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Doomed to Die.

James Allison Found Guilty of Murder
And Sentenced to Be Hanged on the 4th of February.

William Hammond Convicted of Killing His Wife, Katie Tough—A Murderer Hanged and Another Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 4.—The Orr murder trial came to a close at the assizes yesterday. Mr. Blake, counsel for the defense, in his address to the jury dwelt particularly upon the evidence of witnesses for the defense, who swore positively that they saw Allison that morning at such an hour and place that it would have been impossible for him to have committed the crime charged. He also referred to the fact of such a boy being unable to overcome a woman of Mrs. Orr's physique, let alone carry her from the place where she was supposed to have been murdered to the grave, a distance of 70 yards, without a mark or scratch upon his person. He commented bitterly on the action of the authorities after his client was arrested in placing him in the sweatbox for five hours under Detective Murray without being allowed counsel.

Mr. O'Connor, crown prosecutor, said that sympathy and feelings had no place in considering this case. It was a well known fact, said he, that Anthony Orr did not commit the deed. Who else was at the house that could commit it? Evidence had been adduced to show that the prisoner was left with Mrs. Orr after her husband went away, about 5 a.m. He dwelt on the conflicting testimony of Geo. Barrie and the boy Allison. The latter told Anthony Orr that he was on his way home from Barrie's just as the C. P. R. train was passing, which would be about 9:50, whereas Barrie swore that Allison left his place at 8:30, and that it would take about 10 minutes to go the distance. He asked the jury to consider the evidence of the Drydens and others, who testified to seeing the prisoner on his way to Barrie's about 9 o'clock.

Chief Justice Meredith, in charging the jury, said there was great conflict in the evidence. His lordship went carefully over all the testimony and impartially laid the case before the jury, asking them at 1:15 to retire and carefully consider the case.

The jury, after being out for three hours, returned at 8 p.m., with a verdict of "Guilty." His lordship's attention to mercy on account of his age. The prisoner was asked if he had anything to say why the sentence of the court should not be passed upon him. He replied "No."

The judge told him to make good use of his time, and make peace with his God. He sentenced Allison to be hanged Feb. 4, 1898.

The prisoner was apparently unmoved by these terrible words, but his father and other members of the family present were visibly affected, especially the father, who went into convulsions and had to be carried out of the court room.

HAMMOND FOUND GUILTY.
Brampton, Ont., Dec. 4.—Mr. Osler addressed the jury for over two hours in the Hammond murder trial.

Justice Meredith, in his charge, said the whole ground seems to be covered by the questions: 1. Was Katie Tough's death caused by prussic acid? 2. Did the prisoner give it to her? Deceased was a person of a weak character, was found dead in her room, and poison of a strong character was purchased by her husband, which was not accounted for by him. She had many symptoms showing that death was caused by poison. There was no evidence to show that a third party was guilty of doing the deed. It was either taken by deceased, or given by prisoner.

The judge's charge occupied one hour and the jury retired at 3 o'clock. Shortly after 5 o'clock, the jury, after being out two hours, returned with a verdict of guilty.

Mr. Johnston then renewed his application for a reserve case, on the ground of the admission of the prisoner's evidence, contained in the coroner's deposition.

The court then adjourned, and on resuming at 8 o'clock the judge proceeded to ask the prisoner if he had anything to say why the sentence of the court should not be pronounced against him.

The prisoner, in a clear voice, said: "Yes, my lord, I have. In the first place, I am innocent. In the second place, I blame my own indiscretion

and state of health, which led me to give information to my enemies have used against me. That is all."

The judge then said: "William James Hammond, you have been found guilty of the indictable offense charged against you, and the sentence of the court is that you be taken to the place from whence you came, and there kept until the 15th day of February next ensuing, then to be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul."

The prisoner took the sentence without showing any signs of emotion.

THE MACKENZIE CASE.
The jury in the Mackenzie manslaughter case announced a verdict of guilty.

The business of the court is practically over.

ANOTHER MURDER.
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 4.—Yesterday morning Mrs. Louise Villeneuve was arraigned at the assizes here in a charge of murdering her husband, Felix Amyot Villeneuve, in the township of Rayside, on the 18th of October last.

Aime Villeneuve, the 12-year-old son of the murdered man, and also of the prisoner, was the main witness for the crown, but his testimony was all in favor of his mother, against whom there was no direct evidence. Crown Prosecutor Kitch showed clearly that a murder had been committed, but the evidence against the accused was weak. The jury retired shortly before midnight.

THORN'S CASE.
New York, Dec. 4.—Mr. Howe said that Thorn would not be executed during the present session, and that he would prevent this by filing notice of appeal, which would act as a stay of proceedings. Mr. Howe said he did not regard Thorn's case as hopeless by any means, and that he proposed to fight for a new trial and carry the case to the highest court in the land if necessary.

HANGED.
Hartford, Conn., Dec. 4.—Giuseppe Fuda, convicted of the murder of his wife in East Norwalk on Feb. 17, last, was hanged at the state's prison at Wethersfield yesterday morning.

