

SOLDIERS ESCAPE TO AMERICAN SIDE AFTER GUN BATTLE

ONE OF THEM WOUNDED

Officer Worden Recovers Clothing Stolen From Him In Lodging House at Brockville

Brockville, Sept. 2.—Following a gun battle at Rockport on Saturday with Ontario license officials, from one of whom a few days previously they had stolen various articles of clothing in a Perth street lodging house, the four young American soldiers, deserters from a Vermont camp and wanted for held-up in Montreal, appear to have escaped to the American side of the river. At least one of them is wounded.

The gun fight on Saturday provided the season's sensation for the placid village of Rockport, located in the heart of the Thousand Islands, which served as a setting for a melodrama as thrilling as was ever staged or screened. The four soldiers were the "bad men" and License Inspector F. B. Taber and Provincial License Officer Jack Worden the heroes of the film, with a race across the river in which rowboat and motor boat engaged as the finale of the action.

Inspector Taber and Officer Worden were at Rockport Saturday on official duties when the former noticed two soldiers, wearing puttees, purchasing refreshments at the Island View House. "Wouldn't it be funny," he said to his companion, "if these were the men who stole your clothes? Worden pook-pooked the idea, but Mr. Taber's suspicions were aroused to such an extent that he slipped out the door of the hotel and found that two other men, dressed in uniform, were at the dock in a skiff. He immediately returned to the hotel, told Worden and the two went to the dock. Noticing that one of the men was wearing a cap which he recognized as his own, Worden accosted him and demanded to know where the rest of his clothes were. Mr. Taber at the same time jumped into the boat, and, seeing a grip under a seat which he surmised contained the clothing, threw it to the dock. As he did so, the two other soldiers came down from the hotel and the whole lot drew 42 automatic revolvers and covered the license officers.

Thinking that the latter had come to arrest them on the Montreal and Brockville counts of theft, the men demanded that Mr. Taber leave the boat, and as he did so, set off for a neighboring island. Officer Worden then procured a Winchester rifle and fired after the boat, tourists noticing through glasses that one shot struck the water beside it and a second passed over it. There were at first no motor boats nearby, but presently one came to hand and Worden set out after the bandits. He chased them to the American shore and through the county bordering the river, apparently wounding one of the men, as blood was found in their path.

The boat was brought back to Rockport. It is thought to be the one which the men stole from S. Tilden at Oak Point.

GIRLS ARE RELEASED

The two girls, Annie Pike and Annie Nolan, who accompanied the men here, who have been held here since Thursday, were Saturday afternoon released from custody and sent to Montreal following the receipt of information from the police of that city that no charge is held against them there.

WATERTOWN AROUSED

Watertown, Aug. 31.—Three days of searching through the wooded sections along the St. Lawrence river in the vicinity of Alexandria Bay and Plessis by Chief of Police J. H. Crabb, of Alexandria Bay, county authorities and local police have failed to lead to the capture of four desperadoes sought by Canadian authorities for burglary and assault.

Chief Crabb Friday received word from Brockville, Ont., that the men had committed burglary there the night before and had made their way to the United States, entering about a mile from Morrisstown.

The reports also said the men were wanted for burglary in Montreal and for shooting an officer there. Chief Crabb went along the St. Lawrence and learned the men had stolen a skiff at Morrisstown and gone back to Canada, landing at Rockport.

The Canadian authorities there tried to arrest them, but the men drew their guns and held the officers at bay while they made a getaway. Again they crossed the St. Lawrence, landing at a point near Alexandria Bay.

Once more Chief Crabb took up the trail and traced the men to a patch of woods between the Bay and Plessis, where he searched for the

men all Saturday afternoon. In the evening Deputy Sheriff Thomas Race and night police Lieutenant John Gildman, with Patrolman Samuel Roberts and Henry Donner, of this city, also went out to take part in the man hunt.

During the evening the men appeared in Plessis and bought crackers and some canned foods. All during the night the posse searched the woods, but without success, and yesterday the search was continued, but at 10 o'clock last night the men had not yet been found.

Chief Crabb found several sweat-ers and mackinaws with a kit of burglar's tools and a quantity of nitroglycerine while searching through the woods.

He believes they were dropped by the men in their flight at a time when the officers were close on their trail. Canadian detectives who came over to help the United States officials in the chase for the men say that they rank with the most desperate in Canada, and are probably well armed and will undoubtedly put up a stiff fight before allowing themselves to be taken prisoners.

Barns Struck By Lightning

Severe Damage at Odessa And Wolfe Island

Kingston, Aug. 31.—The electric storms, which visited the city during the night and this morning, was one of the most severe of the summer, and lasted throughout the greater part of four hours. Early this morning the storm was very severe, and after abating for some time returned about eight-thirty o'clock, and for over an hour was intensely severe. About nine o'clock several citizens standing on the shore near Macdonald Park witnessed a most peculiar sight. It was just when the storm was heaviest, when a vivid flash of lightning seemed to illuminate the entire sky, in one long streak of twisted glare. Almost instantly a small motor boat near Cedar Island was seen to burst into flames, evidently having been struck by the lightning. Investigations were made later but no details of the occurrence could be discovered.

