

HISTORIC CRIMES and MYSTERIES



THE FATE OF THE FORGERS.

On Tuesday morning, March 7, 1775, Mr. Robert Perreau walked into the banking house of Drummond Brothers, at Charing Cross. He was greeted cordially by the bankers, for Mr. Perreau, although merely an apothecary, was a Napoleon among apothecaries, and was a welcome guest at the houses of the great. Within a week the bankers had seen him at Lord Egmont's and Lady Lyttleton's. On the occasion Mr. Perreau was full of business.

Producing as security a bond for \$37,000, signed by William Adair, whose signature would be honored at any banking house, he asked for the loan of \$25,000.

The banking brothers scrutinized the document closely, and Henry Drummond said: "It doesn't look like the signature of Mr. Adair."

"It isn't the signature of William Adair," agreed Robert Drummond. "I have seen his signature a hundred times and know it as well as my own."

"There is no doubt about it," said he. "It is witnessed by Arthur Jones, his solicitor, and by Thomas Stark, his servant."

"It is an easy matter to settle," said Henry Drummond. "Let us go and see Mr. Adair. He is in town now."

a govt. they went to Bowstreet and laid information against "the female forger." This cowardly attempt to protect the selves at the expense of the woman who had risked everything to save them, deprived them of public sympathy in the time to come, when they needed it most. The judges took the measure of Robert Perreau, and sent him as well as the woman to prison. The next day Daniel Perreau followed them. This Daniel was a great fop, who cut a wide swath among the macaronis. He and Robert were twins, and greatly resembled each other in appearance, but Robert was a keen business man, a money maker, while Daniel was a wastrel. Both brothers were speculating in Exchange alley, and it was this that led them to forgery.

The story of what followed in the courts is too complicated to be detailed in a brief narrative. Mrs. Rudd, who had been the ally of the brothers, was infuriated by their treachery, and became their bitterest enemy. She testified that she did sign the bond, as she had confessed, but did it in fear of her life, Daniel standing over her with an open knife until it was done. She had committed other forgeries under similar conditions. These other forgeries began to turn up, and they totaled an enormous sum.

The public interest in the Perreau case was so great for a year that even the rebellion of the American colonies attracted comparatively little attention. The newspapers were full of the case, and every man who could charter a printing press was busy issuing broadsides. A certain Admiral Frankland, known as "Old Shiver-Me-Tippers," used up gallons of ink assailing Mrs. Rudd, and thereby created sympathy for her, which was the very thing he didn't want to do. And Mrs. Rudd had her champions among the great writers of the time.

In the course of time the Perreau brothers were brought to trial, and their guilt was so evident to the jury, when all the testimony was in, that they were convicted without the waste of a moment, and sentenced to death. Many people believed then, and many argue even at this late day, that the brothers were the dupes of the designing Mrs. Rudd, but this theory didn't appeal to the court.

Being convicted and sentenced, the Perreaus were sent back to jail to await the outcome of the trial of Mrs. Rudd. The fact that she was brought to trial at all was the occasion of much



"Standing Over Her With an Open Knife Until It Was Done."

If Perreau's heart sank into his boots at this proposition he made no sign. He seemed quite willing, and announced that his coach was at the door. So he and the Drummond brothers climbed aboard and drove to the residence of Adair, the rich army agent. Arrived there, the Drummonds explained the business to Adair, who denounced the bond as a forgery the minute he set eyes upon it.

The Drummonds turned to Perreau and sternly asked him how he came into possession of the bond. By this time the apothecary was uneasy, and a cold sweat was on his forehead. "Send for my sister-in-law," he stammered, "and she will explain."

The sister-in-law, known to society as Mrs. Daniel Perreau, was sent for and soon arrived, a dazzlingly beautiful creature. Although known throughout the town as the wife of Daniel, there never had been a marriage, and her true name was Caroline Rudd. The writers of the period describe her as the prettiest, wittiest and most captivating woman in London. She must have been charming, so many good judges of beauty praised her, but the numerous pictures of her still in existence are disappointing to those who have read the ecstatic descriptions.

ushered into the Adair residence, the situation was explained to her, and she realized its gravity at once.

