

THE STRANGLER.

TO THE POLICE BY JOHN RECH  
ARREST IN PHILADELPHIA.

"I STRANGLER HER,"  
WROTE JOHN RECH.

His Confession Read at the  
Inquest Over His Mur-  
dered Wife, Bessie.

Scourged by Remorse, He Sent  
It Without Knowing of the  
Finding of the Body.

Now, with Denials on His Lips, His  
Written Words Appear to Con-  
found and Refute Him.

CORONER'S JURY FIND HIM GUILTY.

In the Same Confession to His Attorney  
He Said the Woman Was Going Away,  
Which Made Him Angry, and  
He Killed Her.

Mays Landing, N. J., March 31.—The  
voluntary confession of John Rech of the  
murder of his wife, Bessie Rech, was read  
at the inquest here to-day.

The production of the remarkable docu-  
ment was unexpected. It was thrown  
quite like a bombshell into the case, at a  
time when Rech's mouth was filled with  
declarations of innocence.

The circumstances under which the con-  
fession was made are such that it places  
Rech, despite all denials, but a step away  
from the hangman's noose.

The startling admissions are made in the  
form of a letter to Attorney Carroll Will-  
iams, of Philadelphia, who for years has  
been Rech's own counsel.

RECH'S ADMISSION OF GUILT.  
The missive was written by the confes-  
sor in German. As translated for the  
Coroner of Atlantic County it reads as  
follows:

Mr. Williams:  
On Sunday morning I heard something in the  
lower part of my house, and there was Bessie  
ready to go away. That made me so mad that  
I strangled her, and after that I did not know  
what I should do, and then I buried her in the  
field. The little one is in 514 Callowhill street  
in board. I am miserable. His board is paid  
for two weeks. You attend to him. J. RECH.

As alleged murderer of his wife, on trial  
for his life, Rech will find it difficult to  
question the authenticity of this letter. The  
Coroner's jury heard the letter this after-  
noon and at once held Rech for the murder  
of his wife.

Rech may deny that he confessed to Cap-  
tain Miller, Chief of the Philadelphia de-  
tectives, or his lawyers may argue that the  
confession was made while Rech was in  
duress. No such denials or arguments will  
weigh against this letter.

Rech himself first told of sending the  
note to Lawyer Williams. He told at least  
four persons he had mailed such a letter  
and told them the day after his arrest,  
twenty-four hours before the envelope and  
its contents had reached the man to whom  
they were addressed.

SCOURGED BY REMORSE.  
This confession was written by Rech on the  
Saturday following the killing of Mrs.  
Rech and the day after the body had been  
found in the lonely grave near the orchard  
at Estellville, but this was not known to  
Rech. He had just succeeded in finding a  
boarding place for the baby he had been  
palliating off for his own.

He had gone to Fox Chase, a suburb of  
Philadelphia, to conceal his own name and  
secure work on a farm. Perhaps there was  
in his mind some thought of suicide.

He did not hesitate to use the strong Ger-  
man words that, translated, means, "I  
strangled her." Such greswome bluntness  
in a confession was, perhaps, never known  
before.

The postmarks on the envelope fix the  
date of the mailing and receipt of this letter  
beyond question. On the back of the en-  
velope is that of Station E, in Philadelphia,  
and the day is "March 28, 8:30 p. m." On  
the front of the envelope, above the address,  
is the mark of Station V, in the same city.  
The date is "March 29, 6:30 p. m."

STILL FLED FROM PURSUERS.  
Probably Rech would have done anything  
to have recalled the letter soon after he  
mailed it, for on the next day he fled  
through fields and over fences for miles  
when he imagined the detectives were after  
him, and finally, in utter despair, gave him-  
self up to the farmers in Buck's Hotel, at  
Featherston.

It is argued that the murder must have  
been committed Saturday night and not  
Sunday morning. Rech's time is accounted  
for for every night but Saturday, and it  
has been supposed that he spent all of that  
night in digging the grave.

NO SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE.  
No evidences of a struggle have been  
found. The torn night gown has been ac-  
counted for by "Spiky" Jones, who used  
rags from it for dressing the wound in  
Mrs. Rech's leg, made by the buckshot  
from her husband's gun some time ago.  
The body was not bruised or scratched in  
any way. The officers insist that Mrs.  
Rech must have been strangled while  
asleep, and declare the crime was delib-  
erate and altogether cold-blooded.

Mischer's dog barked until 2 o'clock Sat-  
urday night, the night of the murder, keep-  
ing every one in the house wakened until  
that hour. It is argued from this that  
somebody was in the woods at that hour.  
Moreover, as was brought out at the in-  
quest here to-day, Emil Hoff, a neighbor,  
called on Rech at his house at 10 o'clock  
Sunday morning and found the lamp still  
burning. This is thought to indicate that  
Rech worked through the night and into  
daylight burying the body of his wife, and  
went home when it was so light in the  
house that he did not notice the lamp burn-  
ing.



