

HILLSTROM FIGHTS GUARDS ON WAY TO DEATH CHAIR

Salt Lake City, Utah., Nov. 19.—With a mocking cry of "Fire; let 'er go," Joe Hillstrom, itinerant poet and I. W. W. leader, at sunrise received four bullets in his heart from a firing squad.

This was the state's penalty for what Gov. Spry told President Wilson, in refusing further leniency, was "one of the most brutal murders ever done in Utah."

Hillstrom died fighting. A model prisoner up to the moment his guards went to his cell in the lull before day-break to lead him to the prison yard, the condemned man suddenly sprang upon his guards with the fury of a tiger. He wielded a broomhandle that in some mysterious way he had secreted in his cell. One of the guards was beaten down. All showed marks of Hillstrom's dying wrath as they stalked beside him to his place of death.

Hillstrom had asked to be permitted to look into the rifle barrels from which his death was to spurt. The request was refused. Even after the bandage was on his eyes and heavy straps pinned his arms to sides. Hillstrom struggled for sight.

With Hillstrom strapped into the big congress chair, Sheriff Corless shouted: "Aim."

Hillstrom, who had been quiet several minutes, galvanized the nerves of the witnesses and all but precipitated a bungled execution by curling his lips in derision and shouting: "Fire; let 'er go."

Only for the difference in voices, probably two of the guards might have fired, for two gun barrels pointing ominously through the apertures in the door were seen to waver and then settle.

Sheriff Corless quickly grabbed the cue given by the doomed man himself. Almost before Hillstrom's high-pierced shriek had died away, the sheriff's voice echoed: "Fire." It happened so quickly, Hillstrom's

head sagged to his breast with that leering grin still on his lips.

All four bullets had pierced Hillstrom's heart. The fifth rifle, according to practice, contained a blank cartridge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Douglas Park branch Y. P. S. L. to meet in Douglas institute, 3352 W. 12th, tonight, 8 p. m. All invited.

Residents of the lower North Side, especially below North av. and east of the river, invited to Plaza hotel, 8 o'clock tonight to hear plans of the Industrial club for civic co-operation.

Margaret Haley will state "The Case for the Teachers' Federation" in Colonial hall, 20 W. Randolph, Sunday eve., Nov. 21, at 8. The meeting is under the auspices of the Modern School league and Wm. Thurston Brown B. A. (Yale), lecturer for the league, will preside.

Religious opinions of Indians will be analyzed by Harry Burgess in lecture, K. of P. Hall, 11037 Michigan av., Sunday, 8 p. m.

Big time for Douglas Park branch, Socialist party, Fitzgibbons' hall, Albany and 12th, Saturday, 8 p. m. Concert and ball, in which children of Socialist Sunday school will feature. Choir of 60, direction of Miss Francis Schriep, will sing. Everybody invited.

CHICAGO GRAIN. — Grain down. Provisions up. Dec. wheat close, \$1.04 3/4.

NEW YORK STOCKS. — Railroad stocks active. Industrials quiet.

WEATHER FORECAST

Snow flurries this afternoon and probably tonight; colder tonight with lowest temperature about 30 degrees; Saturday fair and slightly warmer; strong northwest winds diminishing tonight and shifting to southwesterly Saturday. Temperature Thursday: Highest, 46; lowest, 36.