

"LORD" BARRINGTON MAY BE MADE FREE

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—There appears to be a strong probability that a Christmas gift in the form of a pardon may be handed to "Lord" Barrington, who is serving a life term in the Missouri State prison for the murder of James P. McCann near this city in 1902. Persistent efforts to obtain freedom for the notorious prisoner have been made during the past half dozen years. This time his counsel has gone before the pardon board with a petition signed by members of the jury which convicted him, by several justices of the state supreme court and other persons of prominence and influence.

Freedom for the bogus Lord, whose real name is said to be F. G. Barton, would add another chapter to the sensational career of a man who has been known to the police of three continents as a society highwayman, resourceful crook, bigamist, forger and murderer. Until his arrest in 1902, on a murder charge, "Lord" Barrington was one of the most picturesque figures in "Polite" Crookdom, for although he was of lowly origin, his specialty of passing as a member of the British peerage went well in numerous cities and helped him to live without work for many years.

He was the son of a hack driver in Tunbridge, England. At the age of 12 he was sent to prison for embezzlement. After serving three years he escaped, only to be arrested two years later and sentenced for robbery. At the age of 18 he stole securities valued at \$50,000, and was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude, but was released on a forged pardon.

While still in England he got into some of the best households as a servant, studied the ways of society and in later years made good use of his studies. He perfected himself in French, German and the classics and was a polished fraud when he arrived in this country in 1891. He posed several justices of the State Supreme noblemen of rank and wealth. As such he won Miss E. Celestine Miller, of Brooklyn, an heiress with a fortune in her own right. After marrying Miss Miller he had the effrontery to return to the land where he had served much time and established himself with his wife in a home at West Ed here as the son of an English Brighton. There he cold-bloodedly told his wife the truth about himself.

Stripped of every penny by her husband, the unhappy wife returned to this country with her child, and Barrington was arrested and sent back to prison to serve out an old sentence. Immediately after his release he returned to the United States. In 1902 Philadelphia received with open arms "Lord Borgoyne," of the English peerage. His lordship was none other than the English ex-convict, but before that came to light he had courted and wedded Miss Margaret Rafferty, an heiress. While they were on their honeymoon "Borgoyne" slipped from the train and disappeared. After keeping under cover for some time the ex-convict made his appearance in St. Louis society as "Lord Barrington." He met and married Miss Wilhelmina Grace Cochran, of Independence, Iowa, who was visiting in St. Louis at the time. Before he could enjoy the money he had obtained through this marriage a hard-headed brother of Miss Cochran had uncovered his record and had "Barrington" thrown into prison. Following his exposure Barrington succeeded in winning the confidence of James P. McCann, a wealthy horseman and hotel owner. McCann was known as a man who drank heavily, hobnobbed with a fast set, and was rapidly dissipating the remnants of his fortune.

On the night of the murder McCann and Barrington went together to a suburban resort. McCann drank heavily. McCann claimed that they got in bad company and there was a fight in which both men figured. About 10 o'clock the two boarded a car and rode to Bonifis station, a lonely spot in the farthest environs of St. Louis. A few minutes later three pistol shots were heard. Nearly a week later the body of McCann was found floating in a pool in an abandoned quarry. Barrington was at once arrested. One bit of evidence after another was found that the "Lord" was the murderer. His trial, which resulted in his conviction and sentence to death, was one of the most sensational in the history of the country. For five years there waged a legal battle to save him from the noose. The case was carried to the Supreme Court of the United States, which tribunal upheld the conviction. In 1905 Barrington's life was saved by the act of Governor Folk in commuting his sentence to life imprisonment. During the years he has spent in prison Barrington has persisted in the declaration that he was innocent of the McCann murder.

PRAISES WORK OF AMERICANS

Back To London He Comes Lauding Generous Action of This Country

London, Dec. 18.—George F. Gracey, a member of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, who has helped to feed and clothe about 55,000 Armenians in their native land again when they fled to the Caucasus to escape the onslaught of the Turks, has just returned to London. "Most of this was possible only through the generosity of the American people," declared Mr. Gracey, who is not an American but an Englishman and has been a member of the American committee for the last twelve years. Since the war broke out he has been directing the relief work for the Armenians from Tiflis.

"Armenia has replaced Belgium and Serbia as the most distressed countries on the face of the globe," said Mr. Gracey. "The Armenians have twice been driven from their native land. Those who were not massacred when the Turks invaded their country early in the war fled to the Caucasus. They returned when the Russians drove the Turks out of Armenia. They were forced to flee to the Caucasus again a few months ago when the Turks chased the Russians out of Mush and Bitlis, and for a time threatened the Czar's army at Van, on the east side of the lake of that name.

"When the Armenians were able to return to their country early this year they were without food, clothing or the means of making a living. The American committee came to the rescue by supplying some 30,000 with 2,700 heads of cattle and a large quantity of agricultural implements. This work of repatriating them ran along from May to August of this year. Just as they were getting on their feet again and starting out to face life anew along come the reinforced Turks. The Ottoman troops succeeded in taking Mush and Bitlis in the very heart of Armenia. Then they moved along the northern and western shores of Lake Van with the object of encircling the town of Van, which was the base of the Russian operations in that district. They did not get to Van, but clung to the shores of the lake. That is the present military situation in that territory.

"The object of the Russian incursion into Armenia was not only to rescue the Armenians but to establish a line from Trebizond on the Black Sea across the neck of Asia Minor to Aleppo and thus deprive Turkey of the resources of Mesopotamia.

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U. S. Bonds (at par) 622,500.00	Surplus and Net Profits 723,923.00
Bank Building 450,000.00	Circulation 543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities 356,000.00	Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank 25,675.34
Customers' Liability Acceptances 750,000.00	Cash and Due by Banks... 2,810,611.76
Total \$10,542,356.80	Total \$10,542,356.80

DEPOSITS:
 Nov. 17th, 1914 \$4,218,401.77
 Nov. 17th, 1915 6,083,783.09
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