"I forged the bond," she said. The bankers didn't think that probable, or even possible, whereupon she asked for a pen and sheet of paper, and dashed off a duplicate of the signature on the bond. By this time Daniel Perreau had arrived, and also a constable, who had been sent for by the bankers. But the constable was sent away. Mrs. Rudd made such an impression upon the Drummonds that they consented to forget the whole occurrence, and the Perreaus, with the woman who had saved them, drove away.

Had the Perreaus let things rest there, they might have got out of their difficulties. But there were other forgeries afoot, and discovery of the truth might come at any time, so, in order to protect themselves, and arrange for

excited criticism at the time, for she had confessed under promise of immunity from punishment. But she appeared in the dock, "brilliant as ever," as Walpole said, and she conducted her own defense to such good purpose that she was acquitted. After her release James Boswell called upon her and had a pleasant talk, and Samuel Johnson said that he would have visited her, too, only that "nowadays everything gets into the newspapers."

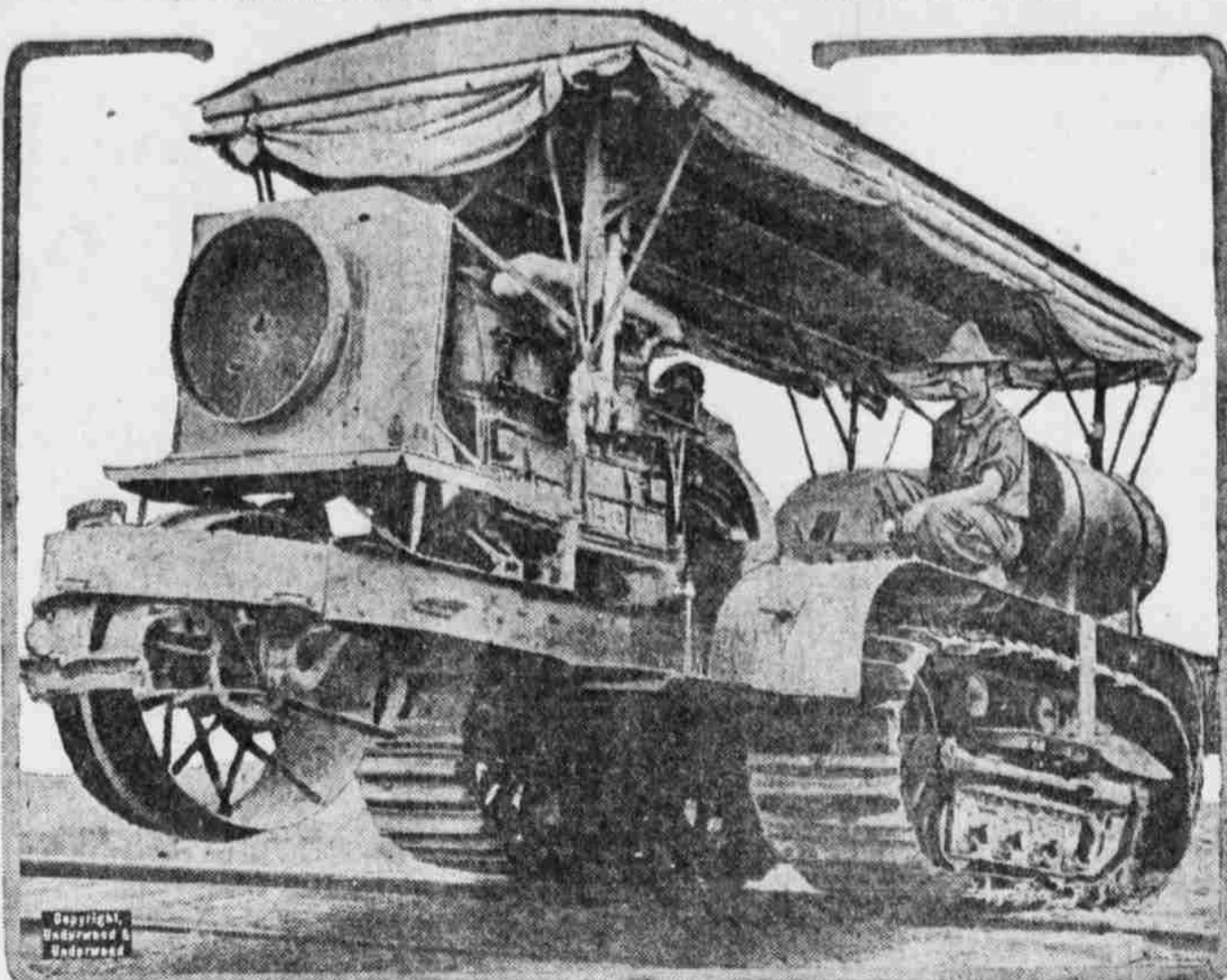
Wednesday, the 17th of January, 1776, was bitter cold. The ground was covered with snow and a blustering wind shrieked through the streets of London. Yet thousands of people shivered in the blast for hours that they might see the melancholy procession which presently set out for Tyburn. First there was a hurdle, on which two miserable coiners shivered as the rude contrivance bumped over the stones. Next followed a cart, in which George Lee, the boy highwayman, wearing a crimson coat and a cocked hat, endeavored to convince the populace, by his swaggering airs, that he rather enjoyed an untimely end. He was accompanied by two housebreakers, who wailed and wept all through the journey. Following the cart there was a steady mourning coach, in which sat the Perreau brothers.

