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SNEAK THIEF ROBS FOUR PASSENGERS ON BOSTON TRAIN

Chatham, Charlottetown, Halifax and Sydney Men the Victims--Report Their Loss to I. C. R. Policeman Who is Watching for the Thief--Their Stories of the Affair.

Four passengers on the Boston train that arrived at St. John at noon on Saturday were the victims of a sneak thief, between Boston and St. John, who relieved them of their watches, tickets, and money. The thief is said to be a young, respectable looking man. The persons who were robbed and their destinations are as follows: Joseph McKenzie, Chatham, N. B.; J. A. Messervy, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Joseph Lavigne, Halifax, N. S.; and James McDade, Sydney, C. B.

Mr. McKenzie, who was going from Boston to Chatham, lost his ticket and \$33. Speaking to I. C. R. Policeman Collins on Saturday, he said that he thought he would know the thief again, and that he was robbed in the Boston station. He said that while waiting for the St. John train in Boston Friday night, he thought he would have something to eat, and inquired of a young man standing by where he might procure a lunch. The stranger said he would show him, and took him to a restaurant where he had a light lunch. On coming out of the restaurant again, the stranger asked him where he was going. McKenzie replied that he was going to Chatham. The stranger said that he, too, was going that way, and followed him to the train, and sat down in the same seat with him. As they were getting into the seat, McKenzie

thinks that the thief reached his money and ticket, which were in his vest pocket.

Mr. McKenzie is an elderly man and belongs to Chatham. He met a friend on the train, who paid his fare as far as St. John.

J. A. Messervy, a middle aged man, was minus his watch when he arrived here, and immediately notified Policeman Collins. He told Collins that the watch was a very valuable one, and that he would not sell it for any money.

Joseph Lavigne, another victim, said that he lost \$44, and that judging by the description given of the thief by McKenzie, he believed he was the same man that robbed him. Lavigne was going to Halifax, where he belongs. He notified the conductor of the theft, but the conductor could not locate the thief.

James McDade told Policeman Collins that he was bound for Sydney, and that he was relieved of about \$20 by the slick stranger. He said he had two \$5 bills, and one \$10 in American money, along with some change.

The four men felt their losses keenly and told their stories one after another to I. C. R. Policeman Collins, who is now looking for the thief, although Collins says there is but a slight chance of finding him among all the people that pass through the depot in the course of a day.

HARRY THAW MUST GO BACK

Extradition Petition Granted the Representative of New York State

Concord, N. H., Nov. 8.—The extradition of Thaw has been ordered. The Governor based his decision on the indictment returned against Thaw in New York County, and which charged him with conspiracy to escape from the insane asylum at Matteawan, N. Y., to which he was committed following his trial for the killing of Stanford White. Thaw made his spectacular flight on August 17, and a few days later was arrested near Coaticook, Quebec.

Thaw's attorneys announced that they would file immediately an amendment to their petition for a writ of habeas corpus, application for which was made soon after Thaw was arrested in this State, following his deportation from Canada. The original petition was based upon the allegation that Thaw had been indicted for conspiracy by the Duchesne County Grand Jury, and it was suspended pending the Governor's decision on the matter of extradition.

Because the extradition has not been granted on the strength of a New York County indictment, it would be necessary to amend the petition accordingly.

Thaw was not present when Governor Felker announced his decision to the attorneys representing the fugitive. He will remain here in the custody of United States Marshal Nute and Sheriff Drew, pending the Federal proceedings.

LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT DINNER

Preparations Rapidly Going Forward for Hazen-Rogers Banquet This Evening

A large attendance is expected at the informal dinner this evening at St. John, at which Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, will speak. The price of the tickets is one dollar. They may be obtained from the ward chairman or from L. P. D. Tilley, chairman of ticket committee, or W. H. Harrison, secretary. It is requested that applications for tickets be made at once so that suitable arrangements can be made with the caterers. The dinner will be at the Nickel Theatre, down stairs, at 7 o'clock. Dress, informal.

CHEAP FOOD NEED OF ALL CANADA

W. S. Loggie Says That Smelt Shippers Gained by Tariff Change

"Cheap food for the masses, especially as regards natural products, is the great and pressing need of this country at the present time," said W. S. Loggie, M. P. for Northumberland County, to a representative of the Montreal Daily Mail recently.

