

his hair and beard were carefully brushed. Those who desired were permitted to leave the chamber of horrors immediately, and when the scientists proceeded with the autopsy.

REMARKS IMPROVEMENT AND FLECK. Sheriff Jenkins, of Erie County, declared that Kemmler's improvement, both physically and mentally, during his long confinement in Auburn was most marked.

"He was a plucky fellow," said the Sheriff. "He was not half so much concerned as was Warden Durston."

"He stepped out smiling, took his place in the chair and seemed only anxious that the job be done quickly and well. When the electric current was turned on the top of his head, he exclaimed with a half-boisterous smile:

"Push her under hard, Sheriff."

It was under Sheriff Velling who performed the work of binding the doomed wretch to the instrument of death.

WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID. Dr. Fell, of Buffalo, said that the voltage of the current was between 1,200 and 1,400, and the current was applied for fifteen seconds.

The taking off of Kemmler, he claimed, demonstrated that no method of inflicting the death penalty was so humane as electrocution. He believed, however, that the dynamo should be located nearer the execution room.

Dr. Southwick said that the current was turned on at 6.40 o'clock, and Kemmler was perfectly composed. He said that he was going to be a better worker.

AGAIN KEMMLER'S NERVE. When Kemmler took his place in the death chair he unbent his suspenders which were in the way. His hand did not shake nor his face manifest any emotion.

Kemmler said the newspaper had said a good many things about him that were untrue. He was not insane and he had not weakened.

As soon as Kemmler was fastened in the chair Warden Durston said, "Good-by," and immediately rapped on the door of the adjoining room, in which the man who was to pull the lever was seated.

A second later those in the execution room saw the body of the murderer of Tillie Ziegler draw up for a moment and then relax.

DURSTON THOUGHT IT A SUCCESS. Warden Durston tried to appear elated over the result of the experiment which he superintended.

He declined, however, to talk of details, saying only:

"From a scientific standpoint and from the standpoint of the humanitarian the execution was a complete success."

"I have never seen a man hanged, but from a humanitarian standpoint I am confident that electrocution must be a great improvement."

The Warden declared that he had not determined what disposition to make of Kemmler's body.

The murderer's brother and only relative has never asked for his body, and the law permits the Warden to give the corpse to a medical college, or to bury it in the prison cemetery, in a box filled with quicklime, for the speedy destruction of the body.

His Last Night on Earth. (Special to the Evening World.)

ATLANTA, N. Y., Aug. 6.—The last night of life for William Kemmler was spent by the condemned man as he had spent many nights before.

At 10 o'clock he removed his clothing and sank upon his bed, and in five minutes was sleeping like a tired child after a hard day's play.

Just before he fell asleep the idea seemed to seize him that he saw awakened Larry Donlan would be superseded by old Daniel McNaughton.

Writing up he said to his watchman: "Good-by, old man."

They shook hands between the grates, and then the man who had at the most not half a day to live composed himself, and in a trice was fast asleep.

Up to an hour before, Frank Fish, the Canandaigua murderer, who had recovered from yesterday's depression, had thumped his cane. The soft notes of "Nellie Bly" came from his instrument, but now he had laid the banjo away.

He was not so restless as the man who was about to die. He tossed and turned on his cot, and when asleep, it was not a restless slumber, for now and again a sigh or half moan escaped him.

At midnight old McNaughton, full of religious thoughts and sorrow for the man whose life he had guarded for fifteen months, relieved the less sentimental Donlan, and the beginning of the last day was inaugurated.

The morning hours crept on with slow but relentless tread. The word had been given at the 9 o'clock conference last evening of the invited and appointed witnesses that in the first hours of daylight to-day the rat was to be taken from the trap and killed, and it was but a little while ere the whole city of Auburn knew it.

All night long the throngs of people congregated about the massive prison gates, and when the faint yellow dawn began to light up the heavens there were at least 100 citizens about the entrance to the institution.

At 5.10 o'clock Chaplain Yates, of the prison, and Parson Houghton, the two good men who had labored incessantly for many months to turn the mind and heart of the butcher of woman towards the better world, walked together up to and through the iron gates of the prison.

Sadly, sadly, and mournfully deprecating, the two men of God passed in, heeding not the queries of the tireless news-gatherers, who had stood guard at the portals all night long.

An hour later the eminent specialists called by Warden Durston as witnesses, jurymen and spectators of the last act in the awful tragedy began to arrive.

