

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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SHOULD BE REFUSED.

It is said that the Ontario Government has written to the Minister of Justice asking certain amendments looking to adapting the criminal law to its proposed new Prison Farm system, and that among other things asked is that indeterminate sentences be adopted. That is a change to which Hon. Mr. Aylesworth should not consent. It is not required to fit the purposes of the Whitney prison scheme. It is not in the public interest, and it opens the door to grave dangers and abuses.

The only good purposes to be served by the indeterminate sentence are served by making the original sentence in open court sufficient. The probation system or ticket-of-leave is ample, unless the desire is to put the term of punishment of offenders entirely in the hands of the turnkeys and jailers, and empower them to imprison for years or for life at their whim.

If Hon. Mr. Aylesworth be well advised, he will leave the limit of the term to the judge, after trial in open court. No sixteenth century methods in our Canadian dealing with offenders against the law. The last judges, acting on full information, and seeking only to do right, sometimes fail. Would it help matters to delegate their important powers of limiting sentences to minor prison officials?

Let Sir Wilfrid think it over. Who are the men who seek this change? To whom would the working of the law be left? What is to be gained by it? Are the prison warders likely to be men of better judgment than the trial judges? If Sir Wilfrid gives it consideration, we think he will hesitate to agree that every offender against our laws and by-laws should be sentenced for life, with a chance of getting out when, and only when, he can, by some means or other, win the favor of his jailers! Put your foot down, Sir Wilfrid, and let us have no Venezuelan prison systems in Canada.

NO NEED FOR HURRY.

The difficulties in the way of securing reasonably honest and efficient municipal government are neither small nor few, and various are the expedients to which the people have resorted in their efforts to get it. Occasionally they succeed, but not always. The municipal council is sometimes regarded as a sort of training school for would-be statesmen, and perhaps the effort to give effect to that theory of its purpose leads to added difficulties. The council becomes the plaything of party bosses, who to carry out their schemes are even ready to put forward each new tool or plan and "try it on the dog," the taxpayer. In this city we have had much of that sort of thing, with the usual disastrous result. The character of the work to be done, the natural frequency of changes in the personnel of the aldermen, and the absence of any definite and sustained policy, make efficiency hard to attain. The foolish craze of recent years which looks to municipal ownership and operation of various intricate and important utilities calling for the best business skill and judgment and special qualifications in their particular spheres, combined with steadfast adherence to given lines of policy, utterly ignores the weaknesses which all feel to exist in the municipal organization.

To get rid of the danger of sectionalism dreaded as the result of election by wards, the system of voting at large has been tried. That gave us the partisan political boss in all his insolence and arrogance. The affairs of the city, under that system, were made secondary to a party's success, and the ratapatties money, influences and offices were used to promote party ends. Corruption flourished, and municipal progress suffered.

Then we returned to the ward system, and hardly has there been a restoration than professing fearful ones are advocating a board of control system to guard against the dangers of sectionalism. We are not in terror of this bogey; but it is not to be denied that such an evil might creep in. The board of control is a scheme devised to prevent the aldermen elected by the people from doing the business as they would wish to do it, unless four men elected by the at-large vote, and paid salaries, consent. Without that consent business can be done only on a two-thirds vote adverse to the board whose actions are antagonized.

This "fancy" system of municipal government has some good features, but it is not one to be hailed as ideal. Its working in some Ontario municipalities has resulted in creating many anomalous situations, and in relieving aldermen of wholesome responsibilities. We do not at present see much to be gained by haste to adopt it. Four good salaries—reasonable and profitable if paid to good men, but as likely as not to go to tools of political bosses—would be provided. That, of course, is the smallest consideration to those who view the matter in the large. A year's delay to watch the working of the system and to permit of efforts to perfect it, will lose us nothing. The 22 men just chosen will have a chance to show what they can do in the direction of reform. If they introduce respect for the municipal law, by obeying it, they will accomplish something much needed; and if a board of control failed to do that, it would not make a success of municipal government.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some of the school teachers begin to envy the caretakers when they compare the respective salaries.

Those people who have been ever eager to plunge the city into litigation have been the means of piling up a pretty big bill of costs against the taxpayer.

Who is this fellow Stewart who is said to be buying himself with the organization of the Council? The electors authorized no man of the name to butt into the civic affairs of 1909.

