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Fremont Smith To Be Hanged To-Day at San Quentin.

IN UNREPENTANT MOOD.

He Absolutely Refuses to Receive Spiritual Consultation.

CURSES FOR HIS ENEMIES.

Declares His Innocence and Denounces His Attorney—No Fear of Death.

SAN QUENTIN, CAL., Aug. 8.—Fremont Smith, who will hang here to-morrow for the brutal murder of his two chum fishermen, "Dolph" and "Charley," near Colusa, is probably the most impatient murderer who ever occupied a San Quentin cell. He utterly refuses the spiritual comfort tendered him by Father Lagan, and replied to the offer to send him a Protestant clergyman in exceedingly coarse terms. For days it has seemed that nothing could move him in the least. He believes neither in God nor in the devil, and only speaks of the Almighty in the most shocking and profane manner.

Incident jests and brutal jibes accompany his references to his terrible fate, and he longs for a hereafter only that he may meet his lawyer, Edward Swinford of Colusa, that he may get even with him for, as he claims, "selling me out."

Smith has, however, one redeeming trait. He loves his old mother, and the depth of that affection was shown this afternoon when he spoke of her. "Poor old mother," he said, "it's awfully hard on her. If it was not for her I wouldn't care a cent. For myself I don't care a cent, but mother—she'll not live a week after I'm hung." Tears glistened in his eyes as he spoke and his voice trembled, while the curious jailers watched silently the display of emotion by the man who had no fear of the gallows nor any dread of the hereafter.

A moment later, however, the condemned man was again the brutally jocose, hardened harlequin that he has been ever since his trial.

"Smith is very well connected, but appears to have been out with nearly all his relatives. His mother lived in San Jose, but recently sold her place and now dwells in San Juan the news of the execution of her youngest son. She is 84 years old and feeble and the condemned man's fears for her may prove well founded."

Five sisters of Fremont Smith have married in California. Ex-Judge R. F. Peckman, the wealthy woolen manufacturer of San Jose, is his brother-in-law.

"His wife is dead also," says Smith, "I would have had plenty of money to fight the case."

William Jeffries, formerly of San Jose but now a butcher at Washington Corners, Alameda County, is another brother-in-law of the condemned man. Frank Jeffries, who is connected with the San Jose motor line, is a nephew, and Bert Jeffries, who was so horribly burned by the explosion of a torch during the Cleveland parade during the last National campaign, is another. John Breen of San Juan, a brother of Superior Judge Breen of San Benito County, George Chalmers of San Juan and the late James Bigley, all married sisters of Smith.

Before his arrest on the murder charge Smith had borne a fairly good character, in spite of his undeniable toughness. He had been in jail in Colusa once for stealing meat from a butcher-shop because he was hungry, but he had never been in prison. The statement which he says lawyer Swinford put in his transcript on appeal, that he knew Chris Evans and had been in jail with him in Fresno, he brands as a fairy tale. Concerning the crime for which he will suffer the extreme penalty, he professes the profoundest ignorance, and, of course, his utter innocence. "One of the men," he said, "was shot, I believe, and the other's head crushed in with an ax. They were then thrown into the river. I was away traveling through the country on a bookboard. I had gone two days' journey to Willows and Collinsville, where I was arrested. Yet the arrest took place forty-two hours, I think it was, after the death of those men."

"I never would have been convicted if that — Swinford had not sold me out. He would sell his own mother for \$50. He knows less of a man's life than I do of a coyote, and that's — little. He has been running to the Governor to do me up, too, else the Governor never would commit such coo-blooded murder as to hang me. Swinford has been slandering me, or else no man smart enough to be Governor could fall to see my innocence and let me hang."

"The fact is a man without money is a — fool to let himself be arrested. Yet, any old woman would have taken me, for I did not know what the trouble was and was so sure they had made a mistake. They would not take me again if I was out of this; guilty or innocent. There would not be officers enough in the United States to take me so long as I had a shot left in my revolver. If I couldn't get away I'd use it and blow my brains out."

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One Man Killed and Three Injured on the Train.

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