DIES ON THE SCAFFOLD INSIDE PRISON WALLS

Gottlieb Niegenfind, Penitent and Composed, Expiates the Crime of Wife Murder and Homicide.

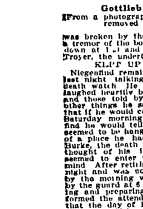
Joked With Guards, Slept Soundly and Ate a Hearty Dinner Before Going to His Doom.

Special Dispatch to the World-Herald

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—The sentence imposed by the court upon Gottlieb Niegenfind was carried out at the penitentiary today at 12 33 o clock, when the drop was sprung and the murderer shot downward to his death

Niegenfind was taken from the cell house to the hospital building the penitentiary by Deputy Warden J M Jones and John McNeal at 12 15 o'clock, and was led directly to the new cell house, where the scaffold had been erected and was ready. He entered the cell house at thirteen minutes of 1 o'clock, attended by Deputy Warden Jones and John McNeal, who were on either side of him, leading him by the arms There was not a single evidence of weakness to be noted in the prisoner He mounted the scaffold with as firm a tread as one of the attendants When he arrived on top he was asked to stand on the trap and he stepped forward at once with as firm and as easy a step as he ever made in his life. When asked if he had anything to say he simply shook his head and made no audible reply His color did not change a shade, and his face bore the ruddy glow of perfect health He shook hands with his spiritual adviser and with Deputy Warden Jones and bade them good-by. To Warden Mockett he said, "Kindness he had shown him during his incarceration in the penitentiary Rev. George Allenbach, of Grand Island, was present and offered prayer in which he asked for the forgiveness of the condemned man.

James Marsh adjusted the rope and the hood and M F Green put up the arm and he stated, "Let me have a cigarette in the penitentiary At a signal given by Warden Beemer six men pressed the electric buttons which formed a circuit, and the drop was sprung at 12 33 o clock. The physicians in attendance immediately stepped around to feel the pulse and apply the stethoscope He man was pronounced dead at 1 05 o clock He neck



Gottlieb Niegenfind.

(From a photograph taken since he was removed to Lincoln.)

was broken by the fall There was not a struggle in the body The body was cut down at 1 40 and turned over to F L Drew, the undertaker

KEPT UP HIS SPIRITS

Niegenfind was awake up until 12 o'clock last night talking and joking with the guards who were in charge and he slept laughed heartily both at his own stories and those told him by the guards Shortly after three he said to the guard who had been ordered to call up on the morrow Saturday morning and ask for Beemer and he would be ready for the drop. He seemed to be hanged and about the hour of 4 p m he had gotten up and taking John Burke, the death watch, to one side, he said to him, "Mr Burke, I feel very nervous I guess I ought to be ashamed of myself, but I feel nothing to shake my nerves" Early the morning whistle He was called by the guard at 3 30 o'clock He dressed and preparing for breakfast he informed the attendants that he was sure that the day of his death had come at last He said he was tired of waiting for something he knew must come He told Rev Allenbach that he knew he had committed a great crime and that the penalty he would pay for it was much greater than the crime, and that he was perfectly satisfied feeling that God would give him strength to undergo the ordeal He also expressed a desire to talk with his spiritual adviser and to be buried in the place in which Rev Allenbach lives He expressed a desire to be buried in Pierce, Neb, where he had lived so many years, but in this case he said he thought it would not be made to bury him there he would like to be buried in Lincoln

When walking cemetery in Lincoln was mentioned he said he guessed that would be all right

At noon the condemned man was served with dinner Warden Jones asked him if he could have anything to eat he desired and he said he believed he would take some boiled beef and horseradish This was given him and he made a hearty meal At the last minute before leaving the cell house he said to Deputy Jones he was glad his time had come at last Deputy Sheriff Beemer and Lieutenant Long, two young ladies of Pierce, Neb, came down from Pierce on the morning train in a large bunch of flowers and expressed themselves as pleased to receive the flowers and thanked the gentlemen quietly for their thoughtfulness.

