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## HOCH'S LAST EXPIRING EFFORT WAS DRAMATIC

Invoked Fourteenth Amendment in Federal Court to No Avail  
PETITION FILED JUST BEFORE FATAL HOUR

His Attorneys Then hurried from Federal Building to Criminal Court to Try to Get a Stay Pending Action by United States Judge—It Was Determined to Delay Execution Until Last Hour Named, Two O'clock to No Avail—Petition Denied and Drop Fell Shortly Before That Hour.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Feb. 22.—John Hoch, convicted of the murder of his wife, Marie Weicker Hoch, was hanged in the county jail today at 1:34 p. m. Three times Hoch insisted to the last that he be granted all the delay that the law concede him. Under the wording of his sentence the criminal was to hang between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. When the last recourse of his attorneys, an appeal to the federal court of a violation of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution, which forbids that a man shall not be deprived of his life without due process of law, had been denied Hoch abandoned all hope of saving his life but still insisted that he be allowed to live as nearly to 2 o'clock as possible.  
When Jailer Whitman, who has long been a friend of Hoch, appeared in his cell and remarked:  
"It's all over, John. Nothing more can be done for you."  
Hoch replied:  
"That's all right. It's all right, but I want to have all that is coming to me in point of time. I'll go when 1:30 o'clock comes, but if you try to take me before that time, I'll fight."  
"I wouldn't do any good as I have," replied Jailer Whitman.  
"I know that," replied Hoch, "but I want all that is coming to me. I'll go all right at 1:30."  
The jailer after consultation with Deputy Sheriff Peters agreed to the delay. Hoch then asked that his dinner be sent for. His wish was granted and he ate with an evident relish and apparently without thought that he would never enjoy another meal.  
It was exactly 1:32 o'clock when Hoch, preceded by Deputy Sheriff Peters and attended by Jailer John L. Whitman, Rev. Ascheter and Rev. J. E. Burkland stepped upon the scaffold. Two minutes later he was a corpse. He walked upon the scaffold quickly and stood directly under the noose with heels together and head erect like a soldier on parade. He was perfectly composed and full of courage. Rev. Burkland read steadily reciting the prayers for the dying when Deputy Sheriff Peters asked Hoch to step back upon the trap. He took the step quickly, glanced down to see if he was in the proper place and then turned his face to the deputy sheriff.  
"Do you want to say something?" asked Deputy Sheriff Peters.  
"Yes," said Hoch.  
Mr. Burkland was still reciting the prayer and Jailer Whitman held out his hand to silence him. The clergyman not noticing, kept on with the prayer and one of the guards spoke to him. He ceased immediately and Hoch as soon as he could speak without interruption said in a strong German accent:  
"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do. I must die an innocent man. Good bye."  
He chopped off the last words in a short incisive manner and before his voice was silenced the drop fell.  
Dr. McNamara, the county physician, was at Hoch's side the instant he fell and declared that Hoch died instantaneously, the neck being broken. The body late in the afternoon was delivered to a local undertaker who had engaged to inter it at his own expense.  
Rev. J. R. Burkland, one of Hoch's spiritual advisers, had a talk with the prisoner shortly before he was left to the scaffold and said later that Hoch had confessed.  
"Did he confess to the murder?" he was asked.  
The clergyman hesitated and then answered:  
"Well, he said that he had been a bigamist and a very wicked man. He declined to say a word as to whether or not Hoch had confessed the murder."  
Hoch slept well all night and when he awoke this morning was apparently in a jovial mood. He turned to guard James Cummings who was in the room with him and wished him "good morning." (Continued on third page.)

