro-nounced dead by the prison Meials at 1:27 %.

The execution took place after the woman had been twice reprieved on account of appeals made in her case by her counsel, and after the United States Supremo Court refused to take action in the case.

Only a comparatively few persons witnessed the hanging, the number being restricted to those permitted to attend by the laws of

Mrs. Rogers montained her com- Callahan, resides. posure to the last and mounted the

gallows with a steady step. Although a deathly pallor overapread her countenance, hardly a —Gov. Chries J. Bell ws promptly muscle quivered as Deputy Sheriff notified by telephone of the executence of the law, and may God have statement; mercy on your soul."

sprung the trap and the drop fell. prison, where the women prisoners

prison guards, legal witnesses and three Vermont newspaper representatives had assembled in the west, or old, wing of the prison, where the scaffold had been erected.

A few minutes after the sheriff had sent his deputies for the condemned woman the sound of footsteps in the corridor indicated the

approach of the doomed woman. The death procession wended its way down the stairs of the women's section of the prison through the guard room and into the west wing.

Mrs. Rogers appeared to be the calmost person in the party, although grapallor bore silent witness that she realized the meaning of it all. She was gowned in black. Deputy sheriffs marched on each side of her. Previous to the march to the scat-fold Row. Batter On B. Delaney dastor of the local. Roman Catholic church, Mrs. Rogers' spiritual adviser, had asked the prayers for the

dying in Mrs. Rogers to cell. The law must take its course. clergyman did not accompany Mrs.

at one time headed a re-exceen arrest the country officers to encury a registers Peck was not personally to act us can cuttoner. He had defigured all the actual work to deputies. As high obseriff of Windsor county the law required blue to be present at the hanging, how-

during the forenees except persons ill-At the prison to one was admitted After Long Service Br Was Found ethation or the execution. All attempts to gain information concerning Mrs. Regery condition were frustrated by the guard at the prison entrance. Pinally, however, newspaper representutives, who by ruling of the officials. were the only pross men permitted to fitness the hunging, were escorted in

History of the Case, der of her husband, Marcus Rogers, A few short stops brought her to at Bonnington, August 13, 1902. At the stairs leading to the sc. Told, the time the crime was committed unusual severity followed the re-Again Mrs. Rogers declined assist- Mrs. Rogers was only 19 years old. ance and unalded mounted steadily She had been separated from her to the top, stopping exactly upon the husband for some time, and was de-As the Beath Procession Wended Its center of the trap. She sat down in sirous of marrying a young man Awful Way Mrs. Rogers Appeared a chair for a moment and when named Maurice Knapp. On the day the Calmest Person in the Party,
Although Her Pallor Showed She

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to make, shook her head negatively. To bind the condemned woman that night she arranged to meet him Realized it All-She Was Gowned with leather straps was the work of in the woods near the Walloomsac in Black and Deputy Sheriffs a minute only. A large black sack river While caressing him she in-Walked on Each Shie of Her- that was lying open upon the trap duced him to allow her to bind his hands, and while he was powerless failed to be returned in 1897 and forand another deputy placed the black

> was the official announcement by the After chloroforming Rogers, Per-"Mary M. Rogers, I now proceed ham and Mrs. Rogers rolled the body to execute the sentence of the law, into the river, where it was found and may God have mercy on your the next day. In order to divert sus-Hardly had the words been picion the woman wrote a note to entieth birthday, June 2 last, the day which she signed her husband's on which his milk was decreed, Senantime, giving the impression that he tor Mitthen has Triedly declined. Not atered when the trap was sprung. It was exactly 1:13 p. m. when the drop fell, and the woman was officially had committed suicide.

> Immediately after the murder Mrs. in the opinion of the atending phy-Rogers endeavored to collect her ing of a limb during the latter part of sicians, Mrs. Rogers' neck was husband's life insurance, amounting broken and death was not due to to \$500, and also made arrangements strangulation, although she was to purchase furniture for the house probably unconscious from the fall

> had married Knapp. The law saving been fulfilled toe deputies, guards and speciators left A few days after the murder Mrs. Rogers, Perham and the Bates wo- where she has spent a large part of her the prison. The body was cut down man were arrested. Perham made a time since the marriage of their daughand placed in a coffin that had been complete confession and both he and ter Margaret, to the Duke of Roche Mrs. Rogers were found guilty of Mrs. Rogers' body had been claim-Mrs. Rogers' body had been claimed by her mother and sister and will murder in the first degree. Perham Hiram Mitchell, U. S. A. is also a son be buried by them at Hoosic Falls, was sentenced to imprisonment for life, while the sentence of the court in Mrs. Rogers' case was death on the gallows.

