

THREE BANDISS HANGED AT CHICAGO

Niedermeier Refused to Stand and Was Hanged Sitting.

The Other Two Professed Religion— Had Killed Many Men in Their Time.

TWO OF THEM DIED GAME

Chicago, Ill., April 22—Peter Niedermeier, Harvey Van Dine and Gustav Marx, the car barn bandits, paid the penalty of many crimes on the gallows today. Niedermeier refused to stand to accept religious consolation, the others accepted religion and were resigned to their fate.

Niedermeier was the first executed. He was carried to the gallows, and refusing to stand was placed in a chair, which fell with him when the drop fell at 10:35. Physicians said his neck was broken but it was several minutes before he was pronounced dead.

Marx came next and walked unaided. The drop fell at 11:17. The body fell heavily and the convulsions lasted two minutes. Death ensued in six minutes. Marx did not speak on the gallows, and carried the crucifix before him. Physicians expressed the opinion that his neck was broken.

Van Dine was the last of the "automatic trio," who faced death. He walked to the scaffold, stood unaided and the drop fell 11:55 1-2.

Death was almost instantaneous, his neck being broken. Marx and Van Dine took an affectionate leave of each other before the former left his cell. Both prayed continuously during their walk to the scaffold and while the noose was being adjusted.

Eight murders were committed by the desperadoes, all of whom were about 21 years old. Niedermeier, the leader of the gang, before his execution, confessed to having killed five additional men whose names he did not know. The crimes are characterized by an entire absence of any moral sense.

CRIMES OF THE BANDITS.

July 9—Otto Bauder killed in saloon.

August 1—Adolph Jensen and B. C. La Gross killed in saloon.

August 30—Frank W. Stuart and James B. Johnson killed in the car barn.

November 20—Detective John Quinn killed by Marx.

November 27—J. L. Sovea, a brakeman, killed at Liverpool, Ind. and Detective John F. Driscoll shot and mortally wounded in the fight near Indiana dugout.

Van Dine, Niedermeier and Marx were tried for the murder of Frank Stewart at the Chicago city railroad car barn. James B. Johnson also was killed in the raid on the barns and two persons were wounded.

The car barn robbery, by which the three bandits secured \$2,240, was long and deliberately planned. Stewart was shot without warning as he sat at his desk. Johnson was killed as he arose from a bench where he had been sleeping. The wounded men were left for dead and the bandits escaped without leaving a clue.

The capture of the trio was due to the boastfulness of Marx, who when under the influence of liquor, displayed a magazine revolver. When located in a north side saloon, November 20, by Detectives Quinn and Blaul, Marx shot and killed Quinn and attempted to shoot Blaul. Marx then made a full confession, implicating Van Dine, Niedermeier and Roski. All three were captured November 27, after a desperate battle in the Indiana sand dunes, where they killed two more men.

Emil Roski, who was with the bandits in the dugout, and who participated in many of their crimes, was tried separately.

Supt. A. H. Egan and Roadmaster F. L. Thompson, of the Louisville division of the I. O., were in the city today on business.

PRETTY PRISONER UNDER ARREST

Mrs. Jessie Lynn Charged With Grand Larceny.

Is Alleged to Have Taken Diamond Brooch and Money at Mrs. Rook's.

THE CASE NOT YET TRIED

Mrs. Jessie Lynn, an attractive young woman, is under arrest here charged with having stolen a \$75 diamond brooch and \$4.50 in cash from Mrs. Wilmoth Rook, who has a boarding house at Fifth and Clark streets, and \$10 in cash from the trunk of Mr. B. J. Adler, a boarder at Mrs. Rook's house.

The suspect came to the boarding house Thursday a week ago with her husband, who said he traveled for a big New York house. Nothing was learned about them except when the woman once remarked she had been playing the races at Memphis just before she came here. Her husband left the city Thursday night and she remained until yesterday when she said she was going to Wartrace, Tenn., to meet her husband who had written he was ill. Mrs. Rook missed the diamond brooch and money Monday, and Thursday the \$10 was missed from Mr. Adler's trunk. She suspected the woman but did not do anything until she saw the suspect preparing to leave and then notified the police of the theft and the arrest followed.

