

Rain tonight; clear, colder tomorrow.

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### MRS. MARY ROGERS WAS STRANGLED BY DEPUTY SHERIFFS

#### Shocking Details of Vermont's Tragic Execution.

### SHERIFF ADMITS STORY

#### Awful Bungle Has Sent Thrill of Horror Throughout the Country.

WINDSOR, Vt., Dec. 9.—The news that the hanging of Mary Rogers, Friday, for the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers, had been bungled has sent a thrill of horror through the State. It is learned from eye-witnesses that the rope with which the wretched woman was hanged, had not been tested. When the drop came the weight of the body stretched the manila strands so that the woman's feet dropped on the floor. In this emergency stalwart deputy sheriffs seized the rope, lifted the body clear of the floor and held on for nearly fourteen minutes, while the woman slowly strangled to death. The prison authorities made efforts to prevent the bungle from becoming known. For a time they were successful, but toward evening the awful truth became known, through the State's witnesses.

#### Deputies Held Up.

C. A. McCarthy, of counsel for Mrs. Rogers, who was present at the execution, told the story in these words: "When the rope shot down after the trap had been sprung, the feet of the woman struck the chamber floor, and as the body swung, the feet dragged on the floor. It was awful to see. Several deputy sheriffs on the scaffold leaped forward and seized the rope and dragged the woman clear of the floor, and there they held her, taking turns relieving each other, for fourteen long minutes, until the woman's life was strangled out of her."

#### Executioner Turns Away.

Deputy Sheriff Kiniry, who virtually had charge of the execution, was not inclined to say much about the hanging, but what he did say was significant. "Sheriff, why did the deputies take hold of the rope?" he was asked. "I don't want to say much about it," Kiniry replied. "We didn't want the woman's feet to touch the floor." "Did you not see that her feet were dragging?" "No, I did not. I turned my back, and I don't know who the deputies were that held on the rope. I did not. It will be the last hanging in this State."

Another eye-witness tells the story of the hanging as follows: "The trap was sprung at 114 with a crash that could be heard 100 yards from the prison. The body shot down and snapped back when the rope became taut. The woman trembled convulsively and her feet dragged on the floor. The rope had stretched to the point where it was an even slower and more awful death, the deputies on the scaffold floor seized the rope and pulled the woman forward at the sight."

#### Feared Consciousness.

"My God, she will return to consciousness if they do not keep her clear of the floor," a witness was heard to say. "The deputies pulled hard on the rope and held her up for the woman was heavy, and the strain on them was intense. Minutes passed and the woman still lived. It seemed an hour to the witnesses. All the while the woman was being held by those deputies, who were in relays and shifts in keeping the body from touching the floor. "Mary Rogers was being slowly strangled to death, by a rope held by the agents of the State, and not from a noose attached to the gallows cross-tree. "Dr. Dean Richmond, the prison physician, and Dr. A. W. Daley pronounced

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### THE WEATHER REPORT.

The Southern disturbance has moved to the North Carolina coast with a considerable increase in intensity and high winds on the South Atlantic coast, and the rains have extended into Southern Virginia. There is also a moderate depression over the Middle Atlantic States, which has caused light local snows in the vicinity. There was no other precipitation, except in Wyoming and the North Pacific districts, where there were light local rains and snows. "Temperatures have fallen considerably in the Northwest and in Northern Maine, and have changed but little elsewhere. There will be rain tonight in the Middle Atlantic and northern portion of the South Atlantic States, and rain or snow in the Upper Ohio Valley and Lower Lake region, and rain or snow in the northern portion of the Middle Atlantic States. It will be colder tonight in the East Gulf and South Atlantic States, and frosts probable in Northern and Western Florida and the southern portions of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. It will be colder Sunday in the Ohio Valley, the Lower Lake region, and the Middle Atlantic States.

TEMPERATURE.	
9 a. m.	40
12 noon	42
1 p. m.	42

  

THE SUN.	
Sun sets today	4:33 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow	7:37 a. m.

  

TIDE TABLE.	
Low tide today	12:29 p. m.
High tide today	6:50 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow	1:11 a. m., 1:35 p. m.
High tide tomorrow	6:51 a. m., 7:05 p. m.

