

# DOES PAROLE SYSTEM PAY

### Asst. Dist. Attorney Nott Holds That There is a Real Danger of Judiciary Being Corrupted Because of it.

For a few years past a wave of sympathy for the unfortunate criminal has been sweeping over Canada and the United States, until it would appear that justice was in danger of being drowned in the tide of mercy. The wife murderer whose cell is made sweet smelling by the flowers of foolish women is a familiar figure; the assassin who escapes the gallows on a plea of insanity is also common enough. But while the community may be shocked at the glorification of the one, and wroth at the escape of the other, it remains unconcerned in the face of even a greater peril. The country is being flooded with criminals released on suspended sentence or set free on parole. This is the menace to which Assistant District Attorney Nott, of New York, calls the attention of the district attorneys of his State.

#### Influencing the Judges.

The chief danger which Mr. Nott apprehends as a result of the indefinite sentence is that the judiciary may become corrupted. He says that before the system was adopted it was the district attorney who was approached by those who wished to have indictments pigeon-holed or defendants released. Now the pressure is brought to bear on the judge, and on sentence day his chambers are crowded with people desirous of influencing his decisions in cases he is about to dispose of. With the American elective system of judges it is of the highest importance that the judiciary shall be kept free from politics. Where so much is left to the discretion or personal fancy of the judge as in the administration of the parole system, it is inevitable that the greatest pressure should be brought to bear on the court. To what extent this pressure is effective may be surmised from the fact that for the first seven months of 1909 the number of prisoners released on suspended sentences by New York judges varied from 204 to 18.

#### Flooded With Criminals.

Canadian judges, says the Toronto Mail and Empire, are not exactly at the mercy of local wire-pullers, and objection to the parole system because of the political influence brought to bear on the court is not serious, so far as we are concerned. Nor are we so cursed with foreign-born criminals. Still, omitting the political argument and making allowance for the disparity in population, we are in the same relative position for we are traveling the same road in the administration of justice. We, too, go in rather strongly for paroling prisoners and for suspending sentence in the County of New York there are now about 5,000 convicted criminals on parole. Crime is also on the increase in New York, and Mr. Nott is of the opinion that the two factors stand in the relationship of cause and effect. For this band of criminals there are only five probation officers, including three women. None of them is an expert criminologist, nor a person of much force of character, according to the district attorney, and therefore the supervision of the criminal army is a mere farce.

#### Fooling The Parole Officer.

When a prisoner is paroled he is supposed to report at stated intervals to the probation officer. His reports cease if it is the custom of the probation officer to assume that he is doing well, and therefore he bothers no more about him. As a matter of fact the discharged prisoner may be serving a sentence in some other prison, to which he has been sentenced for a second crime, under another name. It is a fact that several crooks under two names was paroled in the custody of two different officers from two courts on two different crimes, and therefore the parole operations that were likely to result in a third term when his identity was discovered. Another criminal, an Italian, was released on parole, and for months he faithfully sent in reports of his movements. He was required to tell, among other things, how he spent the time, was not working, and according to his reports he was engaged in reading "Uncle Tom's Cabin." On one of these reports the probation officer noted some peculiarity in the handwriting, and comparing it with others, his suspicions were aroused. An investigation showed that the Italian had returned to his native land months before, and that he had left to a friend the task of sending in the monthly reports.

#### Encouraging Law-Breakers.

The New York District Attorney says that the tendency of the parole system and especially of the suspended sentence is to encourage other criminals. They see one of their fellows escape the whip of justice, and, on the assumption that they too will be lightly dealt with, they persist in crime. He declares that the idea on which courts are at present administered seems to be that the reformation of the individual criminal is the chief object of justice, and that the deterring of others from the commission of crime is only an incident. A very good point made by Attorney Nott is that the man who is sent to prison on an indeterminate sentence is invariably released on the completion of the minimum term, so long as his conduct in confinement has been satisfactory. No account is taken of the heinousness of his crime, which should really be the determining factor. It may be that the prisoners paroled in Canada is much more completely administered than in the United States. There appears to be dangers in the system itself which should be guarded against, and it must not be lost sight of that the safety of the community is of more importance than the reclamation of individual criminals.

#### Merely Rumor.

Regarding the rumor that Hon. Robert Maxwell was to be made chairman of the New Provincial Hospital Utilities Commission, Premier Hazen said yesterday that he knew nothing of it, and that he doubted whether Mr. Maxwell would accept the position if it were offered to him.

# JUDGE M'CALL TELLS MIYU LONDON STILL UNINTERESTED

### United States Jurist Before Commission Investigating Fire Insurance Companies Explains Transaction.

New York, N. Y., April 1.—Justice Edward B. McCall, of the State Supreme Court, explained today his financial transactions with Wm. H. Buckley, legislative agent for the fire insurance companies. After the hearing was over, Justice McCall met Superintendent Hotchkiss of the state insurance department at the City Lunch Club and gave him a statement which satisfied Mr. Hotchkiss that personal friendship accounted sufficiently for the questionable aspect certain incidents first seemed to warrant. Earlier in the investigation evidence was found in the books of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn, which induced Mr. Hotchkiss to say it looked as if Justice McCall had been party to an attempt to deceive the insurance department. After reading the justice's explanation tonight, Mr. Hotchkiss said he was satisfied that the juggled books of the Phoenix had placed Justice McCall in a false light.