Mrs. Rook stated this morning that the Lynn woman was seen go into her desk, where the \$4.50 was stolen, and her pocketbook where the money was kept was heard to click as if being closed. The brooch was taken from Mrs. Rook's room but no one saw her there. Mrs. Rook is holding the woman's belongings and will have them searched this afternoon by the police.

The case was docketed this morning in police court, but not tried. The woman is being held, pending an investigation and will probably be given a hearing tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Lynn, the prisoner, was seen at the city hall this morning and denied taking the brooch or money and stated she had been thoroughly searched by Mrs. Rook and her trunk and belongings had been thoroughly searched by Chief Collins and Mrs. Rook, and nothing was found.

She stated that her home was about five miles out of Louisville and the reason she was leaving town was to go to her husband who was seriously ill. Originally she intended to remain here until June 14 when she would join her husband in St. Louis after he had worked his territory. He sells polish for use on fire department apparatus.

Attorney J. Wheeler Campbell was secured by Mrs. Lynn and an attempt is being made to have Mrs. Rook dismiss the prosecution. Mrs. Lynn did not desire any publicity but now that the matter has come to such a serious point, stated she would like to make a statement and place herself in the right light. She says the desk Mrs. Rook keeps in the hall is for the use of the boarders and is used by them. Further that she had been in the desk but once and this was to get a book and that other boarders had been using it more than she had. She says she never once saw the brooch and did not know whether Mrs. Rook had a private room or not.

Mrs. Rook refused to let the prosecution drop and this afternoon Mrs. Lynn was placed under guard, Officer Farrow being selected to guard her, and will be tried tomorrow. Her case is puzzling the police while some do not believe her guilty, there is considerable circumstantial evidence against her.

METHODIST REVIVAL.

Rev. J. H. Roberts preached at the Broadway Methodist church last night, and good interest was manifested. Services are being held this afternoon and will be held this evening at 7:45.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK WITH LOSS

Hundreds Drowned in Their Mad Flight on the Yalu.

Mongre News of a Land Battle—Alexieff's Resignation Not Accepted Yet.

PORT ARTHUR IS BLOCKADED

London, April 22.—A special dispatch to the Times from New Ohwang states that a messenger from the Yalu reports Japanese outposts near the Russian entrenchments, with large bodies five miles distant. The Russians are fleeing north across the river in overcrowded boats, losing hundreds by drowning.

CORRESPONDENTS SILENCED.

London, April 22.—The Times states that newspaper correspondents accredited to the Russian forces, who left for Mukden, had to bind themselves not to divulge any news respecting the results of managements with the enemy or the losses suffered by Russians.

FIRE AT NAVY YARD.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—Fire at the Nevsky Naval ship building yards Friday destroyed a number of important plans.

RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED.

Berlin, April 22.—Morgan repeats the report that Admiral Alexieff the Russian viceroy in the far east has tendered his resignation to the czar. The paper gives as a reason for the resignation the fact that General Kuropatkin has mercilessly criticised Alexieff's preparations for a campaign. The paper says the czar has not accepted the resignation.

LAND ENGAGEMENTS.

Seoul, April 22.—Strong rumors are current here of a land engagement near the mouth of the Yalu, the result of which is unknown.

Russian scouts reached Pak Ching, a hundred miles north of Won Son, evidently with the idea of making a demonstration against the latter place, hoping to draw the Japanese force in that direction, but a superior Japanese force met the Russians and caused them to retire.

Both armies are using the same tactics in eastern as on western Korean coast.

PORT ARTHUR DOOMED.

Tokio, April 22.—Port Arthur is now undoubtedly effectively blocked, and events are now culminating around that doomed fortress.

