

Downers Grove Reporter

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DOWNERS GROVE - ILLINOIS

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World—Incidents, Enterprises, Accidents, Vardlots, Crimes and Wars

Three whites and thirty-one negroes killed in a race war at Balltown, La., started by negroes who sought to be revenged for the lynching of one of their number. Troops ordered to the scene.

Members of the Boston firm of J. M. Fisher & Co., brokers, arrested on charge of using mails to defraud by fictitious stock deals. Victims said to have lost \$1,000,000 since Jan. 1, 1900.

Fifteen affidavits filed in the Salisbury case at Grand Rapids charging attempts to bribe witnesses of the prosecution.

Ex-President Steyn of the Orange Free State, in a letter to General Kitchener, declared British jurisdiction in south Africa limited by range of their cannons.

American company said to have insured the Pope's life for \$50,000 for one month.

Gregory M. Telika, the husband of Miss Stone's companion in captivity, told in a letter to a Jersey City friend the story of their capture by brigands.

Shock caused by the arrest of her husband charged with being a member of a band of burglars resulted in the death of Mrs. Joseph Goldman, at New York.

Michael Davitt, in a letter to the London Times, denounced that paper for its attacks on New York.

German naval officer advocated building navy big enough to scare the United States.

Duke of Abruzzi planning another polar expedition, to start from the United States.

King Alfred, the largest cruiser in the world, launched at Barrow, England.

Schley club, organized at Rich Hill, Mo., to boom the admiral for president.

Dr. Frank Crane will accept call to pastorate of the People's church at Chicago.

First day's sale of seats at the Horse Show amounted to \$10,000.

Northwestern university given \$150,000 by Ohio doctor.

Snow fell at Minneapolis.

Farmer living near Rochester, N. Y., narrowly escaped lynching by his neighbors because he attempted to have his new born son named after McKinley's assassin.

Mrs. Rebecca Webb and two children mysteriously poisoned at South Bend, Ind. One is dead and the other may die.

Three persons killed and one injured by a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train at Oakwood, Wis.

Twenty-five insurgents killed in a fight with constabulary near Paoli, Island of Panay.

Governor Jones of Nova Scotia declined offer of knighthood by Duke of York.

Chile mobilizing its army and Argentine fleet preparing for war.

King Edward declared to be afflicted with cancer in his throat.

Duchess of Manchester gave birth to a daughter.

Weekly parades of troops in the Philippines ordered by General Chaffee to impress and awe the natives.

General Weyler may become ruler of Spain, as he intimated he would accept dictatorship if the people ask it.

Russia and China said to have reached an agreement concerning the disposition of Manchuria.

President Roosevelt seeking views of all senators on public measures which will be discussed in his first message to congress. Permanent reciprocity commission under consideration.

All testimony and arguments in the Schley inquiry expected to be completed this week. So far the evidence does not sustain any of the charges made against the admiral.

Memorial association selected as the site for the McKinley arch the Washington approach to the Potomac bridge.

Pan-American congress on the verge of a disagreement on the question of arbitration.

Fire, believed to be incendiary, destroyed the big cotton compress at Mount Pleasant, Texas, and 4,000 bales of cotton. Loss on plant, \$50,000; on cotton, \$200,000; insurance on plant, \$25,000.

Cousin General Dickinson abandons hope of securing release of Miss Stone through Suburban authorities and will offer to pay ransom to hand her.

By her recent marriage to Count Bonon de Perigord in France the daughter of Levi F. Morton is likely to obtain the title of Duchess of Valency.

Charles Page Bryan, United States minister to Brazil, arrived on two months' leave of absence.

Discovery of a conspiracy against the civil rule of the United States in the island of Leyte resulted in arrests of many leading Filipinos on the island.

President Andrade of Venezuela is expected to direct the revolution.

TROOPS ARE CHOSEN.

Third Regiment of Infantry to be Ordered to Philippines.

Washington telegram: Three regiments of infantry and two battalions of a regiment of cavalry have been practically selected for service in the Philippines. These are the Twenty-seventh infantry, eight companies of which are at Plattsburg barracks, N. Y., and four companies at Fort McPherson, Ga.; the Twenty-eighth infantry, eight companies of which are at Vancouver barracks, Wash.; two at Boise barracks, Idaho, and two at Fort Wright, Wash., and the Twenty-ninth infantry, eight companies of which are at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and four at Columbus barracks, Ohio. The cavalry selected are eight companies distributed between the Presidio at San Francisco, at Benicia barracks, California, and at San Francisco. These troops have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for orders to Manila. They will take the place of those regiments which will be withdrawn on account of the expiration of the terms of enlistment of their enlisted men, and will consequently not increase the force in the archipelago beyond its present strength of 42,000 men.

