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## WAS A CONVICT

### Found That His Former Wife Was One

## FACT WAS CONCEALED

### AND COURT ANNULLED MARRIAGE ON THIS GROUND.

The Woman When F. R. Hill Took Her As a Bride Was an Earnest Church-worker, But She Forged Checks With Her Husband's Name.

New York, July 27.—Because the woman he married as an earnest Sunday school worker in Paterson, N. J., in 1907, concealed from him the fact that she had served a three-year sentence in the Bedford Reformatory for forgery, Frederick Rowland Hill, yesterday, obtained an annulment of his marriage. His wife was Eugenie A. Hill, daughter of James A. Edwards, a banker in Hightstown, N. J.

The decree was signed by Supreme Court Justice Hendrick, who heard the evidence in the case, which was one of the most unusual on record in this county. The young woman did not defend the suit. Her sister is the wife of a well-known Paterson physician, while her brother is a New Jersey banker. The plaintiff is an advertising man.

The chief witness before Justice Hendrick was Hill, who said that he had known his wife fifteen months before he married her in Paterson on December 31, 1907.

"At the time I married her she was a member of a Methodist Episcopal church in Paterson and taught a Sunday school class of six little girls, testified her husband. "She took a leading part in all church work and was active at festivals, fairs and entertainments arranged by the church.

After our marriage checks began to come in to which my name had been forged. I finally accused my wife of signing the checks and found that she had done so.

Hill testified that he set about to find out something about his wife's previous career and learned that she had been convicted of forgery before General Sessions Judge Newburger in 1901, and on November 12th of that year she was sentenced to three years in the Bedford Reformatory for Women. She served the entire term, less the time for good behavior.

The court, yesterday, annulled the marriage on the ground that the young woman was not a responsible person of good reputation when she was married and that she concealed the fact of her conviction from her husband. Hill left his wife on April 6th last.

### Sliver Caused Death of Boy.

Smith's Falls, Ont., July 27.—Willie Gork, a ten-year-old boy, of Armstrong, ran a sliver into the ball of his right toe one day last week. Fearing the operation of having it removed he said nothing about it until Tuesday of this week, when the pain became so intense he could stand it no longer. A physician was at once summoned but it was too late to do anything for the relief of the boy. Tetanus had developed and the case was hopeless. The little fellow lingered in great agony until Thursday, when death ended his suffering.

### Foreman Killed.

Omenee, Ont., July 27.—William Robinson, foreman of the Missing Link section at Omenee, was killed, Saturday, almost instantly, by a second run over him. He died in five minutes. His leaves a widow and one boy, who was with his father at the time of the accident.

### Dead in New York.

Nahant, Mass., July 27.—Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, rector of Grace Episcopal church, New York city, died on Monday after a lingering illness, caused by intestinal trouble. He was seventy-one years old.

A tickling or dry cough can be quickly loosened with Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. No opium, no chloroform, nothing unsafe or harsh. Sold by all dealers.

It is estimated that five hundred thousand people thronged Hyde Park on Saturday afternoon to hear the speeches in favor of the budget.

Frank Cooke's office, 346 King.

**GEM JARS ALL SIZES**

Robertson Bros.

## 50 YEARS A TELEGRAPHER.

### Compelled to Relinquish Key owing to Rheumatism.

Norwich, N. Y., July 27.—Mrs. Harriet C. Williams, of Sherburne, this county, believed to be the oldest woman telegrapher in the world, has resigned her position with the Western Union company at that village, and the office has been dismantled and closed.

For forty-two years Mrs. Williams conducted the office, but because of rheumatism she is compelled to relinquish the key.

Mrs. Williams has been a telegrapher for more than fifty years, and was one of the very first to discontinue the recording system and learn to receive by sound.

## LEVEL CROSSINGS.

### Draft Made on Appropriation For Crossing.

Ottawa, July 27.—The first draft upon the parliamentary appropriation for the protection of the public at level crossings is made by the railway commission. Some time ago the commission ordered the protection of the Raglan street crossing at Renfrew by means of gates and a watchman. The cost of the gates was defrayed, though the expenses of the watchman was apportioned equally between the town and the C.P.R. The commission now orders that twenty per cent. of the cost of the gates be drawn from the parliamentary fund, and the balance paid by the C. P. R.

## MINERS TO LAY RAILS.

### Left Glace Bay to Do Construction Work.

Halifax, July 27.—On Saturday 115 men, miners from Glace Bay, arrived at Truro from Cape Breton and left on the Ocean Limited for Port-au-Prince to go to work on the Grand Trunk Transcontinental for O'Brien and McDonald. About 100 miners went some days ago to River Du Loup to work on a Quebec section of the Transcontinental. It is estimated about 500 miners have, since the strike, left Cape Breton to go to railway construction work.

