DIME NOVELS PAVED **ROAD TO GALLOWS**

THURSDAY MORNING JUNE 12 1919

McCullough Writes His Full Life History and Protests His Innocence.

MY DEAR HUSBAND

Vera De Lavelle Sends Words of Comfort to Doomed Sweetheart.

"I am not a murderer, nor have I the instincts of one, thank God, altho I am convicted as one, and if I have to die on the gallows, my conscience is clear as to that, and I will die as a man, I hope. I do not fear death myself, thanks to the best Christian man I ever knew, the Rev. Bertram Nelles, of this city, God bless him."

The above paragraph is the lead to the story of Frank McCullough's life winch was written by the murderer in the death cell and handed out to the press yesterday by his counsel William Horkins. McCullough states that his correct name is Roy Ward Fay Swarts. He is an American and was born in Otsego, New York.

The reading of "dime novels" when a school boy of eleven years of age is given as the cause for his running away from home and becoming associated with criminals. McCullough claims to have broken away from different gangs of crooks on various occasions after being dealt with by the law. He tells of his first appearance in court at the age of fifteen when he was sentenced in the United States to serve ten years for burglary. Thru the efforts of his mother his sentence was reduced to five years. The murderer claims to have been in the American army during the trouble on the Mexican border and was wounded in the leg which resulted in his being rejected for the Canadian army as medically unfit.

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never do any wrong again.

Following is a copy of the letter sent to McCullough by Vera, which Mr. Hoskins will endeavor to have handed to McCullough to read:

"Dear Frank: This is just a line, dear, which I hope is not the last, to let you ever know that my thoughts are all on you. And now, dear, when time is getting on, I feel numbed when I think of your life hanging in the balance. I pray to God almost all my time, and since my escape my life is hardly worth living. I cannot even reconcile my mind to anything else but you. If my life were accepted in preference to yours, I could say, "Take it and say it with a smile; but yours, it almost drives me insane. I cannot sleep, and even if I do, I wake up with the horrors of the jail or that I am caught. Even if you do not get a reprieve, it will surely look as if God had forsaken even us, but if you do, and you get life sentence, bear it with a smile.

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His first sentence in Toronto was one year at Burwash for theft. He was a trusty there and was paroled after serving nine months of his sentence. He then met Johnson, the Ottawa thief who was with him on the night that McCullough murdered Acting Detective Frank Williams in a livery stable on West King street.

Never Carried Revolver
In referring to the fatal encounter with the detective, McCullough as serts that he never once carried a reserving in the lane off King street, McCullough says Williams took both prisoners by the back of the neck and escorted them into Cross' office. The office, he says, was dark and as Soon as Williams was inside Johnson pulled the revolver and fired. Williams let me loose and attempted to grapple with Johnson and he fired once more. "I cried, 'Quit that you fool,' and jumped at him and grabled his arm with one hand, the right, and the gun with the left, just as he fired once for the bullet going into the roof, and the fire burning my left hand. He let go the gun and went thru the next office thru the front door and away.

Cross Was Mistaken.

"The the meantime Williams had pulled his 'billy' and jumped on me. We wrestled a little while, and that woul foul give you a little comfort, and God only knows you need it, Mon Cher Mari." I will close, and last of call, should you get life sentence, bear it with and caught. Even if you do not get a reprieve, it will sam! Gaught. Even if you do not get a reprieve, it will sam! Gaught. Even if you do not get a reprieve, it will and group to do.

A Trusted Friend

It is nice warm weather where I am. I forgot to tell you, dear, I am not in the city, but I have one friend whom I can trust and am sending this letter to them, so, that they can re-post it for me and so not give anyone information as to my whereabouts. When I was told that I would be kept in the city, but I have one friend whom I can trust and am sending this letter to them, so, that they can re-post it for the city, b

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MISS KITTY ARTHUR.

well as vocalization, has just been chosen out of hundreds of prominent artists, to play the leading part in Henry Savage's new Broadway production, and has signed a three-year contract at a top-notch salary. She will create the part of Cleo in "The Boat," the opening performance to be on July 30.

ASTRONOMERS SEEK

one-storey brick stores, 426 Danforth avenue, near Broadview avenue, \$3,000.

