

**COOL AND CALM  
IN FACE OF DEATH.**

Remarkable Assassin Goes to His  
Doom With Boast of Many  
Murders.

**HAS KILLED A DOZEN PERSONS**

May Have Told the Truth and May  
Have Simply Been Seeking Notoriety  
as a Moral Pervert.

**MORIBUND BRAVADO TO THE END**

Executioners' Rifles Sounded His Death  
At Just 10:09 o'clock—His Astonishing  
Confession.

Frank Rose, the barber wife murderer,  
has expired his crime. In the very  
face of death he displayed the same  
moribund bravado that had characterized  
his abnormal and brutal career. Some  
men called it nerve—iron nerve. But  
it was more than that. It was a

## ROSE PAYS PENALTY FOR MURDER OF HIS WIFE



### CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF THE CRIME.

1903.	
Murder committed	Dec. 25.
Rose surrendered and confessed and body found	Dec. 27.
Inquest over remains of Mrs. Rose	Dec. 29.
Preliminary hearing	Dec. 30.
Rose bound over to the district court	Dec. 31.
1904.	
Information filed in the district court	Jan. 2.
Assigned to the district court	Jan. 8.
Refused to enter plea	Jan. 11.
Plea of not guilty ordered entered by the court	Jan. 11.
On Jan. 12 case set for trial on	Feb. 23.
Trial commenced	Feb. 23.
Trial concluded and verdict of guilty rendered	March 4.
Sentenced and death warrant issued	March 7.
Shot to death	April 22.

remarkable exhibition of brutal indifference  
supported by what sometimes passes for  
courage, but which is, at most, a counterfeit.

It was just 10:07 o'clock when he was  
led out into the open of the prison enclosure.  
How quickly the officers of the law performed  
their unpleasant task is told in the statement  
that two minutes later the rifles of the executioners  
rang out the order of the court, and all was over.

If anything were lacking to prove the  
contention that Rose was a notoriety-seeker  
and criminal of the worst dye, that proof was  
simply furnished in a confession he made to his  
death watch. Guard Pugsley, before his execution,  
It demonstrates that he was either a monumental  
liar or an impious assassin, whose hands were  
frequently stained with the blood of men and women.  
Perhaps he was both. He asserted that he had  
killed nearly a dozen different persons in the course  
of his crooked and misguided career. His weird tale  
is found in the narrative which follows:

#### FIRING SQUAD.

The firing squad arrived at the State  
prison at 8:45. They were driven out in a  
closed carriage and on reaching the pen  
were carefully screened from the gaze of curious  
eyes as they passed through the portals of the  
enclosure. Once within they went direct to the  
blacksmith shop where the shooting took place.

#### GOVERNOR WELLS' VISIT.

On Monday last, it was ascertained  
this morning, Governor Wells visited Rose at the  
instance of friends who hoped and thought  
possibly something might be done for him. Rose  
didn't relish the call of the executive and asked  
him in a tone of profanity, "Who in hell  
requested you to come out here any way? I don't  
want you to do any think for me. I want to get  
out of this as quickly as I can."

The prisoner then told the governor  
the same story that he has so often repeated  
to the press and the public that he had committed  
his crime deliberately after weighing all the  
consequences and that he was ready to meet his  
fate.

#### SOME OF THE SPECTATORS.

Among the spectators present were County  
Atty. J. W. Whitaker, Asst. County Atty. J. J.  
Smith, Atty. H. A. Smith and C. E. Marks, City  
Supt. of Schools Christensen, Sheriff Wood of  
Juab county, and ex-Sheriff Christensen of the  
same county, who just returned to the city with  
Dutch Charley, M. E. Mulvey, Albert Fisher,  
William Wantland, George A. Sheets, Andrew Burt, Detectives Chase  
and Raleigh, Sergt. Roberts, Officers Clive, Heath,  
Corleau, Gubranee, Joe Barlow and Moore. Dr. A. C. Young,  
Asst. County Physician, T. G. Odell, Dr. W. C. Freeman  
of Rock Springs, Wyo., W. P. Reed, Charles White,  
Jim Hilton, W. P. Low, Dr. Johnnie and Vick Lollin,  
Dr. Beer, Dr. Stewart, Supt. W. R. Jones of county  
infirmary, Steward Hayford of the infirmary, County  
Commissioner Wilson, C. V. Anderson, T. J. Longley,  
Billy Jensen of Sandy, T. Callister, Byron, William  
Leark, clerk of Judge Diehl's court. Altogether, there  
were 75 passes presented to Clerk Stowe. There were  
about 110 spectators present.

