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TRAIN ROBBERS MADE A MISTAKE IN THE CAR

Three Men Who Held Up the Great Northern Express Missed the Stack of Money They Wanted and Got Only Registered Letters

SPOKANE, Wn., Dec. 10. — Three men held up an eastbound Great Northern train, No. 4 (a mile and a half east of Hillyard, this state,) at an early hour this morning, robbed the mail car and made their escape. Only the presence of mind of W. Perrin, the fireman, prevented the looting of the express car, which carried a large amount of money, including $20,000 consigned from a Spokane bank to a Montana town.

The train had slowed down in the yard at Hillyard when the three men, all armed with revolvers, crawled over the tender and covering the engineer and fireman, ordered the train to be brought to a stop a little over a mile from the station. The engineer obeyed, and when the train had come to a standstill the bandits forced the engineer and fireman to leave the cab. While two of the robbers stood guard over the engineer, the other took fireman Perrin back to uncouple the mail and express cars from the rest of the train. In the darkness the bandit failed to note that the first car was the mail, while the second was the baggage, and the express car which contained the desired booty was the third in the train. Perrin saw his mistake, and quickly taking advantage of it in spite of the menacing revolver held close to his head, cut off the mail and baggage car, leaving the express car attached to the dead train.

The robbers then left the engineer and fireman with the train and boarded the locomotive, and themselves ran it several miles east, where they brought it to a stop, rifled the mail car, then again boarded the engine, uncoupling it from the cars which they left on the track and proceeded miles to Mead. There a rig was awaiting them and they made their escape. Mead is only ten miles from Spokane and it is supposed that the bandits were on their way to Spokane. The amount of their booty is unknown.

HAZEN GOVT. A LAUGHING STOCK NOW

CHATHAM, N. B., Dec. 9.—The World, in discussing the St. John Times' remark, "Whoever wins in this family quarrel the premier stands to lose," says: He deserves to lose He stood calmly aside, while his local lieutenant treacherously deserted the government party in the county, going over to the enemy with the government colors flying and leading the attack on the government position. The premier's supineness then and since speaks for itself more forcibly than any language at our command. We don't agree with the Times that he "stands to lose."

He has already lost everything that the leader of a government can possibly deem worth having, the confidence of his party and the respect of the public.

In another editorial it declares "the local government is at present a laughing stock for all Canada and its leader a target for the derision of the Dominion. He may not be contributing to "the gayety of nations" as Dr. Johnston said of David Garrick, but his submission to his subordinate is increasing the mirth of provinces."

Taking another whack at Hazen, the World says: "The Premier is a tyro indeed and sadly in need of a course at a political kindergarten if he doesn't know that it would be better to add one more to the opposition ranks than to keep a traitor in his cabinet. To condone the crime is to lose prestige and no government survives long after that." And yet the World declares it is not hounding Mr. Morrisey.

PRINCIPAL WITNESS HAS BEEN MURDERED

He Was to Have Appeared Against Men Who Were Formerly Charged With Killing W. H. Harmon

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 10.—A Lockpart, N.Y. special says: A strange sequel to the recent William Henry Harmon murder case comes in the finding of the body of John Burke, alias "Burt" and "Scott," in the hydraulic raceway, below Depot Hill in this city.

The murdered was the only living witness to the murder of Harmon, who was killed by an alleged footpad some months ago. George Gassett, of Rochester, was tried for the murder and acquitted. A day or two ago, Martin Donohue, of Lockport, was arrested charged with perjury alleged to have been committed during the Gassett trial. Gassett also is to be tried later on a charge of burglary and robbery, it being alleged that he had rubbed Burke the night of the Harmon murder of $22.

The sudden death of Burke removes the main witness agains Gasset, and Lockport authorities are investigating a theory of foul play in the issue.