The storm had grown worse when Tyburn was reached, so operations were hurried. Daniel and Robert embraced each other and spoke a few affectionate words, and their calm, heroic demeanor was talked of for many a day. They clasped hands on the scaffold, and their hands remained clasped until they were unconscious.

Their punishment, which was out of all proportion to their crime, gave the first impetus to the sentiment against capital punishment for such offenses as forgery and that sentiment led a few years later (though not until the scaffold had claimed Dodd, Fauntleroy and other victims) to the repeal of brutal laws and the substitution of more humane ones.

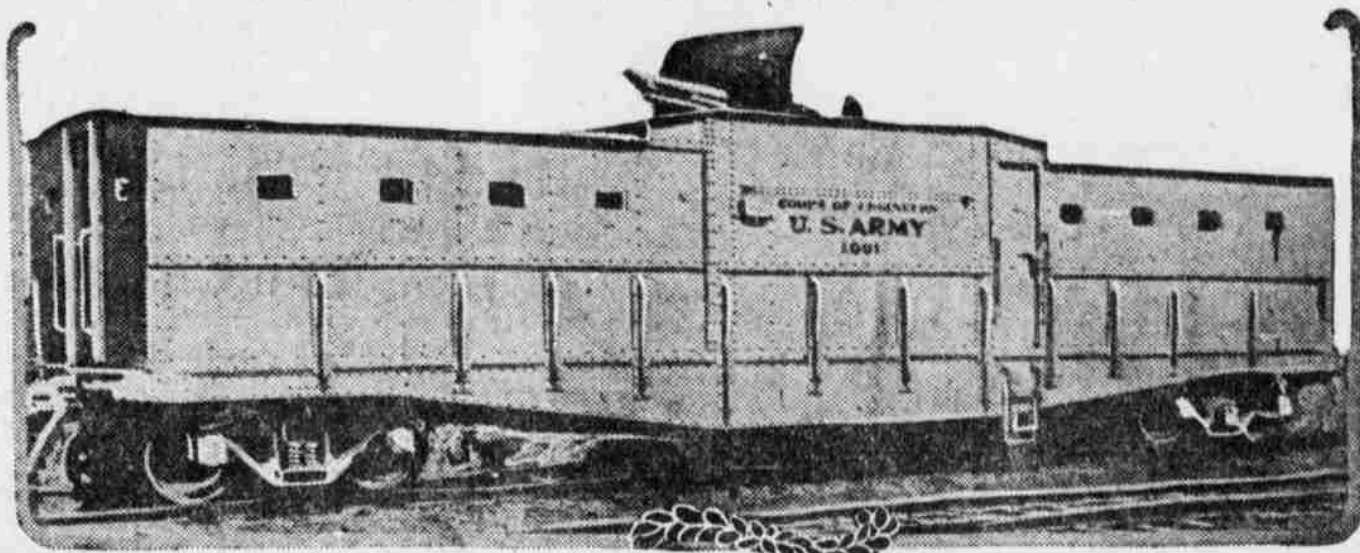
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CATERPILLAR TRACTOR USED BY U. S. TROOPS



