

# TOMATO CAN SAVES HIS LIFE

With It Castaway Farm Hand Bails Boat For Twenty-Nine Hours.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 21.—Edgar L. Brown who was blown across Lake Ontario in a recent big storm in a flat bottom punt, walked the gangway of the car ferryboat Ontario at Charlotte at 5 o'clock a few days later and was cheered by half the population of the village. The famous boat was on the ferry and was immediately claimed by Michael Burns, a farmer, who owns it. A neighbor offered to give Burns and the boat a lift home in his wagon. "Not on your life," said Burns: "that boat has a record now and it would be a disgrace to it to put it on a wagon. I'm going to row it around to the pond tomorrow."

Neither Brown nor the punt show any ill effects of the weird experience. Brown says he entered the boat in Round pond about 7 o'clock Monday morning. He fell asleep and when he awoke half an hour later, was nearly out of sight of land. From then until he landed on the Canadian coast, three and one-half miles from Grafton, about noon Tuesday, he was mostly in the bottom of the craft balling for his life with a tomato can.

His clothing was soaked in the first hour at sea, and was sodden when he landed. He says the waves looked as tall as church steeples.

Didn't Do Any Thinking. "What did I think of?" echoed Brown, when asked about his experience. "I simply couldn't think. Every faculty seemed concentrated in that tomato can. It was only Almighty God that brought me through. Man alone could not have survived. I suffered from cold terribly and the exercise of balling undoubtedly prevented me from succumbing from exposure.

"I tried to use the oars, but saw it was impossible to make headway against the wind. The only course open to me was to go with the wind and keep her afloat until I was blown to the other shore.

"I alternately rowed and bailed all day. At night I stopped rowing and bailed all night. About 10 o'clock Tuesday morning I looked up from balling and saw the blue haze of the Canadian shore. It was blowing a gale then. The wind was southeast when it started, but afterward blew from the south. I got near the land about noon.

"The boat was swamped several rods from shore and it took my last ounce of strength to get her in and pull her up on the land. I collapsed, but managed to hang onto the painter.

Got Food at Farm House. "When I got so I could walk I made my way to a farmhouse, where I got food and dry clothing. I had eaten nothing since supper Sunday evening."

Brown rested a little while and then walked to Cobourg. He was too weak to finish the seven miles to his wife's house in Port Huron on foot and went by train. Mrs. Brown had heard nothing about his being blown out to sea but his first thought was that she would have heard it and he wanted to relieve her mind. A letter announcing his supposed drowning reached her brother the night of Brown's arrival in Port Hope. He was a hero in Port Hope and the Canadian papers of the section were full of the story of the sixty-two miles voyage across the lake.

"I'll get him and the boat a good engagement at a show house in Rochester," former Village Clerk John Keon proposed to Brown's employer, P. J. Rigney, when the hero was being congratulated in Charlotte.

"There's a plough out on the farm that just fits Edgar," Mr. Rigney said, decisively. "Come on home, Edgar."

Brown laughed and started for the farm. He is a self-possessed but modest chap, 37 years old. His well knit form indicated the strength that carried him through the ordeal.

Brown went to the place where he landed, near Grafton, Friday night and rowed the boat ten miles to Cobourg, to get it aboard the ferry.

NOTICE. Special Fire Drill Monday evening at 7 o'clock. TOM NICOLS, Chief.

## ANNOUNCE CAST FOR "THE MAN FROM MEXICO"

Three-Act Comedy to Be Presented In North Bend May 25 and In Marshfield May 27.

"The Man from Mexico," a three-act comedy, will be presented by the "My Friend From India" cast, under the direction of P. L. Swearingen for the benefit of the Mercy hospital at the Opera House, North Bend, Tuesday evening, May 25, and at the Masonic Opera House, Marshfield, Thursday evening, May 27. Tickets can be secured at the North Bend Drug Company, and at Mr. Butler's office, Marshfield.

Cast of Characters. Benjamin Fitzhugh . . . . . P. L. Swearingen . . . . . Colonel Roderick Majors . . . . . C. H. Brullard . . . . . Warden Lovall . . . . . Duncan Hendry . . . . . Von Bulow Schmidt . . . . . L. A. Loomis . . . . . Ed. Farrier . . . . . Dr. H. E. Burmester . . . . . Richard Daunton . . . . . Roy Brainard . . . . . Timothy Cook . . . . . Chas. St. Dennis . . . . . Officer Mullin . . . . . Frank Monroe . . . . . Louis . . . . . Joe Thompson . . . . . Clementina Fitzhugh . . . . . Mrs. P. L. Swearingen . . . . . Sally Grace . . . . . Mrs. Myrtle Ellsworth . . . . . Nettie Majors . . . . . Mrs. Willin Jacobs . . . . .

Synopsis. Place—New York. Act I.—Fitzhugh at home. Act II.—In jail. (Warm water). Act III.—At home again. (Hot water). Time.—Now. Music by Bay City Orchestra.

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## COUPLE FOUND DEAD FEW DAYS AFTER MARRIAGE

Murder or Suicide Indicated, But Jury Says "Accident"—House Is Burned to Ground.

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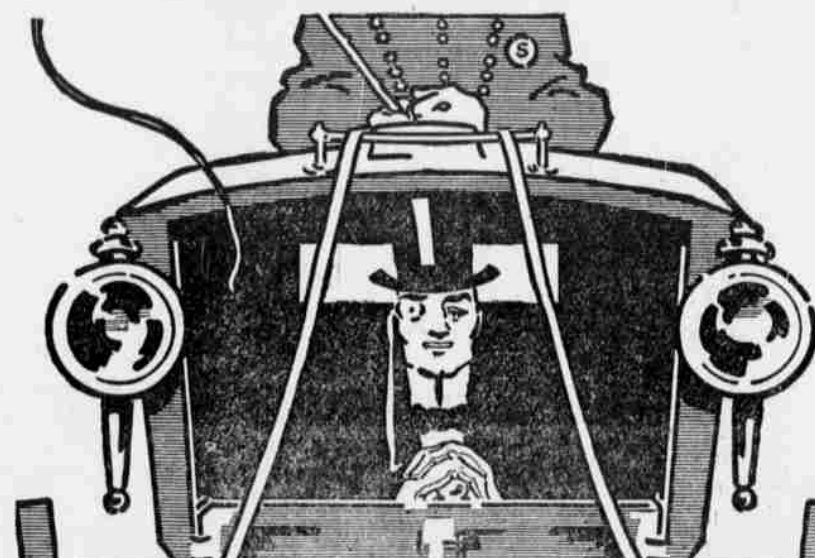
Worley's body was found in the barn undressed, with a blanket pulled partly over it, and a bullet hole through the head. A 32-caliber revolver, with one chamber empty, lay beside the corpse.

Of the house in which the couple had lived only a pile of charred embers remained, and in the midst of these was found the remnants of the body of Mrs. Worley. Indications are that the double tragedy occurred Saturday evening.

Worley came here from St. Louis, of which city he is a native. He owned one of the best farms in the irrigated district, and was prosperous and highly regarded in the community. Recently he sent for Miss Ruth LeRoy of Chicago, aged 22, his sweetheart, whom he had known in the east, and she came here to marry him. The wedding took place last Wednesday, and the couple went to the ranch at once and took up housekeeping.

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