

# INDIAN RELEASED AFTER SERVING TWENTY-FIVE YRS.

Set Free from Atlanta Penitentiary—Was Convicted for Murder He Did Not Commit—Is Heir to Oil Millions.

Washington, March 26.—What the Department of Justice declares is "one of the most remarkable, and perhaps the most tragic, case" ever brought to its attention was revealed recently when the department announced that Chas. Tidwell, a half-breed Cherokee Indian, had been released from the Atlanta Penitentiary after serving nearly twenty-five years for a murder of which he was innocent.

Probably the most dramatic feature of the strange case is that the Indian now finds himself the master of millions of dollars in oil lands he inherited during his quarter century behind steel bars.

Tidwell's story, which is filled with romance and which the department likens to that of the Count of Monte Cristo, began in 1898, when he was accused of the murder of one Jim Brown, who was shot while plowing in his fields near Tallahassee.

At this period, however, Attorney-General Daugherty was advised by Miss Alice Robertson, Congresswoman from Oklahoma, that additional evidence had been obtained in Tidwell's case. Assistant Attorney-General Crim, who has charge of the criminal division of the Department of Justice, discovered that Tidwell had been convicted according to processes of law, but that the evidence was entirely circumstantial.

Shortly after Tidwell reached his native Oklahoma, the widow of Jim Brown was found to have made a death bed confession in which she exonerated the Indian boy from any complicity whatever in the murder of her husband. She told her two daughters and they swore to the truth of their statements, that she had known from the first that Tidwell was innocent of the crime for which he had spent nearly twenty-five years in prison. The man who killed Brown was a former lover of Mrs. Brown, and later her second husband, she said, and asserted that the crime had been put upon Tidwell by perjured witnesses.

"The Lord has been wanting me to tell it for all these years and I am afraid I won't forgive me for not telling it," the affidavit made by the woman read.

The confession of the mother was followed by another from the son whose testimony was a great factor in the conviction. The son is now in prison and the department has on file an affidavit saying he was coerced to perjure himself. Mrs. Brown's second husband, who, it is now believed, was the murderer, is dead.

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## "HOUSE OF DAVID" PROBE EXTENDED

Women May be Permitted to Testify as to Alleged Immoral Practices.

Grand Rapids Mich., March 26.—Instead of an early conclusion of the hearing in Federal Court here of the suit filed by John Hanson for an accounting with the Israelite House of David, extended testimony is in prospect as a result of a ruling by the court that the evidence might deal with alleged immoral practices within the Benton Harbor colony.

H. T. Dewhurst, counsel for the House of David, informed the court that the testimony opened up a field that could not be covered by both sides in less than three weeks. At the end of that time, the attorney declared, the testimony would be of such a divergent nature that "the truth would not appear."

Walter H. Nelson of Detroit, attorney for the plaintiff, said in opening up the question of moral conditions at the colony that misrepresentation of conditions to prospective members was a part of the fraud alleged by the plaintiff, who seeks to recover \$80,000 as the value of his labor and property turned over to the cult. Hanson was expelled and the return of his property was denied him by Benjamin David Purnell, head of the cult, he alleges.

There were reports that special arrangements had been made for the protection of witnesses, following a statement on the witness stand by Mrs. Hazel Worth that she had been known since it testified and her statement that she "feared the Israelites."

Mrs. Worth was the chief witness at yesterday's session and the first to disclose alleged immoral practices within the colony.

The witness declared Purnell maintained a mock court, at which the girls were trained for possible appearance in legal action against the cult or for an investigation such as was once threatened by Benton county officials. Miss Hilda Prichard of Chicago also testified to conditions at the House of Shiloh, the official residence of Purnell, where between thirty and forty girls were said to reside. She told of alleged group marriages, in which the girls had little or no voice in the selection of their husbands.

A defence motion for a continuance until some further date was denied by Judge Sater.

Mrs. Emma Rosetta of Newark, N. J., a former preacher of the cult, asserted that the basement of Shiloh Purnell's residence, was "filled with beer."

"Benjamin called it 'foam' and said it purged his soul," she declared. "He drank it continually."

The witness also asserted there was drunkenness among the girls at Shiloh.

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## SAY N. S. LOBSTERS ARE MOST PROLIFIC

Hearing on Bill to Permit Purchase of Seed Lobsters Not Caught in Waters of Maine.

Augusta, Me., March 26.—Lobsters from Nova Scotia are much more plentiful than those caught along the Maine coast, Charles H. Beal of Jonesport told the Sea and Shore Fisheries Committee today when he was hearing a bill, which would eliminate from the law relating to the purchase of lobsters with eggs attached the words, "caught in the waters of this state."

"But one per cent. of the lobsters caught on the Maine coast spawn, while at least 16 per cent. of those caught in Nova Scotia waters spawn," said Capt. Beal. "The farther east you go the more prolific are the seed lobsters and I have seen at least 30 per cent. of lobsters caught around Cape Breton bearing eggs and nine-inch lobsters with spawn."

Clyde W. Pierce of the Willard Daggett Company of Portland favored the bill and declared that if the state spent what it should for seed lobsters, "We would have a \$3,000,000 industry instead of a \$300,000 or \$400,000 industry."

Horatio D. Crie of Rockland, director of Sea and Shore Fisheries, insisted that when a lobster had been kept for four months in a pound in Maine it should have acquired a residence here. Representative Booth brought out that the provision of the law that the fisherman should be paid 15 per cent. above the market price for the seed lobsters was optional and not obligatory.

Director Crie said that the department had never had the money to pay the extra price. Mr. Pierce said that the dealers would be satisfied with receiving the market price.

