

BOGUS LORD ESCAPES HANGING TO SPEND HIS LIFE IN PENITENTIARY

FOLK COMMUTES ENGLISH MURDERER

Barrington, Who Killed Benefactor and Deceived Many Women, Favored by Governor.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Louis, Aug. 14.—Death sentence pronounced against bogus "Lord" Barrington was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Folk today.

"Lord" Barrington, whose real name was George Frederick Barton, had a remarkable criminal career covering a period of more than 30 years and extending over three continents. The story of Barrington's misdeeds has been often told during the four years that have elapsed since he was arrested and tried for murder. An Englishman of humble parentage, he cut a wide swath both in Europe and America by posing as a member of a prominent English family and swindling all those with whom he came in contact. In his youth he served several terms in English prisons for arson, robbery and forgery. In the United States he married three girls and swindled them out of their money before committing the crime that brought about his exposure and downfall.

Bogus Lord Knewswhipped.
Barrington first came to St. Louis in 1902, pretending to be an emissary sent by the British government to the Louisiana Purchase exposition. He met and married a Miss Cochrane of Kansas City. Their honeymoon was of just a week's duration. At the end of that time the bride's brother discovered that Lord Frederick Seymour Barrington was a rank impostor. He administered a public horsewhipping to the bogus lord and took his sister home. The exposure led to Barrington being arrested and sent to the workhouse for vagrancy. When he was released he was befriended by James F. McCann, the man whom he afterward murdered.

McCann was a follower of the race tracks and at times had considerable money. He took Barrington into his home and provided for his wants. A few weeks after he became a member of the McCann household Barrington told his benefactor that he expected soon to receive a pension from the British government. He told McCann that he had some British friends in St. Louis county who would advance him \$1,000 on the pension papers. He wanted McCann to go with him to witness the transfer of the papers. Finally upon the ceaseless importuning of Barrington McCann consented to go one night. His folly cost him his life. The pension story was only a lie, devised to get McCann to the spot carefully and painstakingly selected for his murder.

Barrington and McCann left the latter's residence in St. Louis early on the evening of June 12, 1903. They went first to a summer garden on the outskirts of the city, and about 10 o'clock boarded a suburban car for Bonifis station, 29 miles from St. Louis. They were seen to leave the streetcar together and walk off into the woods. Five minutes later two shots were heard, and the voice of McCann could be heard pleading for mercy. But his appeals were in vain, for after he had been shot down, the murderer cut his victim's throat to make sure of his work.

Throws Body in Pond.
After McCann's life had ebbed away the murderer had to dispose of the body.



Frederick Seymour, alias "Lord Barrington," is shown in the uniform of a British officer. At the top on the left is Miss Cochrane, one of the wives of the bogus lord, and at the bottom is Elaine Barton, the little daughter of the condemned man.

The clothing was stripped from it and it was dragged through the underbrush to the brink of an 80-foot embankment overlooking a quarry. One shove, and the body shot downward and

sank beneath the waters of an abandoned pond. The murder was planned and carried out with consummate skill, but the later movements of the murderer were of a most bungling sort. Covered with stains, wearing the murdered man's hat and coat, carrying his cane, with McCann's watch and papers

in his pockets, he retraced his steps to St. Louis.
He invented a remarkable story to explain McCann's disappearance. His wife told Mrs. McCann that her husband got into a fight with two men at the summer garden and drove away with some women in a carriage. He himself had been knocked down defending McCann and lay in a gutter all night. Barrington was almost immediately arrested on suspicion of being responsible for McCann's disappearance, but so plausibly did he tell his story that he was soon released. A few days later, however, the body of McCann was discovered and Barrington was at once rearrested. He continued to stoutly deny the crime. He viewed the body after it was taken from the pond and insisted that it was not that of McCann. He declared McCann had gone away and would return some day.
Barrington was tried in the Clayton circuit court and sentenced to death. A stranger from Arkansas sent him the money to appeal his case to the supreme court. The transcript of the case made the longest criminal record ever filed with the clerk of the Missouri supreme court. Every twist and turn known to the law was employed to save Barrington from the gallows. Stay after stay was granted and the case was carried to the United States supreme court. On April 23 last Chief Justice Fuller affirmed the decision of the supreme court of Missouri.

