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NEFARIOUS PLOT REVEALED

Two Men and a Woman Under Arrest for Attempted Poisoning

Said to Have Dosed Gum with Strychnine and Thrown it in the Pathway of Children

(Canadian Press.)
Fulton, Mo., Aug. 7.—What county authorities believe to be a plot for wholesale poisoning of children has been unearthed in Concord in Galloway, and as a result, two men and a woman were arrested today by order of the prosecuting attorney, and brought to Fulton to be arraigned. The persons arrested are L. O. Boyd, a farmer, Mrs. Anna Boyd, and Jefferson Woods, a horse dealer. The children, whose lives were endangered, belong to families whose members testified in a slander suit recently brought by Mrs. Boyd against Dr. W. B. Ellis, a physician of Concord. Mrs. Boyd asked \$15,000 damages, alleging that Dr. Ellis had defamed her character. The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant.

The first alleged attempt on the lives of the children was made several weeks ago when a package of chewing gum was found in the yard of Edward McPheeters, a nephew of Judge McPheeters, of Fulton. Less than a week another package of gum was placed near the gate of the McPheeters' home. A three year old child of the family was in the act of putting a piece of gum in its mouth when an older member of the family interfered. The gum was sent to a chemist, who discovered that it was sprinkled with strychnine. Twice since then packages of gum have been placed near the McPheeters' home and each of them was found to contain strychnine.

After the second package of gum was found, the McPheeters' home was watched. The placing of gum on the premises of people in the vicinity of Concord has become frequent the last few days and at least three more families appear to have been included in the poisoning plot. All the gum which has been found has been preserved and will be examined by a chemist.

The families on whose premises the poisoned gum has been placed have small children. Bond has been fixed at \$10,000 for Mrs. Boyd and \$20,000 each for Boyd and Woods. All give bail. No preliminary hearing will be held and the case will be docketed for the September term of the court.

CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTAINERS MEET

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 7.—Members of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America are gathering here in large numbers from all parts of the United States and Canada to attend the annual convention, which will open in this city tomorrow to remain in session until Saturday. In view of the large attendance expected, extensive preparations have been made for the reception and entertainment of the delegates. The convention proper will begin on Wednesday, after a pontifical mass in St. Peter's Cathedral, by Monsignor Falconio, the papal delegate to the United States. The Rev. Peter J. O'Callaghan, the eminent Paulist Father of Chicago, who is president of the union, will preside at the sessions. Many distinguished guests will honor the convention by their presence, among them the German Ambassador to Washington, Count Von Bernstorff.

Among the features of the convention week will be a big military parade, in which the famous Wilkes-Barre C. T. A. U. Regiment and several companies of the newly formed Boston C. T. A. U. Regiment will take part.

JUBILEE WEEK AT COLLEGE OF MINES

Houghton, Mich. Aug. 7.—Houghton is a mass of gay colors and is ready for one of the biggest events in her history, for today was inaugurated the silver jubilee celebration of the Michigan College of Mines. Governor Osborn, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Nagel and a number of other celebrities will be here during the week and thousands of visitors are expected. The Michigan College of Mines was established by act of the State legislature in 1886 and now ranks as the foremost institution of its kind in the country.

STILL FIGHTING THE VETO BILL

Tories Trying to get Rid of Leadership of Balfour and Lansdowne

The Government Will Risk Putting Bill Through the Lords Without Creating any New Peers

(Canadian Press.)
London, Aug. 7.—There is little attempt to longer disguise the fact that the unsunderites are fighting both the parliament bill and to get rid of the leadership of Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Balfour.

If the unsunderites force the creation of new peers, the Spectator admits that "it must mean the deposition of Lansdowne and Balfour."

The question is even now open whether the creation will be forced.

The government, as was told in despatches earlier, is apparently able to secure a small majority; perhaps half a dozen. At present it is thought as has been said, that the government will risk attempting to put through the Veto Bill and if the attempt fails to then make a large creation of peers.

London, Aug. 7.—"The ministers," said Mr. Balfour, "have grossly abused their rights and put themselves above the constitution. They have acted wholly without precedent. 'Not,' as Mr. Balfour conceived, 'to meet any great question of state, but in order to party arrangements between different sections who support them and in order to prevent the people of the country from pronouncing their open Home Rule.'"

The Unionist leader asserted that the ministry had placed the sovereign who had just come to the throne in a cruel position. The King was a fount of honor but the government by their advice, had poisoned and corrupted the stream at its source.

VOTE OF CENSURE

London, Aug. 7.—The last phase of the fight over the Veto Bill, designed to restrict the power of the House of Lords over legislation originating in the lower chamber, was entered upon when A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition, moved a vote of censure for the government. The chamber was filled to its capacity. Peers and distinguished strangers were present in large numbers. The diplomatic and ladies' galleries were filled, the occupants showing by their presence a continued interest in the proceedings which promise to be historic.

