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## DASHING WOMAN FINGER CAUGHT

Grace Cameron, Most of Whose Victims Grinned and Bore It, is Captured by a Grocer's Clerk.

## GRADSON TO RECEIVE TITLE

Future Lord Strathcona is Donald Howard of London—No Real Denial of the Reported Resignation.

## HARRIMAN SAYS; FACTORS ARE

One-Man Control of Union Pacific and Other Lines Representing Many Millions of Dollars Revealed Before Commission.

## TRYING TO CASH A CHEQUE

Failed to Look the Part of Lady's Maid—Sister-in-Law From Buffalo Arrested With Her.

Only a girl, not yet twenty, but the smartest bogus cheque operator that has ever come down the pike Toronto-way, and one who has been a terror to a goodly number of prominent citizens during the past three months, was finally landed last night, and landed by something of a fluke at that.

Handsome to a remarkable degree, dressed in the latest of fashion, and with a grandiose air that make a duchess jealous, it is no wonder that many citizens took the bait and got badly bit in consequence.

Her capture was due to the smartness of a grocer and his clerk. When she was taken to police headquarters she blew the gaff and placed information in Sergeant Duncan's hands that will make many professional and business men very nervous.

Altogether thirteen charges were laid against her last night. On the first of these charges Ruth Wilson, who she claims is her sister-in-law, but who the police allege is her sister, as there is a striking resemblance between the two, will appear with her. Miss Wilson was with her when the arrest was made.

The cheque, which was responsible for her capture, was only for \$15, but she has been accustomed to deal in those reaching into many hundreds.

At 8 o'clock Charles W. Coxwell, grocer of Howard-street, was busy in his store when he was called to the phone. In answer to his helio a female voice softly asked, "Is that Mr. Coxwell?"

"This is Mrs. Winnett speaking. Could you cash a cheque for me for \$15 on my husband's account—Dr. Winnett, you know?"

Mr. Coxwell said he would be very pleased and "Mrs. Winnett" replied that she would send round her maid immediately. The maid proved a very winning creature, too winsome a fact for even obliging Mr. Coxwell. He tumbled to a game, and quickly made an excuse and was back to the phone. Doctor Winnett.

"That's the woman who has been forging my name right along, capture her," said the doctor.

The order was larger than Mr. Coxwell cared to take the responsibility for, but the charming maid was just disappearing amid a flutter of rustling skirts thru the door.

"She's quick," cried Coxwell to his clerk. "I'll send a sure-seeking youth hustled. Back to the store with the attentive search of the detective. His search for the whole story into the grocer's hands, and the detective, upon their arrival at the store was a sleuth much shorter duration, for the maid was a much-sought-after dame. She took a fall when he was told he had been duped, but the phone bell rang again and the youth joyously shouted that "the cop had her."

Time flew again until the detective burst thru a multitude at the An. Am. street and Spadina-avenue. His search for the whole story into the grocer's hands, and the detective, upon their arrival at the store was a sleuth much shorter duration, for the maid was a much-sought-after dame. She took a fall when he was told he had been duped, but the phone bell rang again and the youth joyously shouted that "the cop had her."

Montreal, Jan. 4.—(Special).—The future Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal is now Master Donald Howard, who is 16 years of age, and is attending school near London.

A great many people have asked if his lordship's title would die with him, and the query has not till now received a satisfactory response.

Your correspondent is informed, on undoubted authority, that when Lord Strathcona sent the famous regiment of horse to South Africa it was then arranged by the imperial authorities that Donald Howard, eldest son of D. Howard of London, whose wife is Lord Strathcona's only daughter, should receive the peerage at his grandfather's death.

Young Howard will no doubt fall heir to the greater part of Strathcona's estate, which is estimated at \$40,000,000.

It is stated that his lordship will only be in Montreal a few days. His brother-in-law and confidential agent here, Joseph Hardisty, died a few days ago, and Strathcona comes here quite probably to place his Canadian interests in other hands.

**SURPRISE TO SECRETARY.**  
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Among the passengers on the steamer Empress of Britain, which is returning, was Lord Strathcona, Canada's high commissioner in London. A reporter regarding the report sent out from London that he had resigned, Lord Strathcona, however, had retired. William Garson, his confidential agent, stated that his lordship's health was very good, and that he had stood the voyage well. Asked as to the reported resignation, Mr. Garson said that he knew nothing of it. The first intimation that the high commissioner had received of it was contained in a Marconi wireless message from Halifax Lord Strathcona, which had been given out up to the time the steamer had left Liverpool.

Halifax, Jan. 4.—(Special).—A wireless message from the steamer Empress of Britain, which is still 100 miles from port, sent the following: "My present visit to Canada is rendered necessary by my personal affairs. (Signed) Strathcona."

