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Thursday, April 8, 1909

SKILL IN CRIME.

Notable Race Between the Burglar and the Inventor.

Crime keeps pace with civilization, changes in the habits and customs of mankind lead to new offenses, while some good old stand-bys have become unpopular. First, some cautious person invented an iron burglar-proof safe; immediately, declares a writer in Appleton's, the cracksmen invented himself.

The safemaker met this advanced method by corrugating the door to his safe and fitting it with rubber, so as to make it air tight. The cracksmen took another twist in his art, used acid, destroyed the rubber, and again blew open the safe.

The safemaker invented new safes, one after another, which could not be broken in the same old way; the high-grade cracksmen bought them, one after another, took them to his quiet workshop, studied every detail of their construction, and found new ways to break them.

SHOOTING NEAR UNGER'S.

Anderson Brothers Probably Fatally Wounded by John Warren.

Saluda, April 5.—In the early hours of Sunday morning two miles east of Saluda, near Unger's, John Warren shot John Anderson and "Bige" Anderson, brothers, and it is very probable both of them will die from the wounds.

Dr. O. P. Wise was called to attend the wounded men about three o'clock Sunday morning and found one of them near Warren's house with a sheet spread over him, and further down the road in the edge of the field, with a quilt over him, lay the other wounded man.

Each of them had one wound only. Neither of the wounded men has anything much to say about the affair. It is not known where Warren is. It is said his coat is pretty badly cut.

PRITCHARD IS REVERSED.

U. S. SUPREME COURT DECIDES FAMOUS DISPENSARY CASE

State Wins at Every Point—Commission Can Now Continue Investigation.

Washington, April 5.—The winding-up commission of the State dispensary will be able now to proceed with its investigation without interference by Judge Pritchard or any other federal court.

Deciding as we do that the suits in question were suits against the State of South Carolina, and within the inhibition of the 11th amendment, the decree of the circuit court of appeals is reversed, the decree of the circuit court is also reversed, and the cause remanded to that court with instructions to dismiss the bills of complaint.

Chief Justice Fuller, who sat with the circuit court of appeals and whose decision in that court is today reversed, did not participate in today's decision. T. M. Mordecai, chief counsel for the whiskey house complainants, was in the court room when these words fell from the lips of Justice White, and completely flabbergasted, he went out and took the train for Charleston.

Story of the Case.

The story of the celebrated case is in brief as follows: The commission appointed by the governor under authority of the legislature to wind up the State dispensary affairs, take charge of all funds, and pay all just claims, not being satisfied with some of the claims presented by certain liquor houses, undertook to make a thorough investigation of the circumstances and conditions of the sales of liquor to the dispensary officials.

The dispensary commission in obedience to this order refused to pay over to Attorney General Lyon the \$15,000 ordered by the legislature to be paid to the attorney general for the purpose of prosecuting cases against those charged with fraud in connection with the dispensary.

State Retained Rights.

The position of Judge Pritchard was that the State of South Carolina when it appointed the winding up commission completely divested itself of all its rights of immunity from suits in law by citizens of other States, which is forbidden by the 11th amendment.

Considering the text of the winding up act, we are of the opinion that there is no just ground for the conclusion that the State, in providing by that legislation for the liquidation of the affairs of the dispensary, intended to divest itself of its rights of property in the assets of that governmental agency and to endow the commission with a right and title to the property which placed it so beyond the control of the State as to authorize a judicial tribunal to take the assets of that State out of the hands of those selected to manage the same, and by means of a receiver to administer such assets as property affected by a trust, irrevocable in its nature, and thus to dispose of the same without the presence of the State.

That being a fair sample of the long drawn out style of the decision, I will give no more. The supreme court justices are not unlike other lawyers in the habit of using about 17 words to every really necessary one.

Receivership "Sambusticated." Just take it from me then that the receivership and the injunction of Judge Pritchard are both slammed

busticated and the winding-up commission is now "it."

