

SAID GOOD DAY AND WALKED OUT

Clever Crook Made Speedy Escape from Jail

NORTON HAD NERVE

He Walked Past the Wardens and Keepers, Put on His Hat and Skipped--He Was thd "King of Second Story Men."

NEW YORK, Jan. 3--The Tribune says: Frank Brown, alias "Bud Norton," alias "Dick McGuire," said to be one of the cleverest crooks in the country, calmly sauntered by half a dozen of the new keepers and other attaches of the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, yesterday and made his escape. He had been in the prison less than an hour after having been arraigned in the county court, charged with robbing the home of Ex-Senator Wm. J. Larocche, in Brooklyn, of jewelry valued at \$3,000, and several hundred dollars in money on November 24. He was caught in Chicago and had just been brought east after the Brooklyn authorities had made a hard fight to get him from the jurisdiction of the courts there.

Sheriff Flaherty, who took charge of the jail with an entirely new force on New Year's Day, was much disturbed over the loss of so important a prisoner, and will probably dismiss one or more of the keepers as soon as he can fix the blame.

Brown escaped probably about 1.30 o'clock when there was a shifting of the keepers. According to the story of a man who professed to have seen the performance, Brown, who was walking with some other prisoners in the corridors, went to his hat and coat, walked up to a deputy and said: "Well, I guess I have had enough of this, and will be going. Good bye." The deputy, thinking him a visitor, opened the barred door leading from the cell corridors to the executive offices. Brown walked straight to the front gate and into the street. Brown is known to the police as the "King of second story men" here and abroad. There have been 61 indictments found against him, but only received only 18 months imprisonment in Joliet prison for robbing the home of Norman B. Ream, a Chicago millionaire, of jewels worth \$20,000.

A WORK OF VENGEANCE

Italian Murdered in New York and Five of His Countrymen are Under Arrest.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. -- Giuseppe Riccobono was caught in a little East Side cellar and murdered with a razor today. His body was found lying face upward with the blade of the razor broken into two pieces, which were laid on his breast in a sinister and almost perfect cross. His left hand had been half cut off at the wrist and his throat cut.

The police say that a band of Italians killed Riccobono in revenge, not for any harm he had done them, but because he refused to tell them what he knew about the murder recently of an Italian known as Pasquale Rocco. The police arrested on suspicion five Italians.

A PRINCELY GIFT

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.--A gift of \$50,000 to the university of Pennsylvania was announced by Provost C. C. Harrison today at the meeting of the trustees or, as well as the purpose for which of the university. The name of the donor is intended, was not made public. It is also announced that the total value of the gifts to all departments of the university during December was nearly \$100,000.

SPEND NO MONEY ON THE EDUCATION OF NEGROES; THEY ARE NOT WORTH IT

Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, in His Annual Message to the Legislature of the State, Takes a Startling Position on Negro Question.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 3. -- Governor Vardaman in his annual message to the Mississippi legislature, which assembled yesterday, again took a strong stand against spending public money for the education of the negro, saying in part: "As a race the negro is deteriorating morally every day. Time has demonstrated that he is more criminal as a free man than as a slave, that he is increasing in criminality with fearful rapidity, be-

MARRIED IN WOODSTOCK

J. M. Queen, of St. John and Miss Nellie Fripp, of Woodstock, Were Wedded Today.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Jan. 3.--(Special).--A quiet but fashionable wedding took place at 5.30 this morning at the home of the bride, when James M. Queen, of St. John, was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Fripp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fripp. The bride was dressed in a brown travelling suit, and the happy couple were unattended. The parlor was handsomely decorated with holly, mistletoe and white tissue paper. The gift to the bride from her parents was a purse of gold; from the Methodist Sunday school, an address and a set of silver spoons; from her Sunday school class, an expensive present; from an aunt in England, a cheque; from the groom, a magnificent set of Canadian dark lynx fur. After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. G. A. Ross, a wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Queen left on the post office train for an extended honeymoon trip to Boston, New York and the state of Virginia.

MONEY OR PUBLICITY?

