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**FIVE YEARS FOR FLEXEN;
ALBERSTADT ESCAPED LASH****Half-Breed Who Shot Policemen Green and Smith Gives
Drunkenness as Excuse—Sentence Day at Sessions.**

Thomas E. Flexen, the young half-breed, whose gun play resulted in the wounding of P. Cs Harry Greene and Walter Smith, was this morning sentenced by Judge Macbeth to five years in the Kingston penitentiary.

When asked whether he had anything to say, Flexen answered: "Nothing, your honor."

"It would seem from depositions placed in my hands that you were hardly accountable for your actions," continued the judge.

"I was drunk, your honor," answered the prisoner.

"I am afraid I cannot take that into consideration, it is a dangerous thing to become drunk with two loaded revolvers in your pocket. You are very fortunate that you are not on trial for



THOMAS E. FLEXEN,
Sentenced to Five Years at Kingston
For the Wounding of Policemen
Green and Smith.

Your life, I cannot be lenient. I cannot overlook your offense. The lives of the citizens must be protected. I have come to the conclusion from the depositions in my hand that you deliberately intended to murder the officers sent to apprehend you. I sentence you to five years in the provincial penitentiary."

Showed No Emotion.

Flexen is 18 years of age, and has been an exemplary prisoner. He took his sentence with the stoicism of his race, and showed no emotion whatever.

Alberstadt Sentenced.
Charles J. F. Alberstadt, convicted of an indecent assault on Miss Gooding, was sentenced to 1½ years in the Cen-

tral Prison. Only the prisoner's somewhat delicate state of health prevented his honor giving him the lash.

When asked whether he had anything to say, Alberstadt said: "I know nothing of the case I am charged with."

His honor declared that the jury were quite warranted in bringing in their verdict. He had no fault to find with it. He thought it correct. Flogging is the punishment appropriated by law for this offense.

"Only the state of your health prevents me giving you the full punishment instituted by law. I do not think it would be prudent to sentence you to a flogging. I am glad for the sake of your old mother and wife that this added indignity has been spared them. You have already spent three months in jail. I sentence you to 1½ years in Central Prison."

Alberstadt made a show of bravado, and seemed not much put out by the sentence, but rather appeared relieved when the lash was not given. He is only 23 years of age.

Suspended Sentence.

Garfield Jennings, who pleaded guilty of having stolen \$18 from a farm hand named Shaver living near Odell, was allowed to go on suspended sentence by Judge Macbeth. He received a scathing lecture by his honor, who characterized his method of living as disgraceful in the extreme.

Jennings' excuse was that he was drunk, and did not remember stealing the money. He had none when he started, but had quite a run of money when he returned.

"Is it not disgraceful," said Judge Macbeth, "for a young man to plead drunkenness as an excuse for such a crime? In your case it is peculiarly disgraceful. Your mother is a widow with five sons, of whom you are the oldest. Your brothers are much younger than you. You are the head of the family. You are supposed to set them a good example. Would you expect them to ask leniency, on a plea of drunkenness were they convicted of a crime? I can find words to express the incredible folly of it all? You were tried at the sessions on a charge of robbery and were declared innocent. Whether you were really so, you know best. One thing is certain, and that is that you were loafing around the streets with a man named Winslow, who has been convicted three times of dishonesty. I hope the leniency I show will not be thrown away on you. I will give you more chance. You should lead a better life in future."

Jennings promised to take the pledge, and do better in future. Jennings is 23 years of age.

BEATS TWO TO DEATH**Fatally Injures a Third and Seriously
Wounds a Fourth.**

St. Joseph, La., Dec. 20.—An Asa Bee, a young negro, beat two men to death near here last night with a piece of iron pipe, fatally wounded another, and seriously injured a fourth, using the same weapon. Robbery of \$45 and the clothing the men wore prompted the crimes. The dead are: John Kelly, of Memphis, Tenn., and Charles W. Hecker of Chicago. The fatally wounded is a companion of the victims, name not known. The seriously wounded is a man named Callahan, who is suffering from a cut in the head.

Drug Flerger Fund.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the National Drug and Chemical Company, Canada's drug merger, held here, a cash fund of \$250,000 was raised to be devoted to manufacturing chemicals at present amounts to 50 per cent, and it is intended to manufacture 50 per cent of that amount. A factory will be erected in Montreal for the purpose.

**Dr. Osler Breaks Out Again;
Death Bed Visions Nonsense**

New York, Dec. 20.—A Baltimore dispatch to the American says: Dr. William Osler, now of England, in his latest book, says that death-bed visions, believed in by thousands, and of which there are scores of supposed authentic records, is plain nonsense. Moreover, he supports his declaration by 500 death-bed observations of his own, which he thinks prove absolutely that such reported visions are untrue.

