

## Northern News—Execution of the Assassins.

By the arrival of the *Albany*, the *Charleston Courier* is in receipt of Northern papers of the 8th inst.

The most important news is the execution of the four conspirators—David E. Harrah, George A. Atzworth, Lewis Payne and Mrs. Mary E. Surratt, which took place on the 7th inst., in the city of Washington.

In the case of O'Laughlin, Edward Spangler and Samuel A. Mudd, they were sentenced to hard labor for life in the Albany penitentiary. Sannic Arnold received in the same case, a sentence to six years hard labor in the same prison.

[Special Dispatch to the New York Times.]  
WASHINGTON, Friday, July 7, 1865.

The conspirators have gone to their long home, the swift hand of justice has smitten them, and they stand before the judgement seat. Electrified—saddened as the country was by the terrible calamity brought upon it by the damnable deeds of these deep-dyed villains, astounded as it has been by the daily revelations of the criminals, it was doubtless unprepared, as were all here, for the quick flash of the sword of power, whose blade to-day fell upon the guilty heads of the assassins of our lamented President.

Tried, convicted and sentenced, they stood this morning upon the threshold of the house of death, all covered with the great sin whose pall fell darkly upon the land. Young and old, equal in crime, they spent the night as is told hereafter, and when the first grey pencils of the early morning traced the dawning day upon the sky, the city was all agog for the coming scene of retribution and of justice.

### THE HABEAS CORPUS.

Mrs. Surratt's friends have been constant and faithful. They have manipulated presses and created public sentiment. The papers received here to-day were singularly unanimous in the supposition that the President would commute the sentence of Mrs. Surratt to imprisonment for life. Such a sentiment found no echo here. It was well known that the counsel, family and friends of the culprit were determined to make every exertion, to strain every nerve in a strong pull and tug at the tender heart of the President in her behalf. She was a woman, and a sick woman at that. Her daughter was with her, and her cowardly sor, with secrets in his possession that might mitigate her guilt—these and like arguments it was said, would be brought to bear upon the President, backed with certain political strength which could not fail to succeed. But such talk has proved idle from the first. Woman as she was, she knew her business well; sick as she was, she had strength sufficient for her fearful purpose, and stern as the sentence was, its justice was absolute, its execution certain. We have heard many express the desire that the woman's life might be spared, and its weary course passed in the quiet of the prison, but no one who knows the President and his unmovable nature supposed for an instant that the sentence would be changed in jot or tittle.

The hotels were thronged on Thursday. The streets were filled with restless, impatient people. The headquarters were surrounded by crowds of anxious men, who desired above all things to witness the execution, and who were willing to spend hundreds of dollars for that poor privilege. All day long the trains came in loaded with people from the North; all night long the country roads were lined with pedestrians, with parties hurrying on to the city, where they might at least participate in the excitements of the occasion.

Officials of every grade and name, with or without influence, were pestered by applications for tickets; the subordinate officers of the department were approached in every conceivable way, and by every possible avenue, by those whose idle or morbid curiosity impelled them to come to this hot and sweltering city in search of food for gossip and remembrance. Of course all endeavor was futile. Major Gen. Hancock, who had charge of everything, had

carefully prepared the list of people entitled to admission, and beyond those thereon named, no one was permitted to be present. The scenes of the day were

Prison on Thursday night were by no means so harrowing in intensity as the public doubtless imagined. So far as the authorities were concerned, there was possibly an increased vigilance, and extra precautions were taken with Mrs. Surratt, but beyond that, matters went along quite in accordance with the general custom.

### MRS. SURRATT.

about whose fearful participation in the murder of the President there has been thrown so much mystery, was a very remarkable woman, and like most remarkable women, had an undertone of superstition which served her in place of true religion, and enabled her to sleep peacefully even while cognizant of such a crime as that for which she has now suffered. She was fifty years of age, but although since her illness of the past two weeks she has grown old and looked pale and thin, she would be called rather forty-two or three. Firmness and decision were part and parcel of her nature. A cold eye that would quail at no scope of torture; a close, shut mouth, whence no word of sympathy with suffering would pass, a firm chin, indicative of firmness of resolve; a spare, solid figure, whose proportions were never disfigured remorse or marred by loss of sleep—these have ever marked the person of Mary Surratt—these, her neighbors say, were correct indices of her every day and every year life.