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Deputy Warden Jones in speaking of the conduct of the prisoner since he had been in the penitentiary said that he had been an exemplary prisoner and that he had not given the slightest trouble He was always satisfied with the surroundings and was always thankful for the slightest favor shown him Warden Jones said he was of a cheerful disposition and was fond of jokes and was laughing with anyone who talked with him This morning he was feeling badly because a vase which had been given him to hold flowers had been broken in some way, for a few speaks condemned matter in a serious way he laughed and said he guessed he was a bad boy to have done that When he slept last night he said he was happy that he enjoyed it and he replied that he did not care as it was going to be his last meal he had eaten a good big one

Detective G B Birkner of Omaha made all the arrangements previous to the hanging This is the fifth case in which he has officiated as coroner. There is not the slightest hitch in the proceedings from the time the condemned man entered the cell house until the body was received by the undertaker.

When Niegenfind entered the cell house on his way to the execution he met Warden Beemer in the doorway Upon seeing the warden his face lighted up with a smile He tipped his hat and said: "Good-by, Warden."

The body will be on exhibition at the undertaking rooms of F L Drew tomorrow after 9 o clock.

STORY OF THE AWFUL CRIME

Former Wife and Her Father Victims of the Murderer.

The crime for which Niegenfind was executed was that of killing his former wife, Mrs. Annie Peterson and her father. Albert Breyer, on the evening of September 16, 1901, in the village of Pierce, Neb. The crime was doubtless premeditated, and was the outcome of bitter domestic affairs of the kind that has occurred in the history of many divorces.

Niegenfind appeared at the home of his former wife's parents at Pierce, Neb, prior to the tragedy. He asked to see his little boy, and the mother and her father refused to bring the child Mrs Niegenfind had married Peterson a few years before she married Niegenfind, and had four children by the former husband.

The refusal angered Niegenfind and he left. Afterwards he went to his home and third time, but each time was told that he could not see the child.

In the evening of September 16 Niegenfind came to the home of Mrs. Peterson and her father Albert Breyer. He suddenly drew his revolver and fired three shots at the former wife, the sweetheart of her husband and tried to fire another shot into the prostrate form of her father, who was lying dead. As she fell he saw his former wife, Annie Wilhelmina, whom he married in Germany, within two miles of where he had killed his wife and father.

He was seen and recognized, and the farmers organized and had a posse in him They saw him coming along the road and when I got out of my house I met with his employer he was ordered to throw up his hands He Come, instead of throwing out his revolver he jumped behind his companion and firing at his back, the ball lodged in the posse but none of the shots took effect. This frightened the man, who fired himself from the murderer, and then the man fired twenty shots behind him in earnest He was wounded in many places by bullet and shot, and was injured and taken to Wausiko, where he was identified by his wife and the man in posse.

On November 7 Niegenfind was convicted at Pierce and sentenced by Judge Boyd to be hanged on March 13.

CHIEF FELT SORRY FOR HIM.

Thinks Niegenfind Ignorant and Murder Not Deliberate.

"I talked with Niegenfind for an hour yesterday, and when I shook hands with him and bid him good by I felt sincerely sorry for him," said Chief of Police Dorn, whose material aid in obtain from Niegenfind the confession of the murder.

"The murderer impressed me as being ignorant and simple and not cowardly, but at the same time he told me his whole death story. He told me he came from Germany and I could not help but feel that he was a foreigner. He said he had tried to cold blooded as they have been painted, for some of the time he imagined he was according to the story he had read. He said he was right up to the last minute, only after his divorced wife's father struck him he knew that he was wrong. He said he knew what he was doing at the time, but he did not mean to do it. The revolver with which he murdered his former wife I had his mother shooting his former wife I had his mother shooting his father. He said he was simple, and when he was attacked he was frightened.

