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Prohibition is All Wrong Says Lauder

New York, Sept. 26—Sir Harry Lauder all doodled up in a new Tartan cap and with his irrepressible knees showing below his kilts arrived on the Mauretania yesterday. He was greeted at the pier by his American manager, William Morris; Col. Walter Scott head of the Caledonian Societies of the United States and Canada; Police Commissioner Richard Enright, and other friends. Col. Scott kissed the comedian on both cheeks and got the same in return.

Lady Laurier accompanied him. "It's ma thir-rd honeymoon and I'm takin' ma wife wi' me," he added, as he puffed away on a long stemmed briar with a silver cover to keep the 'baccy in.

Sir Harry said he had spent his summer on a northern Scotch island called "Harry and Lewis" where the inhabitants speak only Gaelic. It is owned principally by Lord Leverhulme.

The singer said he is in excellent health and looked it, but maintained that prohibition is "all wrong." He will open his tour in the Lexington Theatre October 20. After his American engagements he will go to Australia and work back to Scotland, completing a trip around the world. The visit he planned to make at Saranac Lake before he starts work will have

to be given up for lack of time.

Sir Harry on landing sent a radiogram to Sir Thomas Lipton who had intended crossing with him on the Mauretania but was delayed and is coming on the Baltic. The radio message read: "Beat you in. Hooray! Meet you tomorrow. Harry." Two days out Sir Harry received a radio from Sir Thomas: "Bet you 5 pence 'penny I beat you in." Lauder radioed back: "Bet accepted and raise ye 5 pence."

Today, if the Baltic reaches Quarantine in time, Sir Harry, as the guest of Commissioner Enright, will go down the bay to meet Sir Thomas. "I'm goin'," he told the Commissioner, "just to rub it in on him," and, meditatively, "to get that 10 pence ha'penny."

Several dinners and luncheons have been arranged for him. On Tuesday, after a luncheon at the Elks Club, Sir Harry will be escorted by a body of Elks to Wards Island, where he will give an entertainment for 1,200 patients of the insane hospital. On the Sunday night following his week's engagement here, he will appear with a number of other stage folk in a benefit performance in aid of the Saranac Lake Day Nursery and Girl's Community House, an institution that takes care of the children of tubercular parents in the Adirondacks.

Mrs. Adney Says She Got What She Went For

(Woodstock Press)

"Yes, I succeeded in getting what I went for, at least promises as yet to be fulfilled, I was promised from the Minister of Agriculture the job of Inspector of fruit for Canada and a job that can go along at same time, a Dominion Police Job—Police Matron, this last carries no salary but will enable me to satisfactorily 'clean up' this part of fair Canada. I have been promised at experimental fruit station and the Sharp orchard property that has been taken away by fraud. For three weeks I have been every week day from ten a. m. to five p. m. in the various departments up to ten and after five o'clock. I have had a magnificent full concert grand piano the one especially sent for Paderewski in a concert room at Lindsay's and also to change off I used a Willis grand at the Willis rooms at Ottawa. The Willis building in Montreal is the finest in Canada and the Willis piano has become the best Canadian made piano, the Willis people handle the Chickering and Knabe which with the Steinway grand lead the world. As this is my farewell visit to Woodstock—I have taken a house and am going to run a music school in Montreal with a class already guaranteed—I am going to give a farewell concert—lecture—telling all about our

rotten politics at Ottawa and the wonderful time I had and everything. I came back to see if I could get enough out of the wreck of my home here to help furnish a room in the Fraternity House that Glenn belongs to. I did feel queer when I found him lying around in rented rooms at Aunt Jennie's. But I should worry, Glenn and I are O K in Montreal and Ottawa. Sure we are.

I had my first government joy ride de luxe from Ottawa with all my expenses paid—I "like it fine."

At the last conference with the department of Justice I advised them instead of hanging poor Bennie to come down here with a lynch party and string up those lawyers and court hounds who encourage and foster crime. This region has a very bad reputation for crime. At Ottawa I was happy in giving all the details of the citizens the criminals and the lovely time the crooks had here when all nature smiles so lovely and only man is vile!

"I never saw a drunken man while away, but the very moment I landed I saw several and yesterday (Sunday) various groups of sodden boozers with whom I have been surrounded ever since the reign of the Prohibition graft were still on their job, Nuf Sed." —Minnie Bell Adney.

France Aroused by Depopulation Peril

Paris, France, Sept. 28—Depopulation, with disastrous consequences to France, was the specter raised at the fourth national birth-rate congress now in progress at Tours.

Auguste Isaac, former minister of commerce; Deputy Vavasseur and a number of other prominent men and women volunteered to explain the situation.

New statistics show that the number of people in France is decreasing by 200,000 each year, while in Germany the population is increasing 700,000 a year. Such ratios, if continued, will inevitably lead to war, it is said, because an over populated Germany is bound to covet the land of a rich and under populated country like France.

Wants Inheritance Laws Changed.

According to the writer Maurice de WaWleffe, the remedies for depopulation are to be summed up in two short phrases; Protection for unmarried mothers and reform of the inheritance laws. He says that while the government has done much it can do more.

It is a matter of record that every year more than 80,000 French children are born out of wedlock. The sum of 250,000 francs is spent yearly on creches, orphanages, maternity homes and prizes for big families.

The maximum amount of mischief at least in the country districts is caused by the inheritance law of the code Napoleon which provides that

the property of any family must be divided equally among all the sons. The first youth thus inherits no more than his brother. Peasants take care to have no more children than they can support for if they do their farms soon begin to look like patterns of a patchwork quilt.

Immigration an Aid.

Much publicity has been given lately to the birth rate question, but thus far no Paris newspaper seems to have taken into account the immigration factor, involving thousands of foreigners who come to France each year as workmen or tourists. Many of these visitors might remain if given sufficient inducements.

France already constitutes a great melting pot in every sense of the word. It seems natural to suppose that in time she may fill up with foreigners a large part of her ranks by the death of native Frenchmen.

BOUGHT DAILY MAIL

London, Sept. 26—Viscount Rothermere, youngest brother of the late Viscount Northcliffe, has acquired Viscount Northcliffe's interest in the Daily Mail and its associated papers, including the Evening News and the Weekly Dispatch. He is now the principal proprietor of these papers.

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