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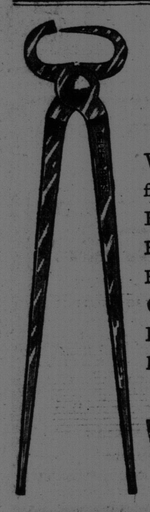

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## FRED FARRIS TELLS HOW HE BECAME MR. EASY MARK FOR SUAVE EARLE RITCH

### Criminal Charge Against Persuasive Insurance Agent—Grocer—Capitalist, Etc., Aired in the Police Court This Morning.

Rolland Earle Ritch was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of having obtained under false pretenses last July from F. S. Farris, manager of the Excelsior Life office, a promissory note for 100.

Frederick S. Farris the complaintant, gave evidence today. He first met the defendant the latter part of June when he called at the office and introduced himself as Mr. Ritch, of Los Angeles, where he had an office and carried on a brokerage business and also represented the New York Life Insurance Co. and the Metropolitan Co. He presented names of men for whom he worked and references among which were Michael A. Maye, state superintendent of Metropolitan Co. San Francisco, A. Longetelle, N.Y.Life Co., Oakland, Cal., J. J. Jenkins, manager State Savings Bank, Los Angeles, J. C. Cline manager Cline Opera Company, Los Angeles, D. Gordon, Los Angeles. Defendant represented himself as a graduate of Berkeley College. Witness said he wrote to the parties mentioned and the letters were all returned as the people were not there. Witness told defendant that he had written the people that were mentioned as references.

Defendant said he came from Los Angeles in an auto and the three months it took him to come east cost him $600. He requested a position and promised to procure bondsmen. Another day he came in and said he was dealing with John Vanwart. He asked for an advance of $25 as it did not look well for an agent to be running in debt. Witness gave him the money. Defendant's salary was to have been $80, but it was reduced to $60. He said he could not get bondsmen in St. John but said he could get his father-in-law and a Jew millionaire in Sydney. He said his auto was in Truro. He 'phoned to the railway office and enquired the freight rate to bring the auto here and this with his fare amounted to $50 which was advanced. Defendant left on Saturday night. On Monday he telephoned from Amherst that he was there with his auto and to save time had sent his wife to Sydney for the bonds, and that he had insured the hotel proprietor for $4,000. He said that he had a prospect at Moncton and wanted witness to be ready to go to Moncton. He called up on Thursday and said that his delay was caused by the axle of the auto breaking and he had to get a farmer to tow it back to Moncton. Defendant arrived in St. John on Friday and told witness he had a chance to buy out a business at a good profit. Later in the day he telephoned that he had purchased the grocery business of Wm. B. Hogan and operated by Fred Peterson, his wife and her sister, on the corner of Paradise Row and Wall street, and asked witness to help him take stock. Defendant said he had a cheque coming from the west for $500. After being in the store for a few days he telephoned to witness and said that the cheque had arrived and he would pay witness the $75 he owed, but unless witness needed the money he (defendant) wished to use all the money in his business and witness told him he might have the money.

Defendant borrowed $15 when he returned from Moncton and this money he paid back.

Defendant asked witness if he would assist him in the business, and witness said he had no money. Then he asked how witnesses name would be on paper. Witness said it would be all right, and the next day Ritch called at witness's office and asked him to put his name on a one hundred dollar note. Witness said he did not like to do it. Defendant sair that the goods in the store were paid for and that he would give a bill of sale. Witness and defendant then went to the Royal Bank and Ritch was introduced to Manager Blair. Witness told Mr. Blair that Ritch wanted accommodation, and he (witness) would go responsible. The note was for one hundred dollars, thirty days. Defendant signed the note and witness endorsed it. Defendant said he would open up an account with the Royal Bank and deposit his cash about two o'clock each day.

Later on Mr. Ritch said he had not received the cheque that he claimed he had. Later Ritch telephoned that he had purchased computing scales and had paid for them in cash.

