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USE CONFESSION  
MADE BY MURPHY

Effort to Free George and Charles Rollins.

Remarkable Situation in Massachusetts — Somerville Votes Wet — A Tangle Which Sent Wrong Husband Home for Christmas.

(Special to Times) Boston, Dec. 24.—One of the most startling situations in criminology in this country is brought about by the confession of Jesse Murphy, a Pennsylvania convict and gunman, to the murders of Ordway Hall and Edward P. Foley, branch managers of the Worcester Trust Co. in Dorchester. George Rollins was convicted more than a year ago of having slain Hall and has been sentenced to death. Exceptions will be taken to the sentence on next Monday, and the condemned man's counsel hopes to save his client by the aid of Murphy's tale.

A Mix-up. — A comedy of errors, which was really a tragedy for one of the actors, was enacted yesterday at the offices of the United States marshal at the federal building and the sheriff at the East Cambridge jail yesterday afternoon.

John Hucicki of Brockton and John Cahuski of Taunton, who were charged with larceny of an interstate mail bag at Taunton. They were fined \$5,000 each and in default were committed to East Cambridge jail.

Because of the similarity of names and the inability of the men to speak English, the officials at the jail got tangled up, and booked Hucicki, Cahuski and Cahuski as Hucicki.

Mrs. Hucicki wanted her husband home for Christmas and bail was produced. A marshal was sent to East Cambridge to get John Hucicki, who was brought back the man booked at the jail under that name, but when Mrs. Hucicki saw the man she thought of "That last my husband." Through an interpreter it was learned that the man was Cahuski.

Mrs. Hucicki sat and waited. In the meantime papers were prepared for bail for her husband, but she thought he was going home for Christmas. Deputy Bancroft returned with Hucicki and he went away with his wife.

London, Dec. 24.—The Daily Herald, Labor organ, quotes opinions on the government home rule plan.

Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein organization and acting president of the Irish republic, said: "There is nothing for Ireland to discuss. The premier's proposals are not intended to be operative, but are made to effect and mislead opinion in the United States."

Freeman's Journal Case. — Dublin, Dec. 24.—Justice Powell, in the chancery court yesterday, delivered a judgment which he held the action of the authorities in suppressing the Freeman's Journal to be justified in law and fact. The application of the Freeman's Journal was dismissed, with costs against the newspaper.

HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS OUT OF WORK IN TORONTO. Toronto, Dec. 24.—Four to five hundred returned men were lined up this morning waiting their turn outside the offices of the government employment bureau to prove they were unemployed and unable to get a job and applying for \$30 a month of the federal government's grant for returned soldiers.

NO BAR ON BOARD. Washington, Dec. 24.—Intoxicating liquors will not be sold on shipping board passengers liners plying between New York and South America, so Chairman Payne, of the board, announced yesterday. The first of the ships The McCain, will sail from New York on Saturday.

Rob In Hotel; Climb Down Side Of Building

New York Story Like a Tale for Movies.

Wealthy Man and Wife Attacked and \$4,000 Stolen by Two Men—Shot at as They Do "Human Fly" Act as Broadway Crowd Looks On.

New York, Dec. 24.—The police last night were seeking to determine if two men who climbed yesterday on a charge of robbing a wealthy Texan and his wife of \$4,000 in their suite in the Hotel Knickerbocker, the burglars responsible for a series of similar robberies in this city, which have netted the thieves more than \$100,000.

The pair were arrested after they were alleged to have entered the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick Dallas yesterday morning, knocked down Mr. Broderick with a hammer, tied his hands to a bed and ransacked the room, then attempted to reach the street by climbing down the side of the hotel in the heart of the "great white way."

One robbery of which the men are suspected was committed at the Hotel Knickerbocker, in that case \$4,000 was taken. The men were arrested at the Hotel Knickerbocker, which was recently the scene of a robbery, declared that Her's handwriting bore a striking resemblance to that of a man who registered at the hotel and departed after robbing several guests.

SOME PATRONAGE TROUBLE COMES EARLY TO DRURY

Farmers' Clubs Object to Appointment of Girl as Registrar and Criticize Action of Raney.

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—The Farmers' Clubs object strongly to the Drury government's appointment of Miss Minnie V. Walker as registrar of east and north Middlesex, to succeed the late Joe Marshall, ex-M. P.

A meeting of the farmer members of the legislature has been called, and the matter is to be brought to the attention of Hon. Mr. Drury and his government, with the intimation that Hon. Mr. Raney, attorney-general, acted in a high handed and arbitrary manner, and contrary to the spirit and platform of the United Farmers of Ontario.

It seems that the Farmers' Clubs of the district had been considering various names to fill the vacancy, and while they were considering they read in the papers that Miss Walker had been appointed.

TRAFFIC REFORM PLAN FOR LONDON IS REJECTED. London, Dec. 24.—The board of trade committee yesterday rejected the scheme of A. W. Gattle to reform freight traffic in London by replacing the existing seventy freight depots with one central clearing house.

MAETERLINCK IN NEW YORK. New York, Dec. 24.—Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian poet, and Madame Maeterlinck, arrived here yesterday to witness the world's premiere production of Maeterlinck's opera, "The Bluebird" at the Metropolitan Opera House on Dec. 27.

