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GOOD SHOOT

Marksmen of the Maple City Gun Club Held Successful Practice.

The Maple City Gun Club held a shoot on their grounds yesterday afternoon. Some good shooting was done by the marksmen.

The following are the scores:

First sweep—W. D. Tristram 9, A. C. McKay 8, Thos. Stegman 3, W. J. Richards 4, Thos. Nicholl 5.

Second sweep—J. Labombarbe 2, J. Piggott 6, Dr. Fraser 8, W. J. Ben-nett 5, Wm. Oldershaw 6.

Third sweep—J. W. Aitken 4, Mr. Hutchison 4, Thos. Stegman 4, A. Scane 5, J. Labombarbe 2.

Fourth sweep—W. S. Richards 5, Dr. Fraser 7, A. C. McKay 10, W. D. Tristram 7, T. Nicholl 6.

Fifth sweep—J. Piggott 4, J. W. Aitken 8, Thos. Stegman 8, W. J. Ben-nett 4, J. Labombarbe 1.

Sixth sweep—Hutchison 7, Fraser 9, Oldershaw 7, McKay 6, Tristram 6.

Seventh sweep—Stegman 6, Piggott 7, Richards 6, Scane 8, Aitken 6.

Eighth sweep—Fraser 7, Labombarbe 6, McKay 8, Tristram 4, Hutchison 6.

Ninth sweep—Aitken 8, Stegman 5, Oldershaw 6, Richards 6, Piggott 7.

Tenth sweep—Nicholl 7, Labombarbe 2, Fraser 7, Hutchison 4, McKay 8.

"DRINK GRANO, CEREAL COFFEE."

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Ridgeway, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Thornton last evening. They came to the city to hear the Abbey Choir.

Miss Eva Stewart, of Tilbury, is spending the day with friends in the city.

SMALL-POX IN A COLLEGE.

Ottawa, May 15.—A domestic at the Presbyterian Young Ladies' College, who came from Stittville, near here a few days ago, has contracted small-pox. She has been sent to the isolation hospital. The students in the college have been vaccinated, but the institution has not been quarantined. A young lady who recently returned from the Asylum Convent, is also down with the disease.

NUNS ROASTED IN HOT LAVA

Inmates of Convent Met Awful Death—Building Encircled by Fiery Sea.

A Fearful Sight Witnessed by a Convict in St. Pierre Prison who was Still Alive.

London, May 15.—A despatch from Fort de France says—Pierre Bache, a prisoner who was found semi-suffocated but still alive in the dungeons of the city prison of St. Pierre Tuesday, recovered sufficiently on Wednesday to describe what he could of the eruption and the destruction of the town from the small grated window in his cell.

I was just eating my breakfast that morning," he said, "when the rumbling which I had heard beneath my cell for three or four days previously stopped suddenly. I do not know why, but I felt frightened, as though something fearful were to happen. Then the whole place became black, and I heard screams all through the prison. I screamed to my cell, but I could not make anyone hear. The darkness grew thicker and thicker until it was almost as dark as though it were night and then suddenly the whole place was lit up with a curious glow, sometimes red, sometimes green, but generally red. While I looked out a huge red-hot stone crashed down just in front of my window, right on the top of the wall, knocking it down. The heat from this stone was most intense and made my post at the window fearful to endure.

"Right in front of me where the brick wall had stood I saw the large master and came down the hill and had run into the grounds of the convent. I realized then that there must have been an eruption of Mont Pelée. To my horror I discovered that the lava had completely encircled the convent with its first rush and that all the girls and sisters who were in the building were doomed.

"While I looked I saw another stone even larger than the one which had fallen near my cell window and broken down the wall, strike on the convent roof and crash through the roof, evidently plunging through to the ground.

"Scarcely a minute passed by after this huge stone crashed through when I saw the poor girls flocking out in the utmost terror. A pit had been dug on the inside of the wall that none of the girls should be able to climb up from the inside, and this acted as a sort of moat, in which the lava floated, and thus made a complete circle round the convent, rendering escape impossible, even if it had been possible to live in the rain of hot stones from the mountain.

"The lava gradually rose and rose, and I could see the huddled group of girls growing smaller and smaller, as first one and then others succumbed to the poisonous fumes and the fearful heat of the lava. And as the group got smaller the lava rose and rose.

"Then with one great burst, it seemed to me, a fresh stream of lava flowed into the moat and overspread the building and the little island on which the girls were standing a moment before. I turned away my eyes in horror, and when next I looked nothing was to be seen of the convent but a heap of stone, and here and there the blackened corpses of those who but a few minutes before had been full of life and hope.

"While I was looking from cell window, my eyes almost seared out of my head by the heat pouring through the narrow orifice, I noticed a thin blue smoke curl along the ground, and, caught by some eddying gust of wind, the fumes struck straight into my cell window, and I remember no more.

FIVE LIVES LOST.