"He told me that he would not welcome a pardon or a life sentence, for he said that since he was sure to be hung, he wanted to take it like a man.

"I'm just as ready to die now as I was when I first came to jail, and I'm ready then he added.

"They say that I am crazy but I am perfectly clear headed The trouble with my mother-in-law, I have been told, is some pumpin, but what little I have is perfectly clear.

"The chief received urgent invitations from the Nebraska Commandery of Knights Templar in Lincoln and witness the execution by relatives.

"I have witnessed hangings before he exclaimed, "I never saw a case as clear as this."

Feeling at Old Home.

Special Dispatch to the World-Herald

Pierce, Neb, March 13.—The news of the execution of Niegenfind was received here where he is formerly resided with much satisfaction, but no demonstration was made The details of the tragedy are awful dwelt in the village of Pierce, Neb, and the memory of the tragedy is still fresh in the minds of the people and they are relieved to know that the murder of Albert Breyer and Mrs. Anna Peters has been avenged.

WILL OF LATE EDWIN BURDICK

Does Not Allow a Cent to Wife Whom He Was Suing for Divorce.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 13.—The will of the late Edwin Burdick, murdered in his home here Friday, February 27, was made public today.

He cuts off his wife, whom he was suing for divorce, without a cent.

The estate is valued at $50,000 and the rest of his property to his three children, share and share alike.

The will was made December 8, 1902 at Burdick's request by Attorney Augustus Hellings George H Dunston and Herbert Millard are executors Charles Parker and Hinsley Tucker, his business associates are guardians of the children.

The petition for probate gives no definite idea of the value of Burdick's estate, the petitioners estimate the value of his real property at $15,000 and his estate from his personal property at $1 000, and upwards. The will is in his handwriting and without the aid of a lawyer, dictating it to a stenographer at the time he made it.

Frederick E. Hartzell, attorney for Mrs Burdick, said that he did not know that there was any objection to the will so far as he knew, and that Mrs Burdick, he said, "will be satisfied."

Objections were filed in behalf of Mrs. Burdick and Mr. Hartzell said that if the infants was appointed as their guardian.

Counsel for the executors said he thought some other person should be appointed as the guardian other than Mr Hartzell. Judge Hamburger said he would sign the appointment

The will was then admitted to probate under the stipulation that the objection of Mrs Burdick be taken into consideration for the appointment of testamentary guardians of the children be determined to the surrogate at a future date. Mrs. Burdick expressed herself as satisfied with the other sections of the will

Atlantic Elks Entertain.

Special Dispatch to the World-Herald

Atlantic, Ia., March 13.—The wives of the members of the local lodge of Elks were entertained at the social session held by that order last evening. The lodge room was used for the occasion, and a very pleasant social evening which proved one of the greatest social events of the season. A fine musical program consisting of vocal and instrumental numbers was followed by a grand banquet and ball. Dimmick's Omaha orchestra furnished the music. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with ferns, palms and cut flowers and more than 150 people shared in the festivities. Exalted Ruler Judge of this city numbers over 100 members.

ACTIVE DEMAND, BUT COLLECTIONS ARE SLOW

Retail Business Generally Checked by the Weather Conditions.

Unsettled Condition of Raw Cotton Discourages Demand for Cotton Goods.

New York, March 13—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Demand is active with staple prices strong at close to record levels, despite cheaper stocks in the shape of bad roads, labor troubles east and west, heavy snows, overflowed lands and backward farm preparations at the south. The continued reports of slow and even poor collections continue to be made and are accentuated by, perhaps partly the result of, the bad condition of the country roads, consequent upon the change in the season Labor troubles, present and prospective, are causing some building trades consuming iron and steel, in the neighborhood of New York, to contract, though improved, still affects the transportation of coke lumber, iron and grain Railroad earnings are simply magnificent portions of coke lumber, iron and grain railroads in February showing gains of 20 to 30 per cent over last year. The March returns are fully as satisfactory and indicate a very large net gain in February in many lines of farm and cotton Retail business is generally checked by the weather conditions, but this has not influenced the wholesale trade, which in the southwest trade continues active. Cotton goods are in demand, but close to top quotations

