

# "SHT WATCHMAN SHOT SEVEN TIMES

While Lying on the Floor Wounded Man Emptied His Revolver at Escaping Bandits.

New York, March 2.—Samuel Cook is lying in the Newark City Hospital from seven bullet wounds inflicted by two men who attempted to rob a Newark garage. Lying critically wounded on the floor of the garage, Cook, a negro, fired his shot in return, but the bandits got away unhurt.

One of the automatic pistols, dropped by Cook's assailants, was picked up by a Newark boy. The boy's mother, Mrs. Mary Tresome, later was accidentally shot by her son-in-law, Harry Lippe, who was unaware that a cartridge remained in the weapon after the bullet had been removed.

Cook is employed as night watchman in his father's garage at 43 Little street. Two o'clock in the morning he was sleeping on a cot in the office. Pounding the door awakened him. An axe light side silhouetted two forms against a glass panel. Without moving from the cot, the watchman shouted that the garage was closed.

"That's all right," came back the answer, "we only want a few gallons of oil."

"I don't care what you want," said Cook, "the place is closed."

"Come on, be a sport," said one of the men, "we're got to get to New York. We haven't a bit of juice."

The watchman went to the door, and, on a sudden push, both men got in. The two men were armed at Cook, and he was ordered to put his hands up. Instead he jumped back toward his cot, trying to get a revolver from under the floor. Then both men began firing at him.

One bullet went through his forehead and the right eye, another went through the right cheek and out the back of his head. The two others lodged in Cook's right arm, two more in his left arm and the

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seventh was sent into his left hand. But the watchman struggled across the floor and got his weapon and returned the fire.

The bandits then attempted to get out, but the spring lock held them virtual prisoners. While one sought to open the door, the other reloaded his revolver. Neither paid any attention to the wounded man, just a few feet away, endeavoring to kill them. They appeared confident that he was too weak to hit them.

Finally Cook's revolver was empty, and, giving up the attempt to open the lock, the men turned to get out the main entrance of the garage. Before going, however, the man with the reloaded revolver, turned and emptied it at Cook. All the shots missed.

Unable to get out the main entrance and fearful that the firing had aroused the neighborhood, the men put their shoulders against the panel of a small door next to the main entrance and smashed a way out. They had disappeared by the time Policeman Buesch arrived. He removed Cook to the hospital, where the wounded man was unable to describe his assailants.

POTATOES 70 CENTS A BARREL. Frederickton, Gloucester—Harvey Mitchell, deputy minister of agriculture, reported last evening from Bathurst, Mr. Mitchell stated that potatoes in Bathurst are selling as low as seventy cents a barrel.

## P. E. I. POLITICS

Matters Likely to Come Before House at Session This Month.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 2.—(Canadian Press).—The provincial legislature will meet here this month for the second session of the new Liberal administration, headed by Premier John H. Bell. Although no definite information as to what legislation will be brought down for consideration is yet available it is thought that business this year will be comparatively light. Lure's programme, inclusive of increased taxation, roads and the establishment of an agricultural and technical high school.

As substantial increase in revenue was secured by the passage of the new taxation act last session and it is quite probable that the income and expenditure of the province for the year will about balance, something that has not occurred for some time in Prince Edward Island. The opposition press since the last session has persistently attacked the government taxation measures which, they contend, were uncalled for. The contention of the opposition leader, A. E. Arsenault, was that with a special education tax the government would be able to carry on without materially increasing taxes of other kinds.

Under the 60-40 highways arrangement with the federal government, Premier Bell's government has expended \$100,000 on roads, the automobile license fees being funded to pay the interest on the money spent.

The establishment of a provincial agricultural and technical high school with the assistance of the dominion government, the grant for technical education was one of the features of the government's agricultural policy. This on the whole seems to meet with popular favor, but it is expected that opposition will be taken on the ground that the school should have been established in some rural community rather than in Charlottetown where students of city life.

The selection of the building which was formerly the Rens MacLean Memorial Hospital was made by the federal government.

The opposition will probably direct their fire on the government's policy in connection with the recent strike at the Prince of Wales College. The strike was finally settled by the government granting the staff of the college almost all they asked for, but the opposition will have the opportunity of complaining of delay in the matter.

## AMHERST AND THE NEW SENATOR

(Amherst News)

The News has been asked why it has not expressed an opinion on the appointment of Mr. J. A. McDonald to the senate. The implication seems to be that we should follow in the path of the St. John Standard and other New Brunswick papers and denounce the appointment as a political outrage and a violation of the constitution. We do not know why we should do so. The issue is not a New Brunswick or Cumberland land one and while people here may have their own opinion in regard to the merits of the appointment, they certainly cannot express disapproval on the same grounds as used in the columns of our St. John contemporary. That criticism is that Mr. McDonald is not a present resident of New Brunswick, but a resident of Amherst. This is not a very good ground for disapproval in this community. Our people, as we know them, are not hoggish in connection with such matters, and are quite satisfied with their own representation in the senate in the person of Senator Curry; but if through the aggressiveness of a Railway Brotherhood, another resident of Amherst should receive an appointment to the upper chamber, why should the News or the people of this community join in a hue and cry in denouncing it? Mr. McDonald, we believe, will endeavor to prove true to the trust imposed in him as a senatorial representative for Westmorland, the county of his birth, but we have no doubt his sympathies will still be wide enough to take cognizance of the interests of this community and that any proper claims of this province or of this community will find in him active support. We have every appreciation of the viewpoint ex-

pressed by constitutionalists of our sister province, as well as that of old-time party workers who think that men like Mr. Mahoney, Col. Black and others

should have recognition of long years of faithful party work; but the issue as raised by the Canadian Railway Brotherhood that labor is entitled to a more

sympathetic representation in the senate, is one that cannot be so easily laid aside, and we have every sympathy with Premier McEwen in his difficult position

of making a choice between various old party claimants and a man who had the active support of an influential labor organization.

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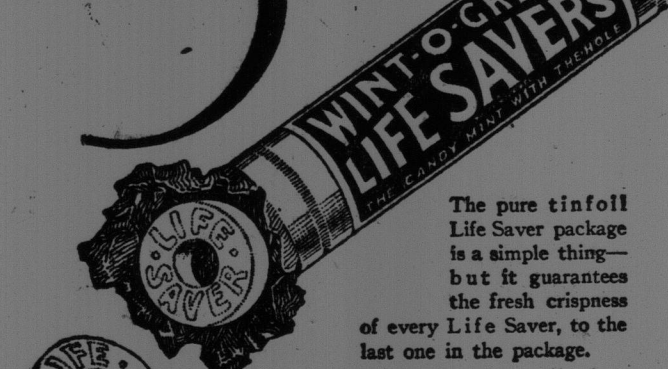


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