ONCE A BIG GAMBLER BROKE AND DYING NOW

Jimmy Wakely, Who Was John L. Sullivan's Backer and a Power Among New York Police, at One Time the Best Known Sporting Man in America, Dying in New York.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Jimmy Wakely has his chips stacked up in front of him getting ready to cash in. He's been playing the game a long time now. His luck has been good and bad. And it's his double-bad luck that the worst luck should have come just as he was thinking about laying down his cards and preparing to play another kind of game.

Wakely is dying and he's dying broke. His bank roll ran into the hundreds of thousands once, but a few years ago it had grown so slim that he could not keep his saloon from being taken away from him on a foreclosed mortgage. It's the way of the game and Wakely knew it.

He had staked too many of the down and out who once had been up and in not to realize the chances he was taking. But, with that curious confidence that so many gamblers have, he always felt that fate would pass him by—others might be given the gate, but he would be left in the centre of the ring. But now he is broke and dying. Was Sullivan's Backer.

Jimmy Wakely is still among those who can be called well known. Ten years ago he was the best known sporting man in America. He was the banker and manager of John L. Sullivan.

Wakely overlooked no bets in the fields in which he was active. As a "sporting man," he never lost caste by keeping a saloon, owning race horses, running a poolroom, promoting prize fights, capping for gambling houses, and doing the many other things that are countenanced by the sporting code of ethics—even those things well past the shade line.

Wakely is sixty-five years old. He has aged rapidly the last few years. His hair kept time with his bank account—they both grew thin together. When they took his saloon away from him he lost much of his spirit.

Wakely was always a bit of a philosopher in the old days. He had a wise saw or an adage for every occasion. "I all breaks even," he used to say, paraphrasing another philosopher named Emerson, when fortune was most unkind.

Things did break even and a little better than even for Wakely for many years in New York. Then came the inevitable compensation. For years he was a power in the police "system" in New York. Even Theodore Roosevelt, when a police commissioner, found that Wakely on the outside was more powerful than he (Roosevelt) on the inside. His Say About "Protection."

Wakely used to have a large say as to who should get protection and who should be raided regularly. His friends down at No. 300 Mulberry-street were always quick to see that Jimmy never got any the worst of the deals in which he figured.

When acquainted blackmail by the police became pretty well broken up and the old order changed, Wakely didn't change with it. His pool-room which had been a landmark for years, his saloon at Forty-second-street and Sixth-avenue became a shining mark for the police raiders to shoot and hack at.

Wakely responded to "touches" and extended credit for drinks and for gambling generously in the old days. This was his way and it was good business and good advertising. He liked to have it said that he was open-handed. More Markers Than Roche.

Wakely's friends say that he has markers for over $300,000 due him—unpaid debts by those he lent money to or gave gambling credit to.

Wakely moved to Forty-third-street and Sixth-avenue years ago. The move hurt him. From bad its business went to worse. Presently he even lost the patronage of the nighthawks, and when they left all that could be seen in the place were the bartender and the crackerbox.

Then the brewery took this place away from him. It really broke the old man's heart. Since then he has been doing the best he could—an expression that had a meaning all its own on Broadway—and it has not been very good. He has been living at No. 108 West Fortieth-street. An eighteen-year-old daughter lives there with him. Was in Toronto.

Wakely is well-known in Toronto. When the articles for the fight between Sullivan and Jake Kilrain were signed, Wakely stayed at the old Rossin House, and became well acquainted with the sporting fraternity here.

SCOT TEACHERS HAVE ARRIVED

Party of Nineteen Reached Toronto on Saturday Night, and Will Be Well Entertained.

Principals Fraser and Ward, representing the Toronto Teachers' Association, had a midnight vigil on Saturday. They were deputed to represent the association in tendering a welcome to the party of Scotch school teachers who were due at 11.15 from Muskoka. The two principals, who are noted for enthusiasm and zeal in all their undertakings, went on the northbound train a half-hour's run up the line to meet the visitors. The southbound train was an hour late, but the teachers were wide awake and declared their week in Canada had been "charming."

