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## George Freeman Cheats Gallows By Swallowing Dose of Morphine Last Night

### J. P. HASKELL SUCCESSOR OF McD FERGUSON

GOV. APPOINTS BRECKIN-  
RIDGE MAN COMMIS-  
SIONER.

SUPERINTENDENT CRABBE  
MAY SUCCEED PROFES-  
SOR ROARK.

Frankfort, Ky., June 24. (Special.)—Governor Willson today appointed John P. Haswell, of Breckenridge county, railroad commissioner from the First district to succeed the late MacD. Ferguson. He will hold the office till the election in November. Haswell was floor leader of the Republicans in the last house of representatives.

Paintsville, Ky., June 24.—It is stated on good authority that Professor Crabbe, superintendent of public instruction, will resign to succeed the late President Roark, of Eastern Kentucky Normal school.

Want Any Industry.

Louisville, June 24. (Special.)—At a meeting of the board of trade to adopt resolutions urging whisky interests in prohibition states to locate in Kentucky, a resolution was adopted asking all industries without reference to any special kind to locate here.

Against Prohibition.  
At a meeting of the Commercial club last night resolutions were adopted against state-wide prohibition.

Ocean to Ocean.

Seattle, Wash., June 24.—Shawmut second in the ocean to ocean race arrived shortly after midnight. It was delayed by snow in the Cascade mountains near Seattle. Ford number one is expected to finish third today. A Ford was first.

Cholera in Russia

St. Petersburg, June 24.—Official figures place the number of cholera cases here at 313, but careful estimates of those in a position to know show fully a thousand. They are increasing a hundred per day. The situation soon will be as bad as last year. About one-third of the cases prove fatal. The city is becoming panic stricken. The disease is spreading in the provinces.

CHUNG SIN STANDS  
FIFTY HOURS' QUIZ

New York, June 24.—For 50 hours the "third degree" was administered to Chung Sin practically without result, except to convince the authorities that Chung knows all about the murder of Elsie Sigel and won't tell. Every story he has told so far has been disproved by the officers or admitted by the Chin to be false.

Chung Sin, under the strain of the heart-breaking third degree method applied by his captors, almost constantly during the fifty hours which have elapsed since his arrest, supplemented his previous confession. Sin, who was Leon Ling's roommate, now admits that his hands were on the pulse of Elsie Sigel when the last sign of life flickered out. Quan Wick Nam, the Chinese interpreter who wrung from Chung Sin the first known details of how General Franz Sigel's granddaughter was murdered, informed Chung Sin that he could not expect the aid of the Chinese unless he told the whole truth. The fact that his own countrymen had deserted him, greatly disturbed Chung Sin.

For more than an hour before this information was reported to him, the wily prisoner had told a dozen lies about what transpired on the morning of June 9.

Ling's Tong Active.

Chicago, June 24.—Thirty members of Hip Sling Tong, of which Leon Ling was a member, are said to have come here shortly after the Sigel murder and authorities are searching, hoping for a clue to Ling's whereabouts.

Feared He Would Sail.

San Francisco, June 24.—Secretly informed that Leon Ling was in Oakland and might attempt to sail on the steamship Manchuria today, officers went aboard to examine Chinese passengers.

### Sen. Bailey Denounces Free Raw Material as Un-Democratic and a Burden on Ultimate Consumers



WEATHER  
Probably fair and continued warm weather tonight and Friday. Highest temperature yesterday, 88; lowest today, 75.

### KANSAS NATIONAL BANKS PROTECT THEMSELVES

Topeka, Kas., June 24.—Insurance policies will be issued in Kansas after today's meeting of the directors of the Bankers' Guaranty and Surety company, a half million dollars corporation organized by national bankers to counteract the effect of the bank guaranty law. Only state banks are entitled to the advantages of the Guaranty's protection and national banks are losing business as a result. The new concern will protect depositors of national banks against losses.

Fight is Postponed.

Pittsburgh, June 24.—Owing to the illness of Frank Klaus, the fight scheduled for last night between H-go Kelly and Klaus was postponed until Friday evening.

Famous Hotel Burns

Schenectady, N. Y., June 24.—Old Fort William Henry, one of the most noted summer hotels of Lake George, was burned today.

