

PTE. MOIR WAS CAPTURED WHILE WORKING ON A FARM

Cutting Thistles in a Field Near Niagara He Was Spotted by Autoist.

POUNCHED ON BY OFFICERS

Desperate Man Had No Chance to Injure Anyone—Tells Story of His Escape.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Niagara Falls, Aug. 22.—Pte. W. A. Moir, the insane London murderer, was captured Saturday afternoon near St. David's, by Constables Kelly, McNamara and Pay, of this city.

Contrary to expectations, he was taken without trouble. He was working for Fred Butler, who has a fruit farm within five miles of the Falls. When arrested Moir was busy cutting thistles. He still wore his asylum clothes. He had been engaged to do farm work at \$23 per month and his board.

Saturday morning a man driving an automobile hunted up Chief Mains, and stated that Moir was working for a farmer near St. David's. He described the man, and Chief Mains decided immediately to make the arrest. He secured a rig, and sent Constables Kelly, McNamara and Day on a search for the notorious criminal.

Working in the Fields.
When they arrived Moir was working in the fields near the road, cutting thistles with a scythe.

All the men were heavily armed and expected Moir to be the same.

When near him, the three men threw themselves on the ex-soldier and bore him to the ground. He made some efforts to strike back, but he was taken so unawares and so badly handicapped that he had little chance. Moir was then securely handcuffed and taken to Niagara Falls.

The Hamilton police were notified and sent a detachment of police to take him back to the asylum, where he arrived Sunday night.

Story Exploded.
The capture put an effectual quietus on the vivid stories emanating from Hamilton to the effect that the two murderers had been assisted by wealthy friends in their dash for liberty.

Many expert criminal tracers have asserted that Moir and Taggart did not go away in an automobile, and the capture of the more desperate of the two men within a few miles of Hamilton is an evidence of that fact. Had Moir any money he might have gone much farther, but apparently lack of funds made his escape impossible, even after he succeeded in getting out of jail.

Moir talked freely of his sensational escape from the asylum to the constables. He denied that he had the assistance of wealthy friends, or that he made his way out of Hamilton in an automobile. He declared, however, with the tools for his escape—a screw-driver, a hacksaw, and a bunch of skeleton keys. With these he made his way out, and later released Taggart, because the Toronto man had secreted the instruments for him.

Moir's Interview.
A reporter who was eating his supper, he said that he and Taggart escaped between 1 and 3 o'clock Monday morning. He had removed the bar across the transom of his cell by means of

MOIR'S JAIL FRIENDS WERE POOR UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

Governor Carter Does Not Go Much On the Recaptured Murderer's Story of How He Made His Escape From the Hamilton Asylum.

Governor Carter, of the London jail, does not place much credence in the story told by Murderer Moir that acquaintances made in the local jail during his incarceration here aided him in his break for liberty.

"I do not place much dependence in that story," he told The Advertiser. "If I remember correctly, there were no people in jail while he was there who would be likely to help him. The fact is they had no money. If they had money they would not be in jail, but would be out, getting drunk. If there were a number of professional crooks in with him, then, they might have given him some assistance, but all who were in during Moir's term in jail were financially embarrassed, and could not help themselves, let alone send him money."

A Few Callers.
"As a matter of fact, Moir made few if any friends while in jail. He lived by himself, and was not popular with the other prisoners. He was of a sullen, morose disposition.

"He had few callers. An old gentleman used to come to the jail frequently to visit him, and took some interest in the fellow, but I am certain that he was in no position to render financial assistance to him. One man contributed something to his defence, but that was all."

The counsel for the defence, Mr. Edmund Meredith, K.C., and Mr. J. M. McEvoy, know of no person who would be likely to assist him.

LOCAL HIGH COURT SITTINGS
JUDGES WHO WILL PRESIDE

The schedule of the high court containing the dates of the winter and autumn sessions, with the names of the presiding judges, has been issued, showing that courts will be held in this city commencing Oct. 3, and again on Nov. 14.

The dates in Western Ontario cities and towns are as follows:

PECULIAR FIRE IN EAST LONDON

Costly Blaze Sunday in an Unoccupied House.

PEOPLE WERE EXCITED

Told the Firemen That the Owner of the House Was in the Flames—A King Street East Fire.

Fire did about \$1,500 damage to the residence at 216 King street occupied by Mr. Ed. Harrison, the East End furniture dealer, on Sunday morning about 2:30 o'clock.

The firemen got a great scare shortly after arriving.

Some of the neighbors rushed to the scene, saying that Mr. Harrison was in the house, and had not got out. Capt. Case, Lieut. Milligan, and Sergt. Bud Lucas immediately went into the burning structure and upstairs.

With a great deal of difficulty, and in much danger, they went through three bedrooms, but found no trace of Mr. Harrison.

The heat becoming intense, they had to get out, and a stream of water was poured into the upper story.

