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## CONVICT KILLS A PENITENTIARY GUARD WITH A CROW BAR

### Guard Jenkins Is Dead Of a Fractured Skull; Attacked By Convict

#### Thomas McCoskey the Murderer—Prisoner Hit Guard Over Head With Crow Bar and Secured His Liberty for an Hour—Recaptured by Mounted Patrol.

Guard M. E. Jenkins was killed Saturday morning at the Prison Farm when Thomas McCoskey, a convict at Portmouth penitentiary made a desperate attempt to escape. McCoskey, after a very few minutes of liberty was recaptured, due in a great measure to the presence of mind and courage of Samuel E. Sewell, quartermaster at the Mowat Sanatorium.

Guard Jenkins was in charge of five convicts who were engaged in building fences at the prison farm on Johnson street, near Palace street. About 8.30 o'clock Guard Jenkins was showing the men how he wanted a post hole dug and he had his back turned to McCoskey. The ground where the work was being done was very rocky, and the convicts had crow-bars with which to dig out the rock. McCoskey had one of these bars in his hands and when the guard turned his back and stooped over he brought the bar down on Guard Jenkins' head crushing in the right side of the guard's skull.

The other convicts made an ineffectual attempt to detain McCoskey but he broke away, and ran down Johnson street toward the city. Inmate Dickinson, No. H961 ran over to Mr. S. G. Hill's house near the scene of the assault and telephoned to the Warden's office.

S. E. Sewell Follows Convict. Meantime Mr. S. E. Sewell, of the Mowat Sanatorium who had been in the city doing some buying, was coming along Johnson street, in his automobile. He noticed a man running down the road toward him with something under his arm and as he drew closer he saw that the man was dressed in convict's clothes and that he carried a crow-bar under his arm. The man had passed his car by this time, but Mr. Sewell turned his car around by driving down into the ditch and took after him. The convict turned round and saw that he was pursued, but he continued running and paid no attention to the car. Mr. Sewell kept close to the man and when they came to Toronto street, McCoskey in an attempt to evade his pursuer, turned north and circled round the garage of a resident of that street.

Summons Mounted Guard. Mr. Sewell saw a mounted guard from the Penitentiary coming along the road, and he waved to him to come the other way and cut the convict off in front. The mounted man did this, and Mr. Sewell jumped out of his car and continued the pursuit through a garden. The convict went over a barbed-wire fence after throwing the crow-bar into some long grass, but the mounted patrolman went into the garden after him with drawn revolver and McCoskey gave in without a struggle.

The guard then marched his prisoner back down the road at the point of his revolver, while Mr. Sewell, who after a search had recovered the crow-bar which was covered with blood, got in his car and also went back to the place from where the escape had been made. Here he found Warden Ponsford and several other of the penitentiary officials, and McCoskey was handed over to them.

Other Convicts Remained. The four other inmates were standing in their places and had made no attempt to get away, and Guard Jenkins was lying on the ground in a pool of blood. One of the convicts called to Warden Ponsford to ask if he would telephone for a doctor.

Medical assistance was summoned, and Guard Jenkins was removed to Hotel Dieu but died shortly after being admitted. A piece of his skull four inches long and two inches wide was crushed right in. Dr. Jas. Miller performed a post-mortem this morn-

**GIRL THROWN FROM AUTO ON TOP OF COW**

Nelson, B.C., Aug. 28.—Landing on a black cow probably saved Miss Ida Fleury, Nelson school teacher, some broken bones when she and three other people were shot out of an automobile that overturned when out of control, near Proctor, yesterday afternoon.

**PACIFIC FLIGHT HERO KILLED IN PLANE CRASH**

Commander John Rodgers Died Half an Hour After His Fall.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 28.—The hero of the attempted non-stop flight across the Pacific from San Francisco to Honolulu and of the subsequent nine-day drift of the PN-9 in the treacherous waters, died in the Philadelphia navy yard base hospital at 4.09 o'clock yesterday afternoon, thirty-nine minutes after a type V-7 land plane he was piloting fell into the Delaware near the naval flying field.