## THE HISTORY OF HOCH'S BLUEBEARD-LIKE CAREER

Hoch is believed to have come originally from Herrswiller, a small town in Germany not far from Bismarck-on-the-Rhine. His father, Jacob Schmitt, is said to still reside there. A wife, supposed to be the first of Hoch, is also living in the same place.  
Hoch has always been reticent regarding his career in this country, and the first woman he married in the United States is believed to have been Mrs. Martha Sinschreiber, to whom he was married in 1895. After living with Hoch for four months she died, the cause of death being given as nephritis.  
In November, 1895, he married Mary Hoch of Wheeling, W. Va. She died of nephritis after three months. Hoch has always denied this marriage and declared that he merely assumed the woman's name.  
In the fall of 1896 Hoch married Clara Bartell of Cincinnati. She died within three months of the marriage.  
In January, 1897, he wedded Julia Dose in Hamilton, O., and abandoned her after obtaining \$700.  
In April, 1898, Hoch was arrested in this city for selling mortgaged furniture and served two years in the house of correction.  
In November, 1901, he married Mrs. Anna Goehrk of Chicago, but abandoned her after failing to obtain any money from her.  
April 8, 1902, he married in St. Louis, Mrs. Mary Brecker, who died early in 1903. Her relatives have claimed that she was poisoned.  
December 10, 1904, Hoch was married to Mrs. Marie Weicker, a widow of this city, the woman for whose murder he was condemned. December 20 the woman became ill, and January 12 she died, the cause of death being stated in the physician's certificate as nephritis.  
Five days later Hoch married Mrs. Emilie Fisher, a sister of Mrs. Weicker-Hoch. He obtained \$750

## WU TING FANG FOR BOYCOTT

Former Minister Says It's Not Anti-Foreign

## SOLELY IN RETALIATION

Three Classes, Reformers, Holding Powers of Why and Young Students—But Majority are Opposed That China Has Been Deprived of Many Rights.  
(By the Associated Press.)  
Peking, Feb. 22.—Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese minister to the United States, who is expected for the first time today on the opium situation in China, spoke in support of the boycott.  
Wu Ting Fang is now living quietly in Peking, devoting his time to codifying the laws of China, one of the numerous reforms under way. He suffered for a long time from distress from the effects of the explosion of the bomb near him at the railway station last September, but has now recovered.  
Speaking of present conditions, Wu Ting Fang said:  
"China is at a critical and is passing through a transition stage. Her statesmen and people feel that China needs reform, there are great differences of opinion regarding the means. There are several classes of reformers. There are those who speak foreign languages, and who have been abroad, and who have had experience on both sides of the question.  
"They favor sensible and useful reforms, but not too radical, so as to make China first able to stand upon her own feet. The number of these sensible reformers is few. I am one of them.  
"The ruling classes also know that something should be done, but they are at their wits end to know what to do.  
"The third class is composed of young students who are too rash. They need training and experience.  
"Financial reforms should be carried out in the first place, but without foreign advice and capital it would be impossible to do so under present conditions.  
"I was working out a scheme which had to be abandoned because it was necessary to call on foreign advice. The new coinage is a stop gap.  
"One thing upon which the majority of Chinese are agreed is that China has been deprived of many rights by concessions and territorial grants, and by the way, let people have been treated by foreigners in China and foreign countries.  
"Many Chinese who have gone abroad to America, Australia and the Philippines write home complaining of arbitrary discriminations made against the Chinese which dare not be attempted against other foreigners. Therefore every one is angry and hence the boycott of American goods, illustrating the feeling against the unjust exclusion laws. It has spread over all China, and is solely in retaliation against unjust discrimination, and is not anti-foreign. The Chinese people and officials are on good terms with all foreigners, and have no hostile feelings towards them. The Chinese merchants have the best feeling toward foreign merchants.  
"The majority of the people in the interior are indifferent to all foreigners traveling in the interior, who write that they are well treated with no signs of hostility against them.  
"These rumors of anti-foreign feeling are not well founded. Sensible men advise boycotters and agitators to be reasonable and only to boycott goods not to treat persons unkindly, but to continue their friendship as before.  
"Unfortunately disturbances in several places are now arising from the boycott, but this is no sign of an outbreak against foreigners."

