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WHY WASN'T THIS WITNESS CALLED TO TELL STORY?

Says Two Prominent Conservatives Tried to Bribe Him to Vote for Gray and Beck—Got \$10 From Jerry Collins, But Is Kept Out of the Box.

Mr. Frank Hutchinson, a teamster, living at No. 20 Argyle street, West London, was a member of the contingent that traveled to Toronto on Tuesday morning to give evidence before the election case.

But Mr. Hutchinson was not called.

Why?

Mr. Hutchinson has been a life-long Liberal, and on being served with a subpoena commanding him to appear in Toronto, he went on Monday evening to the office of Mr. R. M. C. Toth, one of the local Conservative managers, to see about his transportation and his expenses for the day. Mr. Toth was not at the office when Mr. Hutchinson called, but he found there Mayor Judd, Detective Reburn, of Toronto, and two or three others whom he did not know. He was subjected to a vigorous examination by the detective and Mayor Judd, he says, and he admitted having received \$10 after the bye-election from Jerry Collins, yet when he went to Toronto he was told that he would not be required to take the stand.

Mr. Hutchinson was seen at his home last evening by a representative of The Advertiser, and on being asked regarding his trip to Toronto and his visit to the office of Mr. Toth, he said:

"I went to Mr. Toth's office on Monday evening to secure my ticket to Toronto and return and my expenses for the day, and I was asked by the mayor and the Toronto officer about having received money at the last election. I told them I had never been approached at any time before the bye-election in regard to my vote, but I said that I had received \$10 subsequently from Jerry Collins. Some time after polling day," said Mr. Hutchinson, "I was driving along Gunn street, in West London, when I was told that I was wanted that evening at a certain hotel. No explanation was made as to the nature of the business, and thinking that it might be about some work, I went. I inquired in the bar if any person wanted to see me, and I was directed upstairs to a room, where I found Jerry Collins and another man, whom I did not know. Collins was sitting at a table at one end of the room, and I asked him what I was wanted for. Collins told me that there was \$10 for me, and when I asked what it was for, he said it was a part of an election fund, and I was to get that much."

"I thought some person was trying to play a joke on me, but Collins handed me two \$5 bills, and just to

GREY DONATES MUSICAL TROPHY

Governor-General Announces a Competition for Musical and Dramatic Societies.

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—The terms for the competition for Earl Grey's trophy for amateur musical and dramatic societies have been made public. The competition will embrace all Canada and Newfoundland and will open at Ottawa on Jan. 28 next, in the Russell Theater, and continue until the competition companies have been judged. The trophy will go to what the judges declare to be the best musical or theatrical combination of amateurs in the Dominion. It is open to each provincial capital to send an entry and every other Dominion city with a population of 50,000. The judges are John, Newfoundland, the estimated now there will be at least fourteen entries. Mr. F. C. T. O'Hara, private secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, has been appointed secretary.

THE KANSAS CITY FIRE.

Kansas City, Oct. 25.—A systematic search for victims was begun today in the ruins of the Chamber of Commerce building in Kansas City, which was burned yesterday. Eight persons were still unaccounted for this morning. At the hospitals two of the injured were in a serious condition, but it is believed all the others will recover. The loss of life is attributed in part to the lack of fire-fighting apparatus.

FIRE DOES FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS' DAMAGE AT DELAWARE

Evaporating Factory, With Large Quantity of Fruit, Completely Destroyed.

One of the most serious fires in the history of Delaware village occurred about 12 o'clock last night, when the evaporating factory of Mr. F. Blasdall was completely destroyed, together with a large quantity of fruit.

The building was a two-story frame structure, and it burned with such rapidity that a band of villagers who formed themselves into a bucket brigade could do nothing whatever to save it.

The fire is supposed to have started in the furnace room, which was situated

BIG BATTLE ON AT WESTMINSTER

Lords and Commons Lined Up for Struggle Over Education Bill.

London, Oct. 25.—The crucial stage of the education bill was reached today, when the measure came before the House of Lords for detailed debate. The peers should decide to postpone consideration of the bill until a judicial decision is rendered upon the question of the liability of local educational bodies for the expense of religious education, the upper house is likely to be the scene for some time to come of the fiercest legislative fight witnessed in the history of the British house of lords.