REGARD UNION WITH GREATER INTEREST NOW

TORONTO, Dec. 9.—When the general committee on church union met in the Metropolitan church this morning the answer of the Anglican general synod towards union was read. Before any discussion could take place it was decided to have the report printed in full, and it was announced that nothing was to be given to the general public regarding its contents in the meantime. It was understood, however, that objections of a theological and doctrinal nature were brought out. The impression was gleaned from a hasty reading of the report that the Church of England viewed any proposal of union with rather less disfavor than upon former occasions.

When the report comes before the committee again an interesting discussion is expected. The report was read by Rev. Principal Patrick of Winnipeg. The report of the sub-committee on law was presented by Newton W. Rowell, K. C. In this connection the question of incorporation of the united church came up and the observation was made by Rev. Mr. Sedgwick of Tatamagouche, N. S., that such incorporation was disadvantageous because it would bring the church within the purview of civil courts.

Rev. Dr Carmen was selected chairman of the conference.

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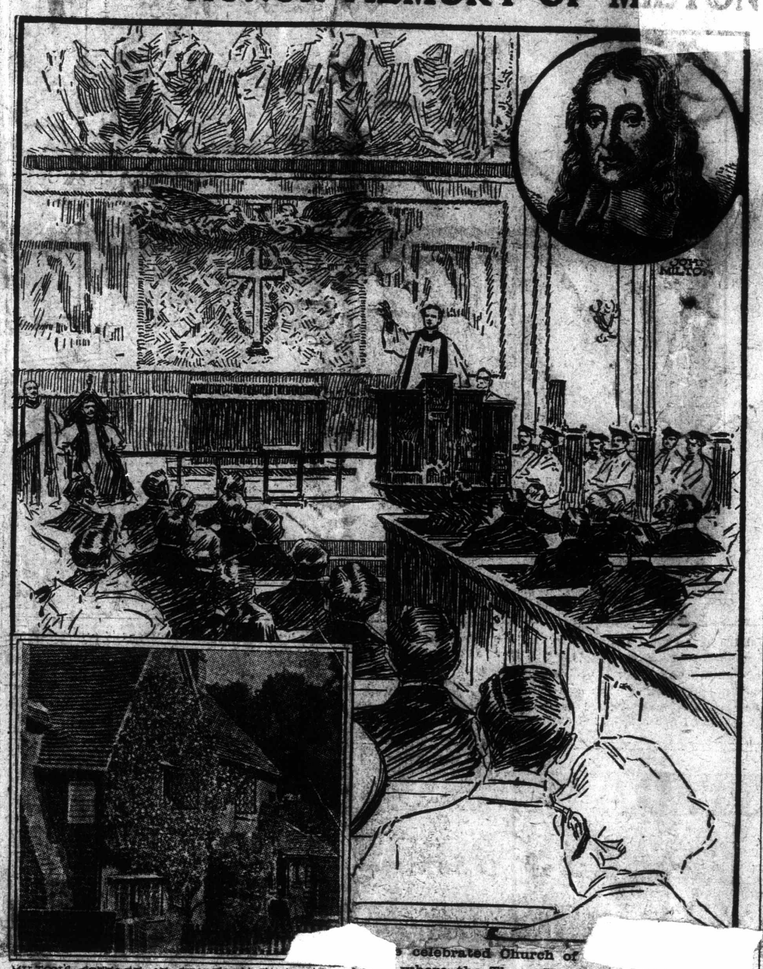

MILTON'S COTTAGE AT CHALFONT ST. GILES, WHERE PART OF "PARADISE LOST" WAS WRITTEN. FROM THE GRAPHIC.

... celebrated Church of ... where the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of John Milton was celebrated yesterday

CHURCH SCENE OF BRILLIANCY

Several Addresses Delivered

CHURCH THRONGED

Identical in Form and Ceremony With London Celebration

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Identical in form and ceremony with the Milton tercentenary celebration at St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, London, a celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of John Milton, the poet statesman, the philosopher, the glory of English literature, the champion and the marytr of English liberty," as Macaulay designates him, was held in the Church of the Ascension, Fifth avenue and Tenth street, this afternoon in which men of distinction in ecclesiastical, educational, civic, literary and artistic affairs participated.

