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W. H. DUTTON. THE DEATH PENALTY.

Execution of Franz Ferris, the Wife Murderer---Scenes at the Gallows---He Makes a Brief Farewell Speech.

[From to-day's N. Y. Herald.] Franz Ferris, the wife murderer, suffered the extreme penalty of the law yesterday afternoon, in the yard of the City Prison, protesting his innocence to the last. It was supposed that in view of the positive nature of the evidence he would make a confession of his guilt rather than a daniel but he of of his guilt rather than a denial, but he attempted to justify his conduct at the scaf-fold, and thereby lost the respect and sym-pathy of all those who were assembled to witness his death

witness his death.
On Thursday afternoon the condemned expressed a desire to see his children, three in number, who are at present in charge of Dr. Ives, at the Roman Catholic Reformatory. Two of these children were children of his wife by a former husband, but the third one, a boy about five years old, was the offspring of Ferris. The request of the prisoner was cheerfully complied with, and the children arrived about tea time. He spent about two hours with them, alternately chatting and teaching them, in broken chatting and teaching them, in broken English, to repeat the Lord's Prayer. The time he spent with the children seemed to pass quickly and pleasantly, and it was re-marked by the keepers that Ferris' spirits were much better than they had been for

several days.
About 10 o'clock, while conversing with the Sheriff, the prisoner expressed a desire to see the scaffold upon which he was to die. He had heard the carpenters at work all day, he said, and now that they had finished he was desirous of seeing their work. At first the official did not know what to make of the request, and felt strongly inclined to refuse him, but so intent was Ferris on seeing the instrument of death that the Sheriff ing the instrument of death that the Sheriff gave way and conducted him to the prison-yard. The night was clear, and the moon lighted up the gallows so that the prisoner had a full view of the whole arrangement. He examined the scaffold very carefully, learned from the Sheriff how it worked, and was not satisfied until he had everything fully axplained to him. He then took of the state of the fully explained to him. He then took a walk up and down the yard, observing the gallows closely all the time; and then, expressing himself fully satisfied with the arrangements for the morrow, said he would

return to his cell.

The entire of that dreary night was spent The entire of that dreary night was spent by Ferris in conversing with his keeper, Mr. Finley, and Deputy Sheriffs Smith, Coffee and Egan. He manifested no desire to sleep, and kept wide-awake until day-light. He smoked a good deal, talked glibly of his wife as being a woman of impreper character, and said he thought it was unjust to die on account of her. About helf-past to die on account of her. About half-past five o'clock Ferris attended mass. Father Duranquet officiated, and in his usual impressive manner ministered to the comfort of the unhappy wretch. Religious services being concluded, the prisoner expressed a desire to breakfast with his children. The desire to breakfast with his children. The little ones were near at hand, and soon found themselves in the presence of their father for the last time on earth. Ferris, who had eaten little or nothing for two days was urged to take a hearty breakfast, but beyond a cup of coffee his meal went untasted. The children had a good appetite, however, and seemed to enjoy the meal, and the father contented himself with watching them. He seemed to take great pleasure in their society, and when reminded of the necessity of parting with them he became quite exof parting with them he became quite excited, and kissed them in the most affectioncited, and kissed them in the most affectionate manner. The parting scene between the father and the poor innocent children is represented to have been most pitiful, and calculated to elicit the sympathy of all who witnessed the trying scene. This ordeal having been passed, Ferris resigned himself into the hands of Fathers Duranquet and McKenna, and devoted the few remaining hours of his life to the worship of his Maker. While the clergymen were thus engaged in

been placed three rows of seats, with plank serving as desks for the representatives of the press, while an awning covered both the apparatus and the reporters' accommodations, and preserved the culprit from the heat of the sun.

