

SEVEN YEARS FOR WESSON THE FORGER

He Pleaded Guilty to All the Seven Charges.

Said He Operated Under Direction of Another,

And Placed the Blame on One Schmitz.

Seven years in Kingston Penitentiary. That was the sentence handed out to H. T. Wesson, alias Albert Evan, the check forger, who pleaded guilty to having forged four and uttered three checks on different banks. He was arraigned this morning before Judge Snider and pleaded guilty to the following forgeries: Dominion Bank for \$200 on January 8th, on the W. Dineen Co. Ltd.; Home Bank for \$450, which he uttered on the Merchant's Bank, under the name of Albert Evan; Dominion Bank for \$850, on the William Dineen Co. Ltd., on January 9th; Home Bank for \$400, on the H. H. Williams Co., which he uttered on the Bank of Montreal on the 29th of November last; Home Bank for \$57, which he uttered on the Merchant's Bank on the 28th of November last; Home Bank for \$850 on the William Dineen Co., on January 9th; Dominion Bank for \$450 on the William Dineen Co. Ltd., on January 8th.



J. J. EVELL, New President of St. George's Society.

Negro Lynched

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 21.—News reached this city last night to the effect that a posse of Morgan county citizens captured and lynched Cole, the negro who yesterday killed Walter Langley, a watchman, at Anadell, Tenn. The posse had followed Cole all night, and finally surrounded him in the woods. The negro resisted arrest, and the posse fired, riddling his body with bullets.

SOLDIERS' Y. M. C. A.

Work at Niagara Camp Will be Enlarged.

The military branch of the Y. M. C. A. is constantly increasing in influence and fruitfulness. The committee in charge met in Toronto yesterday to consider the continuation and enlargement of the work in the Canadian military camp, particularly at London, Niagara and Kingston. Leaders were appointed and their helpers suggested. The facilities for carrying on the work at all three camps will be increased. The members of the committee decided to secure the services of some first class evangelists and singers to assist with the religious work, and the services of the most expert physical directors will be secured. This season at Niagara a two tents will be used instead of one, so that religious meetings will not interfere with the work of the canteen and post office. Twelve men were selected for the regular force of workers, and they will be assisted by volunteers. The shower baths will be a new feature this coming season, and a telephone will be installed. The canteen and post office will both be enlarged, and the reading and writing room privileges made more comfortable. Mr. C. S. Gzowski, of Toronto, is chairman of the committee, and associated with him are some of the leading association men representing the larger cities in Canada. Secretary Best, of the local association, is an advisory member of the committee.

TORONTO'S PARKS

Commissioner John Chambers Hands In His Resignation.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—(Special)—Parks Commissioner John Chambers, whose department has been under investigation by Judge Winchester, has forwarded his resignation to the Board of Control. His inability to carry on his defence and his ill health are the reasons given. The resignation takes effect on May 1st. The Board of Control will place the Parks Department temporarily in charge of Property Commissioners Hattie Robbins and Wright. The Board of Control accepted Mr. Chambers' resignation forthwith.

STIFF SENTENCES.

Those Guilty of Criminal Negligence to be Punished Severely.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—(Special)—Judge Winchester handed out some severe sentences in the Sessions this morning. Crown Attorney Drayton announced that criminal negligence resulting in fatal or serious accidents would hereafter be sternly dealt with. Arthur Numus was given three years for perjury; Albert Stephenson, who stabbed his wife with a penknife, got a similar term; Ella Preston, a fortune-teller, was fined \$100 or three months' imprisonment; Wm. Chessar, guilty of criminal negligence, which allowed a scaffold to fall, killing one man, was let go on suspended sentence.

DIRECT CHANGE OF FRONT IN HYDRO POWER MATTER.

Commission Will Deal With Municipalities Without Holding Conference.

The Government is now prepared to make contracts with municipalities desiring Hydro-electric power. Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the commission, announced to Mayor Stewart, over the long distance phone from Montreal, last night. The Mayor judges as a result of his conversation with Mr. Beck that the proposition to hold a meeting of all the municipalities to discuss the form of contract is off. He also stated that as far as he was concerned, the Cataract Power Company would not be asked to submit a new tender, further than explaining the offer it made just before the by-law was voted on to supply the city with power at \$10 per horse power, under the same conditions as the Hydro proposition. Those announcements are a direct contradiction of two of the strongest points used here to have the by-law endorsed. It was frequently announced at the

OUT OF WORK.

