

GEORGE STANLEY AN ESCAPED CONVICT

Confesses Indirectly to Have Murdered an Old Man.

Charged With Theft in Halifax But the Police Are Lax.

Had He Been Arrested Harvie Might Be Alive To-day.

"I murdered an old man one time. He was seventy-five years of age and I pitted his hoary locks as he knelt and pleaded that I should spare his life; but I had to murder him, I had to murder him."

"And did you really murder him, Mr. Ryan?" "Oh, no, no, I didn't, but the White-caps did."

This was the contents of a remark dropped one day by John Ryan, alias George Stanley, now in jail at Windsor, charged with the murder of Freeman Harvie.

It has been ascertained by The Herald that the man's name is not John Ryan, nor George Stanley, nor Cavanaugh, but M. Byrne, probably an escaped convict from a prison at Maryboro, Queen's county, Ireland.

Byrne, alias John Ryan, landed in Halifax from the steamer Siberian on her last trip to this port, which was on December 20th. Among the passengers on the steamer was Thomas P. Forshey, who keeps a boarding house at 19 Smith street.

Byrne soon made Forshey's acquaintance and being a man of very slippery tongue, Mr. Forshey invited him to the house until such time as he would be able to secure a boarding house.

At the moment Mrs. Forshey saw him she suspected him of being an ESCAPED CONVICT.

In fact, a murderer. He remained at the house until about the 13th of January, when he disappeared. He used to be out a good deal, though he spent a good portion of his time in the house. He could look no one straight in the eye, and there was the criminal appearance all over him.

The immediate reason why he left Forshey's house was that an information had been laid against him between 7 and 8 o'clock the previous evening for theft of a sum of money from a boarder at the house.

The police were informed of his suspicious appearance and general deportment, and that they had better look after him.

NOTICE OF ACTION AGAINST THE CITY

Henderson and Potts Claiming Damages for Injury to Property by Overflow from Chain of Lakes—Council Proposes to Erect a New Pools' Asylum on Rockhead Property.

A notice of action against the city by the Halifax Shovel company was read at last night's meeting of the city council. The complainants are Henderson and Potts, Limited, owners of lands situated on the stream flowing from the chain of lakes to the North West Arm, and their claim is in connection with the flow of water into and from the chain of lakes.

The board presented the council a plan of the present purpose site laid out in building lots, and the probable value of such lots. The law and privileges report recommended that the charges made by the Halifax City Council against the complainants be not sustained.

Excuses About His Trunk. When he came to Forshey's he said his trunk would come on later but he put up all sorts of excuses when questioned as to his whereabouts.

When Mrs. Forshey read the account of the murder at Ellershouse containing the description of the man, she noticed that it tallied with the John Ryan, who had boarded with her. She notified the police at once to this effect.

Byrne some way or another formed the acquaintance of several well-known people in the city, and another well-known musician. He spoke of them at the house as being friends of his. At the same time it is known that he was asking some of them for loans.

Expressed His Gratitude. Byrne told the musician that he knew his brother in England, and heard him sing there. He was invited to the hotel and expressed his gratitude by stealing a silver-mounted umbrella and a cigarette case.

HE PUTS UP AT BEDFORD. From Forshey's, Byrne walked as far as Bedford, where he put up at one of the hotels, registering there under the name of John Doyle. He spent most of his time walking about in a sneakish sort of a way and was seen in the house only at meal times.

STOLE MONEY AND JEWELRY. One morning Mrs. Forshey went up to get some money to pay a grocery bill. She found the door unlocked and the trunk open. She discovered that the trunk was empty and that the money and jewelry were missing.

Curling Matches At New Glasgow

Bluenose Club Defeats Antigonish and in Turn Go Down to Pictou.

NEW GLASGOW, February 8.—Two senior league curling matches were played here yesterday. In the Bluenose Curling rink. In the morning the Bluenose club defeated the Antigonish club, but in the evening the home rinks went down before the players of the shire town, Pictou. The players and scores were as follows:

CONSIDERABLE INDIGNATION. There is considerable indignation expressed about town over the recent decisions of the Provincial Hockey committee, which met at Truro on Monday.

THE LETTER TO MRS. WYLIE. One of the letters written by him at the Forshey house was to a Mrs. Wylie in Ireland. It was her son who was his chum in the prison.

IDENTIFIED THE MAN. The boarder from whom the money was stolen at the Forshey house, went up to Windsor yesterday and identified George Stanley as the man Ryan, who boarded the house.