Point Pleasant, W. Va., May 15.—Five persons perished in the burning of the American Hotel here last night, and three others were injured, one fatally. Two residences also were burned. The total loss amounted to \$30,000. The dead—John Rack, of Kanawha county; Elias Mambrik, of Glenwood; John Woodall, of Mason county, and two unidentified men. The fire started in the hotel, which was a frame building, and burned rapidly. Slack, Mambrik and John Woodall were farmers summoned here as grand jurors at the criminal court. They were sleeping on the second floor, and means of escape was cut off by the flames. It is not known how the fire started.

TWO AMERICAN FUGITIVES KIDNAPPED AT QUEBEC CITY

Hustled Into a Cab, Driven to the River and Forced on Board a Departing Tug—Abduction the Result of Carefully Laid Plan U. S. Civic Service.

Quebec, May 15.—Colonels Gaynor and Greene, who escaped from Savannah, Ga., and who have been living in Quebec for the past two months, have just been taken away by six United States detectives. Greene was hustled into a cab at the Chateau Frontenac, and Col. Gaynor was caught in the post office. The men were put into the tug Spray, which immediately left the city, going up the river. Another tug containing the men's local lawyers, Hon. Jules Tessier and Alexander Taschereau, and some Quebec detectives, has gone in chase.

PURSUIT FRUITLESS.

The Spray, with Col. Gaynor and Capt. Green and their kidnapers on board, was pursued for several miles up the river, but the Hackett was finally obliged to abandon the chase, and returned to port about three o'clock. The friends of the party then immediately made arrangements for a special train on the C. P. R. with a view of intercepting the tug at Three Rivers. The destination of the Spray is a matter for conjecture, and one would be led to believe that it is the intention to go to Montreal, but then on the other hand, many believe that the tug will run in at the nearest point to American soil and the remainder of the journey made by rail. Mr. Taschereau, who has been acting as lawyer for both Colonel Gaynor and Greene, is now absent from town, but Messrs. Tessier and Cannon are acting for them during his absence.

This afternoon at four o'clock, the special train, which it is calculated will overtake the tug Spray at Three Rivers, steamed out of the C. P. R. station with one of the company's best engineers at the lever. There was on board Mrs. Gaynor, Mr. Cannon, a lawyer; Detectives Walsh, Patrie, Silvian and Somerville, High Constable Gale and Sgt. McCarthy.

TWAS AN OUTRAGE.

The local authorities are indignant over the liberty by the outside detectives, as no warrant was issued by our courts for the arrest of the two Americans. It is said that possibly a warrant was issued in Montreal for their arrest, but this in order to be legal, should have been signed by a magistrate of this district before the arrest could be made here, Messrs. Fleury, Turgeon and Buteau and a few provincial police left by the 1.30 train for Three Rivers, and it is expected that the fleeing captors will be overtaken and may release the two men whom they have illegally arrested.

The three detectives who made the arrest of Col. Gaynor were dressed in characteristic garb. One had his arm in a sling, the other wore wide pants of loud check pattern, which made him look like a "hayseed." The other was similarly attired. They attracted so much attention that when they entered the bar of the Chateau, Harry Fontaine took them for three strangers of a suspicious nature. They were evidently dressed to avoid any suspicion of their real mission.

Capt. Green's arrest at the post office proves the statement that he was influenced into a cab, and given the impression that he would be allowed to consult his attorney, but instead of driving to the lawyer's office, they drove to the R. & O. Navigation Company's wharf, where the tug Spray was in waiting.

Col. Gaynor was engaged in talking to one of the officials of the Chateau when accosted by the detectives and hustled into a cab and conveyed to the wharf.

BOUND FOR MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 15.—Col. Gaynor and Capt. Green, who were arrested in Quebec to-day on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government in connection with Government water at Savannah, Ga., are now on the tug Spray on their way up the St. Lawrence to Montreal in charge of Chief Detective Carpenter and the Montreal officers. The party is expected to arrive in Montreal late to-night or early in the morning. An attempt was made by the Quebec officers, who were armed with a writ of habeas corpus to intercept them at Three Rivers to-night, but it failed, the Spray making good its escape. Three Rivers is half-way between Quebec and Montreal.

THE CHARGE AGAINST THEM.

The accused are under arrest on a complaint laid under the Extradition Act at the office of Judge Lafontaine, extradition commissioner for the district of Montreal, by Marion Erwin, of Macon, Georgia, United States attorney of the southern district of that state, setting forth that in July, 1897, Oherin M. Carter, then a captain in a corps of engineers, was in charge of what is usually called the Savannah district for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and as such it

became his duty to let contracts for the improvements mentioned. It is charged that Captain Carter, with fraudulent intent, misappropriated the sum of \$37,000, the same being the property of the United States and obtained by Capt. Carter for the alleged purpose of paying for certain contract work, pay tolls, bills, etc. This money was obtained by conspiracy with Benjamin D. Green, John E. Gaynor, William T. Gaynor, Edward H. Gaynor and Michael A. Connelly, acting under the name of the Atlantic Contracting Company. It is charged that the sum of \$345,000 was fraudulently obtained by the Atlantic Contracting Company during the months of December, 1898, and the first six months in 1897. It is further charged that the accused did obtain \$230,000 from the United States Government, for labor, material, supplies, etc., and it is further charged that these sums were obtained by charging high and exorbitant prices in contracts and that the same was brought about by collusion of those already mentioned. The prisoners on their arrival will be brought before Judge Lafontaine, and there will be a big struggle to obtain their extradition.

