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CONFRONTING AIDE, MRS. TRACEY SWOONS

Woman, Who Admits Poisoning Husband,
and Relative Both Confess.

YORK, Pa., June 24.—Mrs. Joshua Tracey and William Brown, already prisoners, are now charged with the murder of Mrs. Tracey's husband, since both have made signed confessions, each largely corroborative, to Detective Charles S. White.

Confronted by William Brown in the county prison, Mrs. Tracey avowed and effort to make her tell some of the manner in which strychnine was administered to Tracey in a drink of coffee proved unavailing at that time. In substance the woman's statement is as follows:

Brown bought the strychnine he concealed himself in the woods until he had an opportunity to enter the Tracey house unobserved by the husband. He dropped the poison into a coffee pot on the stove, while Mrs. Tracey stood nearby and watched him. The woman said she then administered the poisoned coffee mixed with whiskey. After this she instructed her daughter to empty the coffee pot, then it and make fresh coffee.

Here is the substance of Brown's confession:

"My name is William R. Brown. I went to Lancaster Thursday, June 10, while there bought a quantity of strychnine. I brought it home and on the following Saturday I met Mrs. Tracey at Ben Mitzel's while there."

Brown later amended this statement by saying that he did not personally purchase the strychnine, but had his brother John, of 11 Queen street, Lancaster, buy it for him.

Immediately after the funeral of Tracey the woman says Brown came to her home and said:

"Do not be worried about this. I will take all the blame."

Tracey died Monday night in agony after the administration of poison. He tore his flesh and made such an outcry that it was one of the things that directed suspicion to the pair as being responsible for his death.

BORN IN FIGHT WITH DOG, WOMAN MAY DIE

Dragged Through Yard by Beast, She is
Terribly Hurt.

CHESTER, Pa., June 23.—Mrs. John Turpin, of Upland, engaged in a desperate encounter with a large, vicious, found dog this afternoon, and the terrible lacerations inflicted by the brute's fangs are liable to cause her death.

The experience so affected her nerves that she has not been rational for several hours.

Mrs. Turpin was calling upon Mrs. Joseph Glenn, a next-door neighbor, when the dog, which was owned by the Glenns, attacked her. The animal threw her down upon the porch, grabbed her by the hair of her head and dragged her around the yard, paying no attention to the vigorous beating administered by Mrs. Glenn with a club.

Great pieces of flesh were chewed out of Mrs. Turpin's face and arms, and she was unconscious when rescued by Policeman Joseph W. Price who shot the dog.

BLACK HAND SIGNAL STOPS MURDER TRIAL

Star State Witness, Fearing Death,
Refuses to Testify.

CHICAGO, June 24.—The trial of Joseph Bertucci, an alleged "Black Hand" murderer, came to a sudden halt in court today when an Italian entered the room, waved a handkerchief at Bruno Nardi, star witness for the state, who had taken the stand to tell of the murder.

After waving the handkerchief the Italian died, and detectives could not find him. Nardi refused to answer any more questions, saying he should be killed if he testified against Bertucci. The same fear was expressed by Nardi's wife, also a material witness, and the prosecutor was forced to adjourn the trial.

Everything She Ate SEEMED A BURDEN TO CARRY.

HAD STOMACH TROUBLE
FOUR YEARS.

When your food has not been properly digested, your body has not received the benefit it should. The exertions of the gastric juices have been confined entirely to removing the unassimilated undigested portions of food which they cannot properly digest as speedily as possible from the body, thereby only giving the blood a small percentage of nourishment with which to feed the tissues. Burdock Blood Bitters regulates the bowels, promotes digestion, makes pure blood, tones the stomach, and thus restores perfect health and strength to the debilitated system.

Mrs. D. A. Francisco, Roseland, R.C., writes: "I was suffering from stomach trouble of the worst kind for about four years. Everything I ate seemed a burden to carry. I always awoke in the morning with a sickening and feverish taste in my mouth and was also troubled with swellings in my hands and feet, which my physician said was due to the disordered state of my stomach. I tried everything that was purchasable, and also consulted two or three physicians, but could find no relief until one of my neighbors told me of the wonderful cure by Burdock Blood Bitters. I used altogether ten bottles and am now perfectly cured. I wish to recommend Burdock Blood Bitters to anyone who may be so unfortunate as I was."

