



MRS. ROGERS GOES TO THE GALLOWS WITHOUT TREMOR

Calmer Person in Death Chamber Was Woman Who Was Executed.

GOVERNOR BELL REFUSES TO GRANT THIRD REPRIEVE

Vermont Woman Pays Death Penalty for Murder of Husband—Case One of the Most Remarkable in the History of the County—Interest Widespread.

Windsor, Vermont, Dec. 8.—Without a tremor and without a word, Mrs. Mary Mabel Rogers today marched to her death on the gallows at the State prison here, and paid the penalty of murdering her husband, Marcus Rogers, at Bennington, on August 13, 1902.

To all appearances Mrs. Rogers was the calmest person in the chamber of death. She faced her end with the same stoical indifference that had marked her demeanor since her arrest, more than three years ago.

Greatly to the relief of those officials who were assisting in executing the sentence, Mrs. Rogers' last hour was remarkable free from jarring incidents. It had been feared that the woman's wonderful courage would desert at the last moment and that she would be carried to the scaffold in a state of collapse. Instead, however, Mrs. Rogers met death bravely.

Suffered No Pain. There were no sensational incidents in connection with the hanging. Although the woman was not officially pronounced dead until fourteen minutes and thirty seconds after the trap was sprung, she evidently suffered no pain. Her neck was broken at the second cervical vertebra and she lost consciousness immediately after the drop fell. A few feeble convulsive movements of her pinioned hands was the only evidence that vitality had survived the first shock.

The drop fell at 1:13 p. m., and Mrs. Rogers was pronounced dead by the attending physician at 1:27 1/2. The woman's feet barely touched the floor for an instant but the deputies on the platform of the scaffold immediately tightened the rope and raised the unconscious form a couple of inches. Although Mrs. Rogers remained calm until the end, she ate nothing today. Prison Matron Durkee prepared breakfast and carried it to Mrs. Rogers' cell, but the prisoner declined it.

At noon, another meal was sent to Mrs. Rogers and again she refused to eat. Since the death watch was established (Concluded on Page 6, Column 4.)

T. F. RYAN DEFIES INVESTIGATORS; JEROME MAY ACT

Financier Refuses to Answer the Questions of Insurance Inquisitors.

HARRIMAN'S RELATIONS WITH EQUITABLE DEAL

Admits That Union Pacific Man Wanted to Share Control of the Company But Declines to Say What Inducements He Offered.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Legislative Committee which is investigating life insurance conditions, today determined to send to District Attorney William T. Jerome a request that he institute proceedings against Thomas F. Ryan, financier and owner of the majority of the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society to punish Mr. Ryan for refusing to answer questions before the committee.

Mr. Ryan had refused to answer when asked what E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroad Companies, had said to him when Mr. Harriman tried to induce him to share his control of the Equitable Society with Mr. Harriman. Mr. Ryan was asked whether Mr. Harriman had threatened that results disastrous to Mr. Ryan's interests would ensue or if Mr. Harriman had told him that some action would be taken by the State Legislature or an officer of the government unless Mr. Ryan consented to share his stock with him.

Acted on Attorney's Advice. Acting on the advice of his attorney, Paul D. Cravath, Mr. Ryan declined to answer those questions, although Senator William W. Armstrong, chairman of the committee, directed him to do so. Mr. Ryan, however, did answer one question by saying that Mr. Harriman did not tell him at that time there would be a legislative investigation of the life insurance business unless he gave up part of the Hyde stock. Mr. Ryan had already testified that he secured control of the Equitable Society by paying James H. Hyde \$2,500,000 for 502 shares of the total 1,000 shares of the society. "After you had bought that stock was there any proposition to share it with you?" asked Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the committee. "Am I obliged to answer that question?" asked Mr. Ryan. "I think you ought to, Mr. Ryan," said Mr. Hughes. "Harriman Wanted a Share. "Mr. E. H. Harriman desired to share the purchase with me, and I refused to

MERIT ALONE TO GOVERN FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS

Politicians Apprehensive That Cortelyou's Order Means End of Favoritism.