Though a thorough investigation was made, but a sign of any person could be discovered.

Light in the House?
The neighbors stated that a light had been seen in the house until nearly midnight, after which it was all darkness until the fire was discovered.

P. C. Fowler, while patrolling his beat, discovered the blaze, and with the assistance of some neighbors broke in the front door.

An alarm was sent in, and the brigade responded quickly. Three lines of hose were turned on the fire, and in a short time the firemen had it under control, and after an hour's hard fight, the flames were extinguished.

The rear of the house, which is a two-story frame, was completely destroyed, while the main part was also damaged considerably. The furniture was badly damaged. The loss on the house is placed at \$1,000, while the furniture is damaged to the extent of about \$500. Both are insured.

Cause is a Mystery.
The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Harrison was in the house at 11 o'clock, and everything was all right when he left. His family were at Port Stanley.

LONDON MAN FOUND DEAD IN WEST

Inquest Will Be Held On Body of Late William Kane, of West London.

WAS A CIGARMAKER

Letter Was Received by Parents From Young Man When He Was in Saskatoon.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 21.—William Kane, Cambridge street, West London, Ontario, aged 33, was found dead on an alleyway at Emerson Saturday.

The address of Kane, in a note book found on the body. There are no marks of violence. Kane is not known in Emerson, and a mystery surrounds the address. The coroner's jury was summoned, viewed the body, and decided to investigate further.

Kane was 28 years old, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kane of Cambridge street, West London. He was a cigarmaker by trade, and had travelled around quite a lot. He first went west about a year ago, and only three weeks ago his parents had a letter from him. He was then in Saskatoon, and was in excellent health.

The family were notified on Saturday that a body supposed to be that of William Kane, had been found. Later they received word that it had been identified by means of a union card in one of the pockets.

They wired asking that the remains be sent home, but a reply came that the burial had taken place.

Instructions have, however, been sent to forward the body at once to London.

Besides his father and mother, Mr. Kane is survived by four sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Joseph Coulter and Mrs. Godwin, of Wharncliffe road; Misses Sadie and Kathleen at home, Joseph, of this city; John, of Newark, Ohio, and Patrick and James of the Soo.

MR. CHAS. CURRIE MOTORS TO LONDON

With Mrs. Currie and Family He is Enjoying a Brief Holiday.

Mr. Chas. Currie, of Currie and family, of Akron, Ohio, are spending a few days in London on a motor trip. They left this afternoon for Galt, where they will spend a couple of days, going later to Toronto, Montreal and Quebec.

"I have to come to London once a year at least," said Mr. Currie. "London looks well and seems to be prospering. We have had some very fine drives around this city, which we have enjoyed very much."

Mr. Everett, president of the London Street Railway, is at the present time on a trip round the world. He is enjoying splendid health, and has practically recovered from his illness. I had a letter from him when in Siberia, and he states that he is having the time of his life."

While in Quebec Mr. Currie will spend a few days with Mr. C. E. A. Carr, former manager of the London Street Railway.

M'CULLOUGH PLEADS GUILTY HELPED MOIR TO ESCAPE

Another Attendant of Hamilton Insane Asylum Denies the Charge—Penalty for the Offense May Be Made Seven Years.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Hamilton, Aug. 22.—At the police court this morning, Fred McCullough, an attendant at the asylum, pleaded guilty to a charge of assisting in the escape of Moir and Taggart from the institution a week ago today.

Monteith Trappell, the other attendant, who was arrested on the same charge, pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried at the higher court. Both men were remanded. The maximum penalty for the offence is seven years.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, Aug. 22.—Murderer Moir is back in the Hamilton asylum, and two asylum attendants, Robert McCullough and Monteith Trappell, are in the Hamilton jail on charges of aiding the two insane murderers to escape.

The former London soldier was brought to the city Saturday night by Constables Kelly, McNamara and Day, the men who had captured him. Chief Smith and Superintendent Dr. English met the party, and Moir was taken at once to the asylum.

Within an hour after the word came that Moir was arrested, the local police and Inspector Miller made their move. With Detectives Blakely and Coulter, Miller went to the asylum,

where he found McCullough, and arrested him. On his way to the police station he broke down, and confessed, blaming another attendant, Trappell, for instigating the crime.

The detectives at once secured a warrant for his arrest, and later he was taken into custody. Trappell was in charge of the murderers' ward, and McCullough was an assistant.

For some time Inspector Miller has been working on the assumption that Moir and Taggart had assistance from this city, and he has been working on that fact since coming to Hamilton.

When the word came that Moir had been captured, he prepared to act. He Continued on Page Eight.

MAN IN ROWBOAT WAS GROUND TO PIECES BY GIANT PROPELLER

Terrible Death of George Fralick, a Sarnia Blacksmith, Who Was Out for a Row—Threw Line to a Steamer For a Tow, But It Was Too Short.