## DIED IN POVERTY.

### Laid Claim to Estate of Seventeen Millions.

Kansas City, July 27.—Miss Jessie Pomfret, one of the claimants to the \$17,000,000 Pomfret estate, in England, died at the county poor house in Independence, yesterday. Miss Pomfret was a former newspaper woman of Chicago and Cincinnati. Leading papers of the country have devoted columns to Miss Pomfret's claim to the estate.

## Killed At Gun Practice.

Tokio, July 27.—While the crew of the Japanese battleship Asahi was engaged in gun practice at Ise Bay, yesterday, one of the twelve-pounders of the vessel blew up, killing four and wounding five of the gunners. Among the wounded were two officers of the battleship.

## Killed By Freight Train.

Barrie, Ont., July 27.—Mrs. John Miller, fifty-six years old, while crossing the railway tracks at Caldwell's, on Sunday, was struck by a freight train and fatally injured, dying a couple of hours later.

## Embargo Revoked.

London, July 27.—The British government has revoked the orders prohibiting the landing of hay and straw from American states where the foot and mouth disease prevailed last year.

## Killed By Train.

Comber, Ont., July 27.—Charles Beaumont, fourteen years old, was killed on the railway crossing at Stony Point, on Monday morning, by being struck by the Detroit local.

## KING LIKELY TO STOP WEDDING OF PORTUGUESE RULER TO PRINCESS.

### Bride Would Have to Enter Roman Catholic Church, and Being of Unblemished Royal Blood, That is an Insurmountable Obstacle.

London, July 27.—A story that became public about a prospective betrothal between Princess Alexandra of Fife and King Manuel of Portugal was something more than mere rumor. But the idea was very severely discontinued in court circles. The main difficulty was that the princess would have to enter the Roman Catholic church, and for all English princesses who are what dynastic jurists have called eventuality—otherwise of unblemished royal blood—that is an insurmountable obstacle.

King Edward is known to attach great importance to this consideration. The precedent of Queen Victoria of Spain seems at first sight to tell against the argument, but as a matter of fact, the Battenbergs are not held to the eventuality in a strict sense, owing to the morganatic origin of their father. It is the same with the Tecks. Whether, strictly speaking, Princess Alexandra of Fife is eventuality may be open to question, for her father does not enjoy that privilege here.

However, the view of the king prevails over the subtleties of jurists. Princess Alexandra is his eldest granddaughter, and that suffices for him.

Although there are at present 260,000 idle freight cars in the United States, Canada and Mexico, according to reports of the American railway association, traffic tonnage has been increasing so rapidly of late that railway officials are taking steps to prevent possible car shortage this fall.

## STRANGE TALE

### Of A Man Who Fired His Stores

## WAS AN INCENDIARY

### HE MIGHT HAVE ESCAPED PUNISHMENT.

### Sentenced to Sing Sing For One Year on Own Confession—Business Was Bad and Wanted to Try Something New.

New York, July 27.—James Hunter Wright was sentenced to one year in Sing Sing on his own confession to arson. On July 5th Wright walked into the office of District Attorney Jerome and said his conscience hurt him, and that he wished to be punished for having set fire to his art store on Upper Broadway on December 26th, 1905. He was indicted for arson in the third degree and he expressed gratification when the prison sentence was imposed.

When Wright first confessed he was arraigned in the Tombs court and the magistrate was the only public official who raised a doubt as to the man's sanity. Wright himself asserted that he was sane, yet he goes to a convict's cell for a crime which with a man named Harvey, and Wright said his partner never suspected the truth. From Wright's story to the district attorney he was a firebug for more than a year. He said he went from this city to Providence, R. I., and there opened a store only to burn it within a few months. He did the same in a small town in Quebec. Then he went to Spokane, Wash., and again set fire to his store. Next he settled in Amesbury, Mass., and again when he had been in business a few months applied a match to it. Wright

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then returned to this city, and went to live with Alex. Fisher, a friend, in the 23rd street address. Recovering from his craze for burning property he was stricken with remorse. The fire insurance companies had not suspected Wright. Wright told his remorse to his friend, and Fisher advised him to go to a certain Episcopal clergyman. Wright went to the clergyman and told of his crimes. The clergyman listened to his story and advised him to go to the district attorney and make his peace with the law. He did so and to-day he will be taken to Sing Sing.

From the time of Wright's confession no society or private person took interest in his case. The prosecution employed no alienists to make sure whether the man was really a criminal within the meaning of the law, which he burned his store and lived several years before it impressed him. Had Wright stifled his pangs of conscience until December 26th, 1910, he would have escaped prosecution under the statute of limitation.