Prices of cotton goods in trade caused by most heavy advances in staple prices are in the main maintained at the highest level of commodity prices is at the highest present, and the net gain during February's movement was very generally upward. Wheat, corn and oats prices noted in demand for crude and finished iron and steel, and in the case of the latter the price of copper higher quotations for crude, finished products are in evidence and quite steady reveal prices. The unsettled tone of the cotton market is due to discourage demand for cotton goods at wholesale, prices for the raw staple are ahead. Wool is fairly steady.

Considerable trade in pig iron is reported in Pittsburg, while Chicago reports a very active demand for foundry and forging grades Bessemer pig materials, bars, nails, wire and wire products have all been active. Demand for copper is good, and Lake Copper, held and sold at 12 cents, is in demand from Chicago and eastern markets

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ended March 12 are 3,748,748 bushels, against 2,966,220 in this week a year ago, but a trifle more than July 1 aggregate 167,650,930 bushels against 167,000,000 bushels, inclusive, last year, aggregate 2,252,996 bushels against 183,414 a year ago and the period of the year before, of 21,815,190 bushels, against 21,654,810 last season and 12,383,000 in 1901.

Business failures in the United States for the week ended March 12 are reported 177, against 171 last week, 224 in the like week of 1902, 207 in 1901, 190 in 1900 and 209 in 1899.

SITUATION AS DUN SEES IT

New Business Has Caused Return of Traffic Congestion.

New York, March 12—R. G. Dun & Co tomorrow will say: Reports from all sections of the country promise a brisk spring and summer trade Orders are pushing forward on a large scale, and frequent requests for prompt shipment indicate that stocks are low and requirements urgent The statement that has been made repeatedly that traffic blockades would be a thing of the past, and that the relief was in every case of a local character, has not unfortunately followed by so much new business that congestion is again fairly upon us. Shipments are fairly prompt, but freight cars are in very distributed locations, and retail trade active and collections prompt in some sections of the country, while in carrying small stocks of merchandise as they are accustomed to do, they are so great as to occasion frequent comments Wholesale operations are restricted in some points and floods added to the disturbed condition of the market. Railway earnings continue to exceed previous years' figures, and are reported for the first week of March showing a gain of 15 per cent over last year, and of 16.3 per cent over 1902 It is already certain that the railroad earnings for March will far exceed even last year's enormous figures, and similar conditions are due to building and bridge operations.

Iron and steel are showing a strong tone, calling among many producers Note, woolen manufacturers have been in a minor mood, especially in cotton, which has caused a reaction in wool.

Eastern producers of footwear report a very satisfactory spring business, but very heavy sample lots have been placed with them, and the wholesale buyers are still reluctant to pay the prices asked, and are ordering much more quiet but stocks do not accumulate, owing to a very large consumption. The result falling an average of about 3, although the tone is very strong. Leather and sum dry hides are scarce and firm at higher prices.

An erratic market for the raw materials, combined with a general tendency to decrease in sales of cotton goods and woolens are the most prominent features of the week. Cotton goods are very quiet, and generally speaking, unsatisfactory, and recently opened at slightly better terms. Woolens are in a very unsatisfactory condition in very heavy shipments of woolen goods are reported.

Failures this week are 220 in the United States, against 207 last year and 21 in Canada, against 24 a year ago.

MISSOURI HOUSE IN UPROAR

Doorkeeper Strikes a Member During the Trouble.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 12—Speaker White Cotton took the floor when the discussion of the Davidson school text book bill was taken up and he was called to order by Doorkeeper Clark became involved in a heated discussion with Representative Ragsdale, who had attempted to keep quiet Clark struck Ragsdale and the house was in an uproar Several members jumped on desks and chairs and the sergeant-at-arms called the house to order. The sergeant-at-arms in clearing the lobby ejected several members.