Under the Vermont law, the power of commutation of sentence rests with -Gov. Chries J. Bell ws promptly the Legislature, and the law also provides that whenever one is sent-Shafford pronounced the fatal words: tion of Mrs. Rogers, Afterwards, the enced to death a session of the Leg"I now proceed to execute the senGovernor gave out the following islature must be held between the time of the sentence and the date set "I am much relieved to know that for the execution. At the last ses When the words were pronounced the execution of Mrs. Rogers was ac- sion of the Legislature various at-Deputy Sheriff Angus McAuley complished promptly according to tempts were made to commute Mrs. law, and without a hitch or unneces- Rogers' sentence, but all failed. Promptly at 1:06 o'clock Deputy sary delay. It was a disagreeable Then an attempt was made to pass Sheriff Shafford, who was in charge duty I have been called upon to per- a law abolishing capital punishment of the execution, dispatched two of form, but notwithstanding my pri- in Vermant, but that also failed. An his deputies to Mrs. Rogers' cell in vate views in regard to the matter, attempt to secure a pardon for the the central section of the State I have acted on my oath as chief ex- woman shared the same fate. A bill ecutive, and I believe I have acted in was then introduced providing for the interest of public good and act the appointment of a state commis-In the meantime a little group, cording to the law-abiding sentiment sion to examine into the woman's consisting of sheriffs, deputies, of the people of Vermont. The incident is closed, and I do not care to unanimously but was defeated in the say anything more at this time."

Governor Bell later left for his The date set for the execution was February 3, 1905. On February 2, after Mrs. Rogers had received the Windsor, Vt., Dec. &-A telephone last rites of the Roman Catholic message from White River Junction to Church, Governor Charles J. Bell the State prison here, sent by Attor- granted her a reprieve until June 2 ney Charles A. McCarthy, represent- in order that the claim of her attorthat Governor Bell had declined to grant a reprieve indicated that the last

possibility of interference with the execution of the woman, set for this afternoon has vanished. The lawyer's On May 17 last, the full bench of information was varied. information was verified a few mo- the Vermont Supreme Court heard ments later by an official telephone call the evidence on which the petition from Governor Bell to Sheriff Henry for a new trial was based, and a little more than a week later denied carrying out the death sentence then the petition.

The information that the Governor On June 1 a second reprieve by had refused further to interfere did not Governor Bell removed the doomed surprise the prison officials in view of the repeated declarations of the Gov-ernor that his duty required that the in order that the United States Supreme Court might pass upon the constitutionality and legality of the

r of United Explains Why He Got Hyde's BUFFALO FIRE

GOVERNMENT NO HARRIMAN THREAT

Guilty and the Blow Crushed Him. Sodden Bluess Took Serious Turn This Morning and He Was Kept Altre by Hernie Measures for

(By the Associated Press) Portland, Ore. Doc 8 United States Senatur John H. Mitchell died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Paller Overspread She referred the aid of the deputies for which Mrs. Mary Mabel Rogers noon, death resulting from complications which believed the removal of four teeth at a dental office yesterday morning. A hemorrhage of hands of a receiver. moval of the teeth.

John Hipple Muchell was born in Washington county, Pa. June 22, 1835. 10, 1873, Mr. Mitchell was elected to the national Senate. A Democratic logicature in 1878 failed to return him to the Senate. He engaged in the practice of law in Portland until 1885, when he was re-elected to be United the legislature, that body having failed to choose a Senator in 1831 or 1823. He she chloroformed him. In this she twas aided by Leon Perham, a half-witted boy who was the son of the woman with whom she boarded. Another woman, Estella Bates, was

a conspiracy to defraid the govern-ment of its public domain was made manifest by his conviction in the Fed-eral court, that he lost the political in-fluence which he had held for the greater in recent years a hearty man, a severe cold a year ago followed by the breaklast summer, mental strain and humi! lation rapidly supped his vitality until he was in poor condition physically which was added to by the blood pot where she expected to live when she son that frequently characterizes a saf-

ferer from diabetes. Senator Mitchell's wife is in Paris, foucauld. A son, John H. Mitchell, Jr. of the Senator.

Restore Amount Out by House

Democratic Steering Committee Authorized to Fill Minority Vacancies on Senate Committees-Teller Fills Cockrell's . Vacancy-Gorman Re-Elected Caucus Chairman.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 8.-The emergency bill appropriating \$11,000,000 for immediate use in the construction of the Panama Canal will be taken up by the Senate on Monday.