Those who have watched her through the whole of this protracted trial have noticed her utter indifference to anything, and everything said or suggested about her. The most terrible flagellations produced no effect upon her rocky countenance, stolid, quiet, entirely self-possessed, calm as a May morning, she sat uninterested from the opening to the close.

Her guardians say she anticipated an acquittal, she alone knew why.

### THE SCAFFOLD.

In the lot South of the prison, and surrounded by a wall thirty feet high, the scaffold was erected. The structure is about seventy feet from the prison, near by, say thirty feet distant, were four freshly dug graves, and beside them four large pine coffins coarsely constructed.

The scaffold was so arranged that the four condemned could be hung at the same time.

The enclosure was much larger than was stated in my dispatch of last night, and there must have been present within the lot and upon the top of the wall, which was literally packed with soldiers, quite 2,000 spectators, three-fourths of whom were soldiers.

About 12:30 o'clock Gen. Hancock arrived, and remained personally inspecting all the official acts.

### THE PROCESSION OF DEATH.

At 1:15 the procession proceeded from the prison to the scaffold in the following order, preceded by Gen. Hartranft:

Mrs. Surratt, supported by an officer and a non-commissioned officer, and attended by Rev. Fathers Walter and Wigett.

Atzworth, attended by an officer, with whom walked his spiritual advisers, Rev. J. C. Butler, of the Lutheran Church, and Chaplain Winchester.

Harold came next, attended by Rev. Dr. Otis, of Christ Church, Episcopal.

Payne, attended by Rev. Dr. Gilliam, of the First Baptist Church, of this city, and Rev. Dr. Striker, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Surratt, attended by two soldiers. Her waist and ankles were ironed; she was attired in a plain black alpaca dress, with black bonnet and thin veil. Her face could be easily seen. She gazed up at the horrid instrument of death, and her lips were moving rapidly as in prayer. She was assisted upon the scaffold and seated in a chair near the drop. She gazed upon the noose, which dangled in the wind before her face, and again her lips moved as in a prayer.

Atzworth followed, with a glaring, haggard look. He seemed to have changed in appearance greatly since his incarceration. He, also,

was assisted by two soldiers, and seemed very feeble, but appeared to rally when on the scaffold, and took an evident interest in the proceedings.

Harold came next, supported on each side. He seemed very feeble, but revived a little subsequently. He realized his position now, if he never did before. He was very pale and care-worn. He examined the scaffold closely, upon approaching it, and especially the drop.

Payne came next, with his usual bold, straight attitude, looking with seeming indifference upon the instrument of death. He wore a blue shirt and straw hat. There was not a tremor in his step as he marched to the scaffold.

### THE LAST PAINTED SCENE.

Gen. Hartranft read the order of the War Department, embracing the President's Executive Order, for the execution.

The limbs of each of the prisoners were now pinioned. The caps were drawn over their heads, Mrs. Surratt exclaiming in a faint voice don't let me fall; hold on!

Atzworth exclaimed in a loud tone, "Gentlemen, take warning;" then, after an interval of about two minutes, he said: "Good-by, gentlemen who are before me; may we all meet in the other world."

It was now twenty-five minutes past one o'clock. The officer in charge of the scaffold here made some preconceived motions to the attendant soldiers to step back from the drop, and then, with a motion of his hand the drop fell and the bodies of the criminals were suspended in the air.

The bodies fell simultaneously, and swayed backward and forward for a few minutes. Mrs. Surratt appeared to suffer very little. Payne and Harold, on the contrary, writhed in apparent agony, the first for about two minutes, and the latter for about five minutes. The muscles of their feet and hands were visibly contracted. Payne's hands, which were more exposed than the others, became purpled, as did his neck, near where the rope was fastened. Atzworth's agony seemed, like Mrs. Surratt's, to be of but very short duration.

After the lapse of ten minutes, the medical officers, Surgeon Woodward, U. S. A., Dr. Otis, U. S. V., Dr. Porter, U. S. A., and the Surgeon of the post, examined severally the bodies and pronounced life extinct. The ropes were cut, the bodies lowered, stretched upon the tops of the coffins, and a further and more minute examination made by the surgeons, who state that the necks of each were instantly broken.

