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SMOKED WITH LUDLOW.

The General Furnished the Cigars and the Spaniard the Light.

"Good afternoon, Zheneral Ludlow," and the American military commander of the city of Havana lifted his eyes from a document he was examining and greeted his visitor. The latter was an oily, smooth-tongued, plausible Spaniard, by name-, well, I have forgotten, it, if ever I did know it, but Campos will answer the purpose. He was one of those fellows whose politeness makes such an unusual impression on guileless, unworldly, romantic girls, who imagine a well-groomed slick-looking foreigner with piercing blackeyes and hair and beard to match it "too lovely for anything" until they get jonto his curves. But Ludlow has not lived in Havana without learning a few of the characteristics of these princes of simulators and as he asked

Senor Camp's to have a chair he was ready for almost anything except what happened, and even at that he was equal to the occasion. But before the stranger sat down he extended his right hand to the General, saying at the same time, "I am so ple-e-ezed to see you, Zheneral." While his well lubricated tongue and

right palm were thus engaged momentarily, Campos' left was playing its little part. The Spaniard had cunningly reached over Ludlow's desk with that member, and as he took his seat and it was withdrawn, the officer's was lying under his nose. He divined instantly the purpose of Campos' visit, and almost as quickly made up his mind what to do. Without appearing to have seen the currency snuggling so close to his inside pocket that it might have jumped into it, he assumed a pleasant, debonaire manner, and inquired, "Well, senor, what can I do

for you to-day?" Campos already was beginning to think he had won his game. His eyes sparkled, his face lit up with a happy smile, and in his most courteous tone he said:

"Vell, zheneral, I would like to get a franchise-a conzeshon, you know." "Oh, yes," rejoined Ludlow, apparently entering into the spirit of the other, "and, of course, you expect to

'Yes, yes," returned Campos with an eagerness he could not conceal.
"I'll pay for it—zome:hing," and then he fixed his eyes on the fifty 'dollar bill lying on the desk. He looked at it so steadfastly that Ludlow scarcely could restrain a smile, and for tear of embarrassing the visitor, he, too, looked down, and for the first time appeared to see it. Then, as though on the impulse of the moment, and in order to show Campos that he understood and was appreciative, he inquired: \*

"Do you smoke, senor?" "Yes, Zheneral," Campos answered, thinking too, that things were coming his way in great shape, "I smoke zome

"Have a cigar," and Ludlow handed over a box of fine Havanas. "These are said to be excellent."

Campos took one, so did Ludlow. The American then picked up the fifty, and as he rolled it idly into a long, Hatching thin taper, he remarked: "Senor, I like these and like all kinds of money. Have a light."

Ludlow struck a match and as Campos made ready to receive it the officer lit the fifty-dollar paper and handed it to his caller. "Yes, I like this paper money," continued the American, nonchalantly, "it makes such convenient cigar lighters."

Campos' hand trembled as he lit his Havana with his own money. His face was a picture of conflicting emotion and passion. It was gray and green and red and white. His lips twitched and he was dumb when Ludlow, now excelling the Castilian at his own polished politeness, remarked: "I'll take a light if you are through with it," and then he, too, lit a cigar

with the price of a suit of clothes. "Now, what kind of a franchise do you want?" he went on, but Campos begged to be excused for the while, pleading an important engagement elsewhere. Probably it was with a nearby cistern where he could soak his head, but he did not say so. Campos had tried Spanish methods on an American officer-an officer who belongs to the engineers corps of the United States army, and is the personi-

fication of integrity. This story is now current in Havana. It reached the War Department this afternoon, and probably Secretary Root has heard it. At any rate Mr. Victor Mason, his private secretary, knows it, for he told it to me himself .-Cleveland Leader.