W. J. Murray, John McSween and Avery Patton are the only three members of it in good standing, two others, Messrs. Henderson and Arthur, having resigned to take positions as receivers, which jobs they will not now need any longer. Gov. Ansel will have to appoint two others.

The commission will have about \$800,000 to disburse and they may probe to the very bottom all the claims. If they find any fraud has been committed, they may refuse to pay the claims, and Attorney General Lyon may have a chance to put somebody in jail.—Zach McGhee, in Columbia State.

ORIENTAL METHODS.

A Turkish Liberal Strangled and His Head Sent to Abdul-Hamid.

In a recent number of the American Magazine, N. C. Adossides wrote, from personal observations and private knowledge, a remarkable character sketch of the sultan of Turkey. Among other things he told a story of how the sultan is known to have taken human life with his own hands.

"I should rather advise you to read the Blue Books of the British foreign office published in 1905, 1906 and 1907, and also become familiar with the speech by the great old Mr. Gladstone; in the house of commons as prime minister of Great Britain he had the courage to call Abdul-Hamid 'the greatest assassin of all assassins.'"

"Can you deny to me, sir, the Armenian massacres, or are you aware that 360,000 people have been annihilated by Abdul-Hamid and his odious, criminal camarilla? If you do not deny the Armenian massacres, how then, can you defend Abdul-Hamid, and be astonished for my saying that he has killed this young Circassian odalisque for a trifling incident which I have described in this article of mine and which was narrated to me by a Turkish ambassador now abroad at one of the European courts, who was on duty in the lobbies of the palace the night of the occurrence."

"Besides, sir, you must not forget that not only the Armenians have suffered by this tyranny of political and racial suffocation. The Mohammedans also, the Turks themselves, have endured untold agonies of which the world knows little; but the time is coming when these things will become public for the benefit of all."

"I advise you to read the memoirs of the great Liberal Prime Minister Midhat Pasha, the father of the Ottoman constitution, a personal friend of my late father, with whom he had worked a great many years, and letters of whom are to-day in my possession. I advise you to read this book, because I want you to read the story told by his son as how his father, Midhat Pasha, was strangled and his head sent to Abdul-Hamid, in order that he would be certain that this great, liberal man, an obstacle to himself, had disappeared."

"Before closing I must add that you are one of the very, very few defenders of Abdul-Hamid left on the surface of the earth. His greatest rascals, who have stolen and robbed him for thirty years, hate him. We have suffered too much in order not to be irritated at the idea that Abdul-Hamid could be defended."

MOTHER TO JOIN LEPER.

Mrs. Thomas to Live on Penekese Island With Afflicted Son.

Upton, Mass., April 1.—Devotion to her 17-year-old son, Archibald, who last week was pronounced a leper and removed to the State colony on Penekese island, will carry Mrs. Emma Thomas to the isolated settlement to give herself up to the care of the diseased young man. Thomas contracted leprosy in the Barbadoes.

Mrs. Thomas, widow, to-day began arrangements for selling all of her personal property. As soon as this is completed she will go to Penekese, the State authorities having granted her permission to make her home there.

SENTENCE FOR NEGRO.

Washington Given 25 Years for Mistreating White Woman.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 6.—Twenty-five years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary and a \$2,000 fine was the sentence imposed by Judge Barratt here to-day when George Washington, a negro, was convicted of holding Mrs. Ella Curtin, white, a prisoner in his room and ill treating and robbing her. Mrs. Curtin went to the negro's home to make arrangements to have her trunks moved to a storage house. She alleged that Washington kept her a prisoner in his room from March 25 to 29. She was rescued by the police, who had been notified of the matter by another negro roomer in the house. The woman, hospital physicians testified to-day, is a physical wreck as the result of her experience. Several times while testifying to-day to the revolting nature of her experiences she collapsed on the stand. The jury quickly convicted Washington and he was given the full penalty of the law.

