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FORMER TIMMINS BANK CLERK PLEADS GUILTY

Crown Attorney Suggests Life and Lashes for Foolish Young Bandit.

For the past couple of weeks news of the Toronto police court has been followed by many in Timmins to see what penalty would be imposed in the case of Percy White, formerly a clerk in the Imperial Bank at Timmins, who was arrested in Toronto on Aug-

ust 10th, and charged with the holding-up of a bank in that city. The case was remanded until last Wednesday when young White came before Magistrate Jones. Through his counsel, R. H. Greer, the young man pleaded guilty to charges of robbing the Kingston Road and Balsam Avenue branch of the Imperial Bank of \$1030.00, while armed with a revolver, and of stealing a revolver the property of the Imperial Bank of Canada. Sentence was postponed until Sept. 2nd. Features of the case were the eloquent plea for leniency put up by Mr. R. H. Greer for his young client, the earnest evidence given by Mr. Mc-

Keown, M.P.P. for Dufferin as to the previous character of the accused and the high standing of his family, and the urgent request, on the other hand, of Crown Attorney Murphy for a severe punishment of the young man. The extreme penalty of life imprisonment, with lashes, was asked by the Crown Attorney.

One Toronto newspaper describes Percy White as "well-groomed and, so far as externals were concerned, apparently unmoved," when he appeared in court in answer to the charge. In court John R. Creemer, teller at the time of the hold-up, gave the story of young White's visit to the branch. The young man presented a cheque for \$1800.00, and while Creemer was looking at the cheque, White told him to hand over the cash. The teller looked up to find himself facing a gun. He handed over a packet of ten dollar bills that were at his hand. Grabbing the money, White backed out of the bank. Creemer fired at the robber before he left the bank, and then chased him. The robber jumped into a waiting taxi and Creemer fired at the auto, hitting it more than once. The auto turned in to the curb, the driver running in to an apartment house and Percy White running down a lane. The manager of the bank had joined Creemer and the two of them located the robber hiding in a lane. The young fellow had thrown away the gun and made no resistance. The revolver was later found in the lane. The \$1030.00 in bills was found in the robber's coat-pocket.

Mr. R. H. Greer made a touching plea for leniency. He produced a petition for leniency signed by all the prominent citizens of Orangeville, and Mr. McKeown, M.P.P., for Dufferin, ticked off the names explaining who was who. They include the signatures of the magistrate, Mayor, ex-Mayor, editor of the "Sun," notary publics, P.S. inspector, sheriff, Sunday school superintendent, chief of police, and merchants, all of whom had been greatly shocked on hearing that so well-connected a young townsman had turned bank bandit.

Mr. Greer also spoke of the high standing of the young man's family. He had three brothers in the Great War, two of them being killed overseas. The mother had been chosen for the honour of unveiling the Dufferin war memorial.

Percy White was not yet 21, said Mr. Greer. The boy had left the employ of the Imperial Bank, he suggested, because he objected to working on Sundays, which showed the religious atmosphere in which he had been reared. In the North, White had contracted financial liabilities, and it was in an effort to get away from

these troubles that he tried the reckless and evil scheme that caused his arrest.

"This crime happened in a haphazard way. He took a beggar to a restaurant for a meal, and while eating there heard the suggestion to hold up a bank," said Mr. Greer. "It was an amateurish act. While writing out the cheque, he happened to look out the window and saw the taxi. Then it was he remembered he had only 95 cents and couldn't pay for the car. He intended to pay his debts if he got the money and got away. Last year 150,000 young men left Canada to find work in another country. The act was foolish insane, but not done in a criminal spirit. No man in Toronto has a greater regard for the sanctity of banks than I have, but banks are not entitled to any more protection than other people. This was a boyish escapade. A two-dollar bill at the psychological moment would have saved him. I'm asking for justice tempered with mercy."

Crown Attorney Murphy made effective answer to Mr. Greer's plea. "There is White's own statement," he said, "he admits stealing the revolver from the manager's desk a week before the hold-up; he admits thinking about staging the hold-up; he hired a taxi at the King Edward stand; the whole thing looks like a planned and deliberate crime. There are too many of these bank robberies here and in the States. The scenario is always the same, revolver, fast-moving car, etc."

The Crown Attorney concluded with words to the following effect:—"The man who carries a gun is a coward. I don't see anything excusable in this case. He was planning the hold-up for a week. Your Lordship should impose the maximum penalty, which is life imprisonment and lashes. The city wants to be rid of crime."

The Magistrate commented that the prisoner had thrown the gun away. The Crown Attorney replied that in a similar case at London, Ont., a penalty of only six years had been imposed, which he thought almost amounted to encouraging crime.

"I do not feel like imposing the maximum penalty," said the Magistrate. Sentence was postponed until Sept. 2nd.

