

"PHANTOM MAJOR," SUSPECTED OF MURDER, AND "THE LAUGHTER" BAFFLE SCOTLAND YARD

BY MILTON BRONNER

London, Jan. 9.—Scotland Yard—soured by Sherlock Holmes, the perfect detective, and evaded by Raffles, the master thief, through thousands of pages of fiction—yet considered by the Old World, at least, as the most famous and efficient crime detecting agency—is baffled.

Two men are the reason. Both are wanted for murder. One is in a cell—the other is at large.

Major Norman Bailey, was found murdered, has been reported seen at Marnagata, a fashionable English seaside resort, in several London hotels, in Manchester, on a train bound for Paris, in the French capital, at Bordeaux and in Brussels—he has been sought even in the United States. But he has not been apprehended.

THE "PHANTOM MAJOR"

The "Phantom Major," as he is known for his seeming ability to outwit his much-sought being, is this air, constantly writes Scotland Yard, stating he is sorry he is for the murder of his wife, whose body was found in bed in their apartment, with a bullet hole through her head, and a five-inch knife blade thrust through her breast.

Placed to her right garments was this note: "I have parted with my dear possession. I intend to do it. She knew nothing. I did not do it for jealousy nor covetousness—love. Look for me by the sea."

It was thought that he might have drowned himself until his letters began to pour into the office of the London police. He also wrote his wife's parents and mailed a servant's pay to her.

Bailey, only 35, is an expert in disguise—an amateur actor who sometimes has taken female parts. It is possible that he had not left London, but is enjoying temporary safety in disguise and hiding.

Motive for the crime is just as baffling as the "phantom major's" whereabouts, for there is neither another man or woman in the case, the police believe.



(TOP) NORMAN BAILEY, "THE PHANTOM MAJOR," AND HIS WIFE, WHO WAS MURDERED. (LOWER LEFT) GERTRUDE YATES WHO WAS ALSO KILLED, AND RONALD TRUE, "THE LAUGHING MURDERER."

Then there is Ronald True, laughing murderer of Gertrude Yates. Condemned to death, his mad-man chuckle has laughed him out of hanging. He is now confined to an insane ward.

He laughed when he was locked up by the police, he laughed when the trial judge sentenced him to be hung by neck until dead; he laughed when he was in the cell of the condemned.

"I TOLD YOU SO"

When he was relieved and sent to Broadmoor Asylum he laughed once more and merely said: "I told you so."

At Broadmoor he had been the life of the party. He has taken part in amateur theatricals and composed words and music for rollicking songs, joshing the prison, the keepers and the government.

Gertrude Yates, a beautiful girl who lived alone in an apartment, was found brutally beaten to death. She had been robbed. True was proven to be one of her closest friends. He had her stolen jewelry—and was promptly convicted.

He, too, had been an officer in the army.

There is a clear definition in Britain that a person should not be executed when he is not in a position to make his peace with God and not in a mental condition to put forward any reasons why he should not be hung.

Some day the medical officers may certify to the government that True is once more sane—as they believe he was when he committed the crime—and liable to hanging.

The question that will then confront the officers is, whether after True has lived in an asylum for years shall he be taken out and hung or have his sentence commuted to life imprisonment?

In the meantime, True continues to laugh.

Bailey, the "phantom major," is poor, while True, the "laughing murderer," is well connected.

Are their strange plights a result of the war in which they both served?

LETTER FROM A U.S. READER

Finds Graphic Keeps on Improving and Appreciates That Fact

The Graphic has received the following letter from a subscriber in Maine. This is only one of many letters and we reproduce it only to show that our readers appreciate the improvements which we have been making in the Graphic during the past year.

Pittsfield, Maine
Jan. 8, 1924.

The Campbellton Graphic
Campbellton, N. B.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find (\$2.50) two dollars and fifty cents for a renewal of the subscription of the Graphic.

Please allow me to quote a word of appreciation toward the improvement of your paper. I have been receiving your paper weekly for several years and I am so interested to watch the improvement that the first time I will visit the town I shall pay you a visit.

Yours sincerely

We will be very pleased to welcome our subscriber from Pittsfield Me., and we assure him we can show him one of the most up-to-date weekly papers in this province.

Such letters from our subscribers are always appreciated. It shows us that our efforts to produce a good weekly are appreciated.

his apprehension admitted that he hoped his insurance would be paid to his wife.

When payment was about to be made Kels was arrested in Eureka, Calif., while attempting to commit suicide.

The Point.

The chief of the department had his doubts as to the ability of his right-hand man to engage suitable girl clerks. "She may be the right type," as you say," he remarked, "but the question is can she type-write?"

WHADDJA MEAN?

"Pa, how did those prehistoric monsters look?"

"I really can't remember that sonny, ask your mother."

Mr. Conklin was born in this city and joined a minstrel show at the age of 12. When Barnum decided to add a circus performance to his museum in Ann street, he sent for Peter Conklin and made him his equestrian director. Conklin later became a headline clown. Conklin's love for Shakespeare was no more affection and he rarely missed an opportunity to attend his plays.