Five Mass Meetings of Idle Men in Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—Five mass meetings of the unemployed, organized by the Socialists, were held to-day in the outlying districts of Berlin. Fully 15,000 men were in attendance. Strong detachments of police, armed with sabres and revolvers, were stationed in the vicinity. Interference was not necessary, however, as the meetings passed off in a most orderly manner. Several members of the Reichstag addressed the assemblies and called upon the state and the municipality to provide employment for those without work. It was declared that among the unemployed in Berlin there were 24,826 skilled artisans belonging to trades unions, this in addition to many thousands of unorganized and unskilled laborers.

BROOKLYN WEDDING

Hamilton Man to Bring Home Beautiful Bride.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 21.—A very pretty home wedding was held last evening at No. 956 Gates avenue, when Miss Florence Van Nostrand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Nostrand, became the bride of George Hopper, of Hamilton, Canada.

The ceremony was performed at 7 p. m., Rev. Dr. George A. Kris officiating. The bride, who looked very pretty and was given away by her father, wore an elaborate gown of white chiffon, trimmed with duchesse lace. Her tulle veil was fastened with natural orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses, and lilies of the valley. Mrs. C. E. Cross was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Ida Rogers, of this borough; Miss Helen Crocker, of Manhattan; Miss M. A. Lynch, of Boston, Mass., and Miss Mary Kelly, of Ithaca, N. Y. They all wore gowns of lavender colored radium silk, with high satin girdles, each carrying a bouquet of white roses, and lilies of the valley.

The ushers were Messrs. Edward Hopper, of Hamilton, Ont., the groom's brother; C. E. Cross, of this borough; Wm. Carmichael, of Waterdown, N. Y., and V. B. Lofgren, of Toronto, Canada. A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. One hundred guests were present, many coming from out of town. Mr. and Mrs. George Hopper will reside in Hamilton, Ont., after a short honeymoon.

128 AND 28.

Negro, 128 Years Old, Ships on Matrimonial Sea.

New York, Jan. 21.—Just to prove that Cupid is no respecter of age, William Brook Mason, a negro, who gave his age as 128 years, to-day applied for a license at the marriage bureau. When some lightning calculator had figured that the would-be bridegroom was three years old at the time of the Boston tea party, and that this was his second matrimonial venture in the last one hundred years. His first wedding, he said, was a century ago, his wife dying ten years ago.

Ella Haynes, 28 years old, who gave her address as 68 East 134th street, was the bride-elect, and it was her duty to lead the aged victim of Cupid's darts to the license window, as Mason's eyesight was very poor. In no other way did she show signs of being decrepit, and was particularly brisk and keen about being married right away.

MOTHER TO WED?

Dame Rumor Says Mrs. Vanderbilt Also Has a Title Picked Out.

New York, Jan. 21.—The general impression is that the wedding of Miss Vanderbilt and Count Laszlo of Hungary will be immediately followed by the announcement of the engagement of her mother, Mrs. Vanderbilt, with another titled foreign nobleman and news of her marriage in the near future. Mrs. Vanderbilt was left an income of \$250,000 by her late husband, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and the New York and Newport establishments. She is said to have during her life and she has the value of a big fortune in jewels. William Edgar Sheard, whose wife is the sister of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, sen., said over the telephone that his sister takes no stock in the story that Mrs. Vanderbilt is to marry a titled foreigner and is "convinced that it is a fake."

THE ROSS RIFLE.

GEN. COTTON BEFORE THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Ross Rifle Literature to be Edited—Difficulty in Getting Rifles From England—Factory in Canada Let England Should Lose Supremacy of the Sea.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—(Special)—The Public Accounts Committee met to-day. The Master-General of Ordnance was again under examination. The witnesses said that the changes, some 80 in all, on the Ross rifle were not all ordered by the department. Three of the most important changes were made by the Ross Rifle Company. These were the enlarged chamber at the back of the bolt, General Cotton said that most of the parts of the rifle were imported in the rough.

