

# GEO. F. BARTON, FIRST OF WORLD'S CRIMINALS.

Cool and in full control of himself, declaring his innocence and his ability to prove it, George Frederick Neville Barton, better known as Lord Frederick Seymour Barrington, is a prisoner in the St. Louis county jail, awaiting his trial on the charge of having murdered the only man who remained his friend after the true nature of his character had been revealed.

In many ways Barton is the most remarkable criminal of the present generation, and there are, says the New York Herald, many who believe that his like was never known before. If he ever had a moral sense it must have become atrophied years ago. He has sufficient cunning to defend himself, but it is probable that in his own mind this man is utterly unable to distinguish between right and wrong.

Alienists are making a study of Barton. The theory has been advanced that the nature of the man is governed by the nature of his last crime. It has been suggested that his mind works in a cycle, and that his criminal inclinations change with the seasons or with the years.

Certain it is that he has been guilty of almost every crime known to the calendar. He has served the greater part of his life in prison, and the reports that have been received concerning him by the St. Louis police indicate that no two men have regarded him in the same light.

James P. McCann, whose death is charged against Barton, was his benefactor and his friend when he was in need of friendship and benefaction. McCann's mutilated body was found in a stagnant pool in a deserted quarry, to which he had been lured, by Barton, identification of the body was made easily by the wife and relatives of the dead man and by his many friends.

SAYS VICTIM IS ALIVE.

To all of this Barton merely replies: "McCann is alive and well. He is in hiding in a place that I know all about. He will return in good season and all of this mystery will be explained."

Accompanied by officers of the law, Barton framped all over the scene of the crime. He saw the body of the victim exhumed, and unmoved and not betraying emotion by so much as the twitching of a muscle, he stooped and carefully scrutinized the features, commented upon the mutilation and then expressed the opinion that though the body bore many marked resemblances to that of McCann he did not believe that it was the body of his friend.

If he is acting, he is a wonder in the art of mimicry. Never has he overdone it. He has permitted himself to be caught off his guard. His mannerisms are those of the drawing room or the parlor, and the tattered remnants of his shirt, his imprisonment, waifs of mankind who have drunk deep of pessimism and cynicism, regard Barton with an awe which they do not accord to the sheriff.

To understand the crime of which Barton is now charged it is necessary to refer to that other crime which first introduced the man to St. Louis. It was as "Lord Frederick Seymour Barrington, major of the Horse Guards of the Household Troop," that Barton came here. He had nothing more than his word and his self-assurance to prove his identity, yet he was accepted without question as an English army officer, here, as he said, to make an investigation of the British consular service. He was admitted as a privileged guest to a few of the most exclusive homes of the city. He had no excuse of apparent pride and was willing to meet persons that might have been overlooked by a real nobleman.

If there were any doubters among those who met him first, the manner in which he first came here, they kept their own counsel.

"Lord Barrington" met Miss Grace Wilhelmina Cochran, of Kansas City, who was visiting relatives here. Her heart was quickly won and before relatives could interfere to save the too confiding girl she married the man whose fairy stories of wealth and position charmed her.

Miss Cochran was fortunate enough to have a brother less imaginative and more practical than herself. He came to St. Louis unannounced and made a quiet investigation into the antecedents of his brother-in-law. He learned that "Lord Barrington" was none other than George Barton, an English criminal with a long record. He learned, too, that "Lord Barrington" had at least two living wives before his sister became the third.

One of the wives "Lord Barrington" had married many years ago. The other had been deceived just as had been Miss Cochran, and she had been deserted only a few days before the bigamist had arrived in St. Louis. Barton had acted like a coward when charged with bigamy, once in jail Barton's assurance quickly returned to him. He visited the aid of a few of his countrymen, and no charge of bigamy was pressed against him. As a disorderly character he was sentenced to jail for six months.