The bill bristles with contentious points, but the main battle centers on the clauses relating to religious instruction.

The Liberals are immovably pledged that there shall be no denominational teaching at that point of the bill, while the Conservatives, under the leadership of great church dignitaries, both Church of England and Catholic, are outwardly as unalterably determined to amend it so that children of parents belonging to these churches shall have denominational religious instruction during school hours.

The debate is expected to last three weeks.

A POOR SHOT

New York, Oct. 25.—Because she had refused to marry him, Frank Dorsey fired four bullets at Miss Josephine Schmidt. Believing he had killed her, he then shot himself dead. The young woman was only slightly wounded in one leg. The shooting occurred in a Fourth Avenue bird store, where both were employed.

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BARKENTINE LOST

The Skagit Goes to Pieces On the Coast of Vancouver.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 25.—The barkentine Skagit, 443 tons, for Port Gamble, drove ashore on Thursday on the Vancouver Island coast within a few miles of where the Valencia disaster occurred. Capt. Ross and the cook were drowned. The mate and seven men reached shore, although some were injured. The Skagit is a wreck. She left San Francisco on Oct. 9, and encountered heavy fog.

CAN'T ATTEND BANQUET

General Manager Hays Unable to Accept Board of Trade's Invitation.

The London Board of Trade some days since extended an invitation to Mr. Chas. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, to be present at the banquet which is to be given by the board next month.

It is understood, however, that Mr. Hays has written to the board to say that though he would very much like to be present, he finds it impossible to make any promise at this time.

It is consequently felt by prominent members of the board that London will not be able to secure the general manager as a speaker for the banquet.

Mr. Hays' presence would have added much interest to the gathering, owing to the fact that he is one of the best known men in Canada but it is felt that perhaps the contemplated negotiations between the city and the company for the elevation of the Grand Trunk lines through London render it inadvisable that Mr. Hays should be in London at this time, when he might be expected to make some pronouncement.

Mr. Hays is a very busy man, and, of course, it was asking a good deal to want him to come to London for a banquet.

FAKE CAPTAIN CAUGHT

German Who Robbed Town Treasury Turns Out To Be Old Criminal.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—The pretended captain of grenadiers of the guard who on Oct. 16 produced a forged order authorizing him to take command of a detachment of twelve men whom he met on the streets in this city, and proceeded to Copenhagen, a small town near here, where he arrested the burgomaster and the treasurer and took possession of the cash, amounting to about \$1,000, turns out to have been a shoemaker of Tilsit named William Voigt.

He was arrested here today at his lodging place.

Voigt, although working at the trade of shoemaker, has committed a long series of felonies, principally robberies by means of forged documents. He has served five terms in prison, finishing a 15-year sentence in Pozna, and is nearly 60 years old.

ARTS CAPTURED TWO

Took Majority of Morning Events at the Varsity Sports.

The Western University is holding its annual field games today on the college campus. Several of the least interesting events from the spectators' point of view were held this morning. In addition to the customary prizes, a cup donated by Dr. John D. Wilson will be presented to the best team among the under-graduates of the medical and arts departments.

There is but one open event on the programme—the 40-yard race, which will be held this afternoon.

The arts captured two events in the morning games, and finished third in the other. The results were as follows: Throwing heavy hammer—1, Westby (arts), 72 feet, 5 inches; 2, Hamilton (arts), 64 feet, 2 inches; 3, Washburn (arts), 63 feet, 5 inches.

Standing broad jump—1, Hutchinson (meds.), 9 feet, 9 inches; 2, N. George (meds.), 9 feet, 7 inches; 3, M. J. Folinslee (arts), 8 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

Throwing light hammer—1, Hamilton (arts), 85 feet, 11 inches; 2, Westby (arts), 85 feet, 3 inches; 3, Washburn (arts), 75 feet.

The judges were—Rev. C. C. Waller and Prof. Patterson, E. A.; starters, F. Scroton and S. Breen; measurers, Prof. Wallace, B. A., and E. F. Williams, M. D., F. R. C. S.

