

"Yes, I Know What The Penalty For Murder Is."

COLD STATEMENT OF WIFE MURDERER

Story of One of the Most Shocking Crimes in the History Of the City.

AWFUL DEED OF A BARBER.

Frank Rose Tells How He Slew His Wife and Declares He Would Do It Again.

INFIDELITY STRONGLY CHARGED.

Two Year Old Babe Left in Bed With Mother Who Was Slain on Christmas Day—Father in Jail.

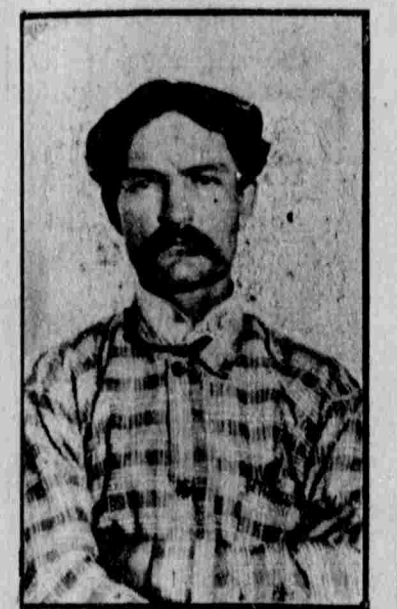


Photo by Fries. FRANK ROSE, Self-Confessed Wife Murderer.

There are elements of atrocity in a murder committed in this city on Christmas day that are almost without parallel. The man who perpetrated the crime is Frank Rose. His victim is his wife, whom he charged with infidelity. Rose is a barber and came here with his wife and two-year-old babe from Nevada a few months ago. He was seen by a "News" reporter this afternoon and entirely sobered up from his long debauch he declared unhesitatingly that he had no remorse; that he knew what the penalty for murder was and that he expected to die for the deed that he would commit again under similar circumstances.

MURDERER'S STATEMENT.

"Now that you have had considerable time to reflect over your terrible deed; now that the effects of a long debauch have worn off; when you think of your act in taking a human life, and think about your innocent little babe and what will become of him, do you not have some feeling of regret, or sympathy?"

"The above question was asked of Frank Rose, self-confessed murderer, by a 'News' reporter this morning. Rose was in his cell at the city jail; the last one to the right on the upper floor. He was clad in black trousers, singlet shirt and shoes. He stood up to talk to the newspaper man. He placed one foot on the bars and grasped the steel door with his left hand. He looked the visitor straight in the eyes as he answered:

"I have no regrets whatever. I feel sorry for my little babe but not for the woman. If I had it to do over I would do it."

"There was no indication of insanity about the man. The effects of a hard drinking spell had been dispersed by a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast. He slept well last night and was ready for breakfast when it was tendered him this morning."

"How do you feel now?" was asked. "I feel all right," was the answer. "Of course I feel sorry for my little babe," continued Rose, "but I don't regret what I did."

"According to some of the other papers you have made statements with reference to the cause of the tragedy. Will you tell me about it?" was the next question.

"Well, I understand that the papers give me quite a roast, but I can only tell you what I will always say. I killed her and have no regrets whatever."

"Why did you do it?" "Because she had been living with another man in St. Louis, and because of what she admitted to me. I thought the matter over for weeks and decided it was the best thing to do. I had decided with her. She wrecked her life. The statement that I forced her to live a life of shame is untrue. It was just the reverse. I told her if she did not mend her ways that I would leave her. I asked her to let me take the baby and put him where he would be cared for. I said to her if she would consent to this arrangement I would never bother her again. She refused. She threatened if I left her, or if she was ever arrested for being on the streets, she would have me arrested for putting her on the town."

The trouble started in St. Louis. While there she was with two women, Minnie Hawkins and Maggie Franklin. They were no good, and they were responsible for my wife turning out. Then she lived with a man in St. Louis. His name is Henry Thedick, and lives at 1015 South Seventh street. If you doubt my statement, it can be substantiated by returning to him. He wrote my wife and she answered them. I saw some of the letters. She admitted her relations with him and that is why I killed her."

"Is it true that you planned the atrocious act for weeks?" "Well, yes, I thought about it for a



Photo by Fries.

