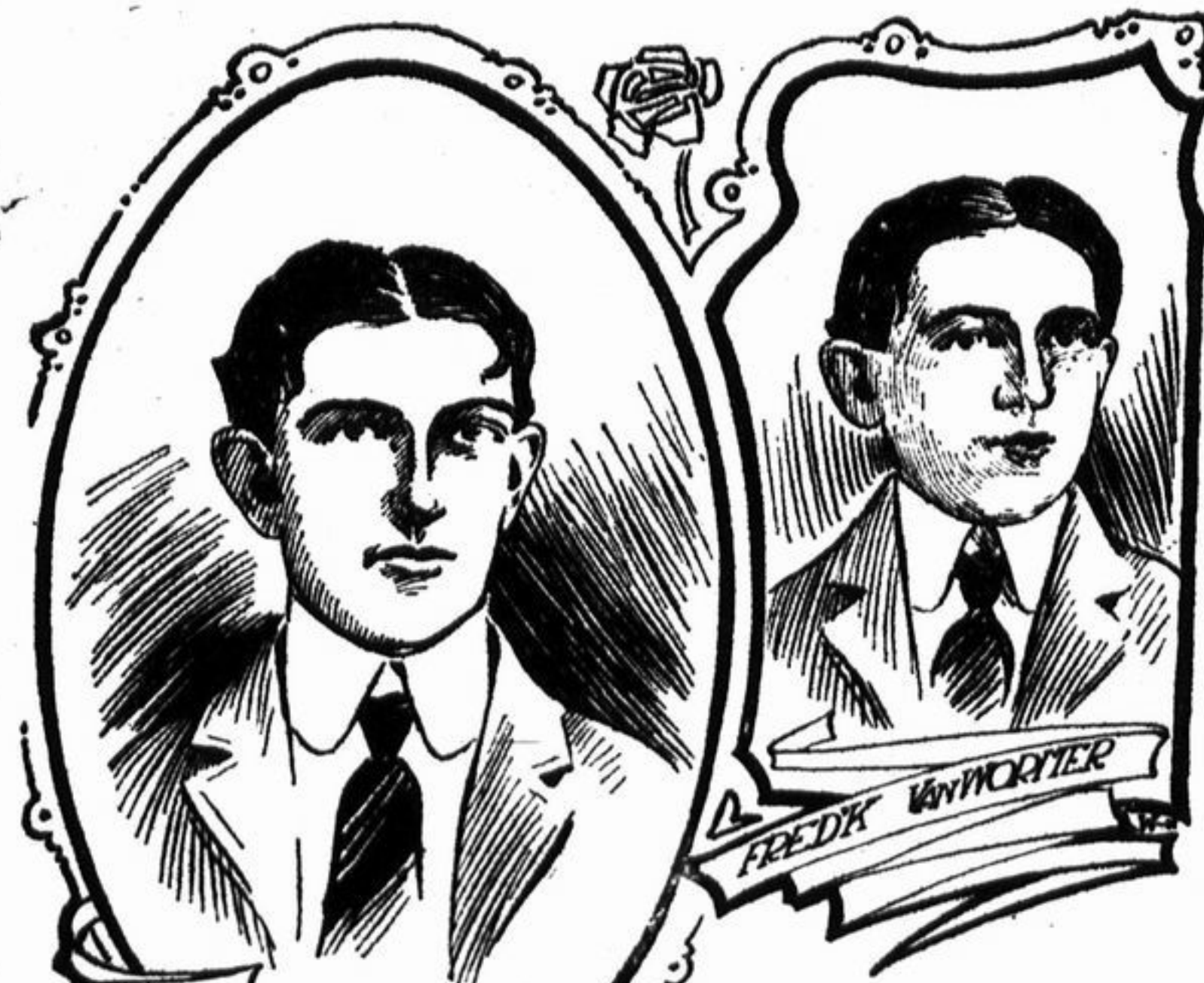


BROTHERS DIE TOGETHER

Dramatic Description of the Execution of the Three Van Wormer Boys.



BURTON VAN WORMER



WILLIS VAN WORMER

Writing in the New York Journal, the Rev. Thomas B. Gregory gives the following account of the execution of the three Van Wormer brothers in that city last week:

It is all over. Nemesis has finished her work and the murder of Peter Holtenbeck has been avenged.