SHAREHOLDERS PROTEST

Some of Them Claim Ontario Bank Could Have Been Saved.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—C. Goode, local grain merchant, is heading a movement of Ontario Bank shareholders to put up a fight for rights which he considers were literally thrown away by directors.

He contends that shareholders would have been willing to put up a million and a half to save the bank. He wants all shareholders to join him in his campaign. Numbers of holders of large blocks are now backing him up.

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O'MEARA CHARGED WITH PERJURY

Arrested Here Yesterday and Arraigned at Toronto.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE

Brantford Police Sergeant Who Made Arrest Swears He Is the Man Wanted.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 25.—John O'Meara, the man who was arrested in London last Saturday as a material witness in the London bribery case, and subsequently released after swearing that he was not the man and had never been in Brantford in his life, was arraigned again in the police court this morning charged with perjury.

Detective Newton brought the prisoner down from London this morning.

Just as the clock struck 11 O'Meara, accompanied by Detective Newton, entered the courtroom, and took his seat in the prisoner's dock. He was smiling and did not seem to be worried by his second arrest inside a week.

Detective Newton told the Telegram that the prisoner made no objection to coming to Toronto nor did he converse on the subject at all.

The magistrate read the charge, which is that on October 22, this year, the prisoner, John O'Meara, did, contrary to law, swear to certain statements knowing the same to be false.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty and asked time to consult his lawyer before electing.

"I have telephoned Mr. Robinette's office," said Mr. DuVernet, "and I expect someone will be up soon."

"Mr. Robinette is very ill," said the magistrate.

"Yes, I know, but Mr. Godfrey or Mr. Henderson will probably come."

Finally a student arrived from Mr. Robinette's office with the news that Mr. Phalen was engaged in the high court and could not come for half an hour.

"I would suggest that the young man take notes of the evidence read," suggested Mr. DuVernet, "and we could go on with the formal part of the case."

This the magistrate assented to and after Court Stenographer George Angus had sworn to the correctness of the evidence as taken down by him, Mr. Eric Armour proceeded to read the evidence.

The whole of the evidence given by Mr. O'Meara on Wednesday last was read over, showing that he had sworn absolutely that he had never been in Brantford until he passed through there last Sunday on his way to Toronto, and that he had never taken part in any elections except by acting as scrutineer in a London election some ten or eleven years ago.

Mr. John T. Wallace was then called and told Mr. DuVernet that he was sergeant of police in Brantford. At the time of the election of 1897 he was a policeman in the same town and arrested Mr. John O'Meara for impersonation.

"Do you see that man in the court now?"

"I do."

"Where?"

"Sitting in the dock."

"Did you see him yesterday?"

"Yes, I did."

"Where?"

"In London."

Mr. Wallace told of meeting O'Meara on Richmond street in London, and recognizing him as the man who was wanted.

"How did you come to recognize (Continued on Page Eight.)"

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—COOLER.

Unsettled weather has prevailed today from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. Rain has fallen in the Maritime Provinces and showers have occurred in Ontario and Quebec; also locally in Southern Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 16-26; Atlin, 24-35; Vancouver, 48-56; Kamloops, 50-52; Calgary, 6-40; Edmonton, 36-48; Qu'Appelle, 30-52; Winnipeg, 32-53; Parry Sound, 42-52; Toronto, 46-52; Ottawa, 44-52; Montreal, 48-52; Quebec, 48-52; St. John, 38-56; Halifax, 30-62.

FORECASTS. Friday, Oct. 26-3 a.m. Strong winds and rain from the south and southwest; partly fair, with scattered showers, cooler.

Saturday—Westerly gales and cloudy; becoming much cooler at night.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 30, 30, Clear. Winnipeg, 32, 32, Clear. Port Arthur, 36, 36, Cloudy. Parry Sound, 44, 44, Cloudy. Toronto, 46, 46, Fair. Ottawa, 44, 44, Cloudy. Montreal, 48, 48, Clear. Quebec, 48, 48, Cloudy. Father Point, 44, 44, Cloudy.

