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CONFESSION SAVES FROM THE GALLOWS

Man Convicted by Circumstantial Evidence.

Another Proof of the Worthlessness of This Kind of Evidence—Condemned Man Believed by All to be Guilty.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 26.—The solving of the mystery surrounding the murder of James Garrett, a stockman whose ranch was in the northwestern portion of the state, by the confession of Otto Erickson, aged nineteen, who admitted that he committed the crime, with two brothers, aged twenty-one and fourteen, again shows the worthlessness of circumstantial evidence. Gus Matson, a stockman, who lived near Garrett's ranch, was arrested soon after the disappearance of Garrett, several weeks ago, on the charge of having murdered and hidden the body of the man. Everything appeared for a time to point to Matson as the murderer of his friend and former partner.

Matson when first arrested admitted that Garrett had been at his ranch a short time before his disappearance and that they drank together. From this and the discovery of a trail leading across the prairie from a point within a few miles of Matson's home and giving evidence that it had been made by the dragging of a body along the ground, many believed that Matson was responsible for the disappearance of Garrett.

But for the confession of Erickson the state would have been able to present a strong chain of circumstantial evidence against Matson. Another circumstance which would have strengthened the case against him was the agitation shown by him when informed in his cell that the body of Garrett had been found after a systematic search lasting many days. When told of the finding of the body Matson exclaimed: "My God! you can kill me now, but I am innocent."

His agitation was thought to be evidence of a guilty conscience, but it is now apparent that Matson realized the position he was in and that the innocent might be unable to establish his innocence had the case come to trial.

So firm was the belief in his guilt and so bitter the feeling against him, that stockmen who were engaged in the search for Garrett's body proclaimed their intention of taking Matson from jail.

Now that Erickson has confessed having committed the murder, Matson is again a free man and stands vindicated before his friends and acquaintances.

Otto Erickson, the confessed murderer, was employed several years ago by the Homestead Mining Company as a tool packer and left their employ to go on a ranch with his brother.

MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS.

Russian Public Sympathy With Red Cross Cross Movement is Loosening Ground—Will be a Refrain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Herald dated December 26, says: Owing to the wholesale misappropriation of Red Cross funds and material which has entirely estranged public sympathy, no one will subscribe to the fund. It is announced officially that a complete re-organization will be made. At the same time a loud outcry has been raised against the commissary department for having culpably failed in its duties. Since Prince Khilkoff has returned the trans-Siberian railroad has been most erratic, causing much trouble. The accumulated stores have been consumed and now the army is depending on what the railroad brings.

The cold is causing intense suffering. WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL. THE HAGUE, Dec. 27.—The report that Holland will place Sebong (in the Straits Settlements, twenty miles north of Malacca) at the disposal of the Russian second Pacific squadron as reported from Tokio in a despatch to the London Times, is devoid of foundation. It is learned in official quarters that Holland will observe the same strict neutrality in her colonies as at home, and that neither Sebong nor any other points in the Dutch East Indies will be placed either directly or indirectly at the disposal of the belligerents.

RUSSIANS PLEASED.

MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—At a meeting of the Moscow Zemstvo today in the presence of a great audience resolutions of confidence and congratulation were passed on the appointment of Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky as minister of the interior and at the prospect of closer relations and mutual confidence between the government and the people. The Zemstvo then voted \$10,000 for the construction of school houses for the satisfaction of the people. It is reported that Chief of Police Troppoff, who took an active part in the suppression of the recent student demonstration is about to be sent to the front.

It was announced from St. Petersburg yesterday that the social revolutionary party in Moscow before the demonstration of December 18 and 19 practically passed a warning condemning to death Grand Duke Sergius, governor of Moscow and Chief of Police Troppoff, regarding those demonstrations there should be a recurrence of the police brutality which was witnessed in St. Petersburg.

LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS FORCED TO THE WALL.

Promise That Next Year the Law Will Be Carried Out and Mr. Perkins Withdraws His Charge Against Them.

The inquiry instituted by Eben Perkins, against Liquor License Commissioners Blaine, Coll and Linton, for alleged failure to enforce the law, is a thing of the past.

At the appointed time this morning the inquiry opened and progressed to a point where the counsel of the commissioners promised in their behalf that hereafter the law would be strictly enforced, and then upon Mr. Perkins accepting these promises as a realization of his object in forcing the inquiry the matter closed.

To the average onlooker—and there were many—it seemed strange that the Liquor License Commission should be on trial, as it has customarily been the reverse of any statements bearing upon charges preferred was in the witness box. Mr. Perkins intended to lay six charges, but for the purpose of expediting the case selected the instance of Wm. J. Savage, Main street, to whom more than one extension is said to have been granted.

John B. Jones, the liquor license inspector, was called by Mr. Perkins as the first witness. Mr. Perkins proceeded to examine him. He testified that he acted as secretary to the board of commissioners and kept minutes of the board's meetings. In response to a question he was asked by Section II, of the act, which provided that before an extension is issued the inspector shall report the applicant as fit and proper person. Applying this to Savage's case, Mr. Perkins asked the witness if an extension had not been granted?

Mr. Trueman here interposed, saying that as the witness was speaking of documents the best evidence would be the documents themselves, and asked that they be produced. Mr. Jones did not have them with him, but was willing to produce them. Mr. Trueman agreed, however, that the case should go on and the witness taking up his former story, he testified that in response to a question from Mr. Perkins: "July 27th—The commission, on mo-

IS GETTING WARM.