HENRY H. LYMAN, THE NEW STATE EXCISE COMMISSIONER.  
I intend to insist upon a rigid enforcement of the new liquor law—Mr. Lyman, after the announcement of his appointment.

Strong Sen-  
ley at the New  
shire Convention.

This Blow Has Created Cor-  
nation Among the Support-  
of the Man from Main

Though the Speaker Was Ind-  
the Assemblage Plainly Pre-  
ferred the Ohio Man.

EQUAL MONEY LAWS

The Platform Lauds Both Re-  
McKinley and Prefers One of Them  
Its Nominee—Result of a Test  
Vote Called the Key.

The defection of New Hampshire  
from Reed is the most important event  
of the Presidential campaign up to  
date. Mr. Reed, who counted on a  
solid delegation from New England,  
must now practically give up New  
Hampshire, which can with reasonable  
safety be added to the McKinley co-  
umn. This reduces the votes which  
Mr. Reed may expect from New En-  
land to 62, and if Connecticut is  
lost, as seems possible, these will d-  
dle to 50. Twenty votes added to  
which present signs indicate will  
cast for McKinley give the Ohio man  
a round 400 on the first ballot. Shou-  
these things come true, Major McKi-  
ley's nomination would be practical-  
ly assured.

The Republican conventions so far  
have expressed their preferences as fol-  
lows:

	Reed	McKinley	Morton
Rhode Island....	8	..	..
Iowa .....	..	26	..
Ohio .....	..	..	..
Texas .....	..	30	..
Minnesota .....	..	18	..
Michigan .....	..	28	..
Massachusetts ..	..	30	..
New York.....	..	..	..

Manchester, N. H., March 31.—Per-  
haps the most important event of the  
year up to date occurred here to-day,  
when the New Hampshire Republican State  
convention, held at Concord, refused to  
elect its delegates for Reed. New En-  
land is looked upon as the Maine man's  
stronghold, and all his friends have con-  
sidered it as solid for him in making their  
proclamations. The defection of New Ham-  
shire—a defection in which out-and-out  
McKinley tendencies are most plainly ap-  
parent—may be looked upon as the very  
best compliment which has so far been paid  
to Mr. Napoleon McKinley, Esq., of Ohio.  
The champions of both Reed and McKi-  
nley claim to have carried the convention,  
but the friends of the Ohio man are by  
the loudest and apparently the most nu-  
merous. Neither side dared to introduce  
a resolution instructing the delegates to  
elect the other party would stampede  
the gathering, and therefore the delega-  
tion goes to St. Louis fancy free, although  
days ago it would have been accepted any-  
where that the Maine man would receive  
as strong an indorsement here as he  
receives in Massachusetts.

The McKinley movement started in Ma-  
chusetts, and its growth  
rapid, although without the  
of any of the prominent  
party. The delegation chose  
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THE KAISER IN DANGER, FREEDOM FOR DYGERT.

Entire Imperial Party in Peril of  
Death on the Rail  
Near Genoa.

To Be Released in a Couple of  
Days, According to Late  
Havana Advices.

In Danger of Being Hurlled Over a  
Trestle by a Flyer on the  
Same Track.

The Spanish Governmental Secretary  
Interests Himself and the Case  
Clears Up.

SAVED BY A PLUCKY ENGINEER.

WEYLER HAS NOT BEEN RECALLED.

He Stopped His Engine Within an Inch of  
the Cowcatcher of the Emperor's  
Special—Bismarck's and Hohen-  
lohe's Birthdays.

The Rumors About His Leaving Cuba  
Denied in Cuba—Some Explanatory  
Words Concerning the Late  
Cuban News.

By Henry W. Fischer.  
Berlin, March 31.—Kaiser Wilhelm and  
the imperial party had a narrow escape  
from death on the rail a few days ago  
shortly before the imperial train reached  
Genoa.

Havana, April 1.—Walter Grant Dygert is  
to be released. Probably a couple of days  
will see him at liberty. Ramon Williams,  
the American Consul, finally got to work on  
the case, and the Marquis of Palmerola, the  
Government Secretary, was interested in it,  
and the result is now that the Government  
knows officially that Dygert is not the Ingle-  
sita revel, colonel, ex-bandit and general de-  
stroyer of the peace of Spain. This being  
known, the charge against the young man  
falls to the ground and he will be released,  
probably with the proviso that he leave the  
country. The information about his prospec-  
tive release came to me in interviews  
with the Consul and the Marquis.

For some unaccountable reason the facts  
were suppressed, and only to-night the  
truth is learned, and that through intimate  
friends of one of the attendants of the im-  
perial party.