AN important disturbance is approaching the Great Lakes from the northwest, and the weather over the Western Provinces is becoming cooler. Scattered showers occurred yesterday in the Maritime Provinces. Cautionary signals are displayed at lake points.

IMPORTANT DECISION GIVEN BY THE COURT OF REVISION

McCormick Company Win on Appeal Against Assessment of Dividends.

The court of revision yesterday handed down a decision which will seriously affect manufacturing assessments in London.

It was on an appeal of the McCormick Manufacturing Company against an assessment for income. It appears that each member of this firm is paid a certain sum per annum by the firm, irrespective of what stock is held by him.

Assessment Commissioner Grant assessed these amounts as income, and the firm appealed on the ground that they were dividends, and that being

dividends of manufacturing plants they were exempt.

The court of revision after going into the matter exhaustively, agreed that the contention of the firm was correct, and gave judgment in favor of the appellants.

It is said that this judgment will affect scores of assessments in London, and the fear is expressed that the city will lose a large amount of taxes through it.

There are many firms in the city in exactly the same position as the McCormick Manufacturing Company, and it is reasonable to suppose that they will now refuse to pay taxes on similar assessments.

The point is that amounts paid to members of firms, whether they are salaries or not, are not assessable, but are exempt under the manufacturers' clauses as dividend.

CONDUCATORS LET OUT BY G. T. R.

Fourteen Get Walking Tickets—More to Follow—No Londoners Yet Dismissed.

Quite a sensation was caused in local Grand Trunk circles today, when it was learned that fourteen conductors running between Portland and Toronto yesterday received their walking papers, and that thirty others, running between Toronto and Chicago, would also be let out.

The officials of the Grand Trunk at Toronto, when questioned in regard to the dismissals, stated these employees' service had been dispensed with for good and sufficient reasons.

Assistant Superintendent Gillen was out of the city today, and could not be seen by The Advertiser.

Chief Clerk McCallum informed the reporter that so far no orders for dismissals of conductors on this division had been received.

"I may tell you," he said, "that any order of this character would come through the secret service department of the railway, and we would know nothing of it until the moment the order to dismiss was received."

Mr. McCallum added that before any conductors running out of here could be dismissed, the order would have to be received by the local offices.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 25.—The rumored removal of a number of Grand Trunk passenger conductors running between Toronto and Montreal was confirmed today. The names of all the victims are not announced, but two of them are Patrick McMahon and S. McNish, of Toronto. The former has been in the Grand Trunk service for 40 years, and was probably the best known conductor on the line. McNish was relieved of his train on its arrival at Belleville yesterday morning. McMahon was in the city today, but he refused to make any statement as to his removal. There are twelve men running on this division, and one story is that they have all been cashiered, but it is probable that at least half of them have been dismissed. The company's official explanation is that the dismissals were made for good and sufficient reasons.

GOVT. RAILWAYS' SURPLUS

Nearly Sixty Thousand Dollars for Fiscal Year Ending June 30.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—A statement was issued today by the Canadian Government in relation to Canadian government railways. It shows that the surplus on the Government lines for the past fiscal year ending June 30 last was \$56,899. For the two months ending Aug. 21 for the present fiscal year the surplus was \$160,000. The increase of earnings for three and a half months of the present fiscal year over the same time last year was \$353,000.

POLICE ATTEND FUNERAL

Entire Force Follow Sergt. Crawford's Remains to Grave

The funeral of the late Sergt. Crawford, who was for so many years a member of the city police force, took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence, 97 Horton street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The services were conducted at 2:30 by Rev. J. J. Ross, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The police force attended the funeral in a body. The pallbearers were also chosen from the comrades of the deceased: Sergts. McGuire, Birrell, McDonald and Monaghan, and police constables, Nelson Smith and Harry Green.

The funeral was largely attended and the floral tributes were many and beautiful.

MR. DRISCOLL GOES TO OTTAWA.

Manager George F. Driscoll, of Bennett's Vaudeville Theater, leaves on Tuesday next for Ottawa. Mr. Driscoll has proven himself very popular with Londoners, and is regarded as one of the most painstaking and attentive managers it has been the pleasure of Londoners to meet. He will carry with him the best wishes of scores of friends who feel assured that he will make good in Ottawa when he takes over the management there.