A CAREFULLY LAID PLAN.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—The kidnaping and subsequent arrest of Gaynor and Green at Quebec was the result of a carefully laid plan of Chief Wilkie, of the secret service. It was decided that the state department had sent men to apprehend the fugitives, but it was later learned that Inspectors Bennett, Burke, Taylor and three others had been assigned to the case. The capture was planned to come off yesterday, and the department had been looking for news of their arrest all day. Even now the secret service officials will not admit the receipt of any advices, but it is known that the whole arrangement was perfectly carried out, even to the issuance of the warrants by the judge on the application of Chief of Detectives Carpenter, of Montreal. It is stated that it is not unusual for United States secret service men to go over the line into Canada in order to watch the movements of persons wanted for offences committed in the United States, and that frequently this is done with the knowledge of the Canadian officials.

GAY PAREE

There are no signs of Public Mourning Over the Martinique Catastrophe.

Paris, May 15.—Visitors here cannot understand the seeming indifference of the Parisians in regard to the Martinique disaster. Beyond the half-masted flags over the government office, there are no signs of public mourning. The people go to their usual resorts, attend the races, fill the theatres (none of which have been closed) no extras are issued and there is no demand for them, but the evening papers containing collections of the automobile races were eagerly snatched up. The various funds being raised for the relief of the Martinique sufferers now only total \$80,000, including the large subscription of the automobile motorists and the \$4,000 from the municipality. The provinces seem more interested in the disaster than the capital. They are actively organizing committees to raise funds and there is much mourning at the seaports whose ships were destroyed. The Opposition is beginning to use the catastrophe as a club to beat the government. The Nationalist Patrie says:—"We hoped that the fetes at Brest would have been countermanded on account of the catastrophe over which many foreign sovereigns, courts and parliaments are mourning. The flags are half-masted, but the military bands are playing as if 30,000 Frenchmen had not perished."

EARL OF HOPETOUN RESIGNS.

Melbourne, Australia, May 15.—It was announced in the Senate last night that the Earl of Hopetoun had decided to resign the Governor-Generalship of the Australian Commonwealth. The Federal Parliament refused to grant the Earl of Hopetoun an additional annual allowance of £8,000. The Governor-General then sent a cablegram to Joseph Chamberlain, the British Colonial Secretary, in which he asked to be relieved of his duties after the coronation of the King, saying the position was a heavy drain upon his private resources, and that the salary attached to the Governor-Generalship was wholly insufficient to maintain the dignity of the office. Mr. Chamberlain replied to the Earl of Hopetoun, accepting his resignation, although it meant, he said, a serious loss to Australia and the Empire. It is understood that the Governor of South Australia, Lord Tennyson, will administer the Governor-Generalship of the Commonwealth in the interim. The Earl of Hopetoun's salary was £10,600 a year.

WRAPPED IN HIS BALLOON.

Paris, May 14.—The body of Senor Severo, the Brazilian aeronaut, who was killed by the explosion of the balloon attached to his airship, has been embalmed, and now lies wrapped in a remnant of the silk of which his balloon was made. Over this a religious habit, covered by a Brazilian flag. Funeral services will be held Saturday prior to the shipment of the body to Brazil.

THE CAMPAIGN WAXES WARM

Candidates and Their Supporters Very Active in Both Kents.

Many Meetings Held Last Evening—Successful Gathering in Chatham East.

A very enthusiastic and well attended meeting in the interests of the Liberal-Conservative candidate, John S. Fraser, was held last evening in Nazery Hall, at the corner of Wellington and Princess streets.

Mr. Day was chairman and opened the meeting with a fine, eloquent address.

F. F. Quinn then spoke in very high terms of the Conservative candidate, John S. Fraser, speaking of him as a practical man and fair to all classes. He also referred to him as a farmer, a creamery owner and a very useful citizen.

George Gordon Martin was the next speaker. His speech was to the point and was well received. He denounced the school book monopoly, condemned the law by which a person could be imprisoned for debt, and dealt to some length with the centralization of all the offices at Toronto.

J. Milton Pike then addressed the large gathering in the subject of direct taxation. He also brought before them the crimes of the ballot box stuffers and swindlers, which were, he said, a disgrace.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic but orderly one, and broke up with

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