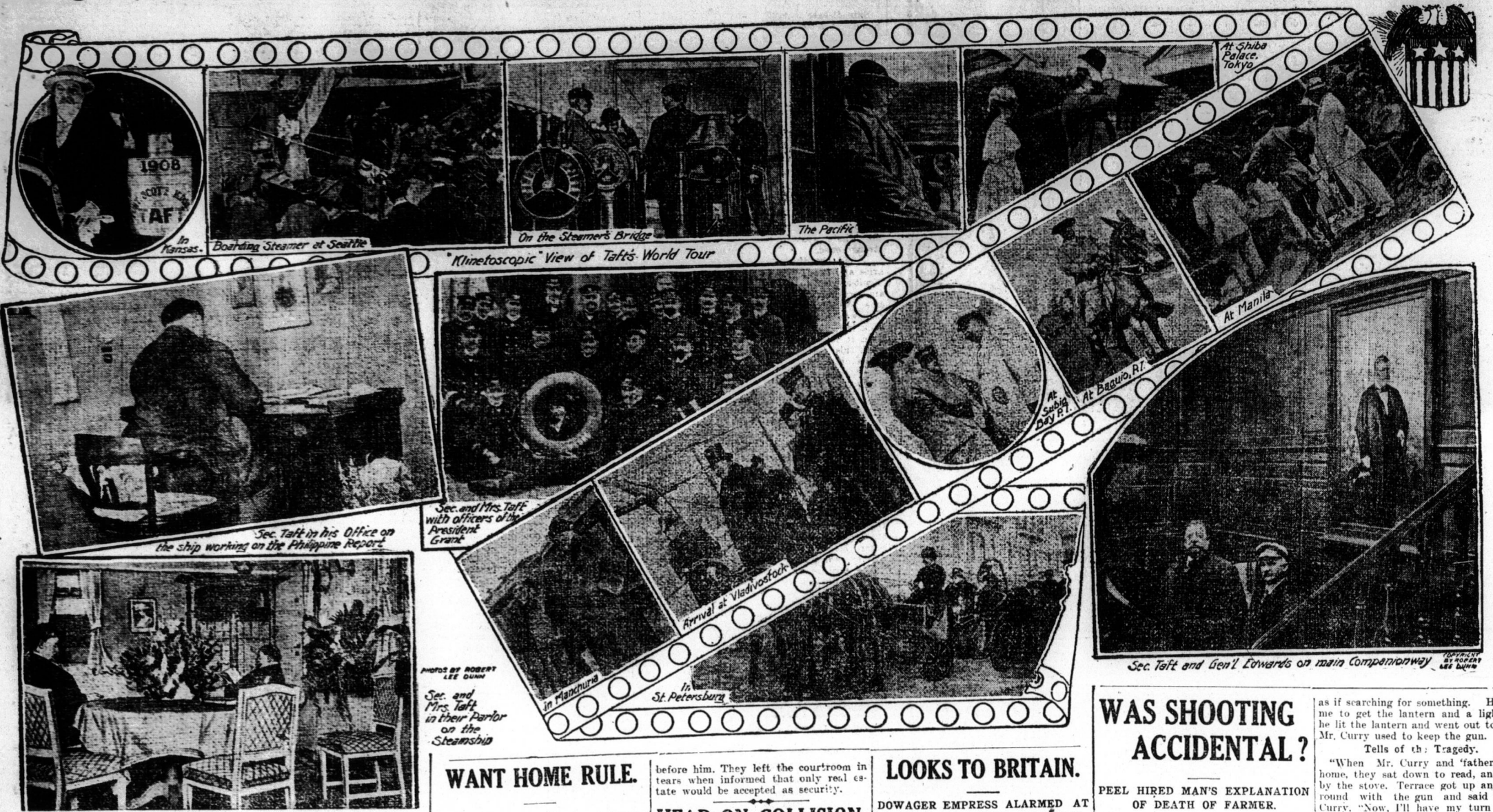


# Ending 24,000-Mile Trip Around the Globe, the U. S. Secretary of War Returns to His Post in Washington.



VIEWS OF SECRETARY TAFT'S WORLD'S TRIP.

