

AUSTIN HODGINS ACQUITTED

Of the Charge of Attempted
Arson on Sept. 9.

Interesting Trial Yesterday Before
Judge McKenzie at Sarnia.

Austin D. Hodgins, formerly of this city, was tried before Judge Mackenzie at Sarnia, yesterday, on a charge of attempted arson, and was acquitted. George C. Gibbons, Q.C., of London, defended Hodgins, and J. C. Bucke, Q.C., crown attorney for Lambton county, conducted the prosecution.

The trial lasted four hours, and developed some peculiar and interesting features. About a dozen witnesses were called for the prosecution. Hodgins ran a bakery and confectionery store in Petrolia, renting a building for the purpose from William Pittman.

The evidence showed that Hodgins had left the store on the night of Sept. 9, leaving his clerk, Benjamin Pratt, in charge of the place. Pratt and his chain were spending the evening together in an upstairs room. Between 12 and 1 o'clock Pratt went downstairs to get some cigars. He noticed a light burning in a closet, and upon investigation found a candle burning, and piled around with dry clothes, and ascertained that when the candle burned down to a certain point it would set fire to the building. Pratt put out the candle and notified the police.

It was clearly shown that an attempt had been made to fire the building. But no satisfactory motive for the act was shown. Hodgins had only \$475 insurance on the stock.

The principal witness for the prosecution was William Pittman, the owner of the building. He said he had been told by Pratt two weeks before the attempt was made to look out, as there was going to be a fire there. He also said that at 9 o'clock on the night in question the clerk told him Hodgins was going away and there was going to be a fire that night. Pittman said he had stayed up until 1 o'clock that night, waiting for the building to burn, but nothing happened.

Pratt went on the stand and denied having said anything to anybody about the probability of a fire. His evidence and Pittman's proved very conflicting.

Mr. Gibbons, for the defense, elicited the fact that Pittman had tried to injure Hodgins' credit for some time previous to the attempted firing of the building. Among other things he had warned salesmen that they had better get cash for any goods they sold Hodgins.

Mr. Gibbons contended that upon the evidence it would be as reasonable to believe that Pittman laid the train as that Hodgins did.

Judge Mackenzie, in reviewing the evidence, said Pittman had undoubtedly shown a great deal of bad feeling towards Hodgins. He could not, upon the evidence, find Hodgins guilty. The prisoner was accordingly acquitted and discharged.

POLICE BOARD IN SESSION

Charge Against P. C. Down Dismissed
—More Bus Licenses Granted.

The board of police commissioners met this morning with all the members present.

John Garnett, of the striking Street Railway Employees' Union, asked that four more licenses be granted them. The licenses were granted at \$10 each. The men will now have eight busses in operation.

Alex. McLean, an engineer, living at 714 Dundas street, complained to the board on the day of the riot, July 3, by P. C. Harry, without any provocation whatever. It occurred at the corner of Elizabeth and Dundas streets. McLean said he was in the crowd simply looking on. He had made no remarks to anyone, and was suddenly struck him with his fist in the face, cutting his lip and causing his nose to bleed.

P. C. Down did not deny striking McLean. He said Constable Darville had arrested a man named Hayes for rioting, and the crowd were trying to get him away. He (Down), and Detective Nickle went to relieve Darville, when McLean caught his arm and tried to stop him. He pushed the complainant away, but he again caught him by the arm. He (Down) then turned and struck him in the face. McLean came back later with a huge club in his hand and shook it in his face. Constables Darville and Egleston and Detective Nickle corroborated the story told by P. C. Down.

The charge was dismissed. Adjourned.

"In the Philippines the Bible will follow the sword," said the pious imperialist.

"I suppose so," assented the thoughtful citizen. "But do you think it will ever catch up?"

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THE YACHTS START AGAIN

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Columbia the Favorite With the
Betters, at Small Odds.

The American Crossed the Starting Line a Few Seconds in Advance of the Shamrock, but the British Overtook and Passed the White Boat.

