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### MANY HARDSHIPS

**Encountered by Exploring Party Cutting a Trail Through From Yukon.**  
SEATTLE, Wn., Jan. 30.—After undergoing severe hardships and overcoming many obstacles, the members of the Trans-Alaska Company exploration party, have succeeded in cutting their way through from Yukon to Illiamna Lake and establishing a trail, which, it is claimed, will mark a new era commercially so far as Nome and contiguous region is concerned. In addition to establishing a horse trail with road houses thirty miles apart, making a safe route in the winter for travellers, mail and freight, the party secured a good deal of information in regard to the country traversed, which will render necessary material alterations in the maps.

### EXCESSIVE PRICES

**Were Paid For Horses, For the British Government, in Hungary.**  
LONDON, Jan. 30.—The report of the parliamentary committee appointed to investigate the charges of bribery and corruption made by Sir John E. L. Maple (conservative), against the British officers who purchased army horses in Austria-Hungary, censures Sir John for unjustifiable attacks on the integrity of the officers. At the same time however, the committee finds that an excessive price was paid, whereby horse dealers were enabled to divide a profit of about £15 in the case of each horse on animals which cost the contractors only £12 to £17. The committee also expresses surprise at the fact that the government remount department took no steps to ascertain the best sources of supply in Hungary until the South African war had been in progress for six months, thereby involving the country in a loss of £12,000.

### ACCIDENT IN SNOW STORM.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The Jersey Central railway ferry boat Central was run into by a railroad tug in the North river during the snow storm. There were 500 persons on the ferryboat, of whom about 100 were women. The Central foundered in the North river, and was being towed slowly across the river to the New York side. When about a quarter of a mile from her slip at Cunimulpan, one of the heavy tugs of the B. & O. having in tow a float containing a dozen loaded freight cars, crashed into the Central below the paddle wheel on the woman's cabin side of the vessel. Before the Central could reverse her power, the tug had forged its way through the light woodwork that covers the ladies' cabin and the women inside were panic-stricken. Their shrieks, combined with the cracking sound of the breaking timbers quickly brought a number of the men passengers over to their side of the boat, careening the craft to a dangerous point. The Central's running gear was not damaged, however, and she proceeded to her New York slip. No one was badly injured.

### A BAD MOVE.

CALLIPOLIS, Ohio, Jan. 29.—Two burglars and crackmen are dead. Deputy Sheriff W. S. Manning is seriously wounded and Marshal Peter Fintzenwald, of Athens, is perhaps mortally wounded as the result of an attempt to rob Mrs. Mary Priest, an aged and wealthy widow of this city tonight. The plans of the robbers had been revealed to the officers, who came here today and with local officers prepared to frustrate them. The officers lay in wait at the house and upon the appearance of the robbers a battle ensued in which both were killed and the officers named were wounded.

### GLAD SHE'S NO NEARER.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 29.—Fifteen hundred cases, or 75,000 pounds of dynamite forms a part of the cargo in the hold of the Norwegian steambship Dagtry, that is ashore near Gull Shoals Life Saving Station off the Carolina coast. Heavy railroad iron composes the balance of the cargo. At last reports the ship was listing heavily to starboard and was being beaten unmercifully by the waves. If the railroad iron and dynamite got together an explosion of terrible force is looked for.

### STRATHCONA DECLINES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Lord Strathcona, lord rector of Aberdeen University, has intimated, according to the London correspondent of the Tribune, that the condition of his health and inability to devote attention to the duties of the position, compel him to decline re-election to that position. Lord Rosebery will be invited to stand as lord rector in succession to Lord Strathcona.

### QUEBEC MAN DEAD.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 29.—Hon. Moody Brook Lovell, a member of the parliament of Quebec, died here this evening. He was visiting relatives when taken ill and had been sick for some time. His age was 48. The remains will be sent to Coaticook where Mr. Lovell made his home.

### KING CHARLES'S STATUE.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The statue of King Charles I. at Charing Cross, was decorated with wreaths in the customary manner today. The most noticeable wreath which was sent from Edinburgh, was inscribed "Sacred to the memory of King Charles the First, beheaded by his rebellious subjects, at Whitehall, Jan. 30, 1649."

