

ASSASSIN PRENDERGAST.

He Pays the Penalty for Murdering Ex-Mayor Harrison.

STORY OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS EXECUTED.

Paris Police Claim to Have Been Informed of a Plot, Said to Have Been Hatched in the United States, to Simultaneously Blow Up By Dynamite the Eliseo Palace, the Senate Chamber, the Chamber of Deputies and the Palace of Justice.

Special to the Record-Union.

CHICAGO, July 13.—Within the gloomy walls of the Cook County Jail to-day all was bustle and suppressed excitement, as the time drew near when Patrick Eugene Prendergast, the condemned murderer of Mayor Carter Harrison, would expiate the crime with his life.

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Prendergast rested well last night, and seemed calm and collected. He refused until late last evening to receive spiritual consolation, but when night came on he asked for Father Muldoon.

Between 6 and 7 o'clock Prendergast partook heartily of ham and eggs, and about 9 o'clock he sent word to Jailer Morris that he was again hungry.

The assassin talked freely with his spiritual advisers, and several times remarked: "You must stay with me to the end."

As the hour for his execution came nearer, Prendergast showed signs of slightly increasing nervousness, but on the whole he was remarkably calm and well-collected.

Prendergast was a constant attendant upon Father Barry all the morning. The little assassin was most determinedly announced with a trifle of bravado: "I will die game, and set a great and shining example to my country."

At 11 A. M. Prendergast was removed to the ante-room of the jail office, where the last kind offices were performed.

Prendergast specially requested Sheriff Gilbert to allow him twenty minutes to make a dying statement.

A jury of physicians at 11:10 filed in and inspected the scaffold and apparatus. Fifty Deputy Sheriffs were ranged around the corridor.

At 11:42 A. M. Sheriff Gilbert and Jailer Morris appeared at the right of the scaffold. The prisoner, pale and unsteady, walked behind. He stood without any apparent nervousness, though a trifle weak and unsteady.

At 11:48 the body shot downward, the head twisted to one side, and the body was apparently broken. A slight spasmodic movement of the legs was the only sign of life apparent.

Surrounded by a jury of physicians, the corpse swung to and fro, and at 11:57 nine minutes after the trigger was sprung, he was pronounced dead.

As the assassin made not an audible sound from the time he left the cell until he was executed, apparently being lost in contemplation of his awful fate.

He was gently dissuaded by Sheriff Gilbert from his determination to make a speech.

At 11:58, Jailer Morris unloosened the anchored end of the rope, and the shrouded corpse was slowly lowered calmly and in a coffin standing underneath the platform.

The face was not badly distorted, although the mouth was open and the tongue was protruding.

The color of the features was of a bluish tint, which, with the unkempt, reddish hair, straggling down over the forehead, made the sight one long to be remembered.

STORY OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH MAYOR HARRISON'S ASSASSIN WAS EXECUTED.

Many months have elapsed since Prendergast committed the atrocious crime for which he suffered punishment to-day. In that long time public opinion has not changed a particle. It is as stern and relentless now as then, in the shadow of the gallows, as under stress of the excitement which the murder created.

The awful event of to-day is approved, it is not too much to say, by the whole civilized world. There are a few men who would prefer to see Prendergast in an asylum, rather than in his grave, but they are so few that their opinion is not entitled to consideration. The belief is practically unanimous that the assassin is, and in October last, was sane enough to come within the legal definition of sanity.

The crime and the criminal were alike extraordinary. Patrick Eugene James Prendergast, a newspaper carrier about 24 years of age, took great interest in politics. During the Mayorality campaign a year ago, which resulted in the election of Carter H. Harrison, he was active in political circles, and spent much of his time electioneering and working for Harrison.

Exasperated by his failure to secure the notoriety that he craved, Prendergast determined to make another attempt. At the selected Mayor Harrison, he called upon the Mayor, and, with all the gravity he could muster, stated his desire to be appointed Corporation Counsel. But the Mayor was in good humor and the incident passed off as a matter of course. He chaffed Prendergast good naturedly and speedily forgot him. At any rate, he did not think it necessary to notify newspapers, and again Prendergast failed of his object. He was now more determined than ever to attain it. He resolved that he would get his name in the newspapers even at the risk of arrest. He called again upon the Mayor, and hinted that if his request did not secure prompt attention it would be the worse for the Mayor. But his covetous boulevards of the Mayor, and Prendergast was not enough to frighten or even startle the Mayor. Mr. Harrison did not know fear, and he treated Prendergast's threats as light as a feather.

This time he ordered Prendergast out of the office, but in spite of that, he did not think the matter important enough to mention it. Prendergast determined to write to the Mayor. His letters were not only unanswered, but he could not be sure they had ever been delivered. Again he called upon the Mayor, and this time he was received briefly, and was warned to keep away and trouble the Mayor no more.

