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Blaspheming and using bad language is punishable by absolute starvation for two days. Assault, drunkenness and other serious sins call for four days' starvation one week, three days' starvation the second week, two days' starvation the third week and one day's starvation the fourth week.

All sins are punished with starvation. For that reason crime is very low among the Caribs, who are among the best behaved and most truthful people in the world.

There never was, and never will be, a universal panacea, in one remedy, for all ills to which flesh is heir—the very nature of many curatives being such that were the germs of other and differently seated diseases rooted in the system of the patient—what would relieve one ill in turn would aggravate the other. We have, however, in Quinine Wine, when obtainable in a sound unadulterated state, a remedy for many and grievous ills. By its gradual and judicious use, the frailest systems are led into convalescence and strength, by the influence which Quinine exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relieves the drooping spirits of those with whom a chronic state of morbid dependency and lack of interest in life is a disease, and, by tranquilizing the nerves, disposes to sound and refreshing sleep, imparts vigor to the action of the blood, which, being stimulated, courses throughout the veins, strengthening the healthy animal functions of the system, thereby making activity a necessary result, strengthening the frame, and giving life to the digestive organs, which naturally demand increased substance—result, improved appetite. Northrop & Lyman of Toronto, have given to the public their superior Quinine Wine at the usual rate, and, gauged by the opinion of scientists, this wine approaches the nearest perfection of any in the market. All druggists sell it.

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Thames May Run Dry.

Mr. McDougall, of the London county council, is afraid that the Thames will run dry, owing to the dams that are being built in the upper reaches of the river. Whereas last year 843,000,000 gallons of water a day passed over Teddington Weir in May, and 429,000,000 gallons in June, the figures for this year are 550,000,000 gallons in May and 230,000,000 gallons in June. In one day of July only 142,000,000 gallons flowed over. It is feared that the result may be an epidemic of disease, arising from the undiluted sewage of the city.

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Circumstances.

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"The man who has seven daughters."

"Why so?"

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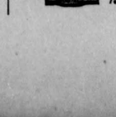

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PONTON IS A FREE MAN

Jury Acquits Him of Complicity in the Bank Robbery.

THE VERDICT WAS CHEERED.

The Jury Was Out Only an Hour—Mr. Osler's Address for the Crown—Ponton Publicly Congratulated by the Mayor of Belleville—Pare, Holden and Roach.

Cobourg, Sept. 25.—William Ponton has been declared by a jury to be not guilty of the charge of robbing the Dominion Bank at Napanee, and the end of the great case has been reached. The crowd which heard the verdict forgot the decorum of the court room and cheered the jury and the prisoner. The proceedings in the court began on Saturday at 9.25, at which hour the Chancellor ascended the bench. Mr. Osler's address to the jury immediately followed.

Mr. Osler's Address.

Mr. Osler began his address by saying that the Crown had to bring home the conclusion of guilt. The jury should be satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt. It was right to presume the prisoner innocent until there was conclusion of guilt. He then reviewed the case without viewing the evidence of the accomplices. The story of the accomplices must fit into and be supported by other circumstances before it was to be believed. Was it true that all was quiet in Ponton's room on the night of the robbery? Was not the story of Mrs. McGreer correct? Was not Mrs. McGreer's story quite consistent with the alibi of that night. In reviewing the evidence of those who had explained Ponton's movements on the night of the robbery, Mr. Osler contended they had not been conclusive enough. Was it not the evidence of friends who first hope, then think, then swear? Then there was the fact that the bank was robbed. Could it have been done without cover for the burglars in which to work? No breath of suspicion seemed to touch any of the other officials of the bank. The prisoner had Mr. Baines' key. One of the burglars had an impression of that key. The key found in the police station was similar to Mr. Baines' key. With this key was found the key that fitted the combination box. These facts did not, said Mr. Osler, depend upon Pare's oath, although he did not argue that the key was made from the impression made in Pare's room. This gives weight to the testimony of Wilkes, who said he found the impression of the key in the drawer. Counsel then argued that burglars must have had help from within, and he marshalled all the evidence that in any way bore out this surmise. The matter of being able to open a combination without knowledge of the numbers has been touched upon. It was suggested by the defence's evidence that because some persons could do it the burglars could do it. This seemed reasonable on the face of it. Mr. Gravelle was dismissed because his theory was too complicated for Pare to master. The preacher lock-picker was a man of keen nerves and touch, and the causes of Miles opening the safe were not consistent with Pare's possibilities. The shortage of $100 was next touched upon. How did Holden know of this fact, and likewise that Cheesemaker Pruse was to have a certain amount of money on a certain day. The accurate description of Ponton's rooms by Holden and Roach was also cause for surprise, and the fact that Ponton, a man on small salary, attended races and played cards for money was also alluded to. He summed up Ponton's finances while in Napanee as insurance $80, minus $54, which would represent his savings. He was glad the jury had to decide and not him. He claimed that the direct evidence tended to a conclusion of guilt without the evidence of an accomplice. Representing Holden as a pathetic criminal, he claimed that his story in the box fitted into everything else. The buried money was the next fact touched. All else money buried was $5 bills, Dominion. These bills appear. A good number are traced to Hope McGinnis, a friend of the prisoner. Does this confirm Holden's story? The alibi for April 24, 1897, was treated lightly. The persons with Ponton were all waiting for the clock to strike. As to the prisoner's own testimony he had a few words to say. A man who was prepared to commit a crime was prepared to commit another to conceal this crime. Was the prisoner's denial to be given weight? In conclusion he asked the jury to consider their responsibility to themselves and to the community.