### BROKE JAIL.

**Two Brothers Convicted of Murder Escape.**  
They Were to Have Been Executed in February—A Bold Dash Gave Them Liberty.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 30.—Edward and John Biddle, awaiting execution in the jail for the murder of grocer Thomas D. Kahney, of Mount Washington, overpowered the guards at four o'clock this morning and escaped. Both prisoners had been provided with saws, with which they cut the bars in their cells and were ready at any moment to make an opening sufficiently large to pass through. The prisoners occupied adjoining cells in second range. They had evidently been preparing for escape for some time, and had assistants from the outside, as both were armed with revolvers.

Shortly before four o'clock one of the Biddles called to James McGeary, who had charge of the outside gates, and asked for some cramp medicine in a hurry, saying his brother was dangerously sick. McGeary hastened to the cell with the medicine, when John Biddle sprang through the opening in the cell, and, seizing the guard around the waist, hurled him over the railing to the stone floor beneath, a distance of 16 feet. Edward Biddle joined his brother immediately and both, with drawn revolvers, hurried to the first floor, where they met Guard Reynolds and shot him.

There were but three men on duty, and the third was on the upper range. He was ordered down at the point of the revolvers, and the three guards were put in the dungeon. The keys were taken from Keeper McGeary and the three desperate prisoners had a clear field. The only persons who witnessed the escape were prisoners who could not interfere or give an alarm. The Biddles went to the wardrobe, where the guards kept their clothing, and each put on a new suit. They then unlocked the outside gates and passed out into the street.

The escape was not discovered until the daylight guards came on duty at six o'clock. They were informed by prisoners where the night guards had been put, and they were soon released from the dungeon and sent to the hospital.

For several months preceding the Kahney murder, daring burglaries were of almost nightly occurrence. The police seemed powerless to prevent them. On the morning of April 12 last, Mrs. Kahney was awakened by burglars and fled to her husband, a cripple, who was sleeping in an adjoining room with one of his children. As he entered the door of his wife's room he was shot dead. The burglars then fled. A few hours later Detective Patrick Fitzgerald and two officers surprised the Biddle brothers at their home, but before they were captured Fitzgerald was killed and Edward Biddle, who shot him, was dangerously wounded. Walter Dorman, another of the gang, and two women, Jessie Bodine and Jennie Zebers, were also arrested. Dorman turned states evidence and the two Biddles were convicted of Kahney's murder, and sentenced to be hanged, John on the 4th of this month, and Edward on the 16th, but three days before the date set for John's execution they were released until February 25th and 27th by Governor Stone, so that their cases could go before the pardon board at its coming meeting. Dorman is still in jail awaiting sentence. The women were released. The entire detective force is at work on the case, but up to ten o'clock there was no clue to the men.

### NO BACK TALK.

Allowed by Judge Forbes—Interesting Scene in the Merritt Case.

A sudden adjournment in the examination of Merritt Bros. affairs came about this morning by a clash between Judge Forbes and A. H. Hanington, C. C., an examining counsel. There was not only a clash of the ordinary kind, but a conflict of authority between the judge and the lawyer, and it terminated, at least for today, by his honor suddenly announcing that the court was adjourned until tomorrow.

Today's session was commenced in the office of Merritt Bros., where G. Wetmore Merritt was under examination by Mr. Hanington, who represents the Acadia Sugar Refining Co. Mr. Merritt was being questioned relative to shares in a vessel which he presented to his wife in 1888, at the time of their marriage. The witness gave an account of the net proceeds from the property, which was managed by R. C. Elkin. Mr. Hanington intimating that the account was not correct was reprimanded by Judge Forbes, who said: "Mr. Hanington, you must not contradict the witness."

The counsel maintained he had the right of contradiction when an error was palpable in evidence, but the judge again denied the right, adding that he didn't propose to take back talk from the lawyer. The proceedings created a bubble of excitement at this stage, and there seemed to be a doubt existing as to who was in charge of the court.

When the judge proclaimed that he would learn who was in charge of the court, Mr. Hanington kept on insisting, but for what, it was difficult to determine, but he was maintaining some right when Judge Forbes said, "Well, you won't, for I adjourn this court until tomorrow at 10 o'clock in chambers." The incident ended there.