Dear Mr. Fastidious Man:

Come to see us, and be sure to bring your troubles with you. The cure follows:—

- "Merrimac" brand Suits and Extra Trousers. Price & Hopkins made-to-measure Clothes. The celebrated Yale Suspenders and Belts. Hartford Neckwear in new styles and shades. G. P. T. Underwear—knee length—long drawers. Thin Sox in great variety of colors. Felt and Straw Hats—most every color and shape. The well-known Corliss-Coon Collars. Other brands at 10c each. Invisible Suspenders—fancy arm bands. Monogram and Emblem Shirts in fancy and neat patterns. Wash Ties in green, blue, and white—guaranteed not to fade. The best Shoe in the world for the money—Walk-Over. Coat and Trousers Hangers—for men only.

H. J. BRABHAM, JR.

'Phone No. 28.

BAMBERG, S. C.

N. B. If you are not fastidious, come anyhow and look us over.

YOUTH ATTEMPTS BLACKMAIL.

Tries to Extort Money From Asa G. Candler.

Atlanta, Ga., April 6.—Charged with attempting to blackmail Asa G. Candler, president of the Atlanta chamber of commerce and banker, and Atlanta's wealthiest citizen, out of \$35,000 by "Black Hand" methods, Daniel W. Johnson, Jr., 18 years old, and a member of Candler's Sunday-school class, was arrested to-night at the instance of postoffice inspectors and lodged in the Fulton county jail.

Johnson admits writing the letters and takes his arrest very coolly. He, however, declares that he was the catpaw of three strangers, who, he claims, dictated his every action in connection with the affair and forced him to write the demands for money under penalty of death. He furnished the officers with a description of the three men.

On Friday of last week Mr. Candler received the first of the two letters written by the "Black Hand" plotters, in which he was asked to place \$35,000 under the steps of the pastor's study of the Inman Park Methodist church on Monday night, April 5, "or you and your family will meet a horrible death at our hands."

Mr. Candler called George M. Sutton, chief postoffice inspector of the Atlanta division, in consultation and it was decided to trap the blackmailers. Mr. Candler drew \$35,000 in cash from the bank of which he is president, so as to guard against any possible betrayal of his plans. Monday night he made up a package and placed it at the point designated, the real money in the meantime remaining at his residence, guarded by detectives. Two detectives kept watch near where the fake package was placed, but no one appeared during the night for the package.

Another Letter.

This morning Mr. Candler received a message demanding that he place \$1,000 at a secluded spot on Moreland avenue, between Annabel and Walker avenues. Again a fake package was prepared and placed at the spot designated to-night, and Johnson appeared from the darkness, grabbed the package and started on a run, but was in the grasp of Detectives Lockhart and Coker before he was aware that he had been observed.

He was taken to the "Tower" and after a grueling examination made a confession, admitting having written the two letters, but saying he acted under compulsion. The police give little credence to his story of having been forced to write the letters by three strangers.

The first letter, dated April 1, warning Mr. Candler that if he failed to put the sum at the spot indicated "you alone shall meet death. Tell any one of it and you and your house—that is all that live with you—shall meet the most horrible death at our hands. Pony up with the sum and keep your face closed about it and all will be well. Fail to put the sum there or blab it and hell will be to pay, nothing more nor less than death."

The second letter advised Mr. Candler to "slide in close up to the side of the steps and put it under them and then '23' as hard as you can. Do not fail or you will be blown to 'kingdom come' before day Tuesday, April 6."

Mr. Candler was little disturbed over the incident, and it was stated to-night that he would lose no sleep over fears of his home being dynamited.

Cuts Wife's Throat.

Asheville, N. C., April 3.—While his wife lay ill, Lawrence Conley, who lives about three miles from Marion, attempted to kill her by slashing her throat with her razor. She is in a precarious condition but may recover.

