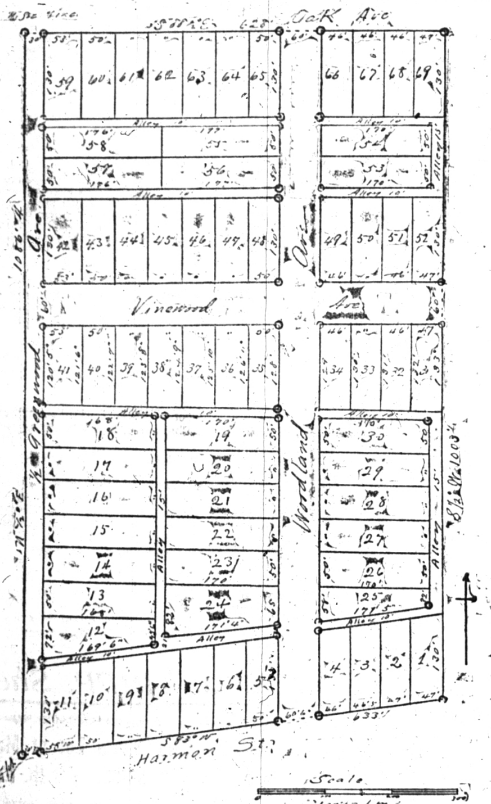


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MINISTER ADMITS CRIME

Judge and Jury Weep as Minister Pleads For His Life

Found guilty in Greenville, South Carolina, of having had criminal relations with three little girls in the South Carolina Odd Fellows home, of which he was superintendent. Rev. Thurston U. Vaughn, once prominent as a minister, was sentenced to death in the electric chair December 29 at the state prison at Columbia.

The trial was brought to a sensational close when Vaughn made a complete confession. In doing so, the verdict of guilty the jury only took four minutes for its deliberations and made no recommendation of mercy for which Vaughn had pleaded with them after his confession. A motion for a new trial was overruled, and sentence was passed immediately upon the former minister.

Vaughn begged the jury to spare his life, not so much for his sake as for his wife and little daughter. Neither was in court, though they had been with Vaughn since the trial opened. He was formerly assistant superintendent of the First Baptist church, Sunday school, one of the largest in this city. He was a ministerial student and frequently occupied pulpits of churches in and around Greenville.

WIFE AND THREE SONS WERE AT BEDSIDE WHEN DEATH OCCURRED.

After a long illness, Vice President Sherman died at his home in Utica, N. Y., at 9:42 o'clock, Wednesday night, of uremic poison caused by Bright's disease.

He had been sick since early morning and it was realized that death was a question only of a few hours.

There was slight relief shortly after 7 o'clock caused by an apparent improvement in the condition of the kidneys, but it did not prove real or lasting, and at best gave only temporary hope. At 9 o'clock the patient's temperature rose to 104. From that time his condition rapidly passed from bad to worse until the end. Mr. Sherman was unconscious when death came and had been in that condition for hours.

Family at Deathbed.

All the members of the immediate family were witnesses to the final scene in addition to Mrs. Sherman, who were in the death chamber three hours. Sherman, Richard U. and Thomas M. Sherman, and their



James S. Sherman.

Complications Following Death.

The vice-president died at 9:42 p. m. without regaining consciousness for a moment. He was perfectly quiet. He had been entirely unconscious since 7 o'clock, when he had a period of partial consciousness lasting for about 15 minutes. He died in a uremic coma as a result of Bright's disease, heart disease and arterio-sclerosis.

Mrs. Sherman bore up bravely under the shock of her husband's death, as also did the other members of the family. Although Mary was said at the house that the hopelessness of Mr. Sherman's fight against death had been realized since Friday, the blow nevertheless was a crushing one.

A few of the intimate friends of the family called to express their sympathy, among them Dr. A. H. Holden, pastor of Christ Reform church, where the Shermans worship.

Six Nuns Die in Flames.

Sacrificing their lives to rescue 87 orphan children in their charge, six Sisters of Charity perished in a fire that destroyed St. John's Orphanage in San Antonio, Tex. One baby fell to its death with Mary, who was the mother superior of the institution, who left her place of safety in a vain effort to save the child. Another orphan is missing, and it is feared it did not escape.

Flames broke out in the building early morning. Roused from their sleep the nuns marshaled their charges to fire escapes, remaining at their posts until flames barred the way to safety. Two of the sisters, Koska Farrell and Monica Montez, were killed by jumping.

Three sisters escaped. Instructed to pilot the first column of frightened children but of unknown number, they sought the ground in time to escape the crash of falling walls.

The children owe their lives to the initial daring and self-sacrifice of the nuns.

The average death rate for 20 states recording their deaths is 1,471 per 100,000. Michigan ranked a fine that destroyed St. John's Orphanage in San Antonio, Tex. One baby fell to its death with Mary, who was the mother superior of the institution, who left her place of safety in a vain effort to save the child. Another orphan is missing, and it is feared it did not escape.

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