FREIGHT ROBBERY AS AN INDUSTRY

Seven Men Arrested at Seattle and a Conspiracy Involving Men Higher Up May Develop.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., Aug. 14.—The arrest of seven men, truckers and laborers, employed in the Northern Pacific freight sheds on the charge of systematically looting boxes of freight in the sheds, may develop a wholesale conspiracy with theft as its object. Goods to the amount of \$1,000 have already been recovered and more loot is expected to turn up soon.
The men in jail are Harry Owens, Dennis J. Bishop, S. T. Ryan, William Cox, W. B. Falk, O. H. Snyder and E. O. Mull. Each of the men captured knew that the others were stealing, although the existence of an organized conspiracy has not yet been proved. Others are involved and, according to Cox, these others include men much higher up.
Cox and Owens have confessed. The latter asserts that if the houses of some of the higher employes of the freight department of the road are searched more stolen goods will be found. With the exception of these two the men are sullen and refuse to talk.

STANDPIPE KILLS ENGINEER SHIELDS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 14.—Joseph M. Shields, a Northern Pacific freight engineer was killed yesterday afternoon at Covington, near Auburn. There was a hot box beneath one of the freight cars of Shields' train and he stepped into the gangway between the tender and locomotive cab and was leaning out and looking backward to locate the trouble. The standpipe of a watertank, standing close to the track struck him on the head, knocking him from the train and producing instant death. The body was brought here and the King county coroner notified. Shields was 38 years of age, and leaves a young wife here. His mother lives at Oklahoma City.
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Your Salary for One Month Now Ought to Earn Your Living in the Years to Come.

Here are 18 persons and estates that, by mining, were built up from nothing to opulence. Most of the readers of this newspaper know the history, or have read the biographies of the Hearsts, the Huntingtons, the Stanfords, the Fairs, the Dalys, the Clarks, the Crockers, the Spreckels, the Sharons, the Mackays, the Floods, the Licks, etc. Had it not been for money made in mining there never would

have been a Mackay-Bennet cable, there never would have been a Postal Telegraph, and by its profits mansions have been erected and the earth has been beautified and adorned in every region of civilization. As samples of the gifts from beneath the surface of California's bosom, note the conservative value of the following men and estates at the present time measured in dollars and cents:

From Nothing to Multi-Millionaires

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| W. R. Hearst, est. \$40,000,000 | Claus Spreckels .. \$20,000,000 |
| C. P. Huntington. 35,000,000 | Sharon, estate .. 20,000,000 |
| Leland Stanford .. 25,000,000 | Mark Hopkins .. 21,000,000 |
| James G. Fair .. 25,000,000 | Thos. F. Walsh .. 20,000,000 |
| Marcus Daly .. 25,000,000 | W. S. Stratton .. 15,000,000 |
| Senator Clark .. 25,000,000 | John W. Mackay. 10,000,000 |
| Chas. Crocker .. 22,000,000 | James G. Flood .. 10,000,000 |
| Peter Donahue .. 20,000,000 | Wm. S. O'Brien .. 10,000,000 |
| J. B. Haggin .. 20,000,000 | Lick, estate .. 10,000,000 |

Nature's Wonderful Generosity.

- \$100.00 invested in the Mohawk Mine at Goldfield, three years ago, is now worth \$70,000.
- \$100.00 invested in the Jack Pot, at Cripple Creek, Colorado, ten years ago, is now worth \$6,000.
- \$100.00 invested in the Isabella, at Cripple Creek, in 1893, is now worth \$5,960.
- \$100.00 invested in the Wolverine Copper Stock in 1893 is now worth \$4,000.
- \$100.00 invested in the Butte & Boston Stock in 1896 is now worth \$7,900.

- \$100.00 invested in the United Verde Stock twelve years ago is now worth \$30,000.
- \$100.00 invested in the Homestake in South Dakota twelve years ago is now worth \$28,000.
- \$100.00 invested in the Calumet & Hecla has paid the investor \$150,000. Stock bought at \$1.00 a share is now worth \$650 a share.
- \$100.00 invested in the Le Roi a few years ago is now worth \$250,000, and has paid \$35,000 in dividends.
- \$100.00 invested in Gold Coin in 1896 is now worth \$55,000, and has paid \$11,000 in dividends.
- Mrs. F. Chase, a poor woman of Bangor, Maine, a few years ago purchased 100 shares of United Verde mining stock for \$100, for which she recently refused \$40,000, in cash offered by Senator Clark. The stock yields her \$5.00 per day in dividends.
- One-third of the Mary McKinney mine of Cripple Creek was accepted for a \$49.00 grocery bill. The groceryman now has an income of \$250,000 per annum in dividends, and his interest in the mine is worth \$2,000,000.

In all these above companies there have been thousands of stockholders who have reaped these enormous profits. These profits are not only possible, but are extremely probable in hundreds of legitimate and well-selected mining enterprises at the present time.

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