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HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

TWO MORE ARRESTS OVER EXPRESS ROBBERY

J. D. Chilman and Joseph Acheson Accused of Theft of \$8000 Last September.

HAMILTON, Dec. 5.—(Special).—Two further arrests were made to-day in the mysterious Canadian express robbery, when J. Douglas Chilman, 140 Bold-street, was taken into custody at his home at 7 o'clock this morning.

Chilman was at one time a trusted clerk in the Canadian Express Company's office, and was employed there temporarily a short time before the robbery was committed. He has been under surveillance for several weeks by a Thiel detective, brought into the case at the instance of Deputy Chief of Police Whitley, who has been quietly working on the case ever since the charges against Hughes and Kennough fell thru.

Both men were in bed when arrested, and as soon as they could dress, were taken to the central police station. They appeared before Magistrate Jelfs in the police court a few hours later, and were remanded for eight days, at the request of Crown Attorney Washington, who stated that the police were not quite ready to go on with the case.

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er with the Sammons Eves Co., to engage in the electrical supply business, but a few weeks ago disposed of this business, and at the time of his arrest was employed with the Canadian Reflector Co. Chilman was also a friend of Constable Goodman, who arrested him this morning.

There were rumors to-day after the pair were arrested that another man would be taken into custody in connection with the robbery. It was also reported that the police had discovered the whereabouts of \$5,000 of the stolen money. Deputy Chief of Police Whitley was busy with a staff of men all day, but tonight declined to say what had been accomplished. "Nothing official will be given out tonight," he said, "I shall have a conference with the men at work on the case tomorrow morning, and will then make my report to Chief Smith in the matter."

The prisoners were unable to raise the heavy bail named by the crown, and spent the night in the central police station cells. C. W. Bell represented the accused men. In police court this morning, and he and Geo. Lynch-Staunton, will defend them when their cases come to trial.

Eight Thousand Dollars Stolen. The crime was committed on the morning of Sept. 28, last, and consists of the theft of more than \$8,000 from the vault in the local office of the Canadian Express Company. When one of the drivers arrived at the office on the morning of that day, he discovered Geo. Kennough, night clerk for the Co., bound and gagged, lying on the floor in the vault. To the police Kennough told a story that while sitting at his desk he had suddenly been seized by three masked men, and that after the men secured the packages containing the money, he was bound, gagged, and thrown into the vault. He could give no satisfactory description of the alleged robbers, and certain discrepancies in his story led to his arrest, for complicity in the theft. John W. Hughes, another ex-employee of the company, was also arrested on a nominal charge of complicity, in connection with the case. After two remands, both men were discharged for want of evidence against them, but Kennough was convicted on another charge of stealing \$15 from the company, and sentenced to three months in jail.

Travelers' Certificates. Commercial travelers' certificates for 1911 can now be had from Fred Johnson, Room 5, Federal Life Building, ed Hotel Harraban, corner Barton and Catharine-streets, Hamilton, conveniently situated and easily reached from all parts of the city. Erected in 1908. Modern and strictly first-class American plan. Rates \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day. Thos. Harraban, proprietor. Phone 1465.

Of No Other Use. "What is the use of this article?" asked the shopper. "I don't know," replied the clerk; "I think it is intended to be sold for Christmas present."—From Harper's Magazine.

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SOCIETY

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra concert, which was to take place this evening in Massey Hall has been postponed on account of the death of Mrs. Weisman.

Mr. George Beardmore, M.F.H., is shortly issuing invitations for his annual New Year's dance, to be held at Chudleigh, on Friday, Dec. 29.

The Rugby dance takes place at the Lyceum from 8 to 12 o'clock this evening.

Miss Cornelia Heintzman, Tannenhall, Bloor-street, is giving a tea this afternoon.

Mrs. Colin Campbell (formerly Miss Frances McLeod) is in her new house, 172 Bloor-street east, and will hold her post-nuptial reception this afternoon and evening.

Miss Marie Foy gave a poker party on Monday evening.

Mr. Arthur Holliday gives a tea this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Small are leaving for Japan early in the new year.

Mrs. C. H. Wilson will be the hostess of a bridge to-day.

Mrs. Hickson, Palmerston-boulevard, gives a tea to-morrow.

Hon. Robert and Mrs. Rogers are leaving shortly for their home in Winnipeg, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Griffin entertained at a dinner party on Saturday evening in Ottawa, when their guests included Hon. and Mrs. R. L. Borden, Hon. and Mrs. Nesbit Kirchoffer, United States Consul-General and Mrs. J. G. Foster, General and Mrs. MacKenzie, Colonel and Mrs. de la Croix Irwin.