ARCHITECT DEAD.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—John H. Wagner, 72 years old, a prominent architect and engineer of Chicago for years, died yesterday at his home, Elmhurst. He came to Chicago from Canada in pioneer days, and took an active part in the city's growth.

ANOTHER LOT.

About one hundred pair of nice young plump pigeons, also marmalade oranges, splendid quality. Order now, they won't be any cheaper, you are welcome to the use of one of our slicers. Daily supply of fresh cut lettuce, mushrooms, celery, Grimsby tomatoes and cauliflower, flower, etc. Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

HARRY THAW'S YOUNG WIFE

Was Sullen and Answered Questions Very Curtly.

Tells Her European Travels With Thaw in 1903 and 1904.

Denied the Statement in the Hummel Affidavit.

New York, Jan. 21.—When District Attorney Jerome resumed his cross-examination of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw at the trial of her husband to-day he reverted to her European travels with Thaw in 1903 and 1904. Mr. Jerome's voice was not so loud as yesterday, but his manner was no less aggressive.

Mrs. Thaw seemed in rather a sullen mood, and answered the prosecutor's questions curtly. She said she had shown Thaw in Paris nineteen letters Stanford White had written to her subsequent to the events that followed their meeting.

"Where are those letters?" asked the district attorney. "I don't know." "When did you last see them?" "I think it was in Mr. Hartridge's office. Did you write to Stanford White from Boulogne?" "One letter or two?" "I don't recall."

Like the direct inquiry, the cross-examination of the witness lost effect from repetition, no new facts having been uncovered to confront Mrs. Thaw with up to this time.

"How long was it after you landed in Europe in 1903, after telling this story to Thaw about Stanford White that you were in Madison Square Garden lower with Stanford White?" asked Mr. Jerome. "A—Some time."

"Two days?" "A—More than that." "A week?" "A—Yes."

"As long as that—after you had declined an honorable offer of marriage because of this man?" "A—I went to dinner at the tower, but did not go alone."

"Did you tell Thaw about it?" "A—Yes."

Mr. Jerome here produced the photographic copy of the famous Hummel affidavit, and had the witness identify the signature. Mrs. Thaw told yesterday of the burning of the original affidavit, which she declared she signed despite alleged cruel treatment by Thaw during the 1903 trip abroad. When the witness was asked if she told Hummel the things set forth in the affidavit or anything like them she replied in positive fashion: "No."

Mr. Littleton objected to questions concerning the affidavit, saying it was not a material issue in the case. He was overruled by Justice Dowling.

"Did Thaw ever beat you?" asked Jerome. "Didn't you tell Stanford White that Thaw had beaten you?" "A—I did not."

"What did Thaw say when you told him you heard he put a girl in a bath tub and turned scalding water on her?" "A—He just laughed."

"Didn't you say last year that he shook his head sadly and said: 'Poor little Evelyn, they have been making a fool of you?'" "A—Yes."

"Well, where did the laugh come in?" "A—Afterwards when we were talking about it."

"Didn't Stanford White give you a pearl drop as a present?" "A—Yes."

"When?" "A—Christmas, 1901."

"What did you do with it?" "A—I gave it to Will Sturges."

ENTERTAINED BAND.

Thirteenth Players the Guests of Mr. J. Nelligan.

In honor of his election to the presidency of the Musicians' Union of this city, Mr. A. J. Nelligan, after the regular practice of the Thirteenth Band, last evening, entertained the members and friends in the band room. Supper was served and an impromptu programme of speeches, music, etc., given. Mr. W. F. Robinson presided.

Mr. J. B. Nelligan, father of the host, who was himself the president of the first musical union in Hamilton, was one of the speakers, and Bandmaster Robinson replied to a toast in honor of St. Bernard Commandery, Masonic Knights Templar, of Chicago, of which he is an honorary member. Speeches were also given by Messrs. G. Hutton, McKenney and others.

A SQUARE PIANO FOR \$30.00.

Heintzman & Co., Limited, No. 71 King east, Hamilton, are clearing out what is pretty much one floor of square pianos at not only \$30.00, but some of them at \$25.00 and again others at \$35, \$40 and \$45, in payments of \$4.00 down and 50c a week.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADES BANK OF CANADA.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

The glorious climate of California is nothing to this.

