

### CLEVER CANADIAN CROOK.

Escape of the Brockville Murderer From a Pennsylvania Jail.

### CLIMBS AND SAWS HIS WAY OUT.

A Pittsburg, Pa. despatch says: Frederick C. Fitzsimmons, of Brockville, Ont., the all-around Canadian crook who last March murdered Detective David Gilkinson, escaped from the Allegheny County Jail some time last night. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for his recapture. Fitzsimmons was to have been placed on trial next week for murder. The escape was as daring as the killing of Gilkinson was cold-blooded and desperate. The prisoner first sawed off two of the iron bars of his cell window opening into the jail corridor. This gave him a space of 6 by 13 inches, through which he drew his thin and snake-like body.

His next feat was to crawl hand over hand to the ledge of a window thirty feet above by means of the long sash cords. Once there, he devoted at least an hour's time to sawing off a bar of the window. This done, he bent the iron cross-bar, weakened by the cutting away of the sash upright, until he had made another small space just large enough to get through. Then he pulled up the rope that had already served him so well, crept out on the roof of the jail, fastened the rope again and lowered himself to the ground in Diamond street, outside the prison walls. His subsequent movements have not been ascertained.

All night long the corridors of the prison are supposed to be as bright as day in the glare of electric lights. There is also a night watchman on duty and on each tier a guard. How Fitzsimmons could have operated in the light with the guards around and nobody know about it is not quite clear to the average laymen. The generally-accepted theory is that he was aided by some one on the inside of the jail. He did his work with four small steel saws, such as are used in all orthodox prison escapes when bar-cutting is necessary.

Fitzsimmons is an educated crook. He began life in Brockville, Ont., forty-three years ago. Drifting away from his family, who are people of wealth and respectability, he went south and eloped to Europe with a wealthy planter's daughter. There he pursued his crime and adventure the pair returned to America. For several years they have been operating in Western Pennsylvania. One of Fitzsimmons' accomplices was a young divorced woman named Laura Snowden. She made her room a fence and rendezvous, but Detective Gilkinson ran across her one day and she gave the whole gang away.

Gilkinson, on March 27th, went to Fitzsimmons' house, several miles back of McKeesport, this county, to arrest him. The moment the thief set eyes on the detective he opened fire and killed Gilkinson in his tracks. Detective Murphy, who was with Gilkinson, blazed away at Fitzsimmons and the two grappled. Then the crook's wife handed her husband a fresh revolver, and told him to finish up Murphy. Fitzsimmons put another bullet into the officer and then fled. He was captured next day a few miles away.

At the last term of court Fitzsimmons and his wife and two accomplices were committed on two charges of burglary, and his conviction of murder was a foregone conclusion.

### MORE THAN SHE COULD BEAR.

A Girl Suiicides Because of Her Mother's Disgraceful Conduct.

A Portland despatch says: Little Annie Haley, fourteen years old, is dying from a self-administered dose of Paris green. Her mother is addicted to the use of liquor, and some months ago was brought before the court for intoxication. She was sentenced to 60 days in jail, but her sentence was suspended on her promise to abstain from alcoholic beverages. She kept her vow until Wednesday, when in some way she obtained enough liquor to make her drunk, and she was arrested yesterday morning and taken to the police station to await transfer to the jail to serve her original sentence. Just before her removal to the county prison, her husband, James Haley, rushed breathlessly into the police station, crying out, "For God's sake, let my wife come home; Annie is dying." Briefly he told the story, and a moment later the mother was released from her cell, and entering a hack was driven rapidly to her home. Annie had been to school, but at recess she learned of her mother's arrest. She obtained her dismissal, walked to the nearest drug store and bought a box of Paris green. She went home and swallowed the poison, and was found unconscious by her father when he came home to dinner. The little one will die.

### FOUND HIS SON.

After Six Years' Search a Kidnapped Boy is Found.

