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TONY REVEALS PLOT TO MURDER EDWARD GREEN AND IMPLICATES THREE OTHER ITALIANS IN CONFESSION

CASTRO COMING BACK TO TAKE HIS MEDICINE

Deposed President Believes His Luck Holds Good Tells the Parisians His Country Needs Him and Deplores the Treachery Displayed by Gomez.

PARIS, March 25.—Cypriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, and the members of his party left this city this morning for Bordeaux. At the railway station Senor Castro confided to a small group of Venezuelan adherents and addressed his intention of re-establishing the power in Venezuela by a revolution should this be necessary. After entering the car, where he donned the celebrated gold embroidered skull cap that his figure in every description of Senor Castro which he was occupant of the low House at Caracas, the deposed president of Venezuela leaned from a window and spoke to his countrymen with an earnestness and passion which left no doubt in their minds that he was convinced that he was another Napoleon returning from Elbe to conquer his country. "Like Francis first, all is lost save honor," Castro declared. "I am going back to Venezuela. My country needs me and my mission is there. Continuing, Senor Castro declared that his trip to Europe had been misunderstood both at home and abroad. He has not even been treated as a prisoner because he needed medical treatment but also to serve his country by interesting foreign capital in Venezuelan industries. He spoke bitterly of the treachery of Juan Vicente Gomez, whom he left as vice-president and who has since been made president of Venezuela, and predicted that those who were in control of the state would drive the country into bankruptcy. "In six months," he asserted, "the present government will be unable to meet the obligations of the republic." In conclusion Castro denounced as the worst of his nation's misdeeds the fact that he was not even rich enough to remain in Europe, where furthermore he had no attractions for him. He implored the people to support his return, even though it involves revolution. Castro's friends were much impressed by what he had to say. They asserted that he was a man of indomitable will, with supreme confidence in his own star.

Details of the Crime Given by Murderer Now Under Shadow of the Gallows

James Hatch, His Brother, and Another Italian Placed Under Arrest --- One of the Prisoners Escaped From Custody This Morning But Was Recaptured --- Great Excitement at Perth and Andover

As the result of a confession made to Constable Miles Macrae, of Andover, on Tuesday afternoon, important developments have arisen in the Plaster Rock murder case. Tony Arosia has confessed the whole affair, and in his story has revealed the existence of a plot in which at least five Italians were concerned, which had as its object the murder and robbery of Edward Green. From his statement it would appear that three others are perhaps as guilty as Tony himself, and his companion, Leon Seppilli. In consequence of what he has said, Constable Macrae yesterday morning drove to Ferguson's camp and there arrested an Italian whose name could not be obtained by the Star this morning. In the afternoon Constable Macrae, at a shack near the scene of the murder, took into custody James Hatch and his brother, whose first name is unknown. James Hatch was the old man who testified at the murder trial. He was sick in bed at the time the two prisoners

were arrested in his house. All three arrested yesterday were Italians. The confession and the subsequent arrests have aroused great excitement around Perth and Andover. The police state that they are not yet in a position to make known the exact particulars of Tony's statement, but declare positively that he is sufficiently supported by facts to warrant the immediate removal of the condemned men, and a retrial, only that this time there will be five prisoners instead of two. Tony has been displaying considerable nervousness since he was sentenced, and his confession of the whole plot has not come as any great surprise to the officials. In order that the three new prisoners might not engage in conversation with the condemned, the Italians arrested yesterday were taken to Dionne's Hotel and are being held there. This morning the younger Hatch jumped out of the window and ran. He was pursued down through Andover

by Constable Macrae and was eventually captured, after an exciting chase. The three are now under lock and key, and Constable Macrae is out looking for persons named by Tony as possible witnesses. After twelve o'clock today it was decided to examine the prisoners, and they were taken to the court house. There an enquiry was conducted behind closed doors, those taking part declining to make public what had transpired. In conversation with the Star this afternoon Constable Macrae regretted that he was unable at the time to disclose details of Tony's confession. He stated that the developments of yesterday and today were of the utmost importance, but from what has been learned it is apparent that a number of men other than those now under arrest are implicated in the crime, and any extended report of Tony's confession might alarm those men. The constables will this afternoon endeavor to gather in the other suspects.

ANOTHER SCANDAL IN SERBIAN COURT

Crown Prince George Accused of Murder Renounces His Right to the Throne and Will Leave Belgrade—His Act Affects European Situation.