Then the sympathy of the mayor of St. Louis was worked upon, with the result that Barton was released after he had concluded barely a third of his sentence. He obtained his liberty last April, and at once became an attraction in a saloon, where he was employed

## Man Held For Murder in St. Louis, an Astonishing Problem For Alienists—Moral Nature is Not in Him.

merely to draw the trade of those who would come to look upon him, he still asserting his right to be called "Lord Barrington."

It was at this time that James P. McCann happened into the saloon where Barton was employed. McCann was a Kentuckian and a horseman. He was a trifle country, but was well liked by all who knew him, and if he had an enemy in the world the fact was not developed.

A year ago McCann was worth \$40,000 but a considerable portion of his fortune had disappeared, though he had enough left to permit him to wager rather freely on the races. He was generous to a fault, and as he was generally fortunate in his speculations, it has been said that his wealth was given away rather than lost.

MEETS THE KENTUCKIAN.

The horseman spoke to Barton and from him drew his version of his troubles. Then as he was about to leave the place McCann thrust \$20 into the hand of his new acquaintance, saying: "Old man, you took all right to me. I've been reading about you, and I guess that you are not as black as you have been painted. You are broke and in hard luck. That means I just to show you that you are a friend who will stand by you until you prove to him that you are the crook that you have been called."

Barton took the money and immediately started inquiries concerning the man who had so strangely befriended him. He learned that McCann owned a hotel and that he was prosperous, sometimes having more money than he knew what to do with and again being embarrassed, but only temporarily.

WORK AT THE RACE TRACKS.

McCann followed the races, betting from \$500 to \$300 a day. He found means to employ Barton by sending him to the racing track to place his money. This duty Barton performed with good judgment. He is quick witted, and never failed to get the best of odds for his employer.

When he even collected the wages and turned the money over to McCann, and it has been said that he accounted scrupulously for every penny that passed through his hands—did this man who had once stolen \$30,000, who had committed serious crimes for small returns, and who was plotting all of the time the death of the man with whom he was associating.

It is the theory of the St. Louis police that Barton evolved the theory that he could kill McCann and could thus get the possession of the small fortune, half of which would probably have been his for the asking.

Mrs. McCann was conducting a matrimonial agency, and she was having a little difficulty with the police. It is now believed that Barton possessed some secret by means of which he thought to compel Mrs. McCann's affections were they denied him when pleaded for.

Barton lived in the hotel kept by McCann and his word was recognized as carrying almost as much authority as that of the proprietor of the place.

Early last month Barton said that he had arranged to dispose of his pension. He would sell it, and a purchaser had been found in the person of a neighbor who understood such things, and who was running a farm near Bonifis, a small village about 15 miles from St. Louis.

Barton said that a witness was required for the transfer of the pension, and McCann readily agreed to go with him and assist in the completion of the deal for the sale of the pension.

It was in this clever manner that Barton, the police declare, planned to persuade McCann to go with him to a place far from human habitation that murder could be done without fear of interruption. He went over the ground about Bonifis several times, studying the roads and the bypaths, until he knew just where the crime could best be committed, and where the body could be disposed of in the manner to longest defy discovery.

After all his plans were well made Barton started with McCann for Bonifis on the night of June 18. They were gone nine hours, and finally Barton returned alone. He was disheveled.

To Mrs. McCann, who was distressed with anxiety because of the long absence of her husband, he explained that he had encountered two acquaintances and that a quarrel had followed. One of the other two, he said, had been seriously, if not fatally, injured by McCann, who had fled to escape arrest. Barton said that he had been sent home to explain to Mrs. McCann and to tell her that her husband would communicate with her directly.

TOOK DEAD MAN'S MONEY.

Messages were received by Mrs. McCann during the next few days, and presumably from her husband. He telephoned and he wrote and he telegraphed. Mrs. McCann was warned of serious danger that menaced her husband, but she was told that it would be arranged all right in a short time. McCann wanted money, and he told his wife to give it to Barton, who would see to forwarding it to him.

It has since been well demonstrated that all of the mysterious messages were sent by Barton or were inspired by him. He had one other unsuspecting friend who acted in his behalf to send the messages, believing that he was assisting McCann as well as Barton. The man now charged with murder insists that the messages to Mrs. McCann were genuine, and that, being so, his friend could not have been murdered.