The party of nineteen, under the direction of W. A. Main, formerly a teacher in a Glasgow secondary school, arrived at Quebec on the Scandinavian last Sunday.

Dr. Laurie of the Dominion Immigration Department, did the honors at the ancient capital and took the visitors for a Sunday drive around the citadel and out to the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre.

Re-embarking on the Scandinavian, they visited Montreal on Monday, where Supt. Silver of the Protestant schools, took them for a drive around Mount Royal and for an inspection of the Macdonald College.

On Wednesday and Thursday be devoted to taking in the parliament buildings and other public buildings at Ottawa and a trip to the Dominion Experimental Farm.

From 11.30 Friday morning until 5.33 in the afternoon the semi-highland scenery of Ontario was viewed from the car windows until the train pulled up at Algonquin Park station. There the scenery so resembled "the land of the mountain and the flood" that the visitors became quite at home. They had to tear themselves away yesterday morning in accordance with the schedule and to entrain at 4.30 for Muskoka Wharf. The afternoon was spent in a delightful sail to Port Carling.

On arrival at Toronto the party registered at the Grand Union. Sunday was a quiet day of rest and church-going.

This will be a busy day with the Glasgow teachers. At 9 o'clock they will go to the city hall and spend the morning looking the city over from the tower and the civic experts running the departments.

At noon they will be the guests of the Toronto Teachers' Association at a luncheon at Easton's. Addresses will be given by officers of the association, Acting Mayor Church and Dr. Colquhoun, deputy minister of education. This afternoon will be devoted to sight-seeing and to-night to visiting the island.

To-morrow morning the teachers will be driven a motor car drive around the city by the civic reception committee.

On Wednesday Hamilton will be visited, then Niagara Falls. The visitors will return to Toronto by boat on Thursday and take the train to Kingston, thence by boat thru the Thousand Islands to Montreal.

The are booked to sail home from Montreal on the Grampian on Saturday.

CROWDS ATTEND SUNDAY SERVICE

Best Meeting of Series Held Yesterday at Dundurn Heights—Scotch Night To-morrow.

Large crowds attended the Sunday afternoon service conducted yesterday by Miss Jessie MacNab on the grounds of her estate, Dundurn Heights, 850 St. Clair-avenue. The continued success of these meetings is proving forcibly the great interest taken in the series by members of the city churches.

The speaker of the day was Rev. S. Craig, who, with the aid of a chart, gave a lengthy and graphic description of the seven dispensational truths which formed the basis of his discourse.

Dr. Crumrine of New York City was in the chair. The Alexander choir, led by Mr. Palmer, as on previous occasions, was in excellent voice, and rendered several numbers.

Miss MacNab's rendition of the gospel song, "Inasmuch," was greatly appreciated.

As has been announced previously, the meeting on Tuesday evening will take the form of a "Scotch night," Rev. David Miller of Glasgow and Rev. Wallace Christie of Edinburgh will speak. The service will begin at 7.30. It is the wish of Miss MacNab that old folks from the many homes in the city may be enabled to attend the service Tuesday night, and to that end she asks that any owners of automobiles who are interested in the movement and could help in bringing the old people will phone her at Hillcrest 829. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Those who can help in any way in carrying out the arrangements will confer a favor by communicating with Miss MacNab.

LLOYD GEORGE ATTACKED

Male Suffragist Shoved Chancellor of Exchequer to Ground.

LONDON, July 13.—(Can. Press.)—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, was assaulted by a male suffragist while he was entering Kennington Theatre, South London, where he made a speech this afternoon. A man suddenly bolted up from behind a pillar and gave the chancellor a violent push which knocked him to the ground. The man was arrested. Mr. Lloyd George was not injured.

BROKE HER HIP.

Miss Margaret King, 6 Salem-avenue, while stepping off a Belt Line car at the corner of Bloor-street and Spadina-avenue last night, at about 10 o'clock slipped and fell to the pavement, sustaining a fractured hip. She was rushed to the General Hospital in F. W. Matthews' motor ambulance.

CHARGED WITH HORSE STEALING.