New York, Oct. 7.—A strong northeasterly breeze was stirring up the white caps on the upper bay at sunrise. The sky was absolutely clear, a light autumnal haze hung over the Long Island and Staten Island shores, and the air was crisp and invigorating. Briefly, it would have been impossible to imagine a morning more full of promise of a fine race between the Columbia and the Shamrock. The Associated Press correspondent at 7:02 a.m., reported that the north wind there was whistling down the coast at the rate of twenty miles an hour. He added the disquieting remark, however, that the breeze showed signs of moderating by noon. A very high sea was running at that time, and the observation limit was twelve miles.

The breeze was so fine and true off the Hook this morning that the Shamrock dispatched with the aid of the tug, and started out for the lightship under sail. The crew began getting up the mainsail about 8:30, and by 8:50 the big sail was up to the satisfaction of those on board.

The Columbia came down the channel from her anchorage over night at Bay Ridge, and rounded the southeast spit in tow of her tug. As on the two previous days the Shamrock was the first of the two racers to come out to sea for the start.

The old cup defender, Vigilant, had a little brush with the latest challenger went by her as if she were anchored. 8:30 a.m.—The weather bureau reports wind north northeast, 22 miles an hour, diminishing in velocity. Volunteer left the harbor once with a large party of Sir Thomas Lipton's guests, including Rear Admiral Selley, who was greeted by Capt. Robley Evans and Mr. David Barrie, the representative of Sir Thomas Lipton; the earl of Minto, governor-general of Canada; the Hon. Cecil Darling, R. H. Little, Q.C., Barclay Warburton, W. M. Mendel, Mrs. Mendel, C. G. Cary, F. M. McCarthy, Prince Leopold II. of Croix, Prince Kanjishiji, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and Lady Beresford, and many others.

THE PROGRAMME.

New York, Oct. 7.—The programme for today's race is as follows: Course fifteen miles to windward or leeward and return. Starting point, Sandy Hook lightship. Time of start, 10:45 a.m., unless postponement is ordered, but no later than 12:15 p.m. Time allowance, 6:31 seconds to the Shamrock. Time limit, 5½ hours exclusive of time allowance. The Columbia is the favorite in the betting again, and the ruling odds are 10 to 9 and 10 to 8 on her, though a few even money bets are being made.

THEY'RE OFF.

Highlands, Navesink, Race Run, 11:20. The has been run has been fixed. The Columbia crossed the line at 11:20:49. Wind has fallen to about 8 knots. Shamrock crossed the line at 11:20:59. The course is south, southwest, 15 miles and return.

OVER THE LINE.

Western Union Cable Boat.—The official starting time of the Columbia, 11:21:02; Shamrock, 11:21:19.

11:27 a.m.—The yachts are having a little luffing match, in which Shamrock seems to be getting the better of it, and appears to be drawing up on Columbia.

11:28 a.m.—Within a minute after the start the blanketed Columbia took her wind from her, and at 11:28½ was a length the best of her. At 11:30 the Shamrock was leading.

11:31 a.m.—The yachts have sailed about a mile on the course, and the Columbia is still ahead. Wind now north-northeast.

11:43 a.m.—Wind here is decreasing rapidly.

Western Union Cable Boat, 11:43 a.m.—Shamrock has much trouble with her spinaker; men aloft fixing it; Columbia gains each moment, and is about one-eighth of a mile in the lead. At 11:49 the wind was dying out fast, being about four miles an hour. At 11:55 the Columbia led by a minute and a half, and was pulling away from the Shamrock.

12:03 p.m.—During the past few minutes Shamrock has caught a better breeze, and seems to be gaining slightly on Columbia.

Navesink, 12:03½.—Columbia now leads by about an eighth of a mile.

12:10½ p.m.—Shamrock has blanketed Columbia, and is passing her on starboard side.

12:11½ p.m.—Shamrock is almost abreast of Columbia. Yachts are sailing side by side, and contest is exciting.

12:13½ p.m.—Shamrock has passed Columbia to starboard, and is now the leader.