Prendergast with his determination to secure the longed-for notoriety, Prendergast at last worked into a frenzy and committed the frightful crime for which he died to-day.

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STATE OF TRADE.

General Wholesale Business Paralyzed by the Railway Strike.

NEW YORK, July 13.—Bradstreet's statement of trade to-morrow will say: During the past portion of the week general wholesale business at Chicago and centers within the territory tributary have been practically paralyzed by the railway strike.

Large Eastern corporations felt the effect of the restricted receipts of livestock and meat, while Western manufacturers and merchants suffered loss through inability to secure supplies of raw materials from the East. The railroad strike and boycott, in part, repeated the effects of the recent soft coal strike by shutting up a large number of plants in the West and Central States through want of fuel.

Perhaps no more favorable time from the point of view of the merchants and manufacturer of the midsummer of 1894, after the panic season of 1893 could have been chosen to precipitate so widespread a railroad tie-up when business was already so generally and severely restricted.

A number of small strikes are reported, but there are 25,000 fewer idle men because of the railways this week than in the corresponding week of last year. The cotton manufacturing industries at larger Eastern and Western centers have practically no shipments, and commercial traveling throughout the country in the Northwestern States generally have become compelled to leave the road. The world's stock of wheat has declined during the past few weeks about 4,000,000 bushels more than the same portion of last year, which is insignificant in view of the existence of trade that in visible supplies are most exhausted.

Exports of wheat (four included) from the United States and Canada this week equal 2,377,000 bushels, compared with 2,300,000 bushels last week, 4,134,000 bushels in the second week of last year and 2,583,000 bushels in that week two years ago.

There were 224 business failures in the United States reported this week, against 161 last week. This is compared with 338 in the second week of last year, this with 106 in that week two years ago.

All Western states report railway transportation being restored, but that it will be some time before anything like complete restoration of conditions before the strike can be attained.

PLOTS OF ANARCHISTS.

Arrangements Made to Blow Up Several Places in France. PARIS, July 13.—Le Matin to-day publishes a statement that the police in this city have been informed that an anarchist recently left the United States for England, en route to France, having in his possession several bombs. According to Le Matin a plot was hatched in the United States to explode bombs simultaneously in the Eliseo Palace, the Senate Chamber, Chamber of Deputies and Palace of Justice here.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 13.—The police of Kirsitschnaja recently arrested a Polish student suspected of being a nihilist. His lodging house was found. Further investigation enabled the police to arrest another student and the latter's sister. A judicial inquiry is said to have revealed an extensive plot against the Czar.

TOULON, July 13.—Just previous to the launching of the new ironclad Carnot, a dockyard official discovered smoke issuing from the hold. The fire was easily extinguished. A large bottle of turpentine was emptied over the woodwork in a manner well calculated to cause the rapid spread of the flames.

It is reported that a dockyard workman, suspected of being an anarchist, was arrested and confessed that he and accomplices planned to burn the Carnot.

CHUISER OLYMPIA. Expected to Be Ready to Go Into Commission About November 1st. WASHINGTON, July 13.—The cruiser Olympia will, if no further delay happens, be ready for commission on or about November 1st, at which date it is expected she will leave the Union Iron Works. She would have been ready some time ago had it not been for a delay in delivering her turret armor.

The Naval Department has just authorized \$7,000 worth of changes in her cabins in order to obviate their being too much crowded by the passage through them of the ammunition hoists. The last armaments will soon be on the way to San Francisco.

It is desired to send the Charleston to Hawaii as soon as possible, and the Secretary evidently thinks she can go within a week; but as the vessel is now to be overhauled for the first time, it is probable that enough will be found to do in the way of small repairs to keep her at the yard for three or four weeks. In any event she will not sail until the strike is settled and order restored in California, as it is desired to have her crew on hand to take such part in the military movements as may be deemed advisable.

There will be a Board of Review called to inspect the ship at once and report by wire as to what repairs are necessary.

Washington, July 13.—The President has appointed a physician, J. W. Parsons, Registrar of Land Offices—William A. Lowery, at Marysville, California; Chas.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. The Nonpareil Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE.

A BIRD SAMSON. Species of Parrot With Extraordinary Strength.

The Keepers of the Philadelphia Zoo Completely Puzzled at the Feats of a Small Bird.

They have a lot of wonderful animals at the Zoo, but the most wonderful of all just now is a bird. And he is a bird. He is hatched up behind three layers of heavy wire mesh, such as is used for coal sieves, and even this is hardly enough to relieve a constant feeling of suspicion concerning him. The bird is a species of the parrot known as the macaw, and his native country is Brazil. The warm breath of summer which we have had several recent touches of seems, to have inspired him with a confidence peculiar to any creature that reels itself at home, and the activity of some of his exploits has surprised the keeper of the aviary, as well as the officials of the zoological gardens who have never had the opportunity of seeing the macaw on his native heath.

