

DEATH BY THE GUILLOTINE

AN ITALIAN MURDERER THUS EXPIATES HIS CRIME IN PARIS.

Did Not Know of His Fate Until Twenty Minutes Before He Mounted the Scaffold—Thousands of Persons Witness the Dreadful Spectacle and Make Merry.

For the first time since the execution of the Anarchist Henry in 1894 the guillotine has been brought into use in Paris; and, unpopular as it may be as a corrective of crime, there can be no doubt as to its theatrical possibilities with the Parisian public, says a Paris letter. Although the execution was, according to French law, announced only to a chosen few, and although it took place in a driving rain at dawn—which is 4 o'clock—many thousands of people gathered at the Roquette Prison to witness the gruesome sight, and afterward made merry at the neighbouring cafes until far into the morning. If there were Sunday bull fights in Paris, as there are in the southern cities of France, doubtless no form of amusement would be found more popular or more profitable.

The man who was decapitated was one Carrara, an Italian, who, with the assistance of his wife murdered a bank messenger last autumn, and afterward burned his body. The crime was not nearly so brutal as four or five which have occurred in Paris since that time, the perpetrators of which were duly acquitted by complaisant juries. But Carrara was a foreigner; which makes no difference in the eye of French law, of course, but which, somehow nearly always makes a difference in the result of the trial. Carrara is the seventh person out of

OVER TWO THOUSAND

guilty of murder in France in the last four years who has paid the penalty of his crime by losing his head. The others, according to a French statistician, are serving terms in prison, which average a little over four years and six months, except thirty or forty, who have not been caught, and several hundred who were acquitted on trial. Carrara, it is recognized by many people whose opinion seems to carry weight, was fortunate in his nationality and in his choice of a lawyer.

When a man is sentenced in France he has, of course, the right of appeal, both to a higher court and to the clemency of the President of the republic; but when his appeal fails he is executed at once without more ado. That is why he did not know his fate until twenty minutes before he mounted the guillotine that morning. His case was settled at midnight, and, within an hour afterward, the twenty-five or thirty officials which French red tapeism prescribes as necessary to oversee the formalities of the execution were on their way to the prison where the murderer was confined. Already a guard of cavalry, some municipal guards, and many platoons of police had been ordered out; the chariot conveying the guillotine was rumbling through the deserted streets of the St. Antoine quarter, and M. Deibler, the venerable "Monieur de Paris," was speeding toward the same goal in a cab. Other cabs followed with his many assistants.

The condemned man was awakened out of a sound sleep, hustled into his clothes, and then received the notification of his fate in a very long and very flowery oration from the lips of the duly appointed official. His legs were shackled and his arms tied securely behind his back; then they tried to march him out to the guillotine. The speech, or something, however, had so weakened him that he could not walk; so, after dosing him with half a litre of rum, he was half carried, half dragged out into the open space in front of the prison where the guillotine had already been set up, and where the executioners, surrounded by the soldiers and the great crowd of curiosity mongers, were patiently awaiting in the downpouring rain.

Then followed a sorry sight. Deibler, who is 75 years old, and would have been retired at the beginning of the year had he not been desirous of holding on to his \$1,500 salary and the rich perquisites of his office, went up to the condemned man and cut off the collar of his shirt so that his neck would be bare. Carrara had not faltered at the sight of the guillotine, but when he felt the cold steel of the shears on his flesh he began to

STRUGGLE AND SCREAM.

and it took half a dozen men to hold him, pinioned as he was. Finally they

and threw it into another long basket, which was in readiness. In doing so the headless neck, spouting like a fountain with blood, remained on the edge of the basket, and the executioners became red with it. Then they took the head and threw it into the basket with the body. It had been cleanly severed, and, what is said to be very rare, there was no injury to the chin. Usually the victim tries to back his head at the moment that the knife descends, and in consequence the chin is crushed in the lunette.

After the execution the place was like a shambles; blood was spattered everywhere within a radius of ten feet and a great pool of it collected beneath the guillotine. Deibler and his assistants looked as if they had just come from a slaughterhouse. During five minutes more another length of red tape was unwound, and then the body was carried to a medical school in a black wagon with an escort of police. There was the sound of a trumpet and the troops marched away. The guillotine was packed into a wagon and the executioners and officials got into their cabs. Finally nobody was left but some prison servants cleaning up the blood from the paving stones; so the crowd of men, women and children, drenched but not dispirited, thronged to the nearest cafes for breakfast and merrymaking.

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LOSING ITS POPULATION.

The population of New South Wales continues to decline, the inhabitants on March 31, last being 1,170,934, against 1,176,248 at the beginning of the year. There was thus a loss of 5,314, though the natural increase was 2,292. The loss was mainly attributed to emigration. 7,000 more persons having left the colony than entered it. The majority of those who left were men.

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Men wear white duck suits, with thin flannel or silk underwear, no linen shirt or collar, white pith helmets, and white canvas shoes the year round. The Spaniards and the Spanish half-castes go in for style a little more. The Spaniards are haughty and fond of displaying their uniforms of blue or white and their gold trimmings. The half-castes, or Mestiza, are equally fond of display, but their attire is something of a compromise between European and Chinese modes.

Besides the one year out of seven that all foreign employees of the great mercantile houses represented in Manila have given to them as "home leave," there is a month's vacation each year, a regular holiday each month, and all the saints' days, and Spanish, French, English, German and American holidays. Not to observe a saint's day in Manila is sinful, and every one holds such sinfulness in especial detestation. Figuring in all the saints' days, Sundays, and general holidays, there are 129 days in each year when these people do not work.

Clerks earn from \$2,500 to \$5,000 a year, besides having lodgings found, a mess allowance, medical attendance and travelling expenses. In many cases their rooms are over the offices. They work from daylight to noon, rest for two or three hours, and then work till 5 o'clock, but they have much freedom in choosing their hours and are hurried only on mail days.

There are many excellent bands in Manila, and open-air concerts are given every evening in fair weather. Theatrical companies, both native and foreign, play through the season. The Mestiza chorus girl is alluring. In the cathedral and the churches the music is always good, though it is startling to the new-comer to hear, as he will in some services, a Gloria from "Traviata," and the Elevation from "Traviata."

PRIDE.

Now, George, don't ask me. I can't go down the fire escape with all those people looking. You must, You'll be burned to death if you stay here. "I can't help it, George. I wouldn't go down that ladder for all the world. These shoes I have on are two sizes too big for me!"

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