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CAPT. COLIN HARBOTTLE

LONG CHASE IS ARRESTED—WAS ANXIOUS TO COME HOME ANYWAY, THEY SAY.

After being detained in his hotel at Havana, Cuba, by Pinkerton Detective Agency operatives, who have been on his trail since he left the city in November last, Captain Colin C. Harbottle, abounding secretary of the Toronto Club and of the Ontario Rifle Association, for whose apprehension some half-dozen warrants are now in the hands of the Toronto police, was officially taken into custody by the Cuban police yesterday morning. Harbottle received official notification yesterday afternoon. It was made upon request of the attorney-general's department, transmitted thru the department of Justice at Ottawa and upon representation made upon this request, forwarded by Lord Strathcona to the English secretary of state, who in turn communicated with the British minister at Havana. Chief Grassett was notified by the Pinkerton agency Monday morning and set the wheels in motion.

PARK SUPT. WILSON HAS RESIGNED HIS JOB AT THE FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 14.—(Special.)—Superintendent Wilson of Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park has resigned. The document in the case reached the commission on Saturday.

NEUTRAL "DRY" BELT ALONG THE BOUNDARY

Proposal Made in Interest of Temperance Enforcement Which the Government May Adopt.

Rev. Dr. Chown is looking for a day in the near future when the cigar will be abolished in Canada by act of the Dominion parliament. He returned from Ottawa yesterday. While there he had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in which among other things he discussed what points would have to be established in order to secure legislation for the suppression of the cigar.

WALVES EXTRADITION

Capt. Harbottle will waive extradition. He will return quietly without such proceedings being taken. In fact, it is said he was heading for home yesterday. Inspector Joseph Rogers will, therefore, be sent to bring him back. He will probably leave to-day.

15,000 CIRCULARS SENT OUT

Never has such an effort been made by the local police to disseminate any other information as in this case. Over 15,000 circulars were sent to every place of any importance in the world, and the circulars were sent in several languages. More than \$500 was expended in postage.

NOT WELCOME NEWS

The news of Captain Harbottle's arrest was received with mixed feelings. There are hundreds whose former friendship for the young man makes them genuinely sorry to hear of his return, and who are glad to hear of the arrest. During his stay abroad he has been supplied with money from Toronto, and has constantly been in receipt of news of every new move here. He had with him, when arrested, many copies of the circulars which were sent out to secure his arrest. It is said that Norman Cooby, one of his close friends, who has been with him for a time, will return to Toronto.

BRITISH PEOPLE PLAN TO SWELL QUEBEC FUND

National Birthday Presentation at Time of Tercentenary—Distinguished Men Participate

LONDON, April 14.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—An important movement is afoot to make a national birthday presentation to Canada at the time of the Quebec tercentenary. The Duke of Argyll, Lord Aberdeen, Derby, Lansdowne and Minto recently issued an invitation to a number of distinguished persons supporting a fund to be raised here as a substantial public contribution towards the £50,000 understood to be necessary in transforming the historic battlefields into a public park.

VERIFY MANAGER'S STORY

Bank Officials and Detectives Satisfied Roy Henry Routed Burglars.

Officials of the Sterling Bank in company with detective officers, yesterday visited the Thornhill branch of the bank and made a thorough investigation into the story of the attempted burglary as narrated by Manager Roy Henry. As a result of the enquiry the officials were satisfied that his narrative is correct and are satisfied that the manager acted courageously in defence of the property.

ADVOCATES EMPIRE ASSEMBLY

MELBOURNE, April 14.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—At a meeting of the Imperial Federation League, Premier Deakin presiding, Mr. John Quick advocated a questionnaire assembly for the empire, each self-governing state having five representatives. The assembly should deal with questions requiring uniform action and its recommendation would not be legal until ratified by the local legislature. The scheme is criticized as impracticable.

QUEBEC SLEEPS ON THRU ALL THE NOISE

People Resent National Aspect of Great Celebration and Apathy Appears to Be Pronounced.

MONTREAL, April 14.—(Special.)—One of the most remarkable incidents in connection with the coming celebration at Quebec is the apathetic condition of the people of that city in the face of all that is taking place around them.

UNCLE GEORGE ROSS

And yet, Aleck MacKay, I mind when th' was good feeshin' here, and never a loose-feesh got away from us.

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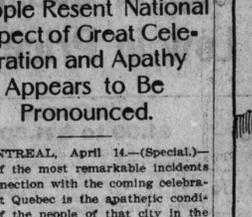
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FRUSTRATION EXPECTED

Strike of Railway Employees Threatens at Winnipeg.

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