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR VIEWS OF HOUSE WHERE MURDER WAS COMMITTED.

long time but did not want to do it until I knew there was a chance to get things straightened out and care for the baby. She had promised to go to this man Thedick when he sent her the money to go on. She continued to go out on the streets, visit wine rooms and go with other men. Many times I had to remain at home and care for the baby. Naturally I got tired of it. She was out on Christmas day. I was home taking care of little Elmer. My wife came home about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, about an hour before I killed her. She had been drinking and brought home a pint of whisky. We drank that together. Then we talked the matter over, and I told her I was going to kill her. I killed her."

"What did you do with the baby?" "I went back three or four times that I know of, and fed him. I gave him some bread and meat. I was drinking awfully but I know I went back three times to feed the boy. Then I kept on drinking. I expected to give myself up. I have had plenty of opportunity to let the law take its course."

"Then you realized before you committed the murder what the consequences would be?" "Yes," he replied. "I thought it all over. I know what the penalty for murder is."

"Will you make a fight for your life when your case comes to trial?" "I don't know what I will do except that I will tell the absolute truth as I have told you. I will say that I murdered her; what I murdered her for and then let the consequences follow, let them be what they may."

As the reporter turned to go, Rose said: "So long. I wish you would send me



Photo by Fries. ELMER ROSE, Two-Year-Old Left With Its Murdered Mother.

one of your papers. I would like to see what you say about me."

DON'T BELIEVE ROSE. The police take no stock whatever in the story told by Rose that he tried to prevent his wife from going out at night and visiting wine rooms. They say that the evidence is pretty clear that the man forced his wife to "rustle" in order to keep him and their child. They say he was shiftless. He admitted that his first wife secured a divorce from him in St. Louis on the grounds of failure to support and desertion. It is true that he left his second wife at St. Louis, and contributed nothing to her support for eighteen months. Then he sent for her. They lived here for a little more than a month.

During the time that Rose was on the chain gang, he admitted to some fellow prisoners that his wife was rustling.

"She will get bail for me," he is alleged to have said. "She has been sick but now she is all right, and can get out and rustle."

ASSASSIN'S BOASTS. It developed this morning that, on Saturday afternoon, Rose entered the Alfa saloon on State street, in an intoxicated state, and admitted that he had murdered his wife. He made the statement to Ted Golding and Bert Engle, the proprietors of the place. At that time he was boisterous and appeared to be looking for trouble.

"You think I am a hell of a good fellow," he said to an inmate of the place, "but you are wrong, for I am a— I have killed my wife and here is the gun I used." Rose then exhibited the weapon.

A few minutes later, when the porter, Ernest Lundquist, started to put some coal in the stove, Rose drew the gun and said:

"You — — if you put any more coal on, I will kill you."

He then got into a squabble with Engle and the latter took the gun away from him. He repeatedly declared that he had murdered his wife, and on the same afternoon Golding and Engle talked the matter over and decided to investigate.

They went to the Rose home, fully intending to make an investigation, but when they got there they concluded that the man had been lying, and they did not enter the house. They then called on Mrs. Condie and told her what Rose had said. They asked her if she thought the fellow would do such a thing. She replied:

"Yes. He is mean and crazy enough to do anything." But still the men did not believe Rose and did not bother to look into the matter any further.

INQUEST UNDER WAY. An inquest over the remains of the murdered woman is being held this afternoon by Acting Coroner Clark. After viewing the remains the body was removed to Joseph William Taylor's undertaking establishment. The jury empaneled by Justice Clark is composed of A. E. Rivera, W. H. Ferguson and Edward T. Stewart. It is quite likely that the inquest will be concluded this afternoon as there are no mysterious circumstances connected with the atrocious crime.

ROSE'S DRAMATIC CONFESSION. "I Have Murdered My Wife and Want to Give Myself Up."

"I have murdered my wife, and I want to give myself up," Frank Rose, a barber, to Sergeant J. J. Roberts at police headquarters yesterday morning at 6:15 o'clock.

Rose first asked to see the chief of police, but the sergeant informed Rose that the chief was not in and asked if there was anything that he could do for him.