A Pittsburg despatch says: Detective W. J. Negus, of Portland, Ore., has left here for home, having in charge little Harry Whitbeck, the 7-year-old son of George W. Whitbeck, of Portland. The boy was kidnapped from his father's home six years ago. Mr. Whitbeck, who is very wealthy, has spent \$20,000 searching for his son. But no clue was found which would lead to his discovery until six months ago, when Detective Negus heard that a child bearing the birthmark which the lost one was known to have, and which subsequently led to his identification, had left Omaha for Pennsylvania. He followed up the clue and located the boy on Wednesday, on his seventh birthday, in the family of C. C. Long, a mill worker of Homestead. Long's wife, who is now dead, had the boy when Long married her, and he knows nothing about his origin. The detective will receive \$5,000 reward.

### A Cure for Vanity.

"It is an old thing; Jones is such a modest man that I never saw him look in the glass; and yet he wears the loudest kind of necktie."

"He doesn't dare to look in the glass, my boy. His wife buys his necktie."

Sixty-two convicts are awaiting death in various United States prisons.

—Queen Victoria has fifty living descendants.

### NOTHING IN IT.

The British Fleet Did Not Seize the Island of Mitylene.

### SOME SATISFACTORY EXPLANATIONS.

A London cable says: It is now stated that the Mitylene scare has arisen from the fact that a party of British naval officers on Saturday last picknicked on a desert island off Sigi, and that they re-embarked the same evening on board their vessel and sailed away Sunday.

The *Times* takes a sceptical view of the Sigi rumors, and declares "misadventure" a policy which made all arrangements upon a basis which would have to be abandoned in a crisis. "In a great struggle," says the *Times*, "it would be our policy to close the Suez Canal and make our route to India by the Cape of Good Hope."

While it is now admitted that a British force has not seized the Island of Mitylene, news to the effect that the island had been occupied by the various embassies at Constantinople and in this and other capitals. The French, Russian, Italian and Turkish Governments and the Sultan personally received information of the alleged landing of a British force.

These reports concurred in stating that a division of the British Mediterranean fleet had landed at Sigi, a force of sailors and marines, this force being augmented by several field pieces and Gatling guns; that Sigi had been occupied and fortified and that British warships had surrounded the island with submarine mines and torpedoes.

The new Turkish Minister of the Interior telegraphed to the British Ambassador at Constantinople, Sir William White, asking the latter to explain the reports as to the landing of a British force on Turkish territory.

Sir William in reply said that he was entirely ignorant of the whole affair, but he added, it was probable that the crews of some British warships may have landed on the Island of Mitylene in the course of the regular boat drills and landing exercises. The British Ambassador assured the Turkish Minister that no fortifications had been constructed on the Island by British troops.

This view of the case was confirmed by despatches received here during the night, which stated that the force which had landed from the British war ships had re-embarked and the men-of-war had left the island of Mitylene for Marmorito. Sir Wm. White made the same explanations to the other embassies.

The affair caused great excitement in diplomatic circles for a short time, and it is still asserted that these same "maneuvers" had at least the purpose of showing the Sultan and his advisers how easily England could change her boat drills and landing exercises off the Island of Mitylene into a dangerous reality.

### BOYS COMMIT MURDER.

Two Lads at Liverpool Brutally Drown Their Little Companion.

A Liverpool cable says: The details of a horrible murder committed by two boys, both of them about 8 years old, have just come to light in this city. Two lads named Crawford and Shearon were arrested here to-day, charged with murdering one of their comrades, a boy also about 8 years old.

The boys said that they wanted to steal the clothes of the murdered boy, and so pushed him into the water, intending to drown him. When the poor little fellow managed to scramble out Crawford and Shearon pushed him in again, and then Crawford went down on his knees, and kneeling on the drowning boy's head, held him down under the water until he finally ceased struggling.

The young murderers then watched the dead boy for a considerable length of time to see if he stirred, and then they stripped the body of the clothes, dried them and afterward obtained some money upon them at a pawn shop. This led to their identification and arrest.