ALLEGED ELECTION AT LUNENBURG VOID. LUNENBURG, February 8.—Dr. Frank Matheson, secretary for Dr. Power, notified the newly elected town and councillors, that their election was null and void.

THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING. The regular monthly meeting of the Halifax County Liberal-Conservative club was held last evening with the usual good attendance.

THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION. Treasurer Resigns Her Report Showing a Substantial Increase in the Treasury.

BALTIMORE, Md., February 8.—At the second day session of the annual convention of the Woman's National Suffrage association, the report of the treasurer was read by Miss Harriet Taylor Upson, of which the following is an abstract.

DIED. MOWBRAY.—At 22, Victoria road on Thursday, February 9, 1906, Edmund, infant son of J. Arthur C. and Sadie Mowbray.

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

HARVIE MURDERED BY GEORGE STANLEY

AMHERST RAMBLERS DEFEAT CRESCENTS

Game Was Fast and Clean Throughout, Not a Man Having Been Even Warned—New Glasgow is Appealing to the M. P. A. A.

AMHERST, February 8.—The Amherst Ramblers, three Halifax Crescents, one was the result of to-night's hockey league match here. The game was fast and clean throughout, especially in the second half. In the first half a lot of lifting was indulged in by the defence men of both teams.

POLITICAL CROOKEDNESS Scandalous Conduct of a Returning Officer in the Battledore District—Furnished His Own Voters for Mr. Champagne at Bull's House.

WINNIPEG, February 8.—A Prince Albert special says: "Another instance of political crookedness of the same character as that confessed to by government officials at the trial at Prince Albert has come to light in connection with the election in Battledore district, which, it is believed, will result in the defeat of the successful liberal candidate, Mr. Champagne."

ROUNDABOUT WAY OF HAULING FREIGHT Emerson's Splendid Policy of Railroad Mismanagement an Expensive Business.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD: Sir, There is a lot of talk about the deficit on the I. C. R., but there is one part of the subject that is not touched upon and which I propose to throw some light on.

THE FIRST WITNESS. Stanley declined to go on the stand and the crown did not insist on this, because no evidence thus given could be used against him on the trial.

FRANCE'S WEDDING GIFT TO MISS ROOSEVELT WASHINGTON, February 8.—Miss Alice Roosevelt yesterday received the wedding gift which the French government intended for her. The gift consists of a beautiful gobelin tapestry representing "Justice," and was offered to Miss Roosevelt by M. Jusserand, the French ambassador in this country.

EAR MARKS OF CONVICT. Byrne's demeanor at Forshey's bore every ear-mark of that of an escaped convict. He would start at the faintest noise, especially if the door bell rang or anybody came upon him unawares.

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Such is the Verdict of Coroner's Jury at Ellershouse.

E. McCarthy Comes Off With Flying Colors.

The Fishers Released—Summary of the Evidence.

ELLERSHOUSE, February 8.—That George Stanley, the Anglo-Irishman with a dozen aliases, is the murderer of Freeman Harvie, was the ready and unanimous verdict of the jury empanelled by Coroner Reid, and that he is the same man who committed robberies in Halifax and had various experiences in that city is a well-established fact.

After the evidence had been all taken to-day the Fishers, father and son, were released. Ed. McCarthy, too, told a straight story and came out with flying colors.

The theory of the prosecution and the whole burden of the evidence can be told in one sentence. It simply is that Stanley went to Ellershouse, saw that the Fishers were simple and might be made useful to him, that Harvie was deaf and alone, that he could spread round the story that he had bought the place and put the Fishers on it, that he could kill the old man and saying he had gone away, could sell his stuff for a couple of hundred dollars and pocket the money.

The adjourned inquest took place to-day in the hall of pretty Ellershouse and the sitting lasted from eight o'clock till one, the room being crowded by intensely interested spectators.

Dr. Reid made a good coroner, and W. M. Christie, K. C., of Windsor, who appeared for the crown, conducted a searching examination of the witnesses.

Stanley declined to go on the stand and the crown did not insist on this, because no evidence thus given could be used against him on the trial.

Edgar McCarthy, a well-known character, described himself as a laborer. He knew Freeman Harvie and had known him for four or five years, had been passing his place for eight or ten years.

He said he had been invited down to the place by Mrs. Fisher, who said a man named George Stanley had bought it. She told him he could put up his horses at Harvie's. Her son Jim helped him along.

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