Defendant also said that the $500 cheque did not come to him but came for his wife. After the scales were shown Ritch asked witness on July 20 to help him by signing a note for $150 but he again assured witness that the goods in the store were paid for and he had another cheque coming. He only wanted a five day accommodation and witness endorsed the note for $150, for ten days. Within a day or so after singing the note Ritch sold out his business. He came into witness' office and pulled out a roll of bills from his pocket. Witness asked him to pay what had been loaned him. Ritch replied that there were others whom he owed who

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## REPORT THAT SHACKLETON REACHED THE SOUTH POLE

### British Antarctic Explorer Returning from a Two Years Trip, But the Leader Declines to Make any Announcement

INVERCARGILL, N. Z., March 23—The barkentine Nimrod, which early in 1908 took Lieut. E. H. Shackelton's Antarctic expediton to the south, called here today on her return. Lieut. Shackelton declined to make any statement regarding his explorations. The Nimrod later left for Lyttelton, the port of Christchurch, N. Z. The Nimrod expedition to the South Pole left England in July, 1907, after Queen Alexandra had given the vessel a flag and King Edward had bestowed the Victorian Order on Lieut. Ernest H. Shackelton of the British Navy, leader of the party, who made a trip to the Antarctic regions in 1902-03, as a member of the Discovery Expedition under K. T. Scott. The Nimrod carried a motor sledge for the use of the explorers and a number of Siberian ponies and dogs. The crew numbered 32 men all told including several scientists and had provisions for two years after leaving New Zealand. The landing party was to consist of twelve men. The Nimrod left the party in camp at the foot of Mount Erebus, a point which was reached with considerable difficulty on acount of the ice and she left New Zealand last December to bring the expedition home.

LONDON, March 23—Information has reached London according to the Pall Mall Gazette that the Antarctic expedition under Lieut. Ernest H. Shackelton of the British Navy, which left England in July 1907, reached the South Pole.

## BUILDING A CITY IN NEWFOUNDLAND

### Wooded District to Become a Hive of Industry by the Investment of British Capital.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., March 23—What was several months ago a tract of virgin wilderness in the central section of Newfoundland is today, because of the scarcity of pulp wood in the United States, a town of nearly 2,000 inhabitants. The town of Grand Falls which had its inception in the fact that a wealthy English newspaper owner desired to assure himself of a continuous supply of pulp wherewith to manufacture his paper is the last of the "boom" towns which have periodically sprung up on the North American continent. Within fifty square miles of territory there has been laid out a dam one thousand feet wide capable of storing 100,000,000 feet of logs which assure the town's inhabitants steady occupation; two separate railroad lines, a power station of 45,000 horsepower capacity, a private telephone system, and nearly 400 attractive and serviceable houses. It is expected to place several steamboats in commission as soon as active manufacturing is begun. This will be early next fall. It is understood that the expenditure of $6,000,000 will be necessary to the fulfillment of the plans. The timber from the great forests surrounding Grand Falls will be cut and in nearly a score of mills it will be put through the various processes which are necessary before the finished product is turned out.

## FORMER NEW BRUNSWICKER DEAD IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

(Victoria Colonist, March 12th.)

E. M. Shaw, recently of Victoria, N. B., died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital of heart failure, in his 72nd year. The late Mr. Shaw was one of the best known farmers in New Brunswick, having identified himself closely with the breeding of high-class stock. He was prominent in public matters and one of the most active members of the Liberal party in Carleton county. He was great-grandson of John Shaw, who was one of the Maugerville colony, the first English settlers of what is now New Brunswick, which left Massachusetts in 1760 and made an overland journey to the St. John river, the story of the trek being one of the most thrilling tales in colonial history. The father of the deceased was one of the pioneers of the upper St. John valley. Mr. Shaw's health failed him about a year ago, and the care of his large farm being too great for him, he came to Victoria about five months ago, intending to go into fruit-growing and poultry farming, but his health steadily declined. He entered St. Joseph's three weeks ago. The deceased was married three times, and his widow survives him. He had a large family. Those living are: Paul J., of Butte, Montana; E. Brunswick, of Saanich; James R., of Keremeos; Robert McL., M. D., of Two Harbors, Minnesota; Pauline of Woodstock, Ont., and Bessie, who is in the city with her mother, whose only child she is. The late Nathaniel P. Shaw, of this city, was son of the deceased. Mr. Shaw was a brother of Mrs. Boyer, Princess street.

## FRANCE IS NOT PLEASED WITH PROPOSED TARIFF

### Belief is That the United States is Hitting Directly at French Trade.

PARIS, Mar. 23—The dissatisfaction of France is increasing as the details of the new American tariff bill continue to reach here. The proposed increases in the case of gloves, hosiery, perfumes, soaps and other articles of French export create the impression that France has been singled out particularly and Ambasador Jusserand's reports seem to confirm this view. The bill is regarded as retaliatory against pending French legislation and tends to weaken the French Government's efforts which were made partially in response to American solicitation to modify certain schedules of the French tariff.

