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CANNOT KEEP HIM IN PRISON

Society Swindler Twice Arrested, But Each Time Succeeds in Making Escape in Sensational Manner

Berlin, Sept. 4.—Considerable sensation has been created in Germany by the exploits of a modern Jack Sheppard, who has twice within a short period succeeded in breaking out of the local jail at Heilbronn, in the kingdom of Württemberg.

This individual, whose real name is Schiemang, and who is possessed of charming manners, has succeeded during the last twelve months in swindling many people in society circles of large sums of money and valuables. He passed under the aliases of "Count Marcell de Passy" and "General" Schiemang, and was a particular favorite with the ladies of those circles to which he obtained access.

Some few months ago "Count de Passy" overreached himself, and in endeavoring by means of an ingenious swindle, to obtain possession of an estate and castle near Heilbronn belonging to a member of the local gentry, brought himself within the clutches of the law. He was arrested and lodged in the remand prison at Heilbronn to await prosecution, but one morning when the warden entered his cell "Count de Passy" was missing.

It was afterwards discovered that Schiemang's confederate had managed to smuggle a file into prisoner's cell and he had cut his way through the iron bars at a village dance in the neighborhood of Berlin. He was taken back to Heilbronn, lodged in the same prison, and as a precaution against any second attempt at escape was chained to the wall by his ankle every night.

A few days ago, when a warden of the night patrol glanced through the small grating in the door of the prisoner's cell, he found that the redoubtable prisoner was again absent. The chain which fettered him to the wall had broken through the lock and hung empty on its staple. On the floor of the corridor without lay a "memory" of the finest workmanship which the lock of the cell door had been forced.

Investigations showed that the criminal had again succeeded in effecting his escape by breaking through the wall of a neighboring building and carrying off his chain, cleverly in his night shirt, and a pair of slippers. Despite the utmost efforts of the authorities to trace the prisoner, "Count de Passy" still remains at liberty, and the police have no clue as to his whereabouts.

MAJORITY OF 48 FOR LIBERALS

(Montreal Herald)

The Herald prints on page fifteen a comprehensive summary of campaign conditions throughout Canada, the gist of which is compiled into an election forecast. The Herald offers this, not as a prophecy but simply as a view of the situation today, as seen by well informed correspondents, acting under instructions to get at the facts, without party bias.

A compilation of the reports indicate that the government will be sustained by a slightly increased majority. Liberal gains are anticipated as follows: Nova Scotia, 2; Manitoba, 3; Saskatchewan, 1; British Columbia, 1—Eight in all. Partly offsetting those are Liberal losses: Prince Edward Island, 1—Five in all, leaving a Liberal gain of three seats and indicating a Liberal majority of forty-eight in the next House.

ALL FOUR FROM P. E. ISLAND

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 4.—(Prime Edward Island will send only four representatives to support reciprocity because she has only four to elect. She would send ten if she had more members. There has been no issue here within my recollection that even approached it in popular feeling. It means everything to our island.

Such was the emphatic statement of Provincial Premier Palmer in an interview last night with your correspondent.

Mrs. W. E. Scully, of St. John west, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Helena, was a passenger on the steamer Governor Dingley on a visit to Boston this morning.

PROMINENT OPPONENTS JOIN LIBERALS FOR RECIPROCITY PACT

Ontario Has Instances of Many Conservatives Supporting Government—One Man Former M. P., Another is Brother of Provincial Government Member—Farmers, Horsemen and Cattlemen Eager for Larger Market

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 2.—Louis Wigle, a long Conservative in South Essex, is taking the stump for reciprocity and will speak in both ridings of the county. Mr. Wigle sat for two terms in the legislature, and one term in the Commons under Sir John Macdonald. His invasion of the North Riding is regarded as a body blow to the Conservatives, as a brother, E. S. Wigle, is managing the campaign of Mr. Wilcox, Conservative candidate.

Joseph Durocher, a staunch Conservative of Sandwich West, who is one of the largest market gardeners in the district, is supporting reciprocity. So is Oliver Reame, a brother of Hon. Mr. Reame, Minister of Public Works in the Ontario Conservative government. He is one of the foremost farmers in Anderson township.

Pat Marinette former reeve of Sandwich West, and for years a Conservative vice-president, is also lined up for reciprocity.