"I guess you can," nonchalantly replied the murderer, "I want to give myself up because I have killed my wife."

In a moment the officer was over the railing that divides the desk sergeants' room, and searched for Rose. He found him in the room.

"When did you kill her?" inquired the officer.

"On Christmas day, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at west Third South street. There you will find her body."

Sergeant Roberts thought the man was suffering from too much drink and did not at first credit his story.

"Why did you kill her?" he demanded.

"Because she was on the street too much."

A SHOCKING SIGHT. Scarcely believing the words he had heard, Roberts looked the man in a cell and then summoning Officer Jim Williams and Frank Tate, the three went to the place designated by Rose, broke in the door of the room and there found the facts as related by Rose in all their horrible details. They found even more cuddled up to the cold, little form of his dead mother, was a little two-year-old boy, clad only in his night clothes and trying to keep warm. Although the officers were accustomed to sights of bloodshed and gore, the sight of the dead woman and her child was a shock to them.

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I had previously purchased a revolver for that purpose. My wife said: 'All right, Frank, that suits me. I would rather have you kill me than anyone else.'"

FIRE THE FATAL SHOT. Rose picked up the weapon and with his innocent child looking on with wonderment, and his wife offering no resistance, he placed the muzzle of the gun behind her right ear and fired the fatal shot. There was no scream of agony. The woman lay still and retained consciousness. She lingered for more than an hour, and according to the murderer's story, talked with him about it and about the baby, Elmer. The child played about the room totally unmindful of the tragedy that was being enacted. Rose then told more of the ghastly details of his horrible crime.

"She asked me to put a wet towel around her head and rub the place where the bullet had entered. She said: 'I did as she asked. Then she asked me to kiss her and I did so.'"

CALMLY WATCHED HER DIE. The woman raised a bloodsoaked arm and clutched it about her husband's neck and begged him to bring the baby to her. Blood was flowing freely from the wound and the sands of life were running rapidly. The hardened man placed the little one in his mother's arms. She kissed the baby while the latter patted her head affectionately. She asked Rose to leave the baby in her arms and the man lay down beside his wife and calmly watched her die.

OUT ON A DEBAUCH. After the woman died, Rose left the room and locked the door. Then he went out on a debauch, drinking heavily. He declares that he returned several times to feed the baby, but Sergeant Roberts said this morning that from all appearances the little one had not eaten a bite from the time of the tragedy until the body was found.

The murderer had plenty of time to escape, but that was not his purpose. He roamed around town drinking until his money was gone. At 6:15 yesterday morning he walked into the police station, confessed his crime and gave himself up.

WHO MURDERER IS. A Barber by Trade and Came Here From Nevada Recently.

Frank Rose is a barber by trade and is a little past 30 years of age. He is of medium build with closely cropped auburn hair and a long pointed moustache of the same color. Says on the bi-curious condition of his eyes and the deep lines under them, he does not present a hardened appearance. Under ordinary conditions there would be little or nothing about him to indicate a nature so cruel that he possesses.

Rose arrived here last month from Nevada, he says, and immediately got into trouble. He was arrested on a charge of being a vagrant and was sent to jail. He claims that his wife was the cause of it, and that she had been running about town with other men. He accused William Everett, a bartender on Third South street, of being a party to it, and made a gun play on the bartender. He was badly intoxicated at the time and threatened to kill any and everybody who dared to interfere with him. Officer Carey was summoned and placed Rose under arrest. Just before the officer took him away, Rose suddenly made an attack on Everett and knocked him down. He then struck at the policeman but the latter overpowered him. He was taken to the station in the patrol wagon and booked on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. As the day following he was convicted of the offense and Judge Diehl sentenced him to 20 days in jail. Rose was put on the chain gang to work. During his incarceration, his wife came to see him and begged him to bring him little articles he needed. It is said by the police that the woman actually kept him and the baby, and that he spent most of his time in hanging around saloons and drinking.

Guard Furter says: "While on the gang the man did not share of the work, did not complain, and appeared to be quite an intelligent fellow. He said that his trouble was due to too much liquor, but he did not show any indication of insanity."