PENITENTIARY FOR LIFE.
Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Warren Wildridge, the wife-murderer, was sentenced to Auburn prison for life.

Big Victory for the Cubans.
Great Battle in Pinar Del Rio's Hills.

Two Days' Fighting—6,000 Spaniards Fail to Dislodge the Insurgents—Forced to Retire With Heavy Loss.

New York, Dec. 4.—The Sun's correspondent at Havana writes: The fiercest battle fought in the province of Pinar del Rio since the death of Gen. Maceo is just reported here by an official Spanish account published in all the newspapers and by communications from the insurgent lines.

Though the Spanish report boasts, as usual, of a great victory, it confirms, in many details, the Cuban story. Special information from trustworthy sources leaves no doubt that the result was the most serious defeat sustained by the Spanish army since the battle of Cacajicara in the same province.

The battle was fought among the hills of Romero, Madama and Los Palacios, at which the insurgent Gen. Duaso was encountered with 4,000 men, well armed with modern rifles and dynamite bombs.

The Spanish columns of Gens. Bernad and Hernandez de Velasco combined to dislodge the insurgents. Several bayonet attacks by the Spanish ended disastrously for them, and they retired to await reinforcements after over 100 Spanish soldiers had been killed.

The Spanish numbered 6,000 when the Aranjuez battalion arrived. With a sacrifice of 67 men, they took at the point of the bayonet the heights of Caimito, Duaso took it again before noon, and the three Spanish battalions gave up the fight and retired.

The official Spanish report published here by the press censor says: We had one major and two soldiers killed, and one major, one captain and nineteen soldiers wounded. But the Spanish officers under Gen. H. de Velasco confessed that their losses were over 100, and that it was the hardest fight they ever had in Cuba.

Havana, Dec. 4.—A cablegram from Madrid says Gen. Campos has declared that after autonomy is fairly established in Cuba he is willing to go to the island as captain-general and commander-in-chief of the Spanish army.

Citizens of Pinar del Rio want Captain-General Blanco to give them permission to export 60,000 bales of tobacco, which they have on hand.

The Spanish premier now thinks that the military operations in the province of Pinar del Rio show it to be an important center of rebellion, although Gen. Weyler had declared the district pacified.

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Capt. John W. Bankhead, who died recently, was a great-grandson of Thomas Jefferson.

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The Talk of Old London.

Princess of Wales' Birthday Party at Sandringham.

The Unsavory Notoriety Achieved by Lord Nevill.

Ex-Empress Eugenie as an Authoress—Another Mysterious Murder in London—Germany Rivaling France as an Exporter of Champagne.

Special Cable Letter to The Advertiser.

London, Dec. 4.—All the members of the family of the Prince of Wales, and several of the friends of the heir apparent, including the Duke and Duchess of Orleans, the Duke and Duchess of Portland, and Earl and Countess de Grey, have been at Sandringham throughout the past week, where the birthday of the Princess of Wales was celebrated on Wednesday last, with great heartiness. The princess, who was born on Dec. 21, 1845, presents from all parts of the world. The czar and zarina sent jewels, and Emperor William of Germany presented the princess with a large photograph of himself in an English uniform, enclosed in a costly frame, and accompanied by a congratulatory greeting, with four lines in original verse.

THE LORD NEVILL SCANDAL.
The revelations of the promissory note case heard before the lord chief justice of England, Lord Russell of Killowen, in the Queen's bench division of the high court of justice this week, have created a painful impression and much sympathy is expressed for the Marquis of Abernethy, whose fourth son, Lord William Nevill, has been brought forward in no unenviable manner, whereas his father is generally respected. The suit was ushered to the Associated Press during the week, was brought by "Sam" Lewis, the well-known London money-lender, against an officer of the Guards named Clay, to recover \$5,565, due on two promissory notes cashed by Lord William Nevill, who, the jury decided, obtained the young officer's signature by fraud, making him believe that he was signing documents relating to the divorce of the Countess Conyngham. Lord Nevill's sister, it is now said that further suits involving Lord Nevill are imminent. The affair has been the talk of society for a long time past, and the attempts have been made to hush the matter up. Clay is one of the wealthiest of the English gentry. His mother married Mr. Beresford Valentine Melville, the Conservative member of Parliament for Stockport, who is Clay's father-in-law.

Mr. J. Spencer Clay, a former member of Parliament, who was one of the largest shareholders in the Bass Brewery Company, died in March, 1896, leaving a large fortune, met Lord Nevill at a house party at Ascot, where he was prevailed upon to indorse the young man's signature, who has a fortune of \$50,000 a year, was recently married to Lord Bingham, the eldest son and heir of the Earl of Lucan.

Young Clay owns a racing stable, which includes among the horses the well-known racer Padishah. More will be heard of the affair. The newspapers say that, in the absence of a refutation of Clay's story, Lord William Nevill must remain an exile and an outcast.

