

VICTIM OF CONFIDENCE GAME.

Former Newspaper Proprietor Swindled Out of \$600 at Toronto.

Came There From Port Arthur, Manchuria and is Stranded in Strange City

Toronto Globe.—Serge Gubernoff, the former proprietor of Novoi Krai, a newspaper published at Port Arthur, Manchuria, is penniless in Toronto as the result of an experience here with two slick gentlemen who worked an old confidence game on him and got away with all his cash, amounting to \$600.

Gubernoff is a Russian nearly forty years of age and has seen a good deal of service in the recent war in the far east. He seems very dejected over the loss of his money and the very gloomy prospect presented by the police of ever getting any part of it back.

This is Gubernoff's story as to how he was fleeced:

He left Liverpool on Sept. 6th on the steamship Baltic, with the intention of taking a course of agriculture in Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y. One of his fellow-passengers was an American, who proved good company, and they became very fast friends. Arriving at New York the American persisted in seeing Gubernoff safe on his journey to Ithaca. While they were bidding each other good-bye a stranger stepped up and inquired if either of them could speak French. Gubernoff spoke a little and learned from the stranger that he had also been a passenger on the Baltic and had given somebody \$20 to get change and the messenger had failed to return.

DISTRIBUTE CHARITY IN TORONTO.

Continuing the conversation the stranger gave a glowing account of how he was on his way to Toronto, Canada, with \$20,000 to distribute among the poor. The money was supposed to have been left by his brother, who once failed in business in Toronto and became a millionaire in the Klondike. A severe attack of pneumonia had forced the brother to leave Canada for the south of France where he afterwards died.

Gubernoff became deeply interested when the Frenchman mentioned the fact that he needed two men to assist in the distribution. He asked asked how he and his American friend would fill the positions, and, getting a favorable reply, communicated word of their good fortune to the man at his side.

"Come over to my hotel," said the Frenchman, and the party were taken to the Pennsylvania Hotel in Jersey City. After explaining that all their expenses would be met, the Frenchman proposed the journey to Toronto at once.

CASHED DRAFT FOR \$600.

Gubernoff intimated to the Frenchman that he had to go to the First National Bank at Ithaca, N. Y., to cash a draft he had in his pocket for \$600. The party went to Ithaca, and getting the cash came on to Toronto, arriving here on Thursday last. The other two men put Gubernoff up at the Palmer House and left, saying that they had to get other quarters, as the place was full. That afternoon the baggage reached the hotel, and so far as he knew, everything was all right.

Gubernoff suffered a good deal from rheumatism, and when his friends called for him on Friday morning he was still in bed. Accepting their invitation, Gubernoff rose and accompanied them to a restaurant in the immediate neighborhood.

GLIMPSES OF HUMOR.

The professor, who has a large lawn, was making his regular daily attempt to keep it clear of the autumn leaves contributed by his neighbors' trees.

"There's a good deal of rakeed in this business," he said, stopping to rest a moment, "but not a cent of graft."

NOTICE—I hereby give notice that from and after this date I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Geraldine Wall.—J. J. Wall.

NOTICE—I didn't know that J. J. Wall had any credit, except at saloons and breweries.—Geraldine Wall.—Adv. in Nanimio (B. C.) Free Press.

"Each baseball umpire should write the story of his life, for sale to the fans on the bleachers."

"Do you suppose they would take it?"

"Sure! I have seen moments when every fan at the game fairly howled for the life of the umpire."—Houston Post.

She—Which would you rather lose, Jack, me or my money?
He—You, sweetheart.
She—Oh, Jack!
He—But I would; because, don't you see, dearest, if I lost you I would have the money to offer large rewards for your recovery and get you back again.
She—Dear Jack!—Judge.

A man went into a chemist's shop and bought a bottle of some patent stuff, which was advertised thus:—
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Three days later he went to the chemist complaining that his throat was stopped up and that he could

PLACED CASH IN STRONG BOX.

While sitting at the table it was explained to Gubernoff by the Frenchman that it had been thought advisable to have a strong box, which they had with them, in which to keep their money. The American produced a roll which he said was \$200 and readily placed it in the box. The Frenchman talked a good deal and laid on the table a huge wad. He then made a motion as if to place it in the box, at the same time inquiring as to the safety of Gubernoff's cash. In order to keep each lot separate, it was agreed between the Frenchman and the American that they would do the rolls up in official blue paper and label and seal them.

Gubernoff watched the proceedings and after he had seen the two packages laid away in the box he drew his money from his pocket. He rolled up his own parcel and carefully placed it on top of the others. There were three packages, and Gubernoff saw the box locked and given into his care. The Frenchman kept the key and the American saw Gubernoff safely to his room in the Palmer House.

FOUND ONLY TORN NEWSPAPERS.

"His friend made some excuse, and promising to return soon, withdrew, after borrowing Gubernoff's camera, worth \$35, which he prized very highly. The Russian was ill in bed the most of the day, and also on Saturday and Sunday. Monday he decided to make some inquiries about his friends, and went to the American Hotel, at York and Wellington streets, where they were supposed to be stopping. The information he got there was that they had paid their bills and left on Friday. Thinking that they were probably sightseeing, Gubernoff returned to his hotel. The strong box was still under the bed and intact.

