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THE STORY OF AN AMAZING CRIMINAL

An almost incredible record of crime (and of apparently futile punishment) is that of Frederick Murray, aged 33, who, at the Old Bailey, London, a few days ago, was ordered ten years' penal servitude. He was charged with the attempted murder of Mr. Henry Hewson, of Crampton street, Newington, and with stealing a boat belonging to a barge and a yacht.

Since he was 15, when he was first convicted, Murray has been sentenced as follows:

1892.. .. ..Seven months
1896.. .. ..Five years. .. ..
*1900.. .. ..Five years.
*1900.. .. ..Ten years.
Yesterday.. .. ...Ten years
*Concurrently.

So that in eighteen years—not considering a sentence for burglary which is not detailed—Murray has actually been sentenced to thirty years seven months in prison, and between serving his sentences and escaping (twice) has found time to commit numerous offences! Even allowing for the fact that two of the sentences ran concurrently and that the prisoner probably earned something in the way of "remission," the record is still an appalling and almost unapproachable one.

Mr. Bodkin who prosecuted, said the prisoner had had a remarkable career of crime, his first conviction being in 1890, when he was 15 years of age. Boat stealing was the form of crime at which he was an adept.

At Peterborough he was charged with five offences in 1892 and sentenced to seven months. In 1896 he received five years' penal servitude on five indictments for stealing boats, and soon after his release he was arrested at Grays on fifteen charges of stealing from boats. He escaped from the exercise yard at the police station, and was not re-arrested until he was charged in May, 1900, with a man named Stephens, on charges of larceny from boats on the river. At the South London Sessions he was sentenced to five years' penal servitude, and was then taken to Chelmsford and sentenced,on the charges on which he was committed when he escaped from Grays Police Station, to ten years' penal servitude, to run concurrently with the five years' he received at South London.

While serving his sentence he escaped from Dartmoor Prison and remained at liberty for four or five days causing considerable sensation in the neighborhood by his robberies of food etc. He had also been sentenced for burglary.

A police officer said the prisoner's first offence was the theft of a sovereign from his mother.

"It is not worth while pursuing the list further," said the Common Sergeant.

The prisoner—I should think not.

The Common Sergeant in passing sentence, said he did not know that he had ever seen such a record as the prisoner's for a man of his age.

LADIES AND THE FOILS.

New York Times.

Mr. Beerbohm Tree, the well-known English actor-manager, recently applied for some fencing lessons to Professor Bertrand of the London Salle d'Armes, and was surprised to meet with a refusal on the ground that the whole time of the professor was occupied by the instruction of society ladies. "There has been an enormous increase in the number of ladies who are learning fencing," said the professor. "The entries for the ladies' championships established only two years ago increased from twenty-five to forty, and next year will apparently be still larger.

"This season several of the leading girls' schools have started classes for fencing—a new departure for girls' schools."

At the Academy of Dramatic Art pupils are in the proportion of fifty ladies to twenty masculine students, and the professor hinted that the men are outclassed in style as well as outnumbered. Miss Ellaline Terris took lessons while rehearsing "The Dashing Little Duke."

"In May, several English ladies—Miss Millicent Hall, who own the ladies' championship two years running, Miss Julia Johnston, Miss Martin Edmunds, Miss Cheetham and Miss D. Johnston among them—are taking part in an assault-at-arms at Antwerp. This, again, is a novel departure.

"The English ladies go to Antwerp at the invitation of a distinguished Belgian master—Professor de Verbrugge, who was present at the recent ladies' championships. Later on there may be similar visits to Paris and Brussels."

The costume of the up-to-date fencer differs from that of the pioneers. The fencing waistcoat is no longer worn. A short black skirt, a white linen blouse trimly buckled round the waist and heelless shoes, with mask, gloves, and foil constitute the correct equipment.

THE BIG HATS.

London Chronicle.

It is interesting to note that the Federal railroads in Switzerland have decided to charge extra for big hats, not when sent in baggage, but those on women's heads. Stimulated by the complaints of men who have had their eyes put out, their hair disarranged and their ears cut by the enormous hats of women passengers, these railroads are going to measure every woman's hat, and any hat that is more than eighty centimetres in diameter (about 31 inches) will be classed along with bicycles and carts and other things that have wheels and cannot go in on the wearers' tickets.