At about four o'clock the bodies were placed in the coffins and buried.

Mudd, Arnold, O'Laughlin and Spangler will probably be sent to the Penitentiary tomorrow.

The people of Leon, the capital of Nicaragua, have published an address on the death of President Lincoln, from which we quote the following paragraph: "Rest in peace, illustrious chief of liberty! Thy name will stand crowned high with virtues, foremost among future generations, and be immortal as the heroes! Thy compatriots will turn their eyes from the bloody sight that represents the rebellion of the South, and follow the path which thou hast traced, until in spite of oligarchies, monarchies and aristocracies, republican equality, the American Union, the absolute abolition of slavery, and the triumph of democracy which the God-man inaugurated at Golgotha, shall be realized on the continent."

In the proceedings of a late court martial, in the city of Charleston, Lieut. A. S. Brodine was tried and found guilty of expelling the negroes from the Hibernian Hall, which had been engaged for a meeting of white citizens. The General commanding the department has withdrawn the reprimand to which the accused was sentenced by the court.

The thermometer, in a shaded situation, in Charleston, stood, on the 6th instant, at from 92 1-2 to 96 degrees. On the 7th it reached only 92 1-2. This range was between the hours of 8 1-2 to 6 p. m.

## Special Notices.

### MAIL ARRANGEMENT.

CAMDEN, S. C., July 11, 1865.  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THIS OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FOR THE DELIVERING FROM 9 TO 11 O'CLOCK, A. M. (Sundays excepted.) Mails will be made up and forwarded to all parts of the United States by first opportunity (as there is no regular mail facilities from this place for the present.)

J. M. GAYLE,  
Postmaster.

### CIRCULAR.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES,  
CAMDEN, S. C. June 19, 1865.

I. THAT IT IS OPTIONAL, WITH WOMEN whether they take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States Government or not, but if they expect to hold property, they must do so.

II. Paroled Officers and Soldiers below the rank of Brigadier General have again the right to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States Government and all who do not do so will be considered as a registered Enemy of the United States, and have no right to claim any protection from the United States.

By order of

Capt. C. W. FERGUSON,  
25th Regiment O. V. V. Inf't.

June 21

Commanding Post.

### DR. S. BARUCH,

OFFERS HIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO the people of Camden and vicinity. Office formerly occupied by Dr. T. J. Workman.

June 23

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### SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE SUBSCRIBER KEEPS CONSTANTLY hand a fresh supply of Meal and Hominy in exchange for Corn. Apply at Mr. McCreigh's shop on Main street.

May 12

J. F. SUTHERLAND;

### NOTICE.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PHYSICIANS OF the Town of Camden, in consideration of the changed relationship existing between employer and laborer, have agreed to be governed by the following rules in our future practice: Whenever we are sent for by the employer the charge will be made to him—when sent for by the laborer we will use the same discretion that we have formerly done in practicing among free negroes.

The employer will please always send a written order.

L. H. DEAS, M. D.  
L. M. DESAUSSURE, M. D.  
T. W. SALMOND, M. D.  
R. H. MATHESON, M. D.  
D. L. DESAUSSURE, M. D.  
A. A. MOORE, M. D.

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### Dray Notice.

PARTIES HAVING HAULING TO DO CAN BE accommodated by calling on the subscriber on DeKalb Street.

July 7

A. NILES,  
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### NOTICE.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING between J. W. McCurry & S. Hammerslough, under the Firm of McCurry & Hammerslough is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The Books, Notes and Accounts of the concern are in the hands of J. W. McCurry, who will attend to the settlement of the concern.

J. W. MCCURRY,  
S. HAMMERSLOUGH.

July 7

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### Rail Road Mill.

A STEAM MILL FOR GRINDING MEAL AND GRITS, is now in successful operation at the old Depot. Grinding done at all hours of the day. A share of patronage is solicited.

May 5

J. JONES, Agent

### Plantation for Sale.

A PLANTATION AT GRANNIE'S QUARTERS, A CREEK, about 11 miles from Kirkwood, containing 500 acres more or less, will be sold with the growing crop on it, or deliverable in October when the crop is taken off. There are 100 acres of prime bottom land, the balance in open and wooded high land. With the plantation may be had, if desired, choice stock of Cattle and Hogs. Apply at office.

June 25

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