

OWEN SOUND CASE

WAS INNOCENT

Served Three Years in the Penitentiary.

PROOF THAT MAN SUFFERED UNJUSTLY.

Frederick Tompkins Remained in Prison Full Length of Time for Alleged Robbery—His Innocence is Beyond All Doubt.

Owen Sound, May 11.—Publication of the arrest by United States authorities of Frank Richards, charged with breaking parole, brings to light a remarkable story, and indicates that an innocent man, Frederick Tompkins, of this town, served three years in Kingston penitentiary for an offence he did not commit.

The story is the more astounding because it appears that information clearly proving Tompkins' innocence came to light after he had served but a few months but for some reason was never made use of. Harry G. Tucker, barrister, of Owen Sound, states the facts are shortly these:

In November, 1905, Richards, Tompkins and one, Long, were on a spree, Long apparently supplying the greater part of the necessary funds from a sum of \$100 which he had received for wages. During the afternoon the three men got into an altercation and as a result Richards assaulted Long and beat him, but not very severely, after which the three separated, Tompkins going to his own mother's home, Richards going to his mother's home, and Long to his hotel. On the following morning Long found that he was short some \$65, and that night he accused Tompkins and Richards of having robbed him on the street. Tompkins was arrested at his mother's home, but Richards had taken his gun and hound and gone to the woods to spend the day, and upon coming home was advised that the police were after him in connection with something he had done to Long, and knowing that he had assaulted Long he feared arrest and kept out of the way of the police. In a day or two Richards became aware of the fact that Tompkins was being prosecuted for robbing Long, and he was told that he was charged jointly with the offence.

Under these circumstances Richards ran away to the States. Tompkins was convicted, and sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary, and served his term, although he always protested his innocence. Knowing that Richards had run away Tompkins concluded that Richards must have committed the robbery. "When Tompkins came out of prison," said Mr. Tucker, "he called upon me and again insisted that he had been unjustly treated and wished to know if there was any possibility of obtaining redress. A day or two after I happened to mention the matter to a hotelkeeper and to my utter astonishment he said: 'Yes, that is right, neither Tompkins nor Richards ever robbed Long of that money, and Long knows it.' This hotelkeeper then told me that the day he (Long) was supposed to have been robbed Long came to him in an intoxicated condition and asked him to put \$65 in the safe and keep it until he called for it.

"Some months after Tompkins was released Long, having called for his money, the hotelkeeper met him and asked him if he was never coming for that money, and Long, having entirely forgotten the circumstances that he had given the money to the hotelkeeper, replied: 'What money?' To which the hotelkeeper replied: 'Why the \$65 that you gave me to keep for you some months ago.' Long then said: 'My God, I thought that Tompkins and Richards had robbed me of that money. I was drunk and I forgot that I had given it to you.'

"Now, instead of informing the authorities, Long never said a word. Last fall I issued a writ for Tompkins, claiming \$10,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment, from Long, and I then wrote to board of pardons in the state of Michigan with reference to Richards, who was then serving a term in Marquette prison on a charge of larceny from the person, and I desired Richards to be released so as to come here and give his evidence in the case and I succeeded in having him pardoned, although the governor of the state, through the executive clerk, wrote me that Richards would be released on the first of March to come to Owen Sound; he did not, in fact, pardon him, but merely paroled him under the terms of which he was bound to report at the penitentiary once a month for four months. After reporting himself once Richards foolishly concluded that he had a right to come to Owen Sound without asking the consent of the warden of the prison, and as a result he landed back here two weeks ago.

"The statement that Richards was arrested on the old charge made by Long is an error. Richards went directly to the police and was released on his own bail on the charge

standing against him made by Long. He was arrested on a telegram from the United States authorities and, of course, was imprisoned here awaiting the arrival of the necessary extradition papers."

STINGLESS BEES.

Will Produce Three Times as Much Honey.

Boston, May 11.—To produce a bee that will not sting and that at the same time will be twice or three times as industrious as the bee to-day, is one of the most important problems to be met by the new Bee Keeping bureau of the Massachusetts agricultural college at Amherst.

