

THE TALE OF FEATHER DUSTER

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His first election night in New York found him drifting and lonely, in the midst of the howling mob that surged around Herald Square.

The horns, the ticking dusters, the showers of confetti, the merry intermingling of class and mass, were all too new to be quite pleasing experiences. He felt interested enough, however, to move with the throng and to take good naturedly the many familiarities of the people near him.

At Thirty-seventh Street and Broadway he saw a slim young girl trying to escape the attentions of two over-zealous duster holders. He pushed his way to her side and the boys died, leaving him alone with the lady, no longer in distress.

She was young and of a alluring, bluish prettiness, that made him feel big and awkward and anxious about the set of his coat. So absorbed was he in her general charm that he suddenly thrusting a duster under his nose was a distinct shock. He had just sense enough to snatch it and ask "Who are you?" when she ran away. Over her shoulder she called "I'll tell you when you give me back my duster." Then she was gone.

He moved with the capering merry-makers up to Long Acre Square, where he learned of the defeat of his candidate for governor, then went home. The duster he carried with him, and handling it tenderly, hoped it might prove a means to dispel the crushing loneliness which he felt ever since he had left his native town. He often wondered what the letters M. M. on the handle stood for.

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He caught her dimpled hand and persuaded her that the nurse really needed rest which she must perform take so long as she was without uniform. They had a lovely afternoon sitting over the imprisoned nurse, eating bon-bons, forgetting his medicine, and being as happy as one can be in the springtime of life.

At 5 Mrs. Metcalf came in and told them that the nurse had departed in high dudgeon. They did not get any one in her place. Marjory and Tom and Mrs. Metcalf taking care of him themselves.

The night before he was to leave Marjory came up with the maid who brought his dinner. She was so perfectly lovely in a clinging white dress, open at the neck, that he had no eyes for anything except her dainty beauty. She finally decided that if he would not eat she would feed him, and they went to the front of the hotel.

After she had made him take the last morsel, she decided to make him presentable. So she washed his face, then she combed his hair, and then he—but you would have done it yourself—but so sweet. Of course she cried—they were always engaged to be married.

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TWO JUDGES GET APPOINTMENTS

Law Will Take Its Course in Case of Prisoner Dale

Chinese Murderer Will Also Have to Hang—Mr. Fielding Will Report on His Return

EXECUTIVE HAS DRAFTED REPORT

Which Will be Presented to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada

—Meets Here Sept 16

WORST THUNDER STORM IN YEARS

Considerable Damage in Moncton and Fredericton

House Struck by Lightning on Salisbury Road and Burned to the Ground

WANT UNION JACK FLOWN EVERY DAY

St. George's Society Passed Resolution Urging That All Public Buildings Display National Flag

The regular meeting of St. George's Society was held last evening with a large attendance. Lt. Col. E. T. Sturdee, the president, occupied the chair. After routine business and the nomination of new members a discussion arose on the lack of flags displayed in the city, it being pointed out that not even on Sundays are flags flown, while the only flag to be seen in the city is the U. S. flag on the consulate. It was thought that if attention was drawn to the matter citizens generally and public departments would be inclined to display flags. The following resolution was therefore unanimously carried:

Whereas, The more frequent display of flags in this city should be encouraged; therefore resolved, That St. George's Society do all in its power to induce that the national flag should be displayed daily throughout the year on all Dominion, provincial and city public buildings, and school houses, and on Sundays and anniversaries by private citizens generally; and further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be published in the newspapers and sent to the heads of departments concerned.

SIX MONTHS FOR BENTLEY

Jury Dealt Leniently With Dr. Bishop's Assailant

Judge McLeod Thought the Evidence Justified Conviction on Higher Charge—Moran vs O'Regan

John Bentley, charged with assaulting Dr. Bishop with intent to rob on July 24th, was yesterday afternoon found guilty of common assault and sentenced by His Honor Judge McLeod to six months' imprisonment in the county jail.

His honor when imposing the sentence remarked that the jury had been very lenient with the accused in finding him guilty of the less important charges. He believed that a finding for the higher crime would have been sustained by the evidence. He also expressed the hope that Bentley would behave himself during his imprisonment. It was remarkable that a person of the apparent intelligence that the prisoner had displayed should be guilty of such crime.

The rest of the afternoon session was taken up by the hearing of the civil case of Moran vs. O'Regan for alleged libel. After some discussion concerning the allowing of certain questions in the evidence the counsel addressed the jury. D. Mullin, K. C., for the plaintiff and M. G. Teed for the defendant. At six o'clock Mr. Mullin had not finished his address. The case will be resumed at ten o'clock this morning.

