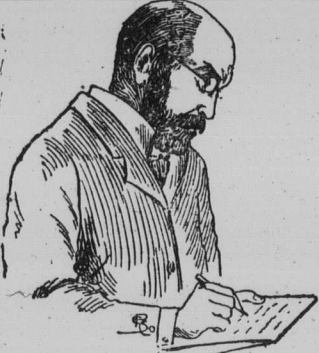


NEILL'S NECK IN A NOOSE

THE WOMAN-SLAYER HANGED ON THE GALL TREE.

He Left no Confession and Died Without Making the Slightest Sign, Quietly and Composed—Ate a Good Breakfast and Died an Instantaneous Death—His Body Now Rests in a Newgate Corridor Next That of a Murderess.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Thomas Neill, otherwise Cream, the murderer of Matilda Clover and several other girls, paid the penalty of his crime at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The procession to the gallows was headed by the chief warden, who was followed by the chaplain, who read the burial service. Neill came next, guarded on each side. He walked firmly. A deadly pallor overspread his features, but his face showed no other trace of emotion. Close behind the prisoner walked the hangman. Hangman Billington guided him on to the trap door beneath the cross beam, from which a rope was dangling. The white cap was then drawn so that it covered the chin, rendering it impossible for Neill to see the final preparations for his death. These took only a few minutes. His legs were pinioned with a strap that was fastened below the knees. The noose was then dropped over his head and adjusted around his neck. The ring was



DR. CREAM, ALIAS NEILL.

fixed below the left ear. In another second the executioner stepped a pace to the rear, pressed a button, and the drop fell. Neill's body dropped five feet into the pit. Death was instantaneous. Just prior to the cap being drawn over his face Neill thanked the prison officials for their courtesy and kindness.

The prison chaplain says that previously he found Neill exceedingly morose and unresponsive to his appeals to accept his fate, and to think only of passing to a higher life. That morning the chaplain's endeavors to bring him to a happier frame of mind were to little purpose.

Neill passed a restless night, dozing occasionally and then awaking with a start. Without being called, he rose at seven o'clock and washed and dressed. He partook sparingly of breakfast, which consisted of tea, bread and eggs.

When the hangman and the prison authorities entered the cell Neill was sitting on a chair at the foot of his pallet. He arose and advanced to meet them. Billington at once stepped forward and Neill greeted him with a bow as he began to pinion him. Neill took off his spectacles and left them on a table in his cell. The calmness and self-possession displayed by Neill throughout rendered the work of execution easy. He seemed resigned to his fate. Neill said the last two days had been the calmest, perhaps the happiest, of his life. He declined to take the wine or spirits to sustain him in the final ordeal.

The exact length of the drop was five feet four inches. Between the time of his sentence and his execution Neill gained four pounds in weight, scaling yesterday 127 pounds. His physical build required a long drop. The body was cut down at ten o'clock. At noon a jury viewed the body, and returned a formal verdict. The body was placed in a perforated coffin into which a sack of quick lime was poured. The features showed no trace of the man's violent end. The body was buried under the flagstone in the corridor.

STORY OF NEILL'S LIFE.

The story of Cream, who has often passed under the name of Thomas Neill, and who is the unworthy son of a distinguished Scottish-Canadian family, is a romance, more romantic than fiction because of its truth.

Cream is said to have been born in Garvin, a village near Glasgow, Scotland, in 1845. He was educated at the University of Edinburgh and at McGill college, Montreal. His relatives removed from Scotland to Canada about 1868 and brought him with them.

After graduating in medicine young Neill practiced in Toronto and in various smaller towns of the Dominion. Wherever he went his path was strewn with murder. His knowledge of medicine and surgery he prostituted to the basest uses. He was undoubtedly clever in his profession, and possessed a thorough acquaintance with anatomy, the result of his Edinburgh training. But he deliberately chose the wrong path. Pathological study engaged all the time that he could spare from dissipation, and particularly he engaged in the investigation of the effect of toxic agents on the human system. Strychnine was his favorite drug, and to that a deadly extent. Neill improved his information the subsequent record will show. In fact, except while he was plotting murder all the time Cream, for that is the name under which he was indicted in England and which might as well be used in speaking of him, got into trouble over an abortion case, and early in 1880 went to Toronto, and was then a well-built man of five feet or thereabouts, probably five feet six inches in height and weighing about 165 pounds. He wore a reddish beard, moustache and close-cropped whiskers, and, except for his sinister eyes, was a personable man and one calculated to find favor in the eyes of women of a certain character. With such women he associated, and his seven London victims, three of whom died, were all of this class, and for their death he paid the last penalty.

Disturbance by Italian Socialists.

ROME, Nov. 16.—Frazzati yesterday was the scene of a serious disturbance. A great gathering was held in the town of members of electoral associations and of the Social Democratic League.

After its conclusion 300 Socialists formed a procession and marched through the streets singing political songs. They soon came into collision with a detachment of police and there ensued a sharp melee, in which swords as well as clubs were wielded. Four persons were wounded in the fight.

ONTARIO AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Exhibits and the Building Well in Hand.