The Government's grant of \$100,000 to the Italian earthquake sufferers is an act of every Canadian has reason to be proud of. It is deeds like these that go to advance the cause of universal brotherhood.

That electric light arbitration reopening would be a good thing, if the editor of the Herald could be sworn and required to prove the allegations that he makes as to crooked work in the contract—or to admit that he is a slanderer.

Ere long the Dominion will enjoy its volcanic eruptions; fortunately, however, its political Ettnas, StromBolls and Vesuvius will belch forth only gas. And last election effectively stopped up some of the foulest smelling of the craters.

It is astonishing how many people are coming forward to boast that they foretold the Italian earthquake. A little of such publicity before the event, however, would be worth much self-congratulation weeks afterward.

Winnipeg has let contracts to the amount of \$1,000,000 for its big power scheme. The city now enters into electric competition and by and by the ratepayers will ascertain just how much the socialistic kite-flying will cost them.

But it is strange, to say the least, that the Cataract Company, or any other private company, should be subjected to such virulent abuse every time that a court of justice rules in its favor? The party whose cause is held to be just is not as a rule the party deserving censure.

Manitoba municipalities are not allowed to regulate the number of liquor licenses to be issued. The power to do so is reserved to the Government of the day. The Manitoba Liberals declare for the granting of this power to the municipal electors and there is a strong feeling in favor of that policy.

Activity in railway building in the Northwest this year promises to be great. The C. P. R. is said to be about to appropriate \$30,000,000 for the purpose. The C. N. R. is to build 500 miles in Alberta under a Provincial bond guarantee. This, with the G. T. R. work laid out, constitutes a big programme.

It is now contended that Capt. Hains, the cowardly New York murderer, was suffering from "impulsive insanity"; but having succeeded in committing the crime, is now perfectly sane. New York State provides an excellent remedy for that disease in the electric chair; but a good, stout hemp rope is equally useful.

Six of the Tennessee night riders have been found guilty of murder in the first degree, and may, in the discretion of the court, be sentenced to death. Two others have been sent to prison for twenty years. A few hangings would have an excellent effect upon that class of people who are disposed to be a law unto themselves.

German publishers are alarmed at the decline in the demand for picture post cards. The fad has been carried to such an extent that the reaction against the coarse, even indecent product, threatens to destroy the trade in the finer varieties. The dealers are striving to unload the enormous stocks which they have on hand.

Mr. Carnegie's assertion that steel can be produced in the United States cheaper than in any other country in the world is disputed by a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, who points out that in actual practice Great Britain produces cheaper and better steel than our neighbors. If that were not true, why the need of a huge tariff to protect United States steel?

Judging by the columns of editorial space which the Toronto News is devoting to abuse of Mr. Marcell, that gentleman must be regarded by the Julius organ as a worthy target for its missiles. We even suspect that if the Toronto News had the choosing of the Speaker, Mr. Marcell would have little chance of being appointed. And every new curse it utters against Mr. Marcell is a compliment.

A Toronto jury has decided that Exhibition employees were responsible for Marie La Blanche's death. It regards Marie La Blanche as being responsible for the apparatus with which the "thriller" was performed while the work was carried on under her own directions, but, as soon as an Exhibition employee took charge of it, the responsibility was transferred to him. The great jury, the public, cannot but feel that the Chief Coroner, in deprecating the pandering to sensational appetite for these "thrillers," touched upon the real evil requiring a remedy.

The Ontario Education Department is about to leave the setting of the examination papers for students in the Model and Normal Schools and the Faculty of Education to the staffs of the respective institutions. In other words, the teachers of the students will themselves pre-

pare the papers for the examinations. It is argued that this system will do away with the occasional complaints concerning the character of the examination papers. Whether any gain in that respect will compensate for the removal of the preparation of the papers from the hands of interested parties is to be doubted.

OUR EXCHANGES

First Class.
(Dundas Star.)
Hamilton and Dundas are now in a class by themselves.

Wants to Buy It.
(Toronto News.)
What the Provincial Liberal party seems to need is not so much a leader as an undertaker.

Welland's Offer.
(Toronto Star.)
Welland is offering a free site to an elevator company; as though there were anything elevating in being that close to Hamilton.

Glory.
(Kingston Whig.)
The Tory political machine has been smashed in Hamilton. The man it was supporting for the Majority suffered a terrible defeat. Glory hallelujah!