The Claim of the Sussex Team to a Place in the Hockey League is Exciting

A letter appears in another column, signed this morning's Sun, signed by Mr. McKenna, editor of the Sussex Record, in which he quotes various statements made by the Fredericton Gleaner against the St. John hockey teams, with regard to their attitude in the matter of selling teams for the hockey league. Concerning the article in the Gleaner to which Mr. McKenna refers, the representative of the hockey teams claim that this and other articles of the same nature appearing in the Gleaner were allowed to go uncorrected, because they considered the writer irresponsible, and that the editor at this time of the year is probably so engrossed in his paper, otherwise they feel certain that many of these pipe-dreams in the matter. The only stipulation he had made at all was that the hockey teams should sell \$150 worth of season tickets.

Mr. McKenna calls for an explanation of the move of the St. John teams against Sussex. These teams claim they made no move against Sussex. It was simply a matter of choosing between Sussex and Moncton, since the league had decided to take in only five teams this season. In the first place they knew it for a fact that the Moncton team could not put up a better team than Sussex, which they consider in itself a sufficient reason for rejecting Sussex and accepting Moncton. They do not say that Sussex can't play hockey, but they say most decidedly that they have given no proof of the fact that they were such as to make them eligible for the hockey league. Again, Moncton has a larger and more convenient rink for hockey.

As a third reason, and one in which all the members of the two St. John

teams concur in opinion, they state openly that they have had better treatment at the hands of the Moncton team than they received from Sussex. They claim also to have been considerably interfered with in games played at Sussex by over-enthusiastic spectators. This they attribute however partly to the fact that it is a small town and the citizens did not fully understand the rules of such games. The Monctons do not mind the matter, as they came from them at the league meeting to select Moncton in preference to Sussex, but nevertheless the vote was unanimous in the league.

Some of the members of the city teams intimate that if Mr. McKenna and Mr. McKenna expected to favor their team, or a re-consideration of their application by the league they showed very little diplomacy in the way they went about it to accomplish their ends.

CU.P FOR AUXILIARY YACHTS. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Commander Hebbingshaus, naval attaché of the German embassy, received a telegram Saturday from Emperor William announcing that he had decided to offer another cup for a race from Dover to Heligoland for the auxiliary yachts in the ocean cup race.

The Kaiser has decided that the Americans entered in the ocean race should not bring their auxiliary yachts across for nothing, and consequently, has arranged this race for them, and will give a valuable cup as a prize.

The race will be arranged by the Imperial Yacht Club at Kiel. Commander Hebbingshaus states he has also received from the Imperial Yacht Club a message announcing the appointment of the two sub-committees for the start and the finish of the ocean cup race. The committee for the start on the American side consists of Allison W. Armon, of New York; L. F. Robinson, Newport, and Commander Hebbingshaus. The committee appointed for the finish in England are Lord Londale, Sir B. Birbeck and Captain Cooper. Naval Attaché of the German Embassy in London.

Penelope—"Well, after all, I believe the less one knows, the happier one is."

Gervase—"That is a comfortable philosophy. You must be very happy."

LIVELY CHRISTMAS IN SOUTHERN STATES

Negroes Shot Down While Worshipping.

And a Bloody Fight at a Christmas Tree Entertainment One Man Instantly Killed.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—A Christmas tree entertainment at a church in Nolan, a small town north of here, Christmas night, was brought to a sudden close by a bloody fight in which one man was instantly killed and two seriously wounded. The dead, Everett Thompson; the injured, Nimrod Thompson, Mike Duncan. Nearly one hundred people of the little town had gathered at the church where a Christmas tree with the annual treat for the children had been arranged. There was drinking by some of the audience and Everett Thompson is said to have become so intoxicated that he was noisy. Duncan went to where Thompson was sitting and requested him to keep better order. Thompson drew a knife and stabbed Duncan in the breast. Duncan fell bleeding to the floor of the church, but succeeded in pulling a revolver and fired point blank at Thompson, killing him instantly. Nimrod Thompson, seeing what had happened to his son, rushed toward Duncan, when the latter raised the revolver a second time, and shot the father in the temple. No hope is entertained for his recovery.

NANDEVILLE, Ala., Dec. 26.—While a negro congregation was holding a Christmas celebration in a church at Stouss Mountain, a mining camp near here, a volley of shots were fired into the church from the outside. Rev. Mr. Clay, the pastor, was shot through the hips and will die. Two other men were probably fatally wounded. The other negroes hurried out of the building and ran in every direction. Later the dead body of Henry Jett, a white miner, was found near the church with a revolver lying near by. It is supposed he was a member of the shooting party and was accidentally killed by one of his companions. John Jett, a brother of the dead man, and Ted Blacketer, both white miners have been arrested.

PAYS \$1,000 TO SEE SON.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Lewis Sherry, a well known restaurateur of New York, is at Saranac Lake, with his wife, where they will spend Christmas at the bedside of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherry received word yesterday that their son was seriously ill and that he probably would die at any moment. There was no regular train that would bring them to Saranac Lake, so a special train was engaged of the New York Central Railroad at an expense of about \$1,000.

A Pullman car for the use of Mr. and Mrs. Sherry and the latter's maid was obtained, and within an hour after the news of the condition of their son was received in New York the train was speeding on its way to Utica on the schedule time of the twentieth century limited.

The train arrived in Utica about three o'clock. Three extra cars were attached to balance the train and permit of fast running. Engines were changed here in two minutes, and early last night the train arrived at Saranac Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Sherry found their son improved and ordered the special train to return, saying they would remain with their son until after the holidays.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts — Winds increasing to gales from east and south; sleet or rain tonight and Wednesday. Synopsis — A storm of great energy is moving across the middle states and heavy gales are probable all along the Atlantic coast. Highest temperature during past 24 hours, 18. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 4. Temperature at noon, 18.

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