ROSE'S GUN. After Rose served his time, he called at the desk sergeant's office and claimed his revolver. It was a .32-caliber, a cheap, broken thing of the Hopkins & Allen make. As the indication of how deliberate the murder was done, it may be stated that it takes considerable care and time to cock the weapon before it can be fired.

THE ROSE BABY. Its Pathetic Christmas-Love For Toys and New Home.

Elmer, the Rose baby, found his Christmas at last amid the warm sympathies of the orphanage in Earl's court, with Mrs. V. A. Stickney, its superintendent. There he came into the proud possession of some remnants of

a Christmas tree—a tin trumpet and a doll.

It is likely that the horrors of the Christmas in the Third South street hovel and the awful hours he spent in lone companionship with the cold corpse of his mother will leave no impression whatever upon the boy's mind. For every effort to remind him of his mother, the oft-repeated mention of "mamma" in the baby's presence, caused only blank staring from the tiny brown eyes, and a continuation of the romp and prattling play which has occupied Elmer's time since the Home Finding institution took him in.

Elmer was a good deal more interested in his "beautiful dolly" than in the efforts to rouse his memory.

"Pretty dolly, I blow tooter, I frow ball," he prattled on, suddenly discovering a rubber ball in a corner of the room, and as he rushed upon it, the "beautiful dolly" and the horn were thrown aside and forgotten.

Little Elmer is bright for his two years and as pretty a baby as one expects to see. When he first was taken to the orphanage, he wore the clothes, stained by his mother's blood, in which he had spent two bitterly cold days in the presence of death. It was a faded pink dress, and soon it was exchanged for something clean, and more becoming.

"Why, we worship the boy already!" exclaimed Mrs. Stickney, her kind face beaming with sympathy, "and we'll make him the happiest lad in the land. When he first came, he had very little to say. There seemed to be a forlorn, wondering look in his eyes and his face was the saddest I ever saw. But it must have been hunger more than anything. He doesn't seem to remember, and of course is too young to realize that anything strange has happened. Elmer did not cry a bit. We gave him chicken broth, crackers and other substantial food. Then came the delayed Santa Claus and the darling has been gleefully eating ever since. He's a very pretty baby and good as gold!"

Everybody at the orphanage is quite as enthusiastic as Mrs. Stickney. They gladly all attention to the finely shaped head, broad high forehead and the eyes that sparkle with understanding. He looks to be anything but the child of a murderous father.

MRS. CONDIE'S STORY. What She Knew of the Principals To the Awful Tragedy.

Mrs. Roy Condie, who lives in Olsen court, was the most intimate friend that Mrs. Rose had in this city and it was at her home that Rose's wife and child stayed while he was in jail. She says that Rose has a divorced wife and another child in St. Louis, and that he married the woman whom he murdered Friday when she was only 16 years of age and after a few days of only three days. According to the story given by Mrs. Condie by Mrs. Rose, the latter's husband left her shortly after they were married and went to Nevada and stayed there for some time. Mrs. Condie, however, protested against it, she went to her husband about six weeks ago.

While Rose was in jail here Mrs. Condie says that his wife went to see him nearly every day and finally she went to the mayor and secured his pardon. Rose was released from custody a week ago yesterday and went to the home of Mrs. Condie, where his wife and child were. He had a revolver and his wife told him that she would not go with him if he gave up the gun. Whether or not Mrs. Rose secured the revolver Mrs. Condie does not know, but she says that they left the house together. The last time Mrs. Condie saw her friend was on Christmas eve, when they met on the street, and Mrs. Rose gave her a holly wreath.

On Christmas night, after the murder, Mrs. Condie met Rose on the street and he asked her to have a drink with him. She refused, and then asked him where his wife was. Rose replied that she and the child had gone to St. Louis. She then asked why his wife did not get her trunk, which was still at Condie's and he said that he would get it and send it to her. Mrs. Condie says that the Rose baby thought everything of its mamma, but would not have anything to do with its father.

In the conversation which Rose had with his wife at Condie's he is said to have told her that he would "work his finger nails off to support her," but that she must act differently or he would kill her.

