

Mortensen to Be Shot Oct. 17

Sentence Pronounced by Judge Morse Today—Prisoner Said He Preferred Shooting to Hanging, and Made a Strong Protest, Declaring That He Was as Innocent as the Court, and His Five Children Needed a Father's Care.

On Friday, Oct. 17, 1902, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon is the time set for Peter Mortensen to pay the penalty of death for the foul murder of James R. Hay, which was committed on the night of Dec. 16, 1901. The manner of death preferred by the prisoner is shooting, and unless an appeal is taken to the supreme court, which will necessitate a delay in the execution, he will be shot to death inside the state prison walls on the above mentioned date.

When the court asked the prisoner if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he made a short and stirring plea in which he referred, with a trembling voice, to his five little children who looked to him for support and guidance. In closing he said, in a clear and forcible voice, that God knew he was innocent of the crime.

When he first arose from his seat he was visibly affected, his eyes were moist with tears and he trembled with emotion. His voice, at first was choked with feeling which for the moment completely controlled him. He soon mastered his feelings and the remainder of his speech was rendered in a clear and distinct voice easily heard in any part of the crowded court room.

In addition to his statements by an occasional gesture, and when through resumed his seat by the side of his aged father and gazed at the wall before him with eyes which for a time seemed ready to overflow with tears.

COURT ROOM CROWDED.
There was a large crowd of spectators present to hear sentence passed upon the prisoner, the court room being well filled and a number standing in the aisles. A great many were unable to get to the court room in time to hear proceedings and kept coming in for half an hour after the matter was all over. All eyes were turned on Peter Mortensen and the utmost silence prevailed in order to catch every word of both the court and the prisoner.

RELATIVES AFFECTED.
Among the more deeply interested spectators present were the father of the prisoner, his youngest brother, Jesse, and Richard Watkins of Provo, the brother of Mrs. Mortensen. Only one of the jurors, who heard the evidence in the case and adjudged Peter Mortensen guilty of the crime, was present to hear sentence passed, namely Henry Tice.

AN APPEAL IS CERTAIN.
There is no doubt whatever but that an appeal will be taken to the supreme court of this state. Attorney Bernard Stewart, who had filed a motion for arrest of judgment on the usual statutory grounds, but he did not think it necessary to argue the case. The motion is as follows:

ARREST OF JUDGMENT.
The case was the first one to be called today and when it was called by Judge Morse, Attorney Stewart stated that he had filed a motion for arrest of judgment on the usual statutory grounds, but he did not think it necessary to argue the case. The motion is as follows:

MOTION OVERRULED.
Judge Morse immediately overruled the motion, after which he turned to the prisoner and said:

MORTENSEN MAKES A SPEECH.
Mortensen, who had listened with considerable interest to the remarks of the court, in a voice at times trembling with emotion but otherwise steady, made a strong and stirring plea.

EXPECTS NEW TRIAL.
Continuing he said that he expected to have a new trial when he would be vindicated and then the people of Utah would be very sorry for all they had done to him.

POLITICAL POINTERS.
Republican headquarters in the Central block were hermetically sealed today.

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DESPERATE DEED OF BAD NEGRO

While Resisting Arrest He Shoots Fourteen People. ELEVEN WERE POLICEMEN.

LIBRARY MEETING.
The board of control of the free library met in the office of the librarian today in regular monthly meeting.

HON. F. S. RICHARDS HOME.
Divested of His Beard He is Unrecognized by Friends.

CONVENTION WILL NOT BE CHANGED.
All efforts to change it having failed, the Democratic state convention will be held in Provo, Sept. 16. This will necessitate the holding of two sets of primaries, the first of which will likely be set for Friday, Sept. 12, when delegates to the convention of 147 or one to every 65 votes or major fraction thereof cast for William H. King in 1900, will be elected to the state convention from this county.

THREE ENGINES DEMOLISHED.
Peru, Ind., Sept. 2.—Three engines and two freight cars demolished is the result of a remarkable wreck on the Washburn railroad that occurred in a dense fog three miles east of Peru early today.

KILLED BY BOLLER EXPLOSION.
Fort Collins, Colo., Sept. 2.—The explosion of the boiler of a threshing machine engine on Parker's ranch southeast of this place resulted in the death of John Greger and probably a number of his 16-year-old son, Arthur. Greger was employed as engineer with the outfit and his son happened to be passing near by when the explosion occurred.