Attempt to Blackmail Cardinal Vannutelli by Threatening Publication of Compromising Letters.

ROME, Jan. 3.--Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, Arch Priest of the Liberian Basilica, yesterday received a note which was posted in Rome Dec. 30 threatening the publication of compromising letters said to have been written by the cardinal, if he did not send one thousand lire (\$200), addressed to the initials "C. E." to be left at the post office until called for. The cardinal handed the letter to the police, who this morning arrested a well dressed man who asked for a letter with the initials "C. E." The prisoner, whose name is kept secret, and who protests his innocence, proved that when the blackmailing letter was posted in Rome he was in Genoa, where he handed on reaching Italy from New-York.

COL. AMON MUST REMAIN IN JAIL

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 3.--Supreme Court Justice Howard yesterday notified District Attorney Jerome of New York that he had denied the application of Col. Bob Amon for a discharge from Sing Sing prison. Amon was convicted for his connection with the Franklin syndicate frauds and was sentenced under the law for indeterminate sentences. He argued that this law was not in effect at the time of his conviction, that he was improperly sentenced and had really served the time it was intended he should be imprisoned. Justice Howard holds that Amon was properly sentenced and that as the term of imprisonment has not expired, a writ of habeas corpus for his release must be denied.

THE CRESCENT CITY DERBY

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 3.--Of the 77 candidates entered for the Crescent City Derby, to be run in March, 23 have been declared out. Fifty-four entries remain eligible, increasing the stakes by \$1,080, which, added to the \$70 entry fees and the \$5,000 added by the Crescent City Jockey Club, brings the value of the stakes to date up to \$8,850. An additional payment of \$20 will become due on February 10 and starters will pay \$1,000 on top of that, so the total value of the stake on Derby Day will be between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

A BOUT POSTPONED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.--The boxing contest between Willie Lewis of New York and Willie Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, originally scheduled to take place on Jan. 10 at Colma, has been postponed until the night of Jan. 12.

FOUR ATLANTIC LINERS ARE IN THE PORT TODAY; BUSY AT SAND POINT

Donaldson Liner Indrani Docked This Morning and the Allan Liner Sicilian Last Night--Steamers Now in Port Will Take Away 300,000 Bushels of Grain.

At Sand Point today the winter port business was in full swing. Four steamers are now in port, the Sicilian, Montreal, Lake Manitoba, and Indrani. Large crews of men, from both the Longshoremen's Association and the Shipbuilders' Society, are at work on these boats.

The Donaldson liner Indrani, Captain Martin, arrived this morning from Glasgow with a large general cargo for this port and the west, including a large amount of Scotch hard coal.

The Indrani is docked at the new city wharf, where she will unload the St. John freight, after which she will move to No. 4 berth, where her inward cargo for the west will be discharged.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Champlain, Captain Stewart, sailed from Liverpool yesterday. She carries a very heavy cargo.

The C. P. R. liner Montezuma, from Halifax and this port, arrived at Antwerp yesterday.

The steamer St. John City, Furness liner, arrived in London on Monday, from Halifax and this port.

The Allan liner Sicilian docked at Sand

Point at five o'clock last evening. She brought a large cargo and a fair number of passengers.

When the Sicilian arrived at Halifax, a Russian family, apparently of considerable refinement, disembarked. The party consisted of Mrs. Charnock, her eldest son, Chaskel, and two sisters. The son, who is eighteen years of age, is a military student, and wore his uniform on the passage out.

The steamer passengers consisted of Britishers, Swedes, Finns and Russians. Twenty-eight of the Swedes are hired to work at lumbering near Bridgewater, N. S.

The saloon passengers brought out by the Sicilian were: R. B. Anderson, P. S. Baird, Captain D. B. Blackwell, D. G. Cameron, G. Janin, Miss Janin, J. B. Lefebvre, A. C. Michael, Mrs. Morris, T. C. Newton, J. A. Sutherland, Mrs. E. Scott and Major O. E. Talbot.

