

THEY WON HIS CONFIDENCE.

How Young Hamiltonian Was Fleeced in Rome.

An Australian and an Irishman Did Trick.

Victimized Others to Extent of 700,000 Marks.

How Mr. John Baby, 475 Main street east, who arrived home yesterday from Rome, Italy, was robbed brings to light how easily a person can be victimized in that country. According to the opinion expressed by the Italian detectives it was a case of hand over your money or be slugged over the head. He wisely chose the former. How he was robbed, was by the old confidence game that the most astute men have fallen a prey to, and in which those who have laughed at the duped ones have later been fleeced themselves.

He was en-route from China to Hamilton via Rome. On arrival in that city he decided to see some of the sights and while in one of the halls of fame there he was approached by an affable stranger, an Australian. Being a stranger in a strange land the young Hamiltonian naturally warmed up to the stranger who could speak Italian fluently. They became very friendly. Mr. Baby wanted to cable home for money, as he was a little short. The Australian went with the Canadian to the bank in Rome, from where the details about the cabling were arranged.

One day walking down the street, a well-dressed man ahead of them dropped his purse. Mr. Baby picked it up and returned it to the man, who turned out to be an Irishman. "God bless you, my boy, you have done me a good turn," was the reply. Straightway he was allowed to join the Australian and Canadian. They soon all became very friendly.

Later when they were sitting together the Australian asked the Irishman if he would trust him with £50. "Sure, my boy, and here it is," was the answer. The money in Bank of England notes was counted out. The Australian went out, and in a few minutes returned, saying, "I don't want your money," and gave it back.

The Irishman then tested the trust of the Australian for £100. It was cheerfully given, and when it was counted out a big roll was shown. The Irishman returned it soon after.

Then Mr. Baby's trust was tried for \$200, but in such a menacing way he was given to understand if he did not hand over his roll it would go hard with him. There were just the three of them in the room, and there was no alternative but pay. Directly he got the money the Australian went out. That was the last time he was seen. Of course the Irishman soon joined him. He was a party to the scheme.

Mr. Baby called at his hotel and told the clerk, who notified the police, and since the Hamiltonian left he has heard the rogues were caught.

During the last few months Americans and Canadians have been duped of 700,000 marks by the same trick.

No Paper Saturday

Saturday being Christmas Day the Times will not be published. Advertisers will please bear this in mind, and send in their copy early for Friday's paper. All church notices will appear in that issue. Help the printer by having your copy in in good time.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—This morning a lady had her muff and purse stolen while she was in an up-town store.

—T. J. Stewart, York street, presented each of his employees with a Christmas turkey.

—Mr. Harold Jolley is home from Rockford, Ill., to spend the holidays with his parents at Belmont House, Mount Hamilton.

—Miss M. J. Froelich has been appointed Deputy Registrar of the County of Wentworth by R. K. Hope, Registrar.

—As "Ratepayer's" letter has already appeared in another newspaper, the Times does not think it necessary to republish it.

—This is the 81st birthday of Mr. H. P. Dwight, the President of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, and the father of the telegraph in Canada. Many returns.

—Miss Douglass, teacher of school section No. 6, Gianford, wishes to thank the many friends of that section and school for the kind presentation to her on leaving the section.

—Mr. Harvey Davis, of Burlington, has accepted a position as draughtsman at the Hamilton bridge works, and will commence his duties after the first of the new year.

—Rev. John Young, D. D., of St. John Presbyterian Church, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky" at the Christmas entertainment at Appleby on Monday evening next.

—Thomas Rogers, of this city, has purchased three lots near St. Luke's Church, Burlington, from D. Acland and H. Crawford, of this city, has bought the Water street property of Mrs. R. Pickering.

—The annual installation of the officers of Wabantaka Circle took place last evening in the I. O. E. Hall by the members of Camp Walnut, W. O. W. An "at home" was held, after which an excellent musical programme was rendered and dainty refreshments served. Lewis' orchestra was in attendance.

—At Toronto yesterday, in Scott vs. Sher, J. A. Ogilvie, for defendant, moved to dismiss for want of prosecution, R. December 23rd, 1909. Hassan Elias Lew. beloved wife of Abram Swayze, is her 32nd year.

Funeral Sunday, December 26th, at 2 o'clock from her husband's residence, 17 Park street, to Hamilton Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

A Final Word About Games

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Christmas Paper

Any wishing copies of the Times' Christmas number can get them at the Times business office ready for mailing. Just the paper to send to friends as a Christmas greeting. During Saturday afternoon and evening there was a big demand for them, showing that they were appreciated by the public. Get a copy before they are all gone.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-Weekly Times. 50c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

MARRIAGES.

CHAPEMAN-KIRKBRIDE—On Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, by Rev. J. McD. Kerr, assisted by Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, Lella Fern, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirkbride, 123 East avenue south, to Ernest A. Chapman, of Toronto.

DEATHS.

FAIRCLOUGH—In this city, on Monday, December 20th, 1909, at 228 Market street, James Fairclough, his 75th year.

Funeral (private) on Friday, December 24th, at 2:30 o'clock. Kindly omit flowers.

SWAYZE—In this city on Thursday morning, December 23rd, 1909, Hassan Elias Lew. beloved wife of Abram Swayze, is her 32nd year.

