

SAYS WITTE IS A BOYCOTTED PREMIER

The Strong Men of Russia Refuse to Serve on His Ministry.

New York, Jan. 29.—The European edition of the Herald has the following from St. Petersburg:

Count Witte's second self-exonerating, self-whitewashing interview, republished in the morning papers, has been received with mingled sentiments of ridicule and surprise. The Novoe Vremya says:

"Here is another sermon from Count Witte, but not one word about saving Russia, nor any indication that the Premier knows how to save the country. The only encouraging sentence is that in which Count Witte says he will willingly retire."

The Slovo declares the interview is simply a repetition of his reproaches against society and the political parties.

The Molvo states that Count Witte again shows how little he understands Russia.

Count Witte's whilom friend, Peter Struve, says: "The present miserable condition of Russia is the issue from an idiotic government and idiotic revolutionaries."

I have the opinion of one of the most intelligent and patriotic Russian politicians upon Count Witte's plan that he is unsupported.

He says there are plenty of able and willing men of the highest qualities of statesmanship ready, but not one will condescend to serve under a man like Count Witte, who, he says, is the impersonation of absolutism and positivism and lacking utterly in the support of any single political party, being suspected and mistrusted by all.

Count Witte today, he declared, occupies a position as of a boycotted premier, living upon his past reputation, and that when he asked men of high standing such as Guchkoff, Schipoff and Troubetzkoy to join the Government they scornfully refused.

Count Witte then, he said, appointed nonentities in his cabinet. The only strong man is Durnovo, who is acting independently of the Premier and has saved the country from the revolutionary movement. He was the special nominee of the Emperor.

Count Witte, playing the role of the ill-used minister, may serve abroad, and his informant, but here this role is condemned as pure hypocrisy. He is a fraud.

Count Witte's unsympathetic personality, his evasive methods, his too evident opportunism and his complete lack of decision are more than sufficient to account for the lack of support which he bewails.

While Count Witte talks glibly about the elastic finances of the country, the Imperial Bank return shows not only that the gold drain is not checked, but that \$10,500,000 more left the country last week.

Simultaneously the German banker, Mendelssohn, who had great difficulties in collecting the recent sums due his combination, adds further financial terror to the situation by announcing that he does not propose making the expected advance of 400,000,000 roubles, upon which expectations were raised here.

GOT IT FROM CHOQUETTE

But Now Editor Caron Apologizes for Item to Mr. Parent

Quebec, Jan. 29.—Hon. S. N. Parent received an apology from Alphonse Caron, owner-editor of the Courrier de Montmagny, and one of four persons sued for \$25,000 in connection with accusations by Senator Legris and Choquette.

The apology sets forth that the article complained of was submitted for publication by Senator Choquette.

"Following the publication of said article," reads the apology, "and when the present suit was instituted, I requested Senator Choquette to defend me, which he undertook to do, saying that he would substantiate and prove the accusation contained in said article, and he produced the plea in the case. Subsequently the senator declared to me that he was unable to prove the allegation, and when the case was inscribed for a hearing he refused to act as my lawyer, and withdrew from the case. I now have no doubt whatever that the accusations alleged against Hon. S. N. Parent, the plaintiff in the case, are false and calumnious in toto, and I withdraw the charges."

VACCINATION FOR CANCER

The Results of Dr. Jacobs' Research Announced at Brussels.

Brussels, Jan. 29.—At a public assembly of the Academy of Medicine the result of the work of Dr. Jacobs in cancer research was announced by Prof. Van Ermenghem, who declared that cancer had now been proved conclusively to be of bacterial origin. Dr. Jacobs concludes that the treatment must be vaccination. He declares that the treatment of the disease has ceased to be blind experiment and has entered the scientific domain and is becoming positive.

He asserts that by a long series of experiments on the composition of blood he found the laws governing the administration of cancer serum, which is derived from the cancer microbe itself. The serum must never be applied except by the most expert hands.