Sold by all dealers.

200 CHINAMEN EN ROUTE TO MEXICO

Discovery of Gold Starts Rush
for Claims.

Good Tory Lands Another Job—Another
S'ident Near Kenora—Parcel
Post to Bahamas.

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 24.—After years of faithful services in cause of Freylin A. Dunlop Thomas, keeper of Fredericton Municipal Home, has landed a government job. He will have charge of the distribution of school books and scribbles at a salary of \$700 per year and will enter upon his duties on July 1.

Mr. Thomas has had his net out for a government job ever since the local election. He wanted to be high sheriff, but another with stronger claims won and it was found necessary to create a position for him. It is not expected that his job will be very exciting.

The appointment of Mr. Thomas makes the seventh addition to the staff in the departmental building here since the "economical" Hazen government took office and a net increase of four.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 24.—With over 200 Chinamen on board, bound in bond from Montreal to Mexico, the Elder Dempster liner Sokoto arrived in port this morning from Montreal and Sydney. This is one of the largest numbers of Chinese that ever passed through Halifax in one lot. Special quarters had to be fitted up on board the Sokoto to accommodate the Celestials, and while the steamer is in port two police officers will be constantly on duty watching that none of them jump their bond. Two of them made an unsuccessful attempt to escape yesterday at Sydney.

HALIFAX, June 24.—The site of the Roman Catholic chapel at Sheet Harbor may become the scene of extensive gold mining operations, as the result of the discovery of gold by the workmen engaged in digging there. Already 400 acres have been taken up by Sheet Harbor and Dartmouth people, and the rush for claims is just about beginning. The old Roman Catholic chapel is being replaced by a new and larger one. The old building has been taken down and it was while the foundation was being laid that the gold was discovered. The parcel post convention arranged between Canada and the Bahamas comes into operation on the 1st of July. The postage rates on parcels for the Bahamas will be twelve cents for each pound or fraction thereof, and a custom declaration form, which can be obtained at any post office, must be affixed to each parcel.

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BREAKING IT GENTLY.

A Southern planter, on his return from an European trip, was met at the railway station by his old dark servant.

"Well, John," said the planter, driving the drive to his home, "what's the news?"

"Jas' can't think of nuthin', boss," replied the darky after slowly scratching his head, "exceptin' dat de dog's wate."

"That's not very startling; tho I'm sorry, of course. But the way John, what did he die of?"

"I don't know, boss, for positive, but 's an accident. 's done eat too much roas' hoss flesh."

"Indeed! And where did he get the roas' hoss flesh?"

"Well, you see, boss, de ole gray mare done got roasted to death."

"You don't say so, John! How did that happen?"

"Well, boss, she whar in de barn when de barn burned down."

"You don't mean to tell me that my barn has burned down? How did it catch fire?"

"Doan know, boss, 'sacly, but we sort o' specks it ketchin' fire from de house when de house burned down."

"Oh, that's awful news! How in the world did the house catch fire?"

"Why, boss, dat's a myst'ry; 'deed 't is. But I do heah 'em say so how some candles upset from round de corpse an' set fire to de house."

"Corse, did you say, John? Whose corse was it, say?"

"Dead dey has, say; yo' mudder-in-law has done died."

"Oh, this is terrible! What did she die of?"

"Well, boss, we couldn't see dat dere was anything the matter, but I did heah 'em say dat she died o' shock."

"Died o' shock? For heaven's sake, man, what could have shocked her?"

"Why, boss, I spec' twas o' countin' yo' wife runnin' away wid de coachman."—Lippincott's.

WOMAN.

Oh, woman you are charming. And poets long have sung Their sweetest verses to you. In every written tongue; But none of them has ever Told why it is that you Will always leave a street car of one gnat.

—Success Magazine.