Harts Kill Football Player

John L. Segrist, Ohio State university's center rush, died at Grant hospital at Columbus, O., from the injury he received Saturday in the varsity game with Western Reserve. An operation was to have been performed and his mother was at his bedside to witness it. Surgery, however, could not have saved his life. An autopsy showed that the neck was broken and the spinal cord crushed, causing paralysis of the body from the shoulders down. Several students have withdrawn from the team, and this will weaken it so seriously as to make a continuance of the season's schedule inadvisable. President Thompson does not think the accident will result in the prohibition of football at the university.

German Says "Hands Off."

During an address at a recent meeting of the Fleet society in Hanover, Germany, Captain Von Weltheim of the German navy is represented to have said: "Germany's interests in the five republics of Central America, in view of American competition, can only be maintained when we have a fleet strong enough to say to the Americans, 'Hands off!'" This declaration was received with stormy applause. The papers generally ignore it, and the Freisinnige Zeitung observes: "There is a species of political mischief-making which, while not punishable under the penal code, is none the less calculated to cause apprehension."

Anti-Liquor Law Held Void.

Judge Wheeler in the district court at Clarinda, Iowa, declared unconstitutional the law passed by the twenty-eighth general assembly prohibiting the sale of liquor shipped into Iowa from other states in original packages. Under this law liquor agents from Omaha who covered southwestern Iowa were arrested and fined in several counties. The Law and Order league of Iowa has pushed the prosecution of the alleged offenders. The agents combined to secure a ruling on the constitutionality that it interfered with interstate commerce. The case will probably be appealed to the United States supreme court.

Fines for a Gas Company.

Peoria, Ill., dispatch: Judge Putebaugh found the Peoria Gas Light and Coke company guilty of three charges in the quo warranto proceedings instituted some months ago and fined them \$50 for selling outside the city limits, \$250 for a discrimination in prices of illuminating and fuel gas and \$250 for charging an exorbitant price for illuminating gas. The fourth count, conspiracy in illegally combining with another company, was dismissed, as there was no evidence showing such combination. This will probably end the matter, as the gas company has rearranged its schedule in harmony with the law.

Jeffries Down to 215 Pounds.

Delaney at San Francisco thinks Jeffries has gone in for too much road work and mountain climbing. He reached this conclusion a few days ago, when the sales revealed the fact that Jeffries was down to 215 pounds. "Too light; too light," muttered Delaney. Next morning, it is said, Jeffries was in that condition known as "all broke up." From now on indoor baseball, handball, sparring and like exercises will enter more largely into the champion's programme, and Delaney will aim to send his man into the ring weighing somewhere around 225 pounds.

Fatally Wounds His Father.

Sioux Falls, S. D. dispatch: Edward Collier, aged 25, is in jail at Madison and his father is dying at a farmhouse near Ramona with his throat cut from ear to ear. Father and son quarreled over the sale of a farm while riding home in a covered buggy and the son cut the father's throat in the fight that followed. The injured man pleads self-defense.

Silenced Bride Seeks Death.

Lizzie Arnold attempted to commit suicide in a dramatic manner at Port Huron, Mich. She was to have been married to James Smith, but he did not appear. Later she found him in the company of another woman. After writing a pathetic note to her mother, she took a quantity of arsenic, but physicians saved her life. The note contained the statement that she "died for love of him." She will probably recover.

CZOLGOSZ IS ELECTROCUTED!

Murderer of President McKinley Pays the Penalty.

DIES IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR IN AUBURN PRISON.

His Last Hours of Life Passed in Terror.

JUSTICE IS APPEASED.

State Prison, Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 29.

Leon F. Czolgosz expiated his crime in the electric chair shortly after 7 o'clock a. m., the hour fixed by Warden Meade for the electrocution. Great precautions had been taken to do the work with as little ceremony as possible. The current was turned on by State Electrician Davis, who has officiated at 50 similar cases. Three minutes after the lever was pulled letting 2,500 volts through the assassin of McKinley he was pronounced dead. As the electric current was closed his body wriggled for a few seconds and then all was still.

At the execution Dr. Carlos F. McDonald of New York and Prison Physician Gerin were the attending physicians. State Controller Erastus Knight was foreman of the official jury. The rest of the jury of twelve men was made up of prominent individuals, including some other state officials.