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CATTLE LIFTER CAUGHT AT GALT

Alleged Head of a Notorious Gang in the Toils at Last.

Galt, Jan. 29.—Alex Hammer, alias "Jones," alias any number of other cognomens, is locked up in Galt police cells tonight. In him the police believe they have the leader of a notorious cattle and sheep stealing gang.

The credit of the capture, which means a great deal to the peace of mind and to the pockets of the farmers of the Province, belongs to Chief Gorman, who has been shadowing the man for weeks past, under the suspicion that he was following some pursuit that would be worth investigating from a police viewpoint.

The prisoner is a young man, 26 years of age, tall, well-made and fashionably dressed. He has a swarthy face, features fine cut and eyes dark and piercing. His address is good. He would be about the last man to be picked out from a crowd as a cattle thief.

But that such he is, there is abundant testimony to establish, say the police. And no common casual operator of this class, either, but a skilled, persistent and clever "lifter," who work has been going on for a long time, who has gathered together a fat bank account, and who is wanted all over this Province on charges of stealing cattle, sheep, turkeys, geese and other property of farmers.

The Hamilton police have had warrants out for this man. At Dundas Chief Twiss has been on the lookout for him for months. The county are after him also. In fact, so general have been his operations that the provincial detective department was communicated with and Officer Joe Rogers put on the trail of the thief. There is no doubt as to his identity, as he was caught with a load of stolen sheep, but he abandoned the rig and fled. His capture was the result of his coming back to Galt to get his thousands out of the bank.

When arrested he offered \$1,000 to the officer and another \$1,000 to Alderman Buchanan, the lively man, if they would let him go. He declared a trial meant fourteen years to him, and when Chief Gorman and Alderman Buchanan appeared against him on a minor charge in order to hold him for the police of Wentworth, where the last depredation was committed, he swore he would shoot both when he got out.

ESTATE OF LATE HON. PREFONTAINE

Late Minister of Marine Is Not Regarded as Being Wealthy.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—A personal friend of the late Raymond Prefontaine says that it will be months before the minister's affairs can be straightened out, so as to allow of a close estimate of his wealth. Contrary to general opinion, Mr. Prefontaine was not wealthy, as wealth goes nowadays. "When the estate is which is mainly made up of real estate, it will be found that \$150,000 will more than cover all, which is mainly made up of real estate. Contrary also to the general impression, the late minister had little or no money tied up in stocks, and, while a keen politician, and a man of undoubted capacity, he was not what might be called a good business man as far as his own personal affairs were concerned. In other words, considering his opportunities, he accumulated very little money, and again it must be remembered that no money could have been more free with what he did have. Mr. Prefontaine's hands were constantly in his pocket for the benefit of all who came to him in distress. He had made a marriage contract, and the widow and his children will benefit by his entire estate. His life insurance, which amounted to a good many thousands, is sufficient to supply all the ready money required, so that there will be no necessity for making sacrifices in an immediate adjustment of his personal effects.

STRANGE STORY FROM AYLMER

A Real Wild Man of the Woods Captured and Put to Work.

Aylmer, Jan. 29.—Constables Peters and Pierce brought into town on Saturday afternoon a most peculiar prisoner. The man who is apparently either a Russian or Austrian, is unable to speak a word of English. Farmers living east of here claim that he has been living in Haney's woods for the past month and a half.

When captured he was hatless and without an overcoat, wearing only an old ragged suit. He made no resistance and seemed to be glad to get into the jail, after sleeping for 40 or 50 nights between logs in the woods.

Magistrate Bradley attempted to question him, but found it an impossible task. One citizen who understands a little German was able to bring out the information that the man was George Beaudette, and that he had served in both the Russian and German armies.

He was set to work this morning in a livery stable here and it was easily seen he was accustomed to horses. His hair is long, black and curly, and he presents quite a wild appearance.

It is claimed that he roamed about the woods armed with a pitchfork, but as far as known has never done any damage.

It is reported that people living near the woods used to leave food for him at the edge of the woods.