12:13½ p.m.—The boats have sailed about five miles of the course, during which time the Shamrock has overtaken the Columbia's lead, which was at one time nearly a quarter of a mile.

Galilee, 12:33 p.m.—The Shamrock still seems to be outpacing the Columbia.

Associated Press Boat, off Highland Beach.—At 12:10 the Shamrock passed the Columbia about seven miles down the first leg to the start.

Long Branch, 12:45 p.m.—Shamrock passed here at 12:47; Columbia at 12:47:30.

Asbury Park, 1:07 p.m.—The Shamrock still holds the lead, and appears to be catching the wind finely, while the Columbia's sails appear to be flapping considerably.

Cable Boat, 1:05 p.m.—Both boats are now evidently running for the mark. With the wind at its present rate and direction, it appears from here that the boats cannot finish within the time limit. Wind three knots from north-northeast.

Asbury Park, 1:33 p.m.—The boats are not over 15 yards apart. The Columbia has blanketed the Shamrock.

Highlands, 1:35½ p.m.—The boats turned the outer mark. The Shamrock seemed to be a length or two in the lead.

Asbury Park, 1:38½ p.m.—Both boats sailing abreast seemingly from here.

1:43 p.m.—The Shamrock appears to be gaining.

1:46 p.m.—The Columbia is gaining on the Shamrock, and they are now nearly on even terms again.

1:48 p.m.—The Shamrock is increas-

ing her lead again. Both boats are heading off shore.

1:56 p.m.—The Shamrock still holds the lead.

Asbury Park, 2:13½ p.m.—Wind appears to be decreasing.

Asbury Park, 2:15 p.m.—The Columbia appears to have more mind than Shamrock, and from here seems to be gaining.

PARALYZED BY CHEWING GUM

Woman of Goshen, Ind., a Sufferer
From the Habit.

Wabash, Ind., Oct. 7.—Miss Lettie Stushen, of Goshen, is suffering from a peculiar affliction due to chewing gum. The young woman, who is a student in the high school, was an inveterate chewer of gum, and a few days ago she was found lying on her back, her mouth was drawn up towards the ear. The trouble grew, and a physician pronounced it a case of paralysis of the muscles of the mouth due to continual mastication.

GENERAL CABLES.

Enormous Sum Needed for the Russian
Naval Department—May Quash the
Dreyfus Verdict.

According to the Sebastopol correspondent of the London Daily Graphic, the Russian naval credit for 1900 amounts to the enormous sum of \$7,500,000 roubles.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says: I learn that Germany is about to hand over documents which will lead to the quashing of the Dreyfus verdict.

The resignations of Count Douglas, minister of foreign affairs for Sweden and Norway, and Baron Rappe, Swedish minister of war, are in the hands of King Oscar. The Norwegians are highly elated at Douglas' fall.

According to the Montevideo correspondent of the London Times the discovery has been made there that a syndicate exists that has been insuring the lives of poor people and murdering them in order to collect the insurance money. The cases of the sort are known to have occurred from which the promoters of the scheme netted \$10,000. The syndicate has other policies amounting to \$30,000. The ringleaders have been arrested. The Equitable Life Assurance Company of New York is said to be affected.

MR. MOODY WILL REST.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Evangelist Moody will cancel his present engagements and return to Boston for a rest. His voice has given out in consequence of an inflamed throat, and he has wired a cancellation of his engagement at Ann Arbor.

AMUSEMENTS



JAS. T. POWERS.

Augustus Daly's famous musical company, presenting "A Runaway Girl," will make its first appearance in London on next Tuesday evening, at the Grand Opera House. The company is an exceedingly strong one, including Mr. James T. Powers, one of the funniest men now in the ranks of light comic opera; Mr. Van Rensselaer Wheeler, a singer who possesses a rich and powerful baritone voice of great compass and timbre; Ethel Jackson, a handsome young soprano; Arthur Cunningham, the eminent bassist; Baker, a graceful and droll and sweet singer; Jeanette Towler, a fascinating vocalist; Rachel Booth, a winsome soubrette, with a contralto voice. The remaining principals are Joseph C. Fay, Henry Stanley, Maurice Abby, Chas. Ruthven Smith, George Lessor, Spottiswood Alken and others. This splendid ensemble of singers and comedians come surrounded by one of the largest and best drilled choruses ever seen on the comic opera stage. The sale of reserved seats for the engagement, which is limited to one night only, opened at the box office this morning.