People should not require to be 'shooed' off the ice by Mr. Macdonald. They should know enough to keep off.

Mr. Studholme will have to 'make good' the coming session of the Legislature. There are others after his job.

Another moral is—Don't starve the fire brigade.

The thrillers in the Thaw trial don't seem to thrill this time. The public is callous, and the sobbing sisters sob in vain.

There are many backsliders on the streets these days.

Have you been mentioned as a Mayoralty candidate yet? Call up the Herald and get it fixed.

Emerald street is not the only street that should be opened up. I don't like those dead ends.

Steer clear of the grip if you can. It's sometimes worse than the smallpox, only the latter is not fashionable.

Will the Horticultural Society decide this evening to give us one of its old time shows some time this year?

Perhaps it would be as well to allow the Judge or the jury to settle this recent stabbing case.

We don't hear much about the high level bridge now.

What's all this talk about Laurier and technical education? I thought Whitney was going to give us a technical college.

Keep away from that fire hose in future. It might bite you.

If we are going to have brick-paved streets, let us sell our asphalt plant.

Evelyn Thaw must have that story pretty nearly off by heart.

But isn't it a little early to be picking out Mayoralty candidates? They might go stale.

The Con. Club has not yet decided to move over into the City Hall. It's waiting to hear what the Executive says.

We don't now hear of anybody running up against Sir John's monument.

CUMMINGS INQUEST.

Geo. S. Kerr, K. C., Will Represent the Prisoner.

At the inquest on the death of John J. Cummings, to be held at the King William street police station on Thursday night, Crown Attorney Washington will appear in behalf of the Crown while George S. Kerr will represent the prisoner.

The doctors who made the post-mortem examination found that the lung on the left side was pierced and an internal hemorrhage resulted, which it would have been well nigh impossible to stop. This was the immediate cause of death, although the diaphragm was punctured and the spleen was injured.

COMPANY'S STATEMENT.

To the Editor of the Times: Dear Sir—Certain reflections are cast upon our company for inattention to the late Joseph Cummings.

The facts are, the accident was reported to the office at 11.40, and the telephone was kept in constant use until 11.50 calling up twenty doctors. St. Joseph Hospital and a hack.

We were unable to get a doctor and St. Joseph Hospital reported, "No doctor there."

FALLING WALL COST FIREMAN HIS LIFE.

Roy Green Killed at Car Shed Fire.

Others Had Narrow Escapes at Same Time.

The Loss Will Probably Amount to \$40,000.



ROY GREEN, City Fireman, who lost his life last night.

Seven Dead

Milan, Jan. 21.—Up to the present time seven dead bodies have been taken out from the wreckage of the collision near here last night between an express train from Rome and another train coming from Bergamo. Twenty-four persons were injured. The latter include C. L. Moser, an Englishman or an American, living near Lake Colo.

KNIFE AFFAIR.

Another Foreigner in Police Court This Morning.

Louis Perchute, 186 Princess street, is likely to find out just how much the police are going to stand in the way of drawing knives on women, or, in fact, on anyone, when he comes up in Police Court to-morrow morning, if found guilty of the charge against him. He was before the Magistrate this morning on a charge of threatening Melich Edith, a neighbor, and the Chief asked for a reason, giving as his reason that he intended to prefer a more serious charge against Perchute. The charge will probably be threatening.

A. Martin, 96 Kay street north, was charged with stealing \$100 from E. A. P. Cook. At the request of the Crown Attorney he was remanded till Thursday, and George S. Kerr secured bail in the sum of \$500 for him.

Kaiko Boravich was sued by his cook, Yorka Cultray, for \$12 wages. She had not finished her time out, and was given judgment against Boravich for \$4. The address of the defendant was given as 39 Chestnut avenue.

Hattie Robbins, Margaret street, a domestic, was fined \$2 for over-indulgence at the flowing bowl. William Wright, Wellington street north, was also fined a two spot for a like offence.

DON'T LIKE IT.

Rome, Jan. 21.—La Correspondenza Romano, an organ of the Vatican, declares to-day that the proposed withdrawal of the American troops from Cuba next year has produced a depression here. The paper foresees the immediate resumption of civil warfare arising from the excitement of the turbulent elements in Cuba.

A Long Time At It.