AN ENGLISH OFFICER ARRESTED IN GERMANY

Bremen, Germany, Aug. 7.—An Englishman, said to be an officer of the British Yeomanry, was arrested here today, accused of spying on the German fortifications on the North Sea coast. The prisoner, whose name has not been learned, was subsequently admitted to bail. No details of the alleged spying are made known, but the deed charged is described as one of the most daring character.

KAISER TO REVIEW GERMAN FLEET

Berlin, Aug. 7.—It is announced that on September 5 at Kiel, the Kaiser will review the greatest array of German vessels of war ever assembled. The fleet will comprise 140 vessels of all classes and the number of men in their crews will approximate 25,000.

HOME COMERS AT LONDON

London, Ont. Aug. 7.—Special trains from all directions are bringing home-comers for the annual "home coming" festivities in London this week. Delegations have arrived from many points in western Canada, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo and other cities across the line. The festivities will continue through the entire week. The city is splendidly decorated for the occasion.

COME FROM ENGLAND TO ATTEND ADVERTISING CONVENTION



FOREIGN ADVERTISING MEN ARRIVING ON BOARD THE S. S. CEDRIC.

All the way from England to Boston to attend the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America came sixteen representatives of English advertising and publicity firms. J. C. Ackerman is chairman of the British delegation.

Among the delegates from England are A. E. Owen, advertising manager of Turog bread; A. W. Gamage, principal proprietor and advertising manager of Gamage's department stores; A. W. Rider, manager of the London Daily Express; J. A. W. Mudie, London advertising representative of the Dundee Courier; G. E. Stenbridge, of the Sheffield Daily Telegraph, and Hopton Hadley, of the Society of Advertising Consultants. The convention will open Tuesday, August 1, and close August 4.

YANKEE GOLD FOR THE TORY CAMPAIGN FUND

The New York Herald of Friday says:

Falling in their efforts to block the Canadian reciprocity compact in congress, American opponents of the treaty are endeavoring to defeat the measure IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY, BY RAISING A LARGE CAMPAIGN FUND TO BE USED IN THE DOMINION NEXT MONTH TO BRING ABOUT THE DEFEAT OF THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO FAVOR THE MEASURE.

Wilbur F. Wakeman, treasurer and general secretary of the American Protective Tariff League, informed a Herald reporter that he had been approached by a representative of a large publicity agency, who outlined the plan to defeat the reciprocity treaty with American dollars.

Mr. Wakeman, who has opposed the lowering of the tariff wall between the United States and Canada, said that the American Protective Tariff League refused even to consider the plan for raising funds to defeat the treaty in Canada. He said that he did not believe a large sum of money could be raised in the United States to be used to influence the politics of a foreign country.

"A firm of publicity agents and others called upon us several weeks ago," Mr. Wakeman said, "and asked our co-operation to obtain funds for a campaign in Canada against the reciprocity agreement. We absolutely declined to have anything to do with such a scheme. You will remember that the Cobden Free Trade of London tried to interfere in American politics some years ago and the club has practically gone out of business. The Tariff League represents the policy of protection to American labor and industry and it will stay right at home in its work and will not attempt to do anything direct or indirect in any foreign country. Mr. Wakeman refused to give the names of the persons who requested that the American Protective Tariff co-operate in raising the campaign fund to be used in Canada. He said that those interested in the movement had approached him in a confidential way and that he did not feel at liberty to give the names for publication.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED BY A TRAIN

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 7.—The north bound Adirondack train from Utica this morning struck a two seated wagon containing several persons on a crossing seven miles out of the city and killed four persons and injured one or two others.

PROBATE COURT NOTES

The following estates have been admitted to probate: Abraham Emack, late of Gibson, \$700 personal property, McLellan & Hughes, proctors; Maud May Allen, Marysville, spinster \$600 real and \$300 personal, Crockett & Guthrie, proctors; Katherine Dodge \$2000 personal, J. W. McCready, proctor.

LABOR MEN TO MEET AT CALGARY

Calgary, Alberta, Aug. 7.—The preparations for the twenty-seventh annual session of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, which will convene in this city on Friday of this week, are nearly completed. The local body in charge of the arrangements for the convention is in receipt of advice which indicate a large and thoroughly representative attendance by delegates representing every Trades and Labor Council in the Dominion of Canada.

The coming gathering promises to be of exceptional importance and interest to the organized labor bodies of Canada, owing to the large number of important matters that will come up for consideration. Among the subjects to be discussed are the following: Dominion and provincial legislation in its bearing upon organized labor; the immigration laws; the eight-hour bill; fortnightly payment of wages on railways; the Winnipeg Street Railway strike; the western coal miners' difficulty, as well as the strikes in Nova Scotia; the work of the provincial federations, notably that of British Columbia; abolition of Chinese tax and substitution of agreement or understanding, as with Japan; "imperial" labor exchanges; the arrest of McNamara; non-observance of municipal fair-wage clauses; the attempt on the part of Russia to secure the surrender of Federenko, the judgment of the United States Supreme Court in the Gampers case and many other matters of vital interest to the workers.

