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DYNAMITE FOUND BY ORILLIA POLICE

Burglars' Headquarters at Leacock's Point

The Orillia News-Letter says: An organized gang of burglars, with headquarters at Orillia, have been operating throughout this district for some time, according to the story of one Herbert Smith, a youth named Wilson, who with a companion named Wilson, was arrested last Wednesday in Peterboro, after a raid on Lindsay stores the night before. After hearing Smith's story, Detectives Newhall and Meagher, of Peterboro, and Chief Chilton of Lindsay, came to Orillia on Friday to investigate. They were joined here by Chief Reid and Constable Wright and went over to Barnfield, situated about half way to the Narrows, on the north side of the railway tracks, where they had been informed by Smith, the gang had their headquarters for this district in a shack. They found the shack as described by Smith. It is built of boards and was fitted up with boxes for seats, while the floor was littered with straw. Some bed clothes were also in the place. Cotton batting, used for packing around explosives for safe blowing, cartridges, railroad tickets and other goods were also found. The officers expected to land some of the gang here, as several of them had been described by Smith, but they found the birds had flown. The local police are on the lookout for these men.

On Sunday Constables Tinkwou and Richardson made a trip of investigation to Barnfield. Crossing over to Leacock's point, they found that Prof. Stephen Leacock's cottage had also been used by the gang and this is probably where they slept. Five sticks of dynamite and a number of cartridges were found in the cottage. About a year ago when Dr. Leacock returned to town for the summer he found a pile of dynamite in the lot adjacent to his, left there by the C.P.R. construction gang. He was justly indignant, and took (immediate action with the proper authorities and had them remove it. He will be somewhat shocked when he learns that a band of thieves had taken possession of his cottage and kept dynamite carelessly around inside. These recent developments may give Dr. Leacock enough new material for another volume of "Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town."

SECURED CONTRACT ON TRENT CANAL

Messrs. L. P. Burns, manager, A. A. Scully, secretary and J. T. Leacock, a director of the Inland Construction Company, Limited, of Toronto, who have the contract for the Swift Rapids section of the Severn River Division of the Trent Canal, were in town yesterday, and went from here to the Ragged Rapids to look over the ground there. Their present idea is to make the Ragged Rapids headquarters and to build a road from there to the Swift Rapids. The contract price for the work is \$712,000. Mr. Burns is well known in Lindsay, where his friends will be pleased to learn that his company has secured such an important contract.

LOCAL HOTELS GIVEN THREE MONTHS PERMIT

At a meeting of the License Commissioners this morning for the purpose of dealing with the granting of licenses for the coming year, a three months' permit was given the Benson House and Simpson House in order that needed repairs could be made. The other hotels were found in good condition. It is understood that plans have been prepared for certain improvements to the Simpson House.

COUNTY POLICE COURT AT KINMOUNT

County Magistrate Moore held court at Kinmount Thursday afternoon. Messrs. Pearson and Woodcock were fined \$20 and costs for being drunk in a local option district. Col. F. Holmes Hopkins was Crown Prosecutor.

LES MCGILVARY'S STORY IN COURT

Contradicted Evidence of Several Witnesses

At the afternoon session of the McGilvary case before Judge McMillan at the Court House McGilvary himself was the principal witness in his own behalf. The others were merely there to testify to the effects of carbon bisulphide on animals such as horses, dogs and cats. Dogs and cats will never come back if the stuff is put on them and horses get very fractious. It is used sometimes by horse dealers in making a trade to make a horse fractious. Frank Hutton told what his experience was in connection with the use of carbon bisulphide on animals, which he said would never come back if the stuff was once tried on them. Alfred Robinson also told what he knew about the use of the drug. He was never refused it by druggists, and it was never labelled poison. He had used it for its effect on animals. He kept it round the house and did not know it was poison till after McGilvary was arrested. Wm. Elliott of the East Ward. He had not used any of the drug in the past six years. He never knew it was poison till the accused got into this scrape. He said it would not burn the hands, but would make a horse jump around.

