

STRANGE CONFESSIONS.

Who Have Confessed to Crimes Which They Never Committed.

That a man on the rack with every nerve quivering, with every nerve drawn to its utmost tension with the pain increasing in intensity and violence, should confess himself the perpetrator of crime is natural enough. The prospect of relief from actual pain is a temptation that blinds the sufferer to the future. But it may seem inexplicable things in human history, that men have been induced by religious exhortations and other means of persuasion to sign their own death warrants by confessing crimes actually never committed. Such in England was the case of John Perry, executed near Hampden in 1661, with his mother and brother for murdering William Harrison, steward for Lady Campden. The testimony against them was chiefly the confession of John Perry, himself, but the astonishment of all, Harrison had been kidnaped and carried off two years after the execution. In 1812 a man named Russell Colvin, living at Manchester, Vt., disappeared and suspicions of foul play were entertained. Public opinion attributed the murder to Stephen and Jesse Boorn, which to arrest them, the executioner gradually died away. In 1847, however, a Mr. Boorn dreamed that he had been

MURDERED BY TWO MEN.

From he fixed upon as his nephews, Stephen and Jesse. The ghost of the murdered man even specified the place where the murder and the old cellar house where the mangled body had been found. There a knife and buttons were found, which were identified as belonging to Colvin. On this the men were arrested. Stephen and Colvin quarreled just before the disappearance of the latter, and Stephen had been seen to strike him with a club and knock him down. In a short time Jesse confessed that he and Stephen with their father, Stephen, had killed the old cellar and cut out the heart with a jack-knife and further that next year they made away with most of the bones of their father. Stephen after a time, admitted the truth of Jesse's confession. As they were convicted, and sentenced to be hanged on the 28th of January, 1847. They applied for commutation of sentence, and as some believed their innocence, advertisements were inserted in various papers for Colvin. Mr. Boorn afterward a letter appeared in the New York Evening Post, signed by Mr. Chadwick and dated Shrewsbury, Vt., December 16, 1818 stating that a slightly deranged man named Russell Colvin had been there five years before he was generally looked upon as a madman. Mr. Whelpley took him to New York and the common council gave him money to proceed to Vermont, and he arrived in Manchester on the 22d day of December.

SOME OTHER DAY.

There are wonderful things we are going to do. Some other day. We hope to drift into some other day. With folded hands the oars that trade watch and wait for a favorite game to fill the folds of an idle sail. Some other day. We know we must toil if ever we will be rich. Some other day. We say to ourselves there's time to begin. Some other day. We defer, we loiter on, until at last we find withdrawn the strength of the hope we leaned upon. Some other day. When we are old and our race is run. Some other day. We fret for the things that might have been done. Some other day. We trace the path that leads us where the beckoning hand of grim despair leads us yonder out of the here. Some other day.

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

Mr. Newwood—My dear, I wish you could cook that we don't like of beefsteak burned and don't want to eat it. Mrs. Newwood—Tell her? How can the never comes into the parlor and she won't let me go into the kitchen. A MAN TO BE TRUSTED. How did you happen to trust that man for groceries. Spotly? You had his name. Yes, I know him for a courageous man. I sat behind him and heard him chatter the other night and heard him tell his wife he was going out to drink. That takes moral stam-

PRINCE ROYAL EXPLORER. PRINCE LUIGI HOPES TO FIND THE NORTH POLE.

The King of Italy's Nephew Has an Original Plan for Invading the Arctic Regions—He Ascended Mount St. Elias Last Year. Prince Luigi, of Savoy, Duke of Abruzzi, is certainly a born explorer, otherwise, how account for the fact that this man, who is a nephew of the King of Italy, should at present be bent on making a trip to the North Pole. Moreover, this is not the first expedition which he has given of his love for adventure. As our readers know, he ascended Mount St. Elias, in Alaska, last year, thus accomplishing a feat which had baffled several older and more experienced men. The Prince's great aim now is to approach nearer the pole than Nansen did, and in the depths of his heart there is a wild hope that he may have good fortune to plant the Italian flag in the very centre of the pole. He is especially spurred to action just now, because he knows that Captain Sverdrupp is also bent on a Polar expedition, and the idea of playing second fiddle to any one, even to the respectable Sverdrupp, is abhorrent to him.

HELPED BY THE KING.

King Humbert, though he hesitated at first, has at last given his sanction to his nephew's plan, and has even allowed his practical interest in it by agreeing to contribute 500,000 lire towards the expenses of the expedition. The Prince does not propose to follow in Nansen's footsteps. His plan is to sail by sea as far as Francis-Joseph's Bay and to complete his journey by means of sledges and Eskimo canoes, known as kayaks. Apparently he is the first to conceive the idea of arriving at the North Pole in this manner, but the arguments which he brings forward in favor of his plan show that he is not being rashly or without due forethought.

