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SOLD LAND TO COL. SAM AT HANDSOME PROFIT

Somebody Alleged to Have Made a Big Rake-off on Bel-Air Farm Purchased by Militia Department--Was Sold to a Private Party on June 12th Last for \$84,000---Department Paid \$180,000 For the Property

Montreal, Aug. 16.—With whom did Mr. W. T. Rodden have to share the profit that was made when Bonnie Bel-Air was sold to Col. Sam Hughes for \$180,000 cash? On the 8th of June, 1912, he purchased the block for \$84,996, so that when he sold it to Col. Sam on the 25th of that same month for \$180,000 cash there was a profit of \$95,004.

"I did not make anything like \$95,000 out of the property. I am sure that my profit was not over \$50,000 at the most and I think it was less than that," says Mr. Rodden.

Who got the balance, Mr. Rodden? With whom was that \$95,000 shared and how much did each individual receive? Has the country not a right to know?

The history of Bonnie Bel-Air, expressed in acre prices, is something like this:

Bonnie Bel-Air, about 68 acres, bought by Mr. Rodden on May 27, 1911, for \$48,000, or about \$713 an acre.

McIntyre Farm, about 77 acres, bought by Mr. Rodden on June 8, 1912, for \$36,496, or about \$474 an acre.

Average price paid by Mr. Rodden for farm sold to Col. Sam about \$585 an acre.

Combined farms sold to Col. Sam on June 25th, 1912, for \$180,000 cash, or almost \$1,232 an acre.

With an elephantine trumpet it was announced as soon as the story of Bonnie Bel-Air was told, that land in the immediate vicinity had been sold since the sale to the government for \$2,000 an acre and upwards and that Bonnie Bel-Air could be sub-divided and disposed of for at least \$380,000. What are the facts?

A little west of Col. Sam's famous white elephant there lies a farm of 110 acres, stretching between the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railway tracks and the shores of Lake St. Louis. Ten acres of this land lie between the public road and the other one hundred acres between the public road and the railway tracks. That makes the property similar in shape to the Dorval white elephant which was sold to Cofonel

Hughes for \$180,000 in spot cash and which was purchased by the vendor only seventeen days earlier for \$84,996.

This property can be bought no from the real estate agent here for \$600 an acre. The 110 acres can be secured for \$65,000. Mr. Rodden paid \$713 an acre for the drained and levelled land of Bonnie Bel-Air; a year later he paid \$474 for the undeveloped McIntyre farm stretching away back into the country. A property only a short distance west of the government one is now for sale openly on the market for \$600 an acre. Its condition is practically the same as that of the McIntyre farm, which was purchased by Mr. Rodden in June, 1912, for about \$474 an acre. Col. Sam paid \$1,232 for his white elephant.

A prominent Conservative, discussing the affair recently, said:

"Sam had better let Mr. Rodden have the farm at his 50 per cent. profit offer, or \$270,000, and with his profit of \$90,000 on the deal buy some of the cheaper land. This 110 acre farm would suit him and he would have some money left over. He does not need 145.3 acres any way for a military school."

Other land in the near vicinity can be purchased at figures around the \$600 an acre mark. Why did Col. Sam pay \$180,000 cash for 145.3 acres?

Bonnie Bel-Air was once sub-divided and offered for sale in lots. The sale could not have been a very flourishing one for just as soon as an opportunity came to sell the property en bloc it was clutched at once.

In fact, there are gentlemen in the city who assert freely that the sale of Bonnie Bel-Air lots was a decided "frost" and that there was no stampede of the multitude to secure them and that this fact was the real reason for the sale of the property to Col. Sam with such a rush when the opportunity presented itself.

Col. Hughes paid \$1,232 an acre for the Dorval farm; other property in the same locality can be bought now for \$600 an acre. Mr. Rodden said the profit had to be divided. With whom?