Bryan's Son Weds

Grand Lake, Col., June 24.—A childhood romance culminated today in the marriage of William J. Bryan, Jr., to Helen Berger, of Milwaukee. The Rev. Harry Huntington, of Grate, Neb., a personal friend of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony under the stately pines on the shore of Grand lake. Miss Edna Baker, of Lincoln, and Sam Berger, brother of the bride, were attendants. Only the immediate relatives were present. The honeymoon will be spent here, and the party will leave late in July for Tucson, Ariz. The bride is in frail health.

### Hot Tamale and Ice Cream Cone Venders

Police headquarters today was visited by hosts of excited "knights of the push carts" who want to know what is wanted of them. Chief Collins gave orders to his men this morning to notify all hot-tamale peddlers, barbecued meat, venders and ice cream cone purveyors to appear at the city hall this afternoon. Before the gathering of cart pushers Mayor Smith, Dr. H. P. Sights, health officer, Dr. Ed Farley, milk and meat inspector, and the board of health appeared and made an effort to find out how these peddlers mix up, put together and prepare the stuff they sell. It is probable that the peddlers will be offered their money paid for licenses and ordered to keep off the streets or conform to sanitary regulations. Dr. E. P. Farley has been

### INJUSTICE TO STROWE, OF BENTON, CORRECTED

Benton, Ky., June 24. (Special.)—Through some unfortunate inadvertence, The Evening Sun was made to say last night in connection with the Model store suit in this city, that Mr. E. A. Strowe had taken the bankrupt law. That is an error, which does Mr. Strowe an injustice. He neither took it nor contemplated it, nor was his credit questioned.

### Beveridge Hazed This Morn- ing by Aldrich and Hale, While Making Attack on Tobacco Trust.

Washington, June 24.—Senator Bailey in a speech in the senate today, denounced the doctrine of free raw materials as unjust and un-Democratic. It is not the traditional policy of the Democratic party. Free materials takes the burden of taxation from the manufacturer and places it on the consumer. Discussing the iron ore tariff, he attacked the steel trust. It should be dissolved, he said, and its officers prosecuted criminally.

Bank Statement.

Washington, June 24.—The comptroller calls for statements of the condition of national banks at the close of business June 23.

Try to Haze Beveridge.

Washington, June 24. (Special.)—Senator Beveridge made a strong speech in the senate, attacking the tobacco trust's methods. Aldrich, Hale and the reactionaries tried to haze him by leaving the senate.

### UNKNOWN DEAD MAN MAY BE A CITIZEN OF CAIRO.

Chief of Police Collins received a letter yesterday afternoon from Cairo asking for a detail description of the unknown man who was found dead at Epperson ten days ago. The writer is S. McGee and he wrote in behalf of a poor woman who is confined to her bed. The woman thought it was her husband, who left Cairo some time ago. The letter gave a description of her husband as being 53 years old, 5 1/2 feet tall, with fair complexion, blue eyes and all his teeth out but two. The man found is about 5 1/2 feet in height and he appeared not to have any teeth. A description of the unknown man will be sent to Cairo immediately.

### Civil War Imminent

Constantinople, June 24.—Turkey is facing another revolution in the opinion of close students of national affairs. Friction between Young Turks and military party led by Chetfik Pasha is expected to result in a clash in the near future. Young Turks are said to be planning to overthrow Mehmed V, whom they consider merely the tool of Chetfik. They would substitute Prince Yusuf Ezzedin, heir apparent, who is a pronounced liberal. Chetfik is prepared to declare martial law at the first sign of hostility.

Mexico City, June 24.—The Atomic cotton mills at Guadalajara, burned last night. Loss \$1,000,000. More than 2,000 workmen are thrown out of employment.

### Black Hand Convicted.

Chicago, Ill., June 24.—Joseph Bertucchi found guilty of participation in the black hand plot, resulting in the killing of a wealthy Italian, was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary. During the trial one of the state's witnesses refused to continue his testimony when an unknown Italian in the court waved a red handkerchief.

### Shooting Contest

Chicago, June 24.—The grand American handicap begins today. Four hundred and seventy marksmen expect to compete. Gilbert and Crosby are favorites. "Rube" Waddell is an entrant. Mrs. A. D. Topperwein, star of the preliminary events, tied several others, breaking 96 out of 100. She also made the high professional average yesterday of 79 out of 80.