"The action of the American Government in taking off the duties on fish has been a decided boon to the Maritime Provinces. This benefit would have been given us with the enactment of the reciprocity trade treaty, upon which Sir Wilfrid Laurier appealed to the country in 1911, but the recent action of the United States leaves the markets of their country open to the whole world, not alone to Canada.

"On the north shore of New Brunswick there are prepared about 200 car loads of smelts. Canada will consume about ten per cent. of this, while the other one hundred and eighty car loads will go to the United States the duty heretofore imposed will go into the pockets of the New Brunswick shippers. We have no other market for this fish, but at the same time we cannot send enough of them to the United States to create any lower prices on that market."

In Halifax and St. John everything looks rosy, according to Mr. Loggie, but trade in the other parts of the province, he says, is slow enough.

[The above statement is not in line with what Mr. Loggie told the Miramichi fishermen during the reciprocity campaign, as at that time he announced the savings in duty, if reciprocity carried would go into their (the fishermen's) pockets.]—Commercial.

Preparations are being made to have the money found on Andrew Robichuk, the Russian who was killed by a work train on the Gibson and Minto Railway a short time ago, returned to his wife in Russia. Besides the money found on Robichuk when he was killed, there is some money due him for labor on the railroad and when it is collected there will be about \$100 to send to his wife. Since Robichuk's death his wife has given birth to a baby girl.

Mr. Guy B. Whitehead, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitehead of Fredericton, is now on his way to Shusland, Alaska, near which place a big gold strike was lately reported. He left Seattle in August for the north and when he completes the trip some time this month he will have walked over 1,000 miles.

HARKINS ACADEMY RECEIVES \$1000 GIFT

A Prize of \$250 and one \$100 Will be Awarded This Year for Matriculation Exams.

Things are coming Newcastle's way for sure. We have hardly grown accustomed to the idea of having the most powerful wireless station in the world, when it is announced we are to get \$1000 a year for the graduates of Harkins Academy, and in this respect makes our school ahead of any High School in Canada. Of course, it is not necessary to say the generous donor was Sir Maxwell Aitken.

For this year there is to be a prize of \$250 and one of \$100, awarded as a result of the Matriculation examinations. This fund is to be controlled by Messrs. A. A. Davidson, E. A. McCurdy and W. A. Park. Sir Maxwell has requested Principal L. R. Hetherington to work out a basis for awarding the scholarships in future years. Harkins Academy this year has a larger money prize list than the U. N. B.

In addition to Sir Maxwell's \$1000 there is \$25, donated by a friend, in all \$1025, while the U. N. B. has \$104.

DARING HOLD-UP ON SUNDAY NIGHT

Gold Watch and Money Taken from Burt's Corner Man at Midnight

Fredericton, Nov. 11.—In a daring hold-up on the Highway Bridge about midnight on Sunday night two highwaymen secured a gold watch and a considerable amount of money in loose change.

The victim of the hold-up was Walter Bird, of Burt's Corner, who was on route at the time to the York Hotel in this city where he was a guest. The incident was reported to the police, but Mr. Bird was able to give little information which would be of service to the police in learning the identity of the highwaymen.

On account of the intense darkness and probably due to some extent to the excitement of the situation, Mr. Bird doesn't know whether the hold-up men were foreigners or not. All he knows is that they put a revolver close to his head and he accepted their invitation to hand over his gold watch and his money.

WOMAN CONDEMNED TO DIE ON GALLOWS

Will be the First Execution of a Woman Since Colonial Days

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 6.—Today, November 4, will go down in criminal annals in Connecticut as one of the most remarkable days in the history of the State, if not the most remarkable, for on that day a woman, Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of her husband, William O. Wakefield. Mrs. Wakefield being the first woman to hear the death sentence pronounced since the constitution of the State was granted. Several women, including Sophie Kriehemann, of Naugatuck, known as Kate Cobb, and Mrs. John Rathban, of this city, all now serving life sentences in the State prison at Wetherfield, were tried for murder in the first degree, but in each case the jury brought in a verdict of second degree murder.