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

War Between U. S. and That Country Would be Bad For Stocks

A Crisis May Have to be Faced Within the Next Twenty-Four Hours

New York, Aug. 19.—If the real import of newspaper despatches from Mexico is half as serious as it appears this morning a grave crisis in the relations of this country with the Southern Republic will have to be faced within the next 24 hours. Despatches have exaggerated the real situation but the prospect is serious enough to warrant extreme caution in making fresh stock market commitments for the time being. A state of war with Mexico, perse, would not prove a demoralizing factor but the possibility of international complications would tend to make capital timid. In other respects the financial situation and prospect seems better than any one would have imagined six months ago. Stocks are well liquidated and the standard issues rule at an attractive investment level. The release of Government funds to the interior banks has imparted a more favorable aspect to the money outlook over the crop moving period and the likelihood of beneficial currency legislation is a bull factor of more than passing significance.

FAIR HELD IN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY 1852

C. S. Brannen Has Picture of Building Erected to Provide Additional Space

Mr. C. Sterling Brannen of the Provincial Secretary's Office, informs The Mail that the date of the holding of an exhibition in the Old House of Assembly was October, 1852. Mr. Wm. Cooper, who recalled the exhibition held there by guess-work, placed the date as 1849 and evidently was two or three years too early in his calculation. Mr. Brannen states that not only was the fair held in the House of Assembly but also in a building which was erected for the purpose. This building extended from the Parliament Building toward Queen street. This building was removed after the exhibition. Mr. Brannen has an engraving which shows the building, evidently the first ever erected in Fredericton for exhibition purposes.

MACKS IN A FAMILY REUNION

Hinsdale, Mass., Aug. 19.—From many parts of the United States and Canada the descendants of John Mack gathered here today to celebrate the 240th anniversary of the arrival in this country from Scotland of the founders of the family. In addition to the exercises of the day, which included an address by Edward Church Smith of Toronto, outlining the history of the family, steps were taken to form a Mack Family Association.

ALBERTA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 19.—The best tennis talent of Western Canada is represented in the Alberta provincial championship tournament, which was opened today on the courts of the Edmonton club. The tournament will continue until Saturday. In addition to the usual championship events, five handicaps are included in the program, for which valuable prizes are offered.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Second Trial of Springfield, Man., Physician will open Tomorrow

Is Accused of Poisoning His Wife Who Died Suddenly Last November

Springfield, O., Aug. 19.—Tomorrow will begin the work of drawing a venire for jurymen for the second trial of Dr. Arthur B. Smith, the Springfield physician who is charged with poisoning his wife. Dr. Smith has been confined in jail here since November, when he was arrested on a charge of first degree murder. Mrs. Florence Caviler Smith, his alleged victim, died suddenly March 18, 1912. Though her death caused considerable comment, for she was said to have been in excellent health, no suspicion was aroused until Dr. Smith married Miss Mabel Merchant at her former home in Newton Highlands, Mass. Miss Merchant was for several years a nurse in the Springfield hospital, and she was called in many cases by Dr. Smith. A few weeks after the marriage the county officials ordered an examination into the cause of the death of the first Mrs. Smith. The body was exhumed and as a result of the medical examination Dr. Smith was indicted for the murder of his first wife. His first trial took place last spring and resulted in a disagreement of the jury. The second trial is scheduled to begin early next month.

TO INVESTIGATE MCGILLIN'S DEATH

(Special to The Mail.)

Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 19.—Acting on instructions from Attorney General Grimmer, Officer James R. Wolvertson will go to Victoria County today and re-open the case of Patrick McGillin, who is supposed to have been murdered. It has developed that McGillin was last seen July 23rd, and his body was found in the river July 25th. After being found it was tied to a boom and allowed to remain in the water three days before the authorities took any steps for its removal. There was a wound as if from a spike being driven up from under the chin, breaking both jaws. There was also a terrible wound on the head. The body was clad only in a shirt. In spite of these facts the authorities allowed the body to be buried without making any efforts to investigate the case.

The young man had a hand bag when last seen but there is no trace of this bag or his clothes.

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METER

New York, Aug. 19.—Huerta sends ultimatum to United States demanding immediate recognition of Mexican government.

Wilson's Mexican mediation plan rejected.

Washington hears that Change d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy will be given his passports.

Adoption of free sugar now assured. Only two Democrats expected to vote with Republicans against the clause.

Four arbitrators appointed by railroads and brotherhoods of trainmen and conductors may make final selection of additional arbitrators today. Rains give Kansas and Missouri much needed relief from drought.