Prof. Jurton N. Gates, state inspector of apiaries, is in charge of the work. "We find on the Island of Cyprus an exceptionally irritable and vicious bee," said Prof. Gates. In the Russian Caucasus there is a bee that is very gentle. As to the possibility of finding the ideal in the Russian bee I cannot say, because its comparative productiveness has not been determined.

FAVORS LICENSES.

Visions of Large Increase in Revenue of State.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—Representative F. H. Knight, of Clarion county, is drafting a bill requiring every man and woman who desires to drink spirits, malt or brewed liquors in Pennsylvania to take out an annual license at a cost of \$5. Representative Knight figures that there are at least a million people of the state's 9,000,000 who would want such a license, and that the revenue would be \$5,000,000 a year.

ASK DIVORCE FOURTH TIME.

Wife Dismissed Three Other Suits—Ten Separations.

Kansas City, Mo., May 11.—Mrs. Nellie L. Killion has for the fourth time in a year and a half filed suit for divorce in the circuit court against Raymond F. Killion, a real estate dealer.

HE IS INCAPABLE

SOUGHT SEVENTEEN YEARS TO FREE HIS FATHER.

The daughter of "Chris" Evans, the noted California bandit, finally succeeds in her endeavor.

Sacramento, Cal., May 11.—Regarding a bandit who is crippled and blind and no longer capable of harm, the Board of Pardons has paroled "Chris" Evans, a notorious train robber, from the penitentiary at Folsom, where he has served seventeen years.

A condition of the pardon is that Evans must leave the state, and his wife, now living in Oregon, was waiting to take him home with her when he was liberated.

For years his daughter, Eva, has worked with each successive governor of California to obtain a pardon for her father. It was she who warned him of the approach of the posse from Visalia when Evans was captured after a desperate fight at the Stone Corral, June 11th, 1882. His daughter had a double intention in trying to help him to escape, love for her father and love for "Bill" Sontag, a member of his gang. During the fight in which Evans was captured the girl's sweetheart was killed.

Most of the train robberies perpetrated by Evans and his gang were in the vicinity of Visalia and Fresno and all were on the Southern Pacific road. Against this road there was a bitter feeling at the time among ranchers of the San Joaquin Valley and personal malice was as much a motive as hope of gain.

Once after the Evans gang had been trapped, they escaped from jail and reached the mountains. Then for weeks there was a spectacular man hunt until the bandits were starved out and recaptured.

Some of the conflicts between the Evans gang and the posse have been woven into Frank Norris' novel "The Octopus."

WANT HIS MONEY

AGED BACHELOR FINDS 200 WILLING TO WED.

Wealthy Octogenarian Says Women Suitors Only Want Money and Will Have None of Them.

Canton, O., May 11.—Samuel Rudy, a wealthy bachelor, aged eighty-six, who gave \$1,000 each to twelve young women employed at the court house for little favors shown him, said yesterday, in dismissing letters from women offering him their hearts and hands: "No wedding bells for me. I guess they want my money."

Rudy has received more than 200 tender missives, which come from nearly every state in the union.

WILL ADJOURN

House May Rise at End of Next Week.

THE POTATO BILL

TO FIX WEIGHT OF BAG AT 80 POUNDS.

Foster is Likely to go to the Coronation—Not Intended to Make Four Year Contract for Atlantic Service—Must Expedite Service Coming.

Ottawa, May 11.—It was announced in the house, last night, that parliament will adjourn from May 23rd to July 15th with a possibility of its rising at the end of next week. The next important matter was the amending of the bank act so as to increase the responsibility of officers and to establish an eight hour day for clerks. This bill was introduced by Mr. Lewis. Conservative members are understood to have patched up their differences and it is thought Hon. Mr. Foster will now go to the coronation. Hon. Sydney Fisher made another



SIR WILFRID LAURIER. Who leaves to-day for England to attend the imperial conference and the coronation of King George and Queen Mary.

attempt to get through his bill fixing the weight of a bag of potatoes, at eight pounds. After some discussion Mr. Taylor (Dodge) suggested that the statute should fix the weight of a bushel of potatoes and other staples and that a bag should be defined as a bushel and half of any commodity. This suggestion met with general approval and will probably be adopted when the bill comes up again.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier piloted through many items of the trade and commerce department respecting steamship subsidies and conventions. He announced that it is not intended to make a new four-year contract now for the Atlantic service. The subsidy would probably be renewed for a year and this might be followed by carrying mails on the postage heads.