### A LOVE TRAGEDY.

Parents Break off a Match and Murder and Suicide Result.

A Woodland, Cal., despatch says: The lifeless bodies of Miss May Adam and J. Montgomery were discovered here this morning in the rear yard of a small unoccupied residence. A vial labelled "Poison" and a revolver were found beside them. Investigation showed that Montgomery first shot Miss Adams in the left temple and fired a shot through his own brain. Miss Adams was the daughter of Hon. L. B. Adams, who represented this county two terms in the Legislature. Montgomery was a son of Judge Montgomery, of Stockton. It is supposed the tragedy is the result of the refusal of the lady's parents to permit their marriage.

### Six Hundred Boys on Strike.

A Millville, N. J., despatch says: This has been an exciting day here owing to a strike of the tenting boys at the Glasstown and South Millville glass works at Whitall, Tatam & Co. Over six hundred boys refused to work because fourteen Jew boys had been given employment. The firm, it is said, preferred American boys but could not obtain them. The strike caused a suspension on the part of the blowers and other skilled workmen, and hundreds of men also are idle. The strikers demand a ten per cent. increase in wages and the discharge of all Jews employed at the works. The firm has refused to grant either demand. The boys are equally firm.

### Fatal Railway Wreck.

A Wilmington, Del., despatch says: A collision occurred between a through freight and a local freight near Newport yesterday on the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railway. When the crash came the engineer and fireman of the local freight jumped. The engineer, Henry Brockman, of Baltimore, was killed. His body was found under a freight car. He had been scolded to death. Fifteen cars were wrecked and travel was blocked for five hours.

In Germany no end of couples kill themselves because there is some impediment to their love or marriage. But Karl Atzler, of Berlin, hanged himself because of an attack of colic.

### DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Dewdney introduced a bill to authorize the granting of subsidies in land to certain railway companies, which was read a first time.

Mr. McCarthy when the House had gone into committee on Sir John Thompson's bill further to amend the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, moved an amendment that the deposits to be made upon an appeal be \$300 instead of \$100.

The amendment was carried.

Mr. Mulock proposed an amendment to the effect that the person presenting a petition shall make a solemn declaration to the effect that he has got good reason to believe, and does believe, the allegations are true. Carried.

Mr. Kirkpatrick moved an amendment that the petition shall be signed by five persons or by a candidate.

After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Mulock moved an amendment providing that counsel fees allowed by the courts shall not exceed \$50 for the first day and \$40 for each subsequent day, and that no greater sum, including counsel fees, than \$300 shall be taxable against either party to the case except as to witness fees and actual disbursements.

After discussion this amendment was carried.

Mr. Laurier moved that where two judges, trying an election petition, cannot agree, any party aggrieved may appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The amendment was lost after discussion, on a vote of 32 to 33.

It being 6 o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

### After Recess.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill respecting the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company.

Sir John Thompson moved the second reading of the bill respecting frauds upon the Government.

Mr. Mills (Bothwell) asked what the Government proposed to accomplish by the bill other than the protection afforded by the present law.

Sir John Thompson said that this bill went further than the present law, as in addition to it being an offence to bribe or attempt to bribe a public officer it would be made an offence for a public officer to receive a gift. Under this bill it would not be necessary, in order to make such an offence punishable, to prove injury, actual fraud, or even fraudulent intent. The reception of a gift under such circumstances was made punishable.

The bill was read a second time.

Mr. Dewdney moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Dominion Lands Act.

Mr. Davin said he had not an extravagant reverence for the administration of the Dominion lands.

The House went into committee on the bill and reported progress.

The House adjourned at 11.05 p. m.

### BULLION CARRIER MURDERED.

Highwaymen Kill a Mine Superintendent But Miss the Gold.

