

A LONDON SHELTON WAS MISSION WORKER

Extraordinary Story of Fraudulent Appropriation Intended to Benefit Mission—Prisoner's Moral Outlook May Have Been Obscured and Mental Balance Disturbed.

London, Feb. 1.—One of the most extraordinary cases in the annals of crime which except for the magnitude of the defalcations under Sheldon's hand, has just been investigated at the London Central Criminal Court, where the manager of a wealthy firm of copper merchants of London and New York, who was in receipt of a salary of \$3,000 a year, admitted having embezzled from his employers \$100,000 that he appropriated for speculations in the stock exchange. Intended to bring him millions, which were to be spent in mission work among young men in the East End of London. The man's name was Wm. Finch, who was employed as manager for Phelps, Dodge & Company.

The prosecuting counsel told the story of the peculiar crime, stating that Finch's employers repudiated the most perfect confidence in him. On the 26th of August the firm in New York received a cablegram, in which the accused said: "I have appropriated £25,000 through speculations. Cannot repay. Very sorry. Be merciful to wife and child. When you receive this I shall not be alive."

It was a fact that Finch continued, that for years the prisoner devoted his time and his money to mission work among young men in the East End of London. Finch had wanted more money for this purpose, he conceived the idea of speculating. The firm which had employed him had been declared that he was guilty of a breach of trust. The Recorder: How is it that you did not found out? Mr. Trampton: Because the firm placed such absolute confidence in him. Mr. Trampton added that the firm was an earnest religious body and it was not the loss of the money which affected them so much as the shock they received by the fact that their confidence had been betrayed. Although, under the circumstances, the firm which had been deceived, wished to press the case to a conclusion, he had instructed him to ask for leniency.

Mr. White said he was president of a club with which prisoner had been intimately connected. Magistrate Lawson read a letter in which prisoner said that at the age of 15 he took up work in the east end, the work grew out of him and he was appalled by what he saw around him. He only had bread and cheese for dinner for years, eating this in a dark corner of the Royal Exchange, and with the money he saved he started and ran a boys' club. Now he could give the names and addresses of men who owed everything they had in life to what he had done for them.

HONEYMOON WAS UNIQUE

First Woman to Enter Porcupine Has Just Gone Back

Porcupine, Feb. 1.—There was much surprise in the Porcupine, when Mrs. Harry Reamsbottom and her husband reappeared at the Shannah hotel—she at the wonderful manner the gold field had developed, and the mining people that the lady was so courageous as to have her second visit in mid-winter.

She was immediately pointed out as the first lady who had entered the Porcupine. Her first trip here was made a year ago last summer when the gold fields leaked out and they at once decided on the unique plan of spending their honeymoon prospecting with the result that they both came here with the first rush. Mrs. Reamsbottom stated the five claims later taken over by the Crown Chartered company and realized a very tidy sum on the sale.

The trip in and hardships of the journey and subsequent rigors and discomforts of tent life were too much for Mrs. Reamsbottom, however, and she took so ill that she had to be carried out to the steel. This is her first trip in since that time and she is amazed at the growth of the camp.

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation because of its sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by Dealers everywhere.

RUSSIAN PRINCE'S STRANGE DEATH

Found Hanging in His Lodging—That He Was Murdered

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—There is much mystery in the death of Prince Tchir-Pomil, a Russian nobleman who was found hanging from the ceiling of his room in the Hotel de Ville, St. Petersburg. It was thought at first that the Prince had committed suicide, but later a doctor who examined the body was found lying on the table, together with another letter indicating the reason for the taking of his life.

The police suspect that the prince was murdered and that after death his body was placed in the position in which it was found. Prince Tchir-Pomil was a cousin of the Emperor, and was a member of the Imperial Family. He was a member of the Imperial Family, and was a member of the Imperial Family. He was a member of the Imperial Family, and was a member of the Imperial Family.

TERRIBLE TALES OF SUFFERING IN CHINA

Children Being Sold by Hundreds of Chinese Families in Their Struggle for Food—Families are Sleeping With Little Clothing in River Beds.