Differences between Southern Pacific and locomotive and train crews satisfactorily adjusted and strike avoided.

Currency bill to be taken up for amendment Wednesday.

Caucus debate expected to end this afternoon.

American stocks in London heavy generally 1/2 to 1/4 off.

HARRY K. THAW IS REPORTED CAPTURED

Slayer of Stanford White Under Arrest at Coaticook--His Mother Greatly Elated Over His Escape--Warrant Sworn Out Charging Him With Conspiracy --Canadian Officials Have Been Watching for Him

Colebrook, N. H. Aug. 16.—Harry Thaw is reported under arrest at Coaticook in the province of Que. The man under arrest passed through here on a train last night and later crossed the line into Canada. Deputy Sheriff Kelsy of this town was on the train and claims to have recognized the man and that the latter admitted he was Thaw. He followed the man to Coaticook where he was arrested. He denies his identity.

ADMITS HIS IDENTITY

Coaticook, Que., Aug. 19.—Harry K. Thaw was arrested here today and is being held awaiting instructions. This man drove into town at 2 o'clock this morning having engaged a farmer to bring him from Hereford, where he left a Maine Central train last night. He declares that he is the man who escaped from Mattawan last Sunday and says that the officials cannot hold him.

New York, Aug. 18.—Sundown tonight marked the thirty-sixth hour of Harry K. Thaw's freedom and the police of the United States and Canada had not picked up his trail. They seek him not as the slayer of Stanford White, or as an escaped lunatic but on a warrant issued at Poughkeepsie today charging him with conspiring with the aged keeper Howard Barnum, and the five men who managed the asylum delivery. On such a technicality does New York state base its hope of bringing about the fugitive's return. Both factions of the double-barrelled government at Albany have promised rigid investigations and the exertion of every effort to bring about his capture.

Thaw's seclusion today and tonight was absolute. Out of the cloud of dust which swirled in the wake of the black automobile bearing him and his liberators from Mattawan Sunday morning nothing tangible had come except a laconic letter from Thaw himself, assuring his aged mother in New York that he desired rest and would, in due time, join her at the Thaw Country place, Elmhurst, at Cresson, Pa. In obedience to this plan, Mrs. Thaw proposes to start for Cresson tomorrow morning.

MOTHER IS GLAD.

Happy, girlish almost in her joy, Mrs. Thaw exhibited the hastily scrawled note from the son whose escapades have cost the family a million and added that whatever Harry did would meet with her approval. This, in view of his announced intention of entering Pennsylvania, gave basis to the belief that Thaw was preparing to take his case before the courts in that state and, relying on the kink in American laws relative to the insane charged with no crime to oppose extradition and duplicate in Pennsylvania, if possible, the course of John Armstrong Chandler in Virginia.

It was in anticipation of such a move that the New York authorities caused the warrant to be sworn at Poughkeepsie. Conspiracy, according to the district attorney of Dutchess county, constitutes an extraditable offense.

Close associates of the family indicated tonight that the ground work of a legal fight in Pennsylvania had already been laid. Dr. Britton D. Evans, the alienist, who testified in Thaw's behalf at the murder trials, held a telephone conference with Mrs. Thaw this afternoon and it was said that he would accompany her to Pennsylvania tomorrow. There are to be conferences with council and meantime, it is understood, Thaw is to remain in hiding.

ALL CLUES LOST.

Figuratively, as well as literally, Thaw left behind him only a cloud of Dutchess county dust. Rumors of his passage, descriptions of black autos, tales of yacht boardings in Long Island Sound, speckled the day's news. The yacht Endymion of

George Lauder Jr., a distant relative of the Thaws by marriage, found mention in the crop of rumors. After having left Vineyard Haven, Mass., the craft was reported as cruising somewhere in the Sound, possibly not far from South Norwalk, Conn., repeatedly mentioned as the objective point for Thaw had he cared to take to the sea. Inquiry at the New York Yacht Club disclosed that the Endymion was a slow boat and attaches here scouted the idea that Thaw would have gone aboard.