## CONDEMNED MAN IS DYING AND HIS WORDS OF YESTERDAY ARE RECALLED AS REFERRING TO SELF-DESTRUCTION.

"I HAVEN'T BEEN HANGED YET. I HAVE SOMETHING OVER 48 HOURS TO LIVE, AND LOTS COULD TAKE PLACE IN THAT TIME."—Prophetic words of George Freeman to a reporter for The Evening Sun yesterday. A knife and carbolic acid were found in his cell a few weeks ago, and he had previously threatened to end his own life after hope of mercy was gone.

Dr. Horace Rivers said at 2:30 this afternoon that Freeman may linger until midnight, but there is no hope for him. Oxygen was applied and slightly rallied him.

George Freeman, condemned to be hanged tomorrow for the murder of Essie Cobb, took a heavy dose of morphine, which was somehow smuggled into his cell at the McCracken county jail.

Freeman was found in his cell between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning with only a spark of life in his body. Deputy Jailer P. G. Kirk was on duty last night, and frequently visited the cell during the night, but reported that Freeman was sleeping soundly. He snored as usual and there was nothing to indicate that poison had been taken. About 10:15 Deputy Kirk talked with Freeman, who seemed as cheerful as usual. At 2:30 o'clock this morning Mr. Kirk retired, and Deputy Jailer Joe Purchase began the watch, and visited the cell several times. Shortly after 5 o'clock he noticed Freeman was not breathing right, and unlocked the cell. All efforts to awaken him failed, and hurry calls for physicians were sent.

Dr. L. E. Young, county physician, was the first to reach Freeman's side, and he said: "When I reached him he was totally unconscious, was breathing about six or seven times a minute. The poison had taken the full effect on his system, and he was barely alive."

Dr. J. T. Reddick and Dr. Horace Rivers reached the jail a short time later, and the work of giving antidotes was continued.

The physicians say they do not know what poison he took, because of the similar action of several drugs. The general opinion is that Freeman took morphine.

Hyperdermic injections of cocaine, and other antidotes were given and at 10 o'clock Freeman had rallied slightly. His breathing was stronger, and his respiration quickened to

about 20 to the minute at 11 o'clock. Hot irons were placed to his feet, and when slapped there was a slight response. Freeman responded to the calling of his name by moving his arms and opening his eyes slightly.

Dr. Reddick at 10 o'clock said Freeman would be dead by 3 o'clock, as he entertained no hope after the first visit. The other physicians held out hope, and worked with him. They admitted the chances were against him.

An attempt was made to use the stomach pump, but the poison had been in his system so long that it was useless. It was the opinion of the physicians that Freeman had taken the drug about midnight.

Dr. Young said he would make a request of the county to have the stomach analyzed, and ascertain what was taken. County Jailer James Eaker said he was unable to account for Freeman's possession of the poison. All visitors were watched by the jail officials to prevent the passing in of anything.

Hiram Smedley's cell is within a few feet of Freeman's. Smedley keeps morphine tablets in his cell, and has the access to them at all times. Only one trusty was allowed to visit the cell of Freeman.

Priest Visits Cell.

The Rev. Father H. A. Connolly was one of the first notified of Freeman's condition, and he arrived at the jail about 7 o'clock. Seeing that the man was in a critical condition the sacrament of the extreme unction was administered. This sacrament is administered only when the Catholic is dying as the result of illness, and on the scaffold it would not have been possible to administer it. Father Connolly was shocked by the news and said: "Never was I more impressed with him than yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, my last visit. He was more hopeful than usual. Freeman told me of the trouble yesterday and said he shot

in self-defense, but that he would walk out and face death like a man." When found Freeman was on his bunk and dressed in his under clothing. Scattered about his cell were newspapers and religious papers. County Physician L. E. Young, Patrol Driver Thad Terrell and the jail officials worked with him, but at noon his condition was weaker. Freeman's breathing was heavy.

Leaves a Note.  
That it was a case of self-destruction is verified by a letter, which was found in his note book, and probably was the last written by Freeman. He wrote: Paducah, Ky., June the 19th. Dear Friend I no I am a Child of God and I am prepared to go but I am not getting and before I would be hung I will leave in this manner and God bless I am not getting Justus, my life was false sworn away by three witnesses that did not like me at all and I was telling the truth about it and made out a lye but God sees I was telling the truth about what I said. Friends I am gone to a place of rest my life was hard away but I am due bound to go a place of rest, and hope the ones that swore my life away will meet me in heaven for I no I am going there."