Automatic Salt Works, About a hundred miles north of Lima, near the town of Huacho is one of the great curiosities of nature-a salt factory on an automatic plan. When the tide comes in it fills a lot of shallow basins and the water is prevented from flowing back into the sea by closing the gates. The atmosphere is so dry that the water evaporates rapidly and leaves a sediment of salt in an almost pure state which is scraped up, packed into sacks and shipped to market. Within the coast a little farther the percolation of sea water through the porous rocks into pits and hollows has caused immense deposits of salt to accumulate. The salt is taken up in blocks six or eight inches square and sold in that form. As soon as the salt is excavated the water comes in again and in a year or two has solidified and is ready for the market. Wells driven into the sand disclose strongly impregnated water at a depth of twenty-five feet, which seems to be a great deal heavier than the sea water, and is drawn off into 'ats for evaporation.

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# Connects John Dryden

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CORRESPONDENCE. Toronto World. We reproduce documentary evidence this morning connecting Hon. Mr. Dryden with the machine and its crimhal doings. We show that the then minister of agriculture was cognizant of the presence of John W. Thompson in the South Perth election contest. We have established the fact that Thompson was one of the threshing machine gang. Among Preston, Vance and the other threshers Thompson was known as "Jack," It was thus he signed the confidential telegrams that passed between him and the gang. It will be noticed in Mr. Dryden's letter, which we reproduce, that he, too, describes Thompson, as "Jack." Mr. Dryden was not only aware of "Jack's" presence in South Perth, but he knew "Jack" was going to stay in that riding for a couple of weeks, till, in fact, the contest was over. The in fact, the contest was over. The honorable minister kept official tab on "Jack's" whereabouts. Mike Tooley was the keeper of a licensed dive in

Reach township and a confidential friend of the minister. When Mike friend of the minister. When Mike was worried over the local option fight that was going on in his township he issued a requisition on Minister Dryden to send "Jack" into the township to help defeat the by-law. The hon. minister assures Mike that "Jack" is away, and won't be back for two reaches and sengagements cannot help. weeks, and, consequently, cannot help him in the meantime. But the hon. minister further assures Mike that he will send "Jack" word, as he (Mike) requests. The hon, gentleman convicts himself of a guilty intimacy with Mike, the Grit hotelkeeper, and with "Jack," a member of the criminal machine gang. Truly nice company this for a minister of the Crown!

And the hon, minister sympathizes with the dispenser of whiskey in a low-down, side-line groggery, assuring him that no real good will come of the agitation to adopt local option by-law in the township of Reach. It was, no doubt, on account of Mr. Dryden's inability to withdraw "Jack" from South Perth and locate him in Reach that the local option by-law was carried, leaving Mike stranded high and dry, with a lot of empty whisky bottles on his shelf. But Providence dealt kindly with Mike. A true friend, in the guise of devouring flames, visited Mike in the dead of night and consumed his hotel and melted all his empty whis-

key bottles beyond recognition. Al-though they destroyed his hotel, the devouring elements woke up the insurance people and made them settle with Mike to the tune of \$800. With this money in his pocket, Mike migrates to an adjoining fownship, where local op-tion is not in force, sets up an hotel, receives a license from the Grit com-missioners and is now reported to be doing a thriving business with the rest of us in the fruits of these growing times. To the gallant threshing machine brigade we must now add the name of

len. He is a true of Dunc, of Alec the Hon. John Dryden. comrade of "Jack," of Dunc, of Alecand of Jim, of Cap Sullivan and the and of Jim, of Cap Sullivan and the other noble martyrs. For the man who pays the wages of the hands is surely entitled to as much glory as the hands themselves. Each Thompson cannot rank as one of the noble gang without bringing in the Hon. John. They trivelled together. They must be ranked together.

In order to render more intelligible the following letters, it will be necessary to explain that strong public in-

sary to explain that strong public in-dignation had been raised in the town-ship of Reach against the Liberal workers for debau hing the electorate by means of wide open hotels and free whiskey. Mike Tooley's hotel, in par-

ticular, had been impressed into the ticular, had been impressed into the service for this purpose. This was in the election of November, 1893. The This hotel was the rendezvous of the section of the machine that worked Reach township. For several weeks the place was run wide open, free drinks was the order of the day, and the comwas the order of the day, and the com-munity generally became demoralized. After the election was over the tem-perance people and the Conservatives joined hands and started a campaign imfavor of applying local option to the township. The question was submit-ted to a vote on March 21, when the township declared in favor of closing up the hotels.

