

HOCH MAKES A CONFESSION.

He Admits That He Married Ten Women and That Was All He Did Marry.

TOLD THIS TO CHICAGO POLICE

Mrs. Ellen Hoppe Declared He Had Wedded Her and Then Was Uncertain About It.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Johann Hoch, indicted for bigamy, suspected of murdering his wife, was taken into custody by the Chicago police and held in the city jail. Hoch, a man of about 40 years, and a man of many names, was taken into custody by the Chicago police and held in the city jail. Hoch, a man of about 40 years, and a man of many names, was taken into custody by the Chicago police and held in the city jail.

Hoch had evidently expected a number of his wives to meet him at the station, but they did not come. "Where are these 14 wives you talked so much about," he asked of Mr. Loftus. "I guess you have been joking me all the time," he said. "I never had that many. There seem to be a lot of women who seem to think that I am the only man in the world who could marry them and get away with some of their money."

When Hoch and Loftus alighted from the train, the detail of six policemen met them. They were taken to the station, where they were held in the city jail. Hoch, a man of about 40 years, and a man of many names, was taken into custody by the Chicago police and held in the city jail.

Hoch made no reply, but smiled as he considered the affair of \$750 rather a joke than otherwise. Later the five women were, one at a time, admitted into the office of the inspector, and all of them identified Hoch as the man to whom they were married. Mrs. Ellen Hoppe at first declared that she had married Hoch, but later said she was not sure about it.

"No," replied Hoch, "but maybe I will if you don't hustle her out of her room." Mrs. Mary Rankin Hoch, who admitted last week that she had committed bigamy when she married Hoch, was repudiated in strong terms by the police. He declared that he had never married her and had never seen her before.

When Mrs. Marie Goerk Hoch was admitted into the room Hoch declared that he married her, but that the marriage was illegal. He also confessed to having married Mrs. Emilie Fischer Hoch when she was shown into the room. A physician who had attended Mrs. Walter Hoch, the last wife of Hoch, identified him as the husband of Mrs. Walter Hoch, and showed him a bill for his attendance upon the woman.

"Oh, yes," said Hoch, "I remember something about that. Bring it around to me, please. I'll still be here," and he turned his head to look at the police. The examination of Hoch by the police was concluded after he confessed that before his close he confessed that he had married the woman. Hoch also admitted that he had purchased a revolver and that the white powder found in a fountain pen taken from his pocket in New York today was arsenic which he had purchased with the intention of killing himself.

The names of two of the women married by Hoch were not disclosed by the police. The other eight were: Mrs. Julia Steinbrecher, married in 1884; Mrs. Julia Marie Wackler, married in 1885; Mrs. Mary Becker, St. Louis; Mrs. Anna Hendricks, married in Hammond, Ind., Jan. 2, 1902; Mrs. Marie Goerk, married in 1904; Mrs. Mary Rankin, married in 1894; Mrs. Martha Horddick, now of Pasadena, Cal., married in 1892; Mrs. Emilie Fischer, married in December, 1904.

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KATE EDWARDS THE MURDERESS.

She Makes a Statement in Which She Exonerates Greason From Complicity in Her Crime.

HE WAS CONVICTED WITH HER.

It Is Believed Confession Will Place Case in a New Light Before Board of Pardons.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Kate Edwards, who is under sentence to be hanged with Samuel Greason on Thursday next for the murder of her husband, made a statement to her counsel tonight in which it is said she exonerates Greason from complicity in the murder. The statement will not be given to the public until it is presented to the board of pardons, but the inference is left that she has admitted that she alone committed the crime.

Mrs. Edwards and Greason, who is a colored man, were convicted of the murder of Edwards, and since the death sentence has been pronounced extraordinary efforts have been made to save them from the gallows. The board of pardons has heretofore refused to interfere, and the state supreme court has affirmed the lower court's decision. Mrs. Edwards' confession, it is thought, will place the case in an entirely new light before the board of pardons. The board will meet at Harrisburg Feb. 15, the day before the date fixed for the double execution. If the woman's statement is accepted by the board it may save the man's life. If the woman is spared it will therefore be entirely on sentimental grounds, as strong pressure is being brought before the board not to commute the sentence of the man. In the trial much testimony was presented to show that Edwards was a dissolute character; that he drank heavily and that he treated his wife in a brutal manner. It was shown that Edwards was killed while he lay drunk at his home.

It is expected the execution will, at least, be postponed. The statement of Mrs. Edwards, it is said, Mrs. Edwards' conscience has been troubling her since she has been revealing the spiritual ministrations of Rev. Stephen Schweitzer, that today "a could restrain herself no longer and sent for her lawyers and made the statement. That she has made a statement before is, it is believed, due to the fact that she desired to shield her daughter, Mary, and to spare the daughter she shifted the blame to Greason. Mary Edwards, the only child, was tried for complicity in the murder, but was acquitted.

Mrs. Sophia Merritt Liberated. Towanda, Pa., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Sophia Merritt, charged with the murder and burning of Maggie B. Johnson and her son's wife in September last, was acquitted today. Bigler Johnson, the dead woman's husband, pleaded guilty last Tuesday.

Gen. Corbin Reports Engagement. Washington, Feb. 9.—The following cablegram has been received at the war department from Gen. Corbin at Manila: "Brig-Gen. William H. Carter reports an engagement between scouts with Puljanas at San Jose, Samar, Feb. 2. Six guns were captured. No casualties." Feb. 3, Gustin, second lieutenant of Philippine scouts, was wounded, moderately; one scout killed, five wounded. One thousand Puljanas located at Mount Sagdo, due east of Caidabayo. Our forces co-operating with native troops with good effect. Have ordered an additional battalion of infantry to Samar and their services be required. Governor-general consulted and approves. We agree upon the general policy."

