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### BUOY SERVICE CONTRACT GIVEN TO AMERICAN TUG

Ottawa, April 8.—On the orders of the day being called Mr. F. F. Pardee (W. Lambton) directed the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in Parliament this afternoon to a report that the awarding of the contract for buoy service on the Detroit River had been made contrary to conditions, to one who was not the lowest tenderer, and to a tug that was an American and not a Canadian bottom. Mr. Pardee asked an investigation.

Hon. Mr. Hazen complained that the West Lambton member had not given the customary two days' notice of his demand. He maintained that the government had asked for tenders and given the contract to Kenneth Fraser as the lowest tenderer. He confessed that the tug had turned out to be an American one, but Mr. Fraser had promised to have steps taken to have it registered in Canada which involved the full procedure of examination and filing of papers.

"Will that not make it late for the service?" asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Hazen did not answer and Mr. Pardee gave indication of his intention to probe the matter further.

Some people couldn't keep a secret, even by putting it on ice.

### ROYAL ARCANUM HAS PAID 163 MILLION DOLLARS

Ottawa, April 8.—The Grand Council for Ontario of the Royal Arcanum opened a two days' convention here today. In his opening address this morning Grand Regent Lyman Lee, K.C., explained that the fraternal societies of North America have paid out in death benefits during their entire history \$1,800,000,000 and of this amount the Royal Arcanum is credited with \$163,000,000, paid out in the forty years of its existence.

ed at the election of officers tomorrow by Robert McClalland of Toronto. Grand Regent Lee will be succeeded by.

Among the officers attending the convention are Deputy Supreme Regent E. A. Force of Minneapolis; R. K. Mearns, E. W. D. Butler, A. E. Smith, C. E. Thomas, Toronto; William Dawson, Waterloo, A. McAuslan, Gaith, Henry Colerich, London; Harry Atwell, S. B. Leeds, Hamilton, B. A. Willicroft, Owen Sound; Charles Packert, Stratford; E. C. Williams, St. Thomas; James B. McLeod, Kingston; S. Caldwell, Barrie; E. T. Payson, Brockville and James Dyman, Bowmanville.

Nell—"I wonder why that girl has such a mucky complexion?" Belle—"Maybe she was caught out in the rain."

### MISS EDITH EATON DIES: A NOTED STORY WRITER

Montreal April 8.—The death occurred here of Miss Edith Eaton who wrote short stories of Chinese life in the United States under the nom de plume of Sui Sin Far. Miss Eaton's best-known book was "Mrs. Spring's Fragrance." She came here recently from Boston. Winnie Eaton author of Japanese stories whose nom de plume is Onoto Watana, and who lives in New York is sister.

Miss Eaton's life was a varied one. Born in England of an English father—Thomas Eaton who was for a time Trade Commissioner in China—and a Chinese mother, she came to Montreal when quite young. Here began her life as a writer. She won many prizes at a local exhibition. In later years she made a living first as a type-setter on the Montreal Star, and afterwards as a stenographer. Then a desire came to see the Pacific coast cities. She canvassed subscriptions for the San Francisco Call and in this work she gained invaluable knowledge of the ways and manners of Chinatown. Then she spent some time teaching in the schools of Seattle.

She wrote many short stories on the life of the Chinese in America, and they made their appearance in The Ladies' Home Journal, The Century and other publications. Two or three years ago, many of these stories were collected and published in book form by the McClurg Company of Boston.

### ARNOLD'S SLAYER TO DIE JULY 9

Winnipeg, Man., April 11.—Two hours' deliberation sufficed the jury to return a verdict of murder against John Krafchenko for the killing of H. M. Arnold, manager of the branch of the Bank of Montreal at Plum Coulee on December 3, 1913.

Justice Mather then sentenced Krafchenko to be hanged on July 9. Krafchenko when asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced declared he was not the guilty man. He said:

"Your Lordship and gentlemen of the jury," said Krafchenko, "I thank you for the consideration you took with my case and under the circumstances of my conviction and also the evidence given against me I cannot see any other but that the verdict you brought in is justified. Although I have committed a good many crime in my career, played hide and seek with the police for many years and done a lot of things I know was all wrong, but this crime brought before you by the Crown, called murder, and one of the dirtiest crimes a man can commit, it was never in my nature to commit. I am sorry Mr. Arnold was shot, although I am accused of it. I will not deny that I was there on the third of December, because that would be lying. The Crown got me here as the only man there, although it is not right.

"The evidence shows only one man seen. I am positive there were three different men committed that crime, and gentlemen of the jury, I am not the man who shot Arnold. Because the chief of police of the City of Winnipeg, Chief MacPherson, might

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tell you a little story if he liked, if he was not afraid of losing his position. I worked under him two or three different times. He wanted me to be a stool pigeon and I would not stand for it. But when a man's life is at stake I did not think a man like the chief of police would have acted as he has done, I think your Lordship, that in that quarter there is need for a little investigation. That is all. Your Lordship."

After reviewing the case Chief Justice Mathers pronounced the dread words:

"The sentence of the court, is that you be taken hence to the provincial jail of the eastern judicial district at Winnipeg and there confined as the law directs until Thursday, the ninth day of July in this present year of Our Lord and on that day between the hours of six in the forenoon and ten in the forenoon you be taken from your place of confinement to the place of execution and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

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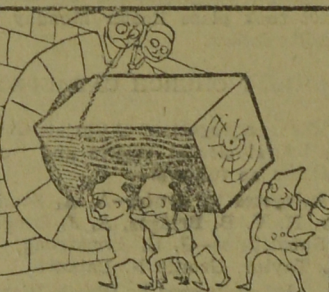
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