The fact that Mrs. Wakefield got the death sentence at the hands of Judge Burpee was not the only feature today, for James Plew, an accomplice of Mrs. Wakefield, the man who shot his victim down after luring him to the Cheshire woods from Bristol June 22 last, and Joseph F. Bergeron, who killed Mrs. Elizabeth Dowsette in a jealous rage in this city on June 4, also were sentenced to be hanged for their crimes. Mrs. Wakefield and Plew will die on March 4, 1914, unless the State Board of Pardons interferes. Bergeron will be put to death on February 4.

Pressure has been brought to bear upon the State authorities by several women's organizations to have the sentence of Mrs. Wakefield commuted to life imprisonment. The sentiment in the State is against capital punishment in the case of a woman.

If Mrs. Wakefield is put to death it will be the first execution of a woman since Colonial days.

Small vices are sometimes useful in leading people off the trail of big ones.

BOY KILLED WHILE PLAYING

Fourteen Year Old Joseph Caples Shot Through Temple and Instantly Killed

Imitating, it is said, what they had seen in moving pictures, Arthur Donovan, the twelve year old son of ex-Councillor Jeremiah Donovan, of Silver Falls, and Joseph Caples, aged 14 years, son of Michael Caples, of the old Westmoreland road, near St. John, were participating in a skirmish with an imaginary enemy Sunday afternoon in the field in the rear of the Donovan home, when the Caples lad was shot in the right temple and almost instantly killed by a bullet from young Donovan's 22-calibre rifle, which he was using in play to protect his comrade from the enemy.

As in the picture, which, it is said, the boys had seen, the Caples boy had fallen from "make believe wounds." The other boy was kneeling behind him with leveled rifle to protect him. The trigger was pulled, and at the same time Caples raised his head and received the bullet in the right temple. He died before anyone could reach him.

Terror stricken, the Donovan boy did not know what to do. He hurried to his home and told them excitedly what had happened. Persons in the house rushed into the field, but when they arrived the boy was dead. Rev. Father O'Neill, of St. Joachim's church, Silver Falls, was summoned.

The body was carried into the Donovan home and was later taken to the home of the lad's parents. Needless to say, they were overcome by the calamity and the lad's sister became hysterical. Little less was the grief of the Donovan family.

Dr. Roberts was called about 6:30 o'clock and went out in his automobile. He viewed the body, and on learning the particulars from the Donovan boy, announced that an inquest would be necessary.

Much indignation is being expressed on account of the fact that a twelve year old boy was able to purchase a rifle in a hardware store in this city.

The Caples lad is survived by his father, mother, brothers and sisters. His father is employed on the Bishop farm at Silver Falls, and the unfortunate boy had also been working there.

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London, Nov. 5.—"Captain Scott's Last Expedition," published Thursday, contains Captain Scott's diary, in which he wrote on March 11, "I practically ordered Wilson to had over the means of ending our troubles, so that any one of us may know how to do so. Wilson had no choice between going and our ransacking his medicine case."

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IN MEMORY OF FRANCES WILLARD

The Closing Session of W. C. T. U. National Convention

Asbury Park, N. J., Nov. 6.—A glowing tribute to the memory of Frances E. Willard, founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and messages from all parts of the country by national lecturers working in the interest of nationwide prohibition, marked the closing session yesterday of the national convention of the Union.

Miss Cora Seabury, of New York, in speaking of the work accomplished by Miss Willard, told that the mother's instinct does not need the actual creation; it is in every true woman, and no greater mother ever lived than Frances Willard, for she mothered the world.

The women of Illinois delegation were urged by Mrs. Margaret Ellis, of New Jersey, to use their influence with Representative Mann in the interest of a national prohibition bill, in his capacity as minority leader in the house of Representatives.

During the time allotted for short addresses by past State Presidents, Mrs. Mary Harris Armour, of Georgia, told of the fight in that State that resulted in prohibition, giving the credit for the success of the campaign to Mrs. Mary Libbey, former State President, who she said, "had the ice melted and the water hot, so it wasn't hard to help get up steam to make Georgia dry."

Mrs. Armour and other past State Presidents urged the necessity of united action for a general prohibition law if the cause for which the Union was founded were not to fail.