The statement first takes up the \$35,000 cheque issued to Buckley, which the justice endorsed with Buckley's name and deposited in his own bank account. Buckley owed \$35,000 to the North American Trust Company which he had borrowed from the International Banking and Trust Company. When the International Banking Company over by the North American, the loan was called, Mr. Buckley, according to Justice McCall, induced the Phoenix to lend \$35,000 to him on the collateral held by the North American Company. There was a balance due, which, with interest, amounted to \$27,311.

This amount Justice McCall, who was then a practicing lawyer, agreed to advance. As Buckley had to leave town, he arranged that Mr. McCall should receive the \$35,000 from the Phoenix and take up the loan. Mr. McCall accordingly deposited the \$35,000 cheque to Buckley's order in the bank, drew his own cheque for \$37,731 to the North American Company, paid the loan and obtained the securities which he turned to the Phoenix as security for the new loan of \$37,000.

#### NEWS OF HAMPTON

Hampton, Kings Co., April 1.—A quiet but pretty wedding took place on the evening of March 30th, at the home of Mr. F. S. Chapman, at Bloomfield, when his youngest daughter, Miss Winnifred Maud Chapman was married to Hedley Dickson Titus, son of Mr. John Titus of Bloomfield Station, by the Rev. H. C. Rice. The couple was unattended.

The Rev. E. J. Grant, Jacksonville, Carleton Co., is spending a few weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Rice at the Methodist parsonage. Mrs. F. W. Barnes, Railway Ave., who has been on a visit to Montreal for the past week, returned home at noon today.

Judge F. W. Emmerson of Moncton, and Judge J. M. McIntyre of Sussex, were visitors to Hampton yesterday. Mrs. C. S. March of Wright St., St. John, spent last Friday with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Fowler, Main St., Hampton Station.

Miss Laura Howard spent her Easter school holidays with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. George Howard, the Baptist parsonage, Hampton Station. She returned to her school at St. Martins on Monday.

Captain Percy Belyea and family are removing from the Village where they lived for many years, to Moncton. Captain Belyea has accepted a position with the big department house of E. A. Rhea. His going away is a distinct loss to this community.

Mrs. F. M. Humphrey returned early this week from St. John, where she had spent a week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lawrence Killam. The Rev. E. J. Grant will retire from the pastorate of the Hampton Village Baptist church at once, having taken the agency of the denominational paper, the Maritime Baptist, and on May 2nd will remove to Truro to reside.

Mrs. Andrew Roy and Master George Crawford of St. John and Mrs. James Montgomery of Hamlet, Carleton Co., were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Robinson, Passekeag Road. Miss Dorothy March of St. John, spent her Easter vacation with her cousin Miss Lois Evans, Main street, Station, both went to St. John on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Arthur B. Smith of Main St., is spending a week in Boston and vicinity. Mr. W. D. Bazley and family have removed from Hampton Station to St. John. The Rev. Maurice Pont, St. Martins, went to St. John on Monday. Master Dudley Brooke March of Peters St., St. John, spent from Thursday till Tuesday with his grandparents at their home on Railway Avenue. Miss Snodgrass, teacher of the school at Passekeag, spent her Easter holidays with Miss Cochran at Hampton Station. Miss Page, teacher of Standard VI, in the Consolidated School here, who went to her home in Carleton Co. to spend Easter, returned on Tuesday and took up her work on Wednesday. Mrs. Wm. Langstroth, Everett St., is visiting friends at Boston and neighboring places. Mr. Emmerson D. Rice, teacher in the Kingston Consolidated School, spent Tuesday in Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. John A. McAVITY of St. John spent the last week-end at Lakeside. Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Flewelling of Hampton Village, went to the city on Wednesday. Charge Withdrawn. The charge against Cecil Gammon, aged 22, an employee of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., of appropriating funds of the company, was withdrawn Thursday afternoon. The auditor, Mr. Oty Fraser, decided that there was no criminal intent and Mr. F. R. Taylor by permission of Judge Ritchie, withdrew the charge.



### Give the Children good Bread and Butter

YOU may say bread is bread and all children want is plenty of it. In a way, that's true. But it makes considerable difference whether the bread you give your children now counts just as a "filler" or whether it counts for future health. For there is a vital difference between breads made from different flours. The most healthful as well as the cheapest food in the world is bread made from

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is made from the finest wheat in the world—Manitoba Red Fyfe—richest in high quality gluten, most in demand, and most valued in all the markets of the world. Growing children thrive on bread made from "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD" It gives them just the nourishment their systems need and in the most digestible and tempting form. And it is natural food. It takes the place of meat at one quarter of the cost and is more quickly assimilated. It does not tax the stomach.