"GYPSY" LASHES BRITISH

Says English Character Is Rooted in Hypocrisy.

London, Jan. 30.—The following amusingly frank criticism of English manners by Gyp, the famous French novelist, has just been published in a London paper:

"English character is rooted in hypocrisy. To hear them talk, to read their books and to see their pose, you would think them the purest nation in the world. Look below the surface and what do you find? Making allowance for difference of temperament, caused by racial and climatic influences, the English are exactly the same morally as any other nation. In what other country is religion so often used as a cloak for every kind of breach of confidence?"

Gyp is equally unsparring of English men and women in society. He says: "It serves England right that she possesses so many caricatures of femininity. It is such a pity, too, for the women of England are very beautiful—much more so than French women. Even considering the way they dress in London they have a chic all their own. The aristocratic Englishman is superb, and no other man dresses so well. He is chivalrous and his manners are absolutely correct, and he would be perfect if he never talked. Directly he opens his mouth I hate him."

On the boasted beauty of English

CULTIVATING THE GOOD ROADS BILL

Kent County Council Moving to Improve All the Thoroughfares.

Chatham, Jan. 29.—Goodness is contagious.

A few years ago this city had some of the worst streets ever. It still has many of them that are far from good, but what the least used side streets are now, the main streets were until in 1900 the city laid a pavement on King street.

Since then several miles of pavement have been put down, and there are indications now that the desire for good streets so prevalent in Chatham has spread to the country, and that results will be brought forth, during the coming year.

At their final session on Saturday, the county council arranged to have a special meeting of the board to act in concert with Good Roads Inspector Campbell, of the provincial good roads department, and the indications are that the council will meet the course of treatment advocated by Mr. Campbell half-way.

This will undoubtedly mean that the roads of Kent County, that in many neighborhoods for the past century have been improved only relatively, will be properly looked after in future, provided that it doesn't cost too much.

At the present time, some of the townships have a pretty good system of grading and supplementary ditching, while on the highway traversed by the electric road and in the part of the county profiting thereby, it is held in certain quarters that any assessment for the purpose of better roads will not be looked on with a welcome eye.

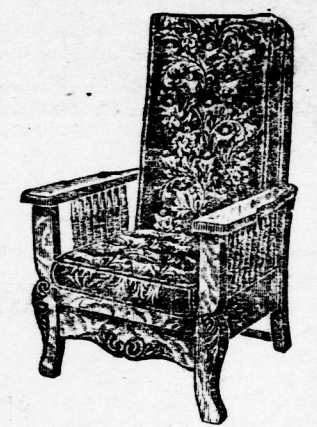
There are many who think that any measures the council may adopt for the purpose of cultivating the good roads idea will meet with the hearty approval of the majority of the county ratepayers.

At the same session of the council a motion by Messrs. Venter and Hargrave, recommending that the various municipalities, in view of recent irregularities, have a special audit of their books, was overruled.

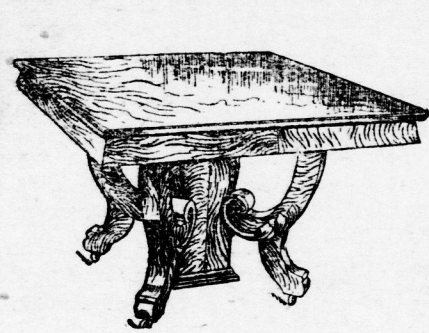
Some say the motion was quite out of place, as evincing a disposition to criticize the treasurers and other officials, while others hold that, not only was it in order, but "that the future, etc., etc."