WEAK UNDERTONE TO THE STOCK MARKET TODAY

Montreal, Aug. 7.—Despite the slight rally in Wall Street, the local market opened with a weak undertone this morning and there was not a great deal of selling. The sales recorded indicated that the technical position of the market continues weak and that there will be no general resumption of business until the situation is more settled.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

OPEN NOON

Amalgamated	64 1/2	64 1/2
Atchison	108 1/2	108 1/2
Smelters	74 1/2	74 1/2
Brooklyn	78	78
Canadian Pacific	243 1/2	243 1/2
Great Northern, pfd	129 1/2	129 1/2
Reading	152 1/2	152 1/2
Southern Pacific	117 1/2	117 1/2
Union Pacific	182 1/2	182 1/2
U. S. Steel, Com.	74 1/2	74 1/2
Virginia	58 1/2	58 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Bank of Montreal—9 @ 26 1/2	
Merchants Bank—1 @ 19 1/2; 4 @ 19 1/2	
Royal Bank—1 @ 23 1/2	
Bank of Commerce—6 @ 200 1/2	
Dominion Bank—25 @ 10	
Rio—300 @ 112 1/2; 50 @ 112 1/2	
Dom. Iron—225 @ 51 1/2; 25 @ 51 1/2; 175 @ 52	
Detroit—50 @ 71 1/2; 65 @ 71 1/2; 35 @ 71 1/2	

SETTLEMENT HOPED FOR IN DOCK STRIKE

London, Aug. 7.—The arbitrator chosen last week to effect a settlement between the employers and the striking dock laborers has given an award in favor of the men but the dockers have decided not to resume work until the grievances of the coal porters and lighter men are satisfied. These differences are expected to be compromised within a few days. Unless a settlement of the strike is speedily effected a serious situation will result. A strike was called Saturday of 30,000 carmen, coal porters, and others, and thus the entire stoppage of London's transport trade is threatened. This would incidentally affect thousands of other workers and lead to a general cutting off of food supplies.

SHEET METAL MEN AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 7.—The annual convention of the National Association of Sheet Metal Contractors, opened here today with a large attendance of members representing branch organizations of many cities throughout the country. In connection with the convention an exhibition of sheet iron and other sheet metal goods is held at the Auditorium, which is attracting favorable attention. Among the interesting features of the convention is a lecture by H. M. Taylor, of Philadelphia, on tin roofs, and one by Charles Prizer of New York on furnaces. The sessions will continue until Friday.

WEAK UNDERTONE TO THE STOCK MARKET TODAY

Power—1 @ 164; 475 @ 162; 25 @ 163 1/2; 75 @ 163; 25 @ 163 1/2	
Crown Reserves—25 @ 325; 200 @ Shawmigan—25 @ 114; 50 @ 113 1/2	
Toronto Ry—25 @ 159	
Iron Pfd—200 @ 109	
Ogilvy's—25 @ 129 1/2	
Asbestos—25 @ 104	
R. & O.—105 @ 127	
N. S. Steel—10 @ 95 1/2	
Ottawa Power—50 @ 142 1/2; 55 @ 142	
Textile—5 @ 56	

MOTORED FROM HOULTON

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ingraham and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Vail of Houlton, came to Fredericton by motor on Saturday, returning yesterday. While in the city they were at the Barker House.

ON SHORE LINE

Mr. H. G. Deedes, who for some weeks past has been with the C. P. R. at Brownville Junction, Me., spent Sunday at his home here. Mr. Deedes and several U. N. B. students who have been working in the engineering department of the C. P. R., have been transferred from Brownville to the Shore Line Branch between St. John and St. Stephen.

Misses Alta and Mary Adams are on a visit to St. Stephen, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robinson.

AVIATION MEET FELL THROUGH

McCurdy and Willard Suddenly Cancel Their Engagements

Jules Vendrines Promises to Startle the World on Wednesday with a New Aviation Stunt

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, Aug. 7.—The Toronto Aviation Meet has collapsed suddenly after three days' duration of the six scheduled. E. M. Wilcox, the local manager of the meet, lays the blame upon J. A. D. McCurdy and Charles F. Willard, the two aviators who were the chief performers at the meet who without notification to Mr. Wilcox, packed up their machines and prepared to depart from Toronto. They explained that as they had agreed to have four machines at the meet and were able to furnish only one (McCurdy having smashed one machine and being unable to get his other in condition), they concluded to cancel their contract. McCurdy and Willard billed their carload of machines to Lexington, Ky., where a meet is to be held next week, but were unable to get it cleared by the customs on Sunday. For the same reason Mr. Wilcox was unable to take proceedings to compel the aviators to carry out their contracts, but will probably seek legal redress. It is understood that the aviators were dissatisfied with the financial returns of the meet so far, which have been small.

