

SERGT. MAJOR SCHOOF TRAVELLED IN MANY LANDS But Now He Has Turned the Sword Into a Ploughshare and Rifle Into a Self-binder--His Varied Experiences.

Twenty-three years ago a wide-eyed German boy, six feet three and a half inches high, with his imagination fired by reading the thrilling exploits of Buffalo Bill and other Indian fighters, decided to visit America. This youth was Gustav H. Schoof, and in speaking to a Sun reporter about his experiences he said: "All I had was a hundred dollars, a strong frame and a good pair of fists. The money was soon gone, but my fists carried me through, and are still in good condition."

During the past four months, he says, he has lectured to over 100,000 people, principally in England, Scotland, Ireland and the United States. Major Schoof intends to return to his home in the Western States, where he has a large ranch. He says the climate of Southern Alberta is perfect. The farmers are plowing now. For the next three weeks the sky will be blue and the sun shining brightly. People wanting a Texas climate can find it in Southern Alberta. Major Schoof is at the Clifton and will deliver a couple of lectures before leaving town.

IS NOW CHIEF JUSTICE. Mr. Justice Weatherbe of Nova Scotia Supreme Court Promoted

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—At yesterday's meeting of the cabinet Justice Weatherbe of the supreme court of Nova Scotia, was promoted to the position of chief justice of the same court. The vacancy was created by the resignation of chief justice the Hon. James MacDonald. Chief Justice Weatherbe, who is descended from an old Yorkshire family, was born in P. E. Island in 1846. He was first appointed to the bench in 1878.

STRATHCONA AGAIN.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—The authorities of the Royal Victoria Hospital received a cable today from Lord Strathcona saying he would bear the expense of making the administration building of the Royal Victoria Hospital, which was partially destroyed by fire Saturday morning, the proof of the matter. Mr. Weatherbe is ready to make a proposition that he can get the senate to adopt.

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NOT POSSIBLE NOW. Can Be No Canadian Trade Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—It was hoped that there would now be a meeting of the joint high commission to settle the trade treaty with Canada. This hope must be given up. It can be said on the authority of one of the most prominent members of the commission, that: (1) There will be no meeting of the joint high commission this season. (2) The commission will never meet again, unless Sen. Fairbanks can make a definite offer on some specific terms. (3) There will be no trade treaty with Canada under the present government, unless some agreement is made on some specific terms. (4) It will take all of Laurier's tact and influence to induce Canadian parliament to accept any trade treaty with the United States.

NOT GUILTY IS VERDICT FOR OSCAR WRIGHT.

Fowler Makes Strong Plea For The Prisoner --His Honor Thinks Evidence Was Strong Against The Accused. In closing, Mr. Fowler asked the jury to consider carefully and thoughtfully all the surrounding circumstances of the case. A solemn obligation rested on them. Let justice be done though the heavens fall, but the best kind of justice was that which had felt the softening influence of divine mercy. They were not here to look for vengeance, because we were told that vengeance belonged to a higher power. If they believed as had been attested to, that the blow was struck when the man's life was imperilled, and when, in the darkness and in his dazed condition, he did not know whom he struck, they would be false to their own conscience if they did not return a verdict of not guilty. The attorney general in opening his address to the jury, thought that everything had been done by the counsel for the defense that possibly could have been done to place the whole matter in as favorable a light as possible. In two points he took issue with Mr. Fowler. The counsel for the defense had said that if the jury believed the prisoner had taken this life wantonly let them convict him for manslaughter. If it had been the case the prisoner would have been charged with murder and not manslaughter. They had been asked to extend their sympathy to the prisoner. They were not here to be influenced by sympathy. They were here to do their duty to themselves and to their country. He impressed them with the fact that it was their duty to take the law from his honor the judge, in the case. The counsel for the defense had endeavored to give them a different impression. He explained the circumstances under which the law would justify a man in using weapons in self-defense and said that the evidence of every person who could give any information or throw any light whatever on the matter. He thought it would be a deplorable thing if a man who had taken a life should be permitted to go free unless he made out clearly circumstances which excused the act. In this case there were no such circumstances. If the jury decided that Oscar Wright dealt the blow to McKnight, and that this blow caused McKnight's death, then the case of the crown was made out.

MADAME LOUBET DEAD.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Loubet, mother of the president, died at Marsanne at three o'clock this afternoon from congestion of the lungs, aged 92 years. The president's son Paul and other members of the family were at her bedside when she expired.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 15.—R. L. Borden, the opposition leader, left for Halifax this afternoon. A convention of the Conservative party will meet at Sackville on Wednesday to accept Mr. Borden's resignation and tender the nomination to Mr. Borden.

RUSSIAN STUDENT A VERY POOR SHOT Fired Three Shots and Missed Every Time.

MOSCOW, Jan. 15.—At the Nicholas station tonight, while General Treptoff was bidding farewell to Grand Duke Sergius on his departure for St. Petersburg, a young man wearing a student's cap fired three shots from a revolver at the general. All the shots missed. General Treptoff, Grand Duke Sergius and the crowd were unharmed.

FOUND DEAD.

After Being Stunned by a Fall, George Harris Was Suffocated by Gas. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—George H. Harris, aged 45 years, of Beverly, Mass., for several years a specialist in the bureau of ethnology of the agricultural department, was found dead in his room in a hotel here today. It is believed he was stunned by falling on the floor in an attempt to light the gas, and the gas which filled the room when the body was discovered caused his death.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Two Sisters Were in Bed and Firemen Were Unable to Save Them. BOSTON, Jan. 13.—Elvira and Roxanna Hancock, sisters, aged 55 and 60 years respectively, were burned to death in their bed at 35 Union Park street, South End, early this morning. The women occupied a rear room on the first floor of the lodging house. Near their bed was an open grate from which it is supposed the bedclothing was ignited. The firemen who responded to an alarm, had little difficulty in extinguishing the flames, which were confined to one room. The bodies of the victims were burned beyond recognition.

SIX HUNDRED MINERS Will Participate in the Convention of United Workmen at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15.—With the arrival tonight of the last Pennsylvania delegation practically all the 600 miners who will participate in the convention of the united mine workers, which begins tomorrow in Indianapolis, Va., were scattered among the several hotels. It is probable that tomorrow's session of the convention will, after the organization is effected, be entirely consumed by the reports of officers.

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