KING HONORS HON. R. W. SCOTT

Is Made a Knight Bachelor

M. J. Butler, Companion of St. Michael and St. George

(Special to The Sun.)

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AIMING HIGH.

John Allen, of Topeka, who while in Congress used to be known as "Private John," enjoys telling of a unique character near his home known as Jas. White.

Jas. had lived in single-blessedness a good many years, but finally in the evening of his life he married, and in due time an heir was born to him. The day after this momentous event, Mr. Allen met Jas. in the street.

"I understand, Jas," said "Private," "that you've fine baby boy up at your place. Have you decided on his name?"

"Yes, sartin," chuckled Jas, "we's already decided on a name."

"What's it to be?"

"Jas. had one to be respectfully in a semi-circle before him. "You know, sah," he said finally, "I's allus been a powerful fond for dem Scripture folks, an' so I's decided I name de kid after some o' dem big officers who de Bible talks bout. I's settled on de name 'Belezebub!'"

"Yes, sah, dat's de name," announced Jas. in a tone betokening finally. "Belezebub's a mighty fine name, sah. It shore looks like I's aspin' powerful high, but I fingers dat boy'll shore do credit to his name, sah!"

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

SCORE INJURED WHEN SCHOOL PLATFORM FELL

200 Navy Yard Workers Laid Off—
Drowned While Swimming—Wire-
less Again Working.

BOSTON, Mass., June 23.—Two hundred workmen were laid off today at the Charlestown navy yard, work having been completed on the battleships Vermont and New Jersey. The fiscal year ends July 1st and it is understood that there is not an appropriation to carry on much work after that date.

NEWTON, Mass., June 24.—Leo Mullin, aged eleven years, of Newton Centre, was drowned while swimming in Crystal Lake late today. The body was recovered by the police.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 24.—The wireless apparatus on the Nantucket Shoals Lightship, which has been out of commission for some time, was repaired today and wireless communication was restored late today.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 24.—Steamer Celtic, from Liverpool for New York, in wireless communication with the Marconi station here, won 120 miles east of Sandy Hook at 3:15 p. m. Dock 7:30 a. m. Sunday.

HOULTON, Me., June 24.—Word was received here this afternoon of a drowning accident in which three lives were lost at Fort Kent last night. The victims were Colina Gagon, 18 years old, Clara Choudette, 14, and Isabelle Dorey, 12.

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PURSUIT OF BANDITS BECOMING HOTTER

Changes in Staff of the
Dominion Express Co.

Knights of Pythias to Meet at Halifax—
Lee Chu May be Still in Dartmouth—
—Little Girl Drowned.

TORONTO, June 24.—The following changes have been announced in the official staff of the Dominion Express Company, taking effect on July 1st:—

William Walsh is appointed general superintendent of the lines east of Port Arthur, with his office at Toronto. David J. McFerguson is appointed superintendent of the southern division, with his office at Toronto. Goodwin Ford is appointed general superintendent of lines west of and including Port Arthur, with his office at Winnipeg. William M. Gordon is appointed superintendent of the western division, with his office at Toronto. Henry C. Anderson is appointed auditor of the money order department, with his office at Toronto. William H. Plant is appointed auditor of traffic, with his office at Toronto. Henry C. Anderson is appointed auditor of the money order department, with his office at Toronto. William H. Plant is appointed auditor of traffic, with his office at Toronto.

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The party will include about three hundred uniformed knights, and several of the most prominent members of the order in the United States. Looking after at least two members of the supreme lodge are expected.

CALGARY, June 24.—The pursuit of the bandits who held up the C. P. express at Ducks, is becoming hotter. Supt. Constantine, from Maple Creek, with a party of eleven mounted police, reinforced by three constables from this district, has left for British Columbia, to assist in rounding up the lawless robbers. Horses are being furnished by the division here and will be rushed through on the express.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 24.—Lee Chu, the elusive Chinaman, who has up to the present fooled the Montreal druggists and the detectives who are endeavoring to return him to that city is thought to be in Dartmouth now, and it is said that six detectives are looking after him.

The ferry boats are constantly watched and every now and then there is some incident in the search which puts the public on to the game.

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