Barnum, the old keeper who opened the big gate at Mattawan just once too often, issued a statement tonight saying in effect that he was being made the scapegoat. Thaw had a great deal of liberty in the courtyard he said, and the gate through which he sprang was so wide that he (Barnum) without weapons of any kind, as is the institution rule, was unable to check Thaw's dash for liberty. Notwithstanding his repeated declarations of innocence Barnum was held at Poughkeepsie without bail.

CASE LIKE JOHNSON'S.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—The case of Harry Thaw, should he enter Canada will be akin to that of Jack Johnson according to the Canadian immigration authorities. If he comes in with through transportation to Europe he cannot be turned back even though he was an asylum inmate. The only ground for stopping him would be contagious or infectious disease. Should Thaw, however, try to take refuge in Canada, extradition would hardly be necessary as he could be deported as an undesirable.

Border officials have been instructed to watch for him.

WILL FIGHT THE BOOTLEGGERS

Columbus, O., Aug. 19.—One of the most important matters to be discussed and voted on by the annual meeting of the Ohio Liquor League, which opened a two days' session here today, will be the resolution proposed by State President William Seckel of Cleveland, to levy a monthly per capita tax of twenty-five cents from all retailers for the purpose of maintaining a bureau to ferret out legal traffickers in liquor. It is believed that the strict enforcement of the new state liquor license law will force a number of retailers out of business and incidentally prove an incentive for some to engage in bootlegging or the maintenance of speakeasies. The resolution referred to was suggested with a view of suppressing this illegal traffic.

S. A. PICNIC TODAY.

The annual picnic of the Salvation Army is being held today at Oromocto. A large crowd left for the picnic grounds by steamer D. J. Purdy this morning. The S. A. band accompanied the picnic. The steamer Victoria will bring the party back tonight. She will leave her wharf at 6.45 p.m.

BALL PLAYERS TO INVADE JAPAN

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 19.—One week from today has been fixed as the date for the departure of the University of Washington baseball team on its trip to Japan. Final arrangements for the long journey are now being perfected. Ten players, with a manager, coach and interpreter, will make up the party. While in the Orient the team will engage in contests with the leading Japanese college teams.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanson arrived home yesterday from Bocahec, having come by horse and carriage.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Bailey of Calgary, who have been visiting friends in the province for several weeks past, returned to their home last evening. Mr. Bailey formerly belonged to Kingsclear.

Miss Block of Boston, who has been visiting relatives here, returned home last evening.

Mrs. R. W. L. Tibbitts and Mrs. H. G. Chestnut and two children left yesterday for St. John to spend several days.

Dr. W. S. Carter was in St. John yesterday.

Mr. Jesse Coox, of Metcalf street, St. John, is on a motor boat trip to this city.

Mr. P. W. Coggins of Boston is among the visitors to the city today.

Mrs. D. J. Shea and children returned yesterday from the Bay Shore.

Mrs. A. J. Ryan, who has been at the Bay Shore, returned home yesterday.

Campbellton Graphic: Mr. William Currie, ex-M. L. A., who recently returned from Vancouver, B. C., with nearly all his family, to live in Campbellton, was renewing old acquaintances in Dalhousie on Tuesday.

Mrs. R. H. Buchanan and children of Holyoke, Mass., formerly of this city, is visiting her former home at Keswick Ridge.

Dr. C. R. Fletcher of New York, is here, the guest of his brother-in-law, Collector Macnutt.

Dr. George W. Bailey of Fredericton Junction, is in the city today.

Mr. Joseph Bailey, barrister of Boston, is here visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Bailey.

Mr. George D. Ellis of St. John who handles Royal Household flour which he claims is the best on the market, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. W. H. Hatheway of Boston, arrived in the city last night. He is at the Barker House.

Mr. W. B. Dickson, M.P.P., of Hillsboro, is a guest at the Barker House.

A NEW FOREMAN.

Mr. W. J. McLean, who came here some time ago to act as foreman at the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company's factory, has decided to accept a permanent position. He was formerly with the W. L. Douglas Company at Brockton and is a most competent man. Mr. McLean is a native of P. E. Island and a nephew of Sir William MacDonald, the tobacco king of Montreal.

NOBBY FIXTURES

Mr. D. H. Crowley, the down town tobacconist and brewer, is having great improvements made to his place of business. Nobby and up to date fixtures are being installed and give the place a swell appearance.