Her ten-day-old child was in the bed with her when the attempt was made on her life, but was uninjured. Conley escaped and has not been found, though officers are searching for him. He was always regarded as a peaceable character and no motive for his act can be ascribed.

As far as is known, the husband and wife had never quarreled. Mrs. Conley was a Miss Corpening and comes of a prominent family.

KILLED BY SISTER-IN-LAW.

Amos Shot by Mrs. William Campbell—Dead Man Unarmed.

Roanoke, Va., April 5.—A special from Buena Vista, Va., says Henry W. Amos, of that place, was to-day shot and killed by his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Campbell. Amos' wife recently left him and went to the Campbell home to live with her sister. When Amos returned to Buena Vista to-day from Richmond he called at the Campbell residence and sought a reconciliation with his wife. The latter refused to go with her husband and a quarrel followed. Mrs. Campbell fired several shots from a revolver at Amos, none of them taking effect. She then secured a shotgun and discharged it at Amos at close range, the contents taking effect in Amos' body, killing him. It is said Amos was not armed.

Illicit Distillery Raided.

Bennettsville, April 6.—H. P. Meekins, the local United States deputy marshal, who is a most efficient official, a few days ago located an illicit distillery in the sand hills of this county. He notified Revenue Agent Wallace, of Columbia, and he arrived here on last night's 10 o'clock train and was met by Deputy Meekins. These two officials, with a small posse, proceeded 15 miles into the sand hills, where, with little trouble, they discovered the still. It is of 190 gallons capacity, and was already charged with mash, convenient for an early run.

No one was at the still at the time of the capture. The officials cut the copper still to pieces and destroyed all the mash and other contraband stuff. This sand hill section on the North and South Carolina line has for more than 100 years been the rendezvous of moonshiners.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements Under This Head 25c. For 25 Words or Less.

For Mayor.—The Herald is authorized to announce the candidacy of Mr. J. D. Felder for mayor at the approaching municipal election.

Shingles For Sale.—I have on hand an extra choice lot of cypress shingles, and can fill any size order. Can make prompt delivery. W. H. FOLK, Colston, S. C.

For Sale.—Extra fine thoroughbred Jersey cow, giving with first calf 2 1/2 gallons per day. She's a beauty. Apply to H. W. JOHNSON, Bamberg, S. C.

For Mayor.—Realizing his executive ability and his eminent fitness for the position, the many friends of J. Aldrich Wyman nominate him for the position of Mayor at the approaching municipal election. He will fill the position with credit and give us a safe, sound, business administration. MANY FRIENDS.

Hay For Sale.—I have for sale about ten tons of fine pea vine hay, in bales. This hay is in Denmark, and my son will be there every Saturday to deliver to customers. J. T. GRIFFITH, Bamberg S. C.

For Sale.—Selected Eden and Watson watermelon seed. Apply to C. R. BRABHAM, Bamberg, S. C.

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REGISTRATION NOTICE.

Please take notice that the Municipal Books for Registration for the town of Bamberg are now open, and those qualified electors of the county of Bamberg, residing within the incorporate limits of the said town, desiring certificates of municipal registration, will apply to me for such certificates before May 1st, A. D., 1909. A. M. BRABHAM, Supervisor of Registration. Bamberg, S. C., April 1, 1909.

CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina—County of Bamberg—By Geo. P. Harmon, Esq., Judge of Probate. Whereas, Mrs. William F. Hughes hath made suit to me to grant her letters of administration of the estate of and effects of Sam Beard;

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Sam Beard, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Bamberg, on Saturday, April 17th, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of April, A. D., 1909. GEO. P. HARMON, Judge of Probate.

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Good Old Country Syrup, in barrels, 50c. per gallon.

In quart bottles, sealed, 15c. a quart.

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The finest lot of Fresh Prunes that ever hit the town.

Seeded Raisins on hand all the time.

Have you ever tried our Butter? We only ask 35c. the pound.

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