Whip Them.
(Toronto Globe.)
The mere carrying of dangerous weapons should be made a criminal offence punishable with imprisonment, and anyone who is convicted of stabbing should be severely flogged.

Approves the Lemieux Act.
(President Oliver, Harvard University.)
Canada has shown the way to prevention of the most pernicious and injurious industrial strife. Public opinion must be brought to the adoption of the same method in our own country.

Public Ownership Default.
(Winnipeg Free Press.)

This is the 352nd day of Government ownership and operation of telephones in Manitoba—the 352nd day of Premier Roblin's failure to make good his pledge to "more than out the Bell telephone rates in two," and "give a better service for one-half, or less, than they charge."

More Bungling.
(Chatham News.)

As to whether the vote on Monday will be a binding one, there is no apparent certainty. If it is binding, giving the City Council power to make a contract with the Commission without again submitting the matter to the people, it is totally contrary to every principle of democratic government, and unworthy of the high aims of the Niagara Power movement. If, on the contrary, another vote of the people is required, before a binding contract can be completed, Monday's vote is entirely unnecessary.

Germs a Delusion.
(Catholic Register.)

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy has considerable courage. She has started, at Boston, a daily paper, whose chief purpose will be to convince skeptics and doubters that germs, bacilli and the like are nothing but the figments of man's imagination. Her ultimate purpose is to put the hospitals, doctors and druggists out of business. Anti-septic surgery, antitoxins and the like must in the end give way to healing by suggestion. In the meantime a reasonable amount of attention will be paid to the advertising columns from which the sinews of war must be supplied for the forthcoming campaign. There is a delightful simplicity about this clear delusion which is as charming as it is unique.

"You don't mean to say that you are going back to horses?" "Temporarily. I have moved to a new country place, and I thought I should like to become acquainted with the scenery."—Life.

DOCTOR'S ORDER WAS: 'CUTICURA'

For a Bad Case of Eczema on Child—Suffered for Three Months—Disease Reached a Fearful State—Pain and Itching were Terrible.

CURED AFTER OTHER PRESCRIPTIONS FAILED

"When I was small I was troubled with eczema for about three months. It was all over my face and covered nearly all of my head. It reached such a state that it was just a large scab all over, and the pain and itching were terrible. I doctored with an able physician for some time and was then advised by him to use the Cuticura Remedies which I did and I was entirely cured. I have not been bothered with it since. I used Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment but do not know exactly how much was used to complete the cure. I can safely say that Cuticura did a lot for me. Miss Anabel Wilson, North Branch, Mich., Oct. 20, 1907."

ITCHING CURED

With Cuticura Remedies in Three Days After Six Months of Suffering.

"I suffered fully six months. The trouble began on my arms in little red pimples and it was not long before it was all over my body, limbs, face, and hands. It was so bad that I could not rest night or day and during the six months, I did not get a good night's sleep. I doctored for three or four months and spent at least twenty dollars trying to find a cure but none could be found. Then I saw the Cuticura Remedies advertised, and the next day I purchased some for seventy-five cents at the drugstore. I used them and I was relieved of the itching in three days, and I have never had a sign of any skin disease since. The Cuticura Remedies are the only remedies to use for skin diseases, they have cured me and they will cure others in the same way." J. W. Bloom, R. R. Telegrapher, Holloway, Mich., Nov. 20 and Dec. 29, 1908.

Cuticura Remedies are guaranteed absolutely pure under the United States Food and Drug Act.

Complete External Treatment for Every Humor of Infants, Children, and Adults. Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, Cuticura Tablets, Cuticura Pills, in vials of 50 to 100. Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, Cuticura Tablets, Cuticura Pills, in vials of 50 to 100. Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, Cuticura Tablets, Cuticura Pills, in vials of 50 to 100. Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, Cuticura Tablets, Cuticura Pills, in vials of 50 to 100.

Sweep-Out Is the Word Now It Must Be Quick It Must Be Final Gigantic Clearance Sale---Tremendous Bargains

THOUSANDS of people are taking advantage of this extraordinary "Sweep-Out Sale." Our \$30,000 stock at your mercy—nothing held in reserve, why wait? Why hesitate? Come where golden opportunities await you; where your dream of making one dollar buy three times its value can be realized. Greatest money-saving event ever presented, to buy high-class apparel, at a mere fraction of their actual worth or value. Immense crowds visit our store each day. It is impossible to put into cold type the marvellous opportunities that await you here during this sale. Follow the crowds; come and see for yourself and let us prove these statements.