Adolph Mayers, 122 Edward-street, for the theft of a horse and for returning another that had been stolen last April, was arrested Saturday night by Detectives Taylor and Archibald at his home. Both animals were taken from John Graham of Highland Creek.

NEW FREIGHTER ARRIVED HERE

Easton, Owned by J. T. Mathews, Entered Harbor Sunday — To Run From Montreal to Port Arthur

Fresh from her stocks at Sunderland, Eng., and after a stormy trip over the Atlantic, the new freighter, "Easton," reached Toronto harbor yesterday morning. The boat, which is of the most modern type, is the property of J. T. Mathews of this city. Of the most improved steel construction its length is 250 feet, while in width it measures 42 feet. It has a depth of 18 feet. The steamer cost $150,000, and was built by the Sunderland Shipbuilding Co. in the City of Sunderland, Eng.

The new freighter will undertake a general carrying business between Montreal and Port Arthur. It has a gross tonnage of 1157. It is propelled by engines of 150 horse-power, and has a steam steering gear. The boat is lighted by electricity thruout. The inside fittings are of the most up-to-date type, and the interior decorations are of polished mahogany.

The "Easton" was 16 days on the trip. For two days the boat was in the ice in Belle Isle, and met with some bad weather, which it stood well. Captain Hollway and a salt water crew brought her to Montreal, where she was taken in charge by Captain Delaney of St. Catharines, and a crew of fresh water tars. The Scotch engineers, who brought the boat out, may remain with the craft.

Ex-Sheriff of Lanark Centenarian on 12th

Resigned, Ten Years Ago, Office He Held for Half a Century.

PERTH, July 12.—James Thompson, ex-sheriff of Lanark, completed his hundredth year on the 12th, he having been born on the 12th day of July, 1812, in Newtown Gore, County Leitrim, Ireland. When seven years old he came with his father to Canada, residing in Quebec first, then moving to Montreal.

Perth's venerable citizen there learned the trade of printer, and when twenty-two years of age—that in 1834—he came to Perth to print the Bathurst Courier for the originator and proprietor, the late Hon. Malcolm Cameron. In a few years he acquired the plant and business himself, which he retained until 1852, when he was appointed sheriff of the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew. When old age and its increasing disabilities overtook him, he resigned that office at the close of 1902 and has since been living quietly at home quite healthy and strong to this day, tho both sight and hearing have failed to some extent. Up to about a year ago he attended once a day the church of his choice, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, of which he was a valued and consistent member for many years.

HURT IN RUNAWAY

John Strachan Thrown From Wagon on College-street.

John Strachan, 95 Coxwell-ave., a married man, 50 years of age, while driving his team of horses along College-st., near the corner of Huron-st. Saturday afternoon about 12.15 o'clock, was thrown from his wagon when the team became frightened at a passing motor car, swerved suddenly and ran away. He received several severe cuts and bruises, especially to his head and right arm. No bones were broken, but his condition was such as to necessitate his being taken to Grace Hospital.

Steamer Sunk, Crew Rescued.

SARNIA, July 14.—(Can. Press.)—The steamer G. J. Grammer of Cleveland, was sunk opposite here at noon to-day, after a collision with the steamer Northern Queen. All the crew were rescued.

MORE DESPATCH NEEDED

Acting Mayor Says Pavements Downtown Are Being Delayed.

Acting Mayor Church has taken steps to hasten the work of laying down the new roadway on Wellington-street, east of Yonge-street. Three or four wholesale houses, he said, had complained to him of the tardiness of the operations, and he believed that these complaints were justified since on investigating he had found only four men at work and no night gang on the job. To ascertain the amount of interference on this and other downtown streets the acting mayor has submitted a list of questions to the works department, asking for information regarding the number of men and the equipment on the different jobs.

Will Pay for Tripoli.

PARIS, July 13.—The Italian Government recently informed the powers in an unofficial way that it was ready and anxious to bring the Turco-Italian war to an end, according to information from an authoritative source. The Italian Government expresses itself as willing to pay a heavy cash indemnity to the Turkish Government for the transfer of its sovereign rights in Tripoli to Italy, and to act in a similar way in regard to the Turkish islands in the Aegean Sea, already occupied by Italy.