#### NO CRY FOR MERCY.

As Rose shook hands with Warden Pratt and several  
other gentlemen surrounding his chair, there was not  
the least expression of fear on his face. He uttered  
no cry for mercy. He did not flinch. "If you boys,"  
he said, "is all he said, as he passed along the corridor  
of murderer's row. He repeated the farewell at the  
death chair. He was brought around

#### Emery read the death warrant to Rose. JOKES OVER DEATH WARRANT.

"It's pretty well got up, isn't it," he remarked  
smilingly. "Is there anything you want?" asked  
the sheriff and Warden Pratt. "Oh no. I'm all ready,"  
he replied. "I don't want any trouble or expense  
over my body. Just dump me in the hole prepared for  
me. I'd like to be turned loose in the yard and see  
what kind of marksmen you have."

#### TO THE PRISON CEMETERY.

After the body was removed from the table,  
it was placed in the coffin prepared for it, which was  
an ordinary pine casket. This was enclosed in a  
wooden box and was lifted into a wagon waiting for  
it, and was immediately hauled to the prison cemetery.  
It was 10:35 o'clock when the wagon drove out of  
the enclosure. At the barn, four convicts, with  
shovels thrown over their shoulders, fell in behind  
the wagon and marched to the graveyard. Following

#### HIS REQUEST DENIED.

He was not blindfolded before being taken to  
the chair. He made a request to be permitted to see  
the chair. He also asked that he be not blindfolded.  
This request was denied him. After looking at the  
chair, the blindfold, consisting of a heavy piece of  
brown cloth, was tied over his eyes. Deputy Sheriff  
Burbridge and Cowan then took Rose by the arms,  
and led him to the death chair. Deputy Sheriff  
Smith fastened the straps to Rose's legs, wrists,  
arms and shoulders. Some of the officers shook  
hands with him. He smiled and said, "So long, boys."

#### RIFLE POINTS IN VIEW.

Hardly had the officials and physicians got out  
of range when the five rifles, one of them containing  
a blank cartridge, were thrust through the five  
holes that pierced the blue denim screen over the  
entrance to the blacksmith shop. It seemed an  
eternity before the crack of the rifles sounded, yet  
it was only a few seconds. Not a word could be heard  
when Deputy Sheriff J. Parley White, behind the  
screen, gave the signal, after Sheriff Emery gave the  
signal that all was in readiness. When all had retired  
from the chair, Sheriff Emery took his handkerchief  
out of his coat pocket, wiped his brow and then put  
it in his right pocket. At that signal the signal of  
"Fire!" came. At exactly 10:09 o'clock, the five rifles  
spoke as one. There was a spasmodic jerk of Rose's  
body and his head fell forward on his breast. His  
hands quivered slightly and the blood oozed from  
four holes in his body, pierced by four bullets.

#### DEATH WAS INSTANTANEOUS.

The physicians rushed forward and pronounced  
him dead. Death was instantaneous. After the target  
had been removed from the murderer's body, where  
it had been placed by Dr. Odell, the newspaper men  
were permitted to enter the wired enclosure which  
separated the death chair from the spectators. The  
target bore mute testimony to the expert marksmanship.  
Three of the bullets pierced Rose's heart. They  
penetrated the black mark designating the location  
of that vital organ. Two of the steel and copper  
messengers of death were hardly a hair's breadth  
apart. Three of them could be covered by a five cent  
piece. The fourth struck below the black mark.  
Two minutes after the volley was fired, Rose's body  
made a spasmodic movement and there was a gasp.  
But it was only a muscular movement. There was no  
expression of pain on the man's face. He was dead.  
The gasp was repeated a moment later and then the  
straps that bound the corpse were removed, and the  
body was carried to a table by the blacksmith shop.  
He bled freely; more than did Peter Mortensen.

#### WHERE MORTENSEN DIED.

The chair was placed almost in the identical  
spot prepared for the execution of Mortensen. The  
same arrangements were carried out to the letter,  
but today's execution was quicker; the marksmanship  
was better, and there was less nervousness displayed  
than on the former execution. Scarcely had the echo  
of the death volley died away, when Deputy Sheriff  
White emerged from the blacksmith shop, where the  
rifle men were concealed. After the newspapermen  
had viewed the remains, the spectators were all  
invited out of the enclosure.