**"PERSONAL AFFAIRS."**  
St. John, N. B., Jan. 4.—(Special).—The Empress of Britain arrived in the city last night. Lord Strathcona will leave for the west on a special train at 7 o'clock in the morning. In answer to a Marconiogram to the high commissioner, he said: "We may well be proud of position of Dominion this New Year, and every Canadian will do his best to advance its prosperity. Personal affairs require my visit to Canada."

**MONTREALERS' GRIEVANCES.**  
Goods En Route for Months, Not Yet Delivered.  
Montreal, Jan. 4.—The Montreal Corn Exchange will, on Monday next, discuss existing complicated transportation conditions, and a resolution will be adopted asking the railway commission to come to the city and endeavor to straighten out matters.

The terminals of the railways entering the city are heavily blocked, the congestion increasing every day, and the Canadian people are paralyzed. Merchants state that they have goods en route for months which are not yet to hand, and that they are losing large amounts of money.

**GOING TO COBALT.**  
Montreal, Jan. 4.—Premier Murray of Halifax will reach here to-morrow evening by Cobalt, accompanying Hon. Mr. Fielding.

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**Classes in kindergarten music at the Toronto College of Music, under Mrs. Hulda Westman, will re-open on Wednesday, Jan. 9, and new pupils are requested to register on or before that date.**

New York, Jan. 4.—Modern methods of combining and consolidating mammoth railway systems and extending the principle of community of interest were delved into to-day at great length by the inter-state commerce commission, which began an enquiry into the so-called "Harriman lines."

From here, the commission will go next week to Chicago, where several other cities may be visited before all the testimony that is desired is in the hands of the representatives of the government, whose object is to determine whether any of the railroads of the country are consolidated or combined in restraint of trade.

At to-day's hearing it was brought out by the testimony and evidence that the Union Pacific Railway Company, the Southern Pacific Company, the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company are practically under the same administration. Mr. Harriman appears as president of each company, with only slight variations in the lists of the other officers.

It was further shown that the Southern Pacific Company owns the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, that the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific jointly own the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company and that Harriman interests are in control of the Panamanian interests in the Panama Canal. All of these lines run steamers between San Francisco or Portland and the Orient. It was said that the Occidental and Oriental Company is in liquidation, but it still operates two steamers.

On the Atlantic Ocean, it was shown, the Southern Pacific owns the line of steamers running between New York and New Orleans, known formerly as the Morgan Line.

**Doesn't Own, But Controls.**  
The Union Pacific, by virtue of an agreement signed by Mr. Harriman and Senator William A. Clark of Montana, has a traffic arrangement with the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railway extending over 99 years. This agreement was entered into in 1893 and by its terms the San Pedro cannot raise or lower its rates without the consent of the Southern Pacific Company which, it was testified, does not own one dollar of stock in the San Pedro Company.

The Union Pacific exercises joint control with the Chicago, Rock Island and North Western; the Chicago and Alton Railroad.

Barrie, Jan. 4.—(Special).—A most remarkable contract was ratified through the city council on the last night, and the people are to be congratulated on this town are to be turned over for half a century to Frederic Nicholls of Toronto. He is granted an exclusive franchise upon all the principal streets of the town to operate a street car system, and also for supplying heat and power. The franchise is to run for 50 years from Jan. 1, 1907.

The terms of the contract are most unattractive to the city, even beyond the extraordinary length of time that it has to run, and the circumstances surrounding its submission to the people are suspicious, to say the least. Until now to-day a World reporter was unable to secure a copy of the contract, and very few copies are even yet in circulation. Yet the people of Barrie are called upon to ratify this agreement at the municipal election on Monday next.

Several leading citizens who have examined the franchise declare it to be most injurious, and the opinion is freely expressed that it is illegal in many respects. A strong effort will be made to warn the people against it.

**Controls the Streets.**  
By its terms, Mr. Nicholls and any company that he may organize are granted a franchise for 50 years on certain streets, and no other company is to be allowed to operate on the remaining streets, except in the case of radial railways, and then only for thru business. The franchise company is permitted to build a single track or double tracks at its own option, and to construct switches, turnouts and spurs to factories, the franchise including not only the carriage of passengers but also the carriage of freight.

The fares are to be 10 cents single. **Continued on Page 9.**

**YOUR INVENTORY needs attention this time of year—Doesn't it? Call Main 5874, Universal Business, Limited, for particulars.**

**The \$10,000 Fur Auction Sale.**  
Attention is called to the gigantic auction sale of \$10,000 worth of high-class furs that commences on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and evening at 7:30 o'clock and every following day. The Illinois Central fur store, entire stock is sold at Mr. James A. Perry's fur store at 24 East Queen-street (corner of Victoria-street). The reputation of the firm is a sufficient guarantee as to the class of goods to be sold. Mr. Chas. M. Henderson will conduct the sale.