OWNED BY MARKET

MUTTON SLASHED AND \$650 ROLLS FORTH.

Portland Club Cook Finds Treasure in the Carcass of Sheep—Money For Safe-keeping.

Portland, Ore., May 11.—When G. Gottelman, chief cook for the Portland Commercial club, took a butcher knife and cut open the upper ribs of a sheep's carcass hanging in the kitchen \$650 rolled out on the floor. Silver dollars, gold coins and a large amount of currency made the eyes of the cook bulge out.

There was hurrying and scurrying in the culinary department of the club to discover the cause of the mine hidden in the sheep.

The first question was put to the butcher firm, which proved to be Hexter & Strauss.

Although a day had passed since the money was placed in the carcass so one seemed to be worried over the disappearance or knew of it. Louis Hexter, owner of the shop, made inquiries and found that the money belonged to the market. He sent a messenger for it.

According to Mr. Hexter's explanation one of the clerks, who had charge of the finances of the firm, had put the money into the carcass for safe-keeping on account of recent robberies.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest Culled From All Over the World.

China will loan \$20,000,000 for the construction of railways.

General Navarro's federal army was nearly wiped out before it fled from Monterrey.

The third reading of the veto bill in British commons comes next Monday.

A storage elevator for 500,000 bushels of wheat will be erected at Montreal.

The Massey-Harris company will put a three-story addition to the Brantford plant.

The Canadian commons discussed a bill to regulate hours, salaries and conditions of bank clerks.

Ottawa will not press the claim for taxes on the seasonal indemnity of members of parliament.

A notary by name of Hebert, of Quebec, is accused of embezzlement from an insurance company.

General Ricciotti, Rome, has recruited a force of 10,000 men to fight for the Albanians against the Turks.

Peter Harvey, aged twenty-seven, a Windsor boy, is dead in the Philippines. He was in the United States army.

The railway commission has made an order that the Bell Company give independent companies long distance connections.

Extensive discoveries of diamonds have been made in Bagamoyo, in German East Africa, according to cables received from Dar-Es-Salaam.

Rev. Dr. Workman, in giving evidence in Montreal in his ten-thousand dollar libel suit, against Wesleyan College, stated sensational doctrinal beliefs.

Suicides in St. Petersburg have increased 253 per cent. in the last five years—until now there are eleven suicides a year for each 10,000 population.

L. S. Leves, Toronto, though severely criticized in judge's report for selling stock to school teachers defines to resign the chairmanship of the school board.

Two mayors humbled. Toronto and Ottawa would have no standing at coronation.

Toronto, May 11.—The dreams of Mayor Geary, of Toronto, and Mayor Howepel, of Ottawa, of having seats among the mighty at the King's coronation on June 22nd, have been dissipated, and it is discovered that these gentlemen will have no more standing at the coronation than the rince of Melancthon township or any other municipality. Consequently, Mayor Howepel has announced that he will not go to sit on the same bench, and as the result, Ottawa's beautiful address and gold casket being prepared for the king may not be presented. Mayor Geary says he is going anyway.

Total of Mafia Crimes. Chicago, May 11.—An unidentified Italian was stabbed to death in an alley at the rear of 607 Miller street at midnight and the man who killed him escaped. They are believed to be members of the Chicago Mafia, which has terrorized residents of the south and west side Italian colonies for fifteen months.

The unidentified man is the forty-first victim of the Black Hand since January 1st, 1910. He was stabbed six times.

"Joe" Paradise was arrested this morning and is being held pending an investigation of the crime.

Reduced Postage. Ottawa, May 11.—Notice has been received by the postoffice department of the reduction in the rate of postage on letters posted in Southern Rhodesia and in the Commonwealth of Australia, addressed to Canada, from 2d. per half ounce, to 1d. per half ounce.

In the case of Southern Rhodesia the reduced rate took effect on the 1st April, 1911, and in the case of Australia it will take effect on the 1st of May, 1911.

