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## THE CASE AGAINST DR. CRIPPEN.

The world, which has been waiting breathlessly for news of the arrest of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, who is charged with the murder in London of a woman still unidentified, but believed to be his wife, and known on the vaudeville stage as Belle Elmore, will give a sigh of relief this morning on learning that the long arm of the law, reaching across the Atlantic, has captured the fugitive.

From the fact that a search of Dr. Crippen's house at Hilldrop Crescent revealed portions of the remains of a body in the cellar, and his subsequent disappearance with Miss Ethel Le Nove, who was formerly his stenographer, in conjunction with other suspicious circumstances, the impression is implanted in the public mind that he is guilty of a cold-blooded murder. At this stage it is not wise to say more than that. The question of proof in this case is a difficult problem for Scotland Yard to solve.

It is by no means certain how the English police authorities will proceed against Dr. Crippen now they have caught him. The body, portions of which were exhumed from the cellar, had been dissected and mutilated. It was not possible to identify it as Belle Elmore's. It was just barely possible to make certain that it was the corpse of a woman. Belle Elmore has disappeared, but it is the uniform practice in England in cases of homicide to require direct proof that the person alleged to have been killed is actually dead. It may be of interest to quote the origin of this rule which is contained in Sir Matthew Hale's Pleas of the Crown, a classic in the criminal law of England:—

"I would never convict any person of murder or manslaughter unless the fact were proved to be done, or at least the body found dead, for the sake of two cases, one mentioned in my Lord Coke's Pleas of the Crown, a Warwickshire case; another that happened in my remembrance in Staffordshire, where a woman was long missing and upon strong presumptions it was supposed to have murdered him and to have consumed him to ashes in an oven, that he should not be found, whereupon B was indicted of murder and convicted and executed, and within one year after, A returned, being indeed sent beyond sea by B against his will, and so, though B justly deserved death for kidnapping, (which was then a capital offence) yet he was really not guilty of that offence for which he suffered."

The fact of the killing is known to lawyers as the corpus delicti or the body of the crime. In England the rule that the corpus delicti must be directly proved is of discretionary caution for the guidance of the courts rather than a positive command of the law. In a noteworthy case, where a conviction of larceny came up for review, the English judges refused to apply the doctrine, declaring that Lord Hale had laid it down only as a caution in cases of murder. These considerations indicate that a positive identification of the remains of his alleged victim will be essential to make out a case of murder against Dr. Crippen.

Few tragedies have excited more universal horror in England and that this should be so is not surprising judging by the revelations which marked the opening of the inquest on the poor remnants of a human body which is believed to be that of the late Mrs. Crippen. The Hilldrop Crescent tragedy is, in many of its features, unlike any other famous crime.

## ADDING TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

In the course of a recent speech in parliament, Mr. Lloyd-George added one more to the number of words in the English language by turning the common noun "budget" into a verb. "I have budgeted," he said, "exactly the same figure this year as last."

The Liberal Chancellor of the Exchequer introduced his verbal time saver at the wrong moment, for the question of the preservation of the purity of the language is much to the fore just now in England. Steps have been taken for the election of an academic body of forty literary "Immortals," one of whose functions it shall be to watch over the purity of the English tongue. No wonder, then, that, pending the organization of this linguistic board of guardians, an individual worshipper of English undefiled has attacked Mr. Lloyd-George, not for his budget, but for his "budgeting." To be sure, admits this critic, Shakespeare spoke of the wind that "bath ruffian'd so upon the sea," but he maintains that what an inspired poet may do in writing poetry a financier may not do in speaking, or writing, of his own speciality, least of all a Chancellor of the Exchequer addressing parliament.

Men of affairs, scientists, workers in all the professions and trades long ago began to twist the language according to their needs, without the slightest respect for its purity and the dignity of its literary traditions. Mr. Lloyd-George, having decided that the most important function of his office is best expressed by the verb "to budget," has had the courage of his conviction.

Another noun of current British political affairs appears to be predestined to be turned to a similar use. No verb now in existence in the language can possibly express the full meaning of "to subrogate," which, by the way, will be a transitive verb with a vengeance. Finally, it should not be forgotten that the literary shop itself, the bulwark of the language, has its highly reprehensible lingo. There is the verb "to blue-pencil," for instance. It is currently applied not only to the manuscript but, by elision, to the man who wrote it.

## A WELL MERITED REBUKE.

It is satisfactory to note that the Telegraph, after persistently endeavoring to misrepresent the position of the Public Utilities Commission with regard to complaints which may be brought before it, is at length showing some glimmerings of common sense. Referring to the meeting of the Board of Trade last Friday, at which a resolution was passed without discussion to appoint a committee of three and to provide \$100 to follow up the complaint against the New Brunswick Telephone Company, the Telegraph remarks:—"This is quite as it should be—so far as it goes. It settles nothing except this: that the telephone company does not control the Board of Trade. That is something. The sum voted for expense is small, but the principle established is important."