The execution of the sentence on the assassin was conducted with as little ceremony as possible.

Usually when a murderer is taken to the chair the others under sentence of death call out words of sympathy and encouragement as he starts on his last journey. In this case, however, the horror of Czolgosz's crime has penetrated even to the condemned cells. Groans and hisses were the messages that came from his cell as he was led to the scene of execution.

BEFORE THE EXECUTION.

Events in Life of the Condemned Just Before the Death Scene.

Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 29.—As the hour approached for the execution of Leon F. Czolgosz, anarchist slayer of President McKinley, the strain on all connected with the official task became intense.

The assassin suffered a slight nervous attack late in the afternoon, but the prison officials did not regard it in the light of a breaking down and adhered to their belief that he would go unflinchingly to the chair and death. Aside from the break at nightfall Czolgosz spent his last day of life much as he did all the others since he passed into the hands of the law. The approach of death seemed to awaken no greater consciousness of his position. He again turned his back upon the priests who came to urge him to confess and repent and was undemonstrative in the presence of those of his kin who came to say a last farewell to him. When alone with his guards he remained silent and passed the time either lying on his bunk or in slowly

spacing up and down the cell. He talked, when addressed, to those admitted near his cell, with his old deliberation and slowness. If he knew strong emotion at any time he was successful in concealing it from those who watched over him.

Showed a Good Appetite.

The prison guards combated the suggestion that his stolidity was a daze of fear and that the hour of execution would find him helplessly broken down. The prisoner suffered no loss of appetite and during the day ate the usual allowance of food given to prisoners. Throughout his confinement he had a good appetite and his physical condition was excellent. He weighed about 155 pounds, which was thought to represent a slight gain since his arrest. Walter N. Thayer, former warden of Dannemora prison, who was requested by Superintendent Collins to assist and advise Warden Meade during the execution, inspected the death chamber and chair and suggested an improvement in the latter, which was made at once. He found the bars of the back of the chair were rather far apart and expressed the opinion that an upright backboard placed inside the bars would strengthen the grip of the straps upon the body of the condemned man. The suggestion was adopted. While Thayer was inspecting the chair Electrician Davis again lifted the switch and sent the electric current through it in final test. Davis also placed new sponges on the head and leg electrodes. Late in the afternoon the autopsy table was wheeled into the room adjoining the death chamber. Under orders from the warden a coffin was also prepared. The latter is of plain pine, stained black.

Condemned Man Indifferent.

He refused to heed the words of the priests who came to urge spiritual preparation for death and declined to either re-embrace Roman Catholicism or renounce anarchy. Hence, unless he changes his mind, there will be no religious ceremony at the end. Czolgosz showed no strength of love for kin nor did he turn to any of those higher considerations which ordinarily claim the thoughts of men occupying his position. He may have suffered untold torture, but, outwardly, he seemed sullen and indifferent. The state is not to surrender possession of his body, and by sundown it will have been secretly interred in ground controlled by the officials of Auburn prison. The plan of burning his clothing and papers will be carried out immediately after the execution.

Denounces Church and Clergy.

Czolgosz held his last two interviews

late at night, the first with Superintendent Collins and the second with his brother and brother-in-law. Both of the interviews were brief and the interviewers did most of the talking until the question of religion was mentioned, when Czolgosz broke from his seeming lethargy and violently denounced the church and the clergy and made his relatives promise that there should be no service for him, living or dead. Prior to the late evening interviews Czolgosz reluctantly received Fathers Fudzinski and Hickey. It was late in the afternoon and occurred after he had once refused to meet them.

Becomes Ravenous as Beast.

Then began the development of his ravenous appetite, akin to that of a wild beast, which has been a characteristic of his prison life. He was kept

Shows a Good Appetite.

For a month and a day Leon Czolgosz waited for death in the cell to which he was carried when he entered the prison doors fainting from fear of the howling crowd which struggled to get at him. The attempt of the assassin to keep up the appearance of courage made at the beginning of his short trial at Buffalo was a miserable failure, and long before the death sentence was passed he had exhibited to all who saw the inability to even pretend to courage. When Czolgosz was taken to the Buffalo prison on the afternoon of the commission of the crime he soon exhibited his perverse and sullen nature. He was morose and crabbed in his answers to the few questions the attendants put to him.

Shows a Good Appetite.

