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# ROBINSON **ON HIS TRIAL**

His Two Daughters Testify Against the Prisoner.

They Tell an Awful Story of Degradation and Shame.

### Mrs. Rebinson in Court-Her Brother and Son Examined.

Sudbury, Oct. 28 .- The trial of James Robinson for the murder of the infant child of his daughter, Ellen, on March 23 last, began this morning before Mr. Justice Magee. A. E. H. Creswicke, of Barrie, is Crown prosecutor, while Mr. R. McKessock, K. C., of Sudbury, is defending the prisoner, who, in addition to being charged with murder, has hanging over him nine other charges on which true bills have been returned by the

grand jury. Drs. Bruce Smith and Clarks, who examined the prisoner as to his sanity, are present, and, following a confer-ence with counsel, it was intimated that insanity would not be urged by the de-

fence. An unusual feature of the trial was the taking of the evidence of Ellen the taking of the evidence of Ellen Robinson, daughter of the prisoner, in the General Hospital, where she is a counsel and jury went to the hospital and took the girl's evidence, returning to the court room, where the trial was

#### URGED WIFE TO KILL BABY.

URGED WIFE TO KILL BABY. Ellen Robinson's evidence touching this charge was to the effect that her mother, in answer to a suggestion of the prisoner that she do the same with the new-born child as she had done with a previous infant, answered: "Oh, Jimmy. I cannot do it!" but Robinson urged her to do the deed. Ellen testi-fied that there were five children born, two of which were living, and that her two of which were living, and that her father was the parent of all five.

father was the parent of all five. Jessie Robinson, aged nineteen, told her pitful story of her father's orimes against his family at the lonely farm-house, eight miles from Warren village, and in trembling accents, with tears glistening in her eyes, spoke of the dis-grace she and her sisters were forced to bear. A child was born to her on March 17. 1908, but she never saw it again, and did not know what became of it. Ellen, her sister, was confined eight days after the birth of witness' baby, and she heard her father talking anorije and she heard her father talking angrily to her mother in the other room a the time, but did not hear what was

said. On August 1, 1909, another baby was born to the witness, followed shortly after by an investigation resulting in the flight of her father and the arrest of her mother. On several occasions her father had brutally choked her and beaten her with a which waten her with a whip. "OUND THREE INFANTS' BODIES.

beaten her with a whip. FOUND THREE INFANTS' BODIES. John Robinson, aged twenty, son of the prisoner, swore that he knew noth-ing of these terrible conditions until af-ter the children were born, and told the story of the finding of three borxes, each containing the body of an infant, buried on the farm. Following the visit of Magistrate Wright, of Warren, and party, his mother indicated where the bodies might be found. The witness told of his father's return to the farm after the exposure and his inquiries as to what his mother had told Magistrate Wright about him. According to the witness his mother had tot dengistrate witness his mother had toted the the father urged her to do the same with Ellen's haby as she had done with Jessic's, and the father denied this, laying the entire responsibility of doing away with the children upon Mrs. Robinson. The capture of the prisoner by Rev. Peter Matheson, as-sisted by the witness, was then graph-ically described, the olergyman grap-pling with hay father as the latter stooped to plek up a slick of wood, and, after a tussle, in which the whithe wit-ness struck his father with the poker, the prisoner was bound hand and foot

and, after a tussle, in which the wit-ness struck his father with the poker, the prisoner was bound hand and foot and conveyed to Warren. E. A. Wright, Justice of the Peace at Warren, told of his connection with the case, and of informing Robinson that the stories about his daughters should be investigated. The prisoner was apparently willing that such should be done. Going to the farm-house with Dr. Dickson, a written confession was obtained from Virs Rob. ouse with Dr. Dickson, a written onfession was obtained from Mrs. Roh-neon and the bodies were found. Dr. Dickson, the Coroner, swore that he bodies were not closely examined, and he saw nothing to indicate the super depth confession

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Rev. Peter Matheson, Presbyterian minister of Richmond, who resigned his pastorate to look after the family of his sister, Mrs. Robinson, after her arrest, and with the children harvestel the crop and captured the prisoner, whom he handed over bound hand and foot to the authorities, was the next witness. It is worthy of note that the Richmond congregation refused to ac-cept Rev. Mr. Matheson's resignation, and gave him an indefinite leave of ab-sence. The evidence of this witness was not very material as to the murder obarge, but tended to show that the prisoner seemed willing to allow his wife to take the full responsibility for the greater erime, saying that her crimo was worse than his, and that the others were to blame. MRS. ROBINSON ON THE STAND.



JIM JEFFRIES WILL SURELY

#### DOESN'T HE LOOK LIKE A CHAMPION?

Latest photograph of Jas. J. Jeffries, undefeated world's champion heavyweight pugilist, taken when he landed in New York. At the right is his manager, Sam Berger. If you think the big fellow doesn't enjoy the prospect of meeting Jack Johnson, just pipe his grin.

HOTELS ARE FEWER.

Temperance Lines.

