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HEARILY KNOCKED.

A New Variety of Elec-
trocution Tested at
Sing Sing Prison.

NOT AN IMPROVEMENT

As Far as Distress to the Nerves of
Spectators is Concerned.

REPORTERS ALLOWED TO SEE IT.

Divided in Their Opinions as to the Cruelty
of the Operation.

An Assemblyman Says It Was So Un-
natural That He Will Move to Have
the Law Repealed—Unconsciousness
Comes at the First Shock—Death in
Half a Minute—A Second Whirl
Necessary—The Flesh Shrivelled and
Roasted—Details of the Manner in
Which Charles McElvaine Died for a
Murder—Witnesses Present Under
the New Law—The Murderer Quickly
Loses Nerve—A Theory of Edison's
Knocked Out.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The state execu-
tioners killed Charles McElvaine, mur-
derer, at Sing Sing prison this morning, in
the presence of twelve lay witnesses, eight
of whom were representatives of newspapers
or of news associations. Warden Brown,
Dr. Carlos F. McDonald, Dr. Samuel R.
Ward, Prof. Landy, of Columbia College,
and Electrician Davis conducted the killing,
assisted by seven other physicians.

Of the reporter witnesses four agreed
that the killing was more merciful than
hanging. The other four thought it was
brutal, but not so bad as the killing of
Kemmler at Auburn. Of the other invited
witnesses, Warden P. J. Doyle, of Brook-
lyn, said that the means of death was quick
and merciful.

Assemblyman Meyer J. Stein said: "I
do not know whether death was instanta-
neous or not. I only know it was horrible
and I shall do all in my power to have the
law repealed. The sight was cruel and un-
natural, and it made me sick." Mr. Court-
ney and Mr. Adams, of Newburg,
expressed no opinion.

Executions at the First Shock.

The executioners and the medical wit-
nesses agreed that unconsciousness came
at the first shock of the elec-
tric current. They all admitted that ani-
mal life existed when the current of 1,600
volts was turned off, after having been sent
into his body continuously for 30 seconds,
and that his pulse could be felt, but after an
interval of ten seconds, which the current
held the body thus. It was really less than
a minute. "Close," said Dr. Mc-
Donald. Prof. Landy pulled an
artery from the neck, and found it
beating. The witness, who had been
closed slowly, as they had opened.

All off," asked Dr. Ward.

Death in Half a Minute.

Thirty-five seconds had gone since the
current was turned off, and there had not
been a motion of the body. One of the
witnesses whispered: "He's dead—wonder-
ful." The witness, who had been
closed slowly, as they had opened.

The Body Scattered and Blistered.

In the process of killing the murderer's
body was blistered and scorched where
the electrodes were applied. To the laymen's
eyes the flesh looked shriveled and roasted.
The professional men, except Dr. Robert-
son, agreed that the body was scorched and
blistered, due to the rapid evaporation of water
that leaked from the electrodes. Dr.
Robertson said that the flesh was burned
and that a smell of burning flesh pervaded
the room.

The Experts Went to the Execution Room.

The unanimity of witnesses that was de-
sired by the executioners and fanatics of
this mode of killing was lacking. The one
scientific fact which was not demon-
strated by the execution was that the electric
current is less deadly when the electrode is
applied to the hands than when it is applied
to the head. Mr. Edison
and other electricians have held the op-
posite view.

Warden Brown's Explicit Warning.

The doctors, except Dr. McDonald, were
near the switchboard, and the reporters sat
facing the chair. Dr. Ward held a stop
watch in hand, and another doctor stood
by him with pencil and paper. Warden
Brown stepped to the center of the room
and said:

Now, gentlemen, this execution is in the
hands of two of the doctors, who are here in
the interest of the state, and of two elec-
tricians, who are employed by the state. You
are not to say a word or make any sugges-
tion. If there is anything to be said these officials
will say it. The man who dares to disobey
these orders will go out of the door quickly.
You understand.

A FRIGHTFUL BOILER EXPLOSION.