A VANISHED OPTIC.

Chicago News.

The latest victim of the hatpin is a Chicago car conductor. A bad curve on the track caused him to lurch and he fell on the rim of a spring hat. He is quite certain that when the accident happened he had two eyes. Rigid cross-examination fails to break down his testimony upon this point, and it is equally certain that after the accident he had only one. The lost optic was represented not even by debris and wreckage. The young woman carried it away bodily upon her hatpin, while she herself disappeared as absolutely as though the earth had swallowed her.

Peace.

New York Sun.

I have to spend a day, the doctor said,
In bed;
I only need a little rest and quiet
With diet
To make myself the man I was before
Once more.
In bed! Can you imagine my delight?
I might
Indulge in all the peacefulness of life!
My wife
Will tend to all my wants, and will not say
Today,
"Get up! It's time for breakfast—striking eight—
You're late!"
Ah, no! Good-by to all my business cares,
Affairs
That seemed important yesterday
I lay
Aside without a thought—do what I please
At ease!
No need to run and catch in way insane
A train,
No typewriter, no office boy, no clerk,
No work,
But only twittering birds to listen to!
Say, who
On earth can tell me any greater bliss
Than this?

NO NEED.

Two matrons met by chance at a reception and talked excitedly of their daughters, both this season's debutantes.

"Dear Helen, is going everywhere," said the first matron, twitching her shoulders to keep up her ermine stole. "She is invited simply everywhere. She keeps me on the go. Your daughter doesn't go out at all, does she?"

"Oh, no,' came the crushing retort; "you see, she became engaged [illegible]

WILL GET THE OPINION OF MR. AYLESWORTH

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May. 18.—In the Senate on the bill to allow the Crown to take small exchequer appeals to the Appelate Courts of the provinces, Senator Bostock thought it would be better to continue the practice of taking all appeals to the Supreme Court of Canada, otherwise there would be one set of decisions for each province. The uniform practice of the present was most desirable.

Senator Beique wanted to have the opinion of the Minister of Justice as to whether appeal would be from the provincial courts, or if there would be such appeal.

Senator Belcourt wanted to know whether the supreme court or the provincial review court jurisprudence would apply, and control, in the case of exchequer appeals under the law?

To Confer With Minister.

Sir Richard Cartwright said he would defer further action until he had conferred with the Minister of Justice. He understood the object of the bill was to have the expense lessened to small litigants.

On motion for a third reading of the bill to place the officials of the Exchequer Court on the Civil Service list, Sir Richard Cartwright stated that the Minister of Justice had not the time before prorogation to look into the amendments of Senator Belcourt authorizing a registrar audette be appointed to hear the French cases, with the full authority of a judge. He asked that the amendment be withdrawn on the understanding that the Minister of Justice would look carefully into the question before the next session.

The bill was read a third time.

Was Dangerous.

The Senate in committee took up a Government bill to allow the Crown to take appeal in small Exchequer cases to provincial courts of appeal.

Senator Power thought it improper for the Crown to take an appeal from Exchequer, a Federal court, to the Provincial Appeal Court. It was recognizing the provincial authority as superior to Federal authority. He thought the bill should not pass and therefore moved that the committee rise without reporting it.

Senator Belcourt thought the bill was bad as it would lead to confusion of jurisprudence in Exchequer appeals. Senator Power's motion carried by 12 to 9.

Insurance Bill.

When the insurance bill was called, Sir Richard thought it could be given second reading, but in view of the lateness of the session, the complexity of the measure and the desire of so many parties to be heard in regard to it, he would not urge that it proceed to a third reading this session.

Sir MacKenzie Bowell thought the bill should be introduced into the Senate early next session as the Commons had fully considered the measure during this and previous sessions. Sir Richard thought he could promise this.

The second reading was given to the bill to create a separate Department of Labor,

IN THE COURTS

Equity Court.

The May session of the Supreme Court in Equity opened yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. His Honor Chief Justice Barker presided.

The case of the Attorney General vs. the St. John Lumber Co. went over until the next court.