Nankin, China, Feb. 2.—Children are being sold by hundreds of Chinese families in their struggle for food. The famine is so severe that families are sleeping with little clothing in river beds.

More than 100,000 families are without food, shelter and clothing. It is estimated, Two and one-half millions are affected by famine, with the uncertainty that this condition will grow worse for several months in the rural districts the buried dead line the road.

"PETER THE PAINTER" THROUGHT TO BE CAUGHT

Suspect at One Time Thought to Have Been Burned in House on Sydney Street, London, Is Arrested by Scottish Yard Detectives in Naples

Naples, Feb. 2.—Detectives from Scotland Yard, who had been hunting for a man suspected of being "Peter the Painter," the Russian anarchist, were arrested by Scottish Yard detectives in Naples. The suspect was thought to have been burned in a house on Sydney Street, London.

POWER FOR THE FARMERS.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—An important amendment to the Provincial Hydro-Electric Power act is under consideration by the commission, under which provision will be made to supply farmers directly with electrical power.

TRAIH ROBBIE WAS CAPTURED.

Robber on Colorado and Southern Train Wounded and Forced to Surrender

Pueblo, Col., Feb. 2.—A robber who gave his name as Al Bentley, held up the passengers of the Colorado and Southern passenger train, No. 2, southbound, a few minutes after it left the Union Depot at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

ANOTHER OUTLET TO ATLANTIC.

C. P. R. Effects Traffic Arrangement With Chesapeake and Ohio.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 2.—An outlet for the "Boat" line from the Northwest to the Atlantic seaboard at New York is being negotiated by the Chesapeake and Ohio, has been provided through the Canadian Pacific effecting a close traffic agreement with the C. P. R.

Horses Return to City.

El Paso, Feb. 3.—A number of riderless cavalry horses staggered into Juarez early this morning, indicating that there has been fighting near the city, which is practically surrounded by rebels all night.

MANY FATALITIES IN VOLCANO ERUPTION

4,500 Families Have Been Ruined in the Philippines as Result of Eruption of Taal and Accompanying Disturbances.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The eruption of the Taal volcano and the accompanying disturbances in the Philippines killed 700 persons in the town of Taliss, according to the report of Governor of Batanga's province, which was cable to Manila and reported today by Governor-General Forbes.

Among the estimates of casualties transmitted to the war department was a report from Delegate Apache, representing Batanga in the Philippine assembly who placed the total dead at 300. The delegates report added that 4,500 families had been ruined, since the first eruption of the volcano. The Red Cross Society is taking steps towards that end.

TRIUMPH OF THE WIRELESS.

To Be Demonstrated in a Sky-Scraper Scamper.

Hamburg, Germany, Feb. 3.—Wireless messages direct to and from a part of the Atlantic ocean—such is the new development promised on the completion of levitation ships now in course of construction.

FIRST TESTIMONY OF GRAPT.

Two Chinese Give Evidence That They Came Illegally

Vancouver, Jan. 31.—The first testimony directed against the great fraud in connection with Chinese immigration into this port was given by Grapt, who testified that he and another Chinese man started back and reached the back platform just in time to see the hold-up man. Grapt followed and opened fire, hitting the man in the arm and leg.

YOUNG WOMAN STRANGLED.

Her Body Found in Room of a Hotel in New York.

New York, Feb. 2.—The body of a young woman, strangled to death, in the opinion of the police, was found in a room in the Hotel on Sixth Avenue, last night. Up to a late hour investigation had developed no clue to her identity.

GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS.

Plan for Endowment of Research Work in Canadian History Presented at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—With a view to the establishment of a limited number of scholarships applicable to students of Canadian universities, the Dominion Government has been requested to endorse research work in Canadian history and it is considered that there is every likelihood of its doing so.

SERIOUS RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

London, Ont., Feb. 1.—Three persons were seriously injured and many others had a close call at noon today when a runaway horse dashed into a crowd at the post office station, wrecked the cutter. The injured are George Aldred, Louis B. Roscoe, and J. G. Denfield, and an old lady named Kirk.

