

BENNY SWIM TRYING TO MAKE A GET AWAY

OTHER PRISONERS GAVE HIM AWAY

Had Planned to Take to the Woods and Live in a Log Cabin.

Woodstock, July 21—When Benny Swim, who was recently found guilty of murder in connection with the death of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tremholm, was told by Sheriff Foster that the date of his execution was changed to September 15 by an order of the justice department, it made very little impression on the prisoner, who merely remarked, "the fifteenth of September is two months away." Apparently he gave the matter no further thought. Recent developments that have come to light would indicate that Swim was fully occupied along lines that concerned his escape from his place of confinement. In perfecting his plans he made confidants of two other prisoners, who at once informed the sheriff of what was going on.

By some means Swim succeeded in getting a piece of iron plate from the cage which would let him into the outside corridor, where the night watch had a cot. It was his intention to knock the watchman out, take his keys and make his getaway.

According to the story told his companions he had his route all mapped out and intended going direct to a cabin in the dense woods some distance from his former home.

Had Some Food

When searched a quantity of food was found in his pockets and he kept fully dressed, evidently awaiting a favorable chance to carry out his plans. It is a question whether he could have squeezed through the window bars he had chosen for his final effort, but he intended to make the attempt. He was very angry when the discovery was made, and more so when extra precautions were taken to prevent any further attempts along this line.

The two young men who thwarted the whole plan are serving six months for a minor offence, and have completed about half the sentence. Sheriff Foster is trying to have them released, as he feels they are deserving of some clemency for the information given him.

Swim never mentions his crime to anyone, but has always maintained that he is in jail for debt and intends swearing out. Since he got over his violent outburst shortly after his sentence, he keeps himself clean and tidy and gives the jail officials very little trouble.

Swim was condemned to hang on July 15, but the sentence was postponed to permit an examination as to his sanity.

STUDENTS BUY AN ISLAND

London, July 22—The burden of the war, resulting in unemployment, and the few prospects for sons of men of the professional class, together with the high income taxes is driving Englishmen fresh from college to seek fields afar from their native land for their energies, where there is also a spice of adventure. The latest party which will shortly say goodbye to England is composed of twelve engineering students of Loughborough college, who have purchased an uninhabited island from the Republic of Ecuador. They will set sail for it in September. They collected \$2,500 and bought a ninety ton boat, and they hope to make their fortunes in fruit growing and cattle raising.

HONEY BEES SIGHTSEEING IN BOSTON

Sixty Thousand Swarmed on a Plate Glass Window of a Store.

Boston, July 22—Two crowds gathered at Merrimack and Portland streets early yesterday. One crowd, 60,000 in number, was composed of honey bees. The other crowd, numbering about 200 was made up of men and women who watched the bees, and who were ready to break into flight the instant they showed a disposition to leave a plate glass window where they had swarmed.

The honey makers are owned by H. H. Jepson, proprietor of an apiary at 182 Griend street. The bees grew restive in their hive and decided to go sightseeing. Led by their queen, they flew from the apiary and proceeded in a great buzzing cloud to the corner of Merrimack and Portland streets.

The flight was halted at this point in order that the queen might discuss with her advisers about the possibility of finding an apple orchard or flower garden in the vicinity of the North station. While the conference was in session the bees squirmed about on the window and men and women gathered about, each secretly hoping that a few bees would light on some one else in order that there might be excitement. Horses attached to drays halted nearby sensed the presence of the bees and grew restive.

Two mounted officers and a traffic officer were attracted to the scene and prevented the crowd from approaching too close to the swarm. Meanwhile, some one notified Jepson that some of his stock were off the range and that a round-up was in order. Jepson went to the swarm and amazed the spectators by fearlessly scooping up the bees in handfuls and placing them in a hive. They were returned to their Friend street home.

