

# OFFICER FRANK O'LEARY SHOT BY DESPERATE YOUTH; HAS FIGHTING CHANCE FOR HIS LIFE

### SILLIMAN WILL INTERCEDE FOR PRES. HUERTA

U. S. Vice-consul Who Suffered at Hands of Federals Says He Will Plead for Mexican President if Later is Captured.

San Antonio, Texas, July 6.—John R. Silliman, who, while acting as United States vice consul at Saltillo, Mexico, was imprisoned by the Federal leaders to spare Huerta's life should Mexico City be taken and Huerta captured, Mr. Silliman, who is returning to Saltillo as the representative of the United States at the headquarters of General Carranza, made this statement here late today.

### 'PHONE SERVICE BETWEEN P.E.I. AND HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., July 6.—Telephonic communication with Prince Edward Island, on a commercial basis was formally inaugurated tonight when Premier Matheson from Charlottetown spoke to Sir Robert Laird Borden for about ten minutes, over the new cable which has been constructed by the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company.

### PET ALLIGATOR GETS AWAY, ALL DAY EFFORTS TO CATCH IT FAIL

St. Catharines, Ont., July 6.—The effort to catch A. J. Slough's big pet alligator, which escaped from the Imperial Garage and took refuge in the hydraulic raceway Sunday, was continued all day without any success. The alligator, which is four feet in length, swam against the swift current of the stream and floated down with the rush of water when fired. He has hidden himself entirely and little hope is entertained of catching him until the water is drawn off. In the meantime, residents along the raceway are quite alarmed, and bathing in the channel has stopped completely.

### NO STRIPES FOR "TRUSTEES", JURY SAYS

Winnipeg, July 6.—In submitting its report on government institutions visited, the assizes grand jury made the interesting suggestion that the trustees prisoners at the provincial jail in Winnipeg, who are employed around the court house doing odd jobs, should not be compelled to wear the striped garb while out of doors.

### STR. ACADIA STARTS FOR HUDSON BAY

Leaves Halifax With Men and Supplies — First Stop at Cape Chidley.

Halifax, July 6.—With Captain Anderson and a large staff of assistants from the hydrographic department at Ottawa, the survey steamer Acadia sailed today for Hudson Bay. The steamer will make her first stop at Cape Chidley, making surveys of Hudson Straits.

### NO ENGLISHMAN FOR CHIEF MAGISTRATE, IF HE CAN STOP IT, MARTIN SAYS

Indignant at English Papers, Says He Won't Allow English-speaking Candidate Get Mayor's Job.

Montreal, July 6.—Mayor Martin is indignant at the English newspapers of Montreal for their treatment of him, and he threatens to retaliate by not allowing any more long as my eyes are open, he declared today to the newspaper reporters, "I will never allow an English-speaking candidate to be mayor of Montreal. The English newspapers of Montreal have tried to put me on the street. Now I shall try to put them on the street."

### DIAMOND MERCHANT INDICTED BY GRAND JURY FOR SMUGGLING

New York, July 6.—Herman J. Dietz of New York, a diamond merchant, and his son Charles were indicted today by a federal grand jury here on eleven counts as participants in an alleged conspiracy to smuggle diamonds into the United States. Diamonds valued at from \$300,000 to \$600,000 were smuggled from Canada in 1911 and 1912, assistant United States Attorney Roger A. Warden stated tonight.

## JOHN BRAMAN IN JAIL FOR BURGLARY AND SHOOTING; ACCOMPLICE SURRENDERS

### Brave Officer Gets Bullet in Side while Seeking to Capture Man who Entered Mowatt's Drug Store — A Display of Gameness.

### HOLDS TO HIS MAN WHILE SUFFERING AGONY AND FAILING IN HIS STRENGTH

### Braman Admits Burglary Charges, and his Companion, Thomas Petrie, frightened by Shooting, gives himself up to Police — Wounded Officer in critical condition with bare chance of recovery.

### THE OFFICIAL CHARGES

The following are the charges arising from yesterday's shooting as entered on the arrest book in the Central Police Station:

"John H. Braman, age sixteen, New Brunswick. Arrested on suspicion of breaking, entering and stealing dry goods from the store of James G. Carleton, Waterloo street, on the night of the 4th inst. Also breaking, entering and stealing about \$250 from drug store of Howard J. Mowatt, 259 Waterloo street, on the night of the 4th inst. Also breaking and entering the store of W. H. Thorne, on the night of the 15th June, 1914, and stealing \$10, a number of revolvers, boxes of cartridges, and two cartridge belts. Also, Braman shooting with intent to kill, Frank E. O'Leary with a 38-calibre revolver on the 6th inst. Charge made by F. W. Jenkins, deputy chief of police."

"Thomas Petrie, aged seventeen, New Brunswick. Gave himself up to the chief of police. Said that he broke and entered Mowatt's and Carleton's store on Saturday night, and W. H. Thorne's shop Tuesday night, about three weeks ago, with John Braman. Taken off prisoner, \$1.40, eyes closed, and small book charge made by chief of police."