The Secretary of War has completed his 24,000-mile journey around the globe, which he began on Sunday, August 18. After speaking several times in the West, Mr. Taft visited Japan, Shanghai, the Philippines, Siberia and Russia, besides stopping a few hours in Berlin. The Taft family arrived in New York on the President Grant, and went directly to Washington.

## JAPS IMPORTED BY CONTRACT.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION HELD AT VANCOUVER.

Employed by Six Companies—No Evidence of Importation of Chinese Into British Columbia by Employment Agencies.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—An interesting summary of the results of the investigation held at Vancouver by Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, as special Royal Commissioner, appears in the Labor Gazette, and may, to a certain extent, be taken as foreshadowing the report of that Royal Commission, which will be submitted to Parliament when it re-assembles. The first two days of the inquiry were spent in examining Chinese immigrants who had just arrived at Vancouver on the Empress of India. In nearly all cases it was ascertained the passage money and head tax had been advanced by relatives and friends in Canada with whom the emigrants intended to work. The immigrants were induced to come by reports of the high wages to be obtained in this country, and many of them stated that they intended to return to China when they had made enough money. No evidence was disclosed pointing to the importation of Chinese by employment agencies. A witness, representing a firm of Chinese merchants, stated that he had a contract with a mining company, by which he was paid a certain sum for packing each case, in return for which he furnished from 80 to 100 men every year to do the work, paying them not less than \$85 per month.

An officer of the Canadian Nippon Supply Company said that his firm had supplied Japanese laborers to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the British Columbia General Contract Company. On Nov. 30th, at the closing session of the commission, there were produced copies of contracts between the Nippon Supply Company and six corporations, by which the former agreed to furnish a certain number of laborers, receiving in return a specified sum per man, out of which their wages would be paid. The parties to these contracts were the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Wellington Colliery Company, the British Columbia General Contract Company, Macdonald, Gowinski & Company, and two sawmill owners. All these contracts contained a clause to the effect that the laborers must have been procured legally, and not in violation of the Immigration Act or the Alien Labor Act.

A few Hindoos, who were being deported, gave evidence at Victoria before the commissioner on Nov. 23rd. It was alleged that one of their countrymen had collected sums of money from them, saying it was for the purpose of making presents to the Customs and immigration officers, who would then let them go. He then instituted habeas corpus proceedings and secured his own release. Under instructions from the commission, he was subsequently arrested by the police and arraigned on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. Many of the Hindoos testified that they had been induced to come to Canada through newspaper reports of the count.

From other witnesses who appeared later before the commissioners it was shown that Dr. Davichand, a native of India, had brought a number of Hindoo laborers to Canada, and obtained employment for them, charging them \$1 a month for his services.

## \$1,000,000 ONE.

Christian Science School to be Founded by Mrs. Eddy.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Details of the plans of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, in relation to the charitable institution which she is to found, are contained in an editorial by Archibald McLellan in the current issue of the Christian Science Sentinel. The editorial says, in part: "Mrs. Eddy has conceived that the institution which she purposes to found will bear her name, and therefore will be known as 'Mary Baker Eddy's Charitable Fund.' The Board of Directors will be created in Boston, the recognized headquarters of her church, and in plan and scope this fund will be an educational opportunity by which indigent persons will be taught graciously the science of the Christ healing as practised by Jesus and as made known through the writings of Mrs. Eddy."

The sum of \$1,000,000 will be devoted to this sole purpose. "Mrs. Eddy's benevolence will be open to all those individuals who are genuinely interested in Christian Science for its truth's sake, and will present to the board of directors satisfactory evidence of their indigence, their religious views and their moral character. The students of Christian Science will be maintained by this fund until such time as the board of directors shall have pronounced them good teachers of the sick and deliver to them certificates to this effect. The beneficiaries of this fund and the families of these who have families are to be supported from the income of the fund, and the number of students and their families to be supported will depend upon the amount of this income."