At Odessa a large barn owned by Mr. R. Hartman was struck by a bolt of lightning and the barn and entire contents were totally destroyed. The house in the immediate vicinity was also struck and caught fire, and though neighbors assisted, the house was destroyed.

At Wolfe Island Mr. James Dalrymple's barn was hit by a severe bolt of lightning, and was soon in a mass of flames, the stock, barn and other contents being totally destroyed. A new barn owned by Howard McCready, Wolfe Island, was also struck and fell a prey to the flames which resulted. The barn was filled with Mr. McCready's entire crop of hay and some grain. It also contained his hay press, and a wagon. The loss on the barn and contents is estimated at about \$8,000. The barn had just been completed before the haying season, and it was a splendid structure.

A number of trees in the district about the city fell prey to the lightning, several of them being destroyed. One tree near Odessa was split from the top to the bottom, the bolt burying itself in the ground.

Trunks Defeat New Liskeard

Timiskaming League Champions Here Yesterday

The Grand Trunk team, last year's amateur baseball champions of Ontario, defeated New Liskeard, 1920 champions of the Timiskaming League in a 6 to 1 score game here yesterday afternoon at the Agricultural Park. A game had been arranged with Peterboro for yesterday but owing to the arrival of the New Liskeard lineup, who had been promised a game, the Peterboro management gracefully gave the day over to the New Liskeard lads.

Cobalt, Halleybury and New Liskeard were the three teams in the Northern League. New Liskeard is a fairly strong team, but failed to get even with the Grand Trunk. New Liskeard is playing Lindsay and Peterboro this week and will play North Bay on their way home.

Yesterday's attendance was quite large. The game in detail follows:

First Innings—Burns walked, Simmons flew to Meagher, Flemming fanned, Britton at bat. Burns out stealing third.—0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 errors.

Belleville—Ross gets first on short to first. Weir bunted. Frank Goyer sacrificed. Mills drove to right. Gildman, with Patrolman Samuel Roberts and Henry Donner, of this city, also went out to take part in the man hunt.

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\$12,000 BLAZE AT ZION'S HILL YESTERDAY

W. J. Tuft's Residence, Barns and Buildings Swept by Flames—Origin Unknown.

Zion's Hill was visited by a disastrous fire late yesterday afternoon, as a result of which the fine dwelling of Mr. William James Tuft, son of Councillor W. B. Tuft, of Thurlow, his barn, wagon house and drive shed were completely swept away, and scarcely a vestige of them remains.

Mr. W. J. Tuft, his father and others were engaged at work about five-thirty o'clock when Mr. Tuft, junior, saw smoke. It was found to be coming from a straw stack which was completely ablaze. Unfortunately the wind was from the north and the sparks carried to the barn, then spread to the house and the drive shed.

From the dwelling a considerable quantity of furniture was saved after heroic work. From the drive shed Mr. Tuft, senior, rescued an automobile and wagon. The contents of the barn including 40 tons of hay, 525 bushels of oats newly threshed and other grain were lost. Twenty-one pigs were burned to death and all the farm machinery in the drive shed was destroyed, such as drills, a binder and so forth. There was a large pile of wood also destroyed.

The loss will aggregate over \$12,000. The dwelling was of frame construction and was palatial. It was purchased by Mr. Tuft about a year and a half ago from Mr. Peter Holiday. It was not an old house.

The cause is unknown. No threatening outfit was within half a mile of the place.

The property was fairly well insured.

Montreal in tow of two tugs. The two sections, bow and stern, will be joined at Montreal, and Canadian Runner will then be put into service with the other Canadian boats such as the Canadian Beaver, Canadian Farmer, and others.

JOURNALIST VISITED PENITENTIARY

Mr. John Kidman, former London correspondent of the Montreal Gazette, and now of the city staff, who was at the Randolph Hotel Tuesday, was shown over the penitentiary, his visit to the institution being on behalf of the Canadian Prisoners' Welfare Association, of which he is honorary secretary.

BOY SCOUTS RETURN

Belleville band of Boy Scouts arrived back from Toronto "Ex" last evening after having had over three days of full enjoyment.

RECEIVED GERMAN PRIZES

Napanee has received a Howitzer and Lennox county a trench mortar in the distribution of German prizes. Both will be placed in Napanee.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr and Mrs. J. R. Battishy, Campbellford, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Nellie M., to Capt. A. Glenn Thompson, Campbellford, son of the late William Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, Toronto, the marriage to take place the middle of September.

BORN AT HASTINGS

John M. Godfrey, K.C., Toronto, to be raised to the bench, was born in 1871 in the village of Hastings, where his father was a Methodist minister.