The marriage of Miss A. Porteous and Mr. E. A. E. Nixon, R.C., will take place in Quebec on December 15th.

Mrs. Gordon Mackenzie has issued invitations to a dance at McConkey's on Tuesday, Dec. 13, to introduce her second daughter, Violet.

Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Fliskin are giving bridge parties this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell gave a delightful dance at McConkey's last night in honor of Miss Muriel Bicknell, Mr. J. W. Bicknell and some 400 of their young friends. The dining-room was decorated with palms and the music was a feature of the evening, supper being served in the restaurant at small tables decorated with baskets of roses. Mrs. Bicknell was in a pretty and becoming gown of pale blue nixon and sateen painted with roses and trimmed with crystal fringe and real lace, bouquet of orchids and lilies. Miss Bicknell looked charming in pale blue with tiny pink ribbon roses, a wreath of the same in her hair and bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. Alfred Bicknell was in a pink satin with a real lace overdress and green sateen with gold edged with sateen and gold fringe; Miss Nan Cochran in a smart red nixon frock edged with silver fringe over white sateen; Miss Lola Benjamin of Yerker, who is visiting Mrs. Bicknell, was in white satin. Others present were: The Misses Smolgrove, in pink and blue; Miss Flossie White, Miss Edna Cromarty, in blue; Mr. and Mrs. Gooderham, in green and silver; Miss Gladys Foy in white, Miss Gladys Dickson, mauve; Miss Cathleen Lyon, in pale blue; Miss Dorothy Bright Marks, in white with blue embroidery; Miss Gage, in blue; Miss Edna Alexander, in mauve; Miss Hazel Brown, in pink; Miss McCausland, in white; Miss Boyd, in white; Miss Evelyn Taylor, in green; Miss George Macdonald, Miss Mary Hanna, in pomegranate satin; Miss Hazel Gentry; Miss Violet Ferguson, in red satin; Miss Elsie Jackes, wearing rose sateen with gold butterflies; Miss Marjorie Hutchins, in white and silver; Miss Ethel Stone, in white and silver; Miss Ivy Knox, in blue; Miss McLaughlin, wearing white; Miss Grace Webster, in black lace over yellow; Miss Olive Burns, in green and red.

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Macdonald (L. M. Montgomery) and Mrs. G. MacGregor (Marion Keith).

The officers of the 48th Highlanders gave a dinner of 42 covers in the Nile Tunnal House-rooms, at Mackay's, on Monday night before the 48th Chapter dances.

Kathryn Innes-Taylor is giving a song recital in the Foresters' Hall, College-street, on Thursday evening at 8.30.

The ladies of the Church of the Epiphany are holding a sale of work and high tea, in the school-house this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, when the mayor of Toronto will open the proceedings.

Mrs. W. G. Trethewey was the hostess of a pleasant tea on Monday at her beautiful home, Binscoath-road, when she was wearing a handsome emerald-bordered black chiffon gown over gray satin. She was assisted in the drawing-room by Mrs. Jack Trethewey, in rose nixon over white satin. The polished tea table was artfully decorated with American beauty roses, ribbon of the same shade and smilax; a profusion of Richmond roses were in the drawing-room and chrysantheums in the library. An orchestra played during the afternoon, and at the dance given in the evening for the assistants in the tea-room, who were: Mrs. T.H. Miss Ruth Trethewey, the daughter of the house, wearing blue sateen, with real lace, the Misses Adamson, the Misses Ogilvie, Miss Gertrude Chipman, Miss Kathleen Chipman, Miss Black and Miss Trethewey. A few of those present were: Mrs. McGilvray Knowles, Mrs. Drecher Adamson, Mrs. Frank Blackford, Mrs. Willis Chipman, Mrs. Nell McKinnon, Mrs. E. B. Johnston, Mrs. Milner Lash and many others.

Miss Dorothy Beardmore gave a tea yesterday afternoon at her house in St. George-st.

Mrs. Jack Kay is giving a young people's party on Friday.

Mrs. Ros. Oriole-road, has issued invitations to a children's party on the 15th.

Mrs. W. W. Wright received yesterday afternoon for the first time since her marriage in her mother's house, Queen's Park, Mrs. E. J. Phillips being with her daughter, and was wearing a black crepe de chene gown with a string of pearls. The bride looked extremely lovely in her wedding gown of white crepe meteor and lace, with a corsage bouquet of violets and pink roses. The drawing-rooms and hall were decorated with lovely American beauty roses, and small yellow orchids in spray. The bride's sisters, Mrs. Gooderham and Mrs. Dwight Turner, assisting in the drawing-room. The large dining-room was covered with beautiful cloth of Mexican drawn work and centred with a silver stand of yellow roses and steamed pink ribbon roses. The dining-room was decorated with beautiful cloth of Mexican drawn work and centred with a silver stand of yellow roses and steamed pink ribbon roses. The dining-room was decorated with beautiful cloth of Mexican drawn work and centred with a silver stand of yellow roses and steamed pink ribbon roses.