In all these cases there was suffering, fear and other emotions, but no thought of the future. His observation is a startling contribution to a subject which has always keenly interested scientists, clergymen and physicians, and it is certain to provoke general discussion.

Dr. Osler says: "As a rule man dies as he has lived, unfluenced, practically, by the thought of a future life. I have careful records of about 500 deathbeds, studied particularly with reference to the modes of death and the sensations of the dying. Ninety suffered holy pain and distress of some sort or another; eleven showed mental apprehension; two positive terror; one expressed spiritual exaltation; one bitter remorse. The great majority gave no sign one way or the other. Like their birth, their death was a sleep and a forgetting. The preacher was right in this matter. Man hath no pre-eminence over the beast—as one dieth, so dieth the other."

**Three-Cornered Fight
for Mayor's Chair Likely****Mr. John W. Pocock a Possi-
ble Candidate—His Views on
Waterworks Extension.**

Interest in the municipal election is increasing. Today it was learned that there is a possibility of Mr. John W. Pocock entering the mayoralty contest. When seen by a reporter to-day, Mr. Pocock stated that it will be on the question of the new main that he will appeal to the people if he should be a mayoralty candidate.

"I believe that when the bylaw for the new main comes before the people the electors will not take into consideration the necessity for the extra main," he said, "but will rather consider the mortgage which the construction of the additional main will entail, in which case the main may be knocked out."

"I have spoken to both Messrs. Stevely and Judd, and they inform me that if the people vote against the bylaw they cannot see what the mayor, the council or the commissioners can do, and they feel that of necessity the main project will have to be dropped."

"I do not agree with this view. I maintain the main is an absolute necessity, and if the people will not authorize the issue of debentures for the purpose, then the work should be proceeded with out of the current revenue of the waterworks department."

"I will promise the people to see that all, whether corporations or individuals, shall be made to pay their just water rates. I believe that the railways of London alone are getting \$20,000, or \$25,000 worth of free water annually. If they are made pay the same as the ordinary citizen, it will not take the waterworks department many years to

pay for the new main out of its own revenue.

"If I am elected I promise the people to build the new main without issuing a dollar of debentures. The main I consider an absolute necessity in the general interests of the city. We want no more such experiences as the car works burning down."

Mr. Pocock has been a successful



MR. JOHN W. POCKOCK.

London merchant for years, and was born in this city. Two years ago he was elected to the water commission, and retired at the end of his term. He has large business interests in the city, and is a member of the firm known as the London Shoe Company. If he should be a candidate he says he will go before the people independent of either party.

**SPLENDID MANAGEMENT OF
CIVIC FINANCES THIS YEAR****Misrepresentations of the Free
Press—A Contrast to
Year 1904.**

The Free Press last evening undertook to attack Mayor Campbell's administration, but in so doing it exposed its own argument. It was not the Free Press's council, of a year ago, this year's council, of which Mayor Campbell is the head and Ald. Stevely the finance minister. Will come out with a surplus. The break-even alone is \$25,000 more than the council of a year ago. It is hoped that the surplus from the committee of the council, with the \$1,400 now lying in the city treasury, will more than make up his deficit and the council of 1905 will be able to show a clean sheet on all counts.

cost of these improvements by making them pay the total cost in one year?

What appears to provoke the Free Press is that despite the fact that this year's council really had less money to spend than the council of a year ago, this year's council, of which Mayor Campbell is the head and Ald. Stevely the finance minister, will come out with a surplus. The break-even alone is \$25,000 more than the council of a year ago. It is hoped that the surplus from the committee of the council, with the \$1,400 now lying in the city treasury, will more than make up his deficit and the council of 1905 will be able to show a clean sheet on all counts.

STRENUOUS MOTORING**Lost Automobilists Found Perishing
in Rocky Mountain Pass.**

Flagstaff, Arizona, Dec. 20.—The searching party which left here yesterday to locate the lost transcontinental automobilists, Percy Megargel, of New York, and David F. Fassett, of Lansing, Mich., found them late last night in a desperate condition, snowed out, without food or gasoline, thirteen miles from town, near a deep pass in the mountains. In a few hours longer they would have perished from the bitter cold. Both men suffered from the cold, but had managed to save themselves from being frozen to death by the use of gasoline to build a fire. The smoke from this fire led the rescuers to the spot. By a mere chance, a squirrel had been shot during the day, and cooked over their fire. It was their first food for over 36 hours.

While searching for the automobilists the search party came across the frozen body of a logger named Thomas Smith, who had been lost for several days.

THE WEATHER.**Tomorrow—Sleet or Rain.**

Sun rises, 7:47 a.m. Moon rises, 12:55 a.m. Fair. Sun sets, 4:43 p.m. Moon sets, 1:44 p.m. Fair.