LIQUOR SHIPPED AS LATH

Billed as lath, but containing \$7,000 worth of whiskey, a freight car in the Windsor Canadian Pacific yards yielded handsome returns to License Inspector A. G. Sykes, formerly of Brockville, and two other officers. Both sides and end doors of the car had been carefully packed with bundles of lath, but after this had been pushed out of the way, officers found 199 wooden egg cases, containing 2,180 bottles of whiskey. The car was billed to the Windsor Construction Company from Montreal. The real owners did not appear and now the inspectors have \$7,000 worth of liquor on their hands.

OLD PRINTSHOPS NOW BAKERIES

Two modern bakeries now occupy the old offices of Oshawa's two old papers. The old office of The Reform, on Simcoe street south, is now the Nut Krust Bakery, while the old office of The Vicindicator, on King street west, is being fitted up for the Bake Rite Co., of Toronto, who will open a branch in Oshawa in a short time.

SHOOTING FATALITY NEAR LANARK

On Tuesday Lanark was shocked to hear the terrible news that John Percy, generally known as Jack Maury, had taken his life by shooting. Mr. Percy was summoned as a witness on an Ontario Temperance Act case to take place Tuesday afternoon. In the forenoon Mr. Percy, who was at the time residing with Robert Maury on the second line of Lanark, asked for the shot gun

saying he was going out to shoot ground hogs. The only cartridge in the house was taken and just over a small hill he was found shot in the neck. The late Mr. Percy was thirty-six years of age and was born in Lanark township.

TO RECEIVE FORTUNE SOON

Rev. D. S. K. Byrne, formerly David Kidd, has received a message from Australia that one million eight hundred thousand dollars of the fortune he inherited several years ago, would be paid over to him in either September or October.

\$5,000 ACTION AGAINST K.G.H.

Robert Lynch, of Gananoque, through his solicitor, J. Arthur Jackson, of Gananoque, is bringing an action against the Kingston General Hospital for \$5,000 damages for injury to his daughter, Edith, an infant, while a patient in the hospital, through it, it is alleged, the negligence of the defendants or their servants.

EDWARDSBURG MAN FINED

At Prescott Monday afternoon, William Lewis, Edwardsburg, was fined \$200 and costs before Justices of the Peace Haney and Plumb for selling and bartering in liquor contrary to the O.T.A. The charge was laid by Inspector E. E. Adams, of Ventnor, with C. R. Deacon, Brockville, prosecuting.

ROW BOAT STOLEN

W. J. Jacobs, keeper of the Falace Boat Livery, Brockville, reported to the police Tuesday morning that during the night a cedar row boat, 18 feet in length, had been stolen from the platform at his boat house. The boat is painted grey on the bottom and has the figure 8 stamped on the bow and stern.

LITTLE GIRL FLOGGED

Complaint was made on Monday about a Kingston woman ill-treating a little girl, apparently her daughter, near the corner of Wellington and Queen streets, Kingston, on Saturday night, and it is understood that action is to be taken against the woman, who had a strap in her hand. When she caught up with the child, it is alleged that she struck her several times about the body and on the head. Passersby cried out to her to stop, but it is claimed that the woman with the strap told them to mind their own business and stated that she was quite able to look after her own affairs.

SUGGESTS EXHIBITION GAMES

"An Interested Fan", in a letter to The Oshawa Reform, says he would like to see a battle with the Oshawa boys and the two teams, Belleville G.T.E. Central team, and St. Mary's Colts. He suggests the Oshawa boys play St. Mary's on Sept. 6, Labor Day, and Belleville on the following Saturday, Sept. 11. He also says he has heard some good old ball fans say they would love to see Belleville in action against Oshawa, using Jacob or MacDonald or Howard Cook as pitcher.

TWO CALGARY NEWSPAPERS QUIT

Two out of three of the Calgary newspapers have discontinued publication and the remaining one has had to double subscription rates in order to exist. The Woodstock Sentinel-Review has raised its rate from \$4 to \$7 a year, an increase of 75 per cent. The Guelph Mercury and the Peterborough Examiner have each gone to \$6 a year. All Alberta newspapers are now charging \$8 a year by mail or \$13 delivered by carrier boy. The Victoria, B.C., Times is now \$12 a year delivered. Nothing else is possible.

POLICE COURT

Harriet Lyeck this morning pleaded guilty in police court to a charge of vagrancy. She was allowed to go under a suspended sentence for six months and is expected to leave the city.

SHIPPED HOGS

Messrs R. Empson and Son today shipped hogs, for which \$19.75 was paid. Calves are quoted at 12c to 16c.

TOMATOES CHEAPER

On the market this morning tomatoes sold at 70c per bushel and potatoes at \$1.00 per bushel. Corn sold at two dozen for twenty-five cents.

W. J. Nolan, of Woodstock, was sentenced to three months in Burwash for stealing two pair of boots and two cases of whiskey from a C.P.R. freight car.

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