Veto Bill Passed Report Stage. London, May 11.—In the House of Commons, last evening, a number of amendments to the veto bill were rejected by the application of the closure, and after a somewhat wearisome debate the report stage of the bill was concluded. Monday has been fixed for the passing of the third reading of the bill.

Stole Chief Detective's Bull Dog. London, May 11.—Nine valuable pet dogs have been stolen from residents of Mayfair. Yesterday a fine bull dog, belonging to Sir Melville MacNaughten, chief of Scotland Yard, was stolen.

Found Murdered in Box Car. Pendleton, Ore., May 11.—The body of a man, found murdered in a box car at Umatilla, Oregon, was identified, to-day, as that of John Casey, of Brockton, Mass.

Water boat and auto drivers' all use Tiger, the new hand cleaner. "Mexican" disinfectant. Gibson's.

DEMAND MORE

Than Hearsay Evidence For Divorces.

DIVORCE COMMITTEE

DECLARES FOR REFORM IN PROCEEDINGS.

Commons Takes Up the Canadian Northern Railway Guarantee Bill—To Establish a Stenographers' Bureau.

Ottawa, May 11.—Senator Ethier, chairman of the divorce committee, announced this morning that the committee had declared for the immediate reform in the divorce proceedings of Canada. There must be something more than hearsay evidence and general scandal presented or the senate would decline to hear applications. Two applications have been thrown out during the last two days.

The commons this afternoon took up the discussion of the bill to guarantee the Canadian Northern railway bonds of thirty-five thousand a mile for a thousand miles. The preamble of the bill asserts that the growing traffic from east to west in Canada requires another transcontinental railway, such as the Canadian Northern is building from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A vote of fourteen thousand dollars for the establishment of a stenographers' bureau for the use of members of commons means the formation of a corps of twenty at three dollars a day during the session, with a lady superintendent at five dollars a day.

SHOT AT MAGISTRATE.

Prisoner Makes Desperate Attempt to Escape at High River.

High River, Alta., May 11.—Suddenly drawing a three-two-calibre revolver and firing first at Magistrate Sheppard and then at Chief of Police Fisk, a prisoner named Wybro, made a dash for liberty from the police court, here, yesterday. Wybro was arraigned on a charge of wilfully smashing with a rock the plate glass window of a bowling alley. None of his shots, however, took effect, and after some excitement he was recaptured and arraigned to answer the original charge against him, and on this count he was sentenced to a month in jail. Before the new charge of shooting is brought against him, Wybro will be examined as to his sanity, it being believed that his reason is affected.

PROTESTANT GROWTH

IS VERY STEADY IN QUEBEC PROVINCE.

Stated at Montreal-Ottawa Presbyterian Synod Meeting That French Canada Drifting From Catholicism.

Perth, May 11.—That the French Protestant vote in Quebec was no longer a negligible quantity was the declaration made yesterday at the presbyterian synod of Montreal and Ottawa. It was also declared that French Canada, like old France, was slowly but surely drifting away from Catholicism.

The discussion arose in connection with the report on French evangelization, presented by the Rev. James Taylor, who said that the Roman Catholic Eucharistic congress had been designed by God to show the progress of true religion. It had displayed the difference between Catholicism and Protestantism to the advantage of the latter.

Rev. J. A. MacFarland, synodical superintendent of Roman missions, issued a warning against the rapid multiplication of Roman Catholic religious orders, male and female.

BASEBALL ON WEDNESDAY.

Eastern league—Toronto, 6; Providence, 4; Montreal, 6; Newark, 3; Rochester, 10; Jersey City, 5.

National league—New York, 11; Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 6; Pittsburgh, 2; St. Louis, 7; Brooklyn, 3; Cincinnati, 8; Boston, 7.

American league—New York, 6; Detroit, 2; Cleveland, 6; Boston, 0; Chicago, 9; Washington, 6; Philadelphia, 4; St. Louis, 6.

MADERO WILL FIGHT

UNTIL PRESIDENT DIAZ OF MEXICO RESIGNS.

Citizens of Juarez Proclaim Madero President—Insurrectos Establish Footholds on Hills.