[By Our Own Man.]
Sarnia, Aug. 21.—George Fralick, a blacksmith, living at 149 College avenue, this city, was drowned. The great suction of the propeller drew his frail craft into the propellers, and before he could escape, he was literally cut to pieces. The boat was smashed to ribbons. The tow line was too short.

The big vessel passed on up the river into the lake quite unaware for some time of the accident.

Fralick's family were at church at the time, and they were told of the awful affair by the pastor of the church. Mr. Fralick is survived by a widow and five children.

MAYOR FAVORS THE PURCHASE OF ANOTHER FIRE ENGINE

Ald. Ashplant, Chairman of No. 3 Committee, Is Willing and Wants to Buy the Engine Right Away—An Overdraft for No. 3 Committee This Year.

The city council will probably purchase a fire engine this fall. The recommendation of the fire underwriters that an engine be bought, so that a further reduction of 20 cents be made in the key rate is accepted by a majority of the aldermen, and they will vote for the purchase at the next meeting.

"We will go right ahead," said Ald. Ashplant, chairman of No. 3 committee. The advertisement of the engine will be ready this fall, and we want to have the engine here at that time if at all possible. We are waiting a report from Chief Aitken, who is attending the fire chiefs' convention at Syracuse. The underwriters have decided to purchase a horse-propelled engine, while many of us are in favor of an automobile engine. I think the latter kind would be very satisfactory, although the underwriters were somewhat afraid of them in this climate. We will depend largely upon what Chief Aitken reports on this matter. At Syracuse, he will make extended inquiries as to what is the best. I do not see any need of further delay. If we get the engine this fall, the citizens will save a great deal of money."

Mayor Beattie is of the same opinion as Ald. Ashplant, and stated today that there was no occasion to delay the purchase of the engine. He was endeavoring to find the best method of financing the purchase, said his worship. "It looks as if we will have to carry the load as an overdraft. If we could purchase it this year, and pay for it next year, we would be all right. I have been looking up the municipal act, and I guess we will have to carry the burden as an overdraft. The citizens will save a great deal of money by the reduction."

The question will be settled at the next meeting of the council.

SANATORIUM MAY ONLY BE VISITED ON WEDNESDAYS

There were over 1,000 visitors at the Byron Sanatorium for Consumptives on Saturday last.

In view of the fact, however, that the place is now well filled with patients, and that visiting days are very troublesome to the patients, it has been decided to curtail the time when the sanatorium may be visited, and have named the hours at from 3 to 5 on Wednesday afternoons.

"While we are always glad to see visitors, and while we are more than delighted at the great interest Londoners have taken in this project, it has become necessary, if we would do our full duty to the patients, to restrict the visiting hours," said a director to The Advertiser. "So we have decided to make from 3 to 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the time for visitors to see the place. In this we are following the general practice for such institutions, and I am sure the public will appreciate the necessity for this action."

DID A WOMAN AID MOIR TO ESCAPE FROM ASYLUM

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, Aug. 22.—As a result of their investigation into Moir's and Taggart's escape, it is reported that Detectives Miller and Dr. English are in possession of information which promises a sensation that will be of vital interest not only to the local asylum, but to similar institutions all over the province.

It has nothing to do with the Moir escape, and will throw an interesting side light, it is understood, on certain things that for a long time have puzzled the administrative heads of these institutions.

Miller and English refuse to talk, but an official who claims to know said:

"The matter has been reported to the Provincial Secretary's department, and if made public will cause a tremendous sensation. There is reason to believe that a woman played a part in Moir's escape. She is said to have become infatuated with him, and the authorities are in possession of love letters written by her."

"Moir seems to be able to exert a remarkable influence over some people," said Dr. English.

School Grants.
The Government grants to the public schools of the eastern and western inspectors are being paid over, and when the entire amount is secured it will total \$17,706.76. The grants are based on teachers' qualifications and salaries. The first payment in the western inspectorial amounts to \$9,126.11, and in the eastern inspectorial \$8,580.65.

DARING ROBBER SNATCHED PURSES FROM LONDON LADIES ON STREET

Dufferin Avenue Lady Was One of the Victims—Police Working On Another Case But Refuse to Give Out Any Particulars—Description of the Robber.

One of the most daring street robberies that has taken place in London for some time occurred on Saturday evening at the corner of Dufferin avenue and Waterloo street, when an unknown man snatched a silver purse from Miss Sanford, of 362 Dufferin avenue, as she was on her way home with some ladies.

Miss Sanford stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the man walked up behind her as she had reached the corner of Waterloo street and Dufferin avenue and grabbed her purse.

She hung on until the silver chain which was twisted around her hand snapped and the robber secured the

purse, and started east on Dufferin avenue at a run.

Nothing more was seen of him.