NO STANDING ARMY FOR ENGLAND.
New York, Sept. 2.—In cases of national emergency England must continue to place great reliance upon voluntary patriotism, this, in effect, cables the Tribune's London correspondent, is what Mr. Chamberlain said in his address to a Birmingham Ambulance brigade, but as his remarks were taken to misconstruction he has been asked to explain them. The passage in question is as follows:

SEVENTY PEOPLE DROWNED.
Capetown, Sept. 2.—It is now estimated that 70 persons were drowned in Algoa Bay during the storm which swept over Port Elizabeth yesterday. Among the wrecked vessels is the British ship Inchope Rock, Capt. Ferguson, which arrived at Algoa Bay Aug. 2 from Portland, Ore. Part of her crew was saved.

THE MRS. HILTON-DR. PARK CASE.
State Supreme Court Today Denied Respondent's Petition for A Rehearing of the Celebrated Allegations—Favorable to Mrs. Hilton.

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Twelve-Inch Gun Accident

It Occurred at Fort Wright, Fisher's Island, New York—Went Off Prematurely—Was During Engagement With the Fleet—One Private Was Killed, Being Literally Blown to Pieces—Two Others Seriously Injured.

Fort Wright, Fisher's Island, N. Y., Sept. 2.—During an engagement with the fleet off here this morning, a 12-inch breech-loading rifle in the fort went off prematurely, instantly killing one private and seriously injuring two others. The man who was killed was literally blown to pieces, and one of his arms hit another private in the chest with such force as to inflict severe injuries.

STRIKERS APPLY THE TORCH.
Bramwell, W. Va., Sept. 2.—The great mines of the Pocahontas colliery company are on fire. This morning strikers applied the torch to various portions of the mine near the west entrance, which is on the Virginia side, and the mine is now said to be burning furiously.

NON-UNION MEN ATTACKED.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 2.—Richard Roberts, mine driller, and John Devitt, machinist, employed by the Lehigh Valley Coal company, at the Forty Fort colliery, were attacked by four miners while on their way to work today. Roberts was struck on the back with an iron bar and Devitt had a miner's needle run through the fleshy part of his legs. When the injured men called for assistance their assailants fled.

GRAND CENTRAL WINS AGAIN.
Suit of Mammoth Mining Company Fails in the Federal Court, Judge Marshall Refusing to Grant Temporary Injunction, and Dissolving Temporary Restraining Order.

KILLED WITH MURIATIC ACID.
Chicago, Sept. 2.—Frank Klooster, 14 years old, is dead from hemorrhage of the stomach, caused by tasting muriatic acid. Young Klooster was an enthusiastic student of chemistry, and had fitted up the basement of his home as a laboratory.

ROBBERS KILL A POLICEMAN.
Kansas City, Sept. 2.—At 3:30 this morning an attempt was made by two masked men to rob the Metropolitan street railway car at the corner of 10th and Osage streets. Armourette, Kans. Watchman Minkler was ordered to hold up his hands and was taken inside the car before the robbers escaped.

ITALIAN STRIKERS RESUME WORK.
Florence, Italy, Sept. 2.—With the exception of the metal workers of the Pignone Iron works, where the strike originated, and the printers, most of the strikers resumed work today. The cabs and street cars are again running.

DENVER ENTHUSIASTIC OVER "CORIANTON."
Comments of the Two Morning Papers There, Indicate That the Aztec Play is a Success.

THEATER GOES WITH ADMIRATION.
Denver, Colo., Sept. 2.—Corianton's opening seems to have made a decided success in Denver. The audience last night was very large and business promises to be good for the remainder of the week, although the theater is running this week in opposition to the horse show, which is Denver's greatest carnival, and will prove a heavy counter attraction. But for this the business would be exceptional. The comments of the two morning papers are as follows:

REPUBLICAN: "CORIANTON."
described by its author as an Aztec romance, was the dramatic novelty which opened the regular season of the Broadway theater last night. The production was theater last night. The production was one of the most elaborate of its sort recently seen on the American stage.

THEATRE GOING PUBLIC.
The theater-going public of today is far from serious-minded. Its chief aim is amusement. There is little in "Corianton" to amuse, though there is much to distract the mind and a great deal of interest. Modern audiences have a traditional respect for the classic drama, which bears the hall-mark of age, but with contemporary efforts in this field they are apt to be captious critics, perhaps with reason. "Corianton" may inspire future generations of...