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### MITCHELL'S DEATH IGNORED BY SENATE

#### Unprecedented Treatment of Memory of Dead Colleague Because of His Conviction of Crime and Disgrace to Body.

The rebuke of absolute silence, of being ignored as completely as if he had never lived and risen to membership in that great body, will be administered to the memory of John P. Mitchell by the Senate of the United States. The Senate will not adjourn out of respect to the memory of the deceased member.

No committee will be appointed from the body to attend the funeral. There will be no formal ceremonies of obsequy in the Senate.

No speeches on the memory, services, and virtues of the deceased will be delivered from the floor of the body of which he was one of the oldest members, and no black-bound, funeral volume of these addresses will be published.

#### No Salary for Estate.

The custom of paying a year's salary to the estate of a deceased Senator will not be carried out in this case. Neither will the Government pay those expenses in connection with the funeral which it has been customary for many years to liquidate from the public treasury.

The flag of the Senate was at half-staff this morning in recognition of the death of a member. It is the only formal mark of recognition which will be elicited by the death of a man who became a member of the body over a third of a century ago.

Never before have these ceremonies been omitted at the death of a Senator. No precedent has been fixed, in the history of the Government, for such a case as that of Senator Mitchell, who died while yet a member of the Senate, but under conviction of a crime against the Government. There are cases of Senators being expelled, and of Senators being tried and narrowly escaping expulsion, but none to parallel that of Mitchell.

#### Painful Situation.

The situation presented by the death of Senator Mitchell was a most painful one, which his colleagues and associates of many years were called upon to meet. By common consent, it was left to the elder statesmen, those veterans of serv-

ice who should know all precedents and know how to make new ones if they be needed. To these, it was a solemn duty to pass judgment on the memory of a man, so long their associate, yet who had in the end brought dishonor on himself, on the great body of which he was a member, on his associates, and his name.

The closest friends of the dead Senator removed the first embarrassment by sending word that they would not ask the appointment of a committee or the sending of a special train to the funeral. This was readily agreed to.

Then came the question of holding the usual obsequies in the Senate. The decision was against this, and against the other traditional ceremonies.

#### Tragedy of State.

The tragedy of Mitchell is the tragedy of the State to which he brought dishonor. Oregon has no member of the House through whom announcement may be made to that body of the death of a Senator.

Mitchell entered the Senate of the United States on the same day that William Boyd Allison did, in 1872; and Allison has served longer in the Senate than any other man in the country's history. Mitchell had served most of the time since, but had been out of it.

Though the Constitution gives each House entire control over its membership, that right has seldom been exercised. Aside from the civil war era, only one Senator was ever expelled. He was William Houst, of Tennessee, who in 1859 was expelled for alleged participation in a conspiracy to turn over to the English New Orleans and adjacent regions.

During the civil war period, four Senators were expelled for joining the Confederate cause, and one, Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana, made its protest to Jefferson Davis, introducing an agent of a company that wanted to sell arms to the Confederacy.

### COMMISSIONER MACFARLAND HANDS OVER THE TROPHY



### Love and Murder in This Virginia Romance

#### Widower Ran Away With Girl and Was Killed by Brother—Counsel Fights to Save Slayer.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 9.—Embodied in the briefs relating to the criminal case of Fred S. Hoback against the Commonwealth, which was argued today in the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and submitted, is a story of love and anguish, of romance and tragedy, of an "elopement" ending in the death of the would-be bridegroom, and the conviction of the intended bride's brother for the killing of his sister's sweetheart.

Dramatic incidents which cropped out at the trial show that the Hoback family of Floyd county has run the gamut of human emotions within the last two years. The story of the crime can be told just as the story of any romance might, save that its ending is almost too pitiable for words.

John L. Jett, a widower, who now sleeps in the grave as the result of two pistol wounds inflicted by young Hoback, fell in love with Miss Kate Hoback, daughter of Dr. A. J. Hoback, who lived just across the street from Jett in the little village of Floyd. Miss Hoback was twenty-two years old, and, to quote the calm language of the attorney general's brief, "it would seem that she received the attentions of her wooer with favor, though his suit was evidently, and the evidence shows later, bitterly opposed by her father."

The father went to the county clerk of Floyd county and asked if there was not some way to prevent the issuance of a marriage license for his daughter and Jett, and some time previous to the homicide had an interview with the girl's sweetheart, in which he is alleged to have said: "You shall never marry Kate. I will kill you first."