At \$6.95 White Thibet Sets, Reg. \$15.00
Special Saturday, 8 to 11 a. m.—none sold at this price after 11 a. m. Large stole and Empire muff, beautiful quality of fur.

Strictly Reliable Furs
One lot of Marmot Scarfs, that will stand hard wear and give service, at 98c
A genuine Marmot Scarf, full, long fur of elegant color; extra special for this sale \$2.98
Fine Orenberger Marmot Muff, large size, trimmed with and tails. Worth \$10.00, at \$6.48
Marmot Set, medium size, stole and muff. Worth \$12, sale price \$8.75
Marmot Tie and Muff. Worth \$15, sale price \$8.95
Marmot Stoles, trimmed with head and tail \$7.50
Canadian Mink Ties, good size, can be worn in several styles. Worth \$12.50. Our price \$7.98

Sensational Bargains: Men's Clothing
Great Reductions—You can save at least two-thirds the price you would pay the regular dealer. Just think of buying a \$10 Overcoat at \$4.98; anything you want, medium, heavy or light weight. If you want something better, we have it. We will sell you a \$15 Overcoat at \$5.85; or something still more dressy, in silk and satin linings. They come in olive, tan and dark blue shades, for \$6.98, and a \$40 Overcoat for \$12.98. A regular whirlwind of bargains, for men, young men and boys. Don't miss seeing our Suits. They cannot be equalled for the money, high grade, up-to-date styles, made of all wool material, with all the latest kinks of fashion.

At \$4.98 Men's Suits, Regular \$12.00
Special Saturday, 8 to 11 a. m.—none sold at this price after 11 a. m. Nobby suits, all wool material, checks and plain weaves.

Suits and Skirts
\$3.75—At this price we have an elegant assortment of Ladies' Skirts to select from, in blues, browns, blacks, and greys, sold for and worth \$6.00, this sale \$3.75
Beautiful New Style Skirts, in voile, Venetian, serge and chiffon Panama; new styles; circular, gored and pleated styles; worth \$8, \$10 and up to \$12, at \$5.85
Black Taffeta Skirts, of finest quality, in pleated and circular styles; worth \$15 to \$18, to be sold at \$8.85
Ladies' Tailor-made Suits, made from Venetian Cloth, Examined and Broadcloth; silk lined jackets, with skirts effectively trimmed; latest shape, all sizes; positively and actually worth \$15 to \$22.50, at \$8.95
Fine Tailored Suits, of all-wool Venetians, plain and striped serges, and Panamas; some fitted coats, silk lined; flare and pleated skirts; worth \$15, \$18 and \$20. Sweep-out price \$12.89
High Class Tailored Suits, made in the newest styles of finest Worsteds, Panamas and striped Broadcloths, worth \$25, \$30 and up to \$40, will be sold at \$19.95

Shoes Almost Given Away
An enormous \$5,000 stock of fine shoes at the mercy of the public. The greatest Shoe values on earth; \$1.75, sale price 99c
Men's Shoes for business wear, that means service and comfort. Many styles in black, all the newest shapes for winter; well worth \$3.50, our price \$2.49
Men's Fine Dress Shoes, made from select calfskin and vici kid, best of workmanship and fully guaranteed; actually worth \$5, our price only \$3.89
Girls' Box Calf Shoes, splendidly made. Worth \$1.75, our price \$1.19

Women's Furnishings
Ladies' White Handkerchiefs worth 10c each, 3c
Black Cashmere Hose, worth 25c, at 19c
Black Llama Hose, worth 30c, at 19c
Ladies' Underwear, worth 39c, at 19c
Ladies' All Wool Underwear, worth 50c, at 19c
Ladies' All Wool Underwear, worth \$1.25, at 79c
Ladies' Wrappers, worth \$1.25, at 79c
Fine Lawn and Muslin Waists, worth \$1.50, at 89c
Black Satin Underskirts, worth \$1.25, at 89c

Men's Furnishings
Men's All Wool Underwear, worth 65c, now 39c
Men's Heavy Winter Caps, worth 65c, now 39c
Men's Fleece-lined Underwear, worth 65c, sale price 39c
Men's Wool Socks, worth 35c, sale price 19c
Men's Work Socks, worth 15c, now 8c
Men's Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, fancy border, worth 25c, 9c
Men's Fancy Elastic Web Braces, worth 25c, sale price 9c
Men's 25c Suspenders, now for 9c
Men's Good Work Shirts, regular price 75c to 85c, now 39c
Men's Fine Dress Shirts, regular price \$1.00 to \$1.50, now for 59c
Men's Black, Blue and Striped Overcoats, regular 65c to 75c, must go 39c
Men's Fine Underwear, Penman's make, worth \$1.50, now 95c

At \$5.98 Ladies' Suits, Reg. to \$20
Special Saturday, 8 to 11 a. m.—none sold at this price after 11 a. m. New up-to-date styles, all sizes and colors.