Mrs. Eddy has turned this matter over to a prospective board of directors for them to work out the details of the charity. In the meantime, no further information on this subject can be given out.

## WIFE BLAMES HERSELF.

The Charge Against a Montreal Constable Dismissed.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Constable Killwyn was acquitted by Recorder Weir to-day of the charge of beating his wife. Considerable interest attached to the case from the fact that Killwyn had been dismissed from the force as the result of the charge.

The Recorder expressed the opinion that Chief Campeau had been premature in the dismissal. Mrs. Killwyn was not present. Her husband declared that she was not feeling well this morning, but he handed the Recorder a letter, which was read in court.

Mrs. Killwyn declared that she had been in a temper on the day in question, that the blame lay wholly with herself, and she asked the dismissal of the charge against her husband.

Dr. W. W. Ogden was elected to the Toronto Board of Education to fill the unexpired portion of Mr. James Simpson's term.

## WANT HOME RULE.

VIOLENT SCENES AT THE HINDU NATIONAL CONGRESS AT SURAT

Meeting Broke Up in Free Fight—Police Had to Interfere—Chairs and Table Legs Used as Bludgeons—Many Delegates Injured.

Surat, Bombay, Dec. 27.—After two days of futile efforts to elect a President, the Indian National Congress broke up this afternoon in a free fight, during which the police had to be called in. The congress, which meets annually, was of especial interest this year owing to the agitation for home rule in India. When the delegates assembled yesterday the Moderates and Extremists at once locked horns on this issue, and the meeting was adjourned amid much disorder. When the delegates reassembled to-day their overhauled passions broke loose a second time, and the platform from which moderation and constitutional action had been advised was rushed by the Extremists in a body, who loudly demanded the speedy establishment of complete home rule.

Chairs and tables were broken in the scrimmage, and tables and other pieces of shattered furniture were used by the delegates as bludgeons upon each other. The fighting became fierce, and many delegates sustained serious injuries before the police finally came in and cleared the hall.

## GYPSY KING

ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF GRAND LARCENY.

Magistrate Demanded \$10,000 Bail and Would Accept Nothing But Real Estate as Security—Refused to Take Gypsy Ornaments

New York, Dec. 27.—A story of strife which disrupted an amalgamation of three Gypsy tribes and of a romance reunion which ended with the three factions further apart than ever was told in Police Court here to-day in the presence of bejewelled and gaily-garbed members of the three tribes. When the story was finished the king of one of the tribes and eight of his followers were sent to prison cells in default of \$10,000 bail each for further hearing on a charge of grand larceny.

According to the story, as told by Queen Dora Parse, the complainant, up to three weeks ago the three camps were located in Westchester, all under the leadership of Queen Bess Stanley. Then came internal strife and the tribes separated. Queen Bess continuing to reign over the original camp, while the other tribes moved away a short distance and established themselves under the leadership of Queen Dora and Princess Bell Marti respectively.

In the days of pleasant relations between the tribes it appeared that a warm attachment had sprung up between Prince John Krux, of the Krux-Parise camp and Princess Ethel Stanley of the mother camp. An intermediary finally succeeded in gaining the consent of the parents of the young lovers to their marriage. A temporary truce then was arranged for last night to celebrate the announcement of the engagement. At the semi-party were led in to view the marriage jewels and chain, and the jewels that were to form the bride's dowry, but they found that the treasure had been stolen.

Queen Dora accused Stanley and eight of his followers and they were held for grand larceny. When the Magistrate ordered the prisoners to furnish bail in \$10,000 each, a score or more of Stanley's followers rushed to the clerk's desk and threw a shower of gold ornaments

## HEAD-ON COLLISION.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED ON THE GRAND TRUNK.

Passenger Train From Port Huron Crashed Into Double-Header Freight in a Dense Fog Near Lenox, Mich.