In spite of this and other threats the widower adhered to his purpose, and on the very day of his murder made an attempt to persuade Miss Hoback to run away with him. An effort, supported by some irrelevant and illegal testimony, was made at the trial to show that Jett did not intend to marry the girl, but designed her ruin. This line of defense failed utterly.

Serious trouble occurred between Jett and the Hobacks, father and son, and Jett is said to have made counter threats against his sweetheart's kinspeople.

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On the day that Jett succeeded in persuading his sweetheart to run away with him they encountered Fred Hoback, the girl's brother, in the road. Hoback attacked Jett, and pressed him so hard that the old Lochinvar was compelled to draw his knife to defend himself.

Meanwhile Dr. Hoback came up, and while he was parleying with the father, the young man, who had reached around his father and fired two bullets, either of which would have proved fatal to Jett's body.

Hoback was tried, convicted, and sentenced to serve eight years in the State prison for the crime. He appealed from the judgment of the circuit court of Floyd county, and a splendid legal battle was waged in his behalf by his counsel, Judge A. A. Ebleger and J. C. Wyser.

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### NUMBER ONE GETS THE PRIZE BANNER

#### Underwriter Trophy Presented by Mr. Macfarland.

#### COMPANY CONGRATULATED

##### Fire Laddies Hear Encouraging Remarks as to Future Regarding Better Pay.

The prize banner awarded to the members of engine company No. 1, of the District Fire Department, by a committee appointed by the Board of Underwriters, was presented to the laddies by Commissioner H. E. F. Macfarland this morning.

At 10 o'clock the engine and hose cart were drawn up in front of the engine house on K street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. Capt. Thomas O'Connor lined his men up along the curb for the presentation ceremonies. Commissioner Macfarland took the handsome banner in his hand, and made a congratulatory and appropriate speech before handing the flag to Captain O'Connor. Mr. Macfarland said, in part:

#### Distinctive Honor.

"As all of the companies in the District are of high efficiency, the honor of this award reflects all the more on you. The Board of Underwriters have made a careful and thorough investigation of the efficiency of all the companies, and have selected No. 1 for the honor."

In discussing the future of the department, the Commissioner said: "We may have a larger department some day, and we may have more pay."

Chief Bell, Commissioner West, and Engineer Commissioner Biddle, witnessed the presentation, besides the committee appointed by the Board of Underwriters, composed of H. E. Simpson, chairman; Walter A. Brown, Ralph W. Lee, and Meyer Cohen.

Commissioner Macfarland congratulated the members of the company individually, and accompanied by Captain O'Connor, he made a tour of inspection of the engine house. The Commissioner was much pleased with the condition in which he found things, and especially with all of the horses.

#### The Prize Banner.

The prize banner is an American flag handsomely made of silk. On it the words "Fire Department, D. C. Fire Company," are embroidered, and two streamers attached to the pole bear the inscription, "Presented to the District of Columbia Fire Department by Commissioner Macfarland."

#### BRISTOW IN CAPITAL; BOOMED FOR SENATE

Former Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Joseph L. Bristow, of Kansas, is at the Shoreham. He is here on private business and will remain for several days in running down the Postoffice grafters, his friends say. Mr. Bristow says there will be a lively contest for the Senatorship, and that even now some of the candidates are getting busy, although the election is a year off.

Mr. Bristow's friends are pushing him strongly for Burton's seat in the Senate. Bristow's work in running down the Postoffice grafters, his friends say, ought to prove a strong card in the game.

#### ENGINEERS URGE TAFT TO SAVE NIAGARA FALLS

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### "CZAR WILL LOVE HIM WHO SHOTS MOST PEASANTS"

#### Bloody Orders Given to Cossacks Sent to Crush Revolt.

### SAKHAROFF'S SUCCESSOR

#### Author of Words, Maximovitch, Sneaked Out of Warsaw.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 8.—(Via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 9.)—The first act of General Maximovitch, former governor general of Warsaw, who has been appointed the successor of General Sakharoff to crush out the peasant uprising, has been to issue the following order to the Cossacks under his command:

"Do not use the knout on malcontents, but shoot wherever you meet with the slightest opposition. Show the rebel dogs you are not economical of cartridges.

"The more political malcontents you kill the higher will be the Czar's estimate of your services. Take care that your actions create a good impression on the government."