The attendance was large, and the department of all in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion. A double cordon of police, drawn up before the gallews, extended to within a few feet of the prison wall and breaking at an angle, ran parallel with the cells as far as the small door through which the prisoner was to pass on his way to death. Besides the crowd and officers within an assembles of some magnitude had The attendance was large, and the departdeath. Besides the crowd and officers within, an assemblage of some magnitude had gathered outside, and the loungers were gazing at the walls of the Tombs as though crystal instead of stone had been used by the builder. The police, of which some two hundred representatives were present, was on duty everywhere, under the orders of Captain Jourdan, Sergeants Quinn, Walsh McCredilt, of the Sixth precinct, and Sergeant Griffiths, of the Seventeenth precinct, whose arrangements, as usual, were faultwhose arrangements, as usual, were fault-less. The spectators within and without continued to increase in number un-til the hour fixed for the execution had arrived, when the prison yard was filled by an impatient but aflent and respectful gath-

Within the cell all was quiet. The prisoner was engaged with Fathers Duranquet and McKenna, and having, at length, abanoner was engaged with Fathers Duranquet and McKenna, and having, at length, abandoned all hope of pardon or respite, strove to prepare himself for death. As the hour fixed upon for the execution was at hand, Sheriff Kelly entered the tenement of the condemned and announced to him that his sad duty required immediate discharge. The doomed man received the official calmiy and listened in silence to the reading of the death warrant. Then his hands were pinioned, the black cap was placed upon his head, and preceded and followed by the representatives of the law, Franz Ferris, aking a last look at his cell, crossed its hreshold and marched towards the gallows. Ten o'clock was approaching, and as the hour drew near the feeling of expectancy increased. A few minutes before the bells struck, a clear and firm voice was heard coming from the low corridor leading from the cell to the yard, and chanting the verses of a hymn. As the sounds grew more and more distinct, and the tread of advancing

of a hymn. As the sounds grew more and more distinct, and the tread of advancing more distinct, and the tread of advancing footsteps reached the crowd, every head was uncovered, and every whisper hushed. The words became more and more audible as the culprit marched from his cell singing as the culprit marched from his cell singing a psalm in the Portuguese language, his native tongue. The solemn cortege appeared. First came Sheriff Kelly, with Deputy Sheriff George Isaacs, then the doomed man, supported on either side by Fathers Duranquet and McKenna, then a score of deputies clothed in black, and bearing their staves of office, brought up the rear. Pale, ghastly pale, attired in clothes of a sombre hue, but with unwavering firmness, evidenced by his demeanor, he walked under the beam and stood facing the assemblage, while singing at the top of his voice. As the last notes of the psalm died away, the culprit and his spiritual advisers knelt and repeated the prayers for the dying found in the ritual of the Catholic Church. Ferris repeatedly kissed the crucifix, and gave utterance to the orison in most earnest and terance to the orison in most earnest and impassioned tones. The three men then rose, and Deputy Sheriff Isaacs was about to adjust the noose, when the condemned wretch locked the spectators in the face, mo-tioned him back and proceeded to address his hearers as follows:

his hearers as follows:

He said—"My dear gentlemen, I go to die.
I die innocent of the crime. My hand is
guilty. My heart is innocent. I have something else to say, but the Sisters and Father
Duranquet there, advise me to say nothing,
and so I will say no more."

To the Sheriff, who approached him for
the purpose of bidding him farewell, he
said—"Good by; I am very much obliged to
you and other gentlemen for the kind man-

you and other gentlemen for the kind manner in which I have been treated. I am very thankful to you all, gentlemen." Ferris having uttered these words, Deputy epped up and drawing the end of the hempen noose from under the culprit's vest secured it to the rope pendant from above. This seen to, he drew the black cap over the face of the dying man, and shut out the light of day forever.

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An instant's suspense ensued; a few seconds of solemn silence followed the perfecting of the final arrangements. Then Sheriff Kelly waved his kerchief, the deputy gave the signal, and simultaneously with the fall of the axe the already half-inanigave the signal, and simultaneously with the fall of the axe the already half-inanimate body of Franz Ferris leaped into mid air and swung to and fro until the dead weight of the clay reduced the centre piece of the picture to the inertia of matter. A sew spasmodic heavings of the chest, a slight tremor that shook the limbs, and with hands clasped and pressed upon his bosom, and quickly changing to blue, the corpse hung motionless. Thirteen minutes went by, and the pulse ceased to beat. Fifteen minutes and the heart was silent. Dr. Noyman, the physician attached to the Tombs, drew near the body and pronounced life extinct. After half an hour had elapsed the remains were lowered into a varnished deal coffin, when a superficial examination made led to the belief that the vertebræ of the neck had been dislocated, and that death had been instantaneous. The Coroner's jury having viewed the corpse, the lid of the coffin, which bore on a cruciform plate the inscription:

FRANCIS FERRIS,
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was secured, and, the receptacle having
been lifted into a hearse, was removed to

been lifted into a hearse, was removed to Calvary Cemetery.