"If the United States strikes the first blow instead of leaving the way open for negotiations it would be hard to avoid tariff war," one of the best informed members of the American Chamber of Commerce, who has been delegated to watch French legislation and who is in very close touch with French exporters and manufacturers. Continuing he spoke despairingly of the outlook, saying that the bill is regarded almost as an incendiary document and that if passed in its present form it would be sure to precipitate a tariff war with Europe.

## AMERICAN LINES TRY TO STEAL CANADA'S TRADE

### Are Cutting Rates for Grain in the Hope of Hurting Montreal and St. John.

NEW YORK, March 23—The Times this morning says:—

"Yielding to the protests of shipping interests the Trunk Lines Asociation at a meeting here yesterday decided to reduce the rates on grain from the Great Lakes to New York to meet the "foreign" competition which last year gave Montreal and other Canadian ports practically all of the wheat carrying trade to Europe. A representative of the Trunk Lines Association admitted yesterday that the reductions had been decided upon. They will go into effect at the opening of navigation on the Great Lakes at the end of April. As a result of the failure of the Trunk Lines to meet the rates of the Canadian Lines running from the wheat ports to Montreal last season practically no wheat was shipped abroad from this and adjacent ports except to European markets which the Montreal lines do not reach.

George Rideout, the chief of the Moncton police force passed through the city today from Fredericton having in custody a man named O'Brien, who is wanted in Moncton on the charge of theft. O'Brien is well known to the local police having been arrested here at one time for theft.

BILLY STARTS FOR HOME.

CLEVELAND, O., Mar. 23—James P. Whitla and his son Billy left today for the family home in Sharon, Pa., and were escorted to the railroad depot by a cheering crowd of people. The kidnapped youngster was clasped in the arms of his father from the moment they left the Hollenden Hotel until they reached the train.

## CORNWALL, ONT., HOTEL DESTROYED; THREE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH AND SEVERAL OTHERS FATALLY INJURED

### Attack of Toothache and a Barking Dog Probably Saved Many Lives---Guests All Jumped from Windows---Charred Bodies Found in the Ruins.

CORNWALL, Ont., Mar. 23.—The Windsor Hotel Water street Cornwall, owned by Alex. Laplante, was destroyed by fire this morning with its entire contents. Three of the guests were burned to death in their rooms and two more are in the Hotel Dieu severely injured. One of them will die.

The dead are:

George Hagley, Philadelphia.

John Gallen, Philadelphia.

Raymond Duquette, Winchester.

The injured are:

Mr. St. Clair, a man employed on the rebuilding of the O. and N. Y. swing badly burned about the face, arms and hands, may die.

George Bess, tailor Cornwall leg broken, back badly hurt, and hands and feet cut and burned.

The house had guests and boarders, and those who escaped came out in their night clothes. Not one saved any of wearing apparel.

The fire was discovered at 1 a. m. by James Grundy, pianist at the Wonderland Theatre, formerly of Montreal, who with Mrs. Grundy was a guest at the hotel. Mr. Grundy was troubled with toothache and Mrs. Grundy noticed that their little dog was barking. She said that she smelled smoke and then her husband opened the door he found the corridor full of smoke. He, at once seized his wife and pushed her down stairs through the smoke to the ground floor which the fire had not yet reached.

The fire started somewhere on the first floor up and as the corridors were full of smoke most of the guests were obliged to jump from the windows. Bess jumped from a third story window, and it is a wonder he was not killed outright.

Mr. Laplante, the owner, escaped in his night clothes. He and his family were lucky enough to reach the rear stairs, and escape by the main stairway being cut off. It was not until the fire was practically extinguished about daylight that it was known for certain that any lives had been lost.

The body of Raymond Duquette, burned beyond recognition, was found in his room on the first floor at the rear of the new building. Several others were reported missing for a time, but at seven o'clock all were accounted for, but two young men, Geo. Hagley and John Gallen, coopers, at the Cornwall brewery, the trunks and bones of two bodies being found in their room. They were probably suffocated.

Duquette was about 40 years of age and leaves a widow and family at Winchester.