Toronto, Oct. 29 .- Ontario is making apid progres towards temperance, ac-

cording to the official figures of the

**Outarie Has Travelled Fast** 

Austro-Bohemian water cure and his opinion is worth something, for in his

opinion is worth something, for in his day this man was a real athlete. "I saw Jeffries when he fought Shar-key and I saw him in California about a month before Johnson defeated Burns," said this man. "The difference was startling. The big, brawny boy who battered the navy's champion was lost in the ponderous giant upon whom idle-ness had built mountains of flesh. Then

cient, and in the section where the malady is most prevalent greatly in-creases the death rate from consump-tion, pneumonia, typhoid fever and maladia. It has been shown that the lowered vitality of multitudes long at-tributed to malaria and climate and seriously affecting economic develop-ment is, in fact, largely due in some districts to this parasite. Some two millions of the people of the

Some two millions of the people of the United States are infected parasite, and these are by no means confined to any one class. The toll of suffering and death is taken from the intelligent well-to-da as well as from intelligent well-to

WHAT THE HOOKWORM IS. Is and Canadian mails and passengers for the Empress of India, and it worm, half an inch long and no thicker than a small hairpin, which makes its way into the human body and attaches itself to the well of the small interime

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(Special and Exclusive Correspondence by Tip Wright)
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ing, prosperous, contented-looking, and her Sharkey. He is bigger, thicker, and his flexis is as pink as a baby's and year ago has disappeared. I don't best of them with out any more training. That's what I think of him, and there's pletty right here in fighting-crazy "Little Old New York" who think the same way. You've just got to see Jeff to feel the enthusians oze forth.
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Af ew days ag other side of the big sait lick. Jeffries can get into condition for a 45-round fight inwide of two months. He took the waters at Europe's greatest health resort, upon the advice of his physician, who told him he could not begin training until he had followed a prescribed treatment. This Jeffries has done, and has returned to fight: And Johnson' I believe the big chunk of soot really wants to meet Jeffries. It has been coming pretty soft for Jack since he whipped Tommy Burns, and his easy victories since have given him just what he needed to make him swell like a toy balloon.

who can out-punch him, out-game him and out-general him, from soup to nuts. Few realize that, big as he is, Jeffries is one of the fastest men in the prize ring. "inch for inch and pound for pound," he is the fastest fighter that ever pulled on a padded glove. In my opinion Johnson has as much chance to beat Jeffries as a "celluloid dog has to catch an asbestos cat in a tenement house fire." as a certain sage of East Aurora might remark. The big men will right. The fight will

of Last Airora ingut remark. The big men will fight. The fight will be in California. It will not be for four or five months. It won't go 20 rounds, and when it is all over, the white man's burden will be dumped out the back The fight will on that ever

P. R. last Saturday at White River resulted in what was probably the fastest time ever made over the western lines to the Pacific coast. It was all because of the mails. No. 97 was carrying Brit-ish and Canadian mails and passengers



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protectionist, was an opponent of Chamberlain in Birmingham in Mr. Chamberlain in Birmingham in 1885, when the great tariff reformer was a leader in the free trade 'camp. Mr. Dumphreys is a former Mayor of the borough and has long been con-nected with the tanning industry. Mr. Spencer Leigh Hughes, the Lib-eral standard bearer, is a well-known Parliamentary journalist, who in 1907 was unsuccessful in the Jarrow by-elec-tion. Was another the Labor and Social-ist candidate, has long been popular among the wage-earners of the dis-trict, where he is known as the poor

### man's docte **CONGO REFORMS.**

### Reduction in Taxes and Many Public Works Promised There.

Brussels, Oct. 28 .- The Congo reform bill, introduced to-day in the Chamber of Deputies, provides for the opening

will give evolved to find the steeping sickness, and an additional \$160,000 in 1910. The Government will spend be-tween \$300,000 and \$400,000 in improv-ing sanitation. Congo schools will be opened, especially agricultural and pro-fesisonal. A first credit of \$6,600,000 will be asked for the introduction of these referres.

JOHN MORRISON, Druggist, 112 Main Street West. A. F. HOUSER, Confectioner, 114 James Street South. J. H. SPRINGSTEAD, ROBT. GORDON, Confectioner, 119 John Street South. BURWELL GRIFFIN,

H. URBSCHADT, Confectioner and Stationer. 230 Barton East.

JOHN STEVENS, 386 1/2 Barton East.

MRS. ROBINSON ON THE STAND.

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wife of the prisoner being called as a witness, and the Court adjourned un-til morning to allow of authorities being given on the question.

Happy Tooth.

Mrs. Snappem (who has been suffering from toothache)—Thank goodness, Tve had that tooth out at last. Mr. Snappem—Happy tooth. Mrs. Snappem—What do you mean? Mr. Snappem—What do you mean? Mr. Snappem—I's out of the reach of your tongue.