The Chancellor's Charge.

The Chancellor spoke briefly. The jury represented the public to safeguard their interests. A serious crime had been committed. Money had been stolen and found upon certain persons. One of the men who shared in the transaction had given evidence. Many crimes could never be known except by the story of the perpetrators. This crime was of this class. Seventy-seven witnesses had been examined. The jurors might differ in details regarding the evidence, but would as one on the main point. The first broad line of separation began with: Was the burglary done by tramps, single-handed, or was it aided by someone in the bank? Then the evidence of the lock-breakers was to be considered. They had studied the opening of locks. The three-wheeled lock was easier than the four-wheeled lock, but the witnesses were exceptionally gifted. They were peculiar men. Was the evidence that the burglars were peculiar men? The direct evidence of those within the matter themselves was that the burglars had first aid from within. If it was not opened without assistance, then look to who could give the aid. In August, 1897, Durand was away, although he knew the combination of the safe. Baines was head man and Ponton was next. The evidence points to Ponton as the only one who could give aid. It was unquestionably true that the prisoner's guilt had to be established. It was also true that if there was serious doubt as to what to believe from the evidence then the prisoner should get the benefit of that doubt. The evidence of accomplices was a necessary evil in law. The old rule was that such evidence was not satisfactory, because the witness was a self-confessed criminal. Generally there should be corroboration. The Crown said there was. The Chancellor thought it was a good thing that the prisoner had a chance to testify in his own behalf. It would be a safe rule, where the prisoner testifies, that juries should never give all the credit to the accused and none to the self-confessed criminals. If the evidence of the accomplices was corroborated, some additional weight should be given to it. The jury had to be satisfied that the evidence they went on should be the right side of the case, even if the evidence was that of an accomplice. The judge then gave a brief chronological account of how the robbery was begun and finished, taking Holden's story as the best recital. This was merely to instruct the jury. He was fair in his charge, stating the different stories told, showing their agreement and disagreement. Holden and Roach agreed concerning what Ponton said when the burglars could not get the cap off the combination. They also were one concerning Robert Mackie's frozen toes. Then Pare goes into the game. Roach and Holden agreed about the getting into the bank while Baines was away. Both speak of the vault lock being left on the day lock on two occasions. The man who was in the bank July 27, 1897, was it Pare, Holden or Roach? It was not Ponton, the defence showed. The 20th August, 1897, Pare buried the key in the station. In September 27, 1897, the impression was found. In August, 1898, the key was found. The key corresponded to the impression. As to the night of the robbery, there was a confusion of evidence, though Ponton's movements were explained only up to 11 and shortly after. The burglars said Ponton was in the room about 11.

The jury got the case at 11.45.

Verdict of "Not Guilty."

At 12.45 the jurors came in looking as solemn as a funeral. A stillness seized all. You could feel it. What would the issue be? Ponton held his breath and glued his eyes to his judges. The jurors looked quiet and determined, and answered their names.

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon your verdict?"

"We have," said Joseph A. Warner, the foreman.

"What is it, guilty or not guilty?"

"He's not guilty."