No more swift and painless and yet more awful executions have ever taken place in the history of this state.

The youths went to the chair in self-selected order—Willis, Frederick, Burton. The going to the chair in that order was arranged by the boys themselves.

They went to the chair of death like dumb and stricken beasts, without faltering and without a tremor.

Each of the boys carried with him to the chair a crucifix, the greatest earthly symbol of the Catholic church, into which they were taken in communion only a few minutes before their death.

Their last act on earth was to kiss the cross; their last earthly sight the cross.

The most awfully pitiful thing of the whole tragedy was the leavetaking of the three brothers and of Allen Mooney, the only other occupant of the tier of cells reserved for those condemned to death.

Contrary to the prison custom of this state, the cells in the condemned tier were not curtained and partitioned off, one from the other.

Willis, the first to go, was watched as he marched out to death by Frederick and Burton and by the other condemned man, Mooney.

Burton and Allen Mooney saw Frederick go with the guards and the priest.

Mooney, left alone, the sole occupant of the deathhouse, saw Burton, the last and strongest of the three brothers, go.

The three said good-bye to the first to be killed. The second received a farewell from only two. The third brother passed out with but one well-wisher.

NEARLY WEDS THE BRIDESMAID.

Bride Realized the Situation Just in Time to Prevent Mistake.

But for a sudden protest by the bride the bridegroom at a wedding in St. Mary's church, New Britain, Conn., would have been married to the bridesmaid.

Peter Wood and Miss Rosa Strader, the principals, entered the church with Stephen Ferry and Miss Edwina Softleigh, the best man and bridesmaid. When the party reached the altar the bridesmaid, instead of retiring in favor of the bride, remained at the bridegroom's side.

The Rev. J. T. Winters began the ceremony, but just as he had reached the fateful part Miss Strader jumped up and asked Father Winters to stop.

An explanation followed, the young women exchanged glances, and the ceremony went on. The bridesmaid had never attended a wedding before.

He Died Satisfied.

A man of eighty odd years died in New York city last week, leaving written on a small sheet of paper the following: "Personal memoirs. At the age of thirty I gave up dancing; at forty my endeavors to please the fair sex; at fifty my regard of public opinion; at sixty the trouble of thinking and I have now become a true sage, or an egotist, which is the same thing. I have never meddled in any marriages or scandals; I have never recommended a cook or a physician; consequently I have never attempted the life of anyone."



FREDERICK VAN WORMER

The brothers kissed each other good-bye at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, after they had cast the death lottery of the order in which they should go to the chair.

Their last farewells to each other were but mutterings.

From the time Willis, the first to die, entered the chamber of death to the time that Burton, the last to die, was pronounced legally dead, was just exactly thirteen minutes.

Each of the three executions was more perfect and more painlessly swift than had been thought possible.

The witnesses, twenty-seven in number, marched into the death chamber from the warden's office, where they had assembled at thirty-three minutes after 11 o'clock. The official doctors were Dr. Carlos McDonald, Dr. E. M. Ransom and Dr. Spitzka, the man who performed the autopsy on the body of Czolgosz, the murderer of President McKinley.

Willis Van Wormer came into the chamber of death with Father Belanger. The boy was pallid, but he did not tremble. His hands were steady, his eyes fixed on a crucifix which he held in his right hand. It never wavered. Over and over again he repeated after Father Belanger the words: "Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last hour."

As Willis was passing down the corridor in his death march his only words to the priest were: "Father, are you sure that Christ will save me?"

"Be assured, my boy," the aged priest replied and went on chanting his prayers.

There was no evidence of nervousness in his demeanor and he did not raise his eyes from the crucifix. After he had been fixed in the chair Dr. Ransom signaled to Mr. Davis and the latter turned to the wall, behind him and dropped a lever into place. The current was 1,820 volts. There was a single convulsion and the body hung limp in the chair.

The current was continued for a minute and then turned off, and a second contact, starting at 200 volts and increasing to 1,800, was turned on and continued for five seconds. Dr. Ransom then applied the stethoscope to the body.

He then beckoned Dr. Spitzka and McDonald to assist him. The three physicians pronounced Willis Van Wormer dead. His body was taken from the chair through the doors where he had recently entered alive and into the morgue on the left of the corridor, by the door of which his two brothers were yet to pass.