Nevada Murderers Reprieved. Reno, Nev., Feb. 9.—Severer, Gorman and Richards, three men convicted of the murder of Jack Welch on the night near Winnemucca more than a year ago, and under sentence of death, were reprieved today. The three men were sentenced to be hanged in the penitentiary at Carson, and are now confined there. The reprieve is granted to give the supreme court opportunity to hear a motion for a new trial.

A CRUSADE FOR PURITY. One Started in Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—In an effort to repress, if not wipe out, the social evil in Philadelphia, Mayor Weaver issued orders to Director of Public Safety Smith, the head of the police, calling for the greatest shakeup in the history of that department. The mayor's orders direct the head of the department to "transfer all the officers from lieutenant down from such police districts in which disorderly houses are supposed to exist to some other district where there are none and bring in the police force from that district to the one thus vacated."

The action taken by the mayor today is the result of a crusade carried on by the law and order society of the city. Today's action was brought about by a conference between Mayor Weaver and a committee of prominent clergymen. New York, Feb. 9.—The American Society for Sanitary and Moral Purity was organized tonight at a meeting of 30 well-known physicians, clergymen and men of public spirit at the New York academy of medicine. Members of the new society announce that they propose to treat the social evil as the community at present treats any contagious disease.

Prof. Felix Adler, President Seligman of Columbia college, and others made speeches. Bishop Hater and Dr. Lyman Abbott sent letters pledging their support to the society.

FAREWELL TO GEN. McARTHUR. San Francisco, Feb. 10.—The California commandery of the Loyal Legion bade farewell to Maj.-Gen. Arthur MacArthur at a reception and banquet here. The general is about to leave for the Orient, having been commanded by the president to observe the operations of the Japanese-Russian war in Manchuria. Among the speakers were a number of prominent government officials and officers of the army and navy.

AN ALASKA PIONEER DEAD. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 10.—Fred W. Smith, one of the oldest pioneers of Alaska, is dead in this city at the age of 85 years. Mr. Smith superintended the construction of a Western Union telegraph line in Alaska in 1865. The line started at New Westminster and was intended to go to Bering Straits. A cable was to be laid across the straits in Florence for several days, and energetic measures by the king are expected.

WAR AGAINST EXPECTORATION. New York, Feb. 10.—War continues in this city against persons who expectorate on sidewalks and in other public places, such as corridors, theater foyers and bridge approaches. Police to the number of 35 are patrolling Broadway, the elevated platforms, subway stations and other busy places on the lookout for offenders. An ultimatum has been issued by the board of health that the crusade is to be carried in every direction and members of the squad of special police who were doing duty in the outlying districts have been called to the heart of the city, while the police department has been asked to assist in the work by instructing regular officers on post duty to make arrests where they observe violations of the sanitary code and no special officer is at hand. Six arrests were made in a short period.

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FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE. Kansas House Passes Bill Favoring It. Topeka, Kan., Feb. 9.—Late this afternoon the woman suffrage bill passed the house by a vote of 48 to 48. The bill was introduced by Eddy of Pottawatomie county. In substance the text is: "Section 1—That in any election hereafter held in this state for the election of presidential electors, the right of every citizen to vote therefor shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex; a woman may vote at such elections the same as men, under like restrictions. Section 2—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the session laws."

UNCONSCIOUS AND BLEEDING. Oakland, Cal., Feb. 9.—Yeuben G. Collins, a contractor of Seattle, was found lying between the Southern Pacific tracks at First and Jefferson streets shortly after 8 o'clock tonight unconscious and bleeding badly from a fracture of the base of the skull and other wounds about the head. He was removed to the receiving hospital, where he died.

COUNTRESS MONTIGNOSO. Berlin, Feb. 10.—The Lokal Anzeiger prints information asserting that it is from inside sources at Dresden, according to which Dr. Koerner's trip to Florence is the result of the report of two Saxons detectives whom King Frederick Augustus sent to Florence several weeks ago to watch the behavior of the Countess Montignoso (the king's former wife). News having reached Dresden from high aristocratic circles of Florence that Countess Montignoso was involved in a new love affair, the king decided to investigate through detectives. Their report and that of the German consul at Florence was so damaging that the king sent for Dr. Koerner with a view to bringing about a revision of the arrangements made with the Countess Montignoso at the time of the divorce from the then crown prince of Saxony. The king, the Lokal Anzeiger says, is evidently determined to take the little Princess Anna from her mother and also discontinue or reduce the present allowance of 100,000 annually to the Countess Montignoso.

The Lokal Anzeiger also prints a Florence special saying that aristocratic families there refuse to receive the Countess Montignoso because of an affair with Count Carlo Giocardi, and that she quarreled with the maid in waiting to the young princess, who was appointed by the Saxon court, wishing to send her away. Dr. Koerner, the special dispatch said, has been

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od at the Brooklyn bridge entrance. Many of the offenders are being lined up by the magistrates while those compelled to spend a night in the stations generally are discharged. In an address before the People's Institute club, Commissioner of Health Darlington has declared that 70 per cent of perfectly healthy persons have the germs of pneumonia in their mouths and are subject to the disease. He proposes by publicity through numerous arrests to entirely stop danger from promiscuous expectoration in public.

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