There was much excitement about the city yesterday when it was learned that while arresting John Braman, aged 16 years, a daring young crook, on the charge of burglary, Frank E. O'Leary, a special constable, was shot by Braman and is now at the General Public Hospital with a bare fighting chance of recovery.

The unfortunate officer is being highly praised by many people who have heard the story of the arrest for the same manner in which he performed his duty. After O'Leary had been shot at twice, one of the shots taking effect, he grappled with the desperate man with the gun, threw him to the floor, placed handcuffs on his wrists, then dragged his prisoner from a house to the street and before succumbing to injuries received, handed his prisoner over to another man.

### A Burglary Started It.

Early on last Sunday morning the drug store of Howard J. Mowatt, at 259 Waterloo street was broken into and robbed. The police were notified of the break about nine o'clock Sunday morning and officers were sent out on the case.

Frank O'Leary, formerly a member of the police force, but a couple of months ago placed on special duty by H. R. McLellan, Commissioner of Public Safety, did not receive his orders from the police department and went to work on the Mowatt robbery on his own accord. He worked on the case all day Sunday and Sunday night and secured information to lead him to suspect John Braman as the culprit.

O'Leary knew Braman resided with his father and stepmother, at 126 St. Patrick street, but he wished not only to arrest the youth, but also to recover if possible, the stolen money, amounting to about \$250, and thus clean up the two things at the one time.

### Braman Admits Guilt.

Accordingly, yesterday morning, O'Leary started out fresh after Braman, being fully satisfied that he was on the right track. About 10:30 yesterday morning he came across Braman on Charlotte street, near the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. He accosted the youth and told him he was suspected as being the person who had broken into and robbed Mowatt's store, and that if he would give up the stolen money matters might not go so hard with him. When conversed with the facts young Braman acknowledged his guilt, and said he was not alone in the robbery but that he had a companion, viz. Thomas Petrie, that he did not have all the money but that he had split the amount with Petrie.



THE WOULD-BE MURDERER.  
John Braman, Crossing the Jail Yard in Custody of Sergt. Joe Scott—Snapped by Standard Staff Photographer.

Braman could not at this time see any way of getting clear of the officer and agreed to go with him to his St. Patrick street home and give up the part of the stolen money he possessed. Accordingly he accompanied the officer along Charlotte street, down Union to Brussels, then down Richmond to St. Patrick and to his home, which is situated at 142 in a rear yard on the south side of the street. After entering the house young Braman handed over \$125 to the officer.

### The Scene of the Shooting.

The Bramans reside on the lower flat of the old two-story wooden building on the right hand side, while on the left side of the lower flat resides Edward S. Ritchie, a police constable. When Braman handed the money over to the officer, they were standing near a toilet closet in the centre of the flat.

Braman remarked to the officer, "If you attempt to arrest me, so help me God, I'll shoot you." He then entered the closet and said, "Well, here is my revolver, you might as well have it all." At the same time he drew a revolver and, as O'Leary jumped for him, pulled the trigger, O'Leary being only about three feet away. The first shot took effect in the officer's left side. As the officer grappled with his prisoner Braman managed to fire the second shot, but this one

### O'Leary's Deposition

On account of the weakened condition of O'Leary the taking of his statement was the matter of only a few minutes. His deposition was as follows:

"I am a special police officer doing duty in the city. I arrested defendant who said his name was Graham; arrested him on Charlotte street (Point to defendant who said his name is Braman). He said, 'If you arrest me, so help me God, I will shoot you.' He then shot me in the side and again fired a second shot. I had warned him that anything he might say could be used against him at his trial. I told him he was arrested for breaking into Mowatt's drug store. He said he did so, and that Thomas Petrie was with him."

(Sgd.) FRANK E. O'LEARY.

At the conclusion of the deposition Magistrate Ritchie asked Braman if he had any questions to ask and the prisoner replied that he had none.

He was then returned to the Central Police Station and locked up.

When Officer O'Leary reached the hospital he was met by Dr. Donald S. Malcolm, the superintendent. The injured man handed to Dr. Malcolm the revolver he had taken from Braman, also money amounting to \$125. O'Leary was suffering intense pain and also from the shock. As soon as his clothing had been removed it was seen that he had received a bullet wound on the left side, but there was not a great quantity of blood showing on the body. The bullet had entered between the ninth and tenth ribs.

O'Leary told the doctors that he had captured Braman on the street and had taken him home to get additional evidence. When they went in the house Braman said "I'll go in here and get something else." He went into the little room and after that he fired the pistol. O'Leary then told the doctors he grappled with Braman as he fired the second shot.

The revolver which is now in the custody of Dr. Malcolm at the hospital, is a 38 calibre five chamber gun of the Harrington and Richardson manufacture.