HAMILTON, Nov. 16.—The first shipment of Ontario's produce for the World's Fair has gone forward. It consisted of 200 barrels of apples and pears, which will be put in cold storage, one degree below freezing. There are about 2,000 jars of fruits put up in acids, in sizes ranging from quarts up to jars that will hold a bushel. Some of these will contain the fruit preserved on branches with the foliage. This does not include strawberries and the fruits that ripen early in the season, as these will be shipped from day to day, so that they will be fresh.

The grain exhibit is boxed preparatory to shipping. Algoma has already advanced five large cases of grain in straw and bags. The two rowed barley weighs 55 lbs, only one pound lighter than the heaviest English two-rowed barley.

One man has sent 83 varieties of potatoes. The island of St. Joseph, Algoma district, is said to be the most fertile up there, and is sending the best samples as yet.

There are going to be over 3,000 samples of Canadian grain, both in straw and sacks which will be packed in cases lined with tin, and when they arrive at the Fair will be put in large jars.

The Canadian building will contain two offices each for the Dominion Commissioners, Ontario, Quebec and one for the other provinces. There is to be a reception room for the Canadians when they grow tired, and it is to be supplied with all the Canadian papers. There will also be a post-office for the Canadian people exclusively.

The interior of the building is to be built entirely of Canadian wood, which is now being prepared in this city and will be shipped in a few days. The Ontario Commissioner's two rooms will be built with all Ontario wood, and the reception room to be all from British Columbia. The other rooms will all be finished from wood from their various provinces.

The exhibit of wood will be very large, shown in every way imaginable, polished and carved, so as to show the various uses it is put to. The work is now being pushed rapidly forward, and Mr. Awey thinks all will be ready for the opening next May.

Fires of Yesterday.

ST. CATHARINES, Nov. 16.—Mr. Townsend, a farmer living on what is known as the Carter farm at Beaver Dams, about five miles from here, on Monday night while pitching hay down from the mow knocked over the lantern and set fire to the hay. The flames spread with great rapidity, and in a short time burned down the barns and the whole season's crops. Very little insurance. Two head of cattle were burned to death.

Fire was started in a row of frame buildings on Ottawa street last night, and almost totally destroyed them. The buildings were old and vacant, being owned in Thorold. Incendiarism was the cause.

QUEBEC, Nov. 16.—A barn belonging to P. Robitaille, containing 1,500 bundles of hay, was destroyed by fire at St. Joseph de Levis last night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Wreck of the Hercules.

SARNIA, Nov. 16.—Considerable anxiety was relieved here to-day by news from the schooner Hercules, which has been missing for over a week with lumber from Penetanguishene for Sarnia. She was wrecked at Michael's bay and after severe hardships the crew, consisting of Capt. Glass and several men from Sarnia, were rescued. The cook, a woman from Kincardine, was drowned. The schooner's cargo is a total loss.

These Saw-offs are Getting Monotonous.

BELLEVEILLE, Nov. 16.—Election court was opened yesterday before Judges MacMahon and Rose, for trial of the petition lodged against the return of W. B. Northrup as M.P. for East Hastings. The petitioner had no evidence to offer, and the case was dismissed without costs. The court was in session for only one minute.

Found Dead on the Floor.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 16.—John Thom, a well-known Winnipeg business man, was found dead on the floor of his office when the clerks came to work yesterday morning. There are no traces of violence, and it is evident he died of apoplexy. Deceased formerly lived in Aurora, Ont., and the remains will be sent there for interment.

Died by Poison.

TORONTO, Nov. 16.—Yesterday, John Stinson, 18, of 215 King street east, died suddenly. A postmortem showed death to have resulted from a dose of carbolic acid. Deceased had been troubled with heart failure and was a consumptive.

The Toronto Vacancy in the Local.

TORONTO, Nov. 16.—The seat in the Provincial Legislature rendered vacant by the death of Mr. N. G. Bigelow is the topic of the city. The election is expected to take place about the middle of January.

Unlawful Imports.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Albert Revere is alleged to have robbed his employer, a barber named Brown, of Port Huron, Mich., and was arrested here charged with bringing stolen money into Canada. He was taken to Sarnia.

GATHERED AT A GLANCE.

Terse Telegraphic Taps That Tell Their Own Tale.

The Russian tariff on raw cotton has been raised.

Buda Pest's cholera record for yesterday shows two new cases and two deaths.

The loss on the St. Paul, Minn., blow works by fire at Gladstone yesterday was \$300,000, and insured for \$162,000.

The Ministerial Council of Paris has decided to make the bill rendering the press laws more stringent a Cabinet question.

The eighth annual meeting of the United Nations Conference of the Middle States and Canada began at Philadelphia last evening.

The Diobold-Mosler-Damon Safe Company, incorporated at Trenton, N.J., takes in most of the safe manufacturers not in the recently formed safe trust. Its capital is \$5,000,000.

At a meeting of the agents of the Lowell cotton mill it was decided to grant an increase, not to exceed seven per cent., in the wages of the operatives. This is to take effect Dec. 4.

The Lonsdale Company and the firm of B. B. & R. Knight have notified their employees of an increase in wages, to go into effect Dec. 5. The amount of the proposed increase is not given out.

A number of Russian Poles recently complained to Gen. Gourko, governor general of Warsaw, of the brutal treatment to which they were subjected by German overseers of factories. Gourko has consequently ordered the owners of factories not to employ overseers unless they can speak the Russian and Polish language perfectly.

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