Bruce Eyttinge has aroused the hope at New York that some day every man may be his own automobile. Eyttinge appeared at the electrical show on roller skates. Suspended from his shoulders were storage batteries, connected with small motors on the skates. Eyttinge turned a switch and the skates started. He said the outfit cost him about \$50.

TREADING ON DANGEROUS GROUND

Brings Carquet Man to Grief--Sued for Alienation of Wife's Affection

An interesting trial was held at Bathurst a few days ago. The case was against John Boussett, St. Isidore, who was charged with the theft of \$700 to \$800 from Jos. Doiron, of Carquet. This is the lacer part of it, but there is a love episode that will be unfolded at another impending trial between the same persons. Boussett is an old man, and his wife is young and pretty. Doiron, who used to visit them occasionally, persuaded Boussett to remove to Carquet, accept a half interest in his saloon business, and live with him. Doiron had no wife. The arrangement worked well for a time, and Boussett-Doiron household was a happy family. But the green eyed monster, like the serpent in Eden, crept into the happy home. The aged husband got jealous of the younger man and began to make trouble. The result was a big row, a division in the household, and two lawsuits. Boussett is suing Doiron for \$4,000 for alienating his wife's affections, and Doiron is prosecuting Boussett for theft, alleging that he stole money from the till and hid it in the pig-pen. Mr. Tweedie and Mr. Lawlor for the defence claim that this is a trumped up charge against Boussett for the purpose of trying to coerce him into accepting an offer of \$500 for the loss of his wife and her affections.

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MILITIA CHANGES OF IMPORTANCE

The Intention is to Increase Number of Generals in the Canadian Militia

Montreal, Nov. 8.—Important changes in the divisional staffs of the Dominion are likely to be made in the near future according to an Ottawa rumor reaching here. The alterations will include the gazettement of all divisional commanders as generals and the abolition of office of either assistant adjutant general, or the combined office of deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general. There are at present only about five generals in the staff of Canadian militia, and it is to be part of the plans of department to increase this number considerably.

Apart from the comparatively few generals at present in office, it is felt that the divisional commanders said to have this rank as they have in England, thus giving them more power. In addition to this, the retirement of General Cotton, Inspector General of the Dominion is rumored and may take place next year.

Prof. Stephen M. Dixon, formerly professor of civil engineering at the University of New Brunswick, has received an appointment in a similar capacity at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London. Prof. Dixon while connected with the U. N. B. was largely instrumental in having the New Science building erected.

Levite A. Gagnon, High Sheriff of Madawaska, has tendered his resignation to accept appointment as manager of the branch of a Quebec bank, which is to open an agency in Edmundston. His successor will probably be appointed at the meeting of the provincial government next week.

ITALIAN ATTACKED BY GANG AND WILL PROBABLY DIE.

Tony Rose Found Unconscious in Pool of Blood With Face Shattered--Rushed to Hospital But Physicians Have Little Hope for His Recovery--Reason for Attack is Not Known.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 11.—With his face terribly mangled, and a large stone bearing blood stains, lying by his side, Tony Rose, an Italian, about 32 years of age, was found unconscious in a pool of blood at the corner of North and George streets about 10:30 o'clock last evening. He was rushed in the ambulance to the hospital soon after he was picked up. When he had arrived there he regained consciousness for a moment or two, and told a disconnected story of being assaulted by five men who stood at the corner of George and North streets. One of them hurled a boulder at him, he said, and that was the last he could remember. Before anyone had time to ask any more questions he lapsed into unconsciousness. Physicians at the hospital last night said there was little chance for recovery.

Rose was employed with Geo. Moses, excavator. For the last two years he has been boarding with Thomas Murphy at the corner of North and George streets, near where the assault occurred. During his brief period of consciousness at the hospital he said he could give no reason for the attack, nor could he give an idea who his assailant was. All he could remember was that he walked up North street about 10:15 o'clock and at Starr's barn at the corner of George street, where there is no electric light, he saw five men standing. He had just reached them when he was conscious of a quick action on the part of one of the gang and at the same time he felt an "awful sensation" in his head, and he knew no more.

About 10:20 o'clock Thomas Murphy, with whom the Italian boarded, informed Policeman William Gibbs at the corner of Peid and Mill streets that a man was lying unconscious in George street. One of his boarders, he said, found him there, having been attracted by the moaning.