Then went up a cheer from everyone in court such a cheer that only happy people could make.

Mrs. Ponton threw up her arms and clasped her boy to her heart and kissed him over and over again. It was a pathetic sight, and many women wept. The cheers continued for several minutes and no one tried to stop them. Ponton's friends and counsel gathered around him and congratulated him.

The Chancellor said it was not the least unpleasant for him to give the prisoner his liberty, as there was no other charge against him. It was a happy issue of a disagreeable task.

Ponton, with his mother on his arm, left the court room with half the court at his heels. The clock said 1 p.m.

PARE, HOLDEN, ROACH.

First Two Get Three and Four Years; the Latter Out on His Own Bail.

W. H. Holden, George Pare and Jack Roach were brought into court while the verdict was awaited in the Ponton case. Holden pleaded guilty, but Pare would not do so until he had made arrangements with the Crown as to his treatment as a Crown witness. He finally secured a lawyer, with the Chancellor's consent, in Mr. F. M. Field, and he read a statement to the court which showed that if he made a statement he (Pare) should not be detained in custody more than one, two or three months. There was some monetary consideration mentioned. He came to Canada and gave his evidence, and led to Holden and Roach's arrest, and Mackie's conviction. For these reasons Pare should claim credit for the arrest of the parties charged with this crime. The fact that Pare had not entered the box should not weight against him. The reason Pere broke jail was because faith had been broken with him. Pare was assured after his return that he would not be tried for jail-breaking. He wanted an easier sentence than the other prisoners.

Pare said that when he returned from this escapade the Crown Attorney at Napanee had said he knew of the New Hampshire agreement, and would stand by it. He had understood at the last trial that nothing would be done with him The case was left with the judge.

The Chancellor said that certain considerations were presented that were not usual. He could not deal with Pare's statement that he was not to get a sentence. That was a matter of executive clemency. It was simply a case of an informer, who was a Crown witness, and should have a mitigated sentence. Holden was not in so favorable a position as Pare. Pare gave his statement first. Altogether, because Mackie had been given 10 years, and, looking at the two men, he could not impose a superficial sentence. He could not give a light sentence. Pare was for three years, Holden was for four years.

Roach was next. He looked pale and nervous. Charged with robbing the Napanee bank on Aug. 2, 1897. "Guilty, sir," was the plea. Mr. Osler said the Crown submitted that had Roach been tried he would have been discharged, as the evidence against him was slim. He would not press for sentence. The prisoner should be allowed out on his own recognizances. The Chancellor said he had no objection to taking that course.

"The court will not impose any sentence on you now, although the matter remains in suspense."

"Thank you, My Lord," said Roach.

To Ask Pardon for Mackie.

Immediately following the verdict, Lawyer Wilson made application to the proper authorities for a pardon for Robert Mackie.

Ovation at Belleville.

Belleville, Sept. 25.—Billy Ponton was given an ovation in this city Saturday on his return from being acquitted at Cobourg. The whole town turned out. A brass band gave him a rousing salute. Ponton was accompanied by the crowd to the market square, where Mayor Johnson gave him the freedom of the city. Speeches were made by Lawyer MacAulay, Col. Ponton, E. Gus Porter and Billy himself, and the crowd howled itself hoarse in commendation of the jury's verdict.

THE JOY OF DREYFUS.

Clasped His Children in His Arms for the First Time in Five Long Years—Reunion.

Carpentras, Sept. 25.—Alfred Dreyfus' cup of happiness was filled to the brim yesterday. He slept last night exhausted with the emotions of the day, but it is a restful sleep, that marks the turning of the tide of suffering toward convalescence in both mind and body. During the afternoon he clasped in his arms his two young children whom he had not seen for five years. The little ones came from Paris in charge of a relative. Their arrival made complete the happy family reunion.

It was a charming picture that was presented to the privileged callers. They saw Dreyfus seated on a large wicker chair in a glass-enclosed shelter in front of the house, his children at his knee and Mme. Dreyfus by his side, while gathered around him were his brother Mathieu and various other members of the Valabregue and Hadamar families. The autumn weather was mellowed by the soft breezes of Southern France. The sun poured down bright rays that made the whole country radiant with natural beauty. It seemed to instil new life into Dreyfus and added to the emotional joys of the day.