IFLE OF PINES QUESTION

American Residents Urge United States Sovereignty.

Havana, March 12—Minister Squiers has returned from a visit to Isle of Pines, to the Isle of Pines, during which he made note of the numerous instances of residents have for urging United States sovereignty over the island. He will report to Washington today.

He found the Americans to be extremely anxious for America to assert rights, the general contention being that they purchased land from the Cuban and American land companies operating in the island on the understanding that there is an American official that the United States will protect the interests of the residents.

Mr Squiers was pleased with the agreeable and climatic conditions of the island.

High School Notes.

One of the most enjoyable programs of the season was held in the chapel afternoon by the D G S girls. Musical numbers were contributed by Misses Dana Carpenter, Merriott and Louis Meyer Miss Merriott played the violin solo "Sweet Lily" and Miss Murphy and Miss Swedy read essays.

The Register offers a prize of $1 for the best story this month

An athletic carnival will be held at Omaha Saturday April 25 at 8 p m. The freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior classes are striving for the championship in athletics Basket ball, running, jumping and relay racing will be the events and each class has good chances of winning in at least one event. Much interest is being taken by both scholars and teachers

The school will combine with the D. D. S next Friday in a program during chapel hour Tuesday and Friday II II B will probably give a debate in the place of the regular 10a debate.

The Alpha Omicron will give another dance during the April vacation

The new rooms of the manual training department are finished and will be occupied in a short time Herbert Two points a year have been given the girls work but Professor Waterhouse thinks that this is not enough reasoning that the pupils who take it need to spend but forty-five minutes in the hall all their work is done in the recitation period and no assistance will be given Latin and other harder subjects at least as the course stands at present. side preparation is required daily Professor Waterhouse says that he will form some practical training Probably no action will be taken this year, although Mr Waterhouse intends to bring it before the board of education.

BANK CLEARINGS

Compiled From Principal Cities of United States and Canada.

New York, March 13—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet shows the principal clearing house centers for the week ended March 12, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

CITIES.		Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,546,966,417	16.6	
Chicago	275,106,250	5.3	
Boston	172,000,000		8.8
Philadelphia	167,191,526		
St Louis	40,000,000	4.6	
Pittsburg	41,972,948	12.3	
San Francisco	33,000,000		1.6
Baltimore	23,942,341	2.2	
New Orleans	20,500,000		2.6
Kansas City	18,716,811	2.6	
Cleveland	17,175,675		
Minneapolis	16,684,112	8.5	
Cincinnati	16,500,000	2.6	
Detroit	9,618,651		21
Milwaukee	9,000,000	11.2	
OMAHA	8,566,112	19.9	
Providence	7,718,200	17.5	
Louisville	6,618,904	4.1	
St Paul	6,123,441	11.4	
Denver	5,500,000	10.9	
Los Angeles	5,216,429	35.5	
Seattle	6,116,400		
Portland, Ore	4,000,000	5.7	
Dallas	4,008,171	4.6	
Fort Worth	4,171,000	41.6	
Memphis	4,017,555	18.7	
Salt Lake	3,000,000	1.7	
Savannah	3,012,304	21.0	
Portland, Me	2,000,000	25.1	
Albany	3,300,000		8.8
Kansas City, Kan	1,800,000	8.8	
Portland, Ore	4,014,175	34.5	
Tacoma	1,000,000	25.1	
Fort Worth	3,000,000		26.9
Tacoma	1,000,000		
Hartford	3,013,903	2.9	
Scranton	2,000,000	5.1	
Atlanta	2,000,000	20.2	
St Joseph	2,273,141	20.2	
New Haven	1,000,000	8.7	
Syracuse	1,000,000	20.2	
Spokane, Wash	1,000,000	52.9	
Grand Rapids	1,000,000	5.2	
Sioux City	1,000,000		5.6
Spokane, Wash	1,000,000		
Norfolk	1,000,000	11.8	
Nashville	1,000,000	2.2	
Tacoma	1,000,000	2.4	
Worcester	1,000,000	2.4	
Wilmington	1,000,000	2.4	
Wilkesbarre	1,000,000	2.4	
Akron	1,000,000	2.4	
Springfield, Ill	1,000,000	2.4	
Wheeling, W. Va	1,000,000	2.4	
Wichita	1,000,000	2.4	
Birmingham	1,000,000	2.4	
Helena	1,000,000	2.4	
Chattanooga	1,000,000	2.4	
Toledo	1,000,000	2.4	
New Bedford	1,000,000	2.4	
Fort Smith	1,000,000	2.4	
Fargo, N. D	1,000,000	2.4	
Cedar Rapids	1,000,000	2.4	
Greenfield, O	1,000,000	2.4	
Springfield, O	1,000,000	2.4	
Portsmouth	1,000,000	2.4	
Bloomington, Ill	1,000,000	2.4	
Quincy, Ill	1,000,000	2.4	
Sioux Falls, S. D	1,000,000	2.4	
Muskogee, I. T	1,000,000	2.4	
Jacksonville, Ill	1,000,000	2.4	
Lexington, Ky	1,000,000	2.4	
Stillwater, Ok	1,000,000	2.4	
Houston	14,097,443	15.9	
Galveston	8,000,000		
Charleston, S. C	1,000,000		
Totals U. S.	2,227,341,700	11.7	
Outside New York	681,000,000	3.7	