PRESIDENT IS HEARTILY IN FAVOR OF THE PLAN

Vacancies Soon to Be Filled in United States District Attorneys, Marshals and in the Customs and Revenue Departments.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The statement was made in a responsible quarter today that President Roosevelt is in hearty accord with the new rule of Postmaster-General Cortelyou providing that in making appointments to presidential positions merit shall have preference over political influence. In fact, it was further said that the same policy will prevail to a greater or less extent in either branches of the Federal service. There is good reason to believe that the President is the author of the continuous service policy, and while discussions at Cabinet meetings are not supposed to be given to the public, a hint dropped here and there during the last few days has led to the belief that the President's official family has considered this last administration policy. Whether all the Cabinet members approve of it cannot be learned. So far, the rule has manifested its existence only in the Postoffice Department, but the politicians are apprehensive and they expect the worst.

Civil service reform has within the past few years made great inroads on Federal patronage and Senators and Representatives, therefore, view with alarm the new departure of President Roosevelt. A few weeks ago it was announced that deputy collectors of internal revenue would soon be covered with the civil service blanket. Numerous vacancies are about to occur in offices of considerable importance, among them United States District Attorneys, United States marshals, customs and internal revenue collectors, and pension agencies. The best information that can be obtained here today indicates that all appointments of this kind will be made largely on a basis of merit; political influence or pull to be only of secondary importance. In adopting the new policy President Roosevelt will have the light of his life with his party associates in the House and Senate. Friends of the administration insist that the policy is not yet



NO RACE SUICIDE HERE. Courtesy Washington Times.

SENATOR MITCHELL CUTS HIS THROAT ON WEDDING EVE TO WITHHOLD CROP

Hemorrhages Following Removal of Four Teeth the Immediate Cause of Death.

HAD NEVER RECOVERED FROM DISGRACE OF CONVICTION

Three Times Sent to the United States Senate and Only His Connection With the Oregon Land Frauds Caused His Downfall.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8.—United States Senator John H. Mitchell died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in this city at 11:19 o'clock this morning, 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 and despite the application of the most powerful styptics known to dental science, the flow of blood could not be stayed. Senator Mitchell had long been a sufferer from diabetes and other vitiating diseases, and in his weakened physical condition, rapidly succumbed to the weakness following the violent hemorrhages and lapsed into a state of semi-consciousness from which he never rallied.

Saline injections and powerful stimulants were administered but without effect, and the Senator sank rapidly until the end. John Hippie Mitchell was born in Washington county, Pa., June 22, 1835. In 1873, Mr. Mitchell was elected to the national Senate. A Democratic Legislature in 1876 failed to return him to the Senate. He engaged in the practice of law in Portland until 1885, 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.

It was only when his connection with a conspiracy to defraud the government of its public domain was made manifest by his conviction in the Federal Court, that he lost the political influence which he had held for the greater part of half a century. He ate breakfast early this morning and remarked at the table that he felt like he was going to die. After finishing his meal he went back to his room. When Rivenbark did not come out of the room and the hour of 12 arrived, his friend went to the room and found the door locked. The door was broken open and the young man was found with his head lying in the fireplace and his throat severed from ear to ear. In his right hand was a razor. He had apparently been dead for several hours.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 8.—Lee Rivenbark, a carpenter, 30 years of age, committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor. He was to have been married to Miss Mimie Walker on Sunday night, December 10th, and the young woman is almost crazed with grief. Rivenbark was employed at the carpenter shops of the Atlantic Coast Line. It had been thought for some time past that Rivenbark's mind was affected. He had an idea that several negroes in the city wanted to murder him and he did not go home Thursday night but stayed with a friend, being afraid to return to his home.

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PLAN TO KEEP BEEF TRUST'S LETTERS DARK

No Evidence Tak'n Against McSwain and Cole, Armour Blackmailers, Who Pleaded Guilty. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—Greatly to the disappointment of the United States attorneys in the Beef Trust cases, the letters by which William McSwain and Willard Cole attempted to extort money from members of the firm of Armour & Co. were not produced in court today. McSwain and Cole pleaded guilty as soon as they entered the court room. Judge Kersten sentenced them to thirty days each, and they were on their way to prison in record time. Throughout the proceedings there was evident a desire on the part of the prisoners to hurry things along. No testimony was taken. The sentence is regarded as very light.