The Charlotte county case of W. C. H. Grimmer and George J. Clarke, administrators of the estate of Stephen McAllister, deceased, vs. George F. Hill, executor of the last will and testament of Sarah McAllister, was adjourned for a few days. Dr. L. A. Currey, K. C., appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. J. G. Stevens for defendant.

Another Charlotte county case, Dyer vs. McGuire, an injunction matter, was set down for trial on Friday next at 2 p. m.

The Carleton county case of Boyer vs. Hartley, a partition suit, was adjorned until Thursday at 11 a. m. Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., for plaintiff and Mr. J. F. H. Winslow for defendant.

The case of Clarke et al vs. Clarke et al, which involves the construction of a will, went over until the next term, which is in July. Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., and Mr. J. A. Barry appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J. M. Trueman and Mr. James A. Belyea, K. C., for the defendants.

Delivered Judgment.

His Honor then delivered judgment in the cases of Glasier vs. Glasier and Robinson vs. McAlary et al. The former case is a review of the taxation of costs from Referee Campbell of Sunbury Co. The dispute is over stenographer's fees. His Honor ordered ths taxation reduced, but without costs. Mr. A. A. Wilson, K. C., and Mr. Stephen B. Bustin appeared for Arthur Glasier and Mr. E. P. Raymond for the referee.

In the case of Caroline Robinson vs. Jacob W. McAlary et al. His Honor dismissed the bill with costs, but ordered the words "or more" in the renewal clause of the lease be struck out. The plaintiff, Miss Caroline Robinson, filed a bill praying that the lease of her property on Douglas avenue to the defendants, McAlary and Estabrooks, grocers, be set aside on the ground of fraud. She claimed that she did not agree to the renewal clause which was incorporated in the lease. His Honor found that there was no fraud on the part of the defendants, but ordered that the renewal lease be altered, so that at the termination of the term of the lease a renewal for five years and no more be made. At the trial Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., and Mr. A. H. Hanington, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. H. McLean, K. C., and Mr. F. R. Taylor for the defendant.

Common Motions.

The following common motions were made:

In the matter of the adoption of James Sylvester Lyons, an infant, by Fred G. Coles and wife, Mr. E. T. C. Knowles read the petition for adoption and the consent of the infant's parents. Court considers.

GRAND MANAN LOSES THREE OLD RESIDENTS

Grand Manan, May 18.—Three of the old residents of this island have recently passed away.

Mrs. McKay, a native of Scotland, but for many years a resident of Grand Manan was 99 years of age.

Mrs. Whalen, mother of Mrs. Chas. Dixon who is customs officer, died recently at the age of 83.

On May 12, a third highly respected lady, passed away. Mrs. Isaac Newton, a native of Calais, Me., at the age of 73 years. She lay unconscious for nearly a week from apoplexy.

All her living children and her grandchildren were present at her death. She was borne to her grave by her four grown sons on the 15th after the funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Grand Harbor, by the rector.

The Baptist church at Grand Harbor has just been renovated in the interior.

Large quantities of lumber are being shipped from Dr. G. A. Sawyer's mill at Grand Harbor. Two vessels are now loading at his wharf.

D. Gaskill and L. Foster expect to commence work on the public wharf at Whitehead Island at once.

St. Paul's Church, Grand Harbor, is having extensive repairs on the bell tower and stone work. This is one of the few stone churches in the province.

Weir building is being pushed ahead. Several new ones are being built off Seal Cove and Grand Harbor.

The North Head fishing fleet are having fair catches of cod and pollock off Whitehead and White Cove, but the weather has hindered the work for some time.

CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Annapolis Royal, May 18.—An event of more than ordinary importance took place on the evening of Thursday when Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, Middleton, after fifty years of married life, celebrated their golden wedding with their children, who came home for the occasion. Friends from Middleton, Halifax and St. John were present and the spacious drawing rooms were filled to overflowing. The evening was spent with music and other amusements; then followed a daintily served supper, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. The Rev. Mr. Farquhar then assumed charge and in a few pleasant words congratulated the bride and groom on their fifty years of married life. He then called upon the Rev. Mr. Ryan, who in his own charming way spoke of the changes that had taken place in the last fifty years in the social and political life of the county. Other speeches followed by a number of the guests and many words were spoken of the useful and kindly acts and Christian character of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, and many and sincere were the wishes for their continued health and happiness.