Les McGilvary the accused, was the last man on the stand. He got off work at six o'clock and went to the Hotel Grand where he saw Gostlin. He thought he should be taken home and as he was going Gostlin's way he said "Come on home," but was refused. He (McGilvary) went back to the stable and worked a while longer, then went into the bar again. I had the "stink pot" in my pocket. I took it and tapped it on an empty glass that was standing on the bar and some of it must have gone in. I drink. I went out and as I went out Jos. Jacques says "You sun of a gun you spoilt my glass." I said, "No, it's all right." Then later Graham and Jos. McConnell came out and took the bottle from me. I cautioned them not to tear my clothes. I phoned for the police. I asked Constable Short to come in, but he went on, but came in later when sent for. I don't remember having any conversation with Mr. Short. I put the stuff in the glass merely to make the glass stink to have some fun with the bartender. We were always joking. I did not know Gostlin had any large sum of money on him. The bottle of carbon bisulphide was less than half full, and I don't think I put in more than two or three drops. I got the bottle three weeks or so before from Jos. Jocke, the bartender to make a bay horse in the stable jump. I gave it back to Jos. Jocke, and he set it back of the bar. I got it again a week later to chase away a dog. I never used carbon bisulphide before. It had no poison label on it. I only discovered it was poison when I was arrested. I have always understood that poisons were always labelled "poison" when sold. I never have quarrelled with Gostlin during the twenty years I have known him. I asked him to go home as a friend and certainly had no idea of taking money from him and have never been arrested or accused of stealing money. I have taken him home a dozen times before when he was under the influence of liquor and he has taken me home. I phoned for the police and made no attempt to run away nor later to leave town. I did not see him pay for a drink at the bar. To Mr. Hopkins I did not hear that Gostlin got some money from the north. Yes, he sold a horse, but sometimes horses are sold on time, and it was none of my business so I did not ask. Jim and I have not been drinking together a great deal lately. Gostlin said, "Come boys and have a drink," and I went and had a drink that I had intended to have before. I did not know who paid for it, but the bartender said it was paid for. I wanted Gostlin to go home because he was drunk, and I went back to work because a horse came in and I had to lead to it. I opened the bottle outside the hotel for no particular reason. I knew it would make an animal jump. I put it into the glass. The bartender was looking at me. There was only half an inch of beer foam in the glass. I did not use the words