The discussion of the measure probably will occupy three or four days, following the lines of the debate which occurred in the House, It is expected that the Senate will amend the bill to restore the \$5,500,000 cut out by the House, thus making a total appropriation of \$16,500,000.

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

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

clergyman did not accompany Mrs. Rogers to the scaffold. Prison Chaplain Hayos witnessed the execution through a window.

Passing through the door that opens from the guard room into the west wing, Mrs. Rogers was obliged to descend a flight of iron steps. She did not flinch. Her step was firm.

Aside from the presence of an unusconstitutionality and legality of the proceedings governing Mrs. Rogers have and a legality of the proceedings governing Mrs. Rogers have an all number of deputy sheriffs and a large number of newspaper correspondents and telegraph operators, the town of Windsor proceeded with its business as usual to-day. There was apparently little interest in what was taking place at the prison. Sheriff Peck came from White River Junction on an early train. He seemed considerable for the unusconstitutionality and legality of the proceedings governing Mrs. Rogers secretary.

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

Eguitable Stock

to Asswer, but Finally Said that There Was No Foundation for Report-flig Man on the Stand-

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. k.-Thomas F. Ryan, before the insurance investigating committee to-day, testified that he bought the Hide Equitable stock because he believed that by so doing he preventcountry had ever seen which, he be-Heved, would have followed if the Equitable would have been put in the Mr. Eyan said that after his purchase

E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific Railroad, desired to share in the purchase. Mr. Ryan refused Mr. Har- Japan two days ago with 1,800 riman's offer. Mr. Ryan declined to A Democratic answer questions as to what was said at the conversation between him and Mr. Harriman. Mr. Hughes said lie wanted to know whether there was any truth in the report that it was hinted there would be an investigation of the iffe insurance business if Mr. Harriman was not given an interest in the

man Armstrong, of the committée, said

the question was proper and should

have been answered. Mr. Hughes here asked if Mr. Harriman had said anything to intimate that anything disastrous would happen to Mr. Ryan's interests if he refused to share, with Mr. Harriman, Mr. Ryan again refused to answer, although Chairman Armstrong in the name of the committee directed him to reply. Then, on advice of counsel, Ryan replied that Mr. Harrimal had not made such a threat. Mr. Hyan said he had directed his counsel to make the trusteeship of Equitable stock perpetual because he did not want any heir of his ever to control the property.

At the opening of his testimony Mr. Ryan was questioned about his purchase of the Hyde stock in the Equitable. He said that he paid James H. Hyde \$2,500,000 for the stock.

"Did you obtain an advance from my institution?" asked Mr. Hughes. Mr. Ryan added that no one contrib uted to the payment, and he said he knew of the provision in the charter of the Equitable Society that annual dividends.

He said he was moved to make the disaster in a receivership for the Equitable Society. To avert this he thought he ought to get possession of the so-ciety. His theory was that a man is not judged so much by what he is as by what he does, and it seemed worth doing-to take this property out of the hands in which he believed it was going to destruction. He determined not to exercise the voting power, but to put that power into the hands of voting trustees of so high character as to be above suspicion.

Mr. Ryan offered a letter which he had written to Mr. Cleveland, and it was read by Mr. Hughes. The letter called Mr. Cleveland's attention to the fact that public confidence had been shaken by the condition in the Equitable Society, and that the condition of the Society amounted to a public misfortune. It described the voting trustee plan now in operation

in the management of the Society. Mr. Hughes also read another letter written by Mr. Ryan to the three trustees of the Equitable Society, in which Mr. Ryan said he is sole owner of the 502 shares of the Hyde stock, and is under no obligation to any fiving man. Mr. Ryan's letter declared that he would sell his stock only to the Society for its own benefit, but the trustees could retire it by paying Ryan \$2,500,000. Mr. Ryan testified that he got no part of his payment of \$2,500,ing the stock for Mr. Hyde.

Mr. Hughes asked why Mr. Ryan rep resented himself to be acting with other policy-holders, when he made the purchase. Mr. Ryan replied that there were some small policy-holders who expressed a willingness to join him,

He had heard there were men in Wall Street who had axes to grind and who wanted to get the stock. He thought that a purchase by these interests might be detrimental to the Soclety and give an advantage to est-tain financial enterprises. He denied he was moved by any such influences in getting control of the So-clety. He wanted to shut out from (Concluded on Third Page.)

FULL OF SHAME RYAN BOUGHT, SPIRIT OF GOD MOVES THE GREAT CONVENTE

(By the Associated Press.) Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 8 .- The shops of the Union Dry-Dock Company and D the Eric Railroad transfer and freight house on Ganson street were nate Wanted, the Witness Declined Sentroyed by fire to-day, causing a loss estimated at \$121,990.