G. Reed, infants, of Hopewell, Albert county, by their father, Geo. M. Reed, applied for leave to sell lands, the property of the said infants, the proceeds to be applied to their support and education. Decision reserved until further information is given. Mr J. King Kelley appears for the petitioner.

In the matter of Fred R. Taylor, administrator of the estate of Sarah Ann Meakin vs. Albert Buchanan et al. Mr. C. F. Inches, for the plaintiff, moved to have the referee's report affirmed. Order granted.

Argument in the case of Earle vs. Harison was commenced at 12.30 a. m. and concluded at five in the afternoon. Mr. E. T. C. Knowles and Mr. S. B. Bustin appeared for the plaintiff, Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., and Mr. John A. Barry for the defendant and Mr. C. F. Inches for creditors.

The court adjourned until Thursday morning at eleven o'clock when Boyer vs. Hartley will be tried.

County Court Chambers.

The case of Jamieson vs. Campbell, a review matter from Kings county, which was to have been tried before His Honor Judge Forbes in chambers yesterday morning, was adjourned until the 26th inst., owing to the absence of the plaintiff's attorney. Mr. G. W. Fowler, K. C., appears for the plaintiff and Mr. H. H. Pickett for the defendant.

Probate Court.

Estate of Katherine E. Cheney, married woman, boarding house keeper: Petition of Charles E. Cheney, husband of the deceased, who lives in Portland, Maine, and John A. Sinclair, of St. John, barrister-at-law, setting forth that deceased died intestate. Her property consisted of certain household furniture in the boarding house which she kept at 41 King Square, which is subject to a mortgage of $650, the value of which over and above the mortgage is for the purpose ofobtaining administration valued at $200. Evidence being taken that it is in the interests of the estate that administration be granted without waiting the usual lapse of time. John A. Sinclair is appointed administrator. Mr. Kenneth J. MacRae, proctor.

WAS IT COURTESY?

To the Editor of The Standard:

Sir:—Where is the spirit of 1783? On the 18th day of May in that year our forefathers landed at St. John, exiled, rather than submit to the domination of the United States.On May 18th,1909 the flag of the United States is conspicuous in this city. In one instance, at least, the Union Jack was not flown in company. Imagine a British or Canadian flag flying alone in New York or Boston on the 4th of July! It would not fly long. Today's action may have been one of courtesy. To one, at least, of the descendants of the Loyalists, it appeared more as an insult.

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Anything in Reason.

(U. S. Army and Navy Journal.)

The colonel of the —th cavalry was a martinet in all save his own habits. On one occasion the regiment was about to start on a long march through Texas and orders were issued that baggage should be reduced to the minimum. Lieutenant B——— had just received from his father a small box of books twelve by fourteen inches in measurement and timidly asked the colonel if he might not take it along. "Good Gad! Sir! No, sir! Couldn't hear of such a thing, sir!"

"I'm very sorry colonel! It will be very dull out there, without any reading. My father sent me a barrel of whiskey too, but of course I couldn't take that!"

"Good Gad! Sir! Of conrse you can sir! Anything in reason, sir!"

APING ORIENTAL WAYS.

M. A. P.

A party of English tourists were travelling in Persia, and in Tabriz they invited a prince to dinner. He came, splendidly attired in gold and white. But he was taciturn. He seemed disappointed. When the dessert was served he sneered and said: "I am pleased to see that the Englishmen are now taking a leaf out of the Per-

"How so, Prince Kamil?" said the host's wife—a very tall lean woman, with unusually long teeth.

"They leave their pretty women at home," said the prince frankly.

A Fair Question.

(The Woman's Review.)

If you should die and, later waken
Somewhere across the gulfs of space,
To find, when your first glimpse was taken,
Maude, Laura, Geraldine, and Grace,
And all the rest you nearly died for,
The short, the tall, the plump, the lean,
The ones whose favor you have sighed for
Since you were, say, about thirteen
If you should find them all there waiting
When you arrived upon that shore,
And all of them rushed forward stating
That they were yours forevermore,
And if you found you had to take them,
All just as they had been in life,
And never, never might forsake them
If each one once became your wife,
Would you conclude—now please be candid—
If such a circumstance befell,
Would you conclude that you had