In the warehouses at Sand Point this morning large quantities of freight were stored, the greater part of it consisting of liquors, bottled drinks, sardines, cheese, and crockeryware, the most of which will be forwarded to upper Canada.

As is already known, this winter's grain

shipments far exceed last winter's, and although the officials have not yet made a statement, they believe the shipments are 300,000 bushels ahead of last winter. About 1,000,000 bushels of wheat have been placed in the C. P. R. elevator, and more is arriving daily.

The three steamers now in port will take about 300,000 bushels of wheat away.

A. C. Smith, when seen by the Times this morning, said that he has as yet made no statement regarding the cattle shipments, but he feels sure that the shipments this year will compare favorably with last winter.

There are about twenty inmates in the detention hospital, none of whom are seriously ill. It is thought that about five of these will be discharged in a day or two. The freight shipments this winter have been very heavy, and it is expected that when the year's statement is made up it will show a large increase over the past two or three years.

The valuation of the steamship Oriana's outward cargo now on the way to Cape Town from this port is \$289,624.

The Manchester Shipper's outward cargo now on the way to Manchester is valued at \$235,514.

RIVAL PRESIDENTS HAVE FIERCE ALL DAY BATTLE IN SAN DOMINGO CITY

Troops of Morales, the Fugitive President, Under General Rodriguez, Attacked Puerto Plata and Met Vigorous Defence--Finally They Were Driven Back, but Are Ready to Renew Conflict.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Cape Hayti, Jan. 3.--Advices received here early this morning from Puerto Plata on the northern coast of Santo Domingo, said the troops of the fugitive president Morales, under the command of General Demetrio Rodriguez, attacked Puerto Plata at ten o'clock yesterday morning. The fighting which was severe, lasted until five o'clock in the evening, when the besieging force retired. A number of men were killed or wounded on both sides in the engagement during which bayonets and swords were principally used.

The forces of General Rodriguez which are massed outside Puerto Plata, were when these advices were forwarded, preparing for another attack on the place.

A portion of the population of Puerto Plata has declared in favor of Morales and street fighting has occurred, the supporters of Morales shooting from the windows of their houses at the troops of General Caeceres, the temporary president of Santo Domingo. It is of considerable commercial importance and exports tobacco, dyewoods and coffee. The population numbers about 4,500.

A messenger who arrived here from Monte Cristi today brought the news that General Demetrio Rodriguez has announced that if his attack on Puerto Plata is successful he will proclaim himself a candidate for the presidency of Santo Domingo.

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THE TARIFF COMMISSION IN NEW BRUNSWICK TODAY

NEWCASTLE, STATION, N. B., Jan. 3.--(Special).--The Tariff Commission arrived here on the Maritime Express at 8 o'clock this morning in a private car. The members are Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance; Hon. Wm. Patterson, minister of customs; Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of inland revenue, and John Bain, secretary.

A session was held at the town hall at 11.30 o'clock this morning and a fairly large number were present to meet the commissioners. Among those present were Hon. P. Burchill and W. S. Loggie, M. P. of Chatham.

These giving evidence at this morning's session were, G. O. Anderson, of Woodstock, Ontario, who is starting a furniture factory here; D. Morrison, general merchant, J. D. Creighton, dry-goods merchant, and P. Hennessy, general dealer, all of this town.

DECREASE IN BIRTH RATE.

During the past year, up to December 31st, there were 472 marriages and 968 births recorded by Registrar Jones. A comparative statement of the last four years is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Births, Marriages. 1905: 968, 472. 1904: 960, 430. 1903: 1175, 460. 1902: 1140, 394.

The apparent falling off or decrease in the two past years as compared with 1902 and 1903 may be accounted for by the fact that physicians who heretofore made

returns to the registrar have not been doing so during these years.

It will be remembered that the registrar, with a view to enforce a more general compliance with the law on the part of physicians than existed previously, laid information in the police court against some of the doctors, and after the matter had been argued at length, the counsel for the medical men, according to his interpretation of the act, contended that the present registration act that endeavored to compel physicians to make a report was ultra vires of the legislature and power to enforce it rested solely with the dominion parliament. He intimated if a

conviction was likely to follow in the police court, he would appeal to the privy council from the decision of the magistrate.