The Eric freight house was an im mense building 1,500 feet in length and contained as unusually large amount of cust-bound merchandles, which has been piling up on account of the car shortage and the resultant blockade of east-bound freight of all

TRANSPORT ADRIFT WITH TROOPS.

(By the Associated Press.) Chefoo, Dec. 8.—Two Japanese army officers who have arrived here of which will never be for in a lifeboat report that the transport Jansen, which left Dalny for Japan two days ago with 1,800 laborers in the foreign field, one h troops and 300 horses aboard, broke young man consecrated his life for her propeller between Shantung Promontory and the Korean coast, and is now adrift.

The two officers embarked in lifeboat and came to Chefoo to seek assistance. The Japanese consul here has telegraphed for a man-of-Equitable, Mr. Ryan declined to answer war to rescue the helpless vessel. and was upheld in his declination by Some British officers are on board Paul D. Cravath, his attorney. Chair- the transport.

ECRETARY SHAW

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

per cent. at 2 p. m.

FOUR CONVICTS ESCAPED TO DAY.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Carthage, N. C., Dec. 8.-Ben Linkey. Haywood Jackson, Dunk McIver and in the foreign field. the Donnie Ferrali, convicts on the road this morning shortly after midnight. They, together with the balance of the J. J. Hall, of Payetterille. purchase because he had large interpurchase because he had large interests that would be affected by financial disaster and that he foresaw such here, and were under guard, though it seems the guard did not know of the closer relationship cannot be 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 the course of his remarks he six powers, at a conference just held, the speech made yesterday by Dr. Dar-have accepted some of the modifica- gan and declared, "We Baptista have tions proposed by the Porte to the no right to cater to any religious original scheme for the financial contact that denies the divinity of Jesus Ci trol of Macedonia, and an amended and does not rely upon his might agreement has been forwarded to power." 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 guit business five new cases were put on the docket to-day. At one negro house they found a reg ular bar-room, capturing fifteen full pints and twenty-six half pints of

RESIGNATION OF McCURDY ACCEPTED.

New York, Dec. 8.—The resigna-tion of Robert H. McCurdy, general manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, was presented to the had been checked. Board of Trustees to-day and accepted. The resignation takes effect free delivery and turned the tide in

Washington, Dec. 8 .- Arbuth L Smart has been appointed postmaste for Caroleen, N. C.

C. M. Rock Volunteers Missionary t Japan

the Missions and Sell the Pioneers in Ed By Dr. Hufham President Greeted This Afternoon.

The Baptist State Convention to resembled a great religious revival deepest piety and consecration the terinod the deliberations of the sec egates present and some

vice in Japan and his slingle moved the great body to tears, other young people said private; they were preparing to become mi

aries.

The report on State Missions too thused the body and the convent determined unanimously to raise I soo next year for ovangelization. North Carolina. Nearly fifty of the consecrated home missionaries a present and several of them gave spiring talks on their nork.

Report was made on the denominational schools. This afternoon the port of the Wake Purest trusted under discussion and for the first Dr. Potent, the new president of college, is formally recognized by convention.

Chairman J. C. Huhi

eeting of his committee Secretary added that he did not expect to make any deposits to-day or take any action unless the situation grew materially worse.

New York, Dec. 8.—Money on call, which opened to-day at 20 per cent., became easier and was leading at 13 report will probably be made

Devotional Service.

The devotional exercises at the enty-fifth annual session of the Br State Convention to-day were coned by Rev. C. B. Justice, of Ruforder, The Condens of the Condens fordion. The special subject in service was prayer for more la

Appeal to Free Will B convention to order at 10 o'c Baptists of the State, who stand the Baptists on cardinal princip On motion of Dr. J. D. Hufham esolution was indefinitely Religious Freedom the I

Dr. Seymour then addressed the vention in the interest of the Am Baptist Publication Society, of Philidelphia, of which he is secretary. I

Religious freedom was the great tist principle, all men shoul the truth as revealed to them conscience, and in the might of the English Baptists to need the prayer and sympati American brethren.

He emphasized the Baptist literature in Bapt schools and in Baptist home ciety has several cars throughout the country to 14,000 souls have been con 1891, and now fifty-three being sent into the back

being sent into the back carry this literature.

The Georgia Bapti
Editor Graham, of the G
tist Index, the oldest Bapt the world, was introduce wonderful statement that Baptists had contributed denominational objects the

State Mis The report on State presented by Rev. M. odus of the countr the towns to the c