Director Crie appeared for a special resolve of \$3,757 to make up for the deficit of the purchase of seed lobsters. He explained that these lobsters were bought by the department in good faith before the stop order came from the Governor, and Council. Mr. Crie also appeared for an appropriation of \$2,000 for a new engine for the lobster patrol boat, Pauline.

## TRACTORS DISPLACE DOGS.

Yukon Miners Are Using Caterpillar Trains in Spring Rush.

Dawson City, Y. T., March 26.—Dogsledging trains, the "indispensable" carriers of the North, are being replaced in the spring rush to the Yukon this year by caterpillar tractor trains, a ten-ton hauler with three trailers, each of five tons burden, is being made up out of White Horse for the 300-mile trip to Mayo.

The north trails are lined with hikers and small dog teams. All sorts of equipment, principally caterpillar tractors, are being pressed into service to carry over the Keno-Hill silver mines to Mayo Landing before the thaw.

Gabriel Des Glaces, or gallery of mirrors, in the palace of Versailles, was the place where the treaty was signed that ended the World War.

## TO TEST GOLD POSSIBILITIES OF LABRADOR

Former Govt. Steamer Petrel, Now Taking Supplies at Halifax, Will Sail with a Party of Twenty to Seek Precious Metal.

(Halifax Chronicle.)

Swinging easily with the tide at her berth at Pier One, Dockyard, the low slung, speedy little steamer, Petrel, is taking on supplies for a journey which may prove momentous in the gold mining annals of Canada. For in a day or two the Petrel, formerly a Government craft and now the property of Upper Canadian interests, will plough her nose into the white capped breakers and head true for Labrador, carrying aboard the first party to make a determined survey for placer gold along the shores of the rivers and lakes of the north.

The party is under the direction of Mr. C. W. Berry, of Montreal, and with him will go a party of twenty engineers, assayers, workers with a doctor to keep the party fit.

The Petrel is being provided for a six month trip but Mr. Berry expects to be absent only a matter of six weeks. The run to the coast of Labrador will be made in a few days and the party will immediately go ashore where they will make their survey and determine whether the sands along the rivers and streams are sufficiently laden with the gold dust to make their efforts worth while.

The Petrel will make port in Stag Bay and from there the party will make their landing in motor boats. The trip up the rivers will be negotiated by ski and snow shoes and the party desires to get to work before the snow and ice are melting into the rivers.

The recent experiments made with the sand along the rivers and lakes of the cold northland are, Mr. Berry says, like the dream of some old prospector, and if the actual conditions come up to the reports of the gold seekers there will be a greater rush this summer at Labrador than Klondike saw in '98.

The gold sought will be entirely placer gold and an apparatus for extracting it from the sands will go aboard the Petrel. Samples will be brought back.

The party expect to cover a great deal of the country in the journey on snow shoes. Mr. Berry states that while the weather at the present time is cold and work and work will not be so at a later date, when the mosquitoes are usually plentiful.

It is an easy matter to walk but under ordinary conditions is not so pleasant. The shallow rivers and bays and streams in the vicinity of Stag Bay will be investigated before the party returns. Mr. Berry's exact destination is, of course, not announced.

Rumors of the discovery of gold riches in the Unorganized District have constantly filtered into the Upper Canadian provinces. Mr. Berry said that many years ago a half breed Indian, a native of the north, was remarkably rich who had discovered them, and an attempt was made to follow the lead, but he easily lost his trail in the North lands and his cache of gold was never discovered.

The Brotherhood of Dominion Express Employees, Local No. 24, held a successful smoker and banquet on Saturday evening. The first part of the programme was held in the Market Building. Addresses were delivered by J. R. Haycock, superintendent of the company; C. H. O'Brien, H. C. Marley, provincial grand president; L. C. Goode, R. W. Woods, J. Hennessey and Mr. Holbrook.

Conclusion of the address the party adjourned to the LaTour where a turkey supper was served. Bayard Currie's orchestra rendered a musical programme and solos were sung by J. W. Mott, H. C. Marley, C. H. O'Brien and Mr. Thompson. The accompanists were Messrs. Woodhouse and Currie.



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## LOCAL NEWS

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Arrangements have been made for a meeting to be held in the Imperial Theatre under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church Association of the object being to block any moves toward church union. A meeting of the local association was held last evening and was presided over by Dr. G. G. Corbet. Speakers were G. M. Robertson, Stanley Jardine, James Armstrong, Rev. A. F. Fisher, Sackville; Rev. W. M. Townsend and Mrs. M. B. Edwards.

A very interesting lecture on insurance and its history was given yesterday afternoon to the members of St. Peter's Y. M. A. in their hall. The speaker was E. P. O'Toole and he showed a wide knowledge of his subject, taking his hearers back to the days of Ancient Greece, when, he claimed, insurance really had its inception. He told of the quick growth in Canada, from a total of \$80,000,000 life insurance in 1899 to an amount of \$3,400,000,000 in 1922. A hearty vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. O'Toole for his kindness.

The Y. M. C. A. week end was a busy one. The Junior Hexathlon contest was held on Saturday afternoon. The weekly Bible class was conducted by Rev. R. T. McKim. The Trail Rangers held their bi-monthly grand camp. Yesterday morning the St. John County Hospital was visited and an address delivered by A. M. Gregg. A boys' service was held at 9.45 o'clock in the morning with Capt. A. H. Jones as speaker. The Lancaster D. S. C. R. hospital service was held at 11.15 o'clock. In the evening the weekly sing-song was held in the building.

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