Stylish Winter Coats
Short Coats, of covert and Broadcloth, in black and fawn; loose and semi-fitted styles; well tailored and nicely trimmed; worth 80, 88 and \$10, at \$3.98
Beaver Coats, in black, navy, green, brown and red; all wool; beautifully made and trimmed with braid; worth up to \$15, must be cleared \$8.98
Silk Raincoats, in plain colors and fancy stripes; finest quality and splendidly tailored; worth up to \$25; to clear at \$12.89
Ladies' Kersey Coats, in black, navy and green; heavy satin lining; collar and revers of Marmot Mink; worth \$25 \$14.95
High Grade Coats, in new directions and empire styles, silk and satin lined; Broadcloths and Beavers; black and all colors; value up to \$35; must go at \$17.69

Nobby Fur Coats
Ladies' Near Seal Coats, of finest quality, lined with heavy satin; guaranteed for two seasons; blouse front and double breasted styles; some trimmed with Marmot Mink; values up to \$50; must be cleared at \$29.85
Ladies' Fur-lined Coats, in black, navy, green and brown beaver and Broadcloth; lined with Muskrat, Humpster, Marmot and Squirrel; collar and revers of Sable Marmot and Persian Lamb; values up to \$60, at less than half \$29.95

At \$4.98 Ladies' Coats, Reg. to \$15
Special Saturday, 8 to 11 a. m.—none sold at this price after 11 a. m. New fashionable styles, loose and semi-fitting full length

RAPHAEL & CO. 38 King St. West Open Evenings

TAKEN FROM TOMB.

THREE LIVING PERSONS TAKEN OUT OF MESSINA RUINS.

Slight Shocks Continue—Staff Officer to Furnish News to Journalists—Aquaduct Will be Ready for Use in a Few Days.

Rome, Jan. 7.—General Mazza informs Premier Giolitti that a staff officer at Messina has been charged to furnish news to journalists in order to prevent the publication of false information.

Three persons were rescued from the ruins to-day, and 200 were buried. The aqueduct is being repaired, and it is expected it will be ready for use again in four days.

Slight shocks continue at intervals at Reggio and Messina.

The King, in addition to his first donation for the sufferers, has contributed \$100,000 to the Italian Red Cross Society.

A most impressive funeral ceremony was witnessed near here to-day when Archbishop Darrigo made his way through the town, through the ruins of the city, to the cemetery at Maregossale, and blessed a grave 100 feet wide and 30 feet deep, containing 1,300 bodies. The dead were piled one on top of the other, and the remains have been covered with quicklime. The prelate was followed to the cemetery by a large gathering of survivors, whose lamentations mingled with the Latin words of the benediction.

Subsequently the archbishop walked through the ruins, and blessed the military hospital, the Military College, the barracks and the archbishop's house, considering these wrecked edifices as so many cemeteries. Under them were the remains of soldiers, students, policemen, priests and monks.

All the valuables found among the ruins are being taken on board the steamer Duca di Genova, in the bay. Yesterday currency to the amount of \$9,000,000, including the contents of the safe of the Sicilian American Bank, was transferred to this vessel. A banker named Maurometti, who was one of the richest residents, lost everything. Yesterday he went to the authorities barefooted and half-clothed, and asked for a pair of shoes and an overcoat.

SHOW THEIR ARMS.

Two Hundred Kingston Children Barred From School.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)
Kingston, Jan. 8.—About 200 pupils have been barred from attending the public schools of the city because they have not presented to the authorities certificates of successful vaccination.

Yesterday a special meeting of the Board of Education was held to discuss the readmission of those pupils, and it was finally decided to open the schools to only those who were physically unfit to be vaccinated, with the understanding that they could be vaccinated as soon as possible. That will allow about 50 pupils to return to school.