Paris, Aug. 7.—Jules Vendrines, the aviator, promises to startle the world next Wednesday with an aeroplane feat, the nature of which he is keeping secret. He merely says it will be sensational and of a character never before tried.

Speaking today of the use of aeroplanes in war, Vendrines declared that a number of aeroplanes could paralyze in a few hours the world's greatest battleship fleets. In case of a war between France and Germany, he added, French airmen could destroy bridges, railroad and fortresses.

POLITICAL RUMORS FROM THE CAPITAL

(Special to the Mail.)

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—It is reported here that Sir Alan Aysworth's resignation as Minister of Justice is now in the hands of the Prime Minister but will not be accepted until after the election.

The other cabinet changes forecasted will not take place until Earl Grey's return to the capital.

POLICE COURT

Two Sunday drunks obtained their liberty by making the usual deposit. Another old offender was sent to jail for a week, with the option of paying a fine of eight dollars.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the Fredericton Baseball Club festival is to meet in the police court room tonight.

TAG-DAY RECEIPTS LARGE

This morning the sum of \$161.71 was handed over to Mr. W. A. B. McLellan of the Fredericton Baseball Club, as the proceeds of the tag-day which was held on Saturday. The aim was to raise one hundred dollars and the response of the public was more generous than anticipated.

TAFT ADDRESSES CHAUTAUQUANS

Washington, D.C., Aug. 7.—President Taft accompanied by several friends, went to Mountain Lake Park today in acceptance of an invitation to speak before the Chautauqua assembly in session there.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley arrived in St. John on Saturday from Ottawa. Mr. John H. Richards of Boiestown is a visitor to the city today. Mr. Sydney Moss, of Toronto, is at the Barker House. Mr. R. C. Cruikshank of St. John, is in the city.

POPE'S HEALTH CAUSES ALARM

His Holiness' Condition Shows an Unexpected Turn for the Worse

Has Been Suffering from a Severe Cold for Several Weeks, but was Thought to be Recovering

(Canadian Press.)
Rome, Aug. 7.—Pope Pius experienced a slight relapse today. The attack came suddenly, aggravating the cold with which he has suffered and being accompanied with gouty pains. Dr. Giuseppe Petacci, private physician to His Holiness, and Dr. Ettore Marachi Favi, consulting physician at the Vatican, being notified of the unexpected change in the pontiff's condition, visited him immediately and agreed that he remain in his room.

He is much concerned over articles in the papers over the prophecy of his death in 1912, and articles relative to his health. Orders have been given to keep such things from the Pope, but he insists upon reading the newspapers. His sisters are with him constantly, and the doctors visited him twice daily until yesterday.

Rome, Aug. 7.—His Holiness had appeared to be recovering nominally from his recent indisposition, though the recent extreme heat had weakened him and prevented his daily celebration of mass. In the cooler hours of the day he visited the gardens. Last evening he remained in the gardens until after sunset. Up to last night he was determined to participate in the celebration of the eighth anniversary of his coronation. It had been planned that the pontiff should wear only the ordinary mitre and a light vestment instead of the triple crown and papal mantle, in order that he might be less oppressed. This morning the doctors decided that in view of the increasing high temperature they would oppose the participation of the pope in the function. Accordingly it was arranged that the service should be conducted by Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state.

It was some hours later that the pontiff's condition showed an unexpected change for the worse.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT WAS BANGOR MAN

(Special to The Mail.)

Moncton, Aug. 7.—The body of the man who was struck and killed by a train at Sunny Brae has been identified as that of Allan McCullough of Bangor, Me.

WILL GO WEST

Mr. Ed. Hanning expects to leave in about three weeks for Northern Alberta, where he will locate. He will probably go into business with his brother, Mr. Bruce Hanning, who has been there some years, is engaged in the lumber business and in wheat raising.

TEACHERS AT THE RANGE

The teachers' class which is undergoing military training at No. 3 Regimental Depot went to the St. Mary's range this afternoon for practice in shooting. The members of the class have done a considerable amount of shooting in the drill-hall with gallery ammunition but today is their first on the range.

A party composed of Misses Minnie Gerow, Dora Trites and Edna Logan, and Messrs. E. C. Fairweather, Wilbur Geow and J. Meredith Gerow, came from St. John by motor boat on Saturday, returning Sunday.

THE DOUBLE CROSS.

The Mail has secured serial rights for The Double Cross, a fascinating story of love, adventure and intrigue. Watch for the first instalment on Wednesday next.