LUMBERING IN HALIBURTON COUNTY

Industry Not on the Wane in North Country

Minden Echo: It was thought about twenty-five years ago that lumbering in this district was about done, and that settlers would soon neither be able to lumber for themselves or resort to the camps in winter, as many had been accustomed to do, the timber having then been well culled over. But the conditions remain with little change, except that the regions now bearing pine are more remote and the class of timber being taken out is smaller and consists of floatable stuff of all kinds, besides some hardwood. Notwithstanding the fact that during each season to the present time large quantities of timber have been taken out by the lumber firms, they are yet cutting, some of them obtaining beautiful pine, while there remains a growth of young timber that seems to come into marketable value in a short time where forest fires are kept out. As an example of what is yet going on, we might say that in addition to the larger lumber firms, there are a number of mills at various points where timber cut from private lands is being profitably sawn and shipped, or used locally. In the West Guilford neighborhood, Horsley Bros. have a very convenient water power mill, doing a good local trade. Near the foot of Grass Lake, in Guilford Township, James Titus is doing a nice business with a portable steam outfit. Messrs. Fader and Wm. Thompson have each steam mills at Maple Lake in Stanhope township. A little to the south of them near the Peterson Road, in the same township, Patrick Bros. have erected a new portable steam outfit, on the place formerly owned by Mr. Dunn Gibbs, there being plenty of timber in the immediate vicinity. At the head of Twelve Mile Lake near Carnarvon, Mr. Chambers' steam mill has been kept busy for two seasons, a quantity of lumber having been drawn to Lochlin station for shipment. Having a good supply of timber on his own lands, while his neighbors have timber lots adjacent, Mr. Joseph Blair has purchased and set up a new 65 h. p. steam outfit, and this season has cut a large quantity of lumber, some 75,000 ft. of which has been drawn to Gould's Siding, near Haliburton, the balance having been drawn to Soyer's Lake, ready to be taken out by water to Haliburton. Besides Rogers Bros. mill at Minden, and Jno. L. Prentice's mill six miles north, on the Bobcaygeon road Mr. Robt. Hughes, of the Scotch Line, Anson, and Mr. Bryant move his portable mill in and cut some 75,000 ft. while only about a mile away Mr. W. W. Prentice has Messrs. Armstrong and Tiers, of Fenelon Falls, now employed with their fine portable outfit, where it is expected they will have about a month's sawing. Mr. J. S. Hill, of Lochlin, recently had them employed sawing a large supply of logs cut from the timber lots north of Mr. Levi Burke's on the Haliburton Road. Mr. Ralph Hogg is erecting a portable outfit at the head of Horseshoe Lake, and expects to be ready for next season's cut. With all these mills at work within a distance of twenty-five or thirty miles, in the vicinity of the Gull River and upper lakes, and an army of wood cutters at work for the Donald chemical works, besides large mills at Haliburton, it begins to look as if the growth of timber could scarcely keep pace with the axe and saw.

THEY OPERATED IN GRAVENHURST

Gravenhurst, April 10 - Chief Sloan has been in communication with Chief Chilton of Lindsay regarding the burglars who visited here Saturday evening, March 28th. Chief Sloan sent in the number of Miss Fielding's watch, and has received word that the watch is among others which were recovered with the capture of the gang at Peterboro, after going through five Lindsay stores. It is also understood that some of the goods taken from Yeats Bros. store have also been recovered, although it is not definitely known how much.

DUNSFORD BOY LOSES AN EYE

Optic Injured by Playmate With Bow and Arrow

A bad accident took place Sunday afternoon about two o'clock at Dunsford by which nine year old Howard Thurston, son of Mr. Jas. Thurston, lost an eye. He was visiting at the home of a cousin in the neighborhood and after dinner went out to play with another boy visitor. They had a small bow and arrow with which they were shooting at different things. The arrow had a pin in the point. The other boy shot toward young Thurston and the arrow hit Howard in the eye. The pin pierced the pupil and it was found necessary to remove the eye this morning. The operation was successfully performed at the Ross Memorial Hospital by Dr. McAlpine, assisted by Dr. McCullough and Dr. Rich. The little chap is now doing nicely.

LUMBER KING PASSES AWAY

Death of H. H. Cook at Toronto Sunday

TORONTO, April 13.—In the death of Henry Herman Cook, which occurred yesterday at his late residence, 29 Downing avenue, Canada loses one of its most conspicuous political figures. Born in Williamsburg, Dundas County, Ont., on April 27, 1837, Mr. Cook entered the lumber business in 1858 and was at the time of his death president of the Ontario Lumber Co. He was one of the syndicate which offered to build the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1880. His family has been prominently identified with the lumber trade for many years. Mr. Cook first entered Parliament in 1872 for North Simcoe, which constituency he represented as a Liberal in the Dominion House until 1878, when he entered the Ontario Legislature. He resigned his seat in the Legislature in 1882 when he returned to the Dominion House as member for East Simcoe, which seat he held until 1890. During this period he contested no less than eleven elections, winning six and being defeated five times. He afterwards entered the House of Commons as a follower of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1896, and a few years later he came prominently before the public when he made a break-away from his party owing to the refusal of Sir Wilfrid to appoint him to the Senate, an honor he frankly believed to be due him. His criticisms of the Laurier administration created no small sensation at the time. Mr. Cook's death came quite unexpectedly to his relatives and friends. He maintained his usual good health until Monday last, when he took to his bed with some slight ailment. On Friday he was quite well again, although still confined to his room. At three o'clock Saturday morning he was seized with apoplexy and never regained consciousness, expiring at 7.15 last night. He is survived by two daughters and four grandchildren, the daughters being Mrs. Frank E. Macdonald and Mrs. Norreys Worthington, wife of the late Col. Norreys Worthington. The funeral will be held privately on Wednesday.

