

pointed time with a light heart and full of confidence, he reached the falls and climbed hand-over-hand up a pole to the platform. Standing on the platform and bowing to the vast crowd below him Sam spoke as follows :

"Napoleon was a great man and a great general. He conquered armies and he conquered nations, he conquered Napoleon, but he couldn't jump the Genesee Falls. This was left for me to do, and I can do it."

He threw himself forward, but instead of descending in an erect and arrow like position, he fell sprawling, with his arms above his head. When he struck the water, a thrill of horror ran through the vast concourse of spectators, and when after some moments the body did not reappear, the crowd incontinently fled, as if some terrible disaster was coming upon them. For weeks afterward the people of Rochester felt as if they had been accessories of a murder, and earnestly reproached themselves for permitting the fool hardy undertaking.

The preachers denounced all the spectators as in the brand of Cain was upon them, and charged that they were murders in the sight of God. The body was not recovered until the following spring. Great excitement was experienced when the news of his death was reported.