Lord Nevill, about a dozen years ago was on the staff of Sir Henry Loch at Melbourne, when the latter was governor of Victoria. There Lord Nevill was received into the Roman Catholic Church, and in Rome later he studied for the priesthood. But he returned to England and married a girl, Maria Carrion de Murrieta, eldest daughter of Jose de Murrieta, Marquis de Sanjurjo, the well-known banker, just before the failure of his fortune in March, 1896, owing to the depression in South American securities.

Lord Nevill, who was born in 1818, educated at Eton, and who was formerly a lieutenant in the Third Battalion of the West Kent Regiment, is tall, clean shaven and youthful looking.

"Sam" Lewis, the money lender, has been a well-known figure in London for 20 years past. He had an office on Cork street, and the people he has seen among his clients. A number of stories are told about Lewis, including one to the effect that every year, when he goes to the Continent, he takes \$100,000 with him to amuse himself and accommodate his customers.

EX-EMPERESS EUGENIE AS AN AUTHOR.
Ex-Empress Eugenie is contemplating publishing a history of her husband, the late Emperor Napoleon III. During her visit to Queen Victoria this week the widowed empress discussed the matter with the queen, but the latter pronounced herself as being strongly opposed to the project.

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ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS MURDER.
There has been another mysterious murder in London. This time the victim is an old shoemaker in Longacre, who was murdered by a man named the matter with a knife, but the latter pronounced herself as being strongly opposed to the project.

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IN RACING CIRCLES.
The racing season just ended has produced some interesting figures. In the list of winning owners for 1897, Mr. John Gubbins, the owner of the Galtee More, winner of the Derby (the first Irish horse to win the race), and the winner of the Two Thousand Guineas and St. Leger, as well as other big events, heads the list with £22,739, of which sum only £2,102 was won by Galtee More. Mr. Leopold De Rothschild, who headed the list of winning horses in 1895 and 1896, is now second, with £17,484. The Prince of Wales, who was second in 1896, is now third with £15,770, which brings up the Prince of Wales' total for the past five years to £57,747. Lord Rosebery won £15,574; M. Lebaudy, £13,886; the Duke of Devonshire, £10,290; and Mr. C. D. Rose, £10,237. The American continuing shows up fairly well. Mr. Pierpont Lorillard leading with £6,394; his partner, Lord William Beresford, winning £7,367. Mr. August Belmont won £232; Mr. Richard Croker won £1,982; and Mr. James H. Keene, £263. Among the others, "Mr. Jersey," otherwise Mrs. Lily Langtry, won \$6,614; Mr. H. McCallum, £2,704; the Duke of Marlborough, £210; Lord Dunraven and the Duke of Westminster, £4,218.

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GERMAN CHAMPAGNE.
From the British consular reports it appears that Germany is beginning to seriously rival France as a champagne exporter. The making of sparkling wines in Germany has lately been brought to such perfection that German wines of all brands now rank nearly equal with French champagne, and the price is much lower. Their export is chiefly to America, Great Britain and Belgium. The French method of manufacture has been generally adopted in Germany, this being rendered easy, owing to the fact that the largest champagne businesses in France are partly in the hands of Germans.

BRITISH OCCUPATION OF EGYPT.
It is reported that the Khedive is disposed to conclude peace with Egypt, on condition that he be granted hereditary power over Kordofan and Darfur, and that all his adherents be pardoned. The derwish leader is also said to be ready to evacuate the whole Nile Valley, to recognize the suzerainty of Queen Victoria and open his domain to British commerce.

EXIT THE "NEW REVIEW."
With the present number of the New Review its publication in the present form ceases, and it will be revived during the course of a few weeks, as a weekly three-penny journal, instead of as a monthly magazine. But Mr. Wm. Ernest Henley, who has been editor of the New Review, retires owing to ill-health.

It is said that Oscar Wilde has arranged to publish here in London a New York city poem entitled, "The Ballad of Reading Jail, by C. 33."

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DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.
New York, Dec. 4.—Six men were severely scalded by the explosion of a sugar boiler in the candy factory of D. Auerbach & Sons in this city. Some of the victims are not expected to recover, and several of them will in any case have their eyesight ruined.

A BRAKEMAN KILLED.
Rennie, Ont., Dec. 4.—Freeman Wintermute, a brakeman, was run over yesterday while switching cars. His leg was broken and he was killed, and he died in twenty minutes. He was a married man, and lived at Rat Portage.

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 4.—In the police court yesterday Elias Willard Schofield was committed for trial on a charge of bigamy. Evidence was put in a couple of weeks ago as to his second marriage. Now Mrs. Julia Woodruff, of Watertown, N. Y., testifies as to his first marriage with her daughter Carrie in January, 1887.

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DR. AGNEW'S CURE FOR THE HEART A WONDERFUL LIFE-SAVER.

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- Men's Dress Overcoats, velvet collar, best linings, Mohair sleeve linings, tailor made, regular price \$10, reduced to \$7. \$7 75
- 20 Men's Heavy Ulsters, large storm collar and wool linings, sizes 36 to 40, regular price \$5, \$6 95 \$10, reduced to \$5, \$6 95
- 12 Men's Frieze Walking Coats, wool lined, good and strong, sizes 36 to 42, regular price \$10, reduced to \$6 95
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