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VERDICT FOR MRS. MCKAY

Gets \$10,000 for Death of Husband in St. Thomas Crash.

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CUBAN DUELS

Prominent Men Settle Question of Honor in Slaying Fission.

Havana, Oct. 25.—Two duels, in which three of the combatants received injuries which disabled them, were fought in Havana yesterday. City Councilman Ramon Mendora, who acted as aide to General Leonard Wood during the first period of American intervention, had sent a challenge to Eduardo Alonzo, an editorial writer on El Mundo, alleging offensive editorial expressions. These two men fought with broad swords, and each sustained a severe cut in the arm. Dr. Manuel Sedo, a former insurgent officer, had challenged Captain Poey, who was at one time aide de camp to ex-President Palma, because of an alleged personal insult during a political discussion. In the first duel Captain Poey was badly injured by a sword thrust in the leg.

DRIFT STRONG TOWARDS HEARST

He Is Now Expected to Carry New York by 185,000.

HUGHES DOES WELL UP STATE

Republicans Rely Largely on Democratic Disaffection to Offset Desertions.

New York, Oct. 25.—In spite of the cheerful statements that are being made by the Republican managers, there is no doubt that some of the reports that they have been receiving from the factory towns and manufacturing centers up the state are far from reassuring.

The actual nature of these reports is not made public, but it is known that the canvass of many shops and factories shows that a surprising number of workmen who voted for McKinley and Roosevelt are now for Hearst.

In the case of one immense plant where nearly 15,000 hands are employed the report is—and the officials themselves make it—that the percentage of the men who are going to vote for Hughes is too small to be mentioned. The exact number who announced their intentions to vote the Republican ticket is 176.

Yet in 1904 a large majority of the voters among these men favored Roosevelt, and the result was that the county in which the plant is situated returned the largest Republican plurality.

It is admitted now on all sides that Hearst will get a large plurality in New York County, and if he succeeds in cutting into the Republican vote up the state he will stand a fine chance to win. Of course the situation is still favorable to Hughes but the drift these days seems to be strong for Hearst.

On the other hand the old line Democrats are more bitter than ever against him, and the Republicans are relying largely on this disaffection to offset the desertion of the Republican workingmen.

Since the situation between the independence league and Tammany Hall has been "smoothed out," as chairman Connors would put it, there has been a notable increase in the enthusiasm of the wigwag for the candidacy of Hearst and there are signs on all sides that the leaders will work hard for the whole ticket during the rest of the campaign. Charles F. Murphy said this afternoon that Hearst is growing stronger every day.

"Many Democrats," said he, "who announced in the early part of the campaign that they would not vote for Hearst have changed their minds. They are now sending me letters that they will vote the straight ticket. The reports from up-state are very good."

Chairman Connors is still more enthusiastic than the Tammany leader. He had estimated that Hearst would carry Greater New York by at least 148,000. Today he has increased that estimate to 185,000 and he believes that he would take the stump for Hearst.

On the other side of the East River there is not so much enthusiasm among the organization Democrats. The breach between Senator McCarran, the leader of the Kings County Democrats, and Hearst is growing wider every day.

Last night Mr. Hearst in a public meeting called McCarran a corrupt scoundrel. McCarran declared today that he would not dignify the charge by a reply.

In the face of the turn towards Hearst the betting odds have shifted a shade in his favor. At a meeting yesterday very little real money has been put up so far in the regulation haunts of the bettors. Money wagered yesterday was generally at three to one against Hearst. Today the odds were quoted at two and a half to one against Hearst.

As an offset to the disquieting reports from up-state counties Senator John R. Ames, of Ontario County, one of the pillars of the Republican organization, gave out an interview in which he said that Hearst would be swamped.

"All over the state wherever I have been," said he, "you can scarcely put your finger on an old line Democrat who isn't out for the whole Republican ticket. This is not on the quiet, and in spots, but it is open and everywhere."

"Old Democratic workers and leaders are out working for Hughes. There is practically no Democratic campaign in the state. The only time there is any show of activity is when Hearst speaks."

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