Cloudy weather has been pretty general today throughout the Dominion. From Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces it has been moderately cold, while in Western Ontario it is quite mild. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan the temperature this evening is nearly zero, but in Southern Alberta it is near the freezing point.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44-46; Vancouver, 41-45; Kamloops, 32-44; Calgary, 16-28; Edmonton, 10-16; Q'Appelle, 11-24; Winnipeg, 15-26; Port Arthur, 4-28; Parry Sound, 15-26; Toronto, 34-38; Ottawa, 14-18; Montreal, 14-26; Quebec, 6-18; St. John, 15-22; Halifax, 16-24.

FORECASTS.

Today—Cloudy, with sleet or rain. Thursday—Strong easterly winds, with sleet or snow.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Sun.	Mn.	Weather.
Calgary	24	20	Fair
Edmonton	24	20	Fair
Winnipeg	24	20	Fair
Port Arthur	24	20	Fair
Toronto	24	20	Fair
Ottawa	24	20	Fair
Montreal	24	20	Fair
Quebec	24	20	Fair
St. John	24	20	Fair
Halifax	24	20	Fair

WEATHER NOTES.

A disturbance is now moving towards the great lakes from the southwest. The weather continues moderately cold in Quebec and Manitoba. Elsewhere it is mild.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ending 11 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 37°; lowest, 22° above.

**GENERAL STRIKE
CALLED IN RUSSIA****Government in Poor Shape to
Meet New Crisis.****FRESH MUTINY IN SEBASTOPOL****The Situation in Baltic Provinces
Steadily Growing Worse—Popu-
lace Ask Authorities for Arms.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—On account of some confusion the general strike was proclaimed at Moscow to-day at noon, instead of tomorrow, and was inaugurated there with a complete suspension of the street railroad service.

The Government enters on the new struggle greatly crippled. The situation in the Baltic Provinces is growing steadily worse, and in the Caucasus the renewal of the outbreak of the Tartars and Armenians has produced another reign of terror. The inhabitants of Tiflis and other cities are begging the authorities to furnish them with arms for the purpose of organizing a militia for self protection.

At Sebastopol new mutinies have occurred, and 1,500 soldiers have been disbanded and are under guard. The troops at Kharkoff have revolted, and the inhabitants are still administering the city. The weather has become very cold. Deep snow covers the country so far south as Kieff, and it is believed that a few days' hunger and starvation will easily drive the people to desperation, and provoke uprisings and attacks on strikers, and perhaps general pillage.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—2:05 a.m.—A call for a general strike throughout Russia, to begin Thursday at noon, was issued tonight. The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants and General Railway Union, and the councils of workers of St. Petersburg and Moscow.

A response received from the railway men of Moscow is unanimously for a strike. The leaders have declared their ability to stop every railway in Russia.

Takum, Courland, Dec. 19.—Here today, with three guns, Cossacks shelled the place, and charged the mobs of peasants, who surrendered or were dispersed. Order has now been re-established and soldiers are burying the bodies of the slain and caring for the wounded.

In all three hundred and forty soldiers and peasants were killed and many were wounded. Most of the remaining population have fled to Tika, which now is the safest town in this part of Russia.

YANKEE SHIPPERS KICK**Say Newfoundland Is Interfer-
ing With Their Treaty Rights.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—The state department has received some bitter complaints from American officials of fishing vessels against the Newfoundland officials for interfering with what they regard as their treaty rights to fish within Newfoundland territorial waters. Only a few days since an American fishing smack was seized at a Newfoundland port because, several months ago, she had, it was alleged, shipped some Newfoundlanders from the Bay of Islands. The American ship owners felt that this was an infringement of their right to ply their vocation in those waters as guaranteed by treaty.

The state department has been exchanging notes on this subject with the British Government. The department has not been able to make direct issue with the Newfoundlanders in respect to their right to make it a punishable offense to ship Newfoundlanders within their own waters. It is not quite clear, however, whether, while admitting the right of the Newfoundland authorities to punish their own people who ship on an American vessel, in violation of local law, it is prepared to concede the amenability to Newfoundland laws of American shippers who ship such men.

ENGINEERS AND G. T. R.**Men Say They Are Unable to Get
Conference With Company.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Grand Trunk engineers are apparently hopeless of a satisfactory arrangement resulting from the conference between the management and the committee that has been in Montreal for the last three months, and it was learned today that the committee would be recalled and a new one appointed. The general membership say they are discouraged at repeated failures to make officials keep appointments. Even international officers have failed to make an impression on the management.

