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MAY ESCAPE CHAIR.

Chester Jordan Will Be Surgically Examined for Paresis.

Boston, May 8.—If an operation that Dr. Frank Willard Page proposes to perform on Chester S. Jordan, under sentence of death for the murder of his wife, proved what neurologists believed to be the case, the convicted man may be saved from the electric chair. Dr. Page and other surgeons plan to open Jordan's spine and by means of the delicate operation known as lumbar puncture extract a portion of the spinal fluid, in which, according to their belief, will be found paresis germs which will be certain evidence of the brain disease from which they maintain he is suffering.

"This is the first time," says The Journal, "in criminal history, so far as known, that such a proceeding has been planned; the first time that a delicate and dangerous operation is to be undertaken to save a man from paying with his life the penalty of premeditated murder."

Previous to his conviction, Jordan had positively declined to submit to the operation.

Widely-Known Boy Meets Death.
Chicago, May 8.—Four-year-old Paul Maurice Montfort, who was killed on Thursday by falling through a window of a south side elevated train to the sidewalk, was known among his friends as "the most photographed boy in America." His father, A. W. Montfort, is a photographer who does a large amount of commercial work, and whenever a firm wishes a baby boy's picture to advertise its goods, Mr. Montfort used his little son as a model. In one of his most widely-known poses the boy is smiling as a brand of talcum powder is being shaken over him. In another noted pose he is playing with a safety razor and laughing.

Weather in the West.

Winnipeg, May 8.—Frost running down as much as ten degrees was again general Thursday night throughout the prairie west, but the weather though cold is fairly settled and farmers have not been deterred from seeding except by the high winds in some districts.

Two Years for Burglars.

Brockville, May 8.—For breaking into cottages on the river between Alexandria Bay and Gananoque, W. Robbins and W. Russell were sent to the Kingston Penitentiary yesterday for two years. The judge tempered justice with mercy on account of the largely signed petition, telling of the previous good characters of the prisoners.

American Bible Society.

New York, May 8.—The election of Theophilus Anthony Brouwer of this city as president of the American Bible Society as successor to the late Daniel C. Gilman, was announced yesterday. Mr. Brouwer has been connected with the American Bible Society for 42 years, and vice-president of the society for 23 years.

Has Lost Thirty Millions.

New York, May 8.—Charles W. Morse, the former banker, who is now in the Tombs prison under sentence for violation of the National Banking Law, has not a share of stock, a bond or a piece of real estate left of his former estate of an estimated value of \$30,000,000.

May Give Half a Million.

Montreal, May 8.—The statement is made on good authority that a gentleman who has already done a great deal for McGill, has signified his readiness to donate a further half million towards the completion of the new medical faculty which was begun some months ago and which is being hung up for want of funds. When Peter Lyall & Sons began the work they had \$400,000 as a starting fund, but that amount is as good as exhausted.

300 Men Get Work.

Port Arthur, May 8.—Vigars Shear lumber mills opened yesterday, giving employment to about three hundred men. A local syndicate is preparing to develop the rich iron ore deposits at Niblock. The Canadian Northern has a survey party out north of Nipigon surveying for the route of a new connecting link between there and the point at which it will leave the lake front northeast into the clay belt.

ATTACK ON POLICE

Prisoner at Windsor Wounds Officers and Janitor.

WAS CHARGED WITH THEFT

Herman Martin Believed to Be From Berlin Draws Revolver on Sergt. Reid, Constable Lister and Janitor Quamby In Jail and Wounds All Three — After Hot Chase, Is Recaptured by the Officers.

Windsor, Ont., May 8.—Two police officers, Sergt. Reid and Constable Lister, and George Quamby, janitor of the City Hall, were wounded seriously in a sensational shooting affray last night in police headquarters, located in the basement of the municipal building.

Word had come to the police station that a stranger was attempting to sell a bicycle to a secondhand dealer, whose suspicions were aroused that the wheel was stolen. Sergt. Reid went down and invited the supposed owner of the bicycle to accompany him to headquarters.

The prisoner was being registered and searched when he whipped out and fired a 38-calibre revolver. The first shot passed through Lister's right arm, the second through Quamby's left arm, and the third shipped off a portion of Reid's index finger on his left hand.

The would-be murderer then turned and fled, with Reid in pursuit. In the corridor another shot was fired at Reid, but it passed under his arm, just grazing him. A final shot was fired through the window in the door at the entrance to the courtroom.

Reid kept after him and chased him on block, when he saw Officer Cade, and the two officers succeeded in locating their quarry in a lumber yard, covering behind a pile of wooden posts.