TOOLEY APPEALS TO DRYDEN. On the date of Mr. Dryden's letter to Tooley the local option campaign was in full swing. Tooley was apprehensive that his business was about to be ruined and he wrote to Hon. Mr. Dryden requesting him to send Jack Thompson to the township to help him do defeat the temperance people. MR. DRYDEN'S REPLY.

Mr. Dryden's reply was as follows Mr. M. C. Tooley, Manchester, Ont.
My Dear Tooley,—I received your letter. Jack is not here and won't be back for about two weeks.
I will see that he gets your letter.
I am sorry things are taking the

t will see that he gets your letter.

I am sorry things are taking the
course they are in Reach, as no real
good can come of it.

Will send him word as you request.

Yours, JOHN DRYDEN. THOMPSON WRITES TOOLEY.

Mr. Dryden's letter is dated Feb. 20. He says Jack will not be available for two weeks. That would be about March 6. How it was that Jack could not be on hand to fight local option in Reach is explained by a letter from himself to Tooley. The letter reads as St. Mary's Ont., Feb. 27, 1(9).

My dear Mike,—Your two letters just reached me yesterday. Had to be forwarded, of course, so you will understand why' I have not written you Have you not several times cussed

my carelessness in not answering Now, be fair, and say that I am not to blame in the matter, for I have no desire to slight you or your letters Wrote Will and received

a neck-and-neck, and no walk-over, assure you. Have just got in from a long drive and have only a from a long drive and have only a few minutes, but you will excuse a short letter on the eve of an election. Before you receive this letter the race will be decided, and in our favor I hope. West Huron was a hot race. I will be glad when they are over. Cannot leave here before Wednesday, but will try to see you as soon as I can. Remember me kindly to your good

w.fe, and be assured
I am faithfully yours,
JOHN W. THOMPSON.

THOMPSON UNDER DRYDEN. The election in South Perth was held on February 28. Mr. Dryden figured that it would take Thompson a few days after the election to clean up his work and get back to South Ontario. His estimate of two weeks was therefore just about right. Thompson was was working in South-Perth under the direct control of the then mi Agriculture. His letter clearly establishes this fact.

In order to clinch the case against Hon." Mr. Dryden as having a guilty complicity in the election frauds it is necessary to establish that Thompson, his protege, was a member of the threshing machine gang. It is not difficult to establish this fact. The leading characteristic of the machine workers was their moving from one election to another. It was this that distinguished them from the local workers. The machine was a thing imported into the constituency, sometimes working without the knowledge of the local organizers. Thompson seems to have figured in all the byeelections. His own letter establishes the fact that he was up to the neck in

the fight in South Perth and West Horon. He took a leading part in the North

# Waterloo election. We find him regis-Waterloo election. We find him registered at Walper's Hotel in company with Threlkeld, Vance, Lewis and the other members of the gang. One of his telegrams to Vance during the conduct of this election reads as follows: Tom and another will come Monday. Tell Alex. to come here at once. Wire when leaving. Jack. THIS EVIDENCE MAKES IT CER-

TAIN.

Thompson's evidence at the trial was as follows:

He said to Mr. McPherson: "I have been temporarily engaged in the Edu-cation Department and drew \$180 last year. No person sent for me to come to Berlin. I came in April of my own free will and accord. I knew Mr. Woollard and Mr. Scellen here, but did not know Breithaupt. I was here in connection with the election, but I did not come here for that purpose. I simnot come here for that purpose. I sim-ply came up on a trip for my health. It was on a visit to see my friends. I wasn't well at the time." Judge Osler: Don't beat about the

Give a straight answer to the "I was introduced to Mr. Bitzer s

cially by Mr. Scellen. We went to Mr. Bitzer's office for that purpose. While there I asked him if he could tell me of a man who knew the riding pretty well, but I say that is not why. I went to see him. He recommended John Schiedel, and went with me to see Schiedel out at Bridgeport. I admit taking part in South Ontario, West Elgin, Balton and North Hast-ings elections, besides North Waterloo, since the general elections in March,

since the general elections in March, 1898. I know Alex. Smith. I presume vowere on the same side."