NEW YORK CHILDREN IN RIOT OVER PRESENTS. Police Have to Drive Thousands Into Street — Women Faint and Little Ones Are Bowled Over.

New York, Dec. 24.—Thousands of uninvited children for whom no gifts were provided crowded their way into the Metropolitan armory last night and 71st regiment's largest children's Christmas festival into a riot. During the height of the uproar 14,000 youngsters were in a mad scramble for their share of presents, which were stacked on tables for distribution to 7,000 needy children who had been invited. Police reserves from six precinct stations aided by the

NOT SO MANY TOOK TURKEYS

People Held Back at Demand of 75 to 90 Cents.

Weather, Says Market Men, May Have Effect Before Close of the Day's Business.

Firm prices still prevailed this morning in the country market on poultry and dry goods, but doubts were expressed as to how long they could hold because of the soft weather and the heavy snow which was a stranger demand for the roast beef and roast pork.

He said that the dealers who were handling turkeys were doing largely for the accommodation of the town, as with a profit of an average of five cents a pound it was selling with no gain. He said the farmers who held out for top notch prices were the only ones who were benefiting.

From 75 to 90 cents a pound was the prevailing price on turkeys, with 75, ducks 60 to 75, fowl 35 to 45, chickens 45 to 60, while beef, pork and other meats remained unchanged from prices of weeks past. The trimmings for the Christmas dinner were unchanged in price, lettuce 10 cents, celery 15, sage and savory 10 cents and cranberries 20 cents a quart.

It's Worse in St. John. Halifax Chronicle.—A Christmas dinner in Halifax is almost out of the question save for the well-to-do. The Chronicle has made enquiries as to costs of a simple Christmas dinner for a family of five with the following results, placing prices at lowest average:—

One 6 lb. turkey, \$3.50  
1-2 peck potatoes, .35  
2-2 lbs. turnip at 4c, .10  
1 quart cranberries, .10  
Flour (for pudding, etc.) .10  
Raisins, .10  
Sugar, suet, spice, etc., .25  
\$5.20

No provision is made in this estimate for fruit, nuts, tea, milk, coffee, etc., which are sold for the well-to-do. The Chronicle has made enquiries as to costs of a simple Christmas dinner for a family of five with the following results, placing prices at lowest average:—

Frederickton News. — Fredericton, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Norman S. Fulton and Miss Beatrice Hargrave, both of Ripples, Sunbury county, were married last night at the United Baptist parsonage in Devon.

The price of turkeys varied in a large Christmas market here today, from seventy to eighty cents. Imported un-drawn turkeys are selling rather quietly during the afternoon. The Military Hospital, Victoria Hospital and Maritime Hospital will have special Christmas fare. The Fredericton Driving Club will have matinee races. Queen street will be closed for the use of the horse-drawn turkeys during the afternoon. The Fredericton Curling Club will play the first round of the annual president vs. vice president match. In the horse racing there will be four classes with Exposer and Oakley H. the oldest residents of Nashwaakias, died last night after a lingering illness. He was aged 82 years and a life long resident of that place. He is survived by one son, Frank, with a daughter, Mary, in Boston. Other relatives are two brothers, G. Fred Staples of Devon and Isaiah Staples of Fredericton, and five sisters—Mrs. Mary Estey, Mrs. William Bailey, Mrs. George Bailey and Miss Susan Staples of Nashwaakias. Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon of Charlottetown, Restigouche county, arrested two men near that place on Saturday with the carcass of a freshly killed moose in their possession and that one of the men also had been trapping beaver without a license. Ranger Russell had the two before a magistrate at Charlottetown and \$130 in fines with costs in addition were imposed.

Phelix and Pberdmand WEATHER REPORT. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The cold wave which was to the northward of Manitoba yesterday morning has spread very quickly over Ontario, while mild conditions are setting in in the western province. Light snowfalls are occurring from the lower lake region to Quebec.

Colder. Maritime.—Winds increasing to gale tonight from the northward and turning colder with snow. Thursday clearing and much colder. Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds and gales, northeast to north; snow and becoming much colder. Thursday decidedly cold. New England.—Light snow this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight. Thursday fair and colder; moderate northwest gales.

A NOTABLE GIFT. London, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Hugh R. Danis, managing director of Sydney, Australia, Sun, has been made to us regarding any of the suggested modifications, nor have they been discussed.

As Hiram Sees It

Hiram, said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "It is reported that having sold your turkeys you are going south for the winter."

"I ain't so," said Hiram. "Look here, mister—I didn't get no money for my turkeys. I sold 'em last fall because it cost me thirty cents to raise 'em, and when I sold 'em I had to buy some boots, an' clo'es, an' hardware, an' dry goods, an' feed—an' a lot more things. Do you want to buy a farm an' get rich? You kin get one cheap in the States."

"That's too hard," said the reporter. "We would rather stay here and grow."

"An' if a dealer that bought chickens at thirty cents saw his chance an' jumped the price to sixty you'd still say it was the prumptest farmers' chance that you'd see come down all round—or you'd be more likely to get what you had to here."