The denouement of the tragedy was thus arrived at, spite of the endless delays ever attendant upon processes of law. How many of the criminals in embryo who yesterday, by placing a fragment of mirror at the window of their cell witnessed the last scene of all, will take warning of the fate of Franz Ferris? of Franz Ferris?

Ex-Minister Edouard Thouvenel of France.

The cable despatches announce the death, at Paris, yesterday, October 19, of M. Edouard Antoine Thouvenel, the predecessor of Drouyn de Lhuys in the office of French Minister of Province Afficial Williams Minister of Foreign Affairs. We published about a month ago the announcement of the death of his wife, a sister of Crevilliers Fleury, one of the proprietors of the Débats of Paris and a former tutor in the Orleans

family.

M. Thouvenel was born at Verdun, November 11, 1818. On finishing his studies he traveled for some time in the East, and on his return to France published his "Impressions de Voyage" in some papers on Hungary and Wallachia, which appeared in the Revue des Deux Mondes. These papers first brought him into notice, and determined his future career as a diplomatist. Shortly after he entered the French Foreign Office, and signalized himself by denouncing the encroachments of Russia in Asia Minor, and the disastrous conse-Asia Minor, and the disastrous consequences to the balance of power in Europe accruing from the treaty concluded between the Porte and Russia in 1833. In 1844 he had an opportunity of studying in the localities themselves the question of the Danubian Principalities, which was destined to occupy so much of the attention of European diplomacy, and it may be boldly asserted that the light which he shed on the situation and interests of the Principalities exerted a decided influence on the part which the French government took in determining the destiny of those interesting countries. M. Thouvenel went afterwards to Brussels, as attache under the French Ambassador, M.de Rumigny. In the month of September, 1845, he became Secretary to bours of his life to the worship of his Maker.
While the clergymen were thus engaged in preparing the wretched man fer death, Sheriff Kelly, with his posse, arrived at the prison, and took charge of the premises, with the view of completing the arrangements for the approaching tragedy.

The gallows was erected in an angle of the court yard, and was the same as used eight days since for the execution of Gené and Gozales. It rose in front of one of the wings of the female prison, with the roughly built enclosure of boards on one side, and beside the place of concealment of the hangman a little plot of grass and a minature bower. To the left of the gallows had

from this pest to take the political direction in foreign affairs, in which he gave proof of extensive knowledge and of remarkable tast. When M. Drouyn de Lhuys was summoned to the Conferences which were held at Vienna in April, 1855, M. Thouvenel was during his absence, intrusted with the entire management of the Foreign office. In July, 1855, on the return of M. Drouyn de Lhuys from Vienna, Thouvenel was appointed Ambassador to Constantinople. He was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs on January 5, 1860, succeeding Count Walewaki, who was retired on account of a disagreement with the Emperor on the lewski, who was retired on account of a disagreement with the Emperor on the Italian question. Thouvenel did not fully agree with the Emperor on his Italian policy, and he was finally retired on account of the differences on the Roman question, and was succeeded October 15, 1862, by M. Drouyn de Lhuys. Since that time M. Thouvenel has held no public office. His death at this time, when the Eastern guestion is again becoming important, will doubtless be looked upon as a misfortune, for he was considered to be intimately acquainted with the subject.

QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge Allison.—Catharine Stokely, charged with larceny, had a hearing on writ of habeas corpus, and was remanded for trial. Charles Weirganer, Herman Gefkan and Charles Fisher were heard on writ of habeas corpus. They were charged with highway robbery. The prosecutor was not present, and the court held the defendants in \$1,000 for a further hearing.

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The case of Messrs. Austin and Ward, charged with secreting goods and with conspiracy to defraud creditors, was again called up, and after hearing, the defendants were remanded for trial. Edwin T. Scott, convicted of a charge of false pretences, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment.

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