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## SEALING SHIP GOES DOWN

### Returning From Grounds— Crew Of 163 Men Are Rescued.

St. John, N. F., April 1.—The sealing steamer Iceland one of the fleet operating in the Gulf of St. Lawrence was crushed in the ice on Wednesday last and went to the bottom. The sealer Florizel, which was on the ground bringing the news of the disaster, rescued the crew of 163 men and left the sealing grounds the steamer Newfoundland was in a dangerous position being hard pressed by the huge ice floes. The steamer Eagle was standing by prepared to take off the 200 men aboard if the Newfoundland should sink or to convey her home if she could be extricated from her plight.

The Florizel brought the largest catch of seals ever recorded here, her numbering 49,000 and worth \$120,000. When she parted company from the others of the fleet, the Newfoundland had 2,000 seals aboard the Beagle 28,000; the Eagle 28,000; the Belvedere, 4,000; the Bonaventure, 18,000 and the Aurora, 9,000. Later in the day the Algerine arrived with 17,000 seals. The season has been remarkably prosperous.

## JOHN M'KEE DEAD AT M'KEE'S MILLS

### Well Known Resident of Westmorland County Dies in Chair—German Laborer in Hard Luck.

Moncton, N. B., April 1.—March customs returns at Moncton show an increase of \$7,283 on the import value and \$1,223.08 on duty levies. Returns for March, 1909, import value were \$51,524, and 1910 \$58,817. Duty levies March, 1909, \$2,653.88, and 1910, \$10,006.96. Having tramped from Montreal in search of work, Daniel Greenbury, a German native, dragged himself into Moncton police station last night and asked to remain until he rested enough to continue his journey to Halifax, where he will embark for home. He had no money and has been on the road from Montreal for several weeks. Death came suddenly to John McKee, age seventy-five years, at McKee's Mills last night. Mr. McKee had finished his supper and had been smoking for five minutes when he lay down on a lounge and expired in a few moments. He had a newspaper in his hand when death came. Death came born in Scotland and came to this country forty years ago and has lived at McKee's Mills during that time, the place being named after him, he having for a long time owned mills there.

## WHAT THAW PAID IN HUSH MONEY

New York, N. Y., April 1.—Hush money in the amount of \$30,000 was paid by Clifford W. Hartridge to a selected portion of the feminine acquaintances of Harry K. Thaw, according to Mr. Hartridge's own testimony today, in his suit to recover \$92,082 for his services in the first Thaw trial. Hartridge said he met two hundred girls in Mrs. Susan Merrill's apartments. Mrs. Merrill was a witness against Thaw in his latest fight to save his sanity. The largest payment alleged was \$5,000 to a Mrs. Reed with whom Thaw is said to have lived and who appeared in the testimony today as "Mrs. Thaw." The hearings will be continued next Monday.

## Rev. Dr. Cutten Arrives Today.

Rev. Geo. B. Cutten, Ph. D., president of Acadia College, who will arrive in St. John this afternoon, will conduct the services in connection with the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Brussels street Baptist church, tomorrow. He will preach at the regular morning and evening services. In order to give the members of other congregations a chance to take part in the anniversary services and hear Dr. Cutten he will also speak at a service to be held at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Cutten's subject will be "The Church to Fit the Times."

## FELIX MOTT ASKS DIVORCE

### Famous German Orchestral Conductor Institutes Proceeding Against Wife Whose Eccentricities Are Many.

Berlin, April 1.—Felix Mottl, the famous German orchestral conductor announces that he has applied for a divorce from his wife on the ground of her extravagance. The case will be aired in the courts of Munich next week.

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## BIG INCREASE IS GIVEN THESE MEN

### Real Money In April Fool Purse Picked Up By Men Of New York Central Yesterday—7 Per Cent. Increase.

New York, N. Y., April 1.—There was real money in the April fool's day purse the men of the New York Central picked up today. Late today after a special meeting of the board of directors a general order was issued increasing by seven per cent. the pay of all employees on the New York Central lines, east of Buffalo, who now earned \$200 a month or less. Vice-President C. F. Daly said that the directors of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, the Michigan Central and the Big Four would probably take similar action at an early date. Those employees whose demands for a wage increase are now under advisement—namely the telegraph operators, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors—are not included as a settlement with them will be reached on a separate basis. Directly affected are the locomotive engineers and firemen and the entire clerical force. Yard switchmen and yard conductors under the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen are a separate classification. The order goes into effect immediately.

## MONTREAL WILL BE REPRESENTED

Montreal, April 1.—Montreal will be represented at the Boston Marathon to be run on April 19 by W. J. Hall of the M.A.A.A. Hall started in the race last year and intends to do so this year, but he will make the entry and the trip to Boston and back entirely on his own hook. For the M.A.A.A. will not back on any of their members who wish to compete in twenty-five mile races. The directors have threatened the thing out among themselves and they believe that the distance is too great. Henceforward they will discourage, as much as possible, the running of races of a greater distance than five miles.