DIDN'T LEAVE THE BABY. Parties living in the same house to go away and leave the child alone for hours. They say that Mrs. Rose used to go out to work and leave the child with her husband. On Thursday evening Mrs. Rose left the child with a lady in the house and Rose came after it about 11 o'clock. Mrs. Rose on the same night asked the lady if she would take care of the child by the week while she went out to work. Mr. and Mrs. Rose first came to the house in November and stayed two weeks. They then went away, but came back a week ago and rented the room where the murder occurred.

SCIENTISTS IN SESSION. American Association Meets in Annual Session at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—The fifty-third annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science began here today with 200 members present, comprising some of the most notable men in the country. The convention will remain in session during the entire week.

Today's session consisted almost entirely of addresses, welcome and responses. Dr. Ira Remsen, retiring president of the general association, called the meeting to order, and in a few remarks, introduced his successor, Carroll D. Wright, David H. Francis, honorary president of the local committee on arrangements, followed the installation of the new president, with an address of welcome. Dr. Francis, former mayor and president of the Business Men's league, also welcomed the delegates. President Wright responded in behalf of the association.

After the announcement of the different sections, the session was held in the afternoon. This was followed by addresses by the vice presidents of the different sections before the main body. Tonight Dr. Remsen will deliver an address on "Progress and Science."

Looking for Young Cashel. Helena, Mont., Dec. 28.—Three policemen from Calgary, N. W. T., are here looking for young Cashel, the condemned murderer, who recently escaped from jail there. Shortly after escaping from jail, he was seen at Lehighville, Pa., but soon disappeared. The officers have again located him and believe they will have him in a short time. The date set for his execution has passed, but that will not save him, as the court vacated the original order a day or two after he escaped and made another order remanding him to custody to await execution at a date to be fixed later.

GREGORIAN CHANTS. Pope Plus in a Note Recommends Their Use.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The pope has issued, of his own accord, a note on the subject of sacred music in church, recommending the Gregorian chant. The note will be published in tonight's issue of the "Osservatore Romano."

COL. H. L. THOMAS DEAD. Was a Distinguished Translator Of the State Department.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Col. Henry L. Thomas, of the American Bridge company, died today of pneumonia, aged 68 years. He spoke and translated English, Spanish, Italian, German, Norwegian, Danish, Dutch, Portuguese, Hebrew, Arabic and Greek, besides having a general knowledge of other tongues.

Mr. Bryan at the Hague. The Hague, Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan arrived here today on a Berlin and visited the foreign ministers. Mr. Bryan is enjoying his tour. He said he found Count Tolstol looking well, though very aged. Tolstol's first question was "Are you a Socialist?"

When assured to the contrary, the count said: "I am very glad to hear it. I am not a Socialist myself."

Work at Collieries Resumed. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28.—Work was resumed at all the Delaware and Hudson company's collieries today. The Ontario & Western company started up its washeries and all of the individual operators resumed mining.

Wages Reduced. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 28.—The reduction plant of the American Bridge company, which was announced some time ago, went into effect today. The reduction is a graded one, running from 1 to 25 per cent. Those who receive above that amount have been reduced from 10 to 25 per cent. The men have submitted to the reduction. Seven hundred employees are affected.

Trying to Blackmail Supt. Perkins. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 28.—Supt. Perkins of the Burlington road, received a letter Saturday mailed at Weston, Mo., a station on that road 32 miles north of here, saying that unless he deposited \$5,000 in a spot designated Sunday night, the writer "Ondi Carter," would kill him on sight. Mr. Perkins placed the letter in the hands of the postoffice authorities.

No Further Deaths from Accident. Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 28.—There have been no further deaths since yesterday among the injured in Saturday night's wreck on the Pere Marquette railroad. Only one of the 22 dead still remain to be identified, a man with the initials J. K. on his cuff but with no other mark by which to identify him.

Receiver for Ft. Worth Bank. Washington, Dec. 28.—The comptroller of the currency has appointed R. L. Van Sandt, of Fort Worth, Tex., as receiver of the Farmers' National bank of Fort Worth, Tex., which closed its doors on Nov. 18, 1902, and has since then been in the hands of a bank examiner.

CZAR ANXIOUS TO PREVENT WAR.