### Scarred For Life By Poxy.

Prescott, July 27.—While attempting to capture Dr. Brown's Arabian pony at their summer camp at Blakey's Point, Roy Rook, son of George Rook, town clerk, was badly cut on the nose and face by the animal's teeth. Although the wounds were sewn up and well dressed he will probably be scarred for life.

### Struck By Lightning.

Brookville, Ont., July 27.—During an electric storm the residence of Albert Dier, on the shores of the Rideau lake, was struck by a bolt of lightning. The family had a narrow escape as the chimney was wrecked and the occupants were badly shocked but not seriously injured.

### Smallpox In Woodstock.

Woodstock, Ont., July 27.—Woodstock General Hospital has been placed under quarantine, for a period of two weeks, on account of a case of small-pox having developed in the building, the victim being a patient.

### Daughter Of Zachary Taylor.

Winchester, Va., July 27.—Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Durrick, daughter of President Zachary Taylor, and former mistress of the White House, died Sunday evening after a brief illness, aged eighty-five.

### Brakeman Killed.

Morrisburg, Ont., July 27.—Douglas Detorche, twenty-two years old, a brakeman on the Grand Trunk railway, fell from a west-bound freight train and was instantly killed. He belonged to Lancaster.

Take advantage of the summer season to get your books rebound. The Whig's bindery will do it at close prices.

### WILL RIVAL COBALT.

Winnipeg, July 27.—E. W. C. Lett of the Grand Trunk Pacific, who has just returned from Sturgeon Lake, reports that a rich gold and silver strike has been made, which he thinks will rival the Cobalt district.

### ASSAULT OF GIRL SENT TO JAIL FOR NINE MONTHS.

### His Failure in the Attempt Saved Him the Lash—Stone Building Collapsed, But Inmates Escaped—Visitors in Gananogue.

Gananogue, July 27.—Frank Raich, committed to Brockville jail some two weeks ago to await trial on a charge of attempting to commit an indecent assault on the nine-year-old daughter of James McAllister, Pittsburg township, was sentenced, on Saturday last, at the judge's chambers, to hold it, nine months in the Central prison. His honor, in addressing the prisoner, stated that his failure in his attempted crime had saved him from the lash.

Quite a goodly number from Gananogue took in the old boys' reunion in Kingston yesterday.

Letters patent has been issued incorporating the "Canadian Graving Dock and Shipbuilding Company," with its head office in Montreal and capital stock \$2,000,000.

John Smith, or Schmidt, a blacksmith, shot Marie Monet at the latter's home in St. Henri, a suburb of Montreal, and then blew his brains out.

Alternative proposals to commemorate one hundred years of peace between Canada and the United States, are to hold a military pageant of an international bridge.

The majority of the board of conciliation in their report on the Sydney Mines dispute find that the international union should not be officially recognized.

Proposals are on foot for amalgamating St. George's and St. Margaret's Anglican churches in Toronto.

Rev. W. J. Creighton, of Lakewood, Quebec, Douvrouet.

## NEW DREADNAUGHTS

### Will Be Laid in Britain in April.

## DISPATCHES FROM NEAR AND DISTANT PLACES

## THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

### GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

### Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

Great destruction has been caused by storms in Manitoba.

A Mexican mob opposed to President Diaz created a serious riot in Guadalajara.

The czar and zarina will be the guests of Prince Henry of Prussia to-day.

Twenty thousand Moorish tribesmen are preparing to attack the Spaniards at Mellila.

Rev. J. C. Sweeney, Hamilton Baptist church, has resigned to go to Calgary.

Next month Earl Grey will go to the Pacific Coast on his promised trip to the Yukon.

Both sides lost heavily in the battle between Spaniards and Moors near Mellila on Friday.

Lieut. F. H. Morris, of Bowmanville, was third in the king's series, winning the N.R.A. badge and £40.

The codling moth has done \$1,000,000 damage to the apple crop in Pennsylvania.

Police raided an alleged Chinese opium den in Toronto and made several arrests.

H. Royer, an Ottawa hotel employee, was electrocuted through grasping a defective wire.

A. McKelvie, one of the directors of the Hudson's Bay mine at Cobalt, has been arrested.

A marksman, at Wakefield, Mass., made twenty-eight consecutive bulls eyes at 500 yards.

Dr. Schmidt, an alienist, testified at White Plains, N. Y., that Harry Thaw is perfectly sane.

The Detroit motor boat squadron visited Chatham on Saturday and was tendered a royal reception.

### LOCAL OPTION IN B. C.

Vancouver, B. C., July 27.—Premier McBride, in a letter on the subject of local option says: "It is the government's intention to take a plebiscite on this question."

Two pedestrians were caught between two street cars at a crossing in Winnipeg and killed.

M. Bietot, a French acrobat, crossed from Calais to Dover in a monoplane.

Lance Corporal Burr, of London, England, won the king's prize at Bisley.