GIRL MADE BAD MISTAKE

Ocean Grove, N. J., July 22—Miss Elsie Renwick, 16 years old, an usher in the Main Street Theatre here, found a small leather case in the lobby of the theatre last night. A small phial was in the case the size and shape of handy perfume container.

Thinking it was some kind of scent Miss Renwick took a long "smell." Shortly after she lost consciousness. Physicians restored her after working more than an hour and she is still confined to her home here today.

The bottle contained powdered morphine, according to physicians.

Crop Is Light.

Cultivated raspberries are now on the local markets but the crop is reported lighter than usual. The reason for this is that the extreme dry weather of last year did not give the new canes much of a chance to develop. The wild berries are also reported to be scarce this season.

Nose Broken in Ball-Game

Albert Hughes of Barker's Point while playing baseball Friday evening at that place had his nose broken when struck by the ball. Walter Rice playing in the outfield made a long throw to the plate and Hughes who turned sidewise did not see the ball coming.

Summer Vacation.

Mrs. James L. Neville and two children left this morning for Bathurst to spend three weeks with Mrs. H. A. Melanson sister to Mrs. Neville. Mrs. Andrew Doran and family will leave on Monday for Shediac. W. T. Gerald and family will leave today for Prince Edward Island for three weeks.

United Farmers of Manitoba Have Chosen a Leader

JOHN BRACKEN IS SELECTED FOR THE POSITION—APPOINTMENT CAME AS A SURPRISE—IS WITHOUT A SEAT BUT WILL PROBABLY SEEK ELECTION IN LA PAS—IS A NATIVE OF ONTARIO.

Winnipeg, July 21—John Bracken, aged thirty-nine, a native of Ontario, graduate of the Guelph Agricultural College is to be the next premier of Manitoba. He was the choice, unanimously, it is understood, of the United Farmer members-elect of the legislature as their political leader and that post carries with it automatically succession to Hon. T. C. Norris as prime minister. Announcement of his selection and acceptance was made at 6 o'clock tonight by C. Barclay, member-elect for Springfield, who was chairman of the conference.

Mr. Bracken's name was mentioned prominently two or three months ago in connection with the Farmer leadership but since the election and the gathering here of the Farmers, political speculation had not considered him seriously. His selection, therefore, came as something of a surprise. He has taken no active part in public life and has not been identified with the Farmers' political movement, although his professional interests have naturally associated him very closely with Manitoba's agricultural development.

It is assumed Mr. Bracken will receive a summons from the lieutenant-governor to form a government and that he will accept the responsibility and ask for time to choose his colleagues. It is understood that the farmers have given him a free hand in the construction of his cabinet and probably he will report back to the conference before he takes office. Mr. Bracken was not a candidate in the elections and it is thought he will seek election in The Pas, one of the deferred seats, represented in the last house by Hon. Edward Brown, who probably will return to private life.

BRACKEN'S CAREER

The new premier-elect of Manitoba, John Bracken, B. S. A., is only thirty-nine years of age. He is a Canadian by birth and education, and comes of generations of farming stock. He was born and raised on a large dairy farm in the county of Leeds, Ontario, and while he was still in his teens, became mayor of the county. For four years of farm management, Mr. Bracken took the B. S. A. course at the Ontario Agricultural College and graduated with honors, taking three scholarships and one proficiency medal.

Very shortly after graduation Mr. Bracken came to Manitoba as representative of the dominion seed branch and did excellent work in stimulating interest in the production of better seed. On the formation of the province of Saskatchewan in 1905 he was invited to take the superintendence of institutes and fairs and after two years combined with that work the position of livestock commissioner.

When the University of Saskatchewan was opened he accepted the professorship of field husbandry having supplemented his work at Guelph and his practical training with a year of post-graduate work in United States universities.

In 1920, Mr. Bracken was the unanimous choice of the board of directors of the Manitoba Agricultural College to fill the position of president.

Mr. Bracken married Alice Wylie Bruce, of Guelph, and has four sons.