Those who remember Percy B. White while he was in Timmins can not reconcile their knowledge of him with his committing any crime of violence. They do not think that he carried the revolver with any intention of using it. They are more inclined to take Mr. Greer's view and think that the whole affair was one of those fool stunts that misguided youths oc-

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asionally attempt to their life-long sorrow. "I believe that stern measures are necessary to stamp out these hold-ups in which arms are used, but it gives me the horrors to think of that lad getting life imprisonment and lashes," said one man who knew the prisoner during the time he was in the Imperial Bank at Timmins. The attitude of the Magistrate would seem to indicate that the extreme penalty will not be imposed, but whatever term may be given will be hard punishment indeed for this young man just at the threshold of life. To those who may be tempted to think lightly or wrongly in regard to law and the rights of others the sad fate of this young man should be a serious warning.



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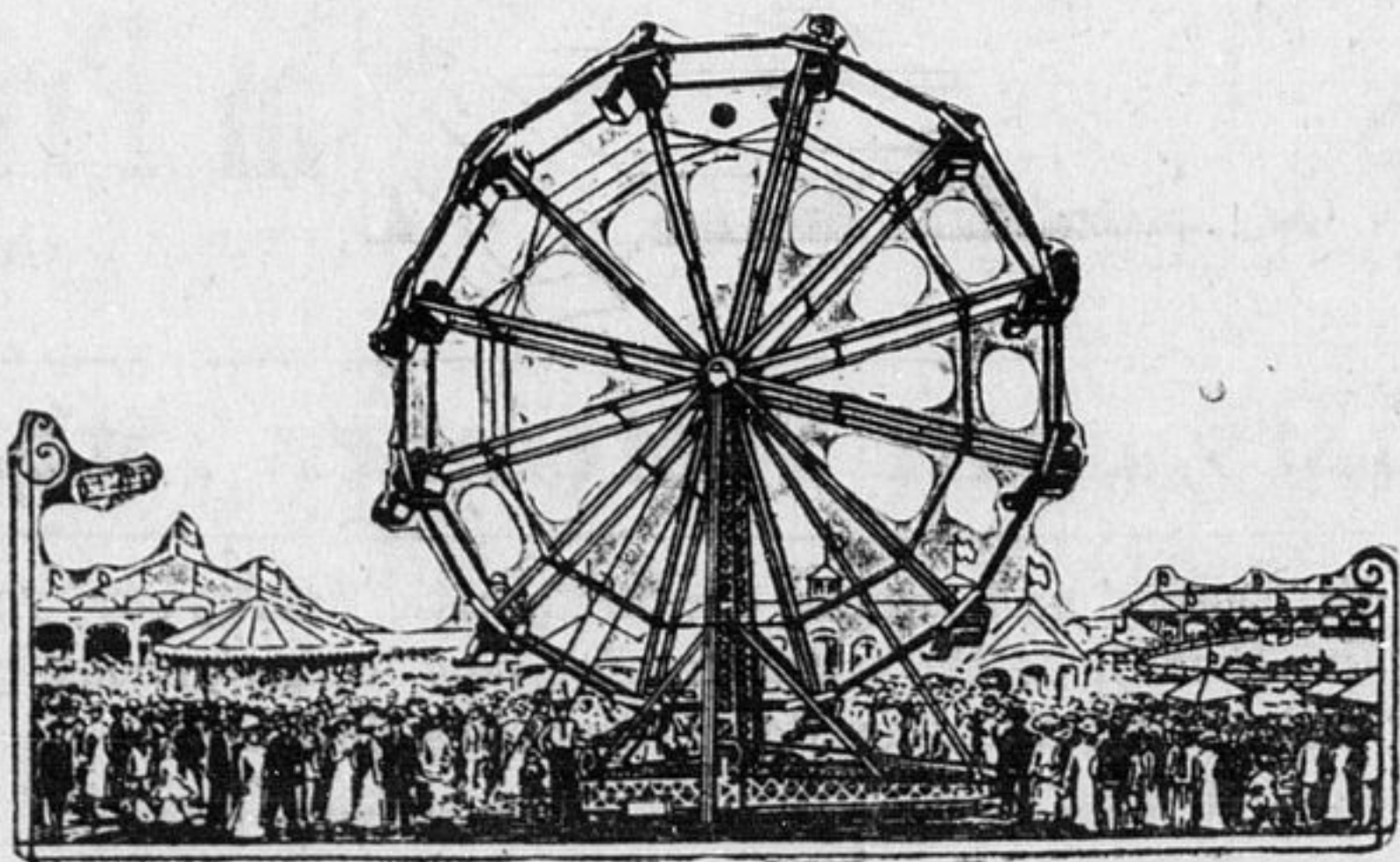
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