

his confederates succeeded in abstracting fifteen thousand dollars from a counter along side of the gentleman in charge.

The exchange was finally made, and Papes, pocketing the bill thus obtained, immediately left the office.

The loss was soon discovered, and suspicion attaching to Papes, he was arrested. He had, however, changed his fine dress for the garb of a labouring man, and when presented before the despoiled official he failed to identify him, and he was accordingly dismissed.

Finding it too warm for him, however, Papes determined to leave, and taking a southward bound train, was soon on his way out of the city. The detectives had not ceased to be suspicious, and Papes had not been long upon the train before his watchful eyes discovered that he was being "shadowed." He was perfectly cognizant of the running time of the various trains, and he knew that at a certain point upon the road, the train in which he was travelling would be passed by another train going northward. Instantly his mind was made up, and as they neared the point at which the trains would pass, he arose carelessly from his seat and entered the water-closet—quietly followed by the shadow, who stationed himself at the door.

Quick as a flash, however, he leaped through the car window and reached the ground in safety, and in a few minutes boarded the other train that came flying along, and was soon upon his way to Chicago, while the patient shadow was demurely guarding the door of the water-closet into which his man had entered. His discomfiture at finding the bird had flown beggars description.

Arriving in Chicago he divided the money and returned to Toronto. Here the ravages of disease began to tell perceptibly upon him and he grew gradually worse, and finally died in August, 1879. At his decease he was found to be almost penniless and was buried by his friends.

Thus passed away one of the most successful criminals of the day. During his career he had certainly obtained many thousands of dollars, but at his death was found to be almost a pauper.

Large-hearted, liberal to a fault, no appeal was ever made to him in vain. Numerous charitable actions can be traced to