Captain-General Weyler has not been re-  
called. This information is given us from  
the Government palace—not officially, but  
still with all the earmarks of authenticity.  
It would be a departure from all precedent  
for the Governor-General to pay attention  
to any such statement whether it was true  
or false. There have been almost daily  
rumors of a change in the Government, and  
it has frequently been stated absolutely  
that Weyler was going back to Spain. The  
Cuban sympathizers naturally seize these  
rumors and report them, but I think I am  
able to definitely deny that General Weyler  
has been recalled.

In a letter describing the trip he says  
that while halting before the Konco tunnel  
to repair a brake, an express train came  
flying through the tunnel on the same  
track on which stood the imperial train.  
The train hands, who saw the flyer com-  
ing, seemed paralyzed with fear, and no  
long seemed paralyzed with fear and to  
have lost their courage; nor was there  
time to warn the imperial passengers.

FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE.  
To Hear New York's War Claims.  
Washington, March 31.—The House Com-  
mittee on War Claims to-day decided to  
devote one day of next week to hearing a  
delegation of New York City officials in  
connection with the bill of Mr. Cummings  
appropriating about \$2,000,000 to reimburse  
the city of New York for money expended  
in adding to suppress the war of the re-  
bellion.

A CRITICAL SITUATION.  
As there is a long stretch of high trestle-  
work immediately back of where the trains  
came together, the German Emperor and  
his party might all have perished but for  
the engineer's brave and timely act.

Extensive preparations are in progress  
at Friedrichshuh for the celebration to-  
morrow of the eighty-first birthday anni-  
versary of Prince Otto von Bismarck. All  
of the ex-Chancellor's children and grand-  
children are already gathered in Fried-  
richshuh Castle. Dr. Schweninger, the  
Prince's private physician; Eugene Wolff,  
the African traveller, and one or two in-  
imate friends of the family are among the  
invited guests.

Wagon loads of presents and thousands  
of congratulatory dispatches are constantly  
arriving.

HALE AND HEARTY BISMARCK.  
The Prince is remarkably well, consid-  
ering his age and the burdensome career  
through which he has passed, though the  
abominable weather here to-day prevents  
him from taking his usual outdoor exer-  
cise.

MR. REED STILL  
Secretary Chandler's Secretary Sa-  
to McKinley Sent

I cannot reach Senator Chandler to-night  
afternoon to Boston as expressing the condition  
The Boston summary follows:

The adoption of a Reed-McKinley resolution  
Convention here to-day indicates the concession  
made to the McKinley sentiment which has been d-  
in no way affects the loyalty of the delegates chosen,  
to favor Mr. Reed, and is taken only as a compromise,  
rather than to precipitate in the convention what might  
corous fight, leaving scars which would not soon disapp-  
Senator Chandler, the chairman of the convention, ar-  
nent Reed managers at Washington, acquiesced in the pa-  
tion because he recognized the presence of a division o-  
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The translation.

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OF WINNING.  
Sub-Republican Commit-  
tee for Their Re-  
spective Candidates.

March 31.—The members  
of the Republican  
Committee, who held a business  
meeting yesterday, are all outspoken  
for McKinley. Following  
views expressed:  
Clarkson, of Iowa: "McKin-  
ley is the strongest for first  
in the weakest man for sec-  
ond. It is going to be a second  
round carries off the prize. It  
is that Allison is going to be

WURSTER FEELS BETTER.  
He Expects to Be at the City Hall To-day  
and at the Greater New York  
Hearing To-morrow.

Mayor Wurster, of Brooklyn, was still at  
his home, No. 170 Rodney street, suffering  
from the grip, yesterday, but it was an-  
nounced that he will be at his office this  
morning.

The hearing on the Greater New York  
bill will take place to-morrow afternoon  
at 1:30 o'clock.  
Speakers from the Consolidation and  
Loyal leagues will be present to present  
the views of their respective organizations.  
Joseph E. Clark, president of the Board  
of Aldermen, was Acting Mayor yesterday.  
His principal work was signing two con-  
tracts from the City Works Department.  
Curiously, one of the contracts was for  
building in Hendrix street, in the Twenty-  
sixth Ward, where Clark is the Republi-  
can leader.

There was a meeting of the Executive  
Committee of the Loyal League yesterday  
and the lines of the attack to be made on  
the Greater New York bill to-morrow were  
laid down.

MARITIME MISHAPS.  
London, March 31.—A dispatch from St.  
Michael's says the German bark Senator Iken,  
which put in there January 1 in a leaky con-  
dition while on a voyage from Philadelphia for  
Marselles, has been condemned and sold at auc-  
tion. She brought 2224.

The British bark Stanley  
Calcutta for Hamburg,  
the island of  
merged at the  
local port

Captain Mur-  
February 24  
on an