Obituary.

MRS. S. G. COOK.

The death occurred on Wednesday of Mrs. Laura Gray Cook, widow of the late John Cook, at the residence of her daughter Mrs. (Rev.) George Robertson, on Wednesday last, aged 66 years. The remains were taken to Ingersoll for interment. Deceased was the daughter of Michael Gray, of West Oxford, and was married to John Cook about 35 years ago. He died about three weeks ago, when she went to reside in Mount Forest, where their son, James J. Cook, resides. She became afflicted with dropsy, and her daughter, Mrs. Robertson, took her to her own home here to give her more personal care, but she succumbed to the malady with which she was afflicted, passing away peacefully. For many years she was an active member of the W. C. T. U., and took a deep interest in church work.

A LUCKLESS HONEYMOON

Bridegroom Visited His Wife's Relations, Who Made a Meal of Him.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 7.—A story of cannibalism was brought to Sydney, Australia, just before the sailing of the steamer Aorangi to this port. The victim was a native of Hawaii, named Amaru, who had married a native woman of Aoba, in the new Hebrides group, and went to visit his wife's tribe. Amaru fell into the hands of savages, who, after torturing him, tore him to pieces and roasted him with two others.

Native riots have occurred at Braeside, West Australia, and it is believed that a Mr. Hodgson has been killed.

The Tivoli Theater, Sydney, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$25,000.

In Honolulu there is a likelihood of a serious water famine if rains do not come soon. The water in Nuuanu reservoir is lower than it has been in years.

IMPROVEMENT OF BUSINESS BLOCKS

Among the New Store Fronts Grafton
Company's Is Prominent—Fine
Suite and Overcoats.

London's business blocks have been greatly improved recently by a number of new store fronts, prominent among which is that of Grafton & Co. It is doubtful if there is a finer store front in Western Ontario than that at 158 Dundas street. Made entirely of glass, it shows off the ever-effective window-dressing in great advantage. The store is brilliantly illuminated by prism lights, and the fittings throughout are thoroughly up-to-date. Grafton & Co. have long since proven that their aim is to attend to the needs and comforts of man, especially those who desire to be well-dressed. At this season of the year they are to the front with a superb stock of light-weight overcoats. They also show a fine stock of heavy overcoats and every kind of suit in demand. With them the making of clothing is on a scientific basis, as correct as it is possible to be. Since Mr. J. M. Hickey has been appointed to the position of manager, Grafton & Co.'s business in this city has increased very materially.

Future of Palestine.

[A. C. Wheeler, in Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.]

It is very remarkable how persistently a large portion of mankind insist upon regarding the future of Palestine as in some mysterious way associated with the destiny of the race. The feeling is not confined to Christians, among whom the stupendous events enacted in that country have become the groundwork of faith; it is shared in by Jews and Mohammedans, both of whom alike regard that little strip of territory that has been under the heel of the Turk so long with a vague belief that at some time, in some way, it is to be the scene of tremendous events affecting both the religious and political well-being of all peoples.

The persistency of this belief is all the more remarkable because the material interests of the nations and the conditions of Palestine do not warrant it. The country itself is a small strip of land no larger than the state of Vermont, hemmed in on one side by an almost inaccessible coast, and on the other by the Syrian desert. Denuded of its timber and made and by tyranny and neglect, it offers little temptation to the territorial greed of Europe or the vast industrial schemes of modern enterprise. And yet, notwithstanding all this, the legendary interest of the domain for three vast divisions of the human family, and the profound conviction that somehow the memorable spot lies waiting either for a new evangel or a political crisis, have so entered into the minds of men that Palestine with each succeeding year becomes more and more the Mecca of civilization and the mystery of the ages.