Japanese soldiers at Seoul say they believe Port Arthur has fallen, but no official report has been received. Only sixty Russian cavalry reached Song Ching. The appearance of the Russians in that region is of no consequence to the Japanese, who seem purposely to ignore the northeastern mountainous district.

The Russian cavalry, after burning Japanese houses at Song Ching, occupying the Korean telegraph office, and causing trouble among the natives by their demands for provisions, proceeded to Pak Chun, about 65 miles to the south.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Philadelphia 12, New York 1.
Pittsburg 5, Cincinnati 4.
Boston 3, Brooklyn 2.
Chicago 4, St. Louis 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Wet grounds at St. Louis.
New York 2, Philadelphia 3.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Louisville 2, Milwaukee 6.
Indianapolis 6, Kansas City 5.
Columbus 2, St. Paul 7.
Toledo 6, Minneapolis 2.

Alderman Charles Reed went to Dawson this morning to look over the New Century hotel he recently leased with Mr. I. D. Wilcox, who is now in charge at Dawson.

INSURANCE MEN MUST NOW ANSWER

Questions Propounded by State Commissioner.

He Intends to Stop Rebating—Robard's Company's Plant Is Sold.

AND OTHER KENTUCKY NEWS

Frankfort, Ky., April 22.—State Insurance Commissioner Prewitt has received intimation of violations of the anti-rebate laws by Kentucky agents of life insurance companies, notwithstanding his announced determination to revoke the license of such companies, and is preparing to make a campaign against such practices and to take vigorous steps. He this morning sent to each of the 1,500 agents in Kentucky a list of questions to be answered and sworn to by the agents, who are notified that unless they respond on or before May 15 next their license to do business will be suspended or revoked.

The power of the commissioner in this matter is absolute. The questions are, if the agent has rebated by any process or scheme since January 4 last when Commissioner Prewitt gave his first warning to the rebaters.

One of the schemes said to have been put in operation by the agents who have been practicing rebating since January last has been to get the business in the state and have it written at Jeffersonville or New Albany, in Indiana, or Cincinnati, they paying the expenses of the persons to be examined and given a rebate to get the business. This scheme is covered in the questions asked by the Insurance commissioner.

ROBARDS SALE.

Henderson, Ky., April 22.—S. A. Young, trustee in bankruptcy of the Robards Tobacco company and others, sold the J. D. Robards residence for \$4,700 to B. G. Witt. The Robards tobacco plant was bid in by Carl B. Schlamp for \$11,000. Mr. Schlamp is president of the George Deiker Huggy Co.

VETERAN DIES.

Henderson, Ky., April 22.—Captain Hal Dixon died. He was seventy-five years of age and fought in the Confederate army. He was a lineal descendant of the Dixons who were in the Revolutionary war.

SHE WANTS DIVORCE.

Hopkinsville, Ky., April 22.—Annie Gresham has instituted suit for divorce from Wilber Gresham, alleging failure to provide. The parties are prominent and reside in South Christian.

MISSIONARY KILLED

MOSLEMS REPORTED TO HAVE SLAIN AMERICAN.

Berlin, April 22.—A newspaper here asserts that an American missionary whose name is not obtainable, was murdered near Urumah, northwestern Persia. The crime is reported to have been perpetrated by Persian Moslems whose motive was religious fanaticism.

Master Mechanic R. J. Turnbull has gone to Louisville on business.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

(Furnished by Paducah Commission Co., 109 Broadway.)

WHEAT	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	83	82	83
July	83	81	84
CORN			
May	49	47	48
July	49	47	48
OATS			
May	36	35	36
July	36	35	36
COTTON			
May	13	12	13
July	13	12	13
SEP.	13	12	13
OCT.	13	12	13
DEC.	13	12	13
STOCKS			
I. C.	120		
L. & N.	100		
M. & O.	90		
U. S.	101		
U. S. F.	101		

CIRCUIT COURT NEARING AN END

Tomorrow is the Last Day of the Criminal Term.

