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"THE ARK" H. Macaulay

James Blake Experienced One in Old Father Thames
This Morning.

"Help, help! For God's sake, help!" such were the cries of terror that started Engineer George Tomlinson, of the Waterworks department, as he was crossing the Lake Erie bridge, Mr. Tom inson at once realized that started Engineer George Tomlinson, of the Waterworks department, as he was crossing the Lake Erie bridge, Mr. Tom inson at once realized that

TURN FOR THE WORST. London, Jan. 30. - A message from Clandeboye this morning states that the Marquis of Dufferin has taken a turn for the worse.

THE CHICAGO MARKET. Through J. B. McGregor, stock bro-ker, Northwood's Block, Chatham. Chicago, Jan. 31, 1902

OPEN HIGH LOW CLOSE

May ... 781 781 772 July.... 782 781 77% 78 May 631 July 63 631 $62\frac{1}{2}$ May 445 442 July.... 387 384 May....15 85 15 90 15 80 July. . 15 97 15 97 15,87 15 92 May 9 37 9 40 9 37 9 37

July The funeral of the little son of Wilson Taylor took place this afternoon to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. It was very largely attended. A number of scholars from the Collegiate Institute, two from each form, attended in a body out of respect for their teacher. Rev. Dr. Hannon, of the Park Street Methodist Church, officiated.

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TEA and TEAS

Glenn & Company, William Street

TWO CANADIAN DESPERADOES EFFECT ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Edward and John Biddle, Awaiting Execution for Murder, Overpowered Guards-No Trouble in Geiting Away.

any moment to make an opening sufficiently large to pass through. The arisoners occupied adjoining cells on the second range. They had evidently been preparing for escape for some time and had assistance from the out-side, as both were armed with re-

Shortly before 4 o'clock one of the Biddles called to James McGary, who had charge of the outside gates, and asked for some cramp medicine in hurry, saying his brother was danger-

McGary hastened to the cell with the medicine when John Biddle sprang through the opening in the cell, and seizing the guard around the wrist hurled him over the railing to the stone floor beneath, a distance of six teen feet. Edward Biddle joined his brother immediately, and both, with drawn revolvers, hurried to the first loor, where they met Guard Reynolds

There were but three men on duty and the third was on one of the upper ranges. He was ordered down with the point of a revolver, and the three guards were put in the dungeon. The keys were taken from Keeper McGary, and the two desperate prisoners had a clear field. The only person who witnessed the escape were prisoners who could not interfere or give an alarm. The Biddles went to the wardrobe where the guards keep their clothing, and each put on a new suit. They then unlocked the outside gates and

passed out into the street. The escape was not discovered until prisoners where the night guards had been put, and they were soon released from the dungeon and sent to the

sponsible for the furnishing of the revolvers and saws to the Biddles, which enabled them to escape. In her infatuation for Edward Biddle it is alleged that she has left her

husband and her four children, and, it is supposed, is to meet the escaped convicts at a place agreed upon. The story of their meeting is brief. Mrs. Soffel was the only person admitted to the jail since last Sunday. Yesterday afternoon she visited them during the warden's absence. Last evening she retired at nine o'clock. She told her husband that she was going to visit a sister at McDonald, and that she would retire early so that she could get an early start. Warden Soffel was about the jail until after midnight. He retired to his own room, which is separate from Mrs. Soffel's, shortly

before one o'clock. When he awoke this morning he asked for Mrs. Soffel and was informthe details of the escape became known, he telephoned to McDonald and was informed that Mrs. Soffel

was not there. Warden Soffel immediately made a frank confession of his suspicion Nothing suspicious was noticed in the actions of the two prisoners, nor was anything wrong discovered when the day guards went off duty yesterday. murderers evidently sawed the bars during the night, using what is supposed to have been soap to deaden the noise and to reduce friction.

The two guards injured will probably recover. The bullet wound sustained by Reyholds is not regarded as dangerous. The physicians have been unable to ascertain as yet the full extent of McGary's wounds. His head is badly contused, but there are no signs that his skull was fractured

by his sixteen foot fall. A reward of \$5,000 has been offered for the recapture of the murderers. No trace has been found of Mrs.

An investigation disclosed the fact that she had taken all of her best clothes with her. It has been known for several weeks that Mrs. Soffel was taking an interest in the Biddles, and it is said that she frequently furnished them with dainties outside their usual prison fare. It is reported the Biddles took a train at the Fourth avenue station of the Panhandle railroad, which is within a block of the jail, and left for the west.

STORY OF THE CRIME

July.... 9 45 9 47 9 40 9 47 For several months preceding the Kahney murder, daring burglaries were of almost nightly occurrence. The police seemed powerless to prevent them. On the morning of April 12 last Mrs. Kahney was awakened by burglars and called to her husband, a cripple, who was sleeping in an adjoining room with one of his children. As he entered the door of his wife's room he was shot dead. The burglars then fled. A few hours later Detective Patrick Fitzgerald and two officers surprised the Biddle brothers at their home, but before they were captured Fitzgerald was killed and Edward Biddle, who shot him, was dangerously wounded. Walter Dorman, another of the

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 30.—Edward and Jennie Seebers, were also arrest-ded. Dorman turned state's evidence and the two Biddles were convicted county jail for the murder of Grocer
Thomas D. Kahney, of Mount Washington, overpowered the guards at 4 o'clock this morning and escaped.