Mr. Teed, speaking for the defense, informed the jury that it was to decide whether or not a libel had been published. Legally the dictation of a letter to a stenographer constituted publication. The fact that Moran did not go to work on Saturday after receiving a full week's wages the preceding evening laid him open to a charge of being a thief.

Mr. Mullin began his remarks by referring to the good reputation that the plaintiff always bore. He read two testimonials from Ireland, Moran's native land. If the good name of his son were taken away it could never be replaced. The man who would do such a thing should be severely dealt. He read the sentence of the deceased in Scotland advising him to have the body buried here. The services at the house and graves were conducted by Rev. J. Gordon Dickie of St. Stephen Church. The plaintiffs were H. J. C. McIntyre, E. S. Crawford, and J. A. McLeod. The unfortunate young man when the tragedy occurred, was a Kentucky ham, although it has a certain musky flavor. The cyphars have a sound when alarmed somewhat between a dog's bark and a pig's grunt. He was once called the hydrophobic, or water hog, and lives on a vegetable diet.

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The Pressmen's International Union has decided at headquarters to have all local unions in Canada affiliated with the congress. The International Brotherhood of Carpenters has also taken steps to have the local Canadian unions, comprising some 4,500 men, affiliated. The executive has appointed three organizers to devote their time from now until September in visiting local unions throughout Canada with a view to getting them to affiliate with the congress. These organizers are: Alphonse Verville, M. P., for Quebec and the Maritime Provinces; Allen Stedholm, M. P., for Ontario and W. B. Trotter for Manitoba and the West.

The civil service commission, which has been making an exhaustive inquiry into the salaries and condition of employment of the inside service at Ottawa, intend taking evidence in regard to the civil servants at various outside points. In September they will go to London, Mr. Fielding will make his report in person to his colleagues on his return. If he is successful in arranging a basis for a treaty the matter will be made the basis of legislation at the coming session of parliament.

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MONCTON, July 9.—One of the worst thunder storms in recent years swept over Moncton this afternoon between four and five o'clock. The storm's duration was about half an hour, but in that time much damage was accomplished, including the burning down of one house and the damage to several others. The thunder was very heavy and the lightning particularly vivid, the electric display being accompanied by a tremendous down pour of rain. The house burned down was owned and occupied by William Jones, being located a few miles from Moncton on the Salisbury Road. The bolt struck the roof of the house passing through the rooms, Jones' little daughter being slightly shocked and having a narrow escape. The house afterwards took fire and was razed to the ground, a heavy loss being entailed. In the city the residence of J. J. Wallace, I. C. R. general freight agent was struck and a number of shingles torn from the roof tower at the corner of the house. The residence of John Burns, well known bridge contractor at Levisville was struck and slightly damaged, and also the house of John Seaman at Humphrey's Mills. During the downpour of rain water leaked through the roof of the I. C. R. mechanical accountants' offices loosening a large number of shingles. The roof fell simultaneously with a loud clap of thunder. Two clerks were struck by the falling plaster, Bert Watson and V. Cormier, the latter sustaining slight cuts on the head and hands, while the other was dazed by the shock. Minor damages are reported around the city.

The city council tonight passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of the Bore Pass property, towards which the city and citizens have subscribed three thousand dollars. The Spurr property, which was used last summer for a square and is centrally located, has not yet been bought, but the council tonight passed a resolution favoring its purchase if the citizens were ready to contribute. The property is owned by J. W. Spurr of St. John, which was bought by the city through the efforts of the city council. It is reported that a well known citizen is to donate the amount required toward the purchase of the property.

Plans for very extensive sewer extensions made necessary by the rapid growth of the city were submitted to the city council tonight by the city engineers, and tenders are to be called immediately to the work, which will cost \$15,000. The largest extension is on St. George street, 5,780 feet of twelve inch main, the others being six inch mains as follows: Park street, 450 feet; Austin street, 4,480; Dominion street, 1,450; High street, 590; Winter street, 480.

The claim of Andrew Alexander, who was threatening the city with a lawsuit on account of the damage to his property by the laying of a second water main, has been settled.

On July the twenty-fifth a plebeian riot will be held in Moncton to decide whether or not the city shall grant ten thousand dollars to the Moncton Exhibition Association for the purpose of holding an exhibition here.

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