He was taken back to headquarters and lodged in a cell. He gave his name as Herman Martin, aged 23, but told various stories of his address, including Colorado, Milwaukee and Berlin. Chief Wills is inclined to think the latter is correct, as the prisoner mentioned the Wellington Rifles, and said he had been a musician in that regiment.

Quamby is the most seriously injured. The bullet shattered his arm and lodged in the shoulder. He is suffering severely from shock. He is 51 years of age, but has a rugged constitution. Lister is a veteran member of the force, having served over 30 years. His wound is not serious, but he is weak from loss of blood, and suffers also from shock.

Wanted ex-Governor Kidnapped.

Port Scott, Kansas, May 8.—Fred Warren, business manager of a Socialist publication, charged by the Government with sending scurrilous and defamatory matter through the mails, was found guilty by a jury in the Federal court here yesterday. An appeal will be taken.

Warren was charged with sending an envelope through the mails bearing the following inscription printed in red ink:

"One thousand dollars reward for anyone who will kidnap ex-Governor Taylor of Kentucky and return him to Kentucky."

Thirty thousand of these envelopes were mailed, it was said.

Boyle Wanted to Tell.

Mercer, Pa., May 8.—Declaring that he had not had a fair trial and that he wanted to tell the whole truth about the kidnapping case, James Boyle, who was put on the stand for the state yesterday in the trial of Mrs. Boyle, created a commotion in the courtroom yesterday and was with difficulty prevented from telling his version of the affair.

Attorneys for both state and defence, court officials and Judge Miller himself took part in the effort to stop Boyle's tongue.

No evidence was offered in Mrs. Boyle's behalf. Argument will take place to-day.

Wants a Big Prison Farm.

Ottawa, May 8.—G. W. Lewis, M.P. for West Huron, has given notice of a bill seeking to stamp out the tramp nuisance. His object is to set aside ten thousand acres of land in Northern Ontario and ten thousand in Northern Quebec, contiguous to each other, as a prison farm where all offenders and criminals, except those convicted of the most heinous crimes, may be imprisoned and made to work at hard labor.

60,000 Words an Hour.

London, May 8.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—Speaking at the Imperial Colonial Club, Henniker Heaton hoped that within a few months it would be possible to cable to every part of the Empire at a shilling for 12 words. He had particulars of an invention whereby 60,000 words an hour could be transmitted.

500 Pounds of Pickeral Seized.

Walkerville, Ont., May 8.—Five hundred pounds of pickeral, caught by Essex County fishermen during the closed season and consigned to a Detroit company, were seized here on Thursday night. The shipment was made from Pike Creek.

Masonic Temple at London.

London, May 8.—Plans are being prepared by Messrs. McBride & Farncombe for a new Masonic temple to cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The building will be a five-storey one and will be used exclusively for Masonic purposes.

Montreal Civic Inquiry.

Montreal, May 8.—There was nothing of outside interest yesterday in the session of the civic commission, most of the evidence being as to the value of No. 12 police station. The enquiry was adjourned until Monday.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Half a bar, half a bar,
Half a bar onward!
Into an awful ditch,
Choir and precentor pitch,
Come to an awful hitch,
In the Old Hundred.
Trebles to the right of them,
Tenors to the left of them,
Basses in front of them,
Bellowed and thundered,
Oh! that precentor's look,
When the sopranos took
Each her own time and hook,
For the Old Hundred.
Screamed all the trebles here,
Boggled the tenors there,
Raising the parson's hair,
While his mind wandered;
Their's not to reason why,
This psalm was pitched too high;
Their's but to grasp and cry
Out the Old Hundred.
Trebles to right of them,
Tenors to left of them,
Basses in front of them,
Bellowed and thundered.
Stormed they with shout and yell,
Not wise they sang nor well,
Drowning the sexton's bell,
While listeners wondered.
Dive the precentor glare,
Flashed his pitchfork in air,
Sounding fresh keys to bear
Out the Old Hundred.
Swiftly he turned his back,
Reached he his hat from rack,
Then from the screaming pack
Himself he sundered.
Tenors to right of him,
Discords behind him,
Bellowed and thundered.
Oh, the wild howls they wrought;
Right to the end they fought!
One tune they sang, but not,
Not the Old Hundred.

LAURIER AND THE RABBITS

Mr. Michael Clark, who represents Red Deer and who dubbed Hon. George E. Foster a pessimistic promulgator of panics, during his speech on the budget the other day, is a physician-turned-rancher and farms a thousand acres on a railroad, incidentally being a member of over four hundred bodies.