Modern Unrest. Disgusted Tramp—The age of nerves, o one sleeps soundly—and I was just stting his watch.

cording to the official figures of the Frovincial License Department. This year there are in all 2,328 liquor licenses throughout the Province, of which 2,010 are tavern, 253 are shop, 23 are whole-sale and 42 club licenses. In 1874-thirty-five years ago-there were 6,185 licenses in the Province, and the de-crease has been steady, year by year, until the present figures have been reached. The annual decrease has been specially marked during the past five specially marked during the past five years. There are now 195 municipalities in

the Province under local option, and 149 in which licenses are not issued on Gov-ernment policy. The local option muni-cipalities include 91, in which the by-law was carried under the three-fifths clause claus

clause. In 334 of the total 806 municipalities in Ontario prohibition consequently ob-tains, the percentage being an unusually large one. If temperance sentiment con-tinues to grow in proportion to the past five years only the largely populated centres will be able to secure licenses under the act.

FIGHT HOOKWORM.

### John D. Rockefeller Donates Million Dollars For That Purpose.

New York, Oct. 28 .- A gift of \$1,000,000 by John D. Rockefeller to fight the hook-worm disease was announced at the offices of the Standard nounced at the offices of the Standard Oil Company here late to-day. A dozen well-known educators and scientists, selected in large part from institutions of learning in the south, where the parasite is prevalent, were called in con-ference with Mr. Rockefeller's represen-tatives last Tuesday, and as a result of the discussion of the situation the Rockefeller commission for the eradica-tion of the hook-worm disease was organized.

organized. The hook-worm, which, it is believed was imported from Africa with the negroes, lives on the human intestinal tract and feeds upon blood which it draws from the mucuos liming of the tract, and feeds upon blood which it draws from the mucuos liming of the tract. The parasite often se lowers the vitality of those who are affected as to retard their physical and mental de-velopment, render them more susceptible to other diseases, makes labor less effi-

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itself to the wall of the small intestine, biting with its small jaws and sucking the blood of the victim. The hook-worms do not multiply in the human body. Every one that is found there has made its way separately into the body from outside, but the entire soil of the South is polluted with them, and they may be swallowed with drinking water, or vegetables, but usually enter the body through the skin. The hook-worm is not found in the North, be-cause it cannot endure cold. It was cause it cannot endure cold. It was originally brought to America by negro It was originally brought to America by negro slaves from Africa, and wherever the negro goes he scatters, the parasite. To its operations is due the unfortunate condition of many of the whites of the Southern States. They are half-sick, unable to do much work, and seemingly without ambition.



### Judge Told Them Their Verdict Was an Outrage,

Goshen, N. Y., Oct. 28.—After consid-ering the case for twelve hours a jury to-day acquitted Frank Perry, who was charged with the murder of Scanlon Car-minio. Perry was held to answer anoth-er charge of murder. Judge Morchauser's indignation over the acquittal of Perry, in view of the evidence which had been adduced, was marked. When the jury announced their verdict the Justice expressed himself in strong terms of disapproval and dismiss-ed them from the court room. Judge Morchauser said: "This verdict is an outrage. How you could have

and it was rushed across the western part of the continent in time to eatch the boat. The train came over the double-track-ing to Winnipeg at a speed close to the minute mark, and departed, leaving in its trail a whirl of dust and flying paper. It is estimated that the average speed to the coast was sixty miles an hour. The distance is slightly over 1,482 miles. This is regarded as a triumph of railroading and a tribute to the mag-nificent roadbed of Canada's great trans-continental.

ALMOST BOTTLED UP Zelaya Having a Hard Time in Nicaragua.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 28.-Passengers arriving to-day on the steamer Imperator from Bluefields, Nicaragua, repo orted tor from Billefields, Nicarigua, reported that when they left Bluefields three days ago President Zelaya was almost completely bottled up at Managua. A general advance by General Estrada as being checked by a scarcity of ammuni-tics. tic

Capt. John Federson, master of the Capt. John Federson, master of the Imperator, said General Estrada had already established a provisional gov-ernment over Greytown, Cape. Gracias, Bluefields and Rama. The strictest dis-cipline was being maintained, all salons were required to close at nightfall, and drunkenness and disorders were imme-diately suppressed

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 Judge Morchauser said: "This verdict is an outrage. How you could have reached it I do not understand. I do not see how you can face your townsmen. If verdicts like this are to be the set of the set of

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SEE THE JOKE?

#### 'Possum Put by Wag Into Mail Bin in Louisana Town.

Washington, Oct. 28 .-- A practical oke, with an opossum as the chief fac tor, is likely to get some prominent peo ple into trouble with the United States Government. On the night of October Government. On the night of October 15 a party of about twenty-five well known people of Leesville, La., placed an opossum in the package bin of the local post office. The next morning the postmaster's subordinates opened the bin and found the opossum. The mail in the bin had been chewed to fragments by the animal. The names of the jokers have been obtained by the department, and action against them will be institut-ed in the near future. ed in the near future

## Racing Harness in Italy.

In reply to an inquiry, Consul Charles M. Caughey, of Milan, reports that har-ness ratcing is becoming more general in Italy, 26 meetings having been held in 1908 in 23 cities.

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