

# TWO MURDERERS TO HANG TODAY.

George H. Jacks and John  
Druggan Must Pay the  
Legal Death Penalty.

GOVERNOR WON'T STOP IT

McGhee's Slayer Writes an Em-  
phatic Letter Declaring  
Himself Innocent.

GALLOWS READY FOR BOTH.

Governor Tanner last night refused to interfere in the execution of the death sentences of George H. Jacks, convicted of the murder of Andrew F. McGhee, and John Druggan, who pleaded guilty to the murder of Robert F. Gudgeon, and the two men will be hanged in the County Jail before noon today.

The Supreme Court yesterday denied the motion of Jacks' attorneys for a writ of supersedeas, and the news almost caused Jacks to collapse. He pulled himself together, however, and said that the Governor must interfere in his case, as he had made no preparation for death.

"I can't believe it is true," he said. "The Supreme Court ought to pass my case. It is the custom to grant a supersedeas in such a case.

"If the worst comes to the worst I suppose I shall have to stand it. But I won't allow myself to believe this story is true until the Sheriff tells me so. I am not ready to go tomorrow. I did not expect it and have many things I desired to fix up. I have some business matters to attend to."

This story is from the *Chicago Tribune*, which was published on the morning of Jacks' execution. He was one of two people executed that day.

Soon after the evening meal Jailer Whitman entered Druggan's chamber, accompanied by the condemned man's father and mother, two sisters, a brother, and his grandfather. His relatives remained with him twenty minutes. The parting between Mrs. Druggan and her son was most affecting, the distressed woman being carried in a half faint from the death chamber.

After the departure of his relatives Druggan began to laugh hysterically and pace his cell. Jacks became nervous over Druggan's actions and the latter was finally removed to another room, where Guard Payne kept a close watch on him.

Deputy Sheriffs Alex Levison and O'Malley were detailed to remain with Jacks during the early part of the night.

Attorney James O'Hara of St. Joseph, Mich., called upon Jacks at 6:30 o'clock in the evening and had a short talk with him. The lawyer then left for Springfield. This morning he will appeal to Governor Tanner to grant Jacks two weeks' stay of execution so the man may have time to prepare to die.

Jacks last night handed a written statement to the reporters and asked that it be printed. In his statement he denies ever having seen McGhee and declares he is innocent of the charge of murder. He avers that if he is hanged today it will be a judicial murder. He says Willows, the principal witness against him, committed the crime.

In the afternoon Druggan confessed his sins to Father Dore in Jailer Whitman's office. He said the killing of Gudgeon was the result of a sudden impulse and was not a premeditated murder.

Father Dore also talked with Jacks, and will attend the two men on the scaffold.

The only persons who will be permitted to see the hanging will be Deputy Sheriffs, newspaper men, the jury of physicians, the Rev. Father Dore, and possibly another priest.

At an early hour this morning all was still in the death chamber, and Druggan and Jacks apparently were sound asleep.

Shortly before midnight word was received at the jail that Governor Tanner had refused to interfere in Jacks' case, but as Jacks was asleep he was not notified of the decision. Night Jailer Chapman said that it was not necessary to awaken Jacks to tell him bad news, and that it would be better to allow him to sleep until morning.

"The information is not official," he said, "and until I receive definite information I will not disturb Jacks."

Druggan slept little after midnight. He smoked incessantly and talked freely with his guards. He declared he still had some hopes of a respite.



# TWO DIE ON THE GALLOWS.

G. H. Jacks and John Druggan Hanged in Chicago.

MICHIGAN MAN WAS  
MOROSE TOWARD THE END.

HIS LAST REQUEST WAS THAT  
NONE OF THE CLERGY BE AL-  
LOWED TO SEE HIM.

HE WAS A BURGLAR  
WHILE CHIEF OF POLICE.

Then, After His First Term in the Pen-  
itentiary, He Added Murder to  
an Otherwise Long List  
of Crimes.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—George H. Jacks, formerly chief of police at Muskegon, Mich., and John Druggan, both convicted murderers, were hanged on the same scaffold in the County Jail this afternoon. Some time before the hanging Jacks sent the following letter to the jailer:

"Mr. Whitman—My Dear Sir: Please do not let any of the clergy in to see me. If I, an innocent man, be hanged to-day, without the right to have the highest court in the land pass upon my case, which is all prepared, at great expense to myself and labor to my friend—if I am refused this right, which every man is entitled to—there certainly can be no God above us, and in that case the clergy can do no good. So please do not allow any to see me. Yours, GEORGE H. JACKS."

This request was complied with.

Jacks was convicted of the murder of Andrew J. McChee, an aged collector and solicitor whom Jacks, assisted by J. Willows, now serving fourteen years for complicity in the crime, decoyed into an apartment house on Indiana avenue for the purpose of robbery.

Jacks had a long criminal record. When Chief of Police of the Michigan city he also held the position of Deputy United States Marshal and was a member of the fire department. While holding these official positions he committed a long series of burglaries for which he was finally convicted and sentenced to the Michigan penitentiary for four years.

Upon his release he came to Chicago and returned to his old mode of living. Jacks was out on bonds for a burglary when he was arrested on the charge of murder.

Druggan was convicted of the murder of Robert F. Gudgeon, a saloonkeeper whom Druggan attempted to rob.

Druggan was brought in first. The trap was sprung and in seventeen minutes he was pronounced dead. His body was then cut down, the trap replaced and Jacks was brought in. In fourteen minutes his heart ceased to beat. Both men died of strangulation. Neither man had anything to say on the scaffold. Jacks prayed constantly while the noose and shroud were being adjusted.

Just before going to the scaffold Jacks, notwithstanding his remarkable letter, consented to be accompanied by a priest. On the way to the scaffold Jacks repeated aloud after the priest the prayers which the priest voiced. Jacks was very much agitated. Druggan, who consented a day or two ago to accept an offer of priestly service, was comparatively composed. Unlike Jacks he did not pray aloud, contenting himself with fervently kissing a crucifix at the last moment held to his lips.

"O Lord have mercy on my soul," were the last words of Jacks.