Others injured are:—

A. McMillan, back injured.

W. Rice, internally injured.

J. Mooney, hands and feet cut by glass.

W. Hollister, hands cut.

James H. Smith, hands cut.

Mrs. King, mother of Mrs. Laplante, suffering from shock.

Loss to building and contents is about $25,000. Insurance, $10,000. Besides this the guests lost all their personal property.

## MONTREAL MILLS LIKELY TO SUFFER FROM STRIKE

### Spinners Demand Ten Per Cent Increase—Three Thousand Employes Will be Affected.

MONTREAL Mar. 23.—There will be a strike of the mule spinners of the Dominion Textile Co. in three weeks unless they get an increase of ten per cent. Some weeks ago they sent in a letter asking for the increase which has not been granted. They now demand it on pain of strike. Wilfrid Paquette, president, has resigned as he would lose his position in the police court if he engineered another strike. Giboult has been appointed president to carry on the demand. There are 125 mule spinners but their strike would put 3,000 out of work.

## PARTY OF SIX BALLOONISTS HAVE DISAPPEARED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 22. — For more than fifty hours friends of the six men who ascended from Tournament Park in Pasadena Saturday afternoon in the big balloon "America" have been without a word of them or the slightest knowledge of the fate of the intrepid aeronauts. As far as information here goes, no human being has caught sight of the human gas bag since it rose above the park enclosure.

The balloon carried by a stiff breeze, sailed into the low-hanging clouds which lay far down on the mountain sides and disappeared.

The belief that a tragic end has befallen the men who formed the party has led to the formation of many relief expeditions into various parts of the Sierra Madre Mountains directly over which the strong current carried the balloon after it hadd reache an altitude of a few thousand feet.

## DEATH OF WM. NASE.

Indiantown lost one of its prominent citizens today by the death of Wm. Nase, of the firm of P. Nase and Sons, Ltd., at the age of 42.

Mr. Nase has been ill for a short time and his end, although somewhat sudden, was not entirely unexpected.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Mary Fleming, of this city, three young sons, Harold, Ronald and Herbert, two sisters, Mrs. C. F. Woodman and Mrs. R. B. Patterson, and seven brothers, David H., of Main street, Leonard T., also of the firm of P. Nase and Sons, George B., of Milwaukee, W. H., of New York, Jas. P., of this city, Frank, of Seattle, and Dr. Otto Nase.

The deceased was a son of P. Nase, founder of the firm with which he has been connected all his life. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and was popular and highly respected among a large circle of friends.

The funeral will be held from his late residence, 80 Main street, on Thursday afternoon.

## WILL NOT SUPPORT POOR FOLKS FROM OTHER STATES

### California Believes in Each Section of the Country Bearing Its Own Burden.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 23—The board of supervisers endorsed an order yesterday providing that hereafter when indigent sick are sent to Los Angeles from the east without funds, they are to be sent back to their homes if their condition warrants such action. The supervisiors' action is a result of a request from the board of charity to take care of M. Seabalow a resident of Alabama, suffering with tuberculosis. Seabalow's wife and two children are also here, and he has been a public charge since arriving.

STEAMER NOTES.

The Donaldson liner Cassandra, Capt. Mitchell, which sailed from Glasgow on March 13th arrived in port at two o' clock this afternoon and docked at No. 6 berth. The steamer had a rough passage out. Besides a large cargo there were 150 cabin passengers and 180 steerage.

The C. P. R. steamer Montreal, Capt. McNeill, arrived in port this morning from London and Antwerp and docked at No. 5 berth about eleven o'clock. The ship brought out over 2000 tons of general cargo and 400 passengers who are mostly Austrians, Poles and Jews. They will be forwarded west this afternoon. The steamer had an unusually rough voyage and passed a large iceberg off the Banks. The Montreal was in communication with a number of other steamers and all reported rough weather. The Montreal also brought out six thorughbred horses consigned to western breeders.

The steamer Manchester Importer sailed for Manchester with a full general cargo and sixty head of cattle.

HIS WIFE PITIED

him when he came home all tired out after a day's house hunting. "And I'll have to go out tomorrow again," said he, "for I haven't found a place that suits." "No you won't go tomorrow," she replied, "for I have found just the place we want to live in. Oh, no! I haven't been out today. I did my house hunting in the small want ads." Call main 25