Policeman Gibbs went to the scene and found the Italian lying in a pool of blood. He was almost unrecognizable. There was a deep gash across his face from the right cheek diagonally toward the left eye. The nasal bone was shattered, leaving an open gash in the face. The frontal bone was also fractured. Close beside the wounded man, who was unconscious, was a heavy stone, weighing about a pound and a half. This was covered with blood, and gave sufficient evidence to bear out the statement Rose later made in the hospital.

Rose was carried into Murphy's house and the ambulance was called. Policeman Gibbs accompanied the man to the hospital. Soon after he arrived there he regained consciousness, but only long enough to tell briefly what had happened. He was then subjected to an operation and twelve stitches were necessary to close the rash. Portions of the nasal bone had to be removed. Physicians say that it is doubtful if he will recover.

It is not known what the motive of the assault was. According to Thomas Murphy, Rose was a hard-working man and very seldom drank. About half an hour before he was assaulted, Policeman Gibbs met him starting up North street from Mill street. According to Gibbs, he had been drinking, but it was not very noticeable on him. The policeman had been around the corner of George and North streets about 10 o'clock and there was no one standing there. When he arrived there at 10:20 to look after the wounded fellow, he found no one standing there either, excepting those who were assisting to carry the body into Murphy's house.

Robbery may have been the motive, but the police are inclined to think that it was not. It is their opinion that there was a personal grudge against Rose. The man is unmarried.

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

Local Case Argued in Supreme Court on Friday Last--Judgment Reserved

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The first case argued in the Supreme Court today was the appeal from the Supreme Court of New Brunswick in Rundle vs. Miller. The action was brought by the respondents, the Millers, for trespass to land claimed by them and resulted in a verdict in their favor. On an appeal the court below was equally divided in opinion on the motion to set aside the verdict and enter judgment for the defendants or for a new trial. The predecessor in the title of the defendants had reclaimed most of the land in dispute, which had been marsh land subject to the flow of tide from the Miramichi river. Plaintiffs claimed title by occupation for more than twenty years. The defendants contended in answer that such occupation was by their license. Judgment was reserved.

Teed, K. C., for the appellants; Lawlor, K. C., for respondents.

I. C. R. ISSUES OFFICIAL GUIDE

We have received through Station Agent Payne, a book issued by the Intercolonial Railway, which is the official guide of the Intercolonial Railway and the P. E. I. Railway of Canada. In publishing this valuable book it is the aim of the People's Railway "to secure closer and more profitable relations between the business interests located in different sections of the country, and to promote the general growth and development of the particular territories served by the Railways. This publication will be found to contain, in concise form, complete classified lists of shippers and receivers of all staple commodities; also information regarding other facilities of interest to its patrons." Any information additional to that contained therein will be cheerfully furnished on application.

SUPREME COURT ORDERED HEARING

The Protest in Richelieu By-Election of 1911 Must Proceed

Ottawa, Nov. 11.—The opening of MacDonald's agency through the acknowledgment of corrupt practices through agents by Alex. Morrison, leaves two by-elections pending. The other is South Lanark. It is almost certain that there will be a third contest in Richelieu.

After successfully blocking the hearing of the protest against the return of J. E. Cardin, in the Richelieu by-election, for over a year, the Supreme Court has now decided that the protest must be heard.

The trial will come very shortly, and it is understood that Cardin, the successful Liberal member, will for the second time admit corrupt practices and resign his seat. Cardin was elected at the general election of 1911 by a majority of 724. This seat was protested and so strong was the evidence that he admitted corruption and resigned. A by-election was called and Cardin was again a candidate. His majority was cut in half. There was another protest, and the Liberals, by technicalities which they carried to the Supreme Court, prevented its hearing. The Supreme Court have brushed the technicalities aside and ordered the hearing.

FINAL RESULT IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 8.—With only one election district unreported, the Conservatives, under the premiership of Sir Edward Morris, have obtained 21 of the 36 seats in the colonial House of Assembly, and fourteen have been won by the supporters of Sir Robert Reid, opposition leader and former Premier.

Returns from Fortune Bay district, received to-day, show that Mr. Emerson, a Morrisite, has been elected by a majority of 135.