WROUGHT HAVOC 45 MILES AWAY

VAST AREA WAS AFFECTED BY NEW JERSEY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

New York, Feb. 1.—A cargo of dynamite in transit from a freight car to the hold of a steamer, moored at pier No. 7, Communipaw, N.J., exploded at just one minute past noon today, 150 yards south of the Jersey City terminal of the Central Railway of New Jersey, and in the widespread ruin that followed seven men were killed and many others seriously injured.

THE TORONTO RAILWAY PROFITS LARGEST YET

After Paying \$500,000 in Dividends to Shareholders and Expending \$2,277,187 for Operating Expenses This Year It Shows a Profit and Loss Account.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—The annual report of the Toronto Electric Railway Company was submitted to the shareholders at the annual meeting at noon today.

Notwithstanding the heavy expenditures made during the year and the disarrangement of traffic consequent upon the fire, the management's attempt to install the pay-as-you-enter system, the profits of the company were for the whole year greater than ever before.

After paying \$500,000 in dividends to the shareholders, the same amount as last year, and \$2,277,187 for operating expenses, the management has enabled to add \$651,159 to profit and loss account.

This has been the habit of the company to add \$150,000 every year to the provision for renewals, but this year has not been done, and the total surplus after the payment of dividends, interest on bonds, operating expenses, etc., has been \$619,000.

TERMINAL WRECKED.

The Jersey Central terminal was wrecked, three ferry boats in the slips were torn and splintered. Lower Manhattan, across the river, was shaken from the street level to the top of the single tower, which was struck down in Brooklyn and Staten Island, and to the immigration detention station on Ellis Island.

The damage is so widely scattered that it is impossible as yet to make a roughly estimate, but in Manhattan it is placed at \$100,000 and on Ellis Island at \$100,000 to \$150,000. Although \$100,000 appears to be a fair estimate.

The lighter receiving the dynamite, the steamer, owned by the Jersey City Terminal, was shattered by her crew of seven men, including the master, Edward Travers, and the engineer, John W. White, which was so shattered that the steamer was abandoned and the crew was rescued.

A Guesstimate of one man's head was found floating in a tangled mass of rope. The body of one man was tied to the outer end of the pier, and a crew of dock hands was unloading a consignment of sixty pounds of dynamite.

The Crown called the admiral as a witness, and he testified that the admiral was not at the scene of the explosion. The admiral was not at the scene of the explosion. The admiral was not at the scene of the explosion.

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CANNOT DEPORT THIS ASIATIC.

Chief Justice of South Africa Delivers an Important Ruling.

Capetown, Jan. 30.—In connection with the agitation for the exclusion of Asiatics from South Africa, Baron de Villiers, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Africa, has just given an important decision in the Appellate Court, reversing the decision of the lower courts, which declared to issue a deportation certificate to an Indian on his attaining the age of sixteen, and ordered his deportation.

SENT TO PRISON FOR LABELLING THE KING

Edward Myles Found Guilty of Defaming His Majesty and Sentenced to One Year's Imprisonment—The Accused Confronted His Own Evidence.

London, Feb. 1.—Edward F. Myles today was found guilty of defaming King George. He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment. The trial of Myles, who was charged with circulation in the Liberator of a defamatory article on King George, was heard at the Central Criminal Court today.

The Liberator is a small sheet published in Paris, its editor being Edward H. James, an American author. A copy of this paper, circulated among the prominent people of London, was seized by the police. The paper contained several defamatory articles and was found to be the work of Myles.

The public was admitted to the court room, but the police took every precaution to bar suspicious characters. Among the prominent people present was Winston Churchill. The Crown was represented by Sir John A. Simon, solicitor-general; Sir Rufus Isaacs, attorney-general, and Public Prosecutors Royal and Mair. Opposing this brilliant array of counsel was no one but the defendant himself, who elected to conduct his own case.

It is understood that he asked that King George be subpoenaed as a witness, but this was not permitted, as the summoning of His Majesty to the witness box would be unconstitutional.

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