The Description.
Miss Sanford states that the man was of medium height, and she should judge not more than 21 years old. He wore a cap and a suit that was neither light nor dark.

It seems that the man simply ran right around the block for within less than 10 minutes another lady, whose name the police will not give out, reported that a man came up behind her as she was walking down Waterloo street, and wrenched her purse from her hand and made off with it.

Two men who were close by chased the fellow, but he escaped. The detectives are working on the case.

IS C. P. R. AFTER ORCHARD BEACH?

Story From Port Stanley Says Big Company Is to Reach Lake Via Belmont.

This Change Does Not Affect the Company's Purpose to Reach London Over the L. and P. S. R.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Stanley, Aug. 22.—Rumors of big plans for the C. P. R. are afloat here, and there is no doubt big things are contemplated in the near future.

The latest is that the C. P. R. will run a spur line from Belmont, through Yarmouth Township, across the Bigg farm, to Orchard Beach.

Docks will be constructed at this point, and the company furnished with excellent harbor accommodation. This will place the eastern coal market within their grasp, and give the C. P. R. plenty of room for expansion along this line.

The proposed changes will not affect the company's plans to purchase the London and Port Stanley.

The company want the road, if it is possible to purchase it, and it is rumored that an offer of considerable size will be made for the road.

COMMITTEE APPROVES CHURCH UNION BASIS

Scheme Supported by 44 Out of 50 Members—Question of Orthodoxy.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 21.—No session of the Methodist Conference was held yesterday. During the forenoon and evening the committees continued their work. Delegates took the afternoon for recreation and sight-seeing.

The committee on church union has nearly completed its work. It has given eight whole sessions to the consideration of the basis of union, and the opponents of the scheme have had every opportunity of stating their objections. When a vote was taken the basis was approved, only six members out of fifty opposing. When the report is presented to the conference it will doubtless be approved by a large majority.

At Friday's session a conference discussion over the Jackson theological case took material form, when J. M. Aitken, K.C., of Winnipeg, brought in a resolution to create a special tribunal before which should come all charges of non-orthodoxy which might ministers of the gospel. This tribunal would have the power to investigate all such matters which might arise in the Methodist Church in Canada.

Chancellor Burwash objected to the resolution on the ground that it would tend to place men in a position of serving two masters, conference and the tribunal. "This question cannot be settled by controversy or a pope," he said. "You cannot settle it by calling one another names or appearing in the paper in big headlines. The matter is not one of individual opinion, but what is right. The present state of unrest in Canada and the United States," he continued, "is very serious, and should be settled very slowly."

Dr. Bland proposed an amendment providing for the establishment of a tribunal where charges of unorthodoxy might be investigated, but which should have no power to contravene a decision of conference. No division was taken on the question.

DRUNKS IN COURT

Usual Batch Up Before Police Magistrate Love.

Andrew Thompson, who has been appearing very frequently in court the last year, was gathered in again yesterday for drunkenness.

Magistrate Love refused to listen to his morning and reminded him for a week, despite Thompson's plea that his mother was ill.

"You would make any mother ill," said the court. "You should be sent to the infirmary farm for a year."

Whitney Butler, a former lister, said

THE WEATHER
Tomorrow—Showery; storms.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Aug. 22—5 a.m. Fresh to strong southerly winds, gradually shifting to westerly and northwesterly; showers and thunderstorms, chiefly tonight and for the first part of Tuesday.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. Max. Min. Weather.
Calgary 72 40 Fair
Winnipeg 72 46 Cloudy
Port Arthur 78 62 Cloudy
Perry Sound 81 65 Fair
Toronto 81 69 Rain
Ottawa 76 54 Fair
Montreal 78 69 Fair
Quebec 74 64 Clear
Father Point 68 56 Clear

WEATHER NOTES.
A depression is situated this morning over Lake Superior, while pressure is highest over the Nova Scotia coast.

Rain has fallen in parts of Northern Alberta, and local thunderstorms are occurring in the lake region.

SUNDAY'S WEATHER.
With the exception of showers in Northern Alberta and on the east shore of Lake Superior, the weather yesterday was fine throughout Canada, and in the west cooler.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 46-73; London, Sunday, 52-83; Calgary, 40-72; Edmonton, 50-83; Prince Albert, 42-58; Qu'Appelle, 49-65; Winnipeg, 52-72; Port Arthur, 58-78; Perry Sound, 65-81; Toronto, 54-86; Ottawa, 52-76; Montreal, 56-78; Quebec, 51-76; St. John, 50-68; Halifax, 58-73.

TODAY'S PROBS.
The East—Light to moderate southerly winds; fine and warm.

Lake Superior—Moderate to fresh southerly to southeasterly winds; generally fair and warm, but a few local thunderstorms.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Generally fair and moderately warm; a few scattered showers.

Alberta—Cool and mostly fair, with local showers.