

A CONFESSED INCENDIARY.

Strange Story of a Man Who Set Fire to His Stores.

Sentenced to Sing Sing For One Year on Own Confession.

Business Was Bad and Wanted to Try Something New.

New York, July 24.—James Hunter Wright was sentenced to one year in Sing Sing on his own confession to arson. On July 5 Wright walked into the office of District Attorney Jerome, and said his conscience hurt him, and that he wished to be punished for having set fire to his art store on upper Broadway on December 26, 1907. He was indicted for arson in the third degree and he expressed gratification when the prison sentence was imposed.

When Wright first confessed he was arraigned in the Tombs Court, and the Magistrate was the only public official who raised a doubt as to the man's sanity. Wright himself asserted he was sane, yet he goes to a convict's cell for a crime which offered no motive, and for which there was no motive, except that contained in the man's explanation that "business was bad and I wanted to try something new."

Wright did not have a cent of insurance on his stock in the Broadway store. He was in partnership with a man named Harvey, and Wright said his partner never suspected the truth. From Wright's story to the district attorney he was a fire for more than a year. He said he went from this city to Providence, R. I., and there opened a store only to burn it within a few months. He did the same in a small town in Quebec. Then he went to Spokane, Wash., and again set fire to his store. Next he settled in Amesbury, Mass., and again when he had been in business a few months applied a match to it. Wright then returned to this city, and went to live with Alex. Fisher, a friend, in the 23rd street address. Recovering from his craze for burning property, he was stricken with remorse. The fire insurance companies had not suspected Wright. Wright told of his remorse to his friend, and Fisher advised him to go to a certain Episcopal clergyman, and Wright went to the clergyman and told him of his crimes. The clergyman listened to his story, and advised him to go to the district attorney and make his peace with the law. He did and to-day he will be taken to Sing Sing.

From the time of Wright's confession no society or private person took interest in his case. The prosecution employed no alienists to make sure whether the man was really a criminal within the meaning of the law when he burned his store and lived several years before it impressed him he should be punished by society. Had Wright stifled his pang of conscience until December 26, 1910, he would have escaped prosecution under the statute of limitation.

AWFUL DEED.

Russian Princess Murdered by Discharged Housekeeper.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—News has been received here of the murder of the young Princess Alexandra Metelskaya, on her father's estate, in Smolensk Province. The housekeeper, in revenge for being discharged, decapitated the fourteen-year-old girl with an axe.

MILITARY TATTOO.

AVOID THE RUSH.

For your own convenience get your tickets early at Anderson's or Nordheimer's music stores.

THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER'S PICNIC.

At the meeting of the District Committee of the Order of the Foresters last evening it was decided to hold a picnic at Oakville on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 11. An exceptionally large list of prizes has been arranged for, and everybody attending is assured a good time. Keep the date in mind.

MAPLE LEAF PARK.

Direct from Luna Park, Buffalo, where their long engagement was terminated only an account of the destructive fire which visited it a week ago, the great Berry family will present their first exhibition of sensational pole vaulting, together with the great ball act, at Maple Leaf Park to-night and all next week.

On Civic Holiday a ten-mile Marathon race will be held at the only amusement park in Canada which is in a position to hold races of this kind, because it is the only one which has a racing track of the kind in the country.

The Clothing Manufacturer's

Heaviest purchases are in the most popular patterns—it is in these he becomes overstocked, and explains why \$17.50 buys a \$25 suit and \$15.50 buys an \$18 suit, latest pattern, greens, greys, tans and olives. The manufacturer bears the brunt of this; you get the benefit, at our sale.—Fraitick & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

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FEAST OF ST. ANN.

In St. Ann's Church on Monday the feast of the patron saint of that edifice will be observed with special services. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 and the "Litanies" will be sung. The evening service will be at 7:30. The feast of St. Ann will be observed for veneration at both services.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Chalmers' Church Sunday school children held their picnic at the Drive-way Park, Mount Hamilton, this afternoon.

—The Civic Improvement Committee of the Greater Hamilton Association will meet at 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms.

—Two Hamilton men have been granted Canadian patents, J. H. Culp's invention being a process for making shingles and J. Robinson's, elevator machinery for feeding stone crushers.

—An attempt was made to break into Judge Snider's house, 80 Queen street last night. The thief did not get beyond the cellar. The police are investigating the matter.

—The twentieth annual convention of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers will open in London on Tuesday next. W. A. Crockett, secretary, and several delegates from this city will attend.

—At Buffalo last night a man who said he was Leonard Lockwood, of Hamilton, was arrested, after being caught in the act of robbing a money drawer in S. Strabel's Hotel. The police here know nothing of such a man.

