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KILLING OF THE KENT COUNTY MISER WILL BE AVENGED AFTER MANY YEARS

Crown Has Identified Man Wanted for Seventeen Years and Who Has Returned to Neighborhood of Crime—Expect to Make Arrest Within Few Days.

Chatham, Oct. 12.—After 17 long years of untiring watchfulness, it is probable that the man alleged to have murdered the old miser, Wilson Holton, on the night of July 1, 1888, will be captured and brought to justice within a few days. The crown has been actively at work upon the case for the past month, in conjunction with the department at Toronto, and Provincial Detective Rogers is expected shortly to complete the coup.

At the beginning of September some unguarded utterances are alleged to have been made by the man suspected, and, despite two alliances, changed appearance and several years of travel in foreign climes, the crown has diligently traced up the identity, and are now ready to act.

The story of the crime, disappearance of the suspect, subsequent trial, conviction and death sentence upon another, his reprieve and final pardon after nine years' imprisonment, is a very interesting and dramatic one.

Story of the Murder.
On the night of the murder, Wilson Holton, an old bachelor of 70 years, reported to have hoarded a considerable sum of money, was attacked in his log cabin in Tilbury, where he lived alone, by two masked men, who

clubbed him and then shot him. They then rifled the hut and secured something over \$400 hidden in the wall, making their escape by horse and rig. Holton lived in a bush of 100 acres, which he owned. After the departure of the robbers he crawled almost nude to the home of Thomas Maris, a neighbor, 350 yards distant, gaspingly told his story, and expired.

An investigation was instituted, with the result that one McDuff was accused of the murder, and Todd Quick and Earl McMahon of being accomplices. Warrants were sworn out for the three men, but ere their execution, McDuff, who was credited with being the ringleader, mysteriously disappeared. It was generally believed he made his way to New York and sailed for Germany.

McMahon Sentenced.
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Hamilton, Oct. 12.—The mystery of the murder on Hamilton Mountain remains unsolved, although the entire detective force of the city is working night and day upon it. The police admit they are absolutely without a clue, while the dead woman remains unidentified. Several persons today deposed positively that the murdered woman was Mrs. Curney, of Stony Creek, but a hurried message found Mrs. Curney at home, alive and well. The authorities are now inclined to believe that the dead woman does not belong to Hamilton.

The inquest was opened yesterday morning at Blachford & Son's undertaking rooms at 11 o'clock. P. C. Nichol presided, and the following jury was empaneled: J. H. Gardner, Charles Reid, L. E. Chagnon, James Redding, Albert Gibson, Frank Kirk, J. Van Norman, William Muir, Samuel Gardiner, Peter Armstrong, J. H. Roehmer, Thomas Powers and T. Bain. After being sworn by Coroner Griffin, the jury viewed the remains and adjourned till Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, when the inquest will be continued at No. 3 police station.

DR. BULLER DEAD
The Famous Eye and Ear Specialist Passes Away at Montreal.
Montreal, Que., Oct. 12.—Dr. Frank Buller, one of the most famous eye and ear specialists of the world, died at his residence in this city yesterday afternoon after an illness of four months from aneurism. Dr. Buller was born at Campbellford, Ont., in 1844, and was a graduate of Victoria College, Cobourg. He subsequently settled in Montreal, and for many years was engaged with McGill University, and consulted by patients from all over Canada and the United States. Dr. Buller was a second cousin of Gen. Buller.

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Shoppers, when fate led McCullum her way.
McCullum is five feet, ten inches in height and weighs about 180 pounds. He lifted his hat to the pretty Japanese girl and followed that by a side and—something happened. The little woman clutched his coat, the other she seized his wrist. With a swish, and McCullum's heels described a parabola over Miss Sato's head.

A hundred amazed pedestrians gazed in wonder as McCullum picked himself up and addressed the angry girl as if with American customs. McCullum said that he had mistaken Miss Sato for a Japanese girl acquaintance, but he was locked up.

The jury, however, disregarding the directions of the judge's charge, on the evidence, found McMahon guilty of complicity with McDuff in the murder and acquitted Quick.

The view of Judge Rose was evidenced when he delivered sentence of death on McMahon, to be executed Dec. 12, in which he stated from the bench that he had given time for "all efforts to be made on your behalf to the executive, efforts which I would recommend your counsel to institute." Two months later McMahon received his reprieve and subsequent commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment. For nine years he served in Kingston, when repeated petitions secured a reconsideration of the case and he was finally pardoned.