CHRISTMAS EVE. Christmas bells in the crowded street. Laughter about in the bracing air. Wait! There's a ragged child at your feet. Hungry and cold in a world so fair. Comfort the orphans in their woe. Mother them all in their time of need. In His name who loved them so— Surely that were a Christ-like deed. Motherless waifs of the storm of life. Bound and delivered to want and cold. All unarm'd for the lonely strife— Wealth nor freedom to have and hold. Slaves are they in the grasp of Fate. Loose their fetters and make them free. Lest in their bondage they learn to hate. All that is meant by your Christmas tree. —A. M. BELDING.

POLITICAL REPORTS. Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Citizen says: "There is reason to believe that Admiral Jellicoe's plan is favorable to Canada."

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Regarding the soviet form of government, which one has heard so much in connection with the strike and the fact that his lordship said there was no objection to a man thinking that the soviet government of Russia was a good one, so long as he did not intend to convey to others the desirability of the institution of such a government for Canada.

When he constantly attacked the Canadian form of government, and put before the jury the desirability of the soviet government in Canada, the jury, expressing their common sense, might infer that he was trying to introduce a system in Canada. It was up to the jury.

"Would they like it? Would they like to be liable to cause a breach of the peace? If it would in a public sense it would be seditious," he said.

TWO DAYS ON LAKE IN A SAIL BOAT. Windsor, Ont., Dec. 24.—Out on Lake Erie in a sixteen-foot sail boat since Sunday afternoon, when they left Point Pelee for the mainland at Leamington, a party of five persons, including Frederick Ouellette, mail carrier, and one woman arrived at Leamington late yesterday afternoon, after being out for more than fifty hours, and many times in danger of being capsized by heavy seas and collision with ice floes.

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NEW PLEBISCITE TAKEN IN FIUME

Large Majority in Favor of Italian Proposals.

Report on the Basis of Agreement—Nitti Off to Paris to Stay Till This and Adriatic Questions Are Definitely Settled.

Rome, Dec. 24.—In consequence of doubts regarding the first plebiscite at Fiume, another was taken on Sunday which resulted in seventy-five per cent of the votes being cast in favor of the Italian government's proposals relating to the future occupation of the city, according to the Giornale d'Italia. Major Giurati, chief of Captain D'Annunzio's cabinet, is reported to have resigned. Newspapers state the basis of agreement was as follows:—

The Italian government will keep in its possession the whole of the armistice line, re-affirming the right of Fiume to determine its own fate. Note taken of the wishes of Fiume as expressed October 30, 1918, and re-affirmed October 20, 1919, and it is declared Italy will never accept any other solution. Fiume will receive financial assistance so that it may be able to re-establish its life and to resume its activities under the regime of a free port.

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To Stay Till It's Settled. Rome, Dec. 24.—Premier Nitti informed the council of ministers yesterday he would leave on Thursday evening for Paris, and would return only after having obtained a definite settlement of the Fiume and Adriatic question.

Italy's chief of staff, arrived here yesterday from Fiume and talked with Premier Nitti. King Victor Emmanuel. Later on Sunday had a long interview with the king and then called on the council of ministers, which for three hours discussed the Fiume situation and also international questions in connection with the approaching visit of Signor Nitti to Paris. It is believed the Fiume and Adriatic questions will reach a definite solution at the Paris conference.

According to reports current here, the meeting of allied premiers and foreign ministers at Paris, which was to have been held the first fortnight in London, will be postponed until after the Paris conference.

GET WEALTH FROM THE LUSITANIA. Divers Seek Valuables in Sunk Liner—May Also Try to Raise Vessel.

Cork, Dec. 24.—A firm of divers has been prosecuting the position of the sunken Lusitania for some weeks with the idea of salvaging from her valuables worth several thousand pounds. The intention is to start the project early in the New Year. An attempt will then be made to raise the vessel. Some experts have declared it will be impossible to bring her to the surface owing to the depth of water in which she lies, but it is understood that if the efforts to recover the valuables succeed, some attempt to raise the vessel may be made later in the year.

WILL MAKE CHARGE OF MUTINY, SAYS STEAMER CAPTAIN. New York, Dec. 23.—Capt. Ashlward will prefer charges of mutiny against the eighteen members of the crew of the British steamer Michael, who went on strike yesterday against the kind of food served on the vessel. He announced today, following consultation with the British consul here. Whether he would bring his charges in this country or wait until the Michael gets back to England he would not say. The crew still was on strike today on charges of disorderly conduct.

The ship has been in port since December 10. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—The Old Dominion steamer Madison, with eighty-two passengers aboard, ran ashore off Cranes Island, Norfolk Harbor, in a heavy fog tonight, soon after leaving here for New York. Tugs were sent to the vessel's assistance.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 23.—The S. S. Rose Castle, which went ashore near Point Edward, in Saturday's snowstorm, was floated yesterday afternoon by steamers Kyle and Maggie M.

NO "CITIZEN GUARDS." London, Dec. 24.—Edward Shortt, secretary of state for home affairs, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the government had decided to abandon a scheme which had been under consideration for the formation of "citizen guards."