THOS. MCCAULEY LEAVES HOSPITAL

Mr. Thomas McCauley, proprietor of the Brechin Hotel, which was destroyed by fire some weeks ago, resulting in the death of his wife, child and a servant girl, will leave the Ross Hospital today. Mr. McCauley, it will be remembered, sustained severe injuries, and was brought to Lindsay and placed in the hospital, where he has been under Dr. Blanchard's care.

ELECTROCUTED AT BREAK OF DAY

Whity Lewis Only Gunman to Make Statement

Ossining, N. Y.—The four men convicted of murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, were electrocuted at Sing Sing Prison at break of day this morning. Frank Seibashner, (Whity Lewis) was the only one of four to make a statement. "Gentleman," he said "I did not shoot Rosenthal. Those who said I did were perjurers."

FATHER VISITED YOUTHFUL BURGLAR

Mr. Wilson, of Hamilton, father of the unfortunate youth who is awaiting sentence, with Frank Smith, for burglary, was in town Good Friday to see his son, who is in the county jail. The meeting of father and son was a most affecting one, the boy bursting into tears when he looked upon his heartbroken father. They both spent considerable time together, and Mr. Wilson visited the goal last night again before leaving for home. Mr. Wilson feels keenly the position in which his son is placed. The boy is of good parentage, was given good training, and his waywardness has caused his parents many pangs of sorrow.

IDENTIFIED HIS DEAD BROTHER

Mystery of Toronto Suicide Cleared up

TORONTO, April 13.—By means of a picture and a description published in local papers, the young lad who committed suicide at 920 Dundas street on the morning of Feb. 18 by shooting was identified by his brother, who came from Liverpool, England, for that purpose. The dead youth was Edward Johnson of Liverpool. The lad's brother is unable to account for the suicide other than the fact that he was suffering from a religious mania when he suddenly left his home in England two years ago. Every effort was made by his parents to trace him, but without success. Recently a newspaper with the lad's description was received by his brother. It tallied so closely that the brother at once left for Canada to claim the dead man's effects. The suicide was one of the most peculiar that the police have had to deal with. Previous to taking his life Johnson destroyed all papers which would lead to his identity, and during the three days before he took his life he had occupied rooms in three different lodging-houses, all of which he paid for in advance and left without using. After his death a letter was received from a man in Hamilton, containing a quantity of religious tracts and offering some advice.

DINNER SET CAME TO CRIEF

The following is from the Pottery, Glass and Fancy Goods:—"They were beautifully packed when we left Lindsay," said Mrs. Armstrong who was suing Mr. Rawlinson for \$100 in the Division Court yesterday afternoon for damages to a china dinner set, which had been stored with him for five years. Fragments of the plates, which had been given to the plaintiff by her mother twenty-five years ago, were on exhibition before Judge Morson. "I think you could stick them together and hang them on the wall. That is the proper thing to do with old china," said the judge. "I am the only man in Canada who knows all about antique china," said Mr. Candy, an expert called by the plaintiff. "The china is soft Devonport and none of it has been made since 1838. This set must be 100 years old."

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CANNON FOR OMEMEE ARMORY

A despatch from Omemee states: The two cannon for the armory have arrived and have been placed on the grounds surrounding the ruins. They are of small size and bore and are mounted on carriages. Major Pae deserves the thanks of our citizens for his unflinching zeal in the interests of Omemee.