## WENT THROUGH ALL UNOPPOSED

Investigate Alleged Coal and Oil Monopolies

## FIRST WORK OF HOUSE

Mr. Townsend Presents Tillman-Gillette Resolution With Unanimous Report from Interstate Committee—Mr. Williams' Brief Speech in Support.  
(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Feb. 22.—Without opposition the house, as its first business today, passed the Tillman-Gillette resolution directing the interstate commerce commission to make an investigation into the subject of railroad discriminations and monopolies and report on the same from time to time.  
Mr. Townsend (Mich.) presented the resolution with a unanimous report from the interstate and foreign commerce committee.  
In explaining the resolution Mr. Townsend said:  
"This resolution was born of a settled conviction among the people as reflected in congress that injustice and wrong is being done them by certain interstate carriers of coal and oil.  
"It has been confidently alleged that certain railroad companies have large holdings of coal and oil lands, that they buy and sell coal and oil, that in other cases officers of these roads own sufficient of the stock of oil and coal companies when used in connection with the stock owned by the roads to enable them to control such companies; that by reason of such ownership, dealings and collusions, the two great necessities of modern life, coal and oil, are made more expensive to the consumer, and at the same time independent owners and dealers in these products are injured if not ruined.  
"It is alleged that hundreds of owners of coal and oil mines and fields are prevented from operation for the reason the roads which under the law should serve them, either fall entirely in furnishing the means of transportation or else furnish them so inadequately as to make operation unprofitable.  
"The result of this can only be that every consumer of coal and oil is subject to the prices of monopoly which are those of extortion and injustice. It is possible that existing law may not be adequate to reach these evils if they are found to exist, but there can be no doubt that the government is strong enough to protect its citizens against any of its law made creatures, and when publicity reveals an evil congress which is able and willing to apply a remedy.  
"This investigation should be made promptly, fearlessly and well. It is for the best interest of the honest carriers who are striving faithfully to serve the public; it is but just to the people that congress should have the information in order that it may know whether it is serving the public as it is entitled to be served."  
Support to the resolution was made by Mr. Williams, the minority leader in a brief speech.  
The resolution was agreed to without opposition.

## RUMOR THAT HOLTON WILL BE INDICTED

Blackburn's Return Now Looked for at any Moment Now

## SPECIAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR PURPOSE

Real Session of this Special Term of Federal Court at Asheville Expected This Evening or Tomorrow. It is Said Affidavits Will Be Presented to Judge Waddill that Witnesses Are Ready to Testify to Holton's Failure to Prosecute in Certain Instances.  
(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Asheville, N. C., Feb. 22.—The real session of the present term of United States district court is expected this afternoon or tomorrow. It was learned today that a bold stroke will be made by Mr. Blackburn or his followers.  
Your correspondent is reliably informed that a motion will be made in open court this afternoon or tomorrow to have a special prosecuting attorney appointed to present District Attorney Holton to the present grand jury, that affidavits will be presented to Judge Waddill stating that witnesses are on hand ready to testify to Holton's failure to prosecute in certain instances, and also other charges not specified.  
It is a fierce storm that is raging about Holton's head. Blackburn's men are here in no inconsiderable number. It is rumored this morning that Blackburn is to come himself. There is also a well founded rumor that prominent men not in the revenue service are to be presented by the district attorney to the grand jury. It is evident that this special term of court was not called for nothing.  
Blackburn's Denial.  
An Associated Press dispatch from Washington last night says: Representative Spencer Blackburn, of North Carolina, tonight made a statement reiterating his denial of the charges contained in the indictment returned against him at Asheville yesterday, alleging that he practiced before the treasury department and received fees therefor in violation of law. He says he will give the matter of the charges against him personal attention and is ready for action when the time arrives. Mr. Blackburn's statement follows:  
"I have violated no law of the land either in letter or spirit. I filed charges furnished me by responsible parties with the judicial committee of the senate against the present district attorney for the western district of North Carolina when his name was sent to the senate. This was done in accordance with the wishes of the people of my district and my state as a result of which I learn that within the last one or two days a bill of indictment has been procured against me at Asheville at a special term of the grand jury, before which the district attorney, according to the papers of the state, appeared in person. I have violated no law of the land as I have stated before, either in letter or in spirit, and the extreme animosity of men who hold federal positions against whom I have never done anything cannot prejudice the minds of the people of my state against me, because I have been for them. I shall continue to stay with the people and serve their interests as best I can."

## ANOTHER TRUE BILL AGAINST BLACKBURN WAS RETURNED

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Asheville, N. C., Feb. 23.—The grand jury of the United States district court today returned another true bill against Congressman Blackburn, charging him with practicing before the treasury department in violation of the federal statutes.  
The indictment today contains two counts. It specifies and charges that Blackburn appeared before the department in the interest of W. R. Kryder, and that Blackburn by means of persuasion, representations and letter writings secured a compromise in the Kryder case.  
It is charged that Blackburn practiced before the department in this during May, 1905. He is charged with receiving a fee of \$50 for his services. Kryder is from Rowan county. The case was pending when Blackburn is alleged to have secured a compromise.  
The indictment today makes three that have been returned against Blackburn. Other counts have also been added to the two indictments found prior to the one today.