**Another Woman Swims Channel**

Dover, Eng., Aug. 28.—Mrs. Clemenson Carson, New York, mother of two children, and well known as a long distance swimmer, to-day swam the English Channel. Mrs. Carson's victory was more impressive, inasmuch as Frank Perks, English swimmer, who started with her last night and swam most of the way on her trail, was forced to quit when a mile and a half from the English shore, after being in the water more than fourteen hours.

Except for a record of fourteen hours and thirty-one minutes made by Miss Edler, Mrs. Carson broke all previous records, her time being thirteen hours. Mrs. Carson was formerly Amelia Cade, a native of Denmark.

**Caught Robbing Store.**

Brockville, Aug. 28.—Frank Hughes and Kenneth Grant, two Brockville young men, were apprehended by a local constable at an early hour this morning while in the act of robbing D. W. Downey's store.

E. W. Beatty, president of the C. F. R. says experienced observers say Canada's wheat yield will be larger than so far announced.

**Was Struck Four Times.**

That Guard Jenkins was struck no less than four times on the head, with a crow bar, was the statement of Mary and Kenneth Potter, who were eye witnesses to the assault.

On Saturday morning at 11.30 o'clock a representative of the Whig called at the Potter home, and secured a first hand story of the assault.

According to the young people they were going down Johnson street, with their cows for the purpose of putting them in the pasture. They had reached the corner of Johnson street and the Bath Road, when they saw the five convicts in charge of Guard Jenkins working on the prison property. Just as they were passing Guard Jenkins said "Good morning." Just at the time that Jenkins wished the Potter children "Good morning," Convict McCoskey came up from behind and without warning he struck Jenkins over the head with a crow bar. The first blow knocked Jenkins to the ground, and while he was there in a dying condition, the convict struck three more times, resulting in his skull being fractured.

Kenneth Potter stated that one of the convicts, who was about thirty feet away, evidently saw McCoskey strike Jenkins, as he called for him to quit, but the crow bar had then come in contact with Jenkins' head the fourth time. McCoskey then ran down Johnson street and was chased by S. G. Hill.

The Potter young people saw the mounted guard coming up the prison road and they called to him that a guard had been assaulted by a convict.

Convict Dickinson, who went into the home of Mr. Hill and telephoned the prison authorities, in speaking (Continued on Page 13)

### Liberalism Here Now as Active As It Was in the Days of Laurier

#### The Meighen Government is Doomed—Propheesied That Mackenzie King Will Have a Majority of Fifteen Over All Other Groups—Kingston Will Do Its Share by Electing Halliday.

The militant aggressive Liberalism that is behind Jim Halliday this election, and that is going to elect him, seems to be of the same type that is waging the fight all over the country. Liberalism has awakened as it has not done since the days of Laurier, and everywhere Liberals are fighting to retain the Robb Budget and responsible government.

That this militant Liberalism is having its effect is very evident, and no one knows this better than the Conservatives. Already they know that the Meighen Government is doomed. All kinds of stories are heard and predictions made, but nothing has come as straight to The Whig office as the tale we listened to yesterday.

Nova Scotia For King. The Tories got alarmed, so they sent out a scout to spy out the land. He has been down in the Maritimes and also in Quebec. On his way home from the east he dropped off at Kingston to visit some old friends. Was he blue? Well, rather. On three occasions the Whig has heard from people who have been to the Maritimes that Nova Scotia would give Mr. King from six to ten seats on September 14th. The Tory scout makes it far worse. He dolefully admitted that if Arthur Meighen got two seats in Nova Scotia it would be all he would get. The Grits are going to get twelve or fourteen, sure, he said, and they are going to get the same proportion in New Brunswick.

Cold Shoulder in Quebec. "What about Quebec?" he was asked. "Is there any ground for the

### SHORTAGE OF 20,000 MEN IN THE WEST

#### Harvest Situation Is Reported as Very Acute.

#### LITTLE UNEMPLOYMENT In the East Is the Chief Cause of the Reduced Number of Harvesters.

Ottawa, August 28.—There will be a probable shortage of 20,000 men needed to harvest the grain crops of the three prairie provinces and the situation is serious, according to a statement to-day by R. A. Riggs, director of employment services of the Canadian Department of Labor.