Registrar Jones had as counsel in the case Hon. Mr. McKeown, who did not consider it expedient to further test the case and as a result no further proceedings were taken. Since that time, as already noted, the physicians, with few exceptions, have not been handing in returns of births and doubtless the parents in many cases are ignorant of the law.

This will probably account for at least some measure of the great decrease of the past two years.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE LUDLOW ON TRIAL

The Ludlow is again on the ferry route, and thus far is doing fairly well. The guards have been doubled and sentinels are posted at various points on both sides of the harbor with instructions to keep her constantly in sight, and a swift tug is under steam ready to give chase if she attempts to get away. Representations have been made to Ottawa to have the Curlew kept under steam, with guns shotted, so that in case of emergency Commodore Pratt may sink the Ludlow, to prevent her from destroying the harbor works.

The Ludlow is a much more expensive boat she should give a poorer service than the old ones, and if necessary she will be laid off again and a drag of some kind attached to her driving gear, so that she cannot make faster time than is indicated by the time-table. This time-table was made in 1812, and it is the proud boast of the ferry officials that they have never varied it except to lose trips--they have never permitted any boat to dictate to them in the matter of speed.

If the Ludlow is wise she will be content to saunter back and forth as slowly as possible. The guns of the Curlew shoot straight and far.

The Times new reporter strolled into the office this morning singing something about "Peace, Perfect Peace." Now the new reporter's voice in song is not conducive to harmony. It would perhaps sound well in a sawmill, but in the reporters' room it appears to possess qualities which disturb the elemental passions of the human heart. In less than two minutes there was not peace but a sore head.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says the rabbits are very thick this winter, and when he was offered rabbit stew for dinner today he said to the waiter that he thought he would prefer a change of diet, seeing as how he was away from home.

TRUE BILL FOUND AGAINST PRESTON

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Mrs. Susan Briggs, Charged With Murder, Dismissed by Judge McLeod--Fire Insurance Losses.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 3.--(Special).--Mrs. Susan Briggs, who has been in jail here since September, charged with the murder of her infant child, was discharged by Judge McLeod at the circuit court this morning. An indictment for concealment of birth was submitted to the grand jury at the opening of the court this morning, but they failed to find a bill.

The case of Lavine vs. Garson is now being tried with a jury. The action is for slander and the parties are Jews, the defendant belonging to St. John. Mr. Crockett for the plaintiff and J. King Kelly for the defendant.

According to the report submitted to the city council by Chief Engineer Rutter, the total amount of fire losses paid by insurance companies in Fredericton during the past twenty years is \$110,391. The largest amount paid was \$18,763 in 1892 and the smallest was \$263 in 1890. The losses for twenty one years averaged \$5,256.

The Fredericton Curling Club will send four rinks to St. Stephen the first week in February. The skips are: Fowler, Mrs. Ketchum, and Tibbitts.

Mrs. Ketchum has issued invitations for a ball at Elmcroft this evening.

UNUSUAL FUNERAL

The Procession Crossed the Hudson from Tarrytown to Nyack in Row Boats.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 3.--In large rowboats that trailed slowly and silently through the water, a funeral cortege made its way across the Hudson river yesterday to Nyack, a distance of three miles. The funeral party had come from Albany, only to find that the ferry boat from this city had been laid up for repairs.

In the coffin was the body of an Albany man. Seven large rowboats were hired to take the party across the river. The coffin, weighing eight hundred pounds, was placed in one boat, which led the strange line. The mourners followed in boats in single file. The unusual trip was made without mishap and the burial took place in Nyack.

MAY AND DECEMBER

Nineteen Year Old Girl Elopes With an Italian Connt, Who Has Seen Sixty-Three Summers.

ROME, Jan. 2.--A great sensation has been caused by the elopement of a daughter of Count Lutti of Triviso, 19 years old, with Count Giovanni Corror, who is 63 years old. Both belong to the most ancient of the nobility. Count Lutti reported the elopement to the police, who succeeded in arresting the couple at Venice.