Detroit, Dec. 27.—Speeding through a dense fog at forty miles an hour, Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5, which left Port Huron shortly before 7 o'clock to-night for this city, collided head on with a double-header freight train one mile north of Lenox, Mich. Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly, the fifth dying three hours later. All of the passengers escaped injury except a baby, who was only slightly hurt by being thrown out of its mother's arms and over a seat when the trains crashed.

The dead are: Engineer Bennett, of the passenger train; Engineer Bohowski, of the first freight engine; Fireman Dougherty, Fireman Albert McCall, Switchman W. G. Taylor.

The passenger locomotive plowed under the engines of the double-header and the trainmen were buried in the wreckage. Their bodies were terribly mangled and sealed by the escaping steam.

Engineer Fred Haugh and Fireman Washburn, of the second engine, escaped death. Haugh was caught in his cab, but taken out unhurt. Washburn jumped and was only slightly injured. All the dead trainmen lived in Detroit.

## STABBED BY UNCLE.

ROLAND MADILL, OF MONMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MAY DIE.

The Two Men Were Talking Together in Gooderham Village, When the Elder Drew a Knife and Stabbed His Nephew Five Times.

Lindsay, Dec. 27.—The little village of Gooderham, in Haliburton county, was the scene of a vicious stabbing affair on Christmas Eve, wherein a young man named Roland Madill received injuries which may prove fatal. Among the arrivals from the camps was Roland Madill, twenty-three years of age, who was on his way to his home in Monmouth township, seven miles distant, where a wife and children were awaiting him.

During his stay he met his uncle, James Morrison, a married man, aged about fifty years, whose home is in the village, and whilst the two were conversing in front of Barr's general store Morrison became suddenly enraged and attacked his nephew with a knife, inflicting five deep wounds before help arrived, two in the side, one in the back, and two in the shoulder. The weapon used was a hunter's knife, having a long blade.

The wounded man was carried into the nearest house, and a doctor sent for, who found it difficult to staunch the flow of blood. In the meantime Constable John Kennedy arrested Morrison. There being no lock-up in the village, he was compelled to confine his prisoner in a room in his own dwelling.

The wounded man was brought to the Ross Hospital, Lindsay, and is in a critical condition. No theory can be advanced as to the cause of the deadly assault.

Fell Under a Train

St. Catharines, Dec. 27.—Grand Trunk Switchman Riley, of the Air Line Junction, just above Welland, fell in St. Catharines General and Marine Hospital to-night, having in some manner fallen beneath a train, which severed his right leg directly above the knee.

## LOOKS TO BRITAIN.

DOWAGER EMPRESS ALARMED AT GROWTH OF POPULAR AGITATION.

Yuan Shi Kai's Position Strengthened by Pressure of British Government—Popular Cry for Recovery of Rights Spreading in China.

Peking, Dec. 27.—The dowager-empress has given verbal orders to the Interior Department and to the police to suppress all public meetings in Peking, and there is reason to believe that this order will be extended to the provinces. The popular agitation along the lines of "rights recovery" is growing in a phenomenal manner. The question of provincial as against federal sovereignty enters largely into the matter. Women's societies, schools for boys and for girls, the family newspapers and the political press all are participating in the agitation, and for a month past the Government here has been receiving telegrams in increasing numbers expressing the strong desire of the senders that the rights which have been alienated from them by foreigners be restored to the Chinese.

The movement has reached such magnitude that the Government is thoroughly alarmed, and it is to-day striving to find a conciliatory position between the revolutionary agitators and those who consider themselves to be aggrieved. The agitation embraces the question of the patrol of the West River by Great Britain, in an effort to put an end to the piracy there and leading Englishmen here apprehend that the present popular hostility will result in an inquiry into the British trade.