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 2.—A. G. Bedford, a prominent Conservative horseman, has written to A. B. McGill, Liberal candidate, offering his support. He writes: "I am in the horse business. Reciprocity would mean not only a large increase in profits but we could do a much greater volume of business. Contemplate farming again, and can easily see what a big benefit farmers will derive."

John A. Cameron, for four years manager of the Kent Farmers' Produce Company, one of the best known Conservative farmers of South Hants, has declared himself emphatically for reciprocity. He says: "I have always been a Conservative, but this time I will mark my ballot for McGill, thus voting for the benefit of myself and farmers in general. No farmer should allow his party feeling to go so far as to vote against a measure that means so much to himself in increased values to his farm and farm products, no matter what party brings it."

London, Ont., Sept. 2.—Prominent Conservative farmers in the Western Ontario district who have gone on record in favor of reciprocity are as follows: Leonard J. Leonard, of Groves End, who says: "I been a Conservative all my life, but that I cannot understand the movement stand of his party at the present time and will vote for reciprocity. Harry Greensted, of South Dorchester, who says the reciprocity will benefit the farmer and that the cities will flourish. He says reciprocity in natural products is a Conservative policy and that as he is a Conservative he will vote for it. John Douglas of South Dorchester, a Conservative, who says he is ready to give reciprocity a trial. James Culbert, of Crewe, who says he

CANADIANS WIN FROM TERRITORIALS

Dominion Artillerymen's Good Work in the Mother Country Continues

London, Sept. 4.—A detachment of Canadian artillery on Saturday won the Canadian challenge cup, scoring 137 to 132.

WHITE SLAVERY AGENTS INVADe THE CONVENT SCHOOLS FOR VICTIMS

Boston, Sept. 4.—In the rescue of a young girl from white slavery the police believe they have solved the mystery of the disappearance of pretty eighteen-year-old Helen Berns, daughter of a well-to-do Washington family, and uncovered a plan of enticing girls from convents and boarding schools for immoral purposes.

Grace Dow Browner, with many aliases, was arrested under the new interstate law against white slavery. It is alleged that while posing as a transient boarder at the Philadelphia convent of which Miss Berns was an inmate, she inveigled the girl into accompanying her and that since that time she has held her in duress. The police assert that the Browner woman and others have used the same methods to procure other girls and that they hope soon to locate several other young women who have suffered a like fate.

NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS

"Even if England did decide to give us a preference and tax her people's food, what would she ask in return? A preference upon her manufactures. Then indeed would you see the Tories and the manufacturers hold up their hands in holy horror."

—Hugh Guthrie.

TRIED TO INTIMIDATE

The Montreal Trade Bulletin is an able and fearless advocate of reciprocity. Because of its attitude it was threatened with the loss of advertisements by some of the interests opposed to giving the producers of Canada another free market. Its reply is that it will continue to advocate what it believes is in the best interests of Canada.

ECHOES OF THE GREAT CAMPAIGN

BOURASSA'S SUBSTITUTE (Montreal Herald)

It is unlikely that Henri Bourassa will be the only one to speak at the big meeting which was planned to take place at Hall on Sept. 5th next. C. H. Cahon, C. C., of Montreal, has announced his intention of speaking however, presumably to fill in the vacancy in the programme, which will be caused by the absence of Mr. Bourassa.

HELPS FARMER AND CONSUMER (Ottawa Free Press)

By the reciprocal lowering of the Canadian tariff on food products the Canadian consumer is relieved from the food monopolists. If Canada waited for the Democrats to reduce the U. S. tariff there would be no relief at all for the Canadian consumer.

COMPARE THESE TWO (Louis Boyer, Liberal)

"Thoughtful Canadian, I have as many English-speaking friends as French-speaking friends. I believe that in the English flag in order to breathe the air of liberty. The English have never done anything for the French Canadians. We do not owe them anything. The only thing we owe them is to be free."

WILL RAISE OATS PRICE (Toronto, Sept. 2—A letter from the National Elevator Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg says:—

"Our values are very firm, owing to heavy speculative buying in anticipation of the passage of reciprocity measure, as it is believed that if we get reciprocity our values will even up with American prices, which are now some six cents a bushel higher than Canadian values."

WILL HELP CATTLE TRADE (Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 2—There is no name in the Ontario, Ontario, Ontario and Waterloo better known than that of Walter Robson, of Woodstock, Ontario County, as a shipper and exporter of cattle.