PASTOR IN AN ELOPEMENT

Xenia, O., July 21—The Rev. W. W. Culp, former Spring Valley O., minister who eloped with Miss Ester Hughes eighteen a boarder at the Club home today pleaded guilty to deserting his family in Probate Court and was sentenced to one year in the workhouse and to pay a fine of \$500.

The mother of Culp's nine small children forgave her erring husband after he had been sentenced. Entering the room where she was he threw his arms about the wife he had deserted and pleaded for forgiveness. "I forgive you was all she was heard to say.

The prisoner said that his heart had changed toward his family on his children to be with him.

"I don't know whether the law will let me have them again but I will rather go to prison to prove to the world that I am a true man and that my motives were not base.

Quincy Team Com'g.

The Quincy, Mass team is at St. John today for two games with St. Peter's. The team is managed by "Lefty" Ford, who played ball here a number of years ago. He claims to have stronger team than Newburyport. Quincy is due to play here on Wednesday next.

HAS FAITH IN FARMERS

Gore Bay, July 21—J. J. Morrison U.F.O. Secretary, was both surprised and delighted when he received word that the Farmers of Manitoba were

were conceded a clear majority over all other groups in the Legislature. He had expected a victory he said but not such a decisive one. Manitoba, he believes, has at last secured stable government. Mr. Morrison saw in the results proof that the Farmers movement was gaining strength. He intimated that there would be another chance to show that group government was both feasible and practical.

"The people of Manitoba have shown that they are willing to trust the Farmers to conduct the public affairs of the province. Confidence in the stability of the Farmers' group is spreading through the Dominion."

New York, July 22—The Hotel Hermitage, Seventh avenue an forty-second street, long known as the "Gay Spot" of New York's White Way, went into the hands of a receiver yesterday. Frank C. Hurley, the proprietor, is said to owe more than \$100,000.

INDICTED IN WAR LUMBER FRAUD IN U.S.

Ten Persons to be Tried for Defrauding Uncle Sam of Large Sum.

Washington, July 22—An indictment against 10 persons charging conspiracy to defraud the United States out of more than \$10,000,000 in connection with the disposition of Government lumber following the war, was returned by the special Federal Grand Jury, which has been in session since June 1, investigating the transaction.

The indictment was the first to be reported by the Grand Jury impaneled to investigate war frauds, for which Congress appropriated \$500,000 for use by Atty Gen. Daugherty and a special corps of assistants.

Names and addresses of the men indicted were given by the Department of Justice as follows:

John L. Phillips, Thomasville, Ga.; John Stephens, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ernest C. Morse, New York City, formerly Springfield, Mass; Charles S. Shottwell, New York City; George M. Chambers, Newark, N. J.; Frank T. Sullivan, Buffalo; Roland Perry, Washington, D. C.; Charles Phillips, Jr., Atlanta, Ga; Gus Eitzen and Mitchell A. Touart, Jr., Pensacola, Fla.

Morse, as assistant director of sales and subsequently director of sales, the indictment charged instead of "faithfully performing" his duties in the interest of the Government, was, under the arrangement, knowingly "to aid and assist" Phillips and Stephens in unlawfully and corruptly prejudicing and otherwise defeating the administration by the Government of the law providing for the sale of the lumber.

Chambers as a lumber expert, according to the indictment, was from time to time to grade, appraise and fix the minimum prices at which the lumber was to be sold through the Phillips and Stephens agency and under the arrangement at "much lower grade, values and prices than pertaining to the lumber and thus unlawfully and corruptly aided in defeating the administration of the law."

ON DEATH LIST YET HE WORKS

Worcester, July 21—Louis A. Gilbert of Carleton st, West Millbury is listed as dead on the official records of the United States War Department but he is working every day in the Worcester plant of the Wyman & Gordon Company.

Gilbert served during the war as a private first class in the 9th Company, 3rd Battalion 151st when he was discharged suffering from a physical disability. For a time after his discharge he received Government compensation for disability, but this stopped and he appealed to the Worcester Chapter of the Red Cross.