So far from not settling anything, this decision of the Board of Trade finally disposes of the contention of the Telegraph that the Public Utilities Commission, without any regard for legal procedure, is bound to start investigating the affairs of "any public corporation of its own volition. From the point of view of the Telegraph "the principle established is important," no doubt, as it leaves the organ of the local opposition without a leg to stand upon; but, from the point of view of members of the Board of Trade and the public in general, the action taken is the result of a common sense interpretation of the act. The commissioners, as has been frequently stated, are prepared to investigate any specific complaint by an individual or a group of persons, and supported by them as in a court of law. And further, if made in good faith, it is generally understood, they will not require any security for costs.

In a previous issue commenting upon the telephone committee having forwarded a copy of its report to the commission, the Telegraph had this to say:—"There seems to be no doubt that this information was sent and was formally placed before the utility commissioners but because no individual appeared in support of it, and because the complainants were not represented by counsel and had not expressed their willingness to follow up the matter to its conclusion, however long that might require, the whole matter seems to have been dropped. In the light of these events it would be of interest to know what Mr. Hazen and Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Wilson think of the Public Utilities Act and its effect upon the relations existing between the public and the public utility corporations of the province."

On the first opportunity the members of the Board of Trade, representing the business interests of the city, by appointing a committee and voting \$100 as the nucleus of a fund to further the end in view, have supplied the Telegraph with the information it professed itself so anxious to secure. The board recognized without any explanation or discussion that the Public Utilities Commission is a court of law, prepared to right any wrong which may exist if complaints are laid before it by the ordinary methods of legal procedure. That this decision was unanimous is a well merited rebuke to the Telegraph and its persistent efforts to make political capital out of the actions of an impartial tribunal which is removed from the sphere of party politics.

## A CITY WIDE AWAKE.

This is the day of the booster, says the London Free Press, the era of municipal advertising. What business men have realized for a generation has at last been taken up municipally and the city, town or village that has not its official publicity agent is apt to feel that it is getting behind in the race. Even the big cities of the United States, whose growth seems to be as inevitable and rapid as a snowball rolling down a hillside, do not leave the advertising effort to the smaller places that contribute so much to their growth. Chicago is an example of this. The second largest city in the United States is opening special new campaigns, not only to increase population but to increase business.

For the first of these objects a club has been formed with the aim of at once increasing the city's population to three million people. This is to be accomplished by annexing every suburb within a radius of one hundred miles of the city hall. The second aim, that of giving a big boost, is to be carried into effect by transforming the whole city into a big exposition, throwing it open for a week and inviting the whole world to come and see. August 15-20 is the date, and during this week Chicago and everything within it will be on exhibition. Visitors from the territory of which Chicago is the centre are to be impressed with its importance as a producing, consuming and distributing centre. Manufacturers, merchants, salesmen, employees, all will have a part in making their city better known, and back of it all is that great organization the Chicago Chamber of Commerce.

It is bound to work out for Chicago's benefit, and in it there is an example of a city wide-awake that recommends itself to all other cities that have aspirations to be bigger and busier.

## CURRENT COMMENT

(Canada, London, England.)

The provincial government of New Brunswick is to be congratulated upon having entered upon a more active campaign to advertise the resources of that area of Eastern Canada by opening offices in close touch with one of London's leading thoroughfares. The "boom" in things Canadian has come to stay, and the information required is most appreciated when it comes through official sources on the spot. The more particular attention devoted by the Dominion government and the great Canadian railway companies to securing emigrants for the western areas of Canada renders it all the more necessary that steps should be taken to inform the average Briton that in Eastern Canada he may find conditions at least equally suitable for the employment of his labor or his capital.

(Manitoba Free Press.)

The Ottawa Free Press admits the Niobe is "not one of the latest products of British naval engineering." In view of the fact that Canada saved the Niobe from being "scrapped," our contemporary is doing as well as could be expected for the flagship of the Canadian tinpots.

(New York Press.)

The most noticeable thing about a commodity which has its price to the consumer doubled is that every man who has anything to do with it from the time it leaves the producer to the time it reaches the consumer will take his solemn oath that he never got a cent of it.

(Calgary News.)

When it comes to shooting, cricket and rowing, Johnny Canuck is able to tell John Bull that he is able to hold his own in every line. And the old 'un is not sorry to see that the young 'un is coming up hand over hand.

(Farm, Stock and Home.)

Buying on credit is paying dress circle prices for a preliminary taste of hades.

(Lethbridge Herald.)

The sound of the hammer of the builder will silence the hammer of the knocker any time.