Expansion Furniture Sale

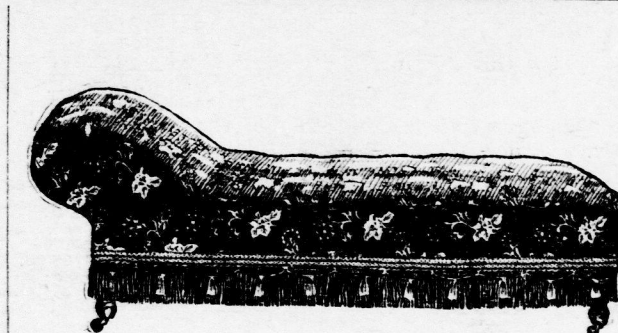
We are about to double the size of our warerooms. All the middle and back portion of our building will be torn down and a new and larger building added. Our present upper floors will also be enlarged and remodeled, and freight and passenger elevators put in. This means that the carpenters and masons will overrun the store and our splendid stock of furniture must be cleared out regardless of cost. We must give the store over to the builders in two weeks, so we will do some great price-cutting in the next two weeks. Everything must go. Never before was such a furniture sale in London. This is the chance of a lifetime to buy furniture at less than wholesale prices.



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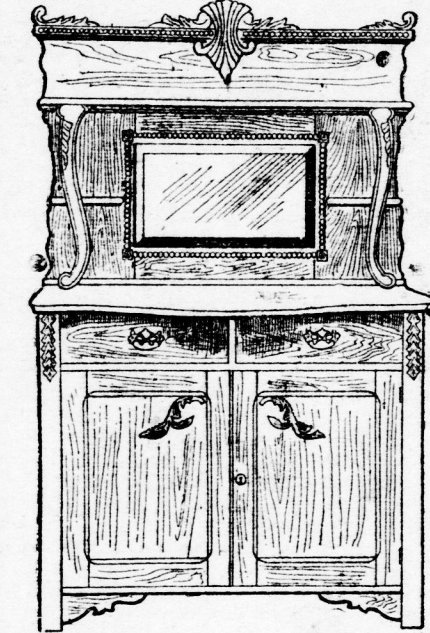
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This Sideboard, solid quarter oak, very heavy carving, canopy top, lined drawers, big 18x30 British plate mirror, regular \$35, sale price **\$23**

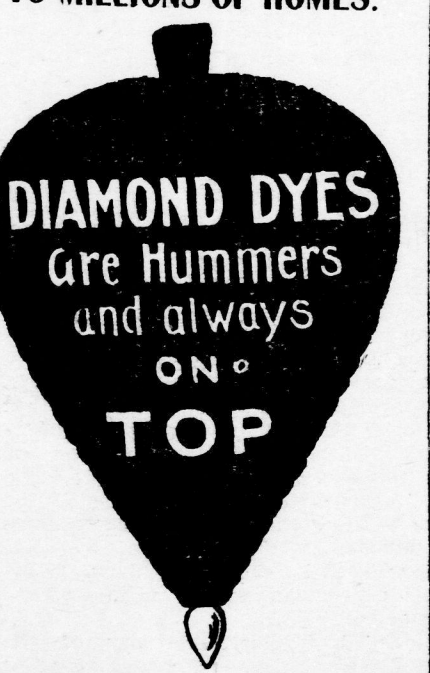
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home life Gyp says: "In a climate like theirs they are obliged to sit indoors by the fire and expend all their energies on the interior. If it is a question of the beauty of family life there is more beauty in limiting the family so that you can do justice to two or three children and give each its full chance in life than in producing a dozen to fight for themselves."

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MANN VERY ANGRY

Says Roosevelt and Colliers Are Trying to Kill Town Topics.

New York, Jan. 29.—In a statement given out to the newspapers tonight concerning his arrest on Saturday on the charge of perjury, Col. William D. Mann, of Town Topics, makes a most virulent attack on the President of the United States.

President Roosevelt, or in Col. Mann's language, "The White House," is enlisted with the "Collier Rough Riders" in an attempt to destroy an "honorable," "honest," "clean" newspaper—to wit, Town Topics.

The colonel's wrath over his arrest and the disclosures of Town Topics scandals leads him to declare that Mr. Collier and President Roosevelt co-operated to "besmirch" his paper.

He even goes to the point of declaring that the President insulted him

by returning the free copy of that "marvelously beautiful volume," "Fads and Fancies."

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