CANADA			
Montreal	$ 16,000,000	12.3	
Toronto	14,000,000	12.3	
Winnipeg	14,000,000	12.3	
Ottawa	2,000,000	12.3	
Vancouver, B. C	1,000,000	12.3	
Quebec	1,000,000	12.3	
Halifax, N. S	1,000,000	12.3	
St. John, N. B	1,000,000	12.3	
Victoria, B. C	1,000,000	12.3	
London	1,000,000	12.3	
Totals Canada	$ 54,000,000	15.3	15.1

OBJECTS TO THE INSPECTORS

Sargent Wants Females Out of Immigration Bureau and Shaw Will Likely Consent.

Washington, D. C. March 13 —Commissioner of Immigration Williams at New York has made a report to the treasury department on the employment of female inspectors

The report points out many objections to the employment of these inspectors and Commissioner General Sargent in his report has reported to the secretary of the treasury that he would like to see them dispensed.

Today in the day secretary Shaw approved the recommendation of the treasury department, and it is thought that Secretary Shaw will have no doubt not to continue the employment of these women. It is said that the treasury department is in a position to dispense with the certification of eligibles for appointments to this service.

Promotion for Trenholm.

Special Dispatch to the World-Herald

Washington, D. C. March 13.—General manager of the Omaha, was superintendent of the Omaha division for one year and six months and plant Illinois Central, has been promoted to Jackson, said was succeeded by Superintendent Sullivan, may be Omaha. Mr. Trenholm came here from the Illinois Central system, where he became general superintendent of the road, with headquarters at St Paul, in which position he remained until a year and a half ago when he was given one step higher

Cheap Rates for Aerograms.

Berlin, March 12—The steamer Prince Adalbert and Prince Siegismund, in their passage between Pillau and Libau, the Germany navy yard, will be equipped with wireless telegraphy, so that the Germany navy will be able to keep in touch with the Siegfried, Germania, Hertha, Hansa, Frithjof, Heimdall, Odin, Niobe, Nymphe, Gefion, Thetis, Arcona, Medusa, Cormoran, Comet, Tiger, Iltis, Luchs, Panther, Leopard, Wolf, Jaguar, Seeadler, Falke, Geier, Habicht, Taucher, Otter, Forelle, Delphin, Aal, Hecht, Karpfen, Barbe