**Convicts Played the Hero;
Through Flames to Rescue****In New York Jail Five Male Prisoners Save Lives of
Hundreds of Panic-Stricken Women.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Men forgot that they were convicts, and remembered only that they were men, on Blackwell's Island early this morning, when the male prisoners, marshaled by their keepers into a fire-fighting and life-saving corps, bore from the flaming floors of the women's wards 544 frantic women, and from the hospital beds 50 more.

Starting in the sewing-room of the workhouse, and from a cause which has not yet been definitely decided, the fire had reached a fierce blaze at 2 o'clock, when it was discovered. The fire engine on the island proved inadequate, and a call for help was sent to the city department.

Seven engines were sent over, but were not sufficient to save the women's workhouse from destruction.

Women in a Panic.
On the top floor of this building were cells for the women, and every one held one or two prisoners when the fire occurred. These women became frantic with fright, and were soon choking with the dense smoke

that filled all the halls and their cells. That most of them did not perish is due to the recent installation of a system by which in emergencies every cell in a tier can be opened simultaneously with all the others.

Convicts Play the Man.

When the extent and danger of the blaze became apparent, the wardens marshaled his regular fighting force of employees, and soon were at work. The flames spread so fast, however, that this force proved hopelessly inadequate. Then it was decided to trust to the male prisoners' sense of manhood, and they bore the test well. Released from their cells and marshaled into small bodies, they entered the burning building, and went at the work of fire-fighting and rescue with utter disregard of the danger to themselves. The flames were crackling all about them, and they plunged through the densest smoke when they brought out in their arms the last of the women prisoners.

The fire was confined to the women's workhouse.

**PARTY AXE BUSY
AT HAMILTON****Head of the Asylum Dismissed
and Several Other Changes
Are Slated.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—The party axe has begun to swing in Hamilton, and the first head to come in contact with it was Dr. James Russell, for eighteen years superintendent of the asylum, and one of the best-known alienists in Canada. He received official notice yesterday that his services would not be required after the new year. Several other changes are slated, and will likely go into effect at the beginning of the new year.

THREE IN LOCKUP NOW**Another Indian Arrested on Charge
of Robbery at Middlemiss.**

Constable Coultis, of Muncey, brought Thomas Henry, a young Indian, to jail this morning to answer a charge of breaking into and robbing Richards' store and postoffice at Middlemiss, on Dec. 8. Henry appeared before Squire Edwards, and was remanded for a week.

High Constable McLeod found between \$40 and \$50 worth of the stolen goods at the homes of John Alexander and Johnson Peters, arrested yesterday.

A number of other persons are suspected of being implicated in the robbery, and warrants have been issued for their arrest.

Jewels Lost in Wreck.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Besides the loss of life the Santa Fe train wreck at Lang, Kansas, Tuesday, there was about \$5,000 in gold and \$9,000 in currency, and many thousands dollars' worth of jewelry destroyed by the express car attached to the train talking fire. The money was in transit from the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City to Kansas bankers. One estimate places the value of the precious stones and gold and silver at \$50,000. Most of the packages contained Christmas presents.

Two Washington Fires.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Washington early today was visited by two fires, entailing an approximate aggregate loss of \$100,000. At one of them four women were carried down ladders by a fireman and a policeman. What the women were nearly overcome by smoke.

**Lash Is Favored by Jury
As Means to Lessen Crime****Its Adoption in the Penal In-
stitutions Recommended at
December Sessions.**

The grand jury, at the December sessions, brought in its presentment this morning, and it had something to say on the prevalence of crime in Middlesex County. The jury had considered nine cases of crime, and regretted the large docket. Some of the charges were serious; some of them were trivial. They indicated a moral depravity, and a disregard of a true sense of honor, right and law, said the jury, which advocated the use of the lash as a deterrent to crime. The seriousness of the situation called for some action, and the best way to prevent crime would be by a strict enforcement of law and the application of the lash. Their remarks on this subject were as follows:

"In your charge to us, you mentioned the apparent increase of crime, and suggested that we recommend some way to suppress and decrease the same. It is a dif-

ficult question to deal with, and especially by a body of men met together in consultation for so short a period as is the time at the disposal of the grand jury. However, we are unanimously of the opinion that a very efficient auxiliary to other means and methods as a deterrent to the commission of crime is the use of the lash, and we recommend its adoption in penal institutions.

The grand jury visited the jail, Victoria Hospital and the asylum, and found everything in these institutions in first-class condition. The only criticism made was of the asylum, where a more modern system of lighting was advised. The jury also thought that Martin Tierney and Oliver Ritchey, two old men at present in the jail, should be placed in some institution where they could be better cared for. They were very old men, harmless, insane.

Judge Macbeth in discharging the jury said that he was startled at first at the large criminal docket, but only two convictions had been made, and the situation was not as serious as it first appeared. There were few criminals among those tried.