Dr. Fell, the Buffalo physician, was the first of the specialists to ring the electric bell for admission.

It was just 9 o'clock and his entrance stimulated the curiosity of the crowd.

He was followed by Dr. Houghton, Daniels and Fowler, and then there came George A. Irish, of Canastota, one of Warden Durston's chosen deputies, but he had forgotten his card of invitation and Gateman Martin refused to let him in.

There was a confusion in which the citizens took an active part, but the lockless Canastota man got to back to his hotel for his credentials.

Last night the invited visitors were taken to the chamber of death, and were shown the workings of the death-dealing machine. No test of the machine was made, save with the lights and the volt meter.

Afterwards Dr. Southwick stated to the reporters that the volt meter was slightly defective.

When informed of this Warden Durston, in his own facile, quiet way, declared that Dr. Southwick was a liar, with a big, big D. He said the volt meter was in perfect order.

Dr. W. S. Jenkins was finally selected by Warden Durston to perform the autopsy on the body of Kemmler. This will complete the experiences of the Deputy Coroner in cases of electrical killing, as he has handled

cases of death by wire in every conceivable form.

Dr. Southwick said last night that the immediate cause of death by electrical shock had not yet been absolutely determined. It was definitely known that in some cases the blood of the victim had been disintegrated, while in other cases it seemed that some other cause had produced death.

Whether it was nerve shock or something else, it was hoped that this day's supreme test would settle the question.

William Woodcock, the young man who has charge of the engine that furnishes the power for the dynamo, spent the night at his post.

Kemmler's Last Dwelling and the Scene of His Death.

It is an old tradition that early in the present century, when the western part of New York was a wilderness, just beginning to put forth signs of its coming importance; when the center of population of the Empire State was moving west instead of north from Manhattan, and moving at a lightning gait, the Legislature considered a proposition to move the capital, and among the clamorous candidates for the seat of government was the little village of Auburn, which was the most important town west of Albany in those days.

The temporary ward warm, and finally Albany and Auburn struck a compromise. Albany took the capital and Auburn the new State prison.

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life was a continual carouse, interrupted by frequent quarrels.

Kemmler weari of the woman, but, like his class, he did not know how to free himself, and he remained to beater and quarrel with her.

She flung his scanty store of money and spent it in wild debauch with other men and women, till that fatal morning of March 29, 1889, when, in the course of an unusually severe quarrel, Kemmler said a hateful thing which resulted from the debauch of the night before, killed Tillie Ziegler.

She had just put her humble breakfast on the table, Kemmler upbraided her for her intimacy with a Spaniard known as "Yellow" Debbels, and as she approached he seized the hatchet and sent it crashing into her forehead.

Then he backed and chopped her head, shoulders, breast and body until they were only masses of bleeding, trembling flesh and protruding bones.

Then he dropped the implement of death and strode out of the house. Visiting relatives he told them of the blood-dripping from his fingers and his face and clothing reeking in gore, that he had killed Tillie.

"I'm glad I've killed her," he said, "not savagely nor excitedly, but as he might have said that to a pleasant day."

"I'm glad I've killed her. I had to do it, and I'm willing to hang for it."

Tillie Ziegler's little child, that had been brought by the couple when they eloped from Camden, was found crouching in terror in one corner of the room where her mother had been killed.

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Anburn to witness the great experiment on a human being.

Forty reporters from all over the country gathered, too, for though the law prohibited the publication of any details, no newspaper worthy the name proposed to be left.

Monday dawned and waxed and waned, and dragging in awful slowness over the peaceful little city of Auburn, but with how much more slowness to the dying man in that silent cell.

Warden Durston could give no idea of when the lever should be shifted that would send William Kemmler to eternity.

Tuesday dawned with a ghouliah exterior of weary-eyed reporters, faithful to their duty, watching every sign that might issue from the gloomy old prison.

The sun was nearing the zenith, and still there was no sign of the dreadful event that all were waiting for.

At the foot of the stairs, on the right, was a closed door, heavily fastened, behind which the murderer was confined.

Passing along the hall about fifty feet, the Warden led the way into a large, bare room, directly under the prison clerk's office, and which was formerly used as the keepers' mess-room.

There the convict choir rehearsed its hymn for Sunday and occasionally holds a select concert.

The next room that was entered was the lavatory and reception-room for newly arrived convicts, where the forger, embezzler or sneak thief all have to change their citizen's dress for the uniform of the State.

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