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BLOTTED OUT AS MAN, MORSE IS A NUMBER

Former Millionaire's Daily Existence Among 750 Other Unfortunates in Prison

KEPT HIS NERVE

The Scene as He Entered Atlanta Prison to Spend Fifteen Years—Little Talk About, Prison Clothes and Prison Bill of Fare for Him

(New York World).

Atlanta, Jan. 8.—Yesterday a man—today a number; yesterday a millionaire—today a convict without property rights; yesterday a free agent, controlling thousands by his strength of mind—today a nonentity whose thinking is done for him; yesterday clad in fine cloth and linen, with the whole world as the theatre of his operations—today shuffling about in shapeless shoes, wearing the ill-fitting garb of servitude of rough blue cloth, and his world limited to the blue skies over the prison walls.

Such is the metamorphosis worked in Charles W. Morse when the great steel doors of the United States penitentiary at Atlanta swung behind him at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Had he been put into a grave he could have been blotted out no more effectually as concerns his social identity. He had ceased to exist as Charles W. Morse—he had become United States Convict No. 2814, and as such for fifteen years will drag out an existence, every minute of which is on a dead, dull level of a monotony, surrounded by 750 fellow unfortunates, among whom are included whites, negroes, Indians, and Chinamen.

These will be his constant companions and one of them is to become his cellmate. And the little comfort that human society may afford No. 2814 will be reduced by the introduction of a convict who may not converse with his brethren save at certain stated periods. Even at meals when the desire to talk is greatest the prohibition is ironclad; he may not even use his tongue to make known his wants—he must employ signs instead.

Kept His Iron Nerve

Throughout his transition from a very to a number Morse kept the iron nerve that he has shown throughout the fourteen months of his trials and imprisonment in the Tombs, none of which will be counted on his sentence. As he alighted from the back in which he had driven to the jail after travelling from New York in a state-room, surrounded by the luxuries that he shall know no more for fifteen years, he greeted Mr. Moyer as he would a social acquaintance. He was introduced to the United States Deputy Marshals Stebbins and Linnicus, who seemed affected by their work.

Morse's first request was for a book of rules. "I should like," he said, with a wistful smile, "to give you as little trouble as possible."

"I am sure of that," replied the warden; "you were always a gentleman in behavior outside of here and I am sure you will be the same while you are here."

Calling an orderly, the warden commanded that the prisoner be put through the usual forms. He was taken to another office and there searched. Two hundred and eighteen dollars were found in his pocket and that was placed to his credit on the books of the institution. It was explained that he had the right to send it away, but he could leave it there if he chose, and against it charge those expenditures that are permitted, such as the purchase of a narrow black tie, a tooth brush, hair brush, tooth paste and stamps. This is the extent of the law. No prisoner is permitted to buy any additions to the regular food for him.

So long as Convict No. 2814 will be allowed he will be permitted to wear the blue uniform, unless he should be put to outside work. Then he must wear the old-time stripes as a guard against his escape.

The Routine at Meals

While the lockstep has been abolished, the prisoners in answering roll call and going to meals walk in two by two. In the dining hall they sit with feet flat on the floor and their arms folded and heads bowed while Chaplain Tupper recites a brief prayer. Then they begin to eat, but in silence, and any unnecessary noise of the tin dishes is frowned upon.

When visitors are present Convict No. 2814 must look neither to the right or left, but straight ahead. He must never permit his eyes to rest upon the stranger, and should he be standing must turn around with his face to the wall. The reason for this is that sometimes the effect of 800 pairs of eyes, staring fiercely at a visitor, will produce hysteria, and further lead to infractions of the rules of the convicts.

The fare served the convict is one that will sustain his strength. The various food principles are divided in each day's menus, so as to work them all in. The day the prison was visited by The World correspondent the dinner consisted of a thick meat soup and with it a big raw onion. Even the carefully ventilated high bright dining hall, with its currents of fresh air, was strong, to say the least. But the onions have valuable medicinal properties, and after a bit the convict gets to eat them as he would an apple.

The dead-end alphabet that has been perfected to do away with talking during meals is simple. A movement of the hand up and to the right means water; a circular motion means more bread; holding the dish before him means more soup or meat. Raising the hand above as does a boy at school, asks the guard's attention for a special purpose; but it must be very special indeed, for the rules are not made to be trifled with at Atlanta.

Convict No. 2814 has a tin bowl in front of him, from which he eats with a spoon. A pewter mug is used in turn for coffee or water, and his vegetables, if they are cooked dry, are laid out on the bare but clean pine board that forms the table. A guard stands at every other bench, but while the guard may watch the convict No. 2814 must not raise his eyes to the guard.

Charles W. Morse did not drink coffee—it upset him, so he took chocolate. It is a good bet that No. 2814 will drink the coffee that is placed before him, for it is hot and cheering, and there is nothing else unless he sticks to water.