## CONTRACT FOR MAMMOTH A. C. L. SHOPS AT WAYCROSS

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 23.—Late yesterday afternoon it was announced from Atlantic Coast Line headquarters that the contract for the mammoth shops to be built at Waycross, Ga., had been awarded.  
Seventeen firms submitted bids. The contract is given to the Pennsylvania Bridge Company of Beaver Falls. It is stipulated that the work must be completed by January 1, 1907. While the officials refuse to state the contract price it is known that the shops will cost not less than four hundred thousand dollars.

## NEGRO SHOT FOR CRIMINAL ATTEMPT

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 23.—A special to the Commercial Appeal from Shaw, Miss., says:  
An unknown negro was shot to death yesterday by Dr. E. B. Grice after attacking and attempting to criminally assault a white woman. The negro was prevented in his purpose by the appearance of a party of negro field hands, who gave chase and were joined by Dr. Grice, who killed the negro.

## THE DEWEY OFF LAS PALMAS

(By the Associated Press.)  
Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Feb. 23.—(1 p. m.)—The United States drydock Dewey has just been signaled off this port.  
Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 23.—John S. Lindsay, a Shakespearean actor, died yesterday of heart disease, aged 65 years.

## TO ALLAY THE EXCITEMENT.

(By the Associated Press.)  
New Orleans, Feb. 23.—Governor Blanchard announced today that he would take tonight's train for Shreveport with the object of assisting in allaying the excitement prevailing there over the trial of the negro Charles Coleman tomorrow for the murder of Margaret Lear, a school girl. The situation at Shreveport is reported quiet today, though public feeling continues intense.

## NEGRO BOY KILLED BY TRAIN AT AUBURN.

A negro boy, Walter Burdge, aged 15 years, was run over and killed by a local freight train on the Southern Railway near Auburn yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock. He boarded the freight to take a ride, slipped and fell under the wheels.

## SCHOONER AND BARGE COLLIDE.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Feb. 23.—The three masted barge Tipton, from Newport News for Boston, in tow of the tug Eureka, fouled the five masted schooner Charleton Henry, which was at anchor at the outer entrance to the harbor in Vineyard Sound, today. The Tipton's main mast and mizzen mast were broken off, and the pilot house was demolished. The big schooner's Hiboon and head gear and her cutter and bowsprit were carried away. The Tipton also had a hole stove in her port quarter, but it was above the water line.  
Besides the Tipton, the Eureka had to tow the barges Stafford and Havana. All were anchored after the accident.

## To Aid in Their Defense.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 23.—Five thousand dollars have been appropriated by the Mill and Smelter Men's Union of this city to aid in the defense of Charles F. Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and Orchard, who are suspected of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho.

## MERGE THE THREE TELEPHONE CO.'S

A committee from the Raleigh Merchants' Association will tonight, at 8 o'clock, confer with representatives of the three telephone exchanges here to see if, under proper conditions, a merger cannot be consummated so that there will be only one exchange here. These business men have been working to this end for some time on the ground that three exchanges are unnecessarily burdensome on the public. The committee from the merchants is composed of President C. B. Hart, J. M. Robbins, Burwell Pearce and W. H. King. Judge Palmer of Atlanta, general counsel for the Southern Bell, and Secretary and Treasurer Shaw of the Interstate, are here for the conference.

## INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE NEXT.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Industrial insurance, concerning which the special legislative insurance investigating committee which reported made no recommendation, will be subjected to a special legislative inquiry if a joint resolution introduced in the senate today is adopted. The critics of industrial insurance have alleged that the poor are robbed by exorbitant weekly premiums, many fold greater than those on ordinary insurance.

## NO ADVERSE DEVELOPMENTS.

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Feb. 23.—Dispatches to Dun's Review indicate that no adverse developments appear in the business situation while the proximity of spring trade stimulates operations in those lines.  
Bank exchanges this week at all leading cities in the United States are \$2,650,065,780, an increase of 24.5 per cent over the corresponding week of last year.  
Berlin, Feb. 23.—The reichstag today by a large majority passed the final reading of the bill providing for the extension of Germany's reciprocal tariff rates to the United States.

## LITTLE DARKY WAS BLOWN UP.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 23.—While Alexander Hood, a little negro boy, was trying to open a box of dynamite with a rock, the whole thing exploded, badly shattering windows in the neighborhood of South Davie street, and completely tearing off the boy's hand and wrist, and his face was literally peeled by flying grit. The boy is in the hospital and will recover.

## J. P. MORGAN, JR., GOES A HUNTING.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 23.—J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., spent the day here going to Climax, a few miles distant, where he will hunt partridges for a few days.