—The Hamilton Summer School for Oratory will meet in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. Monday night. Lyman Lee, B. A., President of the Hamilton Scientific Association, will have charge of the third class, and of the lesson "Effectiveness of Public Speaking."

—Owing to the inclement weather last evening, the 91st Sergeants had to cancel their moonlight on the steamer Modjeska, and instead running it on next Friday evening, July 30. All those holding tickets may use them on that date, and those who have not purchased them may procure them at the same place.

DO NOT FEAR MR. MALONE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Solicitor Levy are going over the agreement drawn up by City Solicitor Waddell this morning, and it is expected it will be signed at noon. The company is giving the city a rate of five-eighths of a cent per horse power per hour for limited hours, the city reserving the right to use the power at any time in case of emergency. Mr. Malone's contention that no money was set aside for this purpose this year the city officials say is not correct. The funds were provided in the waterworks construction debentures.

There will be a meeting next week of the board of directors of the Board of Education appointed to consider the applications of all the teachers on the public school teaching staff for re-engagement. Officials of the board to-day denied a report that there was to be a general weeding out of the teachers. In fact, they say that Inspector Ballard's report shows a marked improvement all along the line this year.

The American Lamp and Supply Company, which contract for lighting residential streets with natural gas lamps was discontinued when the new contract with the Ontario Gas Company on July 1, has offered to sell its equipment to the city on a basis of \$19.10 for each lamp, or \$6,016.50 for the lamps, posts and other connections as they stand to-day, the company undertaking to put them in first-class condition. The offer is made in a letter sent to Mayor McLaren yesterday by Manager Monand. In this letter, Manager Monand, among other things, says:

The company was solicited and encouraged by the city officials of Hamilton to make the investment in the present equipment on a short term contract, it being held out that the city would undoubtedly make a larger contract for a longer term in the event the lamps proved satisfactory. The cost of the equipment, which included furnishing and erecting the lamp-posts, something the company never intended to do, being the posts all ready to set the lamps on, was unusually expensive, and the contract price very low under the circumstances. With the knowledge that the lamps would prove to be the most efficient and economical of any kind in use in the city of Hamilton, and relying on the encouragement received from the city as to a larger contract, the investment was made by the company. It is needless to say that but for this encouragement the company would not have undertaken to do so much for the city for so little under a small short term contract.

Mr. Monand quotes prices at which the company will furnish mantles, globes, burners, etc., and estimates the cost of maintenance per lamp at \$14.95 a year.

It is believed that there is little chance of the city taking up the offer of the American Street Lamp & Supply Company.

The Board of Works aldermen, who have the handling of the matter, are pretty well in accord on the matter. The gas lamps are laid out to replace the gas lamps, and as the contract has been running nearly a month, it is not thought likely that the company's offer will be favorably considered.

Permits aggregating in value about \$10,000 were issued to-day to Miller & Hutton, architects, for the following buildings:

Brick dwelling, Turner avenue, for F. H. Whitton.

Alterations to Bank of Hamilton, King and Wellington streets.

Brick dwelling, head of Bay street, for J. Bell.

Additions and alterations to building, Berton and Cheever streets, for Bank of Hamilton.

Stewart McPhie, alterations and brick addition to dwelling, 252 Herkimer street, for G. Thomsen.

It is suggested that a fire hose, with a sharp nozzle and full pressure behind it, would be a very effective way of clearing the tussock moth out of shade trees, where much damage is being done.

The Markets Committee yesterday afternoon decided to paint the exterior of all the police stations, the butter stalls on Central Market, repair the roof of the Stuart street weigh scales and make minor improvements at the jail.

The health report for the week shows four cases each of scarlet fever and whooping cough, three of measles and one of diphtheria.

The greatest evil of modern commercial life is the way in which the world's markets are manipulated by the wealthy.—Mr. C. W. Strange, at Oxford.

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THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Strong southwest winds, fine and cool. Sunday westerly winds, fine and a little warmer.

WEATHER NOTES. The disturbance which has been over the great lakes for the past two days continues to move very slowly and has not yet passed from the Ottawa valley. Heavy rain has occurred over most of Ontario, east of Lake Huron, but in the extreme southwest counties it has been light. Rain and strong winds now prevail in the Maritime Provinces and fine warm weather continues from Manitoba westward.

Pros.—Fine and a little warmer. Washington, July 24.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair and somewhat cooler to-night; fair Sunday; moderate to brisk west winds.

Western New York—Fair to-night and Sunday; rising temperature. Lakes, Erie and Ontario—Moderate to brisk west and northwest winds, fair weather to-night and Sunday.

The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: 9 a. m., 70; 11 a. m., 72; lowest in 24 hours, 56; highest in 24 hours, 80.

M'GINNES HAS GOOD CHANCE.

Huggins and Freeborn Not So Well Up In King's.

