

FEBRUARY 23

Date Set for "Bluebeard" Hoch's Execution

VERDICT AFFIRMED

Illinois Supreme Court Stands by Lower Court—Last Hope Gone Unless Governor Interferes.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The supreme court of the state yesterday affirmed the verdict of the lower court, which condemned Johann Hoch to death for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Marie Welcker Hoch, and the date of his execution has been set for February 23.

The first news of the action of the court was received here by a telephone message from Assistant State's Attorney Barnett, who is in Springfield. He communicated the information to State's Attorney Healy. A messenger was sent to Hoch with the news and found him in the visitors' cage, talking with the last of his many wives, Mrs. Fischer Hoch, the sister of the woman for whose murder he was sentenced to death.

He quickly became more composed and asked for a verification of the report. When the messenger came back a second time Hoch took it very quietly. He did not betray the slightest emotion, and said in his ordinary tone: "I have nothing to say; nothing at all. If it must come, then it must. I have nothing more to say."

The specific charge against Hoch, and for which he was convicted, was the killing of his wife, Mrs. Marie Welcker Hoch, by the administration of arsenic. He fled from the city and was arrested in New York and brought back to Chicago. He was placed on trial April 19 and convicted May 20. Sentence of death was passed on him on July 3, the original date of June 23 being set for his execution.

FOURTEEN INDICTMENTS RETURNED

Common Carriers, Railway Officials, Shippers, Freight Agents on List.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—Fourteen indictments were returned by the federal grand jury here yesterday against common carriers, railway officials, shippers and freight agents, charging the giving of rebates and conspiracy to gain rebates. They are as follows:

George H. Crosby, of Chicago, general traffic manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. George L. Thomas, broker, of 329 Broadway, New York, a merchandise broker. L. B. Taggart, New York, Crosby's chief clerk. The Chicago & Alton Railroad Co. and John N. Faithorn and F. A. Wann, formerly vice president and general freight agent, respectively, of the railroad company. The Cudahy Packing Co. Swift & Co., The Armour Packing Co., The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Co., Nelson Morris, Edward Morris and Ira N. Morris, comprising the partnership of Nelson Morris & Co., D. H. Kreskip, Kansas City, freight broker.

Officers Elected.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 16.—Daniel C. Gilman, of Baltimore, was yesterday re-elected to the presidency of the National Civil Service Reform League. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice presidents, Joseph H. Choate, New York; Grover Cleveland, Princeton, N. J.; Charles W. Elliott, Cambridge, Mass.; Harry A. Garfield, Princeton, N. J.; Arthur T. Hadley, New Haven, Conn.; Henry C. Lea, Philadelphia; Herbert Welsh, Philadelphia; Seth Low, New York; Frank B. MacVeagh, Chicago; George A. Pope, Baltimore; Henry C. Potter, D. D., New York; R. J. Ryan, D. D., Philadelphia; Moorfield Storey, Boston; Thomas N. Strong, Portland, Ore.

Charged with Embezzlement.

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—Charles K. Brice, a member of the firm of Brice, Higbee & Co., Homestead glass manufacturers, the largest independent producers of crystal glass tableware in the country, was arrested Thursday night at his home on information made by J. B. Higbee, president of the firm, who charges Brice with the embezzlement of \$5,000 and upward.

Princeton Bests Harvard in Debate.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—Princeton defeated Harvard in annual debate at Sander's theatre last night. The New Jersey men supported the affirmative of the question, "resolved that inter-collegiate football in America is a detriment rather than a benefit."

Steamer Ran Down a Schooner.

Bridgeton, Conn., Dec. 16.—The steamer City of Lowell last night ran down the late-laden schooner Basuto, land Chatham, N. C., for New York, off South Norwalk. The schooner was cut to the water's edge and was abandoned. The crew escaped in boats to the Lowell.

Three Children Cremated.

Traverse City, Mich., Dec. 16.—Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ingersoll are dead, as the result of a fire that destroyed their home, near Fife Lake, Mich.

FORMS PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

Terrible State of Affairs Throughout Livonia—Government and Other Russian Officials Prisoners.

St. Petersburg, via Helsingfors, Finland and Berlin, Dec. 14.—Two messengers who arrived here from Riga yesterday, having walked about 130 miles to catch a train at Plock, not only confirm the report that a provisional government has been set up in Livonia, but they say that many of the troops have gone over to the insurgents.

Dvina fort, commanding Riga harbor, is in their possession and the governor and other Russian officials are prisoners. The messengers add that the provisional government exercises authority throughout Livonia and part of Courland. The new government has declared the separation of the Lithonian people from the Russian empire. They have chosen new local officials and have decreed the closing of the spirit shops and breweries and the annulment of contracts between the peasants and the land owners. There is a general uprising of the native peasants, who are traveling in armed bodies, attacking the estates and driving off or killing their owners.

The position of the peasants in these provinces has been the most deplorable of any in the entire empire. Conditions almost approaching those of the feudal system have been continued down to the present time. They practically have kept the peasants in a state of vassalage, placing them at the mercy of the German barons.