It is as natural for a smoker to go to peace's cigar store as it is to go home. He is the oldest cigar dealer in the city and still does the largest business in smokers' goods, at 107 King street east.

A ST. CATHARINES WEDDING THAT DID NOT COME OFF.

Strange Story of Two English Ladies Who Were Stranded in This Country.

St. Catharines, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Two women, who recently immigrated from England to Canada, have had experiences which they will certainly not care to have repeated. The elder of the two, a woman in the thirties, was a school teacher, and her sister, several years younger, was a seamstress. The advertisements inserted in English newspapers of the splendid opportunities Canada had to offer immigrants from the mother country, lured the two sisters to Canada. They gave up their comfortable positions and crossing the Atlantic soon found themselves in Calgary. Try as they would, however, they were unable to find employment. Soon their money was all but gone, and no work being in sight, they became despondent.

The elder of the two early in December last noticed in a Calgary paper an advertisement of an elderly bachelor in St. Catharines, who alleged that he was a man of independent means, and owned two farms as well as other valuable properties, but he no longer enjoyed the state of single blessedness. The man, whose name is William Calcott, stated in the advertisement that he wished to

Since the death of Chief Aitchison this city has been lucky in not having a fireman permanently disabled or killed, but last night the record was broken when, after the north wall of the south car sheds had fallen, the mangled remains of Roy Green were dug out of the debris by the firemen and a large number of bystanders, crushed almost beyond recognition. He was covered by a mass of bricks that had overwhelmed him as he attempted to escape. By the merest chance six men escaped the awful death that fell to the fate of Green. There was hardly a bone in his body that was not broken, and his head was flattened in a terrible manner.

The fire which cost the unfortunate man his life was discovered about 7.30 in a car in the northwest corner of the shed, and two or three men, who were at work there, set to work trying to extinguish the blaze with buckets. In a few seconds it had got beyond them, and an alarm was turned in for the fire department. By the time the department arrived the whole building was a mass of flames from top to bottom, and the roof at the west end had started to cave in. Burning like tinder, the place was doomed before the first line was laid, but the firemen went to work at it with a will. Seldom had they fought against such odds. Mazes of wires, and all carrying thousands of volts, were everywhere, and when a man went near a line of water he did not know if his life was safe. The roof, after falling, displaced the front wall, and it tottered. This wall was between forty and fifty feet high, and it threatened at any time to fall and bring down electric currents which were strong enough to kill. With a high wind to help the flames, St. Joseph's Church and three or four houses in the vicinity were endangered, and had to be watched by a detail of men with streams ready for every spark.

The whole building was cleared from top to bottom, and a tremendous draft was soon carrying the flames sky high while the heat to the north of the building was almost unbearable. Into this miniature hales walked the King William street company, however, and it was to this company that the ill-fated man belonged. With nervous murmurs, Captain Aitchison and Firemen Wadsworth, Seal, Green, Henderson and Stinson walked into a narrow passage between the building and a house, and there they stayed until the wall fell. They were fighting the flames in an outside shed when Wadsworth and Stinson were ordered away for a ladder, and the four remaining men left their position behind a car, where it would have been impossible to escape, and travelled further down the building. Suddenly, without a crack of warning, the wall started to fall, and the captain gave the order to drop everything and run. The four dropped the line and made for the open air, the wall fell. Henderson gained this as the wall came crashing down, and they heard Fireman William Seal shout that his leg was pinned in the wreckage. Going to his aid, they pulled him away from an outside shed when the absence of Green was noticed, and, diving what had happened, the men set to work with a will to unearth their fallen comrade. It was not long before some boards were uncovered, under tons of bricks, and undered frightfully, and huddled up as if to ward off the advancing blow, which he must have known was to be his death.

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The women were thus alone in a strange city and almost without funds. They appealed to Rev. Robert Ner, rector of St. George's Church, showing him a strongly worded letter of recommendation from the vicar of their home parish. He referred them to the Chief of Police, who found them lodgings at the St. Catharines House, where they remained for a few days. Mr. Calcott consenting to pay the bill. The proprietor of the Hotel and his wife and other people in the city who met with the women, speak highly of them, and much sympathy is felt for them. A day or two ago, they left on the return trip to Calgary. Mr. Calcott having been prevailed upon to procure them transportation.