Mr. Robson was asked what he thought of the proposed reciprocity agreement in relation to the cattle question. His reply was as follows:—"A few days ago I sold in Toronto six cars, containing 120 cattle, principally two year olds and averaging 1,300 pounds in weight, for six and one-quarter cents per pound. One lot was selected for exhibition purposes. The cattle were slaughtered at the Harris Abattoir and their carcasses placed in a glass case at the Toronto exhibition. They were clearly topers of any market. The carcasses were eight cents a pound, in Buffalo 7 1/2 cents. But that gain is not all. I received \$13 a head less than I would have received in Buffalo, which on 20 head makes an aggregate difference of \$1,800 between the two markets on my bunch of cattle."

A CLEAR CUT ISSUE (Farmers' Sun, Toronto)

If ever there was an election in Canada in which the privileged few stood on one side and the unprivileged many on the other, surely this is that one. The men who form the backbone of the anti-reciprocity forces are the packers with their 20 per cent dividends; the millers who have become millionaires by the floating of mergers which the present system renders possible. On the other side is the great mass of unorganized farmers who are asking simply that they be allowed to sell certain of their products in a free market, on which side their ballot should be cast.

GOOD FOR CHEESE MAKERS (Hon. Sydney Fisher)

"What about cheese?" a voice asked. "Very well. We shall take cheese then," the minister replied a moment later, imparting the information that the United States was the greatest cheese consuming country in the world had imported \$1,000,000 worth of cheese from Canada in two years but in the same period had imported \$5,000,000 from the continent.

Mr. Fisher went on to point out that the cheese imported by the Americans from Europe was of the fancy varieties such as Gruyere, Boudouffre, Camembert and others. These fancy cheeses were now being manufactured in Canada, Mr. Fisher said, and reciprocity they could be exported into the United States free of duty whereas the continental varieties were taxed six cents a pound.

As he had said before, the United States bought \$3,000,000 worth of this cheese annually, every pound of which

Put The Question To Them Straight

From this time forward make every Conservative speaker tell whether he personally believes reciprocity will lead to annexation. Make him give a straight yes or no. Make these men who wave the flag when there is no enemy in sight—make them tell us exactly how cheap they hold their own loyalty and the loyalty of the Canadian people. Their prophet, Clifford Sifton, took particular pains to say that he did not believe reciprocity would lead to annexation. Make the platform patriots face the issue.

HUNDREDS OF CHINESE DROWNED IN FLOODS AND LIE UNBURIED

Overflow of Yang Tse Kiang and Other Great Rivers Repeats Horrors in Other Places (Canadian Press)

Peking, Sept. 4.—Summer floods along the Yang Tse Kiang and its tributaries, and also other great rivers, are repeating in various provinces, the conditions in Anhwei and Kiangsu which have not yet been relieved. In the province of Anhwei early in August hundreds of thousands of acres of rice were destroyed by the floods and a million persons were rendered homeless.

Many thousands of square miles are now submerged, and the bodies of hundreds of people lie unburied. The Chinese government, as well as special committees are subscribing relief funds which is a new departure for the administration and shows the advancement toward modern ways for attacking the root of the evil. Control of the waterways and the reclaiming of lands, has only up to the present been suggested and mildly discussed. Hence a repetition of these horrors may be expected each year, according to C. D. Jamison, an engineer sent by the American Red Cross to China to study the situation.

COLORED BOWS LATEST NOVELTY IN FOOTWEAR

Bright Ribbon to Match the Hose—Elastic Sides Find Favor Again (London, Sept. 4—Colored bows are the latest novelty for footgear. Patent black shoes are laced with bright ribbon, which usually matches the color of the hose.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The government, through the minister of railways, is calling for tenders for the supply of steel rails for the Hudson Bay Railway. The way and bids will be received up to October 15.

WHAT WOULD BORDEN SAY? (Montreal Witness)

Speaking at a Liberal meeting in an Ontario rural constituency the other day, S. S. Nesbitt, a Toronto business man, hit the nail on the head by saying, "The trouble is that the wrong men hatched out the chicks." It is worth reading over a second time, and suggests this question: Suppose Mr. Fielding had reported to the House of Commons the overtures from Washington, and had ended by saying:—"These overtures, the government refused to entertain. Would Mr. Borden and those behind him have risen and approved the course of the government, or would they have declared that the greatest trade opportunity in the history of Canada had been thrown away? The answer is not difficult."