The regular monthly meeting of the Q. O. R. chapter I. O. O. F., will be held in the armories at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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Mary Boland in Her Dressing Room. By Margaret Bell.

With the door closed, the scene was ordinary enough. Just the regulation theatre paraphernalia, the little wire hooks on the wall, into which the postman drops his daily bits of parchment, the trunks, the route, the names of the occupants of the different dressing-rooms, the thousand and one little details which go to make up the great realm beyond the lights. And then the door opened. What a picture of pinkness! Pink chintz coverlets, the dressing table, pink of the same material made a tasty addition to one of the chairs, and there were dainty bits of a dainty furniture, work-bags and play bags of all sizes and varieties, of the same shade and delicacy. And wonder of wonders, every bit of daintiness on the dressing table was arranged in perfect order. No, not wonder of wonders. It could not possibly have been otherwise. For this was the beautiful leading lady who solves John Draw's mimic difficulties, and shares the honors with him. The moment she walks on the stage, you must make the fancy chair. I always reserve that one for my guests.

It was the chintz-covered one. She went down directly opposite me, and never once glanced near the mirror, to my mind, rather unusual, don't you think, for a young woman so beautiful as Mary Boland.

But that is what impressed me about her first thing, her utter unconsciousness of herself. Or rather that impressed me, secondly, no one could possibly be being impressed first of all by her sweetness, her charming cordiality, half reserved, then you know, she is the most beautiful thing one would want to look at. And when one is face to face with beauty, charm and naturalness, what more can be said.

"Mustn't it be great to be able to write and have your things published?" You know, I've been writing for the last two years, but never have I seen a thing in print. Do you know, I believe they don't even look at manuscripts these days. Don't you think they just throw them in the waste basket without a thought?

"Alas, don't I!" She simply bubbled when she spoke of any subject which interested her, but a little thought fairly away within the recesses of my impression cavern danced and sang, and the sound of its murmuring was something like "Thank heaven, she has enthusiasm!" This was still another epithet added to the list of interesting things about her. And like all other followers of Eve, Miss Boland has a distinctly feminine weakness for all lace and silky frocks.

She was shopping to-day, she continued, "and saw the dearest, softest, finestst negligee and cap. Isn't it funny how a display of diamonds attracts a woman so very much, but the moment she sees a cunning bit of lace fashioned into a morning cap or a bunch of soft silk—preferably pink—she loses interest completely. Oh, I'm so glad the shops are showing caps now. It solves woman's greatest difficulty, the problem of appearing at breakfast without looking a fright."

As if Mary Boland could possibly look like that if she tried her utmost, it just occurred to me. Perhaps this is the secret of her success and beauty. She walks from eight to ten miles every day and loves the fresh country air. "Oh, I'm a regular country bumpkin," she laughed as I left her in the wings. Well looks sometimes are deceiving.

INTEREST IN XMAS STAMP GROWS. The pupils of the Toronto public schools hope to bring their sales of Xmas stamps this year up to at least \$2500, as against \$1800 last year. Public and high schools all over the Dominion are organizing for the campaign, which will mean real activity in every community.

The trustees of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives owe a great deal to the efforts put forth by children in and out of school. The Sunday school scholars are supplementing the work of the pupils in public schools, and little ones are on their own initiative or on suggestion of their parents, taking up the work. Last year "Little Miss Baker," Guelph, put in some good work selling stamps. She writes that this year she wants to again embark in the work, and to "do more if possible this coming season."

Notwithstanding the many calls upon them, and their hands ever full, the clergy men of all denominations are responding heartily to the appeal for aid in this campaign. "Send me \$20 worth," is the phone message that comes from the Rev. Dr. Hinks of Broadway Tabernacle. The Rev. Franklin Clarke writes from the rectory, Parkman, Ont., asking that stamps be sent to him. Mrs. Francis W. Bidwell, from the deacons, Kingston, orders a supply, writing a sympathetic and suggestive letter, among other things suggesting that the superintendents of the Sunday schools of the laid will doubtless lend a hand. The Rev. J. D. Richardson, Perth, will be an active worker in that district. Write National Sanitarium Association, 347 West King-st., Toronto, for all information.

Depended on the Defendant. "Do you believe in capital punishment?" asked the lawyer who was examining the candidates for the jury.

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