Mrs. Stubb—But, John, how do you know that Welsh rabbit is going to disagree with you? Mr. Stubb (sadly)—I have inside information.—Chicago News.

### CAPE BRETON.

**Dr. Adam R. Bailey Arrested on a Charge of Murder.**

(Special to Star.)  
SYDNEY, Jan. 30.—The preliminary examination of Dr. Adam R. Bailey, now under arrest at North Sydney, on a charge of murder, begins today before Magistrate Archibald. Hon. A. B. Morine, K. C. of St. John's, Nfld., will watch the proceedings in the interests of Pridau, who is being brought from St. John's charged with complicity in the crime. Pridau, it is understood, confessed at Port au Basque that he seduced the girl, who died as a result of mal-practice, and sent her to Sydney to be operated upon. Bailey was arrested twice, the last time on a charge of murder, the first being on mal-practice. The trial will likely be held at North Sydney. Pridau has been purser on the steamer Bruce. Dr. Bailey has been at North Sydney practicing medicine for several years without a license.

### SOUTH AFRICA.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—A letter has been received by former congressman John F. Fitzgerald from S. Seward Toddings of Hamilton, Bermuda, replying to inquiries made relative to the reports of ill-treatment of Boer prisoners there, and in particular as to the condition of James Malloy, a Boston boy, also a prisoner. The letter says that Malloy is in excellent health and is growing stout, although restive under restraint. In respect to the other prisoners, the letter says they have far better treatment than is usually accorded to prisoners of war, and that in rations they are better served than are the soldiers who guard them.

TORONTO, Jan. 29.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: "Canadian scouts with Colonel Rennington when near Lier River chased a number of carts which were seen leaving a farm. They discontinued chasing owing to the enemy becoming too numerous for their safety. It was subsequently learned that the carts contained Christian DeWet and his retinue."

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The Hague correspondent of the Daily Mail says that he is able to announce on authority that the Dutch note to Great Britain, after rehearsing the earnest concern of that government over the prolongation of hostilities in South Africa, offers its good offices in bringing them to a close. To this end Holland asked whether Great Britain would be willing to permit a Dutch commission to proceed to South Africa, to enlighten the Boer leaders in the field as to the real position of affairs.

The truth appears to be that Dr. Kruper, the Dutch premier, despairing because of the negative attitude of Dr. Leyds, the European representative of the Transvaal, and his party, who maintained that their credentials only permitted negotiations on the basis of the retention of Boer independence, decided to appeal to the fighting burghers. This explains the wish of the Boer delegates to Europe to disassociate themselves from the action taken by Holland.

### AMERICANS BENEATH ENGLISHMEN

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking in support of a resolution protesting against the legalization of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, drew a comparison between English and American methods of the Tribune. He denied that the moral law is as much observed in America as it is in England; divorce is regarded there than here, and he regarded the prevalence of divorce as a certain sign that the moral line of life has been lowered. Americans, he argued, were distinctly beneath Englishmen in that respect.

### WON SUIT AGAINST DEAD MAN.

ONAWA, Iowa, Jan. 30.—Mary Christiansen has secured a verdict for \$6,000 in her breach of promise suit against a dead man. She sued the estate of Frank Crum, who died last summer, for \$7,000, claiming he had proposed the date of their marriage and finally died before the new date of their wedding her. It was proved conclusively that he intended to marry her, and the suit was begun as the best legal way to recover a portion of the property left by him.

### PARKER ON LABOR QUESTIONS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Gilbert Parker, the English author and member of parliament, said, before sailing for home on the St. Paul: "One of the objects of my visit here was to look into the labor question for parliament. In my opinion the American workmen are more enterprising than the English. The American workman welcomes machinery, while the English workman has not come up to that yet."

### WILL GIVE A PREFERENCE.

WELLINGTON, N. Y., Jan. 30.—The premier, R. J. Seddon, announced today that the government of New Zealand was prepared to give preferential treatment, in the shape of rebate duty, to British goods carried on British ships.

### THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—Maritime—Moderate to fresh west to north winds, generally fair and cold. Light snow falls along the Nova Scotia coast tonight; Friday, still cold.

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