It Killed Four Men and Demolishes an
Arkansas Mill.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 8.—Saturday
morning, while customers waiting at Sal-
ton's mill at Bethel, five miles south of
Pragdale, to get their grain ground, the
boiler exploded and killed four persons on-
right. The killed are: Thomas Woods,
James Woods and son and B. Waugh.
A six-hour strike was demolished. The
boiler of the killed were horribly mangled
and scattered, one of them being cut in
two. The boiler was carried 150 yards from
the mill. No other person was near.

Preparations for the Killing.

There were comments on the Warden's
speech. The little iron door opened again
and the Warden disappeared behind it. Dr.
McDonald took his place in the center of
the room. He said:

TITLES COME HIGH
To American Women Who Seek Bliss
in Their Glamour.

A RICH GOTHAM GIRL'S STORY
In a Divorce Court Shows That All Barons
Are Not Gentlemen.

A DRAMATIC RECITAL OF WRONGS

STOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 8.—To-day has
been a sort of culmination in the divorce
trials in this city. The event was the
trial of the suit of Madame De Steurs for
divorce from her husband, Alphonse Eugene
Lambert De Steurs, Minister for the Nether-
lands in Paris. The plaintiff is represented
by Herbert A. Shipman, of New York, and
Captain W. H. Stoddard, of this city. The
Baron is represented by J. L. Glover and
A. F. Orr, two young lawyers who propose
to make their man in the trial of the case.

Other Testimony Against Curtis Not
Very Strong—Mamie Holden Sees the
Shooting and the Flight of the Fugitive
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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—The trial of
M. B. Curtis, actor, for the murder of
Policeman Grant, was resumed to-day. A
number of witnesses testified to being in
the vicinity at the time of the killing and
hearing shots fired, and James Creighton,
barkeeper; Joseph Delny, extra man in the
police department; and George H. H. com-
positor, who was sitting on a bench near the
spot where Grant was killed. The night was
dark, however, and while they obtained a
general description of the fugitive they
stated they could not positively identify
Curtis as the man.

Two Political Parties Needed.

The Republican nominee for Governor of
Louisiana enlarges on the theory.
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The relations between such parties and
freedom are so close that it is difficult to de-
termine which is the cause and which is the
effect. The people are free opposing
political parties are invariably found; where
there is no party there is no freedom. It
follows that where such parties do not
exist the people are not free. In 1887
the Republican party took form in Louisiana.
It was the only party in the state, and it
has since maintained its absolute power by
violence and fraud. The Republican party
of the State, though not destroyed
(as recent events show) has been crushed,
and for all practical purposes is no longer
a party. The only party in the State
today is the Democratic party, and it is
the only party that is worthy of the name.

FORCED TO SHOW HIS HAND.

A Habeas Corpus Wanted by Counsel for
Alice Mitchell's Companion.
MEMPHIS, Feb. 8.—[Special.]—Counsel
for Lillie Johnson, held as accessory in the
murder of Freda Ward by Alice Mitchell,
sued out a writ of habeas corpus to-day
before Judge Dubois. The writ was made re-
turnable next Friday, and the prosecuting
attorney will be forced to show his hand to
the extent of showing sufficient grounds for
holding her without bail until the regular
trial of the two girls.

WILLING TO COMPROMISE.

Governor McEnery Anxious to Harmonize
the Factions in His Party.
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—[Special.]—The
regular Democratic Executive Committee,
of which S. D. McEnery is the nominee for
Governor, to-day suggested to the anti-
lottery Democratic Committee, which nomi-
nated M. F. J. Foster for the same office,
that in order to harmonize the Democratic
party and prevent the State falling into the
hands of the Republicans, both factions
take down their candidates and hold a third
State convention, in which all the Demo-
cratic voters take part, nominating a new
ticket. No answer has yet been returned to
the proposition of compromise.

CAUGHT BY A MINE FIRE.

Two Men Lost in a Disaster Near the Recent
Krebs Horror.
LEHIGH, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Fire started from
some unknown cause early this morning on
the table of the Lehigh mine at the entry
to the slope. There were five night timber-
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covered. The first intimation to these

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