The celebration, which was most ceremonious throughout, was greatly heightened in picturesqueness and interest by the uniforms of the public officials, the vestments of the clergy and the hoods of university doctors present, the ensemble making a scene of coloring and gorgeousness rare in an American city, the universality of which, however, was well in harmony with the universal character of Milton.

The altar and adornments of the Church of the Ascension furnished an ideal background for such an assemblage, combining the art of John La Farge as expressed in the magnificent painting of the Ascension, named in the American Baedecker as one of the chief things of interest in New York, and the sculpture of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, as expressed in the effigies of the twin angels above the altar.

With this environment to heighten the artistic effect of a scene that would be brilliant with the most commonplace surroundings, the church, the state, literature, music and art combined to honor the man who was a part of all of them.

The list of addresses included the following: "Milton the Statesman," by Mayor McClellan; "Milton the Scholar," by Nicholas Murray Butler; "Milton the Prose Writer," by Hamilton W. Mabie; "Milton the Poet," by Richard Watson Gilder.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY MT. ALLISON SOCIETIES

Hockey Team Not Likely to Enter the League—Funeral of Mrs. Wm. Beal Yesterday.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 10—The funeral of Mrs. William Beal, mother of C. N. Beal, of St. John, took place on Wednesday afternoon. The remains were first taken to St. Paul's Church, where service was conducted by Rev C. F. Wiggins. The body was then taken to the Rural Cemetery, where interment was made. The pall bearers were: Frank L. Thompson, Moncton, T. R. Anderson, Stephen Atkinson, J. E. Hickey, Thomas Murray, Thomas Estabrooks, Sackville.

The Euthetorian Society of Mount Allison University has chosen the following officers for the coming term: President, Goldwin S. Lord, '09, Grand Manan; Vice-President, H. H. Biggar, '10, Sussex Corner; Secy., J. R. McWilliam, '10, Fords Mills, N. B.; Corresponding Secy., A. M. Knight, '11, Elgin; Treasurer, A. H. McKay, '11, Sydney; Teller, F. W. Fraser, '12, Milltown.

The officers chosen by the Alpha Beta Society of the University for the next term are: President, Miss Elaine Borden, of Sackville; Vice-President, Miss Alberta Craig, Mahone Bay; Sec., Miss Maria Buffet, Grand Bank, Newfoundland; Teller, Miss Helen Hughes, of Charlottetown.

The University Glee Club has elected the following officers: President, C. A. Oulton, '09, Lornsville, N. S.; Vice-President, I. T. Davis, '10, Amherst; Secretary, E. S. Storey, '11, St. Johns, Newfoundland; Director, P. T. Meek, '11, Sydney; Pianist, I. C. Rand, '09, Moncton.

At a meeting of the University Athletic Association the question of entering a team in the intercollegiate hockey league was discussed. Eventually the matter was left to the executive committee and it is understood that the committee will recommend the entering of a team, but there is likely to be a lively discussion before the report is adopted, as a number of students are opposed to remaining in the league.

WATERWAYS CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Prominent speakers, among them Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joaquim Nabuco, Ambassador from Brazil, addressed today's session of the Rivers and Harbors Convention in this city. W. C. Edwards, a member of the Canadian Parliament, told of the waterways in Canada.

POWERS WILL BE SURPRISED

Castro Has Papers Up His Sleeve

WINS ADMIRATION

France Will Allow Him to Land Provided He Promises Not to Tarry

SANTANDER, Dec. 9.—A member of the president's entourage expressed the opinion today that various governments would be very much surprised when certain documents in the possession of President Castro were shown to them.

President Castro has every reason to believe that things will go smoothly during his absence from home. He has left matters in excellent shape and Acting President Gomez is regarded as fully competent to handle the situation. When one of his aides was informed of the reported revolutionary expedition under Generals Rollande and Fernandez which is now said to be in process of organization at Curacao, the officer smiled and declared the movement would be utterly abortive. President Castro was informed of the Dutch naval demonstration off the coast of Venezuela, but he would make no comment.