UNION OF METHODISM TORONTO, Jan. 3 (Special).--Rev. Drs. Carman, Sutherland, and Briggs and M. H. Fudge, representing the Canadian Methodists, left yesterday for Baltimore to meet with a commission from other Methodist bodies in America for the purpose of considering the question of union of Methodism in Japan.

HONORS FOR NOVA SCOTIAN TORONTO, Jan. 3.--(Special).--At a meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery, Rev. Alex. Faulkner of Pictou was nominated for the office of moderator of the general assembly, which will meet in London next June.

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arriving here yesterday. He said that he intended going to the States last night and produced a ticket for Tacoma, Washington, where he said his sister resided. His ticket stated that he was but 29 years of age, but Lyons said that he was 21. He said that he procured the liquor in different public houses. He wanted to pay Doyle's fine, but the magistrate advised him to keep his money, amounting to about \$11.57. His honor said that he would like to have those who gave the

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Grand Jury Returned Verdict at 11.50 This Morning

Dr. Preston's Case will be Tried Tomorrow Morning--He was Very Pale and Apparently Ill when brought into Court this morning.

NO BILL AGAINST CAMP

At the regular sitting of the court yesterday, Ward D. Camp, who was charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of the late Edith Clark, was acquitted by the grand jury. He was released from jail and there will be no other charge entered against him.

This morning the court room was crowded with spectators when the grand jury answered to their names at eleven o'clock and then retired to deal with the case of Dr. E. A. Preston, who is charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of the late Edith Floyd Clark.

The witnesses in the Preston case, including Howard D. Camp, were sworn to go and give their evidence before the grand jury.

During the time that the grand jury were out, the case of Ingram vs. Brown was, on application of H. A. McKeown, allowed to stand until Monday.

The case of Murray vs. DeBury was made a remanet again, as M. G. Teed said that the parties were willing. The civil docket will not be touched until Monday.

B. L. Gerow, speaking in regard to the Preston case, asked that should a true bill be found that the case be allowed to stand until Friday, as C. N. Skinner would not be ready until then. The chief justice would not agree to that, but stated that it would be allowed to stand until tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

The chief justice announced that there would be two other criminal cases that would be presented for the consideration of the grand jury. George Munroe was sent up for trial yesterday by Judge Ritchie for stealing about \$13, the property of James Dalgic of Miramichi.

In the police court this morning, Henry Close was sent up for trial for stealing from Theologia Hoyt \$80.00.

James witnesses in the case of the King vs. James McCarthy, and the King vs. David A. McLeod, were sworn to give their evidence before the grand jury and should true bills be found in those cases they will be tried immediately after that of Dr. E. A. Preston.

Solicitor-General Jones announced later that George Munroe had elected to be tried under the Speedy Trials Act.

The grand jury returned at 11.50, being out 50 minutes, and the foreman, Chas. D. Jones, bearing the scrutiny of the many spectators, announced "In the case of the King v. Edward A. Preston, the grand jury find a true bill."

On motion of the Solicitor-General Dr. Preston was arraigned. The constable brought the prisoners' box forward, but the chief justice told him that it was not required.

The grand jury immediately retired to act in the cases of the King vs. James McCarthy and the King vs. David A. McLeod. They will report at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

At 12 o'clock Dr. Preston was brought into court by Constable Rawlings, and the charge of manslaughter was read to him, to which he replied "not guilty." The chief justice asked the prisoner if he would be ready to be tried to-morrow morning, and he replied that he had been ill, and after consultation with his counsel, C. N. Skinner, K. C., Dr. Preston said that he would be ready to-morrow morning.

The doctor was helped into court by Constable Rawlings, and showed the result of his confinement. He was very pale and seemed quite weak.

Court then took recess until one o'clock. The grand jury returned at 12.40 and reported that they had found no bills in the cases of the King v. McCarthy and the King v. David A. McLeod.

Court was then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

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