Juarez, Mexico, May 11.—Anticipating the advance of a large federal force and more fighting, the insurrectos, this morning have established footholds on all the hills around the town, and with reinforcements, are organizing them to advantage. Federal General Navarro and his officers have been given their parole by Madero on the understanding that they don't leave Juarez. The citizens are joyfully proclaiming Madero as president. He says he will fight till Diaz resigns.

REMAINS LYING IN STATE.

Toronto, May 11.—With all the ceremony of the Roman Catholic ritual the remains of Archbishop McEwen were conveyed to St. Michael's cathedral, where they will lie in state till to-morrow evening, when they are to be interred in the crypt.

BIG HATS BANNED.

Ladies in Waiting to Wear Lengthy Dresses.

London, May 11.—Following the report that the queen has intimated that women in tight dresses, with low necks and enormous hats, will not be received in the royal enclosure at Ascot, the announcement that she has intimated to her ladies-in-waiting that they should wear dresses that touch the ground, long sleeves and high necks on all ordinary occasions.

The maids of honor are instructed that they must wear toques and not large hats.

DYING, SELLS BODY FOR \$7.

Seven Nurses Send Money as Last Aid to Man's Family.

Chicago, May 11.—As the final act of a life filled with tragic misfortunes, Charles Kittrick, yesterday, sold his "heart, soul and body" for \$7 to seven student nurses at the National Emergency hospital. Kittrick's wife and daughter in Lima, Ohio, will receive the money, and a note from the young women informed them that husband and father has sold his only remaining asset—a disease ridden body—to make a final contribution to their support.

GAMBLING DEBT TRAGEDY.

Baron Kills Captain—Kaiser Orders Investigation.

Berlin, May 11.—In a duel over a gambling debt in a forest near here this morning, Baron Oswald Von Richthoff killed a fellow officer, Capt. Wilhelm Von Gaffron. The emperor has ordered the arrest of Von Richthoff and a thorough investigation.

An aviation recruit named Bokemuhl was killed when his machine crashed against a brick wall in the early morning mist.

SUMMARY OF TRAGEDIES

That Occurred in United States Wednesday Night.

New York, May 11.—Despatches announce the following tragedies of last night. Two killed, and twenty-five hurt in the derailment of the Rio Grande train near Leadville, Colorado; four killed and eight hurt when a caboose jumped the track near Erlin, Ohio; five men suffocated by smoke from a fire in a colliery near Lakesville, Penn.

Half of Kirin Burned. Peking, May 11.—Information received here states that half of Kirin has been burned. Kirin is the capital of the province of the same name in Manchuria, about 270 miles west by south of Vladivostok. Its estimated population is 80,000. There are no details of the fire, as the telegraph lines are not working.

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NEWFOUNDLAND'S TIMBER.

Reciprocity Might Go Through if Pulp Restrictions Removed.

Washington, D.C., May 11.—Secretary of State Knox, while ready to enter into negotiations with Newfoundland for a reciprocity arrangement upon lines similar to those now pending before congress, has decided to await the action of congress on the Canadian bill before proceeding with what would be a useless task in the event that the Canadian arrangement fails.

Newfoundland has little to offer as a basis for exchange besides her markets and a free fishing privilege, but it is believed the consideration would be given if Newfoundland were willing to remove existing export restrictions on pulpwood and pulp, which were imposed with a view to inducing American paper makers to erect their mills in Newfoundland.

WILL KILL IT, SAYS BRYAN.

Woodstock, May 11.—Wait until the reciprocity measure reaches the senate. It would not surprise me at all if the United States senators slaughtered it when they come to consider it.

William Jennings Bryan took time to see this yesterday. He arrived from St. Thomas on the morning train with a heavy grip which he peculiarly declared was full of reciprocity arrangements. He would enter upon no discussion of reciprocity other than to express the opinion that the senate would kill the bill.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., May 11, 10 a.m.—O'Leary Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Frisco to St. Louis, winds, some showers or local thunder storms, but fairly fair to-day and on Friday.

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Why, I never heard of any of the women who want to marry me, and I won't exchange pictures with them, either."