The Government is relying on the support of Great Britain, whose insistence upon China's maintenance of her original position has produced an apparent solidarity among the Chinese Ministers. The pressure of the British Government is strengthening the position of Yuan Shi Kai, whose security and influence in Peking are regarded by foreigners as essential to the safety and progress of China.

It is declared here that the foreign agitation in the matter of the attitude adopted by Great Britain with regard to Manchuria, and the warning of Russia concerning the annulment of the telegraph convention, have led the British Foreign Office to take action and it is understood that this has been in the form of representation to the Tokio Government. China, it is stated here, considers the attitude taken by Japan to be based upon impossible claims, and Japan, it is asserted, is taking advantage of China's complications with Great Britain in order to postpone the negotiations regarding Manchuria.

Travellers arriving here complain of what they call the organized incivility, and in some cases even the "brutal conduct" of the Japanese trainmen and guards on the Manchurian railway.

## CITIZENS FOUGHT ROBBERS.

Fierce Battle Took Place in Bank at St. Joseph, Mo.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 27.—The Bank of Camden Point, 35 miles southwest of this city, was robbed by three men early to-day. The robbers were discovered by Professor Barham, President of the Camden Point College, who saw a light in the bank and aroused the citizens. Three explosions, set off by the burglars after the alarm was given, wrecked the safe and the interior of the bank. A fierce battle between citizens and the robbers took place, in which many shots were exchanged, but the robbers escaped. Later they were captured in the woods on Platte River. The loot was about \$2,500, of which \$1,000 was in silver.

It is understood that Rev. Professor William Clark will resign as professor of literature in Trinity University, Toronto.

## WAS SHOOTING ACCIDENTAL?

PEEL HIRED MAN'S EXPLANATION OF DEATH OF FARMER.

Declares Son Struck Gun—Boy, However, Who Was an Eyewitness, Corroborates Account Given by James Curry.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 27.—John D. Terrace, the immigrant farm hand who on Wednesday night shot and killed aged William Curry at the home of his son, James Curry, of Toronto township, and who suffered severely in the subsequent struggle with his employer, has recovered sufficiently from his wounds to give his version of the fatal incident, which differs entirely from the story told by James Curry. He declares that the shooting was an accident, and caused by James Curry striking the gun when it was pointed at his father in fun.

He says that all the family but himself had been away for their Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Black, a married daughter of the old man. He had spent the afternoon shooting sparrows and left the loaded gun standing in a corner of the farmhouse kitchen. Returning home, they had supper, and the two Currys, a hired boy, and Terrace all did up the chores around the barn, and returning to the house played checkers and read the papers until the old man retired shortly before 9 o'clock. Terrace and the boy also prepared to go to bed, and "for a bit of foolery," as the prisoner expressed it, he picked up the gun and said to the younger Curry, "You had the laugh on me on Monday, I will have it on you now," referring to the ridicule to which he had been exposed in account of the awkwardness with which he went about his accustomed duties.

Son Struck Gun. Curry answered him sharply, and the old man came to the door of his bedroom in his nightdress and asked what the quarrel was about. Terrace states he answered him that there was no quarrel at all, and to go back, but that the old gentleman rushed up close to him and the younger man knocked the weapon up in his hands. In doing so the gun was discharged, the shot entering the left breast of the old man.

A scuffle ensued, the prisoner stating that he, and not Curry, shouted to the boy to run off for help, and that in the struggle James Curry struck his head twice against the coal stove, and snatched up the shaver, struck him, Terrace, across the head, and that after that he knew no more.

Terrace cried bitterly last night on learning that the old man was dead, and stated positively that there was no intention of hurting him or anybody else, and reiterates the assertion that he had no intention of harming anybody, that the gun was pointed at James Curry merely for fun.