S. A. King and L. M. Phippen, one pair semi-detached brick stores and dwellings, 1020-1022 St. Clair, near Appleton avenue, \$7,000.

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B. M. Helfund, one-storey brick addition to store and dwelling, 1200 St. Clair avenue, west of Dufferin street, \$1,000.

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Lloyd Harris Would Trade Raw Materials, Not Government Credits.

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That a joint meeting, consisting of the manufacturing, producing, wholesale and retail, distributing, finafacial and labor interests, be held, so as to iormulate some plan for the betterment of Canadian trade and endeavor to bring about a better understanding," was the request contained in a telegram from the secretary of the Hetain Merchants' Association, which was read at the Canadian Manufacturers Association convention at the King Edward Hotel yesterday.

The report of the legislation committee gave rise to considerable discussion. J. K. Shaw of Woodstock declared that provincial legislatures hampered the activities of manufacturers by issuing provincial charters in order to raise revenues. He gave notice of a resolution that the Dominion parliament and provincial legislatures be memorialized to get together and clear up the problem of inter-provincial trade.

Sam Harris explained that there were now negotiations on with the Dominion government and it would be folly to pass on the legality of charters at the present time.

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The committee gave consideration to the terms of a proposed act to amend the Trade Mark and Design Act providing for the registration of union labels, and declined to give their endorsement. The committee agreed that if labor unions decided to hoid property and to traffic in property, it was only right that they should assume the same responsibility as other property holders and make themselves liable to the same processes of law as those to which other property holders are liable.

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Referring to the workmen's compensation act. E. J. Davis of Newmarket said that the Ontario government was now taxing bonuses paid to good workers. He urged that hais was inequitable and unfair to the workers themselves. He asked that the compensation board publish a full statement of their disbursements.

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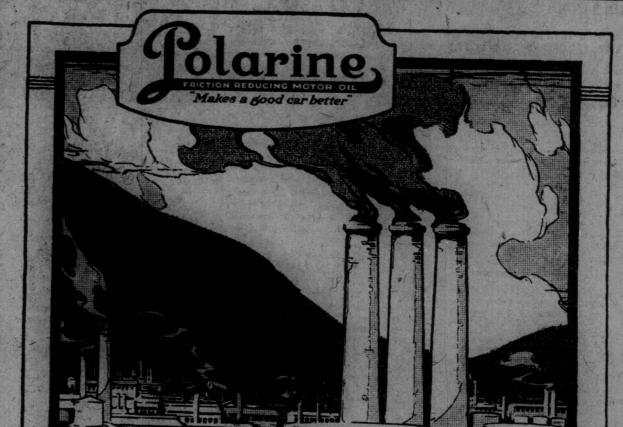
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the board as to what industries in the various groups were paying. Some manufacturers objected to these details being made public.

W. H. Shapley asked that the C.M. A have a representative on the compensation board. He thought that the manufacturers, who paid the money, should have a free knowledge of what went on. It was finally arranged that the matter be taken up by the provincial branches.

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Protesting against the action of the senate in defeating the railway bill protecting the streets of municipalities the mayor has addressed the following letter to Sir Robert Borden:

"On behalf of the one hundred and ninety-eight municipalities using Hydro power in Ontario, we wish to protest against the action of the senate in refusing to pass clauses safeguarding the municipalities and restoring the control of their streets to them, which was taken from them in 1902. We took to parliament to redress this vested wrong. Parliament did wrong in granting private companies such wide powers. The municipalities I represent have one hundred millions invested in hight, power and radial propenties, which are vested rights and are endangered by this company, which was purely a provincial one, and should never have been incorporated at Ottawa at all. The municipalities hope that the bill will be laid over until next session, and if not, before it is finelly dealt with by the house of commons, we would respectfully request that you be good enough to give us an appointment for about a half hour, to consider this legislation, in the public interest."

Belleville, June 11.—In the opening game of the Bay of Quinte Baseball League, played here this afternoon, Belleville defeated Napanee by the score of 8 to 0. The game was very much one-sided all thru. The batteries werponee, Loucks and Oliver. Umpires—J. Fahey and Dr. O'Callaghan.



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