Dreyfus yesterday for the first time since 1894 enjoys the full happiness of domestic life. He made the acquaintance of his own daughter, for when he was thrown into prison she was a baby a few months old. Now she is a bright child, overjoyed at seeing her father, whom she had been told was away on a long journey. The boy is 8 years old, bright and observing. His father's martyrdom may be unfolded gradually to him.

Sympathy by the Women.

London, Sept. 24. — Lady Henry Somerset, as president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has addressed the following letter to Mme. Dreyfus:

"Madame: In the name of the society, which has a membership of over half a million women in all parts of the world, I have been instructed, as president, to tender you our most heartfelt and profound sympathy. The sufferings you have undergone, the torture of suspense and the agony of protracted anxiety have appealed to the heart of every woman. Your courage and devotion have given them an inspiring example. We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones, and that the sympathy of thousands may in some measure compensate for the injuries you have suffered. We ask you, therefore, to receive, madame, in the name of our great society, our sincere desire that justice may be done, that happiness may be restored to you and yours. Isabel Somerset."

Too Much Happiness.

London, Sept. 25.—The Paris correspondent of The Standard says: "The excitement of meeting his children has produced a serious reaction in the condition of Dreyfus, and it is feared that it may be necessary to send him to Malta or Medeira."

Its Various Uses.

Harry (yelling up the stairway)—Ethel, have you got your shoes on yet?

His Sister—Yes.

Harry—Then throw me down your buttonhook. I'm putting on a new collar

THE TWO REPUBLICS

Elect to Stand or Fall Together According to Steyn.

KRUGER THANKS FREE STATE.

The Transvaal Situation Really Presents No New Feature—Rand Interests Are Completely Dislocated — Pro-Boer Meeting in Hyde Park Broken Up —Warlike Preparations.

London, Sept. 25. — The Transvaal situation presents no new features. Despatches from Johannesburg this morning report a complete dislocation of the Raad interests.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, a pro-Boer, says: "Both President Steyn and Mr. Fischer, of the Orange Free State executive, inform me that the Volksraad is absolutely unanimous that the two Republics should stand or fall together. President Steyn said: "Suppose we remained neutral, and the Transvaal was conquered, it is not likely that we would long be permitted to stand outside British control. Let a rich gold field be discovered and what would become of us?"

The special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Pietermaritzburg, Natal, says: "It is believed that the protracted sitting of the Orange Free State Raad is due to the elaboration of defensive measures. No rain has fallen in either Republic, and it is doubtful whether the Boers can commence hostilities before the end of October."

Kruger Thanks Steyn.

Pretoria, Sept. 25.—The Volkstein conveys to President Steyn and Mr. Fischer of the Orange Free State, the thanks of the whole Republic for their support.

PRO-BOER MEETING FAILS.

Police Called In to Suppress Very Strong War Folks.

London, Sept. 25.—The attempt to hold a pro-Boer, anti-war demonstration at Trafalgar Square, London, Saturday evening, resulted in a drastic failure. Thousands assembled, but not to support the speakers. On the contrary, the crowd waved union jacks and sang the National Anthem and "Rule Britannia," like mighty invocations. The speakers, who were quite inaudible, were received with groans, dried apples, eggs and other missiles. There were cheers for Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary for the Colonies, and hisses for President Kruger. The list of speakers included none of special influence, most of them being labor leaders or socialists. The members of the peace associations had no opportunity to address the crowd. They were saluted with execrations as soon as they mounted the platform and were obliged to stand, smiling complacently, during the singing of the national airs, and the wild cheering for Mr. Chamberlain. Their attempts to put their resolutions to a vote were the merest dumb show. Mr. Henry Hyndman, the socialist leader, was a particular object of animosity. He was menaced with a forest of walking sticks when he tried to speak.

Soldiers of the Queen.

The shouldering of a soldier and a marine, their hands clasped in a procession around the square, provoked frantic enthusiasm and was altogether an impressive incident, the multitudes bursting into the song "Soldiers of the Queen."

There were several ugly rushes for the platforms, which were surrounded by opponents of the demonstration, who yelled fiercely. Finally the mounted police were telephoned for to clear the square. Batons were freely used, several persons were trodden upon by the horses and 30 arrests were made.

On many of the passing omnibuses, which carry small union jacks, the passengers lifted the flags from their sockets and waved them vigorously.

Long before the intended hour all the proposed speakers had disappeared.

