The Long Arm of the Law

ESCAPED CONVICT CAPTURED AFTER TWO YEARS OF FREEDOM.

(From Toronto Star)

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Gordon Simpson, member of the "Red" Ryan gang, who made a sensational escape from Kingston Penitentiary in September, 1923, was arrested here yesterday. Simpson's arrest was made by Detectives Khalbfleish, Fay, Sullivan and Tiernan, of the New York City police and Detective O'Keefe, of the Pinkerton office.

Simpson had made his way through the United States to Germany and lived there under the name of Hall. He was returning on S. S. America, arriving yesterday and was arrested by the five detectives in the Hudson terminal building, 30 Church street. He gave his New York address as 270 West 25th Street, his age as 26 and his occupation as salesman.

Tells Story of Escape.

At police headquarters to-day, Simpson told the following story:

"We escaped from the Kingston penitentiary the following way. Two of us, Bryant and myself, were in the season of 1923 assigned to work in the carpenter shop. We were allowed to work together on the [illegible] of a disused power house inside the prison wall. About 30 feet from the power house is a barn where they keep the prison horses. This end of the barn is 35 feet from the wall and 30 feet to the south there is a rifle tower. Forty feet to the north is another rifle tower and 30 feet to the north of that still another tower. The man in the centre tower did not have a clear view of the barn. The only one who had a good view was the fellow at the south tower.

"Alongside the wall were four riflemen in charge of a gang of trusties. We picked a favorable morning when the wind would be blowing in the direction of the southeast tower. We planned to fire the barns so that the smoke material would obstruct the view of the men in the lower side. We gathered enough material in the power house to make a ladder. We hid the material, which was three by fours in the barn.

"At eleven-thirty on the morning of Monday, September 10, 1923, we sneaked away from the mason gang and went to the barn. The only one there was the stable keeper who was up for 15 years. We invited him to come with us but he refused as he was up for parole. We had to tie him up so he could not give the alarm. We tied his hands but not his feet so he could walk out of the barn when we had set it afire.

Guards Opened Fire.

"We made a ladder with the material we had gathered then went upstairs and set the barn afire in several places. It burned fast and the smoke was good and thick. We put the ladder against the wall and climbed up and over. When we were on top the riflemen opened fire on us from the towers.

"The outside gang started firing, too. Everybody was shooting at us.

"Forty feet from the prison wall is a millionaire's estate. Painters were working on it. They had a car. We piled in. MacMillan drove it. All the clerks, scouts, guards and everybody in the prison were firing at us. MacMillan was shot through the hand. They chased us in another car. When we got to the woods we jumped out and made our way through the woods and escaped. Mac dropped from loss of blood and was picked up that night. We hid in barns, bushes and moved at night, keeping away from farm houses and roads. We had no food and suffered severe hardships.

"About 12 miles from the penitentiary we were in a barn and the farmer came in looking for eggs. He saw Brown and asked if he was one of the boys (meaning the escaped prisoners). Brown said no, but he looked as if he knew. We asked him for something to eat, but when he started to go alone we wouldn't let him. He said he had only a blind wife in his house. He was afraid we'd kill him. He gave us each something. We beat it to the railroad and hid in the bushes for three days, until we were sure the hunt for us was over. We knew by that time that they wouldn't search any more box cars, so we hopped a freight to Belleville, as far as the freight went. Then we hid in the bushes some more.

"All this time we were in prison clothes. How we got other clothes was like this: Two kids who were out shooting came along and asked us if we were bums. We said yes and asked for something to eat and for clothes. One of them said: 'I'll get all you want, my old man is a section boss and I can get the keys to the section house. They did so, and we took caps, sweaters and everything we needed. When we left them we promised to write to them.

How Gang Separated.

"We waited for a freight, and then walked 20 miles. Then we argued what we should do, and decided to split up. Bryant struck out with me for Trenton, Ontario, and Ryan and Brown went together. We got as far as Kingston and Montreal and then Bryant and I separated.