The others were brought in quick succession and the most dramatic execution in the history of New York was over.

IS AGAINST HER HUSBAND.

Innkeeper's Wife Leads a Crusade Against Liquor Selling.

Mrs. Edward Yale, whose husband is the wealthiest citizen of Bark Hamsted, Conn., and proprietor of the only licensed tavern in the village of River-ton, is crusading against license.

The town has not voted on the license question in four years, but will do so next Monday, town meeting day, because Mrs. Yale and others induced twenty-five electors to sign a petition for a vote. Mr. Yale has not lived with his wife since the last town election. She may carry the town for no license, he says, but he hopes to win by a small majority.

Mrs. Yale has fine apartments within sight of her husband's hotel. He recently offered her \$5,000 in cash. It is said, if she would get a divorce, but she refused it.

Meant to Sleep in Peace.

The body of Bronson B. Tuttle, a millionaire, who was buried a few days ago at Naugatuck, Conn., was placed in a casket inclosed in a burglar-proof metallic box or vault, so constructed that once the lid was shut and the locks snapped into place the vault could not be opened until after several hours of work unless with dynamite. The lid of the vault is fastened by automatic lock and bars, every one of which must be forced before the coffin can be reached. In addition to all this a watchman keeps guard over the grave by night.

An Interesting Experiment.

As the result of observations at the Biological Association's Lowestoft establishment, it has been found that of four plaice marked with tabs and thrown into the sea off the north of Holland, one made a journey of 170 miles in forty-five days, another was caught after covering ninety miles in eighty-four days, a third traversed fifty-three miles in seventy-four days, and the fourth had traveled sixty-three miles in sixty days when taken. All these fish had taken a westerly or southwesterly direction.—Tit-Bits.

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BOTH WANTED TO GO.

Two Men Looked for Reward for Gift to Church.

In speaking of the gratuitous supplying of electric current for the special illumination by the United Electric Light and Power company, Mr. Robert J. McCuen, superintendent of lamps and lighting, told recently a characteristic story of the late Col. Milton W. Offutt, who was vice president of the company.

It has been the custom of Col. Offutt to supply an electric light at the annual lawn fete of St. Pius' church. This year the ladies of the church wanted two lights, and not wishing to impose on the Colonel's generosity, they went to Mr. McCuen in their predicament.

Upon citing the circumstances, Mr. McCuen promised that they should have the lights. He called Col. Offutt by telephone and told him that he wanted him to install two lights at the St. Pius church lawn fete and charge the expense to him personally. Whereupon the Colonel replied:

"They want two lights this year, do they? Well, they shall have them; but I can't allow you to pay for them, Bob."

"But I want to," responded Mr. McCuen. "What's the matter with you, Bob?" called back Col. Offutt. "Don't you think I want to go to heaven as well as you do?"—Baltimore Sun.

IT'S A MISTAKE.

To Attribute Coffee Ills to Poor Grades of Coffee.

Many people lay all the blame for the diseases caused by coffee upon the poorer grades of coffee but this is an error as the following proves: "I have used every kind of the best grade of tea and coffee that can be got from a first class grocer but never found one that would not upset my nervous system and it was not until I began to drink Postum Food Coffee in place of coffee and tea that I had relief from the terrific attacks of nervous sick headache from which I had suffered for 30 years."

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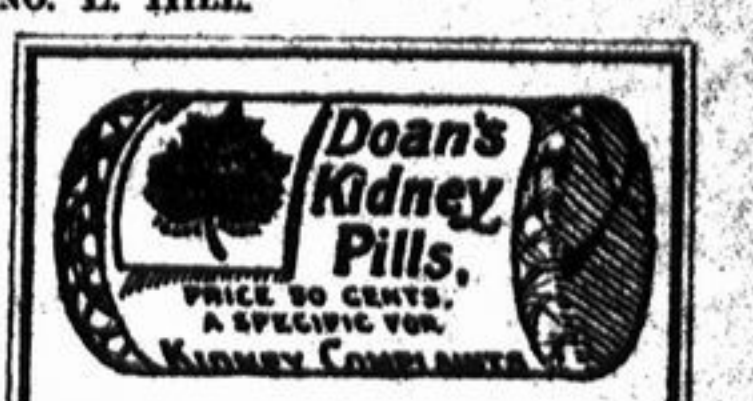
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