In as strict seclusion as possible and only the necessary examinations by the police to find if he had confederates in the plot to murder the President interrupted the monotony of his daily life. He thought that he had killed the President instantly and his whole talk for the first few days was on the theory that this was true. The three weeks he spent in the jail wrote their story on the prisoner's appearance. For several days Czolgosz was not given clean linen and the shirt front spotted with blood was worn during this time. The bloody marks on his clothing and the torn clothing itself were the result of the attack made on him by the enraged bystanders in the instant after the shots were fired. In these days his hair was allowed to grow long, and it became matted, and though at one time he had been vain of his personal appearance when a realizing sense of his hopeless condition came to him in the jail he lost this vanity.

Shows a Good Appetite.

He was a miserable, groveling object since the morning of Sept. 27, when he was brought into the prison in this city. When the train arrived the people, in spite of the precautions of the officers, had learned of the fact that the assassin was on board, and as soon as the car stopped Czolgosz was hustled to the ground and started on the short trip of 100 feet to the door of the prison. The crowd reached him and one blow full in the face from the hand of a workman dazed and frightened him. When the little squad of officers, bruised and battered themselves from the conflict with the crowd, got him inside the protecting wall he was limp and shrieking in his agony of fear. Falling on the floor, the prisoner foamed at the mouth and uttered shriek after shriek until the gruff command of the prison physician compelled him to moderate his cries. Fear of the violence of the mob, abject fear, left the assassin physically prostrate and five prison attendants were compelled to bear him to the cell, where he remained a trembling object at the opening of the door since that night a month ago. Cut off from the world and except for the late visit of his family as well as the world, he died a thousand deaths in his manifest dread of the actual execution of the sentence of the court.

Shows a Good Appetite.

He discussed with one of the guards the probable sensations of a man while being put to death in the electric chair. He broached this subject after he had sat on his cot for more than an hour smoking a cigar and gazing fixedly through the bars of his cell door. "How does it feel?" he asked suddenly, looking up at the guard. "How does what feel?" sniffed the guard. "That—in there," said the assassin, jerking his thumb toward the wall, twenty feet beyond which was the entrance to the death chamber, where he paid the penalty of his crime.

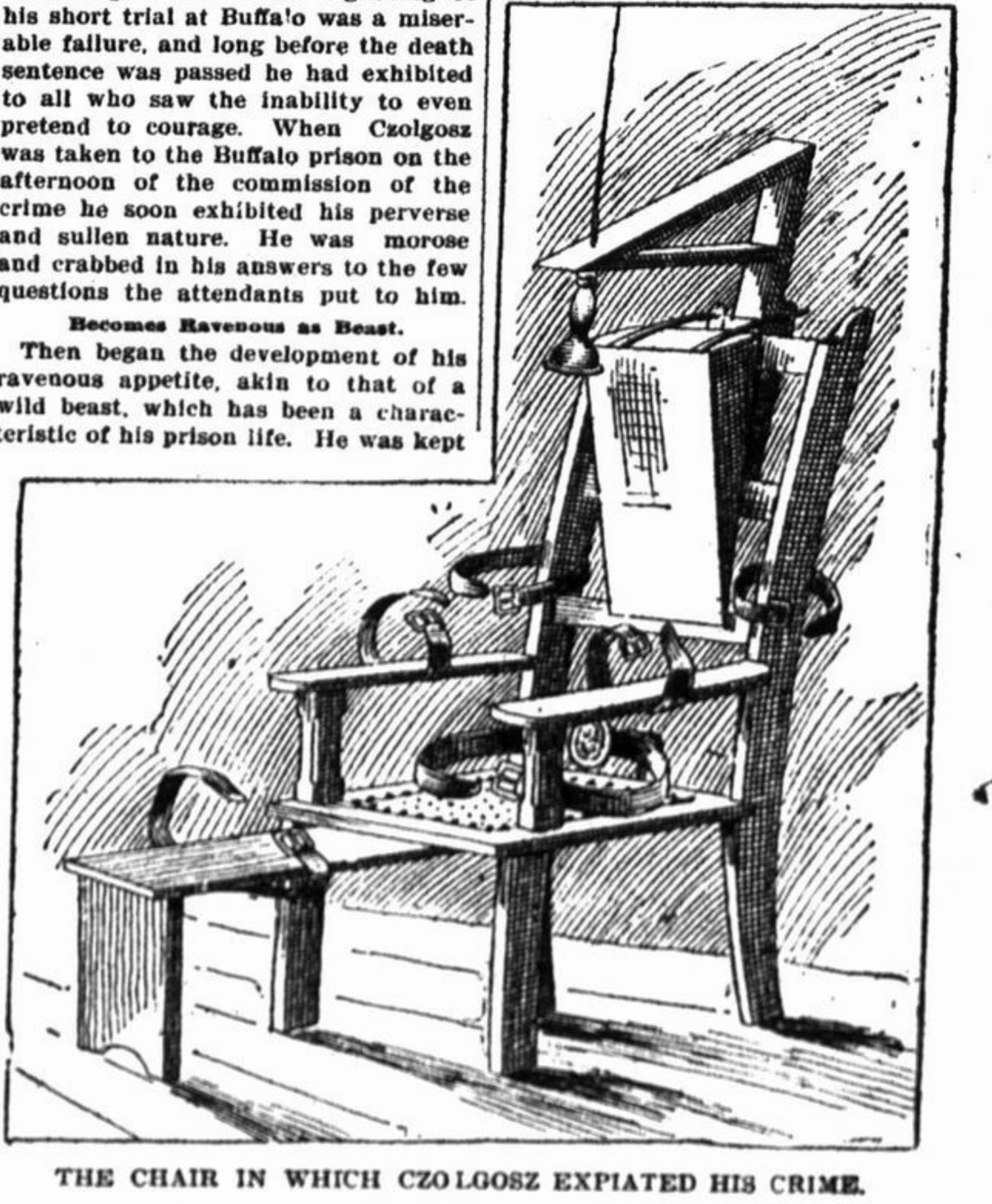
"Oh, you'll know," said the guard, contemptuously, for nobody about the prison has the least spark of feeling for the assassin. "It's soon over."