No trace was ever found of McDuff, although a big reward was offered for his apprehension. About a year or so ago, however, a man settled in Dover Township, and within the past three months the suspicions of the crown have been active as to the crown. Investigations have been instituted, and the tracing of the history of the man for the past seventeen years has been virtually completed to the satisfaction of the officers.

It is expected that Detective Rogers will effect the dramatic climax of the arrest within a few days.

TALE OF THE PUPS THAT "BUTTED IN"
Being the Chronicles of Strenuous Quarter of an Hour on Ridout Street.
George Ralston's bull pup is dead, and full of that playful spirit so characteristic of the bulldog class, the pup is today in that lair where all good dogs ultimately go.

Five o'clock yesterday between 4 and 5 o'clock, a dog was unable to trace a telephone pole at the corner of York and Ridout streets, snapped, and bounding over the street railway company's power wires, the end of it came in a pool of water in the center of the road and near the street crossing. An inquisitive person later on happened along a moment later and undertook to investigate the cause of the shower of sparks coming from the wire. As soon as the terrier stepped into the water, however, it (that is, the dog), collapsed, owing to the heavy shock of electricity. The dog was on its feet, and there it lay kicking and yelping and attracting the attention of every person within a block. George Ralston's bull pup also heard the noise, and was soon on the scene. Into the water it went; then it lay on its back, and the terrier, which had become useless on its feet, a bulldog, however, never appears to lose the use of its head. When Ralston's pup found itself unable to follow the direction of the dog, it started to make a meal of the ferocious, and was succeeding very well when a motorist, passing by, stepped over the water. The bulldog, however, never appears to lose the use of its head. When Ralston's pup found itself unable to follow the direction of the dog, it started to make a meal of the ferocious, and was succeeding very well when a motorist, passing by, stepped over the water.

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Sir William Mulock Goes to Ontario High Court

Political Circles Believe He Will Be Appointed Chief Justice of the Exchequer Division.

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—Sir William Mulock seems to be a foregone conclusion, and it is expected that the writ for the new election will be issued at an early date. The presumption is that the Postmaster-General will as soon as his resignation has been accepted take formal leave of his constituents, with whom he has always been on the best of terms. In political and social circles here Sir William Mulock's retirement is deeply regretted, and his future career will be watched with more than perfunctory interest.

BIG FIRE AT CHICOUTIMI
Fourteen Houses Destroyed and Several Families Made Homeless.

Quebec, Oct. 12.—Word was received yesterday evening from Chicoutimi that a fire which broke out yesterday afternoon in a blacksmith's forge in the easterly part of the town destroyed some fourteen dwelling houses, rendering several families homeless. The part of the town burned did not have a water supply. The loss will foot up fully \$25,000, with very little insurance.

DIAMONDS AND GARNETS
Prospectors Claim to Have Found Them Close to the Soo.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Oct. 12.—It is claimed by prospectors that diamonds and garnets have been found a few miles north of this city. Considerable excitement prevails as a result. Exploring parties are being organized to search Algoma District for gems. The geological department of Ontario also, it is stated, will take up the investigation.

SNOWSTORMS EAST AND SOUTH; JACK FROST AFTER YELLOW JACK
Jamestown, N. Y., Oct. 12.—A heavy snowstorm prevailed here most of the forenoon. A total of two or three inches of snow fell.

A SUIT-CASE MYSTERY
New York Police Find the Dismembered Body of a Man.

New York, Oct. 12.—The finding of a man's head in front of 15 East Eighth street today led to the discovery of a murder committed probably last night at 143 Third avenue. The head was wrapped in a white and blue shirt and the Sunday supplement of a German newspaper. Soon after the head was found a man told the police he believed a man had been committed at the Third avenue address last night, and that the body had been cut up in a third avenue place where parts of the dismembered body were found, and was arrested as a suspect. He gave his age as 39 years, and his occupation as an elevator runner.

Fearing Exposure, Suicide.
New York, Oct. 12.—Armitage Matthews, secretary of the county Republican committee, committed suicide this morning by jumping from a window of his residence. Matthews was under indictment, charged with looting an estate of which he had charge. A change of venue had been granted in Matthews' case, and he was to have been placed on trial today, in the criminal branch of the supreme court. The charges against Matthews grew out of the wrecking of the Federal Bank and the plundering of the Weissal estate by David Rothschild, president of the bank.

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