He has only been in this country a short time, and until a few days ago had sole possession of one of the rows of cages along the eastern wall of the aviary. In three feet square were a flock of gaily-colored but peaceful cockatoos, with feathers as white as snow. He observed them with comparative indifference for a time, but a few days ago he decided to make them a neighborly call, and now the garden is one cockatoo less in its group of specimens of winged creation.

How it happened no one knew until the next morning, when the macaw was found on the cockatoo cage, sitting comfortably on a perch, while beneath him lay a dead cock in the pit. The other cockatoos kept themselves as far as possible out of sight in a corner.

Three bars of thick wire partition between the cages had been pulled out to make way for the macaw. Evidently this might have been an easy thing for a man to do, but it is doubtful if a man could have done it more neatly or completely.

The macaw was not put back in his cage. He was given quarters in a private cage, a stout portable enclosure about three feet square, with a floor of galvanized sheet iron, and iron bars as thick as an ordinary lead pencil. The bars were supported around the sides with cross pieces, or strings of thick iron, so that their length was not over six inches in any part of the cage. It was thought that the macaw was pretty safe in that kind of a cage, but he made arrangements doubly sure he was placed in a small room in the corner of the aviary and the door closed, which proved a wise precaution.

The next morning the keeper of the aviary nearly fell dead with surprise to find the macaw at large, perched quietly on the top of a feed box. The box was empty.

His jaw dropped with consternation, the keeper, who had charge of all the birds that ever came there in the twenty years of the garden's existence, stood and surveyed the scene. The bars on the heavy iron cage had not been pulled out as in the larger cage, but he had been bent and almost broken, leaving a large enough opening for the macaw to make his exit. How he did it is still a puzzle for the Zoological Society to solve, if not a puzzle for a good mechanical engineer familiar with the tensile and other properties of iron bars.

The keeper who found the bird first felt the bars with his fingers to see if they had been moved, but he was mistaken, but they were not. Then he got a pair of plumber's pliers and tried to bend them straight again, but he had not force enough in his wrist to do it. Then he sat down and wiped the cold perspiration from his face and looked at the macaw with a suspicion that the bird must be supernatural, while the bird sat as usual on the top of the feed box, as if his gaze. The macaw is a silent bird. He does not talk like other parrots.

The keeper secured the windows and doors and went for advice and assistance. The macaw is back in its cage now, but the bars are still bent just as he left them, because there is not a pair of pliers in the garden strong enough to straighten them. Around the outside of the cage are the layers of the thick wire mesh of the kind used to sieve coal, hiding the bird almost completely from view, except at one corner left open to feed him.

The macaw's bill is the most astonishing thing that has been seen in the garden since it was founded. The bird is not larger than a parrot of somewhat extraordinary size, being over two feet in length, and having a head on him probably larger than a big Florida orange and an enormous bill for a bird. His plumage is dark and rather subdued in comparison with the smaller parrots, but it is very handsome. Since he twisted the bars with his bill, he has a jagged, saw-toothed edge to his bill, and he will get his fighting blood up and take a man's finger off, which he is easily capable of doing.

Who would be done with him has not been determined yet. There was a proposition to confine him in the new bear pit, but it is probable that he will be put in a cage established for the summer, where the bars are as thick as those used to confine the eagles and vultures. The strength of his bill is marvelous.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Musical Romance. "Could you enjoy life with me in the key of F?" asked the music teacher, as he realized that his conversation with his fair pupil was being overheard by her father.

"Indeed, indeed I could," replied the girl, fervently.

"Then meet me in the key of G." "And the old gentleman never suspected anything wrong until he learned that they had eloped at 1 sharp and started housekeeping in a flat.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. Ex-Congressman John R. Glascock and family ex at the Golden Eagle. Sheriff H. W. York came over from Woodland yesterday and is at the Capital Hotel.

James Collins of Courtland came up yesterday and is staying at the Capital Hotel.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: John R. Glascock, Mrs. Glascock, Miss Glascock, Miss Bessie L. Wall, John R. Glascock, Jr., Oakland; Robt. J. Tyson, San Francisco; J. G. Snook, Oak Park.

Arrivals at the Capital Hotel yesterday: W. W. Westlake, San Francisco; George Crow, Westlake, T. J. Bowen, Alameda; James Collins, Courtland; H. W. York, Woodland; Mrs. Clement J. Schuster, San Francisco; Miss Amelia Ghuyas, Miss C. C. Kotter, Nevada City; Mrs. M. M. Smith, Palo Alto.

He-I had my picture taken along with Nero-my big St. Bernard, you know. May I have the pleasure of presenting you with a copy? She-Oh, I guess so. I always did admire a handsome dog.—Indianapolis Journal.

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