The absence of McCann, who was a well known man in this city, finally attracted police attention. Some even went so far as to hint that the horseman had been murdered, but for a long time no evidence of a crime was discovered and no arrest was made.

Barton was making ready to leave St. Louis, and he had gone so far as to have his trunk sent to the railroad station when a nude and much mutilated body of a man was discovered in a stagnant pool at the bottom of an old stone quarry near Bonifis. There was quick work, and Barton was arrested. In his trunk were found McCann's watch, diamond pin and other articles of value. A charge of murder was lodged against him and he was held for further developments.

Little by little the story of the murder has been pieced out by the police. McCann had purchased a revolver, but instead of carrying it had made a present of it to Barton. The two men were traced to Bonifis, the railroad men who had seen them on the car identifying Barton and also identifying McCann by his picture. Other passengers also identified them.

An aged woman told of a conversation she had with McCann on the car, she having talked with him about religion. When she left the car she gave a tract to McCann and another to Barton. McCann thanked her, and, folding the tract, placed it in his pocket. Barton rolled his lips into a wad and scornfully threw it away.

Soon after the two men left the car the conductor and the motorman heard a shriek and two pistol shots. After the discovery of the body in

the quarry pit some cartridges that fitted Barton's revolver were found near the spot where the murder was done. It is known that McCann was shot twice and that the bullets that entered his head also fit Barton's revolver. Barton was seen walking back to St. Louis wearing McCann's hat and coat. He has a superstition about the clothing of dead men, and has believed that good fortune always pursues the person who wears a hat once worn by a person now dead.

Near the scene of the murder were found the shoes and some of the underwear belonging to McCann. The remainder of his clothing has not yet been discovered, and this is the only spot in the police network of evidence. The pool into which the body of McCann was plunged after it had been mutilated with a razor, which was found near the spot, is now being drained, and the clothing may come to light.

The body of McCann was temporarily buried near the quarry, but it was exhumed later in the presence of Barton, who was taken to the spot by the chief of police, who subjected him to the most severe examinations while the work was being done.

There were about 100 spectators present when the body was brought to sight, and of the entire crowd Barton was certainly the least concerned, so far as appearances went. Since then he has been locked up, and the evidence of his guilt have been multiplying, but not once has his nerve been shaken.

McCann's brother came to his cell and accused him of the murder. Barton, unlike most prisoners, did not flinch against the bars. He stood in a dignified position and told Mr. McCann that he was mistaken, and that he had been mistaken when he identified the body as that of his brother.

Terribly damning as a bit of moral evidence is another crime of which Barton was suspected long ago, but for which he was not punished.

ANOTHER CRIME UNPUNISHED.

In 1881 Barton was a private soldier in the British army. He was acting as a valet for Lieut. Robey, in whose quarters he lived. Lieut. Robey received a quarterly allowance from home, and after the money reached him in the spring of 1881 he was murdered in a manner almost exactly similar to the way McCann was killed.

The money was stolen, and later Barton had funds the possession of which he never explained. He was accused of the murder in after years by his wife, who was Celestine Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and he shamelessly admitted that it might be true—and what then?

There are some who expect Barton to confess the murder of McCann. They believe that his intense egotism and his desire to pose in public sight will lead him to tell all the details of his crime

as soon as he learns that there is little likelihood of his escaping punishment in any event.

Safeguard for Children.

Notwithstanding all that is done by boards of health and charitable institutions, the death rate among small children is very high during the hot weather of the summer months in the large cities. There is not probably one case of bowel complaint in a hundred, however, that could not be cured by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Mr. Frank Riggs, of Franklinville, N. Y., in speaking of this remedy said: "I have found it expedient to have a supply of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It has been a family safeguard and while especially beneficial to children, it is equally good in adult cases. I recommend it cheerfully and without reservation." For sale by all druggists.