SQUIRE DAVIS OF CALFAX, ILL.

T. P. Farrington, of Calfax, Guilford county, was in the city yesterday. He brings a report of Squire J. A. Davis, one of the oldest citizens of Guilford county. Squire Davis has been a justice of the peace for more than forty years, and for the first time in all his four score years is ill. Mr. Farrington says that he is improving. Slowly it may be but the general opinion is that he is better than he has been for some days and his hosts of friends learn it with pleasure.

ONCE HAD WEALTH, CONFESSES THEFT

Peter Forrester Admits He Stole When Executor of His Mother-in-Law's Estate.

New York, Dec. 8.—Pleading guilty to three charges of grand larceny, involving pecuniation of \$36,000 from an estate of Leland Dougherty, his mother-in-law, Peter Forrester stood before Judge Rosinsky in General Sessions Court yesterday. He had spent thirteen months in Ludlow street jail for contempt of a Saragatz court.

THE "HERMIT BANKER" IS BURNED TO DEATH

James L. Blodgett, a Yale Man of the Class of 1850, Probably the Victim of Carelessness. Warsaw, N. Y., Dec. 8.—James L. Blodgett, the "hermit banker" of Hermitage, was burned to death this morning in his home. He was estimated to be worth a million dollars. He was a graduate of Yale College, in the class of 1850. The neighbors are searching the ruins of his house, but have failed to find his body. It is believed the fire caught from an overheated stove, as he was very careless.

SAW TRAIN STRIKE WOMAN

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—William K. Vandervilt and Clarence Mackey, the New York millionaires, while standing near their private car near Greensboro today saw a Mrs. Caverness, a deaf mute, struck by a fast freight train. They hurried to the aid of the woman, who was hurled to a ditch and badly lacerated, and they directed everything done for her at the hospital, regardless of expense.

CARTER B. HARRISON DEAD

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Captain Carter B. Harrison, brother of the late President Benjamin Harrison, died yesterday at his home near Murfreesboro, Tenn., aged 65 years.

MORE JURORS SUMMONED

It looks as if Judge Ward was coming here next week with the full intent to do business. Deputy Sheriff Jones received a message from Judge Ward yesterday instructing him to summon eighteen more jurors. A few days ago the county commissioners selected thirty-six and this additional eighteen will give plenty for both grand and petty juries.

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RUSSIAN STRIKE IS NEARING END

St. Petersburg, Thursday, Dec. 7.—Via Eyckhuidem, East Prussia, Dec. 8.—A much more optimistic feeling prevails in government circles at the prospect of a complete collapse of the postal telegraph strike and the definite passage of the danger that it might be complicated by an immediate general strike throughout the empire. The workmen's council and the railroad men's affiliated organizations this afternoon came to a final decision that it would not be wise to employ the supreme fighting tool except to achieve the highest political aims and to reserve all their strength for the great struggle projected for the middle of January. In the meantime they will decimate their organizations and extending their organizations and to the accumulation of their resources. Without the support of allies with the meagre fund of 80,000 exhausted and with many reluctant and poverty-stricken members returning to work the leaders of the strikers' unions realize that they cannot hold out any longer. At the same time it is reported that even in defeat they have won a partial victory in the promise that their salaries, which are on a very low scale, will be increased by the addition of \$2,500,000 for salaries to the budget. Not any of their political demands, however, have been granted.

TO EXTEND FRANKING PRIVILEGE

Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Glass, of Virginia, has introduced a bill extending to State Agricultural Departments the privilege of franking documents relating to agriculture to farmers within their State.

SADLY RETURNING FROM SAD ERRAND

Four Odd Fellows Escort the Remains of Brother to Old Home.

H. H. Franklin and three friends, P. B. Oakley, G. N. Davis and D. P. Helms, all from Bassetts, Va., and all members of Bassetts Lodge No. 253, I. O. O. F., stopped at Clegg's Hotel for supper last night on their way home. They have been on a sad errand, returning with only the satisfaction of knowing that they have performed a sad and sacred duty to a friend and brother.

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