BELGRADE, March 25.—George, Crown Prince of Serbia, has renounced his right of succession to the Serbian throne. This action is the result of a bitter grass campaign in which the Crown Prince was accused of being the cause of the recent death of one of his servants, a man named Skokovic. In a letter to Premier Novakovich this morning the Crown Prince announced that he has taken his step rather than rest under the suspicion of having murdered his servant and that by the renunciation he foregoes all special privileges and immunities that attach to the person of the heir to the throne. Continuing, he expressed his willingness to proceed abroad for a lengthy sojourn. The actions of Prince George of Serbia in recent years have been the scandal of the Serbian Court. He is 29 years old and was designated Crown Prince of Serbia when his father, Peter First, ascended the throne in 1903, after the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga. He has been a leader of the war party in his country since the outbreak of the trouble with Austria-Hungary over the annexation by the Dual Monarchy of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and on a visit to St. Petersburg last October he was urged by Emperor Nicholas to abandon his warlike attitude. His riotous living has alienated the affections of the Serbian people and it often has been said that they would welcome the substitution of his younger brother Alexander as heir to the throne. The renunciation of the Crown Prince brings a new and perhaps important element into the crisis between Austria-Hungary and Serbia which is indirectly affecting all the great powers of Europe. The prince has been recognized as one of "radical fighting element," and while this is not the reason publicly assigned for his withdrawal it may yet exert important influence on the present crisis. The young prince has been the central figure of several sensational episodes since he came to Belgrade with his father, culminating with the latest affair of the murdered servant. He still managed to hold a considerable following among the people, mainly because of his warlike declarations as to maintaining Serbia's position by force of arms against all outside influences. VIENNA, March 25.—Official despatches have been received here confirming the statement that George, Crown Prince of Serbia has renounced his right to the throne of that country. It is reported that the prince already has fled the country, and another rumor is that he has resigned in favor of his younger brother, Alexander. (Continued on page seven.)

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CAPE BRETON TROUBLE

Conciliation Board Will Meet Monday or Tuesday — U. M. W. A. Members Deny Intimidation Report.

GLACE BAY, N. S., March 25.—There is nothing new today in labor situation. Daniel MacDonnell, president of the Nova Scotia district union U. M. W. A., arrived from Halifax today and will proceed at once to make all necessary arrangements for the sessions of the conciliation board which he expects will begin work on Monday or Tuesday next. It is likely that Justice Wallace, of Halifax, the chairman of the board, accompanied by G. S. Campbell, the Coal Company's representative, will arrive here either Friday or Saturday evening. In accordance with the terms of the Lenoir act, the members of the board will hold a consultation with the parties to the alleged dispute and endeavor to erect an amicable settlement. And should their efforts in this matter fail they will commence their work and take evidence from witnesses for both parties. There are no further developments in the No. 1 trouble. The whistled did not sound for work today and the colliery remains idle as before. U. M. A. men claim there was no attempt on their part to prevent any of the men from work at the colliery if they desired, reports in local press to the contrary notwithstanding. It is not likely that the men at No. 1 will work until after the meeting of the board of conciliation.

STRIKES IN MANILA NO LONGER NECESSARY

MANILA, March 25.—The leaders of the strike and boycott against the Manila Street Railways and of the commercial houses of the city, have called them off. Both strikes have failed from their inception, but the boycott against the street car system has been partially effective. The union in control of the strike has announced plans to re-organize along lines which will lead to greater sympathy between labor and capital. The general labor situation has improved and it is doubtful if any more strikes will occur.

P. E. ISLAND HAS NO MAILED THIS WEEK

Both Steamers in the Ice—Legislative Session Nearing an End—Dates of Election Trials Arranged.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., March 25.—No mails have been received from the mainland since Monday, the two steamers being tied up in the ice. The bye-election in the first district of Queens for the seat of the late Matthew Smith, will be held at 7 p. m. The Liberals have nominated Cyrus Crozier, of Bonahay, and the Conservatives John Myers. The election will be held on Monday. The Liberals will stand 12 to 13, if they lose, 18 to 14. The local legislature is well advanced in supply, and prorogation is expected at least early next week if not this week. In the debates on education the opposition leader dealt at length with the question of cheaper school books claiming the province is being robbed by the text book ring. The government replied that the whole educational question including text books was now in the hands of a commission. A resolution is coming before the house today, moved by a private member, R. N. Cox, asking the legislature to memorialize the Dominion government to prohibit the importation of liquor into the province, thus putting it in the same position as counties in Canada which have adopted the Canada Temperance Act.

THE MOOSE HORN FIGHT WAS NOT VERY SERIOUS

But It Might Have Been—One Man Got a Cut on the Arm, the Other Was Stabbed in the Hand.

