

the desk, and snatching a package of five thousand dollars, succeeded in getting away, after which Papes concluded his business and left.

He had not departed many minutes when a cripple entered the office upon an errand of the same nature, having some money to exchange. This cripple, being of a petulant disposition, exhibited a wonderful degree of pertinacity in claiming every cent that could be demanded, and spent a goodly time in disputing for what he asserted to be his rights. Immediately after the departure of the irritable cripple the money was missed, and he was instantly suspected of the theft. He had not gone many steps from the door when he was arrested and searched, but nothing of suspicious character being found upon him, and giving a very creditable account of himself, he was discharged, his amiability by no means increased by his communication with the police.

The authorities then began to suspect that Papes knew something of the affair, and this coming to the ears of that gentleman he determined to leave the town. Dividing the money between his confederates, he and a companion, Johnny Cook by name, arranged with "Old Jack Connolly," the father of his wife, and whose hands were entirely clear of this transaction, that they two would go to a small station about twelve miles up the road, while Connolly was to leave Montreal by the train and look out for the officers, and should any of them be upon the train to signal to the two others, who being thus warned, would not take passage thereon. Unfortunately for the success of this enterprise, the watcher yielded to a prevailing weakness of his and drank himself stupidly drunk, and when the train arrived at the appointed place failed to put in an appearance. Papes and Cook therefore, seeing no warning signal from the approaching train, and imagining that everything was perfectly safe, fearlessly entered the cars and were immediately pounced upon by the detectives. They were returned to Montreal, and after due trial were condemned to five years' imprisonment at Kingston.

The hitherto-successful thief found that existence at Kingston was anything else but pleasant, particularly so at this place, where American prisoners were treated with unusual harshness. He therefore determined to escape, and succeeded