#### WHISKY, PROFANITY, BRAVADO.

Just before Rose was taken from his cell,  
he requested Dr. A. C. Young, prison physician,  
to give him a drink of whisky. His request was  
granted, and he was given a half of an ordinary  
tumbler of liquor, which he drank deliberately.  
After drinking it, he said to Dr. Young, in a joking  
manner, "By if you hadn't given me that whisky  
I wouldn't have let you feel my pulse, and when hot  
weather came, I'd have haunted you." Shortly before  
the spectators were admitted to the prison yard, Sheriff

the wagon were Clerk John Stowe, Guards Dave Hilton, C. H. Davies and Frank Naylor,  
Sergeant Roberts of the police department, to whom Rose first  
confessed, Officer Joe Barlow and the newspapermen.

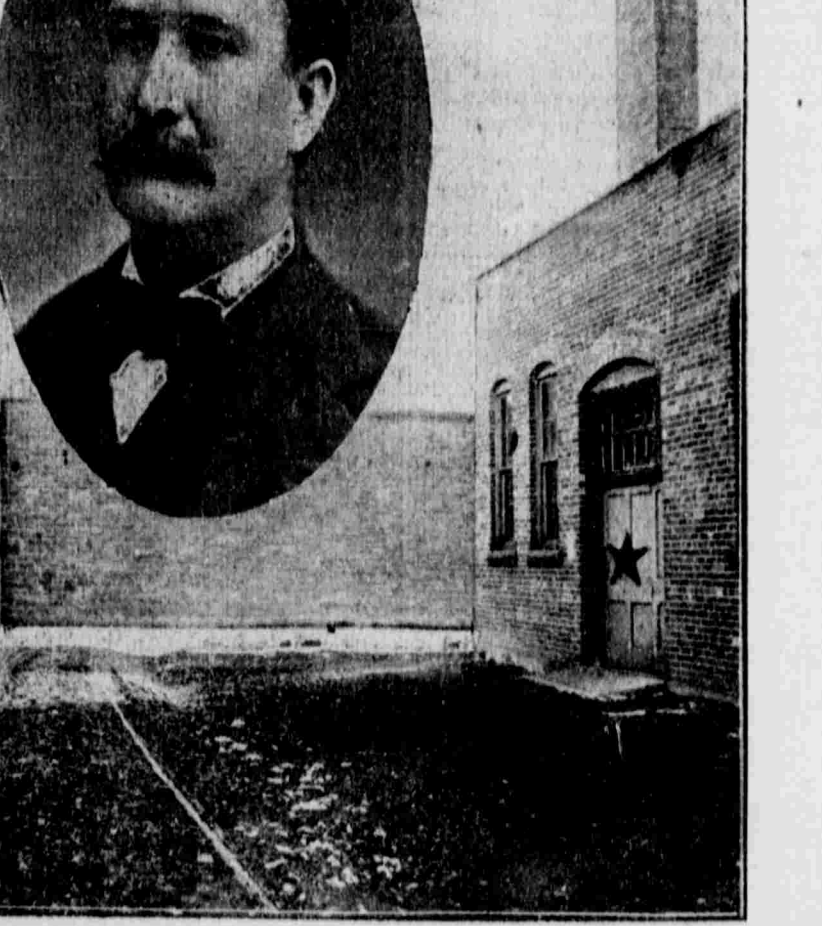
#### NO FUNERAL SERVICE.

Upon arriving at the grave, convicts Moses Creechney, Wade, Nichols, William Knox, William Rowland, Thomas Inlay, and the teamster, Henry Wright, lifted the box from the wagon, and it was lowered into the grave by these men, assisted by Clerk John Stowe. The convicts immediately commenced covering up the corpse, and the body of the murderer was soon in its last resting place.

#### AT DAYTON'S SIDE.

Rose's grave is beside that of Frank Dayton, the convict who was killed during the recent prison outbreak, and was just at the head, and west of the grave of Peter Mortensen, who was executed in November last.

Ten minutes after the body left the



SHERIFF EMERY.  
The X Shows Where the Prisoner Sat and the Star the Doors Behind Which the Executioners were Concealed.



HARVEY VAN DINE. PETER NIDERMAYER, JR. GUSTAVE MARX.  
THE YOUTHFUL CAR BARN BANDITS, WHO WERE HANGED IN CHICAGO TODAY.

## CAR BARN BANDITS ARE EXECUTED.

Three of the Most Desperate Men  
In the Country Pay Penalty  
For Their Crime.