HAMPTON, N. B., March 25.—There were a number of wild stories afloat here last night and this morning in regard to an alleged fight in a lumber camp at the Moose Horn, which resulted in a smashed face and a knife cut on the hand of one man, and a slashed arm from an axe on another. One story being that in the latter case a portion of the arm was cut entirely off, necessitating the amputation of the member. It is almost impossible at the present moment to get authoritative particulars of the occurrence, but so far as can be gathered it would appear that a quarrel arose between John Mallory, who is conducting lumber operations on the Moose Horn stream for the G. and G. Firewellings Mill Co., of Hampton, with a gang of some twenty-six men, and Joseph Best, the camp cook, over the wages to be paid by the former to the latter's camp assistant, Mallory refusing to pay the amount approved by the company. Best insisted on his men receiving \$45 a month as agreed, and a wordy quarrel ensued during which Mallory smashed a tea cup on Best's face and stabbed him in the hand with an open clasp knife, whereupon Best seized a double bitted axe and made a swing at Mallory, the blow hitting him on the arm and inflicting a gash which "put him to bed." In Best's own expression, as reported here last night, when the latter came down the line on his way to the Ferry Point. The Firewellings Company officials here are without any details of the occurrence but have sent to the camp for a full statement of what took place. Both men are well known, here and have been in the employ of the mill company for some years.

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF MATRIMONIAL MONKTON

One Man Looking for His Wife, Finds She Has Been Married Two Years—A Husband Missing.

MONKTON, March 25.—Among the witnesses to be summoned here in connection with the robbery case, which Jas. O'Brien is charged with, are several from Fredericton, including Chas. Winter. The case comes up on Saturday morning and will be adjourned until Tuesday. Washing to get good evidence that he is living with another man in Monkton, John Oliver of New Glasgow has written the local police asking that they enquire into the matter. On investigation it has been learned that the woman has been married to a man named Alonzo Russell for two years. Oliver will take steps at securing a divorce. Fearing her husband has become tired of her, Mrs. Jas. Urquart has complained to the police, asking that they take the matter in hand, and a search for the missing man will be held. It appears that Urquart left home March 22nd and has not been heard of since. He left his wife and two small children, the youngest of which recently underwent an operation in the hospital. The family are in destitute circumstances.

JOHN B. GUNTER, OF FREDERICTON, DEAD

Has Been a Resident of the Capital for Nearly Half a Century—Normal School Student Dead of Typhoid.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 25.—John B. Gunter, a widely known and respected citizen, died at his home this morning after a lingering illness from heart trouble. He was born in Gagetown and when quite young moved to Queensbury. For the past forty-five years he has been a resident of this city, being engaged during the greater part of his life in the insurance business. In the early seventies he contested the county unsuccessfully for the legislature, and on one occasion he was an unsuccessful candidate for the admiralty. He served as alderman for St. Ann's ward for fifteen years. Deceased was seventy years of age, and leaves a widow and two sons, and Marie at home. Dr. Fred B. of Chelsea, and Arthur of this city, and two daughters, Myrtle, Miss Lena Ritchie, a student at the Normal School, died at Victoria Hospital this morning from typhoid fever, aged eighteen. She was a daughter of N. R. Ritchie, of New Brandon, Gloucester, and her father was with her when she died. Deceased was a bright young lady and her death is deeply regretted by her late associates. The sad event was feelingly referred to by Principal Bridges at the opening of the Normal school this morning.

SARANAC PLUMBER LOOKING FOR WEALTH

John McDonald Hopes to Get Possession of the City of Quebec Along With Other Claimants.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A special to the Times from Saranac Lake, N. Y., says—Some interesting financial possibilities have lately developed in the affairs of John McDonald, a prosperous plumber, who recently removed from Saranac Lake to Plattsburgh. The McDonalds are claimants of a very substantial portion of the City of Montreal, Que. Their land now valued at \$5,000,000 was a war time grant from the British crown to the great-grandfather of John McDonald, according to the latter's story. The McDonalds have engaged counsel in Canada to prosecute their claim and are assured by their attorneys they say the case is a strong one. Should the McDonalds win the former Saranac Lake man figures he will receive \$250,000 as his share.

POLICE COURT.

In the police court this morning four juveniles were fined four dollars each. One of the number was John Coffey, who claims San Francisco as his home. He is a peddler who has been touring Europe and arrived here recently. Two days ago he was arrested with \$45 in his pockets. He paid a four dollar fine and departed from the court, only to get drunk and be arrested last night. This morning he had only \$2 left out of the \$42. He paid his fine. Wm. Gerrity was fined ten dollars for assaulting James Quinn in view of the police on Rodney wharf last night.