In the shooting in the last stage of the King's Prize, the 800 and 900 yards were completed this morning at Bisle. Both of the Hamilton men, Huggins and Freeborn, scored 78. At these two ranges McGinnes, of Edmonton, leads the Canadians with a score of 88, and as he was tie with Sergt.-Major Huggins for first place among the Canadians in the first and second stages, his chances are good. His total score, with the 1,000 yard range yet to be shot at, was 278. Last year the winning score was 325. By making a possible at 1,000 McGinnes could score 328. The scores this morning at 800 and 900 yards were:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Blackburn, Winnipeg 41 41; Steck, Truro 37 34; Smith, Ottawa 38 37; Morris, Bowmanville 41 43; Freeborn, Hamilton 35 43; McGinnes, Edmonton 42 46; Huggins, Hamilton 33 45.

HERE'S ANOTHER.

Kitties' Band on Modjeska again on Wednesday afternoon, leaving Hamilton at 2:15, Toronto 5:30 p. m. Passengers may remain over in Toronto until 7:30 p. m. Macassa leaves Hamilton 5:30 p. m., gives over an hour in Toronto, reaching home 10 p. m. Full moon Wednesday night.

GOOD PICNIC COMING.

The Gartshore-Thomson, "Old Reliable" picnic will be held at Niagara Falls one week from to-day. The employees have made every arrangement for a good time. The programme will include sports of all sorts, a ball game and a baby show, for all of which valuable prizes will be offered. The committee will provide excursionists with milk, hot water, etc., free. The train will leave the O. T. R. Stuart street station at 8 o'clock in the morning, and the return train leaves Niagara Falls at 7:30.

LABORERS ENTOMBED.

Cambridge, Mass., July 24.—An explosion of sewer gas in the new Cambridge and Boston subway at Kendall Square entombed several laborers this morning. The men, who are mostly foreigners, were removed shortly afterward and taken to hospitals. All were unconscious and it was believed that two were fatally injured.

RAILROADS BUSY.

Chicago, July 24.—Although there are at port, of the American Railway Association, traffic tonnage has been increasing so rapidly that railroad officials are taking steps to prevent possible car shortage this fall. Special attention is being devoted to the coal traffic.

Pan-American Congress at Rio de Janeiro.

Consul-General George E. Anderson, writing from Rio de Janeiro, reports that indications point to a successful exposition of sanitary appliances and other articles connected with health, sanitation and medical matters at the Pan-American Medical Congress which is to meet in Rio de Janeiro in August. The number of prospective American exhibitors is not large, but many of those proposing to exhibit are important, and expect to exhibit on a considerable scale.

Steamship Arrivals.

July 23.—Montreal—At Cape Race, from Avonmouth. Louisiana—At New York, from Liverpool. California—At Cape Race, from Glasgow. Empress of Britain—At Fastnet, from Liverpool. Corsica—At Palma Point, from Liverpool. Tunisian—At Maila Head, from Montreal. Cyprus—At Boston, from Liverpool. Montserrat—At Bristol, from Montreal. Press Lincoln—At Plymouth, from New York. Montreal—At London, from Montreal. J. L. Touraine—At Havre, from New York. Carpathian—At Naples, from New York. Royal Louis—At Naples, from New York. Pannonia—At Trieste, from New York. Thimbletoe—At Athens, from New York. Montreal—At Cape Race, from Liverpool. Empress of Britain—At Liverpool 7 a. m. to-day.

July 24.—Lorraine—At New York, from Havre.

MORE EVIDENCE

The Tait-Brown Optical Co., 48 James north, Hamilton: Gentlemen—

It seems no more than right that I should make known the benefit your glasses have been to me. For over three years I had suffered the most distressing headaches, which no amount of treatment would cure. A great many of my friends had been benefited by glasses made and fitted by you, and I was advised to get glasses from you. After your careful and scientific method of examining my eyes, I was confident of your ability. Since wearing the glasses I have had no more headache, and the gratitude I feel cannot be expressed in words. Hoping others may hear of your skill as I did, I remain, yours truly, (MRS.) H. FARNAN, Grimsby.

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Y. M. C. A. CARD

Mr. Wm. Donnelly, the boy preacher, will address the men's meeting at 4:15 p. m. D. M. Barlow, formerly of this city, will be the guest speaker. Y. M. C. A. Song service on the lawn 8:15 p. m. Strong address, special singing, everybody welcome.

Electric Sparks.

The largest electric transmission line in the world is that of the Niagara-Syracuse-Auburn line, which carries 30,000 horsepower a distance of 163 miles. The Colgate plant, Yuba River, Cal., connects via Oakland and Mission San Jose to a line 222 miles in length. This plant has a capacity of 11,250 kilowatts and there are over 100 sub-stations on 1,375 miles of circuit on the system.