Grand Jury Reported a Big Batch of Indictments This Forenoon.

POLICE AND OTHER COURT NEWS

Henry Kahn, charged with running a pool room was this morning found guilty of maintaining a nuisance and fined \$250. He will probably take an appeal.

The bond in the Irene Clemons grand larceny case was declared forfeited.

The case against W. J. Couder, alias Black Lilly, was continued. He is charged with passing a forged check.

John W. Glisson was granted a divorce from Lillie Glisson this morning.

A judgment for sale was filed in the case of George Morgan, guardian, against Frank Whitlock.

A motion was made, accompanied by reasons, to have the order dismissing the case of J. Walter Hailey against R. B. Phillips, suit for \$25,000 damages, set aside. The case was dismissed some time ago and now the attorneys for the plaintiff want it docketed again.

The three months' jail sentence given Ed Farris for petty larceny, was reduced to two months this morning. The ex parte petition brought by Frank Whitlock to sell land, was dismissed.

The grand jury returned the minutes of the examining court against Alec Hughes marked dismissed. He was given three years in one case and the other bills dismissed.

Papers for an appeal in the suit of J. W. Pendley, father of Miss Floy Pendley, for damages against the I. O. for injuries received at Eleventh and Broadway, were filed in court.

The divorce suit of Melinda Adams against Russell Adams was dismissed as settled.

This morning all petit jurors were finally excused, the criminal term of circuit court ending tomorrow. There will be several minor motions for new trials, etc., to come up and after tomorrow the equity cases will be considered.

POLICE COURT.

Judge D. L. Sanders held a brief session of police court this morning. Bertha Berger, Sue Eggleston, Lou Williams and Fen Hamilton and Fin Milligan got into a family quarrel and were arraigned for a breach of the peace. The evidence did not show that any breach of the peace had been committed, and the prosecution was dismissed.

Ed Settle, colored, charged with driving his wagon without procuring a license, was arraigned for a breach of ordinance and the case was dismissed.

H. Snowday's case was continued. He is charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Jim McKinney, white, was given thirty days for vagrancy.

GRAND JURY REPORTS.

This morning the grand jury made another report, the first in several days, and returned 22 indictments. The clerk stated that he could not give out these indictments as the persons indicted are not before the court and until they have been arrested, it will be impossible to get the names. It is stated that the indictments are not of a sensational nature, however.

LIENSED TO MARRY.

John H. Glisson, age 27, of the city, and Bessie Smallman, of the county, age 18, were licensed to wed yesterday afternoon late. It will make the second marriage of the groom and the first of the bride.

Lee Walters, the negro who was shot last Sunday and was thought would die during the night, is unchanged and appears to be on the road to recovery.

THE STREET PAVING QUESTION NOW UP

Members of the Public Board Take Charge.

An Erroneous Idea Prevails in Some Quarters That Petitions Are Necessary Before Paving.

THE LAW IS VERY PLAIN

The Boards of Public Works before recommending the streets to be paved out of the bond issue, will settle an important question on which some of the members seem to have gone wrong. One or two members of the board are under the impression it seems, that the second class charter requires a petition of two thirds of the property owners along any street, before it can be re-constructed, which does not appear to be borne out by the law itself.

Section 23 of the charter provides the following: "The general council, may, by ordinance, provide for the construction or re-construction of the streets, alleys, and other public ways and sidewalks, or parts thereof of the city, upon the petition of the owners of a majority of the front or abutting feet of real estate abutting on such improvements, or without a petition, by a vote of two thirds of the members-elect of each board of the general council. But when such original construction is to be made with brick, granite, asphalt, concrete or other improved material or paving, it shall be made only upon the petition of the owner or owners of at least two thirds of the front or abutting feet of real estate abutting on such improvements. Such original construction of public ways shall be made at the exclusive cost of the owners of the real estate abutting on such improvements and such reconstruction of such ways shall be made one-half at the cost of the owners of the real estate abutting on such improvements, and the other half at the cost of the city." etc.