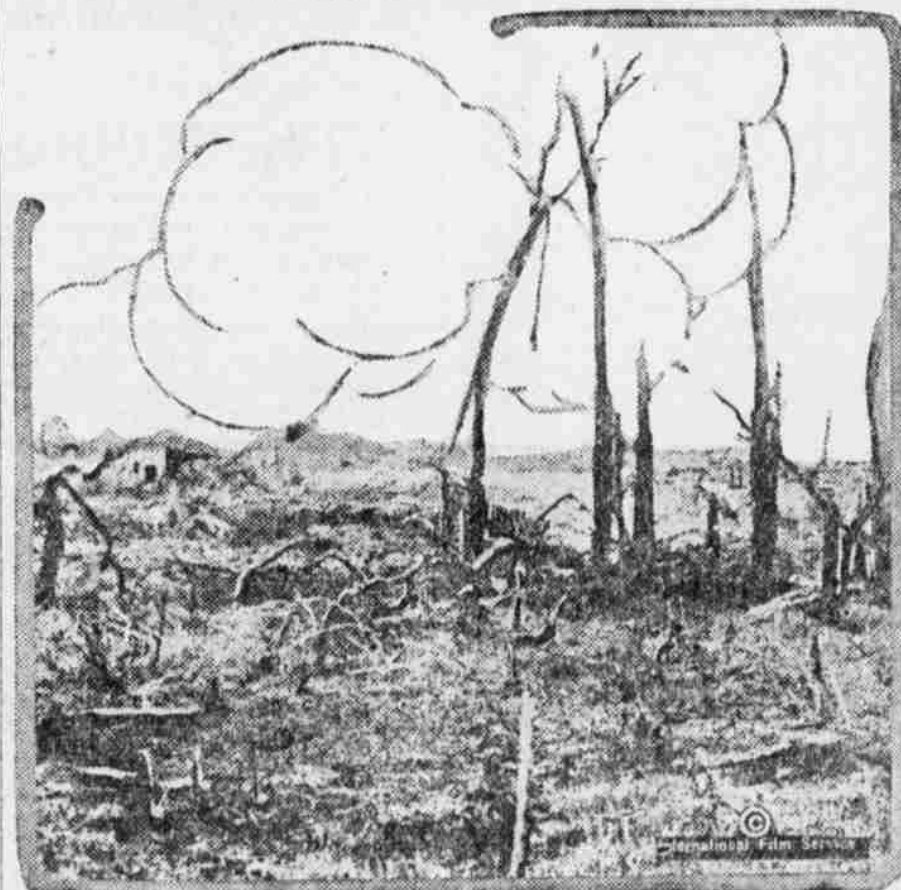
Caterpillar tractor used by the United States troops in Mexico to flatten down the bumps that make roads near the American base camp at Colonia Dublin truly Mexican. Bumps and mounds are the rule, smooth stretches being the exception. This machine weighs about 27,300 pounds or almost 14 tons. The photograph shows it crossing the railroad tracks near the camp.

ARMORED RAILROAD CAR FOR UNITED STATES



This is the first armored railroad car constructed for the United States army. It has just been delivered by a car-building plant at Hammond, Ind. The car is constructed of heavy steel plates and will carry one high-powered gun and 20 machine guns.

SCENE OF BLOODIEST OF FIGHTING



An official photograph from the British front showing the devastation wrought by the fighting armies at Fricourt, one of the most sanguinary battlefields of the war.