The opponents of the meeting finally proposed resolutions in support of the Government's policy, which were carried amid wild enthusiasm.

Has Britain Got the Bay?

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Sept. 24.—The Governor of Lorenzo Marquez asserts that he has no information respecting the reported lease of Delagoa Bay by Portugal to Great Britain.

Boer Guns in Position.

Cape Town, Sept. 23.—Special despatches from Charlestown announce that the town is filled with sensational rumors. According to these advices, there is reason to believe that 14 large guns have been stationed on the Boer frontier, in the direction of Utrecht.

Kruger's Friends Met.

Berlin, Sept. 23.—The first of a series of meetings by friends of the Transvaal was held here to-day, and a telegraphic message was sent to Emperor William asking for his aid in preventing a war between Great Britain and the South African Republic.

Australia to Send a Contingent.

Melbourne, Sept. 24.—The Australian military commanders will meet here on Thursday next to prepare a scheme for the despatch of an united Australian contingent to South Africa.

Inconsistent.

"Remember," said the teacher, "there is no such word as 'fail.'"

"I wish," said Sammie Shirker, "that he'd thought of that when he failed to pass me up last term."—Cleveland Leader.

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

Originally a Light Repast Partaken Of After Hunting, Golfing, Etc.

The original 5 o'clock tea arose in England from the fact that ladies and gentlemen after hunting required some slight refreshment before dressing for dinner, and liked to meet for a little chat. It was used as a method of introducing a daughter and an ordinary way of entertaining.

The primal idea was a good one. People who had no money were enabled to show to their more opulent neighbors that they, too, had the spirit of hospitality. The doctors discovered that tea was healthy. English breakfast tea would keep no one awake. The cup of tea and sandwich at 5 would spoil nobody's dinner. The ladies who began these entertainments, receiving modestly in plain dresses, were not out of tone with their guests, who came in walking dress.

But, then, the other side was this, the ladies had to go to nine teas of an afternoon, and perhaps taste something everywhere. Hence the new disease, delirium tremens. It was uncomfortable to assist at a large party in a heavy winter garment of velvet and fur. The afternoon tea lost its primitive character and became an evening party in the daytime, with the hostess and her daughter in full dress and her guests in walking costume.

The sipping of so much tea produces the nervous prostration, the sleeplessness, the nameless misery of our overwrought women, and thus a healthful, inexpensive and most agreeable adjunct to the art of entertaining grew into a thing without a name, and became the large gas-lighted ball at 5 o'clock, where half the ladies were in decollete dresses, the others in fur tippets. It was pronounced a breeder of influenza, and the high road to a headache. If a lady can be at home every Thursday during the season, and always at her position behind the blazing urn, and will have the firmness to continue this practice, she may create a salon out of her teacups.

In giving a large afternoon tea, for which cards have been sent out, the hostess should stand by the drawing-room door, and greet each guest, who, after a few words, passes on. In the adjoining room, usually the dining-room, a large table is spread with a white cloth, and at one end is a tea service, with a kettle of water boiling over an alcohol lamp, while at the other end is a service of chocolate. There should be flowers on the table, and dishes containing bread and butter cut as thin as a shaving. Cake and strawberries are always permissible. One or two servants should be in attendance to carry away soiled cups and saucers, and to keep the table looking clean and fresh, but for the pouring of the tea and chocolate there should always be a lady, who, like the hostess, should wear a gown closed to the throat, for nothing is worse form nowadays than full dress before dinner. The ladies of the house should not wear bonnets.

Five o'clock teas should be true to their name, nor should any other refreshments be offered than tea, bread and butter, and little cakes. If other eatables are offered, the tea becomes a reception.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Bedstead Burglar Alarm Button.

The toils are closing around the burglar. The electric light gave him a fatal blow when it took away his cloak of darkness, and electricity has been following him relentlessly with even more efficient safety and alarm devices, until his chances of "doing a clean job" are hardly worth taking. For the large class of females who, especially in suburbs and country places, are subject to the time-honored womanly conviction that there is a "man under the bed," a godsend has been provided in the shape of a button in the bedstead headboard. This button has a wire connection to the nearest police station. It can be pressed by slipping the hand up under the pillow. This can be done so quietly and unobservedly that it seems almost like taking a mean advantage of the burglar who may be moving stealthily about the room in the discharge of his professional duties. The bedst