

HOLMES WILL BE HANGED TO-DAY.

The Murderer, It Is Said, Wants to Make Confession on the Scaffold.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—H. H. Holmes, who will be hanged in the County Prison to-morrow for the murder of Benjamin F. Pietzel, his fellow-conspirator in insurance frauds, spent most of his last day on earth talking with his death watch and reading religious works. He seems to find the greatest consolation in the Bible, but he frequently casts that book aside in a petulant manner and picks up a newspaper in which he has marked articles bearing upon his case.

After Holmes had eaten his breakfast to-day, he was visited by the Rev. Father Daily, his spiritual adviser, who was in the cell for over an hour, preparing the murderer for the end. Holmes, according to Father Daily, is fully prepared for his fate, and is sincere in his repentance for the crimes he has committed.

If Holmes can secure permission, it is said, he will make a statement from the gallows, which will be in the form of a confession and an expression of his repentance. It is hardly likely that Sheriff Clement will permit an extended address on the scaffold, for he is inclined to the belief that the condemned man will talk until he collapses, unless a check shall be put upon him. The Sheriff prefers to have Holmes make his statement in the cell, before the warrant of execution is read to him, and arrangements may be made for this or for the leaving of a written statement to be given to the public after the execution.

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