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WILLIAMS—In this city, on Thursday, Dec. 23rd, 1909, Mary Ellen Kelly, beloved wife of Chester Williams, 57 East avenue north. Funeral notice later.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Fresh westerly winds, fair, with moderate winds, fair, with about the same temperature.

WEATHER NOTES.

The area of high pressure is now passing eastward across Ontario and the middle states and it is quite probable that a storm will develop in the southwestern states and move towards the great lakes during Saturday. The temperature continues fairly low in the western provinces and moderate in Ontario and Quebec.

Toronto, Dec. 23. (11 a. m.)—Forecasts for Friday: Fair, stationery or a little higher temperature.

Washington, Dec. 23.—

Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair in south, partly cloudy in north portion to-night and Friday; moderate to brisk west to northwest winds.

Western New York—Partly cloudy, with occasional light snows to-night or Friday; northwest winds.

The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Clarke's drug store:

9 a. m., 29; 11 a. m., 34; 1 p. m., 30; lowest in 24 hours, 23; highest in 24 hours, 36.

IN HER GLOOM.

Kind Hearts Take Rays of Sun shine to Mrs. McLelland.

That the heart of the great public beats strong and true was shown last evening and to-day after the Times published the story of Mrs. McLelland's distress since the sad death of her husband. Mrs. McLelland and her little family will have a visit from Santa Claus after all, and there will be cheering rays through the gloom that overshadows her little home at 32 Emily street.

Not long after the Times came out enquiries began to be made at the office, from Chief Smith and from Rev. J. Roy VanWye.

By noon to-day Chief Smith had subscriptions amounting to about \$10, mostly from civic and public officials, and Rev. Mr. VanWye reported \$8, made up of \$1 from Mr. Hartz, \$5 from Sir Thomas Taylor and \$2 from "Brother in Christ."

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STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 22.—Prinz Adelbert—At New York, from Hamburg Teutonic—At New York, from Southampton.

Boon—At New York, from Bremen.

Oceanic—At Patras, from New York.

Mayoralty

MAYOR McLAREN regrets that owing to the shortness of the campaign and the occupation of his time with civic duties, it will be impossible for him to see the electors personally, but he will be pleased to meet his supporters and those desiring information at

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GAS CASE ADJOURNED.

County Court Non-Jury Cases Now in Progress.

The only case taken up at yesterday afternoon's session of the County Court was that of Ontario Pipe Line Company vs. American Street Lighting and Lamp Company, for the recovery of \$317.68 due on excess gas used by the defendant's from the plaintiff's lines above the amount stipulated in the contract. The defendants had a counter claim for money owing for work, and materials, which was almost equivalent to the amount claimed by the plaintiffs.

P. V. Byrnes, manager of the Ontario Pipe Line Company, when cross-examined by W. Smoke, said he was unable to give the exact statement of the money owing without first looking over the books so as to refresh his mind. The gas had been overused during July and August, but at the end of each month his company had notified the defendants of the fact stating the amount.

His Honor adjourned the case to hear further arguments. Nesbitt & Gould appeared for the plaintiff, and Watson, Smoke & Smith for the defendants.

At this morning's session the action of Morris vs. Stein and Petry, was taken up. The plaintiff brought action for a declaration to set aside a conveyance or judgment. Morris secured in a previous action by him against Stein had been returned.

The contention of the defence was that Stein owed Petry \$400 and had paid him part of that sum, while the plaintiff argued that the judgment should have been paid previous to the settling of his debts.

His Honor reserved judgment. Nesbitt & Gould for the plaintiff and Publow & Ogilvie for defendants.

English Pheasants and Hare.

Long Point ducks, shell oysters, turkey chickens, geese, ducks, Cambridge sausage, Grimsby tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, mushrooms, cucumbers, head lettuce, O. A. C. cheese, O. A. C. butter, Christmas stockings and crackers, English plum puddings, pineapples, grape fruit, pears, Malaga grapes, muffins, crumpets, Turkish delight, mistletoe, holly wreaths.—Peebles, Hobson & Co., Limited.

WEALTHY WOMAN.

New York, Dec. 23.—Edward H. Harriman was really worth at the time of his death over \$200,000,000, although a recent appraisal of his estate placed its value at \$149,000,000. The wealth of Mrs. Harriman may be conservatively estimated at \$220,000,000, which would make her probably the richest woman in the world.

TORONTO BOY KILLED.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—While stealing a ride on a shunting engine on the G. T. R. tracks between Galt avenue and Marjory street this morning, Percy Hodgson, aged 14 years, of 264 Pape avenue, was thrown under the wheels and instantly killed. An inquest into the fatality has been ordered.

TRIPLE MURDER.

Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Jennie Jackson, colored, and her two-year-old granddaughter, were murdered last night and the house fired by the slayers. Firemen found the bodies today still warm. John Haugher, William Swan and Dilly McKinley, mother of the murdered child, have been arrested.

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NOTICE

The general annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Electric Railway Company will be held on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1910, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the company's office, Hamilton, for the purposes following, namely: To receive and consider the annual statement and accounts and balance sheet, reports of the directors and auditors thereon; to elect directors and other officers; and to transact the ordinary business of the company.

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