### MURDERED BY THE WHOLESALE

The Boastfulness of Marx While Under  
Influence of Liquor Led to  
Discovery.

### THEIR GREAT FIGHT AT DUGOUT.

Finally Fled, Captured a Train, Failed  
To Effect Their Escape and  
Then Surrendered.

County Jail, Chicago, April 22.—With execution so near as to be awaited by minutes, Peter Niedermeier, Gustav Marx and Harvey Van Dine, the car barn bandits, today after a practically sleepless night, prepared for the end. At first it was the intention of Sheriff Barrett, to hang the trio simultaneously on one scaffold as the anarchists were executed some years ago. The plan, however, was abandoned, mainly on account of Niedermeier's attempt at suicide, which had left him in a weakened condition and made it advisable that he should be hanged alone.

#### CROWD AROUND JAIL.

A large crowd assembled at the jail preceding the hour of execution and sought admission, but were turned away. Only a limited number provided by law were allowed in the jail to witness the execution of the bandits, whose careers—with Emil Roeski, imprisoned for life but a few days before, were closed at practically the same time.

Niedermeier continued to reject all spiritual assistance and it seemed that he would carry out his idea of dying an atheist. The jailer said Niedermeier would be able to walk to the gallows without assistance. Marx and Van Dine, who had joined the Catholic faith recently, spent their last hours in reading and praying, several nuns and priests being with them constantly. Marx asserted he was feeling fine. His sweetest was the last of his friends permitted to visit him. It was announced that the men would be hanged separately in the following order: Niedermeier first, then Marx and Van Dine last.

#### TRIED TO SAVE VAN DINE.

Attorneys for Van Dine were trying to see the governor to obtain a stay of execution for the bandit, the jailer said, and that was why consent was given to hang Van Dine last. It was regarded as unlikely, however, that the governor would interfere, as he has already refused clemency. The jail physician visited all three of the bandits and said their condition was all that could be expected. The death warrant was read to Niedermeier and shortly after 10 o'clock the march to the scaffold began.

Niedermeier maintained the same sullen demeanor that has characterized him since he became a prisoner. While the death warrant was being read he searched the document from the sheriff and stuck it in his pocket, making a sarcastic reference to his execution. He was carried to one of the floors on a flight of stairs to the scaffold.

#### THE EXECUTIONS.

Peter Niedermeier, the first of the car barn bandits to be hanged, was hanged in the county jail at 10:35 o'clock. He was carried to the gallows handcuffed and strapped. He was placed in a chair on the drop and fell with the chair. Although it was first believed by the physicians that he was strangling, it developed that his neck was broken.

Marx was hanged at 11:17 a. m.

Van Dine was hanged at 11:55 a. m. The hanging was without any particular incident.

#### STORY OF THE CRIMES.

The hanging of the youthful car barn bandits followed closely a period of crime of less than six months. In that time eight murders were committed, all attendant upon robberies or efforts to escape arrest.

It was during an attempt to escape on a stolen train after an extraordinary battle in the swamps of northern Indiana, just east of Chicago, that on Nov. 27 of last year the capture of the gang was completed by the arrest of Niedermeier, Van Dine and Emil Roeski, their associate. Marx, having already been placed behind the bars to await trial.

#### SPECIFIC OFFENSE.

The specific offense for which Van Dine, Niedermeier and Marx were tried and sentenced was the murder of Frank Stewart, a clerk in the Chicago City Railway car barn, during a robbery there on the morning of Aug. 30, 1903. James B. Johnson, a motorman, was also killed, and two persons were wounded. The bandits escaped after having secured \$2,240. Roeski was not concerned in this crime, but, after the conviction of his companions, was tried separately for one of the murders in which he was accused the principal.

#### MARX BOASTED.

Apprehension of the trio in Indiana was brought about through the boastfulness of Marx, which also caused his own undoing. While under the influence of liquor, he displayed a magazine revolver of the kind known to have been used by the car barn murderers. He asserted that the police would never take him alive.

This came to the notice of Capt. Schuetler. Detectives Quinn and Baul were detailed to arrest Marx. They found him Nov. 29 in a saloon. When about to take him into custody Marx shot and killed Quinn and tried to shoot Baul and escape, but was wounded and captured.

#### MARX CONFESSED.

Several days later Marx, angered at the failure of his companions to carry out a prearranged plan to dynamite the police station in which he was confined

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