A Nevada, Col., despatch says: S. Gallavetti, superintendent of the Derby Drift mine, was murdered by highwaymen this morning while coming to this city with \$5,000 in gold bars just cleaned up at the mine. Gallavetti and J. D. Ostrom were in a two-horse buggy ascending the South Yuba river grade, six miles from here, when a rifle shot was fired from the bank above. The ball entered the back of Gallavetti's head and emerged from his mouth, causing instant death. Ostrom whipped the horses into a run up the steep grade just as a second shot was fired. The bullet entered the neck of one of the horses, but a turn in the road soon took the team out of range of the shooters. Ostrom forced the team up the grade, holding his companion's dead body in the vehicle and being soaked from head to foot with his life blood. Reaching the Mount Vernon House, Ostrom left Gallavetti's body, hid the bullion in the brush, and rode to this city to notify the officers. Several squads of armed men are starting for the scene of the murder.

### A DEADLY DRAUGHT.

A Young Lawyer Swallows Carbolic Acid in Mistake for Wine.

A Troy, N. Y., despatch says: Gerald Riordan, a prominent young lawyer of this city, entered a Congress street drug store last night, accompanied by a young woman. They were on their way to the theatre. The clerk was drawing a glass of soda for the prescription counter, where on a shelf he had placed a bottle of wine of cocoa for his own use. He filled a glass with what he supposed was the wine. It was carbolic acid, which he drank at a gulp. He staggered into the store and called for help. The proprietor noticed that his lips were white, and divining that he had used the carbolic acid bottle, gave Mr. Riordan, who was in terrible agony, a glass of sweet oil. The antidote proved of no avail, and in fifteen minutes the young lawyer was dead.

### Mr. Gladstone III Yet.

A London cable says: Sir Andrew Clarke has just left Hawarden after a visit, during which he examined Mr. Gladstone, and announces that the aged statesman has not yet fully recovered from his recent attack of influenza. Sir Andrew enjoined the greatest caution upon his distinguished patient, and even urged him to give up his political engagements entirely, but Mr. Gladstone, who is feeling quite vigorous, insists on making the trip he had planned to Glen Almond, Perthshire, for which point he starts on the 25th inst.

### Outrageous.

Jewellers' Circular: Miss Skinner—We must never recognize Sae Promise again. Miss Bones—What impropriety has she been up to now? Miss Skinner—We were looking at the view and she said she could see a certain spot with the naked eye. D'jever!

By the laws of Texas a homestead cannot be touched for debt.

The Emperor of China retires to bed at sunset every evening, rising at 3 in the morning. His breakfast is served at 7 and his dinner at 3 in the afternoon.

Queen Victoria puts in her spare time plying the crochet needle.

### DE COBAIN'S CASE.

The Chief Crown Witness Tried and Acquitted of Conspiracy.

A London cable says: William Allen, the chief witness for the Crown in the approaching trial of E. S. W. DeCobain, member of Parliament for East Belfast and Deputy Grand Master of the Orangemen of Ulster, for unnatural practices, has been indicted in Belfast on a charge of exposing indecent prints. The Crown counsel appeared in the case yesterday and declared his belief that attempts had been made to destroy evidence against DeCobain. He stated that two men, Cole and Rodgers, in the employ of DeCobain's solicitor, Dudgeon, met Allen at a saloon bar and drank with him, and while they were thus engaged Allen showed an indecent photograph, which Rodgers seized and retained. Rodgers afterward had a conference with DeCobain's brother, and the result was Allen's arrest. Rodgers now deposed that he was employed on a salary to unearth a conspiracy against DeCobain. Head Constable Hussey deposed that Allen, when arrested, said: "If I had taken the £500 offered me not to expose DeCobain this would not have occurred." The day previous to the alleged offence Allen applied to Hussey for protection against Dudgeon, Cole and Rodgers. Hussey also stated that DeCobain's agents had tried to tamper with several of the Crown witnesses. Cole ignored the summons to attend yesterday's hearing and was arrested at a courting meeting at Purdy's Burn, where he was engaged in bookmaking. The trial was continued to-day, when Allen was acquitted. This is regarded as bad for the fugitive DeCobain.

### CATCHING SUCKERS.

Blackmail Scheme of an Employer and his Giddy Female Employees.