## Then it Happened



"Ah, methinks 'twill be a cool spot in which to rest my weary bones, for, these several hours," muttered J. Horatio Handout, as he dropped down on the grass in the lee side of the carpet hanging on the line. In a moment J. Horatio was snoring like a steam engine with the exhaust off. He wist not of the lady of the house blowing forward under full sail, a stout club grasped in her brawny right fist.

"This is indeed a dirty carpet," muttered Mrs. Lady to herself, as she elongated her arm and came down like a ton of brick on the spot in the carpet against which J. Horatio was inclining— (The End.)

## THE NECESSITY OF FRIENDSHIP.

How shall we despise one another? Are not Alexander the Macedonian, and his groom alike parts of nature, and brought to the same level by death? Or why should we be angry with our fellowmen and blame them for their injurious and evil deeds? Nature is working in them with the same necessity as in every part of her domain, and we may as well be angry with the thistles that bring forth apples or that every pebble on the ground is not an Oriental pearl—Aurelius.

## JOSH WISE SAYS:

"A man who ain't got any sense or humor ain't got any sense at all."

## AN INTERESTING FAMILY PARTY

DeBee Jet., July 28.—About eighty years ago James Kirkpatrick came to this parish, but that time the unbroken wilderness and with his wife and three small children made a home for himself in the Canadian wilds, but the sound of the axe was heard early and late until in due time by patient industry the forest was converted into a fruitful farm which yielded bountiful harvests; this good man assisted by his faithful wife, prospered in a worthy way, nor was the spiritual and intellectual nature neglected, they being foremost in religious and educational matters, and at the time of their death a small fortune had been made, children and grandchildren had been born, and now the descendants of this worthy couple have congregated from many parts to attend the family reunion which was held this afternoon at the old Kirkpatrick homestead, now owned by a grandson of the late Jas. Kirkpatrick, viz., Major J. R. Kirkpatrick.

About seventy-five of direct connection are present to do honor to the name ranging in age from eighty to two years of age, four direct generations are represented, viz., the children, grandchildren; great and great great grandchildren.

Among those who are present from a distance are Mrs. Mary McQuarrie, the only surviving daughter, of West Virginia; Miss May Fraser (who is a niece of the late Judge Gregory), also of West Virginia; Rev. T. McDonald, and family, of Forest City.

Although the weather was somewhat unfavorable the spirits of those present were not dampened, and after having pictures of the party taken, games of an interesting nature were indulged in until tea was spread.

After tea, various amusements were indulged in and at about ten o'clock the company broke up, having found great pleasure in doing honor to a grand old name and hoping to meet again next summer, it having been decided to make the family reunion a yearly function.

The grand old of the late Wallace Hemphill who died so suddenly at his home, was held Sunday morning at ten o'clock, the services being conducted at the house and church by Rev. R. McDonald, interment being made in the Presbyterian cemetery. The funeral cortege was the largest which ever passed through this village, there being more than one hundred teams following the remains to their last resting place. Owing to some mistake in transmitting the account of Mr. Hemphill's death, the names of the family were given incorrectly. They are as follows:—Four boys, David, at home; Wallace, in California; Herbert of Speerville; Harry of Alberta, and five daughters: Mrs. Denton of Philadelphia; Mrs. Harry Wilson; Mrs. Allison Gibson, and the Misses Mary and Ruth at home, besides a widow, to all of whom the sympathy of the community has been extended.

A great many of the people of DeBee took advantage of the excursion to St. Andrews. Among those who were to the seaside for a day were Mrs. W. J. Craig and Miss Main, Miss May Fraser, Mrs. Eben Wiggins, Miss Clara, Winifred and Ethel Turner and Sprague Fleming, the eldest son of the Provincial Secretary.

Mrs. Mary McQuarrie and Miss May Fraser expect to leave for their home in West Virginia on Tuesday next.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkpatrick will leave early next week on a trip, during which they expect to visit their son, Clifford Kirkpatrick, of Malone, New York.

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JAMES B. HODGKINS, CHURCH WARDEN.

St. Martins, N. B., July 25, 1910.

## PETERSVILLE NEWS.

Petersville, July 30.—Very heavy electric storms passed over this place last week but no damage is reported.

The farmers in this vicinity are all busy haying, but the frequent showers make progress very slow. The crop is the heaviest for some years.

The survey party No. 3, of the St. John valley railway are making good progress and are now located on the farm of Andrew H. Hamilton some miles from Welsford, and report a fine location for a road, and easy of construction.

There has been quite a number of American tourists in this section this summer, and all express themselves as delighted with the place.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church purpose holding a picnic and bean supper at No. 4 Orange hall, on Wednesday, 3rd August. The proceeds to go towards painting the Kirk.

Mrs. Thos. L. Brundage and Mrs. Ernest W. Allingham, who were the guests of Mrs. James M. Allingham, have returned to Boston.

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