Owen Sound financiers are considering the advisability of harnessing the supply of electricity.

The steamer Cairncraig, of Newcastle, Eng., ran ashore on Dover Island, on the Nova Scotia coast, and is in a dangerous position.

The Ontario government has cancelled the leases of seven power companies, each of which has failed to comply with the terms of its lease.

John Ross Robertson secured an interim injunction to prevent Toronto selling part of Ashbridge's marsh to an iron works company.

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### THE LATE JOHN BUSHELL

### Passed to Rest, Aged Eighty-Three Years.

The death occurred on Sunday night of one of Kingston's oldest residents, when John Bushell, King street east, passed to rest after an illness extending over ten months. He had reached the age of eighty-three years and was quite active till a year ago, when his health failed. Mr. Bushell was born at Norwalk, England, in 1826. With his parents he came to Canada in 1837 and had lived in Kingston for the past sixty years. He sailed on different vessels on the lakes until 1847 when he went on the steamer Passport, owned by the late Hon. John Hamilton, and sailed continuously on the old royal mail line of steamers until 1896. He leaves a widow and son, William John, beside two sisters, Mrs. John Leader, in Manitoba, and Mrs. Edward Leader, of Kingston.

The late Mr. Bushell was a life member of the Ancient St. John's, No. 3, Masonic lodge, an Anglican in religion, being a member of St. George's cathedral. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning.

### FOUND 94 RINGS

### DIAMOND THIEVES TOLD THEIR LOCATION

### Accompany Ottawa Police to Renfrew Where Loot is Found in Bath Tub.

Ottawa, July 27.—Hidden in the bathroom of the Ottawa House in Renfrew, Detective Culver and O'Meara of the local police department Saturday afternoon discovered the missing McMillan diamonds.

The rings, ninety-four in number, were concealed in the woodwork of an old-fashioned boxed-in bath. The thieves had strung the rings on a length of tape. They removed one of the wood panels and pinned the tape on the underside of the wooden strip running around the edge of the bath.

On Friday afternoon, the prisoners Woods and Conrad, to the chief and Detective Culver voluntarily confessed that they were the guilty parties and declared that on Saturday they would reveal the whereabouts of the missing diamonds, and announced their willingness to accompany the police to Renfrew. In the bathroom the missing rings were revealed by Woods.

Only one was missing and both Conrad and Woods are unable to account for the loss.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

### Toronto, Ont., July 27.—Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence (10 a.m.)—Light to moderate winds, fine and warm to-day and on Wednesday.

## STEADY'S

### Here's A Chance

### For Women Who Like Bargains.

### Special Sale of Linen Covers

By a recent purchase at a big reduction of a part of the surplus or overmake of a large Linen Manufacturer. We are enabled to give to our customers exceptional value. We will offer them TOMORROW at special sale prices as quoted below.

### BEAUTIFUL

Pure White Bleach Linen Table Covers, from 21 to 3 yards long, pretty designs, with border all around cloth.

### They Will Be Sold To-Morrow as Follows:

\$2.25 quality, for \$1.50.
\$3.00 " " 2.25.
3.75 " " 2.50.
5.50 " " 4.00.

### CALL AND SEE THEM.

### Sale Starts At 9 O'Clock Sharp.

### BORN.

MOORE.—In Westport, July 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, a daughter.

SPENCER.—At Loughborough, Ontario, on July 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis B. Spencer, a daughter.

### MARRIED.

REIDNER—YOUNG.—Near Trenton, on June 26th, Miss Bessie Young, daughter of the late John Young, to Malcolm Reidner, Murray.

JAMIESON—MUNRO.—At Picton, on July 21st, Miss Gerta Munro, to Overtop Jamieson, both of Bloomfield.

SMITH—McQUADE.—At Picton, on July 21st, Norman N. Smith, Wooler and Miss Maudie McQuade, Picton.

### DIED.

DOLPHIN.—At Kingston, on Tuesday July 26th, 1909, John Dolphin, aged seventy-eight years.

Funeral private, will take place on Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m., from the residence of his son-in-law, Thomas Clugston, 364 Brock street, to Catholic cemetery.

STEVENS.—At Cleveland, Ohio, on July 17th, 1909, Wm. Stevens, youngest son of the late Wm. Stevens, formerly of Amherst Island.

Funeral took place Tuesday, July 26th, at 2 p.m., in Cleveland, papers please (Buffalo and Cleveland papers please).

BUSHELL.—In Kingston, Ont., Sunday July 25th, 1909, John Bushell, aged eighty-three years.

Funeral private, from his late residence, 374 King street, to-morrow (Wednesday) morning, at 10 o'clock.

### ROBERT J. REID,

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## SUMMER GOODS.

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