An inquiry by the chapter officers revealed the fact that Gilbert had become listed as dead so his compensation was stopped. The Red Cross started today to have him restored by the Government to the official land of the living.

Changes in Ball Club.

Harry Anderson who has been playing second base for Fredericton has been released. Benny Smith who has been with the Boston All Stars in Nova Scotia and formerly was with the Blue Ridge League in the south joined the local club this morning. He is a pitcher and also will be used in the outfield. The club is after Second Baseman Dillon of Newburyport and he may join the club at St. Stephen Monday. Fredericton will play at St. Stephen Monday at Milltown Tuesday, against Marysville here on Wednesday against Quincy, Mass., here on Thursday and Friday and at Marysville Saturday.

While men see that things are not what they should be there is often the readiness to let all go by with the placing of blame upon other people's shoulders.

MEMBERS OF G.T. BOARD HAVE RESIGNED

SIR JOSEPH FLAVELLE AMONG NUMBER

Move is Made in Order to Give the Government a Free Hand.

Ottawa, July 21—Three of the members of the board in charge of the Grand Trunk Railway have tendered their resignations to the government, Sir Joseph Flavelle, chairman; A. J. Mitchell and Howard G. Kelly, president of the Grand Trunk Railway. The other two members of the board are E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice and L. N. Dupuis, a well known business man of Montreal. The resignations of Mr. Newcombe who is absent in England and of Mr. Dupuis are expected at any time. This announcement was made by the government.

The reasons for the circumstances attending these resignations are almost identical with those of the resignations of Canadian National board yesterday. In neither case were the resignations formally or peremptorily requested but it is understood that a short time ago both boards received an intimation from the government that it would soon be ready to appoint their successors.

Their resignations followed as a logical consequence and without the slightest suggestion of any lack of harmony between the existing boards and those governmental officials having directly to do with the formation of the new bodies.

Both moves have been made for the purpose of enabling the government most effectively and speedily to embark upon its course of reorganization and co-ordination of the Canadian National Railways as it is at present known.

As to when the new joint board will be appointed and announced no notification is available but the general belief here is now that a period of two weeks or possibly a month may elapse before the personnel is made known.

Windsor, Ont., July 21—Hon. George P. Graham told a reporter this afternoon that he would under no consideration accept the chairmanship of the Canadian National Railways.

"It is not me," said the minister.

WEEK-END MARKET.

New Potatoes, Peas and Beans In Abundance—Prices Steady.

The week-end market today was large and produce was offered in great variety. New potatoes were abundant at 50 to 75 cts. per peck. Peas and beans were also plentiful. The ruling prices were as follows—Lamb, per lb., 15 to 25 cts.

Veal per lb., 10 to 13 cts.

New Potatoes, per peck, 50 to 75 cts.

Fowl, per lb., 30 cts.

Chicken, per lb., 40 cts.

Old potatoes, per bbl., \$1.00.

Blueberries per box, 20 cts.

Cherries, per box, 20 cts.

Currants, per box, 20 cts.

Strawberries per box, 25 cts.

Peas per quart, 35 cts.

Beans per peck, 40 cts.

MEILKE IS CHAMPION

Charlottetown, July 21—Gerald Meikle, Brightwood Golf Club, Dartmouth, won the amateur golf championship of the maritime provinces today for the third successive year when he defeated H. M. Wyie, Halifax, ten up to nine to go. C. J. Jones, Woodstock, won the first consolation; W. A. Henry, Halifax, the second consolation; Dr. L. DeV. Chipman, St. John the desolation.

The professional match between six players for score was won by H. W. Lingard, St. John, with 150. O. Brault, Moncton, was fourth with 169.

Has Returned Home.

St. John Times: Charles Paul star pitcher for the St. Stephen baseball club, passed through the city today en route to his home in Springhill where he will spend a few days.