A New York despatch says: Dr. Benson W. Feldman was recently arrested on a charge of abducting Katie Bell, Mahalowitz. To-day in the Tombs Court it developed that the physician had been the victim of a gigantic blackmail scheme, in which he had been robbed of \$6,000 inside of 18 months. He admits that he took the girl to a house of ill-repute, but says she was perfectly willing to go. Now it comes to light that it was the custom of her employer, Simon Tillerstein, a cloakmaker, to instruct his girls to notify him as soon as they "caught on to a sucker." Then he would proceed to levy blackmail. He followed the doctor and the girl and demanded \$100. He promised to keep quiet. He did not keep quiet, and the doctor was compelled to pay \$500 to the family of the girl, and was also forced to promise to set up her lover in business. The girl has been leading a fast life and lent herself willingly to the blackmail. The doctor had to establish her in luxury to keep her from telling his wife, but the demands on his purse grew so frequent that he confessed to his wife, who forgave him. The detectives hired to run down the conspiracy arrested Tillerstein to-day. The cloakmaker waived examination, and was held in \$1,000 to answer. There will be more arrests, a lawyer also being in the conspiracy.

### GONE WITH THE PREACHER.

An Interesting Revivalist Deserts His Family for an Enchantress.

A Lexington, N. C., despatch says: On the 15th of last December the Rev. Zacharias Bell, one of the most noted revivalists in North Carolina, living here, kissed his wife and five children good-bye. At the same time he took leave of Miss Katie Washburn, a visitor at his house. She left the next day for her home. Since that time the preacher has not been heard from, and his wife has mourned him as dead. She has just learned that on the day after his departure Bell was joined at Salisbury by a young woman, whom he passed off as his wife. The pair left on the train for Georgia, in which State Bell said he had important revivotal engagements. Mrs. Bell thereupon wrote to Randolph county and learned that Miss Washburn had never returned home. It is supposed she was the young lady who joined Bell at Salisbury and the pair are passing themselves off as husband and wife in Georgia.

### Total Abstinence for Clergymen.

Father Nilan, at the National Temperance Congress, held in Port Richmond, last week, declared for a total abstinence movement among clergymen. He said, "Catholic and Protestant clergymen ought to unite in this in order to save their flocks from widespread ruin and moral degradation resulting from the use of alcohol. The pulpit, in order to mass the forces against the liquor traffic, ought to become itself totally abstinent. Clergymen professing to lead intellectual and spiritual lives, with comfortable surroundings and pleasant homes, cannot effectively teach total abstinence to those thousands of hard-working laborers and mechanics living amidst poor and unhealthy surroundings, unless they practice what they preach."

### Dominion Election Trials.

The court fixed the time and place for the trial of the following Dominion election petitions: London, 8th October, at the court house, London; Peel, 10th October, at the court house, Brampton; West Northumberland, 12th October, at the court house, Cobourg; West Huron, 2nd October, at the court house, Goderich; Welland, 24th October, at the court house, Welland; Monck, 24th October, at Dnnville; Bothwell, 26th October, at Bothwell; North Norfolk (and cross-petition) 28th October, at Tilsonburg.

### No More Political Names.

By order of the German Emperor, the Prussian Minister of the Interior has forbidden parents to baptize their children with political names of a certain character or color. Young Germans may be christened with names from the Bible, of princess or of "loyal" statesmen, generals, and patriots. This measure is intended to prevent Socialists from commemorating in their own families prominent revolutionists. "Robespierre" has long been a very favorite name for Socialist babies.

Thirteen years ago a student in Berlin was mobbed in the streets by appearing on a bicycle. Now the German Union of Bicyclists, which has just held its eighth annual conference at Bressau, has 14,000 members.

### BURIED UNDER JET.

Women's Get-Up Will Abound in This Ornament.