All the passengers on board the Guadeloupe who talked with President Castro on the trip over, were greatly impressed with his remarkable intelligence and his strong personality. The allegation that Castro declared in an interview once that he was proud of the fact that his government was on bad terms with most of the powers of Europe is disbelieved by those who know the president closely. Nor is it thought that he is trying to create a federation of the states North and South America against Europe and the United States. It was explained by one of his aides that President Castro regarded international relations as business that could be attended to in large measure by consuls, and that the president had little patience with diplomatic ceremonials and "protocols." He had been annoyed also by the character of some of the foreign representatives sent to Caracas, considering their selection to have been a slight upon the dignity of Venezuela.

The president was represented as entirely confident that there would be no attempt at revolution in Venezuela during his absence.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Humanitarian considerations also have influenced the government's decision to allow President Castro to land at Bordeaux. It is stipulated, however, that his landing is only possible in the event of his wishing to pass through France to another country to seek medical or surgical treatment, of if his condition is so critical that an immediate operation is necessary. In any case, it is planned to serve upon the Venezuelan president the order of expulsion.

If an operation is performed on Castro at Bordeaux, this order becomes effective immediately thereafter, unless he apologize and make the other amends demanded by the French government. Unforeseen circumstances, however, may alter the programme at the last moment.

CURREY FURTHER EXPLAINS CONDUCT TOWARD HIS WIFE

Instructed Merchants to do Business for Cash Only—Charges That Plot Was Made to Humiliate Him—Insinuations Call for Comment from the Court

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 10—In the divorce court this morning, cross-examination of Dr. Currey was continued by Mr. Teed, and he succeeded in eliciting some rather startling statements from the witness.

In regard to the equity suit instituted by Mrs. Currey to recover money which her husband drew from the savings bank, Currey claimed he knew nothing about it until he got the writ. He was annoyed when he reached home that night and took his wife to task for her action.

To show that Currey knew the equity suit was coming, Mr. Teed produced three letters from the firm of Hanington and Hanington, written to him on the subject some days before. Currey was forced to admit he received the letters and they were put in evidence.

The witness was interrogated at length in regard to the midnight row at his home. He said that two policemen came in but he did not know their names. He did not hear his wife tell them that he had struck her and choked her. He could not remember his wife declaring to give him in charge because he was the father of her children. He did not tell Willie to shut up, but did tell him to go up stairs and go to bed. He reiterated his former statement that the whole thing was a prearranged plot to scandalize him. He even believed his wife had written the articles about the affair that appeared in the papers next day.

Mr. Teed objected to this last statement as it was struck from the evidence. Two accounts from Macaulay Bros. and Co. were called for by Mr. Teed and produced by the witness. One amounted to $106 and was for damaged goods bought at a reduction, and the other was for $8.46. The witness declared that he had never examined the items of the accounts.

The Court.—"Then you should not have quarrelled over them."

Witness said that he had complained of his wife buying a whole lot of gloves as he thought it was extravagant and unreasonable. He afterwards admitted that he had not examined the gloves and did not know that an excessive price had been paid for them.

Mr. Teed was able to show from the account that thirteen pairs of gloves had been bought.

The court thought Mrs. Currey may have bought too many gloves, but Currey was not justified in rowing over it.

Mr. Teed thought that thirteen pairs of gloves for four or five people was not an extravegant supply.

The judge said no doubt Mrs. Currey thought she had effected a great saving by purchasing a lot of gloves at a reduced rate.

Dr. Currey said he paid the bill and had given the firm to understand that in future he would do a cash business with them. He had not mentioned Mrs. Currey's name or tried to humiliate her. He admitted having returned unpaid an account of $24 from Macaulay Bros. and Co. received in January last, and a letter which he wrote the firm at that time was read and put in evidence. He did not know that the bill was for goods which his wife bought before going to her father's funeral. The witness declared that he had never mentioned his wife's name to any body but Williams in regard to the purchase of goods.