He claims that the main reason why the ascent of Mount St. Elias—a feat which was vainly attempted by a party of tourists a few days before he accomplished it—was such a pronounced success, was because he had with him a large and thoroughly organized caravan, the members of which were trained mountain climbers. Now he reasons that, if he and such men could ascend Mount St. Elias, there is no reason why they should not succeed in reaching the pole.

His plan then is to take with him about twenty of the most skilled Italian mountaineers, as well as several Eskimoes and teams of dogs. When the party approaches dangerous ground scouts will be sent ahead to reconnoitre, and thenceforth the journey will be made by means of relays. In other words, the party will form into a sort of human ladder, the duty of the foremost being to take possession of a certain point.

Prince Luigi maintains that in this way, not only is the risk of physical danger reduced to a minimum, but the chance of reaching the pole also becomes much greater. General Baldwin recommended that the same tactic be employed during the recent Italian campaign, but unfortunately his recommendation came too late.

The expedition will certainly not fall for lack of funds. "Not only will I have my uncle's 500,000 lire," said Prince Luigi to a friend the other day, "but I will also have ample funds of my own. My intention is to devote my entire income of 150,000 lire to this purpose during the three years that the journey will last, and if that is not enough I am ready to encroach upon my capital."

The Prince is only twenty-five years old, and he looks even younger. One did not know him would say that he was not the robustness or physical strength which is necessary for the successful completion of such a hazardous enterprise. He is of slight build, but his appearance, and so far as outward appearances go, is not to be compared to such hardy explorers as Nansen or Sverdrupp against whom he has fearlessly entered in competition. On the other hand, he has an immense fund of energy and vigor, as his successful ascent of Mount St. Elias amply proves.

A TRUE SAVANT. Luigi's brother, the Count of Turin, described him some time ago, speaking of the members of the family. He said: "My oldest brother, the Count of Aosta, is the handsome one of the family; my youngest brother, the Count of Abruzzi, is the savant, and I am simply a good fellow."

Prince Luigi indeed is, but he means one of the ordinary type. He is a simple savant, he is," says a journal, "and there is nothing between him and the legend of the Quirinal is much respected in the forthcoming expedition, and the Italian people in general are proud to think that a member of the royal family has the courage to undertake such a perilous work. The scientific knowledge without which no expedition could hardly be looked for, Prince Luigi's family, with the exception of King Humbert, has the righted at the thought that the young man is about to undertake and he would not be so surprised if some unexpected obstacle were to prevent him from carrying out his plan."

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He Explains.—Isaac—But, if you think der property will double der value in two years vot for do you wish to sell it? Cohenstein—Vell, I vos always a kind of a anyti-monopolist, undt I don't want to grab everyting.

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FUNNIGRAMS.

Many a young man who has entered on a career has been glad soon afterwards to get a steady job.

The Retort Surprising.—Teacher, showing off his pupils—Now, Johnny, tell us how the earth is divided. Johnny viciously—By earthquakes, sir.

Half the world doesn't know how the other half lives; but if it could be convinced that such knowledge was none of its business, it would try mighty hard to find out.

Host, to student—Look here, sir; if you pinch that cat's tail again whenever some one orders rabbit pie, I'll have you thrown out of the restaurant! The Last Creation.—She—You shouldn't blame a girl for being thoughtless. He—Why not? She—Because even the first woman was an afterthought.

Miss Blackleigh, looking at her photograph—I should like to know what people say about my picture. Miss Daisey—No, dear, I don't think you would.

The Accepted Time.—Pa, can I go to the circus? No, my son; if you're a good boy, you won't want to go to the circus. Then I'd better go while I'm bad enough to enjoy it, hadn't I? Always Going.—Mrs. Prim—John, you used to say before we were married that you could die listening to the sound of my voice. Mr. Prim—Well, Mary, it begins to look as if I'll have to do it unless you go first.

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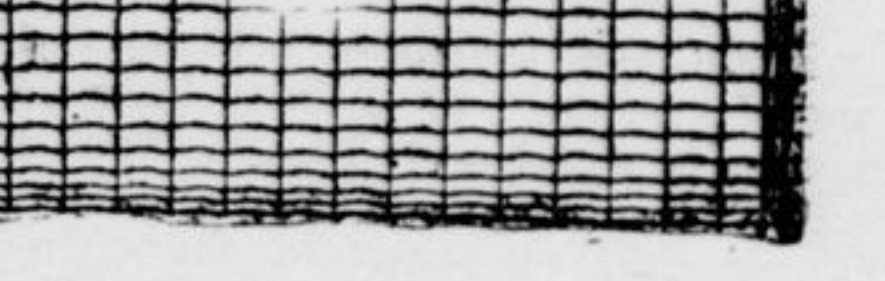
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