"I worked my way over the border to Vermont, then to Boston, where I got a job, and I stayed in Connecticut, in one town or another. I worked for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and got my transportation paid to Derby. I was in a section gang there for eight months. In Bridgeport I worked on a church and on the Stratfield hotel. I came down to New Jersey because I wanted to ship to Frisco, but I couldn't ship there, so shipped to Germany."

He said he had lived in Germany under the name of Hall. He came back to the United States on the S.S. America, on which he had shipped as a seaman. He paid one dollar for another seaman's papers and came over on them.

He was headed for 270 West 25th Street, New York City, where he had lived for two weeks before he went to Germany. As he stepped off the train at the New York end of the tube that goes under the Hudson river, in 30 Church street, Detectives Kalbfleisch, Fay, Sullivan and Kiernan, of the New York police and Detectives O'Keefe of the Pinkerton Agency, closed in on him. He was rushed to the Tombs and locked up for the night and this morning is being arraigned before the federal court.

Arrest a Surprise.

The arrest of Gordon Simpson, came as a surprise to the police of this city.

Intimation as to his capture came in New York due to a circular which had been sent out over the country at the time of Simpson's escape and the subsequent hold-up of the bank.

Simpson was traced in different parts of Canada and at times was reported in Quebec and later he was said to have gone to England. Other reports have it that the Toronto police got a line on him around New York and wired the police there to search for him. No word was received until ten o'clock this morning at headquarters as to how Simpson was arrested. The New York authorities, it is stated, were acting on advice from Toronto. It is anticipated by the police here that Simpson will fight extradition, and New York state laws covering extradition proceedings are very involved.

The Star to-day visited Simpson's home and was the first to break the news to the family that Simpson had been arrested. His sister appeared stunned to learn of her brother's arrest and questioned the reporter as to the facts of the capture.

"Have you heard from him since he went away?" "No, we never heard from him. We knew nothing about him at all."

Three Rewards Offered.

There are three standing rewards for Simpson's arrest. The federal government offered $50 for his arrest, the Toronto police $500, and there is a standing reward of $5,000 payable to "anyone who causes the arrest and capture and conviction of any person who robs a bank in Canada."

Gordon Simpson was a pal of Norman James "Red" Ryan, now serving a life term.

Simpson has been sought by the Toronto and federal authorities for over two years. His arrest in New York last night closes a hunt that has been going on for over two years when Simpson, along with Ryan, Edward McMullen, Wyoming bank robber, Arthur Sullivan, alias Brown, and Wm. Bryant, made a sensational flight over the walls at Kingston penitentiary on September 10, 1923.

Ryan's Capture.

No trace of the four men was again found until Ryan was arrested in a post-office in Minneapolis in December, 1923, when he was shot while calling for his mail by Minneapolis police, who were in the post-office waiting for Ryan to call. With them were Deputy Warden Tucker of Kingston, and Inspector Walter Duncan, of the federal investigation branch of the finance department. As Ryan walked out of the bank, Sullivan was across the street in a car. Seeing Ryan being led into the street, he opened fire on the party and shot two people trying to board a street car. On the next day, Sullivan himself was trapped by the Minneapolis police at a girl's home in that city following an arrangement with the girl. Sullivan was shot dead as he came to the door when the detectives called at the house. He was drawing his gun when the police fired. Sullivan's body was brought to Toronto by his wife.

The Gang Quarrelled.

Ryan came back in custody, pleaded guilty to the charge of holding up and robbing the Bank of Nova Scotia and was given a life sentence and fourteen lashes by Judge Coatsworth. Later the lash penalty was remitted by Ottawa.

Simpson's Mistake.

Simpson when he escaped was serving a five-year term for shop-breaking and theft, having been sent down from Toronto on September 24, 1921. Why he attempted to escape caused much speculation among prison authorities as he had served two years and it was stated at the time he was going to be recommended for ticket of leave that Christmas.

Gordon Simpson is twenty-six years of age. He was sentenced for shop-breaking and receiving. He was a member of the gang led by Tommy Quinn, now serving a ten-year term, which broke into a number of the United Cigar Stores in Toronto and wheeled out the "baby" safes from the stores. He was also involved, it is alleged, in a number of clothing and fur robberies in Toronto, and different parts of Ontario.