Some of the electric light and power companies of Minnesota rent vacuum cleaners to their customers for a nominal sum each day.

Oxygen apparatus is used in Germany for producing hydrogen and oxygen for brazing and welding with an oxyhydrogen blowpipe.

A new invention entirely dispenses with the telegraph operator in railroad work. Each train as it passes over the road automatically makes a record on a sheet in the train dispatcher's office. By means of red and green lamps and a gong the dispatcher can at any time signal direct to the engineer to stop, slow down or proceed.

One pound of 16-candle-power tungsten lamp filaments costs \$900, and it takes 140,000 of these filaments to make a pound. In the pea lamp, the smallest incandescent lamp made, 54,000 filaments make a pound, at a cost of \$39,000.

Snow slides, blizzards and rock slides play such havoc with the telegraph lines in the Yukon country that wireless system will be substituted where these troubles prevail.

A measure has been passed by the Connecticut Legislature providing for the compulsory extension of telephone lines.

New York city will have a new fire alarm system costing \$100,000.

About 160,000 automobiles are now in use in the United States, of which 20,000 are electric. About 69,000 of the total number are owned in New York State.

Witchcraft Survival in England. Remarkable stories of the prevalence of witchcraft in Somerset and in strange medical beliefs common in the county were told at a meeting of teachers at Barry, near Dulverton.

Dr. Spidenham, a doctor, said that herbals and white witches were still living among them, to say nothing of "the Doctor," or seventh son. The belief was widely held that whooping cough could be cured by placing the sufferer on the ground in a sheepfold; epilepsy by procuring silver coins from friends and having them made into a necklace or bracelet to be worn by the sufferer, and hemorrhage and burns by the chanting of a strange prayer.

A seventh son, especially if he were the seventh son of a seventh son, was as much sought after in some parishes as if he were a Harley street specialist. His patients were attended on Sunday mornings, after fasting, the cure being by touch and prayer.—London Daily Mail.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of the late Emma Addison, of this city, married woman, deceased, who died on the 28th day of September, 1906, will send or deliver to the undersigned, particulars in writing of their claims on or before the 10th day of August next, when the executor will distribute the assets of the said estate to the persons entitled thereto and will not be liable for same or any part thereof to any person of whose claims he has not received notice.

W. H. McLELLAND, Solicitor for Executor. July 21st, 1909.

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New York, July 23.—The stock market opened irregular.

Pittsburg, July 24.—Oil opened \$1.58.

New York, July 24.—Cotton futures opened steady, July \$12.00; Aug. \$11.93; Dec. \$11.95; Jan. \$11.95; March \$11.96.

Easy to look at, difficult to imitate.—Chinese.

AMUSEMENTS

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Military Tattoo and Fireworks Display

CRICKET GROUNDS Tuesday Evening, July 27th At 8 o'clock

8-BANDS-8 Admission, 25 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents extra. For sale at Anderson's music store, 85 James street north, and Nordheimer's, music store, 18 King street west.

CANADIAN FORESTERS' EXCURSION

Civic Holiday AUGUST 2

Via T. H. & B. Ry.

Buffalo

ADULTS, \$1.25. CHILDREN, 65 cents. Street station at 8 a. m.; returning leaves Buffalo at 7 p. m.

Niagara Falls

ADULTS, 75 cents. CHILDREN, 40 cents. Street station at 8:30 a. m.; returning leaves Niagara Falls at 7:30 p. m. Tickets good to return on regular trains Tuesday, Aug. 2, 1909.

Great Berry Family

The world's greatest gymnasts and acrobats at

Maple Leaf Park To-night

and all next week. Five people in the troupe.

The most sensational pole and ball act being presented in America to-day. Don't fail to see it.

The Gartshore-Thomson Employees' Excursion

NIAGARA FALLS Saturday, July 31st

Train leaves Grand Trunk Stuart Street Station at 8 a. m.; returning leaves Niagara Falls at 7:30 p. m. Adult tickets, 40c; children, 40c. Tickets good to return August 2nd.

Excursion TO DETROIT

Via T. H. & B. and M. C. R. A number of Knights of Sherwood Forest.

SATURDAY, July 31st At 2 p. m.

Good for four days over Civic Holiday. Tickets—Adults, 25c; children, 15c. Going, train leaves Hunter Street Station at 2 p. m. sharp, Saturday, July 31st. Returning, tickets good on all regular connecting trains, Aug. 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

A special train will meet the M. C. R. train at Waterford, leaving Detroit on Monday night at 11:45. Hamilton time, arriving home in time for work Tuesday morning. J. L. Towler, Commodore; H. J. Dilworth, Paymaster; S. Irons, Adj.

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