#### Slaughter Expected.

The order is bound to result in horrible slaughter, as the peasants have been goaded into a fury by the notice of the Cossacks.

There are 50,000 armed peasants in General Maximovitch's district, which includes the provinces of Saratoff, Samara, Simbirsk, and Penza, and there is no doubt they will defend themselves. The result is bound to be severe fighting and slaughter, unless the Czar countermands General Maximovitch's orders.

General Maximovitch was given his new appointment in order to afford him an opportunity to redeem himself for his cowardly conduct at Warsaw when he was governor-general. For months Maximovitch was afraid to venture out on the streets of Warsaw, fearing that he would be assassinated. He even found excuses for not attending public religious services at the Cathedral.

#### Sneaked From Warsaw.

Finally, he left Warsaw one night at midnight, going to Legras near Ivanovo, where he was hidden by the police to the police at Warsaw to stamp out the revolutionists. The revolutionaries at Warsaw responded to these orders to the police by holding up the sentries outside of General Maximovitch's palace and pinning notices on their backs threatening Maximovitch with assassination.

General Maximovitch was reminded of these incidents when he was appointed General Sakharoff's successor and it was intimated to him that only by shedding the blood of the peasants could he wipe out the stain on his reputation as the result of his Warsaw experiences.

#### Guards May Open Gates Of Bastille Of Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 8 (via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 9)—A serious mutiny has occurred at Schusselburg fortress, known as the Russian Bastille, on an island in the Neva river, twenty miles east of St. Petersburg.

The troops there are demanding the immediate release of all political prisoners and threaten to carry the fortress by assault unless their demands are complied with.

Schusselburg fortress, for the last nineteen years, has been the torture house of Russia for political offenders.

#### Tortures Endured.

Many of the dungeons in which captives are confined are below the high water level of the Neva river, and the prisoners are half drowned when the tide rises. Medical tortures are inflicted upon prisoners and many of them have been driven insane as the result of their sufferings in the fortress. At times sounds of awful shouting and insane laughter can be heard coming from the fortress.

The food of the prisoners in the fortress consists of only bread, raw cabbages and water. The government never grants permission for anyone to enter the prison, which conceals as many frightful secrets as did the French Bastille.

#### Some Released.

A few prisoners were recently released in accordance with the amnesty proclaimed by the Czar, but those who were allowed to go were mostly men who had spent at least fifteen years in the fortress, and who now, broken in health and spirit, are no longer capable of being dangerous conspirators.

All the prisoners who are considered by the Czar capable of participating in the present revolutionary movement remain incarcerated in the fortress.

Among the prisoners held in the fortress is Sazanoff, the assassin of former Minister of the Interior Von Plehve.

#### Bloody Threat To Admiral From His Mutinous Seamen

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 8 (via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 9.)—The marines and sailors here have mutinied, and refused to obey orders to go to Kronstadt.

One of the sailors voted the resistance of his fellows, and in addressing Admiral Niedermiller said: "You should be drowned in our blood. You want to herd us together so that

### GERMAN MAY SUCCEED J. PIERPONT MORGAN

#### Indications Point to Fusion of Gigantic Shipping Interests of Atlantic.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Well-informed shipping and financial circles expect that negotiations which are in progress between the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd steamship lines will terminate in the complete fusion of both companies into the world's biggest shipping combination.

Herr Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American line, is striving to coerce the weaker North German Lloyd line to his fusion policy. The North German Lloyds intend to resist, but its ultimate surrender is considered certain.

Herr Ballin is now being described as the J. Pierpont Morgan of Germany, but he is a more thorough soldier than the speculative American. If the fusion occurs and the united companies continue as members of the Atlantic Shipping trust, it is expected that the control of the trust's operations will be transferred from Mr. Morgan to Herr Ballin.

### UNITED STATES MARSHAL IN NEBRASKA DROPPED

T. L. Matthews, United States marshal for the district of Nebraska, has been summarily dismissed from office by the President.

The charge against Matthews was misconduct, in that he did not carry out the sentence of the court in the case of Richard and Comstock, convicted in the United States district court of Nebraska on the charge of illegally fencing the public domain.