His cost of living will be exactly 10 1/2 cents a day. A sample bill of fare that convict No. 2814 will eat day in and day out follows:

Breakfast: Potatoes, in Different Styles, Bread, Butter and Coffee. Dinner: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Bread and Water. Supper: Pie, Bread, Butter and Tea.

On holidays to the dinner are added cake or fruit. Sometimes the breakfast has oatmeal instead of potatoes, and the roast beef for dinner is changed to a thick meat soup or pork chops fried in cooking oil. If the supper has no pie, then jellied bread is served instead.

A big fine light and airy kitchen, presided over by a well-paid cook, not a prisoner, who has many assistants, bears favorable comparison in its equipment with even the Waldorf-Astoria. And among the prisoners are always to be found pastry

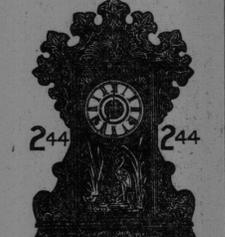
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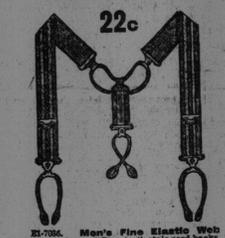
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SEEK TO STOP MATCHED ORDERS

Consolidated Exchanges in New York Has Adopted Rule

Forbids "All or None" Bids and Offers in Trading—Governors of Exchange Amend By-Laws in Conformity With Findings of Hughes Committee

(N. Y. Commercial). The Consolidated Exchanges has adopted a rule designed to abolish matched orders in trading. The White investigating committee, appointed by Governor Hughes, as well as the federal investigators of the exchanges, found more fault with matched orders than with any other feature of the trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The Consolidated Exchange, the Cotton Exchange and the Produce Exchange, not to mention the Metal Exchange. The governors of the Consolidated Exchange met yesterday afternoon and

amended the by-law regarding offers and bids by inserting the words, "But all bids and offers in lots exceeding 100 shares must be filled by accepting any part of such bid or offer in 100-share lots." The paragraph as amended, reads as follows: "Section 1—All offers to buy and sell securities shall be binding, and during a call no member can withdraw an offer or bid except in an audible voice. The broker who first makes a bid or offer at a figure, shall have the precedence over all others, and his bid or offer must be filled before another shall have the privilege of buying or selling at the same figure; provided, however, that bids or offers in 100 share lots, at the same figure, may be filled or accepted irrespective of smaller lots, as being essentially different propositions. But all bids or offers in lots exceeding 100 shares must be filled by accepting any part of such bid or offer in 100-share lots. A change of fraction or figure gives the precedence to the party making the same. (Withdrawal of offer or bid is permitted.)"

During the recent and, for that matter, the present excited trading in cotton on the Cotton Exchange, certain brokers and traders contended that certain "all or none" offers and bids for 10,000-bale lots, were not bona fide, but were matched for the purpose of "washing" the price up or down. These brokers wish to see the enforcement of the new rule will enable any broker to buy or sell any part of such large block from the maker of the bid or offer in 100-share lots or multiples thereof.

The Consolidated Exchange sees big things coming its way on account of the troubles within the other exchanges, and wishes to be in the position to handle big trades, while giving the "small trades" a chance for his life.

Some local celebrities are famous and some others are notorious.

The Daily Routine

Into the life of C. W. Morse came the interest and excitement that is lent by change of scene and occupation. From one world he could speed to another; one task he could discard for another that was more congenial. If he chose to lie abed and receive his callers, his wish brought to him all his business matters. He was, in short, the master of himself and of his time. Convict No. 2814 can tell to a nicety what he will be doing at ten minutes after nine o'clock in the morning five, six, eight, ten years from now. His schedules are all made up and he must follow them. Sickness or death alone can change the time table; so long as he remains under the roof that now shuts him from the world of which but yesterday he was so large a part, the minutes are his masters and they must be obeyed.

Day in and day out, this will be his life: 6:30 a. m., rising; 7:15 a. m., roll call; 7:30 a. m., sick report; 7:50 a. m., breakfast; 8 a. m., work; 11:45 a. m., recall; 12:15 p. m., dinner; 12:45 p. m., work; 4:15 p. m., recall; 4:30 p. m., supper; 6 p. m., musical hour; 7 to 9, quiet and reading, smoking permitted; 9 p. m., lights out, sleep.

On Sundays there are religious services in the mornings which he must attend. Then following Sunday school and Christian Endeavor meetings, which he need not go to unless he wishes. The rest of the day is given to quiet and reading.

A STAR THAT WINKS. (From Harper's Weekly). There is in the constellation Pegasus a little variable star that may reasonably be said to wink. Two or three times in the course of a single night this curious star can be seen to fade and then to brighten like a signal light. For about two hours and three-quarters it becomes fainter and fainter, then comes a change; and at the end of two hours and three-quarters more it is as bright as at the beginning. Unfortunately it can only be seen with a telescope. Yet it ranks as a star.