SNATCHING AT STRAWS

The Standard quotes in large type a statement by Sir Richard Cartwright as follows:—"The Conservatives raised the cry of keeping the trade running East and West. It was bound to run North and South, and it would be beyond their power to prevent it. They might be fools enough to attempt to interfere, but they would never be able to succeed."

Well, isn't that true? Of the total trade of Canada last year, with all the world, more than half went north and south between Canada and the United States.

Sir Richard does not say that all the trade will run north and south. What he meant was that it could not all run east and west, as the Conservatives assert that it should. There will be an east and west trade, all the time increasing, but there will be as there is now a larger north and south trade.

SENSATIONAL "BLACKHAND" MURDER CASE

Sicilian Shot Dead as he Lay on Table in New York Tenement in Bomb District—Circumstances Unusual (Canadian Press)

New York, Sept. 4.—The shotgun came into play again yesterday as the deadly weapon of supposed "blackhand" in one of their most frequent haunts on the east side. The murder was attended by decidedly unusual circumstances. The victim, Frank Russo, a Sicilian, was shot dead while he was lying on his face on a table under a small shed in a yard in the rear of an East 63rd street tenement.

White handkerchiefs were lying on the table, one above and one below the victim, and an electric arclight was directly over his head.

Russo had been playing at an Italian game similar to the old English bowls, and had been drinking to some extent. The police believe the murder was carefully planned; that the man was plied with drink until he became drowsy and was placed on the table, and white handkerchiefs were laid on him to mark the spot where the assassin should aim from a nearby window. A shotgun loaded with slugs and buckshot was the weapon used. Neither it nor the murderer has been found.

The row of houses in the rear of which Russo was slain is known by the police as the "Blackhand Belt." Fifteen bombs have exploded there within a year, and there have been many shootings. Last December in one of these houses, two Brooklyn boys, Longo and Rizzo, who had been kidnapped and held for ransom, were found. For this kidnapping a woman, now serving a thirty-year sentence and her male accomplice is doing forty years. The police have made several arrests on suspicion.

CLERK INSULTS HIS DAUGHTER, HE GIVES THRASHING TO FOUR

Oklahoma Representative at Washington Makes Merry Time on Shopping Tour (Washington, Sept. 3—Rep. Chas. D. Carter of Oklahoma, created a sensation in the heart of the smart shopping district of Washington on Friday, by assaulting four clerks, one of whom he alleged, killed his 15 years old daughter, while she was shopping at a department store.

Having dealt summarily with the four clerks, Rep. Carter sent his daughter home in an automobile and proceeded to the nearest police station. He told the police the incident which led up to the trouble. He was not detained and confessed the truth. He was unattended and sought to engage her in conversation.

"Continuing his advances, which were followed by repulses," said Mr. Carter, "the young man became insulting. When I politely asked the clerk the cause of the trouble he became infuriated and said complimentary things about my daughter. I told her to accompany me from the store and as we reached the door, he called me several names."

The fight was brief, but exciting until the clerks were vanquished. Mr. Carter, meanwhile, Miss Carter stood on the sidewalk outside the store until her father reached her side and took her from the scene.

ANYTHING TO BEAT LAURIER?

In St. John the Tories are telling the people reciprocity will increase the cost of living. But the Toronto News, the bitterest of the anti-reciprocity newspapers, under the heading "Rushing Canada to Disaster," says: "Under reciprocity Canada would be made a convenient dumping ground for American food stuffs and other products."

Both stories cannot be true.

QUEBEC PEOPLE SEE AEROPLANE FLIGHTS

Quebec, Que., Sept. 4.—Mestach, French aviator, who has been making flights daily at the exhibition, performed another sensational flight yesterday, when he left the exhibition grounds, flew over the Plains of Abraham and circling round returned to the ground. During the week Mestach had flown from the grounds over the city, circling the Champlain and Laval monuments.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

THANKS FOR NARROW ESCAPE "Resolved—That we, the Patriots, desire to give humble, heartfelt and sincere expression to our profound gratitude to Divine Providence, for having, in His inscrutable wisdom, removed from this life at an opportune time the late Sir John Thompson."

"Forasmuch as had those our leaders lived and secured the bond of reciprocity, which they so earnestly sought, we would long ere this have been annexed to the United States.

"We recognize that if instead of a Liberal victory in 1896 the Conservatives had won, and had been able to secure the reciprocity they so much desired, the hated Stars and Stripes would now be floating over this our beloved Canada.

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