Getting a little short of money on Wednesday, while in a Turkish bath, he spoke to one of the employees about a locksmith to open the box. Yesterday after breakfast he got the mechanic, who came and opened the box. Breaking the seal of one of the packages, Gubernoff was surprised to find, when the seals were broken, not crisp notes, but pieces of New York papers, neatly cut to the size of bank bills. Realizing that he had been the victim of a clever swindle, Gubernoff went to the police department and told his story to Sergt. Cuddy and Black to work. Gubernoff has also reported the loss of a new suit of clothes, which he purchased in New York, and which was stolen from his baggage.

There have been quite a number of swindles under almost exactly similar circumstances reported recently in the English newspapers, and it would seem that at least two of the gang had crossed the Atlantic.

Gubernoff knew the man he met on the steamer as "Andrew Conins" and the Frenchman as "Pickard." Each is about forty years of age and particularly well dressed. Swindles of this kind are very rare in Ontario.

The last was some six years ago, near Newmarket, where Silas Toole, a wealthy farmer, lost \$5,000 in dealing with men who wanted to purchase his property.

parrot is the only creature gifted with the power of speech that is content to repeat just what it hears without trying to make a good story of it."—Washington Star.

Rushing late into the smoking car for Atlantic City, an old man cried excitedly: "A corkscrew! Who's got a corkscrew?"

A score of kindly hands sought pockets, and a score of kindly voices said: "Here you are, sir."

"I thought so," shouted the old man. "And now I lay before you, gentlemen, fifty temperance pledges. Who will sign the first?"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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6.30 a.m.—For Keswick Ridge, Southampton, etc., Mondays and Thursdays.

6.30 a.m.—For Springhill, Kingsclear, Prince William, etc. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

7.30 a.m.—St. John River via Steamer—For Oromocto, Sheffield, Gagetown, etc.

8.45 a.m.—St. John, etc. C. P. Railway Stations, East Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

10 a.m.—For St. Marys Ferry, Gibsan and Marysville.

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2 p.m.—For Nashwaaksis and St. Marys Ferry, daily, Nasownorth, New Maryland, Hanwell, Lower St. Marys and Royal Road. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

3.30 p.m.—For Gibson, Marysville, Boiestown, Doaktown, Blackville, etc., Chatham and I. C. Railway Stations north and south.

4.30 p.m.—For St. Stephen, Woodstock, United States, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and North West Provinces.

4.15 p.m.—For St. John, etc., Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

4.15 p.m.—British mail via New York. Mondays and Thursdays.

MAILS RECEIVED.

9.10 a.m.—From St. John, etc., and Nova Scotia.

10.30 a.m.—From Nasonworth and New Maryland. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

11.30 a.m.—From Montreal, Ottawa, North West Provinces, etc., and United States.

12.15 p.m.—From I. C. Railway Stations, North Shore and Quebec.

St. John River via Steamer.

5 p.m.—From Oromocto, Sheffield, Gagetown, etc.

9.15 p.m.—From Woodstock and Gibson Branch Stations.

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WAY MAILS.

6 p.m.—West Side River St. John.—From Meductic and Way Offices. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

9.15 p.m.—East Side River St. John.—From Woodstock and Way Offices.

DUNDONALD'S DREAM

That a Bonus Would Catch the Canadian Regiments.

London, Sept. 29.—In the October number of The Fortnightly Review there is a twelve-page article, entitled "Notes on a Citizen Army," by Lord Dundonald. "That such an organization as a citizen army for home defence is feasible has always been believed, and my recent experience with the citizen militia of Canada has given me practical proof of the soundness of my belief," he writes. Lord Dundonald entirely disapproves of compulsory military service for adults in time of peace. "The basis, or starting point, of any scheme for a large voluntary citizen army must be the military training of boys."

THE BONUS SYSTEM.

Lord Dundonald, after a lengthy review of his own work in Canada, says: "In the past all the efforts of colonial Governments to maintain an organized force, in readiness for Imperial purposes, have been doomed to failure, and there has been nothing in the history of the last five years to lead us to expect a change

of attitude, but all the advantages sought for might be obtained without any of the accompanying objections by applying the bonus system to the colonial forces. A colonial war service reserve might be instituted, for which, I am certain, whole regiments of colonial militia would volunteer. My experience of the Canadian citizen soldiers convinces me that many regiments would thus volunteer en masse to take part in the campaigns of the mother country." Lord Dundonald mentions Major Morrison, and other officers of the Ottawa militia corps, who took part in the expedition to Tibet. "Recent changes in the higher administration of the national forces of Canada and Australia have brought about something like a divorce between the Imperial and colonial military organizations. It is not necessary to emphasize the disadvantages, even dangers, of such a tendency. The whole question of Imperial unity is seriously affected by it."

Preaching and Practice.

Jinks—I'm ever so much obliged for this favor, and if I ever have a chance I'll do as much—Hello, here come Bilkins! Let's dodge into an alleyway Blinks—Don't you like Bilkins? Jinks—He did me a favor once, and the fellow may want me to return it.

His Model.

Baren—Then the obstreperous beggar whom you turned out of doors was coarse and abusive. Valet—Abusive my lord! He might have been your lordship himself!

Fame is the perfume of heroic deeds—Socrates.

Storms.

"Allbone says he can foretell storms." "He can not only tell them. He can cause them." "How?" "By staying out till midnight."

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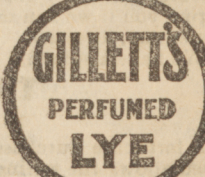
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