Both prisoners had been provided with saws, with which they cut the bars in their cells, and were ready at the two Biddles were convicted of Kahney's murder, and sentenced to be hanged, John on the 14th of this month, and Edward on the 16th, but three days before the date set for John's execution they were respited until Feb. 25 and 27 by Governor Stone, so that their cases could go before the pardon board at its company to the pardo ing meeting. Dorman is still in jail awaiting sentence. The women were released. The entire detective force is at work on the case, but up to ten o'clock there was no clue as to the direction the murderers had taken.

The Biddles are natives of Amherstburg and are reported to have visited in Chatham and lived in St. Thomas.

BRITISH REPLY TO HOLLAND

Will not Reach the Hague Until To-day--Nature of the Proposal.

Will not be Officially Made Known This Week- Confirmation of Report.

London, Jan. 30 .- In the House of as the reply of the British Government to the communication of the Government of the Netherlands on the subject of the South African war would not reach The Hague until Jan. the daylight guards came on duty at six o'clock. They were informed by Government to give the House the Dover, Rondeau and other Canadian Government to give the House the Dover, Rondeau and other Canadian papers this week.

Press is able to confirm the statement depth of twenty feet, along the south shore of Lake Brie, was the cause of The escape of the Biddles was subsequently explained in a statement issued by Warden Peter K. Soffel. The warden asserts that his wife is repointed for the purpose of conferring ers on the take, and heretofore has with the fighting burghers and enlightening them as to the real posi- Ice-bound. tion of affairs.

FROM A FRENCH SOURCE. Paris, Jan. 30.-The Temps to-day prints a despatch from The Hague in which the correspondent says he learns from a trustworthy source that the recent journey of the Dutch Premier, Dr. Kuyper, to England, prepared the ground for peace negotiations in regard to South Africa, which were begun with the consent of the British Government. He adds that the more recent step taken by Holland was supported by some of the other governments. The correspondent of the Associated Press was informed in official quarters to-day that so far as known here Holland's action was spontaneous. France was not

REIGN OF TERROR

erms of the Dutch note.

consulted, and is not aware of the

Alarming Reports From County Roscommon-John O'Don. nell's Inamflatory Talk.

London, Jan. 30. - Despatches received here from Dublin contain alarming reports of the reign of terror prevail-

ing in Roscommon county. Tennants who are suspected of paying rent are visited at night by armed men, notices are posted threatening death to traitors, and midnight meetings are of nightly occurrence, the people being assembled by beacon fires.

John O'Donnell, member of Parliament for South Mayo, is reported to have addressed a midnight meeting at Fairmount, at which he challenged the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Wyndham, to come into the open, at the head of 5,000 or 10,000 men, either soldiers or police. If he (Wyndham) would give the men of Connaught a month to prepare, Mr. O'Donnell said he did not hesitate to declare that they would meet them, even at great numerical odds, and settle the land question for good.

FORMALLY OPENED

The Essex Fusiliers Are Now Possession of Their New

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 30. - The 21st Regiment, Essex Fusiliers' new \$50,-000 armory was officially opened to-night with much eclat by a grand public reception, at which there were about seven thousand people in attendance. Appropriate addresses were delivered by many distinguished statesmen and militia men, among gang, and two women, Jessie Bodine, the latter being Gen. Bresler, Vene-

zuelan minister at Detroit, and Theo-phile Francois and Mons. J. F. Be-langer, Belgian and French ministers respectively, and Col. Peters, of London, D. O. C. of District No. 1. The officers and staff of the 21st Regi-ment received in their luxuriously furnished quarters, and among the crowd were many American army officers in uniform. The speakers joined in complimenting the Fusiliers and Essex county upon the acquisition of so modern and beautiful an armory, which Col. Peters said was one of the best in the Dominion. At the conclusion of the speaking the band of the regiment furnished music for a public ball, at which hundreds of people danced.

ROMANTIC PRANK

Dressed as a Man, Girl Wooed, Won, Eloped With and Married an Heiress.

Binghampton, N. Y., Jan. 30.-The sensational discovery has been made that Hiram Stever, who eloped with Miss Mabel Curtiss, an heiress, of Bradfrod county, is a girl, whose right name is Alice Stever, and whose home is in Macomb county, Mich., near

Some time ago Hiram Merriam died, leaving his property in this section to Miss Stever, with the provision that she marry within two years, otherwise the property was to go elsewhere. There were no eligible suitors for Miss Stever's hand, and she planned a bold move. Coming to this section, disguised as a man, she lay siege to the heart of Miss Mabel Curtiss, the daughter of wealthy parents. It was the old story retold. Miss Curtiss' parents objected and an elopement re-sulted. After the wedding ceremony had been performed and the marriage registered, thereby complying with the requirements of the will, Miss Stevers informed her bride of the situation. At first there were Commons to-day the Government tears and indignation, but the matthe marriage will shortly be annulled.

SHENANGO TIED UP.

The big car ferry Shenango, which has been making regular trips from ports, has been tied up for the remain-In the meanwhile the Associated der of the winter, The slush ice, which in some instances has reached the exception of a few days when she was

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