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**TOO MUCH OF THAW.**

The public of Canada and the public of the United States are coming to the conclusion that they are getting too much Harry Thaw. Let us recall the main features of the Thaw case.

A man walks up to another man in a place of public amusement and shoots him dead. He is tried for murder. His trial is the sensation of the country for a period of time distressingly long drawn out. He is acquitted of murder on the ground of insanity and is sent to the asylum for the insane. While incarcerated there he makes repeated attempts to regain his liberty, so that his name and affairs are constantly before the public.

He makes a sensational escape from confinement. Once again his picture is on the front page of the newspapers, together with the pictures of all his relatives, his wife, or ex-wife, and everybody else who has had anything to do with him, including the local authorities of the Quebec village to which he escaped.

This is how Dr. Frank Crane of New York descants upon the situation:

"He is not only famous, but everyone who touches him leaps into the limelight. As a front pager he is several laps ahead of Colonel Roosevelt. The whole lands seems to be consumed with hunger to know all about him microscopically. Why?"

"It is not because of himself, of anything he is or anything he has done. He is simply a degenerate. There are thousands like him hiking to hades full speed in every city. It is not because of his family. They have no notable record of distinction. Why, then? Merely and only because of the money possessed by him and his relations. That is what the people are interested in. We love money, we worship money, and we adore money. The illustrations in the Sabbath newspapers are of the women in the moneyed set. The Count of Monte Cristo is probably the most popular tale ever told. It is about millions and their power.

"That is why readers devour Thaw news. We do not care a whoop about the little runt. But there seems to be a pipe line to him from the thing we care most about on earth—money, and lots of it. And he never earned a cent of it."



**CURIOS MURDER CASE IN TORONTO**

Lucy Ives, employed in the kitchen of Smith's hotel was killed and James Dickenson is under arrest charged with murder, following a row. Witnesses said Dickenson struck her with his open hand. She fell against a table and broke her neck. Dickenson immediately escaped and was found dead drunk lying on the bed in his boarding house after a chase of two hours by five detectives. He had drunk feverishly, it is said, in the interim.

**DRILLING FOR PLACER GOLD IN THE BEAR RIVER GRAVEL**

SEVERAL HOLES BEING DRIVEN TO BEDROCK TO TEST IF THE GRAVELS WILL GUARANTEE COST OF DREDGING OPERATIONS

Most encouraging results are being attained by the Keystone drill working on the property of the Bear River Gravel Syndicate at the junction of Bitter Creek and Bear River. Four holes, with a depth of from 46 to 52 feet, have been put down, cross sectioning the valley from a point near the railway tracks on the Bitter creek townsite directly west to the Bear river. The first four holes were put down 46, 47, 46 and 52 feet, respectively, and the fifth is just about completed. According to J. G. McLaren, M. E., the engineer in charge, a very noticeable improvement is made by each hole, which is being driven to a depth suitable for testing purposes for dredging, at a distance of some ninety yards apart. George E. Clothier, M. E., who was instrumental in interesting Mr. McLaren and his associates, is following the prospecting closely, spending most of his time on the ground. It was from him that the following information was obtained by Mining Recorder John Conway, which is embodied in the latter's report in the annual review of 1912 of the Provincial Mines Department:

"A number of placer leases have been staked during the past season on Bear river, extending south from the mouth of Bitter creek; twelve leases have been granted. The ground is all flat river bar, no benches, having a width of approximately half a mile. The river channel winds from side to side of the valley and is liable to change its location at any run of high water. Considerable work was done by the lessees on one of the claims to ascertain, if possible, whether the ground would show sufficient values to warrant testing it by the usual drilling methods. To this end some fifteen pits were sunk to a depth of from 4 to 8 feet and two shafts to a depth of 23 feet and 18 feet, respectively. Five of these holes were sunk as close to the present channel as possible, and fair prospects found in each case from the surface, while samples taken from the bottoms of the holes are said to have ranged from 23 cents to \$6 per yard. The other holes were sunk farther back from the river on higher ground, and each sunk to a depth of about 8 feet;

there were a few fine colors to a depth of about 6 feet, while samples panned from the bottoms gave from 60 cents to \$5 per yard. Still farther back from the river and in fairly heavy timber a shaft was sunk 23 feet. The upper portion of this panned a few fine colors from the surface until the water was struck, when about a yard of gravel was hoisted before the water drove the men out. A sample taken from this and carefully panned gave \$14 to the yard. Another shaft was sunk 18 feet, when water was encountered; bailing and a small hand pump made no impression on it, so the work had to be abandoned until water conditions were more favorable. These shafts will be sunk this winter during low water in the river if the drainage through the gravel is small enough to permit.

"It is reasonable to suppose that the gold on Bear river has been brought down by Bitter creek. A discovery claim was staked on the south fork of Bitter creek in April, 1912, by L. Anderson and F. G. Hanford, which was immediately followed by the staking of the whole of Bitter creek. The only work done was by Anderson and Hanford, who, after staking and prospecting the ground with fair results, put in 60 feet of sluice boxes. To obtain a sluice head they used 300 feet of 9-inch canvas hose to carry the water from farther up the creek.

"They sluiced for about a month under difficult conditions, the snow being about 4 feet deep and the water low on the start, and were compelled to quit on account of the high water. During the month they took out \$100 in fairly coarse gold. Work having then to be abandoned, a lay over was granted until September 15th. "On resuming work in the fall it was thought best to attempt to reach bedrock, and with this end in view a shaft was started on a bench some 25 feet above and 75 feet back from the creek bed. This was sunk 35 feet, when water was encountered in such quantities that it would necessitate pumping machinery; consequently the work was stopped. The gravel is uniform, with only an occasional boulder large enough to need bulldozing. It prospected a few colors to the

pan all the way down, with a marked improvement in the bottom where the water was struck. It was then decided to try to get some depth in the creek bed. A wing dam was thrown in and the water diverted to another channel. They then ran an open cut for a distance of 75 feet, obtaining a depth at the face of about 6 feet, and a farther 3 feet was sunk to water. Contrary to expectations, this creek bed gravel only prospected a few very fine colors to the pan. Another shaft is now being sunk farther down the creek."—Portland Canal Miner.

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