He is So Peaceably Disposed That He Will Probably Make Concessions to Japan.

YET HE PREPARES FOR WAR.

He Does This Because He Believes It Better Than a Display of Over Much Peacefulness.

COREA IS ESSENTIAL TO RUSSIA.

Controlling Party Holds It is Necessary and is Determined to Prevent Japan Getting It.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The consensus of unofficial opinion among those associated with the government but not responsible therefor is that the czar is so peaceably disposed that he will make such concessions to Japan as are necessary to prevent war, provided no unforeseen events force the hands of the governments concerned. At the same time the czar, it is pointed out, agrees with those who believe that preparation for war is the best safeguard of peace, and that apparent willingness to allow matters to be submitted to the test of arms is more likely to lead to a satisfactory compromise than an exhibition of over-much peacefulness. This unofficial opinion, however, believes the controlling party in Russia regards Korea as necessary to the consolidation of Russian interests in the far east and therefore is determined to prevent the peninsula falling into Japanese hands, and that any concessions Russia now makes to Japan will only be with the object of deferring the difficulty until a more seasonable time.

There is not likely to be much difficulty in finding money in case of war. A foreign loan on acceptable terms is probably impossible but the Russian banks and merchants have ample funds on which the government could draw.

One reason why the British alarmist news falls to convince the Russians is the perfect understanding here of the benefits Great Britain derives from a strained condition. It was known here a year ago that Great Britain was planning to occupy Tibet and extend the railroad to a point in the Yangtze valley which is reachable by gunboats from the sea. Great Britain's forward movement at this time excites both admiration and rage, the former for the clever political move, the latter because Russia is so pre-occupied in the far east that she is unable to prevent Great Britain from creating her own Manchuria in the Yangtze province. It is pointed out here that the present situation affords Great Britain the same opportunity which actual war between Russia and any third power.

JAPAN READY TO FIGHT. Tokio, Dec. 28.—An important joint meeting of the cabinet and privy council will take place today to consider ways and means in view of the grave situation, but no difficulty is anticipated in providing for the extraordinary expenditure extending to the completion of the Seoul-Fusan railway.

It is believed that unless Russia modifies her reply, Japan will immediately safeguard Korea, though such a step will not necessarily mean war with Russia.

JAPAN READY TO FIGHT. London, Dec. 28.—An admiralty order issued at Portsmouth requires the officers and men of the British naval reserve to notify the authorities of their addresses so telegrams can be sent in case of emergency should they be required for active service. The order is generally connected with the rumors that the fleet in the far east is to be strengthened, concerning which, however, the authorities profess ignorance.

Japan is negotiating for the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Bradavilla, now building at Genoa, Italy, but up to this afternoon the Japanese legation had not heard of the completion of their purchase.

RUSSIA ORDERS MESS MEAT. Kansas City, Dec. 28.—The Russian government has just placed an order with Armour & Co for a million and a half pounds of mess meat for immediate shipment to San Francisco. The order calls for the delivery of the meat at San Francisco by Jan. 22. The meat, it is said, is for the use of the Russian army, and its destination is said to be Port Arthur.

Russia Watching China. New York, Dec. 28.—The Russian government is noting with the closest attention and keenest interest the quite uncommon energy now being shown by the Chinese in making warlike preparation under the guidance of a large number of Japanese instructors, cables the Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent.

This has grown so serious as to come into the first line of Russia's calculations, broadening out the situation on quite new lines.

Such a complication would bring into play the Franco-Russian and Anglo-Japanese treaties.

King Christian's Health Good. Gmunden, Austria, Dec. 28.—The condition of King Christian of Denmark is officially said to give no cause for anxiety. The king has been obliged to postpone for several days his departure for the consequences of a chill. King Christian, who is 84 years old, has been attending the silver wedding festivities of the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland at Gmunden.

Chandler Still in Jail. Georgetown, Colo., Dec. 28.—The work of examining talismen in the Idaho Springs dynamite cases, was resumed today.

J. E. Chandler, secretary of the Idaho Springs miners' union, who was arrested in Los Angeles, and brought here charged with complicity in the dynamiteing, has not yet secured bondsmen.