Mr. Teed here produced a letter which Dr. Currey wrote to William Mullins, of Westfield, instructing him to take no orders from his wife. The witness explained that Mullins was his caretaker and stocked his icehouse for him. What he meant in the letter was that Mullins should not take orders from Mrs. Currey. He did not remember Mullins telling him that Mrs. Currey had her heart and soul in the place at Westfield, nor did witness reply that she could take her heart and soul out of it, and if she did not he would get a policeman to put her out. He declared that his wife, knowing that improper relations existed between the little girl and boys, permitted them to continue the vicious practices.

Mrs. Currey seemed to be much perturbed over the reply to this question and began to sob.

"Well," said Mr. Teed, "I never thought that a father would make such a statement about the mother of his children."

Dr. Currey—It is unfortunate, but it is true.

Mr. Skinner contended that his client was not making a direct charge.

The judge observed that it seemed to him to be a direct charge.

The witness denied that he had abused and reviled Mrs. Currey on one occasion in 1906 when her parents were visiting her although he admitted that there had been a quarrel.

SIR RICHARD SELECTED TO LEAD SENATE

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—Sir Richard Cartwright, senior member of the privy council after the prime minister will, it is understood, be government leader in the senate in succession to Hon. R. W. Scott, ex-secretary of state. Sir Richard, though somewhat inconvenienced by physical disabilities, is mentally as alert and vigorous as ever, and his long experience of public affairs, his close touch with all government legislation and his rare ability in parliamentary debate emply fit him to lead the upper house with dignity and tact.

David MacLaren Chosen

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Ottawa held here today David MacLaren was elected president in succession to Geo. Hay, who retired. Hon. Geo. Bryson of Fort Colingue was elected to the vice-presidency in succession to Mr. MacLaren.

The success which has attended the adoption of the use of the telephone instead of the telegraph in train despatching work on a portion of the C. P. R. line from Montreal to Ottawa has led the company to contemplate further extension of the system on the near future over other portions of its line. It is stated that the whole line from Montreal to the capital will soon be operated in respect to train despatching by telephone, which is considered more satisfactory, quicker and more reliable than old telegraphic methods. On the G. T. R. line from Ottawa to Depot Harbor the telephone is now used for nearly all railway communication work between the stations. Local Superintendent Donaldson said today that he would not be surprised if the G. T. R. gradually introduced the telephone throughout its entire system.

Will Stand by It

In regard to a report published in a British Columbia paper that the agreement regarding the Japanese immigration was to be rescinded and old conditions reverted to, Mr. Shimizu, the consul general here, states that his government intend to stand by the Lemieux agreement in its entirety.

The Department of Labor has been notified that the employes of the John Ritchie Company, of Quebec, one of the largest concerns in the boot and shoe trade in that city, have voluntarily agreed to submit their differences with the company to a board to be constituted under the Lemieux act.

This is the first occasion in which employer and employes have agreed to submit their differences to the arbitration of such a board. In this case the employes, after having been on strike for some weeks, have returned to work with the agreement that both employer and employes shall abide by the decision of the board which may be appointed.

Safety of Travel

The railway commission has issued several orders designed to promote the safety of travel on the railway lines of Canada. One of them provides for a daily inspection of electric bells at all highway crossings and another stipulates that where freight cars are used on the main line trains they must be equipped with air brakes, steel tires and metal trucks designed for passenger service. Where these requirements are not complied with on account of exceptional circumstances the trains must be run at more than 35 miles per hour.

THE DISEASE SPREADING.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The foot and mouth disease has appeared on the farm of the Bellona Bissell estate, at North Bergen, Monroe county. Eighteen head of cattle and twenty hogs have been destroyed by government inspectors. The diseased is supposed to have been brought by a herd of cattle which were driven along the highway through that section from Buffalo.