Fair woman's outfit will be weighted down with jet the coming winter. The fad, which has assumed the proportions of a well-developed craze in the west, when the narrow jet edges sprang into popular favor. At that time the Parisian designers, the parents of all fashions, set their wits at work, and, as a result, we have such gorgeous combinations of dress goods and jet passementerie as well calculated to throw the devotees of fashion into paroxysms of ecstatic delight. This innovation has caused the manufacturers of jet ornaments in this country to bestir themselves, and they are now engaged in manufacturing cheap imitations of the French article to supply the demands of the poorer lovers of fine dress.

During the months of June and July the sales in the dress trimmings departments of the large stores in this city increased nearly 50 per cent., all of which was due to the demand for jet trimmings. There are girdles of jet, Henry II, Medici and Bolero collarettes, stomachers, band trimmings and fringes, ranging in width from three to thirty-six inches, and nail-head beads in all the designs and shapes imaginable. The large jet buttons, so popular many years ago are also being revived.

The new ornaments will be used on fabrics of all varieties, Crepe de Chine predominating, and the black passementerie will show to particular advantage on the new shades of brown. There are also manufactured jet ornaments of all colors, to suit the tastes of the lovers of gaudy apparel.

The freaks of fashion are well instanced here, for the more elegant and costly the garment the more uncomfortable it is, since the jet passementerie is naturally heavy. The simplest gown adorned with jet trimming will cost not less than \$50, while the most elegant will entail an outlay of many hundreds of dollars. At one of the most prominent Chestnut street establishments recently a "mass" or 1,200 nail-head beads were sold, to be used in the adornment of a single garment. Some of the broadest pieces of jet trimmings for skirt garniture are sold at fabulous prices, one, for instance, costing \$45 per yard.

A fall outfit recently ordered by a prominent belle of up-town society will cost many thousands of dollars. It consists of a tea-gown, visiting costume, walking dress, afternoon reception gown and a ball dress, all ornamented with jet. The ball dress is to be a marvel of elegance, being of white satin, thickly overlaid with white jet passementerie, with thick jet fringe and pendant ornaments looped across the front. White satin slippers tipped with white jet beads will increase the feet, and a glittering aigrette of white jet will gladden in the head-dress of the fair belle. A fan of white lace inlaid with diamonds and white jet beads puts the finishing touch to a most gorgeous costume.

### A Model Witness.

"Now, sir, I hope we shall have no difficulty in getting you to speak up," said the lawyer, in a very loud, commanding voice.

"I hope not, sir," shouted the witness at the top of his lungs.

"How dare you speak to me in that way?" angrily asked the lawyer.

"Because I can't speak no louder, sir," said the hostler.

"Have you been drinking?"

"Yes, sir."

"I should infer so from your conduct. What have you been drinking?"

"Coffee," hoarsely vociferated the knight of the stable.

"Something stronger than coffee, sir, you've been drinking! Don't look at me like that, sir!" furiously. "Look at the jury, sir! Did you have something in your coffee, sir?"

"Yes, sir."

"What was it?"

"Sugar."

"This man is no fool, my lord—he is worse!" stormed the counsel.

"Now, sir," turning to the witness, "look at me. What beside sugar did you take in your coffee this morning?"

The hostler collected his forces, drew a deep breath and, in a voice that could have been heard half a mile away, belled out: "A spine! A spine! and nothin' else!"

—Boston Globe.

### "German Syrup"

A Cough For children a medicine should be absolutely reliable. A mother must be able to pin her faith to it as to her Bible. It must contain nothing violent, uncertain, or dangerous. It must be standard in material and manufacture. It must be plain and simple to administer; easy and pleasant to take. The child must like it. It must be prompt in action, giving immediate relief, as children's troubles come quick, grow fast, and end fatally or otherwise in a very short time. It must not only relieve quick but bring them around quick, as children chafe and fret and spoil their constitutions under long confinement. It must do its work in moderate doses. A large quantity of medicine in a child is not desirable. It must not interfere with the child's spirits, appetite or general health. These things suit old as well as young folks, and make Bosclee's German Syrup the favorite family medicine.