Judge Meredith: You are here to tell the whole truth, witness, and you had better tell it.

"I was not paid for my time while here. I went to Bossard's Hotel with Mr. Woollard. We were walking in that direction, and we went there be-

that direction, and we went there be cause it was a public house. I don' remember being personally introduced to Bossard. I was once in Breithaupt's office in connection with the election, but I can't remember what it was. I think Mr. Vance was there too, for I went there to look for him. I called for Mr. Breithaupt at his oftice twice, I think. I was stopping out in Wellesley township." Mr. McPherson: Did you run across

B. Robertson up there? Witness: A. B. Robertson. Is that the former member? After remaining thinking for some time Judge Osler said: Witness, you

don't look like a stupid man. Thompson then said: Oh, yes, I know "Black Sandy."
Continuing, witness said: I came into Berlin and conferred with Smith and Vance at different times in connection with the election. I have interviewed Mr. Vance at the Liberal

committee rooms. I reported about my work to Mr. Smith. I drove around before I went to Wellesley with Schiedel. I paid for my rigs and I paid Schiedel's personal expenses, about \$1 or \$5 altogether. He must be mistaken if he swears I gave him \$7. I kept no track of what I spent. What noney I brought up was my own. I am not a man of means. I taught school for twelve years, but I am attending medical college now. I did not spend as much as \$100 in the rid-ing. As far as I remember, I kept no

Judge Meredith: You are not a school teacher now, are you?

Witness: No.

Judge Meredith: That is fortunate, for you have a very bad memory.
"I wen tto Bossard's one night with Alex. Smith. I was also there with Brant, but had no talk with Bossard, except as he was serving drinks. I never knew Lewis before this trial. I CPR swear I never met him in South Ontario or knew that he was there, nor in this election. I did not know he

was here. IN OTHER RIDINGS, TOO. Other elections in which Thompson figured were South Ontario and West

In the former, held Nov., 1893, h acted as chief organizer for Mr. Dry den. The latter stated in his examin ation, in the cross petition filed by Mr. Calder, that he had engaged Thompson at \$50 a month as organ-

izer for the party.
In the bill of particulars filed by the petitioner, James G. Nunn, of St Thomas, in the West Elgin case, which trial was barked by the confession of Mr. Donald Macnish, were the folwing charges: Charge 6: During the month of Jan uary, 1893, the said Macnish and other

per ions, being his agents, among whom was John W. Thompson, of the city of Toronto, and others to your petitioner unknown, did provide and furnish drink or other entertainment at the expense of the respondent or such other person to meetings of the electors assembled for the purpose of promoting the election of the respond-ent, and addressed by him and his ent, and addressed by him and his agents at the following time and place, viz., at St. Lawrence Station, being a meeting under the auspices of the Young Liberal Club, at various times and places during the said election, and did pay or promise or engage to pay for such drink or other entertainment.

Charge 8: Shortly prior to and on the said day of election at the city of St. Thomas and at the Township of of St. Thomas and at the rownship of Southwold, the said respondent Donald Macnish, by himself and through W. T. R. Preston, Alex. Smith, John W. Thompson, all of the city of Toronto, and John Sullivan, whose place of abode is unknown, agents of the said respondent, and by and through other persons whose pames are at present. er persons, whose names are at present unknown to your petitioner, agents of the said respondent, did advance or the said respondent, did advance or pay or cause to be paid money to or to the use of Daniel Crossen, Neil Mc-Lachlin, James Batton, Peter Turner, William Telford and Neil Turner, ail of the township of Southwold, with the intent that such money or some part thereof should be expended in bribery at the said election.

It was a series of direct charges such as these which the petitioner intended to prove in court that made Mr. Macnish sign the confession which shocked the whole Dominion in June last.



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