DR. ONTARIO: That numbness you describe as first feeling Tuesday night means paralysis, sir. Over feeding may produce a second and fatal stroke. Beware!

## BARRIE IS ASKED TO VOTE A FIFTY YEAR FRANCHISE

Extraordinary Agreement Over-Riding the Ontario Act, Which the Council Has Made With Frederic Nicholls, Pending Popular Approval.

W. E. BLUMHART DEAD.  
Man Who Founded La Presse Succumbs From Syncope of Heart.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—(Special).—The founder of the most largely circulated paper in Canada is dead.

W. E. Blumhart, founder of La Presse, and a few years ago one of the best-known men in local journalism and political circles, died this morning of syncope of the heart at the age of 63 years.

Inspector Hughes Returns Highly Pleased with his reception by President Roosevelt. Mr. Hughes called upon the president at the White House Thursday noon, and was cordially received.

**FATHER NILLES DISMISSED.**  
Reorganization of Ottawa University Staff Now Under Way.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special).—The reorganization of Ottawa University has begun, consequent upon the mandate from the headquarters of the Oblate Order, which is now at Rome, since the disestablishment of the church in France. The domination of the university will be transferred from the French to an English-speaking governing body.

**MARRIAGES.**  
MINRO-HOLLAND—At West Presbyterian Church, on Jan. 1st, 1907, by Rev. Dr. Turbutt, Ethel Louise Holland of Toronto to William Munro of Philadelphia, Pa.

**DEATHS.**  
H. K. KELLEY—Joseph Blakeley, at his residence, 101 Bloor-street West on Jan. 3rd, 1907.

## HOTEL "QUINTE" BURNS TO EARTH

Fine Belleville Hostelry Destroyed by Fire Last Night—Loss Will Be Over \$60,000.

Belleville, Jan. 5.—(Special).—The Quinte, said to be the best hotel between Montreal and Toronto, was completely destroyed by fire, which broke out about 10 o'clock last (Friday) night. So fierce was the blaze that it threatened for a time to extend to Bridge-street Methodist Church, but the steeple was a means of saving the latter structure.

In the early hours of this morning the town firemen succeeded in getting the flames under control, but only the walls of the substantial brick structure, which cost \$100,000 to build, are left standing, the interior having been completely destroyed. J. V. Jenkins, the proprietor, and owner, has \$60,000 insurance upon it. His loss will be considerable, as he lately refused an offer of \$80,000. The hotel had between 80 and 100 rooms, and was finely appointed.

There were few guests stopping at the hotel, as there are few commercial travelers on the road at this season of the year. The Quinte was almost deserted at the time the fire started, the guests and most of the staff being at a hockey match.

However, there were several occupants who had narrow escapes, as the flames spread very rapidly from the exact origin of the fire is not exactly known, but it is supposed that a defect in the electric wiring may have been the cause.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, assistant manager, said he believed everybody had been got out in safety, and that the books had also been saved.

Regret is expressed on all sides, for the Quinte was the gathering place of all Belleville's best people, and was admirably kept.

**THE NEW SENATORS.**  
Messrs. Ross and Beith Are Picked for Ontario Vacancies.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special).—It is understood that the senate appointments will not be made before Tuesday or Wednesday.

There seems little doubt that Hon. G. W. Ross and Robert Beith, ex-M.P.'s, will land the Ontario senatorships; Hon. John Costigan, one from Nova Brunswick, while for the Nova Scotia vacancies A. H. Corneau and Dr. Kendall, ex-M.P.'s, are mentioned.

**FAIR AND MILD.**  
Observatory Toronto, Jan. 4.—(8 p.m.)—Rain has fallen to-day over Quebec and the Canadian Provinces, but the weather has been generally fair and a little colder. The extreme cold continues throughout the northwestern portion of the continent.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 21 below—18 below; Atna, 29 below—22 below; Vancouver, 30—33; Edmonton, 22 below—14 below; Calgary, 18 below—12 below; Qu'Appelle, 29 below—6 below; Winnipeg, 14 below—zero; Fort Arthur, 2—14; Fort Snare, 28—34; Toronto, 31—30; Ottawa, 16—32; Montreal, Quebec, 14—32; St. John, 24—48; Halifax, 25—46.

**Probabilities.**  
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Mostly fair and mild to-day.

**THE BARONET.**  
Time. Bar. Wind  
8 a.m. .... 30 20-40 N.W.  
10 a.m. .... 31 20-40 N.W.  
12 p.m. .... 32 20-52 N.W.  
2 p.m. .... 31 20-52 N.W.  
4 p.m. .... 31 20-52 N.W.  
6 p.m. .... 30 20-54 W.  
8 p.m. .... 29 20-54 W.  
Difference, 12 above; 12 above; high, 30, lowest 31; rain, 25.

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