

SHAW ARRESTED IN LOS ANGELES

Boston Absconder Changed Name

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Police Intercepted Tender Missive to Woman to Hurry and Join and Bring "All the Money"—Pictured a Rosy Future for Them and Orange Groves.

Los Angeles, Feb. 20.—Arthur Willis Shaw, absconder from Freeport (Me.), was arrested here today after information as to his whereabouts had been telegraphed by the Boston police. Posing as Arthur S. Willis, he denied his identity at first, but admitted it later when he was shown a piece of cloth torn from his coat on which was the name, Arthur W. Shaw.

"That's something I overlooked," he remarked.

The police also found among his effects a letter in a woman's writing which it is believed refers to his Maine transactions. The letter says:

"I am afraid they are coming after you and will bring you back."

It is from Boston, but is not signed. Shaw nearly eluded the local department. The Boston telegram was received by the chief of police here about noon today and about 3 o'clock local newspaper men, acting on other advices, visited the address given and were met by "Willis," who declared some mistake had been made on the departure of the reporter. "Willis" put on his coat, saying to another lodger that he had to go down town, and disappeared. Detectives met him as he was leaving the house, however.

Shaw has been living at a fashionable rooming house at Fifteenth and Figueroa streets for two weeks. He engaged and paid for his rooms by the week, saying he intended to stay only temporarily in the city.

At first the prisoner denied any connection with any other company or any other person. He said his name was Archie C. Willis, not Arthur S. Willis, and gave his occupation as a mining man from La Juaeta (Col.), although he said he had been at Wiesbaden, Germany, for the last two years. He said he had no family and was travelling for pleasure. He denied acquaintance with Mrs. G. M. Stewart.

Even after he admitted that he was Shaw, the prisoner refused to discuss the shortage of his own manufacturing firm. Whether he would waive extradition proceedings and go voluntarily to Boston to answer a charge of larceny of \$10,000 was not learned today.

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Boston, Feb. 21.—Blind love for his woman accomplice in this city, Mrs. George M. Stewart, which led him to desert his wife and children, yesterday betrayed Arthur Willis Shaw, the absconder from Freeport (Me.), shoe manufacturer, and he was arrested in Los Angeles.

A letter written by the defaulter to Mrs. Stewart from the Pacific coast city under date of Feb. 14, in which he called her "My own dear sweetheart" and beseeched her to hasten to him and bring "all the money," was secured by the Boston police.

Revealing as it did the whereabouts of the absconder, dispatches were flashed across the country from police headquarters in Pemberton square to the Pinkerton Detective Agency received the information. They, in turn, notified the western city, and Shaw was taken into custody.

By a coincidence the letter which resulted in Shaw's apprehension was intercepted just at the time Mrs. Stewart was being arraigned before Judge Ely in the second session of the municipal court on the charge of being an accessory before and after the fact to Shaw's larceny of \$10,000.

Upon pleading not guilty the case was continued and she was held under \$3,000 bonds for a hearing on Feb. 27. Up to an early hour this morning she had not obtained bail.

Shaw's letter to Mrs. Stewart was a rather lengthy epistle. In it he tells of the real estate possibilities in California and of plans he has made for himself and a woman who had been his mistress. He pleads with her to hasten to him.

"Talk about waiting until September," he writes. "I would not do it for a million dollars. I could not do it. I must be with you, or, or, or—God only knows what I would do."

Justice Shaw at Bath and was sentenced to two months in jail without option of a fine.

The company intends that rowdiness on the trains will be effectively suppressed.

Valuable Cargo Damaged.

With potatoes selling in St. John at from \$2.30 to \$3 a barrel it was realized with a loss there is in the damaging of a cargo of 3,200 bags, each weighing 185 pounds, which were shipped by train and were damaged by frost, and which were brought to this port on the steamer Hesperian. Fifteen cars had been loaded with the potatoes before it was learned that they had been frozen.

People interested, including F. A. Ward, representing Crooks & Co., to whom the lot was consigned; Charles McLaughlin, representing Lloyd's; T. Collins and T. B. Robinson, acting for insurance companies. S. K. Wilson, port warden, S. Wetmore and others connected with the lot, were called upon to examine the matter, and decided that they had been frozen in being shipped before reaching Liverpool, possibly between Ireland and Liverpool.

When the Welsh burner became blackened you can prolong its life and its brilliancy by following these directions: Light the burner, turn the flame down quite low, and carefully sprinkle salt over the burner. It will absorb all the blackness and leave the burner almost like new.

The process of dusting may be rendered practically dustless if the dust cloth is occasionally washed in hot soda, dipped in kerosene and then dried thoroughly in the open air. The duster or dry mop treated in this manner greatly improves the appearance of hardwood floors.

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A resolution favoring reciprocity with the United States has been adopted in the Saskatchewan Legislature by a vote of two to one. Recent experiences in the handling and marketing of the grain of western Canada doubtless contributed to the bringing of this question to the front as soon after the handing down by the dominion of an adverse opinion with regard to a closer commercial arrangement with the United States. Friends of reciprocity on both sides of the line have never lost faith in its ultimate triumph, but even the most sanguine have hardly looked or hoped for a revival of the question so early as this.

Two things, however, may serve to hasten reconsideration in Canada, if there is any consideration at all. One of those is the urgent need of the status of those at present available for the increasing volume of agricultural production in western Canada; the other is the fact that while Canada may now come in under the reciprocity agreement arranged by the international commissioners and still in full force on this side, there is no telling how soon a change of political sentiment may lead to the repeal of the act by Congress and necessitate a very long wait before the enactment of similar legislation will be possible. As matters stand, however, they are likely to continue indefinitely, the dominion government must take the next step, must practically take the initiative in reviving the reciprocity question, and it is likely to happen under the Borden administration, unless the Borden administration shall by action of the provincial legislatures and by a radical change of sentiment in its own following be made to see a new light.

Two things in connection with this matter reflect credit upon the United States and must be conducive to the strengthening of friendly relations between the two governments. One is the good-natured manner in which the anti-reciprocity decision was received by the Taft administration; the other is the granting by the inter-state commerce commission of an application for the carriage of Canadian wheat and oats designed for export at the same rates to Minneapolis and Duluth as to Fort William and Port Arthur, and extending the same privilege on grain for consumption in the United States upon the expiration of lawful notice. The administration, disappointed as it was in the action of Canada on the reciprocity proposal, might have urged a speedy repeal of the law on this side, but it took a wiser course and bowed to Canada's decision gracefully. It might also have urged the repeal of the law on this side, but it took a wiser course and bowed to Canada's decision gracefully. It might also have urged the repeal of the law on this side, but it took a wiser course and bowed to Canada's decision gracefully.

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