There is a difference among the doctors as to the dose of the poison that Freeman took. Dr. Young believes that he took a large dose. Dr. O. R. Kidd said someone evidently well acquainted with the dose of morphine gave it to Freeman. The physicians were unable to make Freeman vomit.

No Respite.  
Several attempts are being made to have the governor grant a respite of the death sentence. This morning Attorney T. N. Hazell, who defended Freeman, sent a telegram to the governor, asking that an extension of time be granted. Dr. J. D. Pendley has written Governor Willson and seeks to have the execution put off until he can present new evidence, which he says has been found. Dr. Pendley declined to give out the information; but says it is sufficient to reduce the penalty from the extreme to imprisonment for life. So says the witness is on the dodge, and does not bear the best reputation; but by the testimony he says it can be proved that Freeman was in a jealous rage.

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### BAWDY HOUSE FIGHT WINDS UP IN COURT

ALTA ROGERS WOULDN'T  
BAIL ONE INMATE WHO  
"PEACHES".

CHARGES LIQUOR WAS SOLD  
IN HOUSE--WOMAN IS  
FINED.

Alta Rogers, of Eighth street and Biederman avenue, was arrested this morning about 2 o'clock for keeping a disorderly house and was fined \$25 in police court this morning. Alta and two girls, Mina French and Florence Everett, who live with Alta Rogers, and two men, Harvey Keeling and prentice Clox, were arrested this morning about 2 o'clock by Patrolman Morris and Vick for being drunk and engaging in a fight, using profane language and acting disorderly. The charge will be tried before Judge Cross this afternoon. Alta Rogers gave bond last night and also gave bond for Florence Everett. Mina French, who could not give bond, was locked up in the city jail. Alta Rogers accused Mina French of starting the fight and being the one who used the profane language. She also claimed that the French girl was compelled to leave Cairo, because of her bad character. Mina French turned tables on Alta by saying that Alta Rogers sells beer at her house on South Eighth street. The police department is making a thorough investigation of the condition of affairs at the Rogers house, as is claimed by Mina French. Mina French is a girl about 17 years old and claims Cairo as her home.

Count Torak Injured.

Washington, June 24.—Count Alexander Torak, an attaché of the Austrian embassy here, was injured, probably fatally, as the result of a fall from a trolley car which he was attempting to board.

SUITS MUST BE BROUGHT  
TO DRAIN THE NORTHWEST.

City Solicitor Campbell and County Attorney Barkley agree that the only way the drainage of that section of the county west of the city can be undertaken as a public project is to bring suit to assess the cost on private property and the county. Any one interested in the drainage may bring suit. This disposes of the proposition of the county and city joining in doing the work and dividing the cost.

Brandy Testifies

New York, June 24.—Broughton Brandenburg today testified to details of his alleged negotiations with Grover Cleveland for the publication of a series of articles on the campaign, the sale of the first of which resulted in Brandenburg's indictment. He said he offered Cleveland \$2,000 for three articles, Brandenburg to keep all over this sum that he received from newspapers or magazines. On March he saw Cleveland at his office and received the matter which he later embodied in an article and published over Cleveland's signature.

Farnum's Story

New York, June 24.—Farnum's story of his acquaintanceship with Mrs. Gould was read in court today. Farnum is ill at a Maine resort. His deposition gives his profession as "supposedly an actor." He said he first met Mrs. Gould six years ago, when he appeared in a charity play. They next met in 1904, when he visited Castle Gould with May Robson. The third meeting was in 1906, when he went to her apartments at the St. Regis hotel to discuss plans for her desire to return to the stage. Elijah Sells, her cousin, was to be present, but did not arrive until Farnum was leaving.

Farnum's deposition says he never hugged and kissed Mrs. Gould. He always addressed her as "Mrs. Gould." He never used endearing tones and swore he never was guilty of impropriety with her and never was alone with her in any apartment.

### Chicago Market.

	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	1.14	1.13 1/4	1.13 1/4
Corn	70	69 1/4	69 1/2
Oats	50 1/4	49 1/4	49 3/4
Provisions	19.87	19.75	19.87
Lard	11.72	11.67	11.72
Ribs	11.02	10.87	11.03