It is very plain from the above what the difference is between the original construction, and re-construction, of the streets. The opening of West Jefferson street will be original construction, and requires a petition of two thirds of the property owners, and the property owners have to pay the entire cost, and can have the material of anything they want, from gravel to asphalt.

The paving of the streets already constructed, however, which will be all those paved from the bond issue, is re-construction, as evidenced by the fact that the city is going to pay half the costs, and no petition from anyone is necessary. In fact, if it were not reconstruction, the city couldn't issue bonds for it, all original construction being paid for by the property owners.

A member of the Board of Public works said today that he had been informed that the law made it necessary to have petitions from two thirds of the property owners on any street before it can be ordered paved, and this impression seems to be general in some quarters. It seems evident, however, from the above that nothing of the kind is intended. In fact, if that were the law it would in many cases in Paducah be impossible to have any street paved, for at least some of the property owners would prefer to be saved their share of the costs and have the old kind of streets.

The Board of Public Works it is stated today, will at once have this question settled to its satisfaction, and then set about selecting the streets to be paved.

SMALL BLAZE LAST NIGHT.

The fire department was called to the Griffith dairy last night about 7 o'clock to extinguish a small blaze in the roof of Mr. Griffith's residence. The blaze originated from a terra cotta flue and only a small hole had been burned when they arrived. The damage will amount to but a few dollars.

ALL WAS HARMONY AT CONVENTIONS

A Large and Representative Crowd at Republican Precincts.

Good Men Selected in Every Voting Place in McCracken County.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION

The Republican precinct conventions held yesterday afternoon at the various precincts in the county, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention, which will be held at the county courthouse in this city, tomorrow morning, and of naming county committeemen, were largely attended by representative men of the party. About 600 were present at the different precincts.

The following were selected from the city as county committeemen: Captain Ed Farley, Messrs. E. E. Bell, O. W. Merriwether, Harry Pixler, E. W. Pratt, John J. Doran, G. H. Burks, W. A. Lawrence, O. B. Starks, W. F. Paxton, Jeff Read, Grand Reeves and Dr. Frank Boyd.

The committeemen from the county are: Messrs. C. O. Dyson, Joe Waller, Fritz Schmidt, W. H. Dunnaway, Will Fry, Charles A. Flowers, Mose Rice, A. C. Dudley, James Mitchell, J. E. Jett and Prof. Charles McQueen.

The convention will be called to order at the court house at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, and promises to be one of harmony and good feeling. Delegates to the district convention to be held in this city April 28 will be chosen and also to the state convention in Louisville May 3rd.

SCHOOL DISMISSED

So the Parasites May All Be Killed.

The Pests Seem to Have Increased—Expert Fumigator Here Today.

It has been practically settled that the parasites discovered in the High school building, are common bed bugs and immediate steps to exterminate them have been taken.

The parasites in the schools were fought at first with sulphur, but this did little good as they began to crawl about again the next day. An expert fumigator arrived here this morning and after a conference with Dr. J. R. Coleman, president of the board of education, and Secretary Frank May and Superintendent C. M. Leib, was instructed to proceed with his work of fumigation. He guarantees that he will kill all the bugs or will ask no pay.

The question of where the bugs came from has been settled also. The bugs are said to have been brought into the building by bats and chimney swallows and got their start in the walls. When the panels of the wood work in the third story are struck, the bugs run up the wall and yesterday one boy had a bottle half filled with them. They seem to be on the increase instead of the decrease and this afternoon school was dismissed and the building turned over to the fumigator. The teachers' meeting was not held at the High school but at the Longfellow building and it is assured that by Monday all of the parasites will be killed and the building entirely ridden of them.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Woman's committee of the Y. M. C. A. will have a meeting tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, at the association building to discuss Dr. Burris A. Jenkins' lecture May 10, under the auspices of the committee.

Mr. Charles Morrow went to Nashville this morning after a short visit in Paducah.