FIREMAN KILLED.

Train Deliberately Wrecked at Bellingham, Wash.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 8.—Wrecked by unknown persons, who threw the switch open, locked it and put out the lights, the engineer could not see the peril. Great Northern No. 972, north-bound, left the track just south of Bellingham yards at Commercial Point last night. The engine was almost completely submerged in the bay. The mail car and the baggage car were smashed to bits, and the smoker was derailed. The fireman was killed and two were injured.

The fireman's body sank with the engine, and has not been recovered. The engineer went under, but came to the surface, struck out for a piling, and clung there until rescued by a boat. The passengers, of whom there were seventy-nine, were badly shaken up, but none was injured.

The local police and railroad detectives unite in declaring the wreck to have been deliberately planned. No arrests have been made.

"As you approach the evening of life, I notice that you are sobering down," remarked the old friend. "Yes," answered the old sport, "I keep thinking about the old, gray dawn of that everlasting morning after."—Cleveland Leader.

BIG TASK.

CATARACT REMOVED FROM THE EYE OF RHINOCEROS.

Was a Big Undertaking—Big Brute Had to be Tied to the Floor With Chains Before He Could be Etherized.

New York, Jan. 7.—The first operation of its kind in this country was performed this afternoon at the Bronx Park Zoo, when Dr. George Van Mater, jun., of Brooklyn, assisted by half a dozen veterinary surgeons and animal experts, cut a cataract from the right eye of Mogul, the rhinoceros.

Mogul has been a bad rhinoceros for some time. He was peevish and particular about his food and inclined to attack his keepers. Dr. W. Wood Blair, the zoo house physician, examined Mogul and discovered that he had a cataract on one of his wicked little eyes.

A consultation of experts was held and an operation decided upon. So the surgeons gathered this afternoon and the whole staff of animal keepers was summoned to Mogul's quarters. The keepers and surgeons lassoed the huge beast, shackled his legs, threw him on his left side and fastened him securely with chains to the floor of his cage. When he was securely trussed, his mouth was fastened shut with a strong chain.

Before this, however, several quarts of medicine tending to soothe the animal's nerves had been dumped down his throat, concealed in liquids pleasing to his palate. These eventually took effect and when he took on a drowsy appearance a big carboy of ether was introduced into the cage.

The doctors did not say how much ether they used in sending Mogul to the land of dreams, but they got him there. The operation in itself was simple. Dr. Van Mater, after coining the eye, made an incision and removed the cataract in a few minutes. The wound was dressed and Mogul was left to come out of his trance.

Big things are expected in Mogul's cage when he wakes up and the effects of the drugs wear away. He will be kept chained and muzzled until the eye is healed.

Never less alone than when alone.—Cicero.

BIG FORGERY.

Mining Broker Confesses to Million Dollar Forgeries.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 8.—Details of the forgery of James J. Murray's name to notes and documents aggregating nearly \$1,000,000, which led last night to the arrest of F. B. Signor, promoter and mining broker of this city, have come to light. Murray is a multi-millionaire and banker whose present residence is Monterey, Cal.

Murray arrived here from Monterey more than two weeks ago to begin an investigation of the forgery, and found that President Wm. G. Henshaw, of the Union Savings Bank of this city, held four notes, drawn on a Kansas City bank in Henshaw's favor, and purporting to be signed by Murray, the notes totalling \$400,000.

Murray at once pronounced these notes forgeries. He began an investigation, which, it is alleged, disclosed that Signor had given the notes to Henshaw in connection with the financing of a deal involving a cement plant in Southern California. Henshaw turned the notes over to Murray, who also discovered a number of other papers bearing forgeries of his signature, the total amounting to \$880,000.

Murray presented the matter to District Attorney Donahue, and the warrant for the arrest of Signor was issued. Signor surrendered and made a full confession.

Besides the four \$100,000 notes mentioned, the forgeries include the following: Sight drafts for \$400,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Banker Henshaw declared that Signor has not profited a dollar by the forgeries.

BROKEN RAILS.
Albany, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Accident reports made to the public service commission by the steam railroads of the State show that breakage of rails is one of the principal sources of danger in railway travel, according to a statement by the commission to-day.

Curate (inquiring his way).—Can you tell me if this road goes past the "Dun Cow"?
Loafers.—Can't say for certain, guv'nor.
It goes to it all right, but (confidentially) I've never got no further!—London Opinion.