HIS TRIAL IS ORDERED

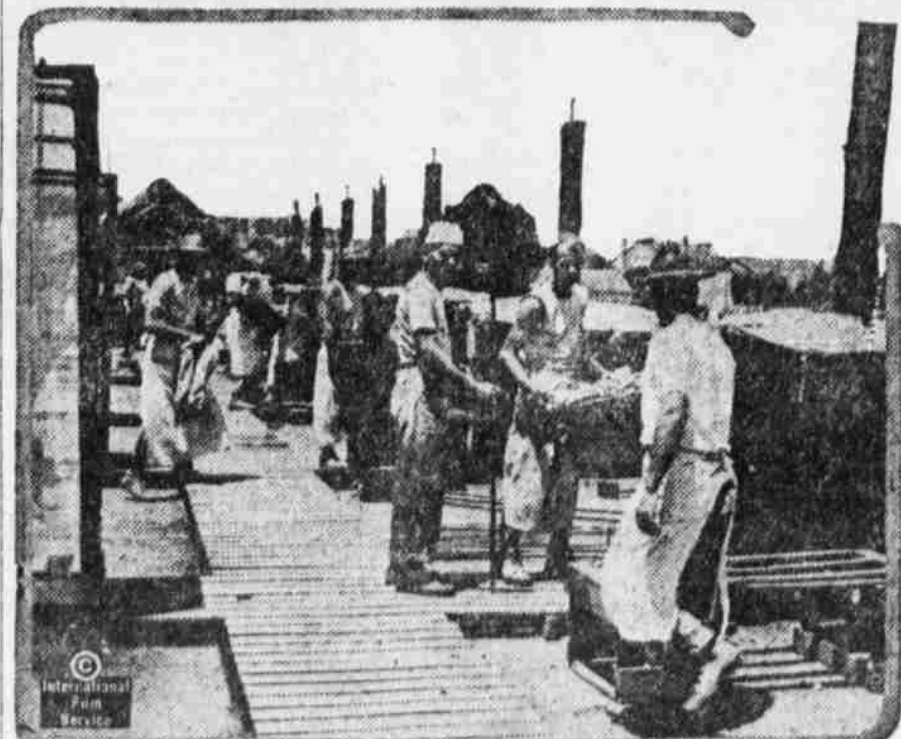


Chow Tzu-Chi, who for several years was minister of agriculture and commerce under the late Yuan Shi Kai, has been ordered put on trial by China's new president. He resigned under fire and disappeared. He is now reported living in the British concession at Tien-Tsin and consequently is beyond the reach of the Chinese government unless it makes criminal charges.

Repaid for Her Trouble.

Mrs. Lyle Perry of Flatrock township is a teacher in the schools at Clifford northeast of Columbus. Last winter she had a hen that "stole out her nest." The hen finally selected a large pile of anthracite coal and laid three eggs there. Then she nursed the eggs for the required length of time and three chickens came out. Mrs. Perry did not wish to lose the chicken, and she could not leave them at home when she went to school. So she solved the problem by taking them with her in the morning and returning them at evening until they were old enough to shift for themselves. The chickens were hatched in January and now one of the pullets has been enterprising enough to hatch out a brood of 17 little chickens to repay Mrs. Perry for her trouble.—Indianapolis News.

OUTDOOR ARMY BAKERY AT NOGALES



In this outdoor bakery of the United States army at Nogales 5,000 loaves of bread are baked daily for the troops stationed at that place.

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HIS MOTHER CAME FIRST

Fiancee of Illinois Militiaman Had to Wait Outside the Camp Grounds.

While the mobilization of a certain Illinois regiment was under way women in the persons of relatives and friends of the Guardsmen flocked to the camp in such numbers that necessary work was hampered. Thereupon it is reported, the colonel issued orders that only one woman should be allowed to visit each member of the regiment.

One of the Guardsmen, not yet knowing of the order, approached the camp in company with his mother, a sister and his fiancée. The guard stopped the party and sternly asked who the women were. When told he answered:

"You can take in only one. It's up to you to choose."

The young man looked for a moment at the three, and then said, "mother."

When war is in the air humanity gets down to fundamentals, and when this is done mother will never get the worst of it. We do not believe that the young Guardsman will make a worse husband than if he had chosen his sweetheart. A man who can appreciate his mother may be expected to take good care of his wife.

Long and Short of It.

Manager—Your handwriting is good enough, but can you write shorthand?
Applicant—Oh, yes, but it takes me longer!

What Happens to Them.

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