He appeared to be unlike any type of anarchist criminal with which criminologists are familiar. When he stood erect he was about 5 feet 8 inches in height and his weight was about 140 pounds. His figure might be called athletic were it not for an unmistakable droop of the shoulders.

Shows a Good Appetite.

Will Bury Body at Prison. The body of Czolgosz will not be removed from Auburn. Superintendent of State Prisons Collins and Warden Meade, after hours of controversy with Czolgosz's brother, succeeded in obtaining from him the following relinquishment of the family claims to the remains when the executioner shall have finished his work:

"Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 28.—J. Warren Mead, Agent and Warden, Auburn Prison: I hereby authorize you as



THE CHAIR IN WHICH CZOLGOSZ EXPIATED HIS CRIME.

warden of Auburn prison to dispose of the body of my brother, Leon F. Czolgosz, by burying it in the cemetery attached to the prison, as provided by the law of the state of New York. This request is made upon the express understanding that no part of the remains will be given to any person or society, but that the entire body will be buried in accordance with the law in the cemetery attached to the prison.

"WALDECK CZOLGOSZ.

"JOHN A. SLICHER.

"GEORGE E. GRAHAM."

Showmen Wanted Remains.

The resolution of Superintendent Collins to prevent sensation in the transportation and burial or cremation of the body of Czolgosz took new zest from two offers that were submitted by men of questionable enterprise. A museum-keeper in one of the larger eastern cities telegraphed him an offer of \$5,000 spot cash for either the body or the garments of the murderer, and the owner of a kinetoscope wired Warden Mead that he would pay \$2,000 for permission to take a moving picture of Czolgosz entering the death chamber. The superintendent also had suspicions aroused as to the motives of some of the relatives of Czolgosz in seeking the body, in view of their poverty and the trouble and danger possible in connection with its removal and disposal.

Showmen Wanted Remains.

The superintendent met Waldeck Czolgosz, brother of the murderer, as he was being escorted to the death cell shortly after his arrival and at once took the matter up with him. He asked Czolgosz if he wanted the body. He said he did. Collins then told him that he did not believe it could be removed without serious trouble and strongly advised him against the attempt. The plan to take it to Buffalo, where Czolgosz had assassinated the president, he regarded as particularly dangerous. Collins discussed the matter from the standpoint of the Czolgosz family and said they would surely avoid serious annoyance and possibly violence by consenting to burial here. He assured Waldeck Czolgosz that he and the family could attend, that they would be protected and that the body would be given decent burial.

Showmen Wanted Remains.

A crowd of fully 200 excited citizens surrounded the court house at Carbondale, Ill., clamoring for the life of Tom Moberly, a negro, who assaulted 13-year-old Grace Short, daughter of an Illinois Central truckman, who resides just outside the city. The village of Bloomington, Ill., was almost destroyed by fire. The fact that several houses were robbed while the townspeople were fighting the flames leads to the suspicion that the fire was started by incendiaries.



LEON F. CZOLGOSZ, ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT MCKINLEY, WHO DIED IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AT AUBURN PRISON, TUESDAY MORNING.