This shortage is after the second series of harvester trains from the maritime provinces and from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec will have reached the west. This series will take about 4,000 men, the railways estimate. Mr. Riggs stated that he had received telegrams from the west impressing the urgency of more men to save the crops and he added that British Columbia and the eastern provinces had not sent half the number that was needed. In a final effort to get more men from the east another series of harvester trains will be run. They will be from the maritimes on September 3 and from Quebec and Ontario Sept 4.

Employment conditions in the east are much improved over previous years, which has resulted in few men from the east being in the position of searching for work.

### Robb Can Reduce Taxation Further

Stratford, Aug. 28.—Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance in the former King Government, addressing a capacity audience in the city hall here last night, reviewed among other things the reduction in taxes in the country and declared that if he were accorded the honor of bringing down the next annual budget he could further reduce taxation.

### CREDIT ACCORDED TO W. H. COVERDALE

#### For New Era in Canada Steamships Affairs—His Great Organizing Ability.

Important developments which have been in progress in connection with the affairs of Canada Steamships Lines, Limited, within the past two or three years culminating in the recent decision to materially expand the scope of the company's operations serve to recall the important role which has been played by the present chief executive, W. H. Coverdale.

Coming to the company with the reputation of a corporation engineer and organizer of extensive experience and skill at a time when its fortunes were suffering from a variety of adverse circumstances he has been successful within a comparatively short time in rehabilitating its affairs and under the changed conditions it is now regarded in high financial circles as being on the way to a career of success and financial prosperity.

It is conceded that it has a great opportunity before it as the greatest of inland waterways transportation concerns, and everything now points to it playing a greater part in developing into a great asset to the trade and commerce of the Dominion and a profitable enterprise for the shareholders.

It is generally conceded that Mr. Coverdale was faced with no easy task when he undertook to guide it out of the difficulties with which it was beset. That he has succeeded in placing the company in a much sounder position and one from which it can face the future with greater confidence, is now no longer questioned. After being approximately five years without dividends the preferred shareholders are now practically assured that in the coming year they will once again receive a regular return on their investment.

It augurs well for the company at the same time that the business outlook is much brighter and everything now points to the present season of navigation being one of the most successful in its history. This combination of favorable circumstances has been reflected by a decided improvement in the value of the company's securities in the Canadian stock markets.

Mr. Coverdale's methods of directing the affairs of the company have not only inspired confidence within the Steamships official family but with the public at large, so that due credit is due him for the success which has been attained. No little courage and ability were required in bringing about the recent acquisition of two important lines which are now part of the Canada Steamship system. These are the Great Lakes Transportation and George Hall Coal and Shipping fleets.

Owing to the fact that Mr. Coverdale has been a resident of the United States for a number of years, and the engineering firm of Coverdale and Colpitts has been associated with a great many American corporations whose affairs called for financial and engineering doctoring, he has been regarded chiefly as an American, but the truth is that he is a Canadian by birth and his sympathies are strongly Canadian, so that his position as president of a great Canadian corporation is quite fitting. Furthermore, he is now spending a great deal of his time in Canada on account of his wide business connections here and he maintains a summer residence at Lemoine's Point, a few miles from Kingston, Ont., where he has a home and splendid farm on the shore of Lake Ontario. He is a native of Kingston, and although he took his college degree in Pennsylvania he is a Doctor of Laws of Queen's University.

He is an experienced railway man and is now officially connected with many of the companies which he was instrumental in restoring to a sound position.

### County Councillor Says Bob Bushell Is Likely to Win by 1,000 Majority

"Well, how's Bob Bushell getting along out in your section?" asked a Whig reporter of a county councillor from the north west part of the riding on Friday.

"He's going to do fine," was the reply. "There is a rallying to his cause that has quite surprised me, and if he does as well in other sections as he will do in ours, he will beat Dr. Edwards by a thousand."