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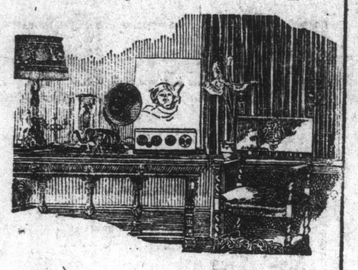

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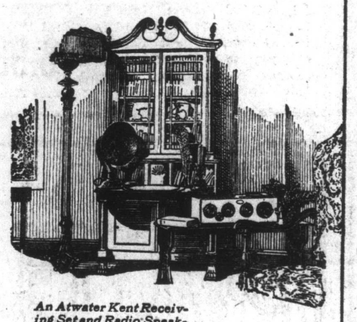

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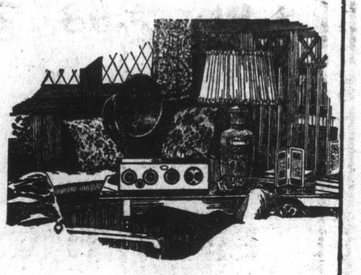

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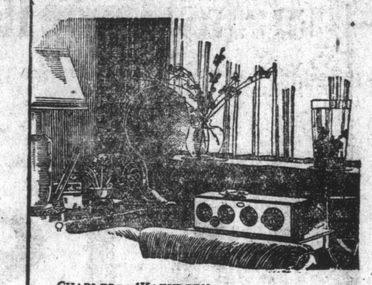

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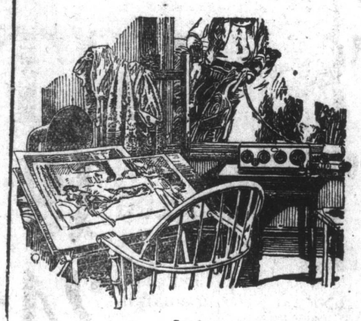

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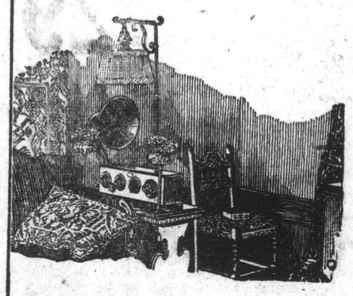

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Epilepsy and Crime

A DOCTOR'S DISCLOSURES.

A charge of shoplifting was recently dropped at the instance of the Public Prosecutor on the ground that the accused was, at the time the act was committed, suffering from "masked epilepsy" and was quite unconscious of what he was doing.

It would be difficult to say how many crimes, more especially murders, have been committed by sufferers from this mysterious complaint.

An epileptic fit, even if so slight as to cause no apparent loss of consciousness, often leaves behind it a condition very much resembling sleep-walking. The patient has, in the phrase used by alienists, a "dual consciousness." He performs the automatic routine acts to which he is used, eats and sleeps, walks and talks exactly as he has always done, yet when he recovers or "awakes" can remember nothing of what has occurred since his fit.

But in this Jekyll and Hyde duality there is another partner, a madman whose diseased brain suggests delusions. Should these, as is often the case, take the form of delusions of persecution, the epileptic will stop at nothing to avenge himself upon his supposed tormentor. It is such cases as this, not the raving maniacs, that provide almost all the "very dangerous" patients in asylums.

The cunning Mr. Hyde can plot and plan with diabolical ingenuity, can carry out his plan of revenge, and cover his tracks in a way few sane men could excel, without disturbing the slumbering Dr. Jekyll. And when the latter awakes at last the days or weeks of his sleep will be a sealed book to him.

It is but rarely that one hears counsel for the defence urge that his client remembers nothing whatever of his crime, but such a claim should be an essential to any acquittal on the ground of epileptic insanity.

New Arrival Expected

LONDON, Nov. 30—Princess Mary, wife of Viscount Lascelles, and only daughter of the King and Queen, is expected an addition to her family of two children, according to newspaper reports.

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