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### MISS ROOSEVELT'S GIFTS ARE UNPACKED AT LAST

#### Duties Paid, President's Daughter Is Today Showing Family Presents From Orient.

Miss Alice Roosevelt was busy today unpacking and arranging the presents which she received during her trip through the Orient.

For five weeks, these gifts, consisting of remembrances from the crowned heads, princes, princesses, and nobles of Japan, Korea, China and other nations have laid in the storeroom of the Georgetown custom house. There were twenty-seven boxes in all. Carefully they were examined and their contents appraised.

When they were valued at and what amount of duty the White House messenger paid to Collector Nyman cannot be learned as figures of this character are never given out.

All of the articles were in good condition despite the long trip across the Pacific, the long land journey, and the delay in the custom house.

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### Corey Waits for Divorce To Marry Mabel Gilman

#### Ceremony Will Take Place in Spring, Soon After Husband and Wife Have Been Legally Separated by Court.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Miss Mabel Gilman, the American actress, has gone to Florence, and will probably remain there for some time. This was ascertained today from Miss Gilman's closest friend and confidante.

Miss Gilman found it necessary to leave Paris recently for Jean de Reszai, from whom she is taking singing lessons.

This friend also said that Miss Gilman will soon be married to W. Ellis Corey, president of the American Steel Company.

The ceremony will not long be deferred, Miss Gilman has said, after Mr. Corey is parted from his wife, who is understood to be contemplating divorce proceedings against him.

This friend inferred that the marriage would take place early in the spring, and that Corey and his bride will tour the world on their yacht for their honeymoon.

Miss Gilman's style of living in Paris has been sufficiently ostentatious to attract widespread attention.

She has been going out very little, but her gowns, carriages and jewels have made her conspicuous.

### Do Not Desert Wife, Pleads Corey's Uncle

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 9.—"About this time I put away my wife who had borne me three children, not being pleased with her manners."

This quotation from Josephus, the historian, was practically the text from which J. B. Corey wrote a little sermon in a letter to his nephew, William Ellis Corey, regarding his marital troubles.

That letter has been received by Charles M. Schwab in New York, and accompanying it, is a request that it be made public. Those who saw the letter, however, are willing to aver that the head of the United States Steel Corporation will never make it public.

#### His Heart Broken.

The heart of J. B. Corey is broken, and in the letter he sent to his nephew he shows it. He has begged of him not to commit a grievous wrong, not to divorce the wife of his bosom and go to "an actress who wants only his money."

The old gentleman calls on Ellis to stop and think—that no true woman would consent to receive the attention of a married man.

He recalls some incidents in the life of the Coreys when they were younger and happier, and leaves no room for doubt in the mind of William Ellis Corey that his uncle is against him and very much for Laura, his wife.

"I have written Ellis a long letter and hope he will take it in the same spirit it was written—that of love. He is making one of the most awful mistakes it is possible for a man to make, and I have told him so," said Mr. Corey. "I shall not give the letter out here—not at least, unless forced to."

### Sister a Sympathizer.

There is one member of the Corey family who sympathizes with William Ellis Corey in his present predicament. According to information that has leaked out in Pittsburgh, the youngest sister of Corey is now in Paris with Mabelle Gilman and has been with her for some time. It is understood that she is in full sympathy with Corey's plans. She is the youngest sister of the steel man, and years ago she had a falling out with her brother's wife, and since then they have not been friendly.

### Corey and Strikers.

In Homestead, where Corey worked for years, there is a great amount of interest in this case. Corey is blamed by the old residents of Homestead for most of the bloodshed in the strike of thirteen years ago. He was then superintendent of the armor plate department of the Homestead works, and volunteered to lead the Pinkerton forces to the works on July 5, 1892. He boarded the Little Bill at Coraopolis, twelve miles below Pittsburgh, and conducted the two model barges with 300 Pinkertons up the Ohio and Monongahela rivers to Homestead, reaching there about 4:30 a. m. averted.

### Suicide in Family.

The present troubles are not the first which have been the portion of Mrs. Corey. When only a small girl her father committed suicide under most distressing yet sensational circumstances. In the late twenties a man named Richardson borrowed money from Thomas Cook, father of Mrs. Corey.

The money was in gold, but when time for payment came it was returned in paper. Mr. Cook protested, and said he would not accept it, but he was forced to do so. He brooded so about the affair that he finally decided it was time to die.

Old-timers who remember the case

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