"Well, that's a pretty big estimate," said the scribe.

"I know it is," said the farmer, "but you have no idea of the way the feeling has changed throughout the county this last few months. The farmers are getting wise to Dr. Edwards. They are reading for themselves, and they are beginning to realize that he is not the kind of a man they should send there if they want legislation that really benefits the farmers."

"And you really think Bob Bushell is going to win?" said the scribe as he was leaving.

"Yes," said the county councillor. "I do. The farmers are right behind him. We have a good organization, and this time we are going to get the vote out. You must remember," he continued, "that in 1925 Dr. Edwards polled very few more votes than he did in 1921, and if we had got the vote out he would have been defeated. We are going to get it out this time, make no mistake, and we're going to send Bob Bushell to Ottawa to see if he can't do something for us."

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### TARIFF ISSUE BIG QUESTION IN ELECTION

#### Meeting Held in Pittsburgh by the Progressive Candidate.

### THE ROBB BUDGET Has Meant More to the Farmer Than Any Other Measure Since Confederation.

Despite the inclement weather a most successful meeting in the interests of R. J. Bushell, was held in the Women's Institute Hall, Pittsburgh, on Thursday evening. Mr. Geo. Maltland, ex-rev. presided, and in the course of his remarks stated that he considered the great question of moment to the country in the present contest is the tariff issue. No other matter of real importance to the country at large need be seriously considered. He was glad that the audience was to hear one of their own men, a practical farmer, Mr. Jos. McGrath, discuss the matter.

Mr. Jos. McGrath, by stating he had no axe to grind in the present campaign. It was not a question of man or party with him. From a farmer's standpoint he had given a great deal of thought to the tariff, and how it affected the course of the country in the present contest is the tariff issue. No other matter of real importance to the country at large need be seriously considered. He was glad that the audience was to hear one of their own men, a practical farmer, Mr. Jos. McGrath, discuss the matter.

### DROVE OVER CROSSING IN FRONT OF A TRAIN

#### Foolhardy Act of a Motorist at the Catarqui O.N.R. Crossing.

It is nothing less than a miracle that many people, travelling in motor vehicles are not killed at the G.N.R. crossing at Catarqui, for no other reason than that the drivers think that they can beat the trains. People living near the crossing state that almost every day of the week there are dozens of narrow escapes.

On Wednesday morning last, a representative of The Whig, who was driving in a westerly direction, held his breath when he saw an American car dash in front of a C. N. R. freight train. The train was within fifty yards of the crossing, when the tourist deliberately drove in front of the oncoming train, although the engineer was blowing the whistle at the time.

The general opinion of motorists who travel over that crossing day after day is that the place is safe providing the man at the wheel will take time to look for trains.

### Hit by Snow, Steamer Sinks in Level of Welland Canal

St. Catharines, Aug. 28.—The steamer Simon Langell, bound from Port Colborne to Montreal, laden with corn, was struck by the corner of a steel scow loaded with mud. Water rapidly entered the hold of the steamer, and although listing badly, the captain managed to pilot her to the dock of the Electric Motor Company, at Welland, where she is now resting on the bottom of the canal in eighteen feet of water. It is believed that her cargo will be ruined.

### Time Is Extended

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—An order-in-council has been passed extending for a further period of three years the authority under which headstones are erected on graves in Canada of members of the Royal and Military forces, whose deaths are attributable to the war. Such authority would have expired the end of the present month, but the order-in-council will continue it until Aug. 31st, 1929.

To date twenty-four applications have been placed before the advisory board on tariff and taxation asking for increases or decreases in the customs tariff on various commodities.

There is no change in the British coal strike situation.

### 25 Convicts Seize Prison and Escape

Ionia, Mich., Aug. 28.—Twenty-five convicts from Michigan state reformatory were at large to-day, many of them armed, as the result of a sensational break in which they virtually took possession of the institution. Guards and officials were placed in cells. Four automobiles took the escaped convicts away.

Mr. E. J. Bushell. Mr. Bushell was received with hearty applause. He congratulated Mr. McGrath on his very instructive (Continued on Page 13)