The Russian officials are being expelled from the provinces and many of them have been killed in the streets of the towns. There is a reign of terror at Riga.

SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES.

Perkins Resigns as First Vice President of New York Life—Peabody Elected President of Mutual Life.

New York, Dec. 14.—Two incidents affecting the life insurance situation in New York yesterday overshadowed the legislative committee investigation. While the committee was inquiring into the conduct of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., George W. Perkins resigned as first vice president and chairman of the finance committee of the New York Life Insurance Co. He was succeeded by Vice President Alexander E. Orr, president of the New York City Rapid Transit commission, and as chairman of the finance committee by John Clafflin, head of the H. B. Clafflin Co.

Another important move in the situation was the election by the trustees of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. yesterday of Charles A. Peabody to succeed Richard A. McCurdy as president of that company at \$50,000 a year. Mr. McCurdy's salary was \$150,000. Mr. Peabody is a lawyer, the American representative of William Waldorf Astor and a director in several banks and other corporations, of which one is the Illinois Central Railroad Co. Mr. Peabody also was nominated as trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., to succeed Justice Rufus W. Peckham, and Emory McClintock was nominated to succeed Ellihu Root.

COURT DECIDES AGAINST HEARST.

Cannot Order Ballot Boxes Opened Nor Recount of Ballots.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The court of appeals, in a decision handed down yesterday in the New York ballot box case, sustains the contention of counsel for Mayor George B. McClellan, and denies that of attorneys for William Randolph Hearst and his colleagues on the Municipal Ownership league ticket. The court holds, as was argued by ex-Chief Justice Parker and his associates, that the courts have no power under the election law to order by mandamus the opening of the ballot boxes and a recount and canvass of the ballots.

The case relates directly to the vote for mayor, comptroller and president of the board of aldermen cast in the Second election district of New York county at the election of November 7 last, but is of the utmost importance in Mr. Hearst's contest for the mayorality of New York City, and is fundamental in its effect upon the electoral system of this state under the present election law. The decision was rendered by a divided court, five to two.

INDICTMENT AGAINST A RAILROAD

Charged that the Road, with the Sanction of Two Ex-Officers, Paid Illegal Rates to a Packing House.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The federal grand jury yesterday returned an indictment against the Chicago & Alton Railroad Co., John N. Faithorn and F. A. Wann, formerly vice president and general freight agent, respectively, of the railroad company.

The railroad company and the two ex-officers are included in one indictment, in which there are ten counts against the company, and against each of the two men. The general charge is that the railroad company, with the sanction of the two officers, paid illegal rebates to the packing house firm of Schwarzebild & Sulzberger for the purpose of procuring shipments from the concern, and also with the same object gave free transportation to the employees of the concern.

Schooner Wrecked.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 14.—The schooner Florencia, while on her voyage from Bluefields, Nicaragua, to Port Limon, Costa Rica, was wrecked. Among those lost were Frederick M. H. Wood, British consul at Port Limon, two Americans, John Thiant and W. M. Rather and three sailors.

Date for G. A. R. Encampment.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 14.—At the G. A. R. conference here yesterday it was decided to hold the annual encampment in Minneapolis beginning August 13.

POPULAR SCENIC ROUTE.

Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Company.

Condensed Time Table in Effect June 4, 1905.

Table with columns for STATIONS, Week Days, and Daily. Includes stations like Addison, Knoxville, Westfield, Gaines Junction, Galton, Cross Fork, etc.

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Pennsylvania RAILROAD.

TIME TABLE No. 27. COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R. Taking effect May 27th, 1901. EASTWARD. STATIONS: Port Allegany, Lv., 8:15; Colesburg, 8:25; Burville, 8:30; Rowletts, 8:40; Knowlton, 8:45; Mids, 8:50; Dimsted, 9:05; Hammonds, 9:05; Coudersport, 9:10; North Coudersport, 9:15; Colesburg, 9:20; Seven Bridges, 9:25; Raymond's, 9:30; Newfield, 9:35; Newfield Junction, 9:40; Perkins, 9:45; Carpenter's, 9:50; Crowell's, 9:55; Utzyses, 10:00.

WESTWARD. STATIONS: Utzyses, 10:00; Crowell's, 10:05; Carpenter's, 10:10; Perkins, 10:15; Newfield, 10:20; Raymond's, 10:25; Seven Bridges, 10:30; Colesburg, 10:35; North Coudersport, 10:40; Coudersport, 10:45; Hammonds, 10:50; Dimsted, 10:55; Mids, 11:00; Knowlton, 11:05; Rowletts, 11:10; Burville, 11:15; Colesburg, 11:20; Port Allegany, 11:25.

Flag stations. Trains do not stop for passengers. Train Nos. 3 and 10 will stop at all stations. Connections—At Utzyses with Fall Brook R'y for points north and south. At B. & S. Junction with Buffalo & Susquehanna R. R. north for Wellsville, south for Galton and Ansonia. At Port Allegany with N. Y. & P. R. R. north for Buffalo, Olean, Bradford and Smethport; south for Keating Summit, Austin, Emporium and Penn'a R. R. points.

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