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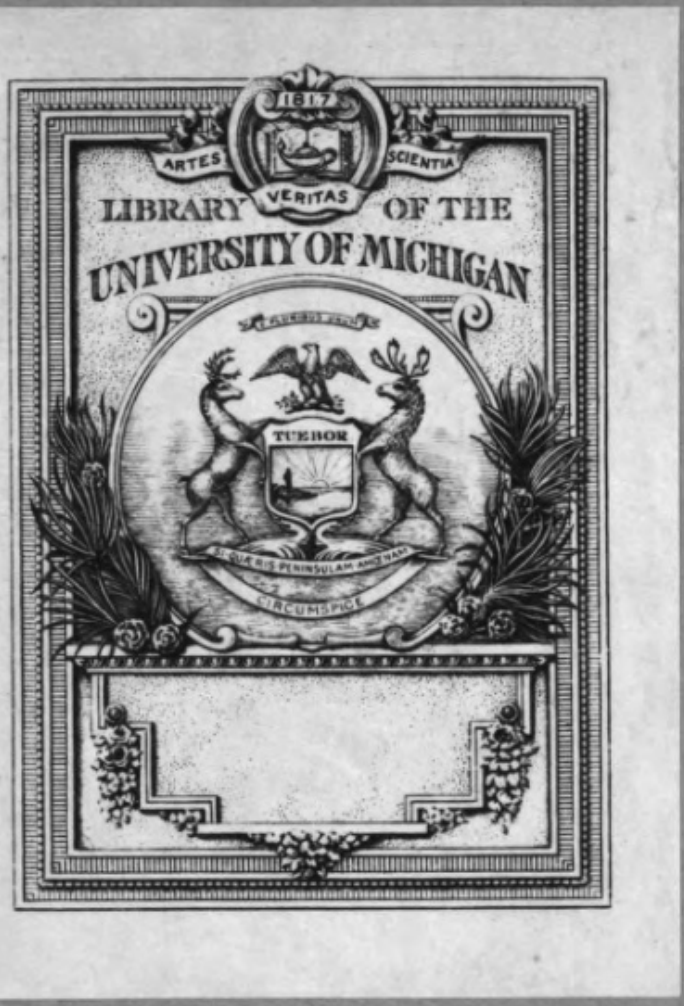

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THE CASE OF OSCAR SLATER

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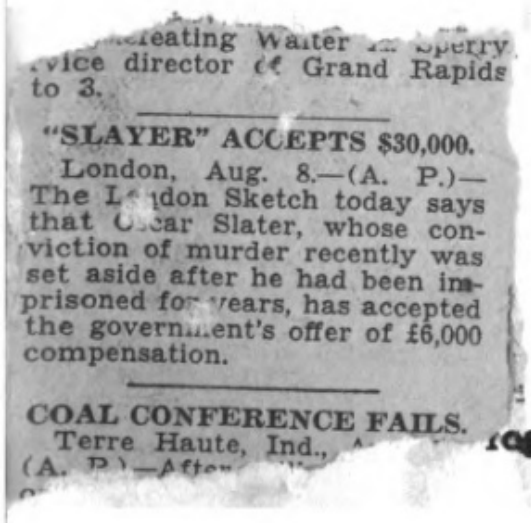
America after the Extradition Proceedings, and who has had very many interviews with Slater, begs respectfully to state his absolute belief in Slater's innocence.

May it therefore please the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Scotland to take this Memorial into his most favourable consideration, and thereafter to advise his Most Gracious Majesty to exercise his royal prerogative to the effect of commuting the sentence passed upon the prisoner, or to do otherwise as in the circumstances may seem just.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

EWING SPIERS,
190 West George Street, Glasgow,
Oscar Slater's Solicitor.

Dated this seventeenth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and nine.



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"SLAYER" ACCEPTS $30,000.

London, Aug. 8.—(A. P.)—The London Sketch today says that Oscar Slater, whose conviction of murder recently was set aside after he had been imprisoned for years, has accepted the government's offer of £6,000 compensation.

COAL CONFERENCE FAILS.

Terre Haute, Ind., ... (A. P.)—After ...

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[Wide World Photo.]

GETS $30,000. Oscar Slater paid by British government for wrongful conviction of murder.

CLEAR SLATER AFTER 20 YEARS

International News Service Cable

EDINBURGH, Scotland, July 20.—One of the most sensational murder cases in British history was a closed incident today when Scottish courts quashed the conviction of Oscar Slater, released last November after serving almost 18 years for killing aged Miss Marion Gilchrist, of Glasgow. The Slater case was compared by some to the Sacco-Vanzetti case. Although released from the penitentiary, the Slater conviction continued to stand until today.

Slater was arrested in New York in 1908, as he left the liner Lusitania. He waived extradition and was convicted largely by three witnesses, one a young woman, Helen Lambie, who subsequently migrated to the United States and married.

Slater was sentenced to death, but sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. After his release a movement was started to have the conviction annulled. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle interested himself in Slater's behalf.

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