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Along the Dolores river in southwestern Colorado there is a buried city, or its remains, and Maj. E. H. Cooper, the "Cliff Dwellers" Man," will leave tonight, says the Denver Post, for a careful investigation of this long-forgotten abiding place of a forgotten people.

"Last summer when I was pursuing my investigation into the history of the ancient peoples, I stumbled over this buried city," said Maj. Cooper, "and I marked it out and carefully covered over the parts that were visible until this summer when I should have time to explore it fully."

"What I shall find I have not the remotest idea. The city lies in the wilderness and only traces of walls are visible. I did some explorations last summer and found that the walls went down into the earth and I could trace them for some distance. In the vicinity I found similar evidences of a buried

city and I am fully convinced that a thorough exploration will bring out some interesting facts relating to the early peoples of this continent.

There are evidences of buried cities in Utah and Arizona, and as soon as I have made satisfactory progress in the city along the Dolores river, I shall go to Utah and Arizona to continue my investigations. I cannot proceed far, as I must go to New York City for a course of lectures in the public schools, covering five days a week for 10 weeks, or 50 lectures."

Maj. Cooper has just returned from a three months' lecture tour on the coast on the cliff dwellings and dwellers on the ancient peoples of this country. On this subject he has spent 30 years and \$50,000 and declares that he is in the A. B. C. of it.

"In all probability these buried cities are the homes of that mysterious people commonly designated as the cliff dwellers," said Maj. Cooper. "They were as indigenous to this country as

the peoples are to any country. They were far advanced for their time in the arts and sciences, growing grain, having irrigating systems, raising cotton and making cloth. However, they knew nothing of metals, as we find no metal whatever among their ruins."

"The Toltecs and Aztecs and probably the ancient Peruvians were offshoots of these people, but the Indians were not. The Aztec Indians may possibly be the descendants. The Toltecs reached the apex of civilization of their time. Their temples show this. Mysteriously they disappeared and then came in old Mexico of today the warlike Aztecs, who had a high degree of civilization in the time of Montezuma, when Cortez conquered them."

"The Toltecs and the Aztecs came down from the north. They were the offshoots of the people we call the cliff dwellers forced to migrate by the warlike tribes that invaded their country in what today is southwestern Colorado. The mound-builders are another offshoot."

"Originally the cliff dwellers were a plains people. They built their cities, raised grain and cotton and were an agricultural and progressive people. Then the ancestors of the Navajos came in from the north, seeking warmer climate and eventually drove them to refuge in the cliffs. As time passed they migrated and from them came the Toltecs, Aztecs, mound-builders and probably others."

"These ancient peoples, ages ago, left their plains homes and there are covered these cities over and these are the ones I now propose to investigate. That the tribes that caused this exodus came from the north is legend, and among the Navajos is a tradition that their ancestors crossed a body of water. Originally they came from the Japanese race of today."

"If money was spent as it should be, in southwestern Colorado would be found ancient remains as remarkable as any ever found in Asia or Africa."

Maj. Cooper will return to Denver in the fall.

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A suggestion lately made by an exchange may aid some one whose memory is defective to fix in his mind the number of books in the Bible.

Apply to the Old Testament a process of adding, or rather of affixing, and the number of books in it is reached. The word "old" means of three letters; the word "Testament" of nine letters. Place these side by side and they give the number of books in the Old Testament, 32.

Apply to the New Testament a process of multiplication, and the number of books in it is reached. The word "New" contains three letters; the word "Testament," 3. Multiplying 3 by 9 gives the number of books in the New Testament, 27.

The addition of 32 and 27 gives the total number of books in the Bible, 59.—The Homiletic Review.

MONEY WITH EASE.

Mrs. J. M. McCormick, who was Miss Ruth Hanna before her recent marriage, tells with good effect a number of stories about her distinguished father.

According to one of these stories, an Irishman, some years ago, entered Mr. Hanna's office, took off his hat politely, and said:

"The top of the mornin' to ye, Mr. Hanna. I've been told ye're in want of help."

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