## Boy Corroborates Curry.

The story of the affair told by James Reid, the hired boy, who was a spectator, differs altogether from that of Terrace, and bears out the version given by James Curry. The boy's account is as follows:

## Taken Aft: Hard Fight.

"On Monday," said he, "when the pump man had finished his work, Mr. Curry pulled out a roll of money and paid him. Terrace had an eye on the money. Yesterday we all went to the Black's for Christmas dinner, except Terrace, and after supper I walked home before the others to help with the chores. Terrace was just coming out of Mr. Curry's room when I got home. I saw him through the window. He told me to help him with the chores, and I did. He was jawing me. He hadn't eaten any dinner or any supper but a piece of cake. He said, 'I'll be glad if they come home late, but I hope they won't bring anybody with them.' He was pretty mad. He said he didn't want to stay there all alone. When we went into the house he would pick up a paper and then throw it down and keep going around the house as if searching for something. He told me to get the lantern and a light, and he lit the lantern and went out to where Mr. Curry used to keep the gun.

Tells of the Tragedy. "When Mr. Curry and 'father' came home, they sat down to read, and I sat by the stove. Terrace got up and came round with the gun and said to Mr. Curry, 'Now, I'll have my turn out of you for laughing at me.' Father came out of his room and Terrace said, 'You dare move and I'll shoot you.' He just moved and Terrace shot him. Mr. Curry grabbed Terrace and another shot went into the ceiling. They knocked the lamp over. I saw them with the shaker. Mr. Curry told me to run for Mr. McKay, and Terrace said, 'Don't you dare.' I went and got him, and when we got back Mr. Curry had Jack tied. They were going to send for a doctor, but 'father' said, 'O, I think I'll be all right.' They went and got the doctor."

## FALL'S ROBBERY.

THREE DESPERATE CHARACTERS TAKEN IN FALL'S HOTEL.

Fierce Fight With Police—Mystery of Silver Found in Ravine on Canadian Side Cleared Up—Two Homes Looted.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 27.—The mystery of the finding of the silver plate in a ravine near here on Christmas Day has been cleared up. It proves to have been stolen from Clifton Place, the summer home of Mr. A. J. Wright, broker, of Buffalo, and from the Langmuir residence here, which were ransacked on Christmas Eve.

A few days ago a blacksmith of Niagara Falls, N. Y., reported that the number of small pieces of steel had been stolen from his place, and when the police were investigating the robbery at the houses of Messrs. Wright and Langmuir they found several of these pieces, which had been used to force open the windows. Following this due to Niagara Falls, N. Y., they also found where a gold watch, stolen from Mr. Wright's residence, had been pawned. They followed a number of clues, and finally the proprietor of the Niagara House stated that three men, carrying suspicious bundles, had engaged rooms at his hotel. Several detectives were set to watch the room from one on the opposite side of the hall, and to wait for the return of the men, and to it is said, had been in Buffalo.

About nine o'clock to-night the three men returned, and after the officers were severely handled and bitten, two of the men were finally clubbed into submission. They proved to be two desperate characters named Jerry Callahan and David Thomas, the latter a discharged United States soldier, who has quite a police record. The third man, named Sam Woods, managed to escape. In the room were found a large quantity of dresses, nearly 50 suits of men's clothing, jewelry and family relics, which were identified as having been stolen from the Wright and Langmuir residences. Mr. Wright's loss is said to be nearly \$1,000, and Mr. Langmuir's almost as much, but no definite amount can be given till a full inventory is made.

## MIND WAS UNHINGED.

Verdict on Death of Canadian Who Suicided in London.

London, Dec. 27.—The verdict at the inquest on the death of John K. Reid, the Canadian inventor, who took his own life with poison while despondent, was to the effect that deceased was of unsound mind. He left a letter in which reference was made to his despondent condition. His son testified that his father expressed a hope that he might recover from the effects of the poison for his, the son's sake.

## Toronto City Council Has Decided to Ask the Legislature to Grant to Married Women Owning Property in Their Own Name the Franchise in Toronto.

A coroner's jury in Toronto that investigated the death of James Ross suggested that hospital doctors should make