The population of Jerusalem is now three times what it was thirty years ago, and a large proportion of this influx has been made up of Jews and Christians, who here bring their differences with a common veneration. At the last annual meeting of the Palestine Exploring Fund in London, at which Lord Amhurst presided, the reports of this slow but steady growth occasioned considerable surprise. It was shown that in spite of the discouraging conditions of labor, and extortion generally, the Turkish tax-gatherer, there was a steady increase, not only of capital, intelligence and enterprise, but of the world's interest in the future of the country. At the same time, the independent of commercial attractiveness was slowly changing the aspect of affairs along the Jordan Valley, where colonies of Jews are now planting olive gardens and vineyards side by side with Christians who are planting chapels and schools.

This growth and restitution of the Holy Land by agencies that elsewhere have been antagonistic, presents one of the most profound phenomena of our time, for in each of the sects is the same ineradicable belief that the territory that has been buried so long under the drums and trampings of a hundred conquests is once more to put on its beautiful garments. Such a sentiment, sturdy and growing despite the world-wide pressure of the world's activities, must in any aspect of it command our reverential attention. Already Palestine is the center of a world-wide pilgrimage. Not only the Christian, but the Jew and the Mohammedan go there to muse amid its ruins, and, mayhap, if not like Kubla, who,

"Mid this tumult heard from far
Ancestral voices prophesying war,"
they may at least in the confraternity of interests be helping to realize one of the oldest prophecies of peace.

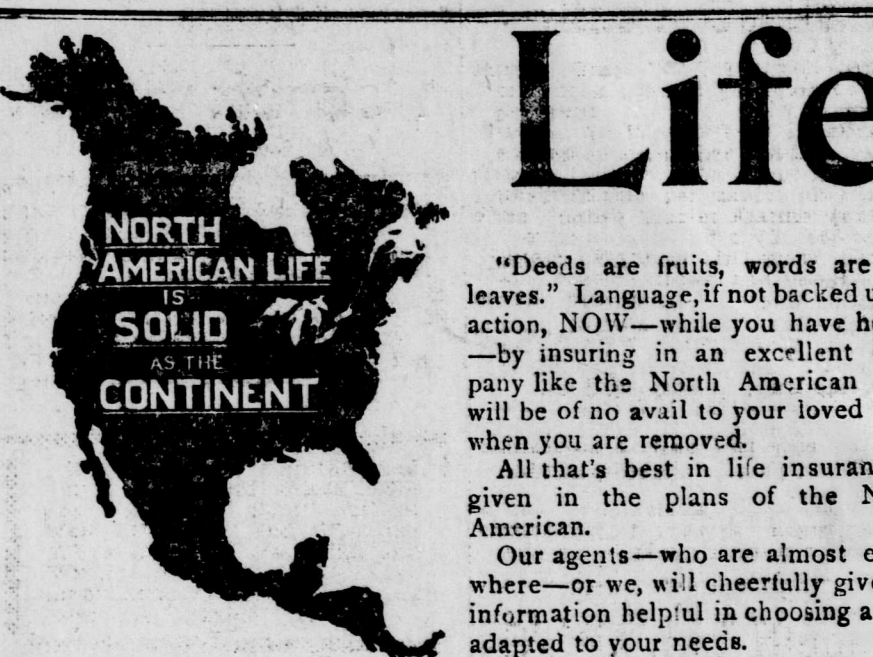
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But in backing up on the level, if a man fails to hit the curb exactly the first time, he can maneuver until he does. There are places where skill must be exercised and where a level head is called for, too. For instance, in backing up, or rather, backing down, into an excavation, on the inclined causeway left for that purpose. The excavation is begun at the rear of the lot, and the earth forming the causeway running up to the level of the street at the front, is left until the last. In the later stages of the excavating the causeway is left just wide enough at the top for the carriages or wagons to move on, and its sides slope down perceptibly. The driver who backs down on one of these narrow cellar causeways, simply must hit it right.

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