Mr. Conklin appeared two weeks ago with the Equity Players in "Queen Victoria" at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Floyd H. Cox, of Kew Gardens, and a son, Peter Conklin, Jr., stage manager of the Ritz Theatre at Bayonne, N. J.

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Lansdowne St., West.
Dec. 27-3 pd.

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LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

News Notes of Town and Country Happenings Gathered by Graphic Reporters

SHORTLAND SPEED CLASSES

Those desiring to join should apply at once to Campbellton Coal Co.

COUNCIL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Campbellton Municipal Council will take place at Dalhousie on Tuesday, Jan. 15th. One of the matters to be taken up at this meeting will be the establishment of a new ward, a year later to save for the poor of the town.

MILL CLOSED DOWN

The Western Cattle Co.'s Shingle Mill closed down a few days ago, and will not run for a month or more. Extensive improvements are being made, among which are the installation of two large steam boilers to take the place of the three which have been doing duty in the past.

ANOTHER BANQUET PENDING

The next affair of the Hon. J. B. W. Baxter, K. C., M. P., will be a banquet on January 29 in St. John. The affair will be provincial in its nature. The banquet will be held in the Pyralis Castle on the evening of that date and admission will be by ticket. The committee in charge, of which L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., is the chairman and G. E. Logan, the secretary, organized on Wednesday afternoon in the chairman's office.

LUMBER CO. INCORPORATED

A charter has been issued under the name "Edward Shindler Lumber Company Limited," incorporating William Shindler, Edward Shindler, Ernest A. Shindler, and others, to take over and carry on the lumber business formerly carried on by The Shindler Company at Newcastle, New Brunswick, the petition having been forwarded by A. B. B. to the Registrar of Companies, at Ottawa, O. C., at Montreal. The authorized capital is \$500,000.00 divided into shares of \$100.00 each with head office at Newcastle. This Company will be the Shindler Company.

ONE CAR TO 5 PERSONS

There were 18,000 motor cars registered in Nova Scotia during 1923. Hon. D. A. Cameron, Provincial Secretary, reported recently. Of these, 16,000 were passenger cars and 1,970 commercial vehicles. In addition 120 dealers' licenses were issued covering about 50 cars. Nova Scotia now possesses one motor car for every 9 inhabitants, according to the report.

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Sunday, Jan. 6th, was the Feast of the Epiphany—sometimes called Old Christmas.

WELCOME NEW CITIZENS

Canada is receiving new settlers from Europe, and many of them are becoming "naturalized" Canadians. What are we doing to incorporate them in the life of the country? Have we any plan for them? Have they been welcomed as fellow-citizens called upon to share the privileges and responsibilities of this new land? Has a new national ideal been put out to them? We think not. But it would be a very wise policy if such a course were adopted.

CHAPLAIN OFFICERS CHOSEN

The following officers for Campbellton Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons will be installed at Friday night's meeting:

Charles A. Alexander H. P.
Dugald C. Firth I. P. H. P.
George R. Hunsbrey S.
C. H. Hunsbrey S.
Alexander McLennan Trusty
Bernard J. Collier Secy.
A. Burnett MacKinnon C. of H.
J. Hamilton Chambers P. S.
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John A. Jardine M. 2nd V.
Hugh A. Marquis M. 1st V.
Alfred A. Gillis M. 1st V.
John White Tyler

Church and Sunday School

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Sunday, 10 Jan.

Upasigah—11 a. m.

Yours' Brook—2 p. m.

Matasville—7 p. m.

ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICES

For January 18th.

Oak Bay Mills—11 a. m.

St. John's—7 p. m.

Ecumenical Place—7 p. m.

Subject: "A Psalmist Answered."

Stayaway never helped any cause. Come, God's Gospel, Minister.

Says the Tired Housewife

"Hub—The movie houses have one advantage over this one."

Wife—"Which that?"

Hub—"They don't have to take down their screens in the fall."

Cincinnati Enquirer.

BOY SAVED BY SKIN GRAFTING

Says "I'm a Little Bit of Everybody, But, Gosh, I'm Happy"

Worcester, Jan. 8.—"I'm a little bit of everybody, but gosh, I'm happy," said Ralph Orcutt, 9, today, when physicians at the City Hospital told him that the skin grafting operations would restore him to vigorous health and enable him to walk without being lame.

He was entirely successful and he believed the boy would recover without perceptible lameness.

Those who gave up their skin were very generous," he said. "Every one of the 11 told us to take all we needed, and instead of two inches which we had intended to remove, each gave from six to eight inches, enough to splendidly cover all the unhealed places in Ralph's legs."

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MURDERED A MAN TO GET INSURANCE

Slayer Changed Clothes With Victim and Body Buried as His Own

Folsom, Calif., Jan. 7.—Alex Kels, once legally dead and buried with all the honors usually paid a respected citizen, was hanged at the penitentiary here yesterday for the murder of Edward Meservy, an itinerant laborer.

The hanging accomplished for Kels the purpose that prompted the murder. An insurance company will pay his wife \$100,000 insurance he carried. Three months ago Kels murdered Meservy and permitted burial of the body as his own. He had been financially involved and after

the operation, declared afterwards it was entirely successful and he believed the boy would recover without perceptible lameness.

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