### The Bullet Located.

The bullet after entering between the ribs passed through the spleen, where the blood is formed, and the blood was scattered through the abdomen. The X-ray was resorted to and showed the bullet to be lodged in the middle line against the back bone. This examination was made about 12:45 o'clock, and the officer was conscious all the time until given an anaesthetic. After the examination had been made, and everything possible done to stop the bleeding,

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### MAY INSPECT ROAD BEFORE RESUMING PROBE

Royal Commission May Go Over Railway Before July 15 — One Witness Carvell May Not Call.

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, July 6.—The members of the Royal Commission who have been conducting the enquiry into the Dugal charges may have an inspection of the St. John Valley Railway July 15th. The sittings are resumed on July 15th. Judge Wells is anxious to have the other commissioners improve the time during the interim by making the inspection with the idea of getting evidence till the evidence is all in. Judge Wells, however, feels that after having made their inspection, the commissioners would have a better grasp of the situation in hearing the balance of the evidence.

F. B. Carvell and the promoters of the Transcontinental Railway, employed in going over the Valley Railway with the idea of getting evidence to help along Mr. Carvell's campaign to cheapen the road. It is said, however, that the engineer's reports have been so favorable to the road and have shown it to be of such a good class of construction that he will not be called as a witness by Mr. Carvell after all.

### ENGLISHMAN RELEASED BY THE REBELS

Taken Prisoner by Constitutional Authorities at the Charge of Aiding the Federal Army at Zacatecas.

El Paso, Texas, July 6.—George St. Clair Douglas, the British subject held by Constitutional authorities at Zacatecas, was released today. His detention had been the subject of representations to Carranza and Villa agents here by H. C. Miles, British vice-consul. Theodore Hamm, American consul at Durango, who investigated the case, left here today to return to his post and report on the Zacatecas case.

The charge that Douglas assisted the Federals at Zacatecas has been withdrawn, according to a telegram today from the Constitutional government of Zacatecas state, in which he said Douglas had been found not guilty before a court martial.

### NEARLY HALF MILLION RATS IN NEW ORLEANS

Public Health Authority Says it Will Take Half Year to Exterminate Rodents.

New Orleans, La., July 6.—There is no human plague epidemic in New Orleans, said Dr. Blue, surgeon-general of the Public Health Service, today, "and we must seek to remove the only means to such an epidemic—the bubonic plague among rats."

Dr. Blue estimated the number of rats in New Orleans at 400,000. To exterminate these a minimum of six months will be required. A wholesale trapping campaign will be instituted within the next few days.

Washington, July 6.—Surgeon-general Blue of the Public Health Service of New Orleans today advised the Treasury Department that the bubonic plague situation in New Orleans does not justify the quarantine imposed by Costa Rica and Honduras and that commerce may be resumed immediately with perfect safety.

### INQUIRING INTO THE SINKING OF DREDGE

St. Catharines, Ont., July 6.—Following the finding of the body of William H. Burt, of Dalhousie, in Lake Ontario, near Port Dalhousie, on Sunday, an inquiry was opened this morning to investigate the circumstances surrounding the sinking three weeks ago of the dredge Delver, upon which Burt was employed and off which he was lost, although thirteen other members of the crew were saved. The inquiry will be continued tomorrow night.

### OPEN GRAVE AND STEAL HEAD FROM WOMAN'S BODY

Skull Found in Field Near Cemetery — Believe Deed Was Prompted by Spite.

Welland, Ont., July 6.—The grave of Mrs. Barnes, who died eighteen months ago at Alanburg, was found to have been disturbed some time ago, and on Saturday a skull, believed to belong to her body, was raised up with the hay in a field adjoining the cemetery. Investigation showed that only the head was missing from the body in the grave. The motive is believed to be spite.

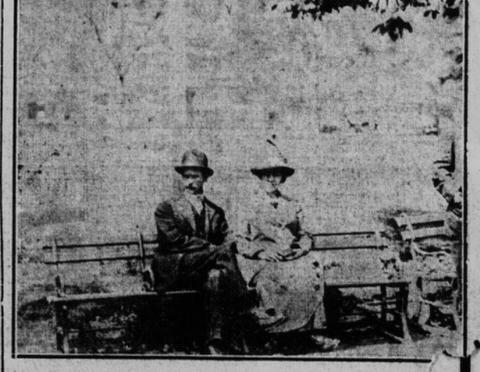
County Crown Attorney Cooper has been asked to investigate the case.

### BRITISH BUSINESS MEN ARRANGE FOR EXHIBIT AT PANAMA SHOW

Washington, July 6.—Secretary Bryan had a conference today with W. A. M. Goode, of London, secretary of the commission in charge of the British Art Industrial exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Mr. Goode has just returned from San Francisco, where plans are under way for an extension building, which British business interests arranged to provide when their government declined to participate in the fair.

Secretary Bryan expressed great interest in the work of the committees in England and at San Francisco, directing plans for the exhibit.

## Braman's Father and Step-Mother



After Their Son's Arrest Yesterday They Walked to King Square They Were Photographed by Standard Staff Photographer.

## The Scene of the Shooting



Braman's Home at 142 St. Patrick Street—Picture by Standard Staff Photographer.