He is very much of a free trader, and referred to the National Policy as "no national policy, because it failed to build a nation." Moreover, he reminded his Conservative friends under that policy trade fell from \$230,000,000 to \$224,000,000 in 1895.

"What about the home market?" interrupted Mr. Lancaster.

"I was not living in Canada at that time," retorted the physician-rancher, but I have a friend in Western Canada, who is now doing splendidly in the little town where I live, and who was a Conservative until he voted for me, and he told me that in those days he carried a letter six weeks because he could not buy a stamp to put on it. I was pursuing the same line of argument in the town of Red Deer during my contest, and I was met with the same interruption about the home market. I replied that the home market in those days was pretty well illustrated by the fact that if a farmer went out with his gun and was lucky enough to shoot a rabbit he got his dinner, but otherwise he had to fast.

"He retorted: 'There are no rabbits just now.' 'I said, 'That's a sure evidence that the Laurier Government is going back to power, because otherwise Divine Providence would have provided the rabbits.' 'At which no one laughed more heartily than the Premier."

NEW BRUNSWICK OIL SHALE.

Senate Committee Hears Glowing Reports of Its Possibilities.

Ottawa, May 3.—Before the Senate Committee on Mines and Metallurgy yesterday, some interesting evidence was given as to the value and extent of the New Brunswick deposits of oil shales. Dr. Ellis, of the Geological Survey, stated that the mining branch had made an examination of the field, and found that it was very extensive and that the shale was far richer than the Scotch shale from which the standard oil company annually obtains sixty-two million gallons of oil and fifty thousand tons of sulphate of ammonia.

Dr. Ellis stated that a sample of the New Brunswick shale had been taken to Scotland for treatment to see what it would produce, and the manager of the works had declared that this was the biggest gold mine that had been found anywhere. There was nothing so rich among the Scotch shales, which were being worked at a large profit. The Scotch shales yield thirty to forty gallons a ton, and the New Brunswick shale would produce from sixty to a hundred and ten gallons a ton, and was far richer than the Scotch shale in sulphate of ammonia. The shale district extended from Dochowrie to Norton, seventy miles and seven seams had been discovered. The oil would be valuable as fuel and as a lubricant rather than as an illuminant.

A MIGHTY HUNTER

(Chicago News).

Remarkable has been the career of F. C. Selous, the famous English hunter and explorer, who accompanies Mr. Roosevelt in his African big game expedition. He was only 20 years of age when he went to Matabeleland in days when railways were unknown there and when the interior of the country was a seed bed for the European. For many years he was in the unknown countries, hunting elephants, lions and other animals, and at one period he was nearly three years without seeing a newspaper, a telegram or any kind of money, and he was perfectly happy. He spent a quarter of a century of his life penetrating the interior of South Africa. Then he went to Alaska on a 15,000 mile tour in search of moose and caribou.

HE MOURNED HIS LOSS.

(Ottawa, Kan., Herald)

The tears that an independence man dropped on the casket of a departed friend the other day were works of nature. At the request of relatives he had loaned a pair of cuffs for funeral use, and had attached his solid gold cuff buttons as an additional favor. As he joined in the line to take a last farewell he saw his jewelry, which the corpse wore. The man is preparing a card of thanks and some poetry, too.

A man doesn't always do his duty when he does something he wants to do.

THAT BORDEN TELEGRAM.

McBride Government Refuses to Take Action in the Matter.

(Vancouver World.)

In a letter which reads its credit on the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, Rev. Charles E. Cooper, Chairman of the Synod Committee on moral and social reform, succinctly recounts the steps taken by the Synod with regard to the notorious Borden-Colonist telegram. The McBride Administration "does not consider that the case is one that comes within the purview of the Public Inquiries Act." Mr. Cooper's letter is in the following terms:

"Editor World: Having been instructed by the Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia upon moral and social reform to investigate the circumstances connected with the Borden telegram scandal, I first wrote to and then waited upon the Attorney-General with a request that he would institute an inquiry under the 'Public Inquiries Act.' After a month's delay he decided that a formal appeal must be made to the Premier as head of the Government, in order that our request might be brought before the 'executive.' This was done, a formal appeal was handed in to the Premier's office on Friday, March 11th. An answer was received from him on April 21st in these words: 'The Government does not consider that the case is one that comes within the purview of the 'Public Inquiries Act.'"

"This answer of the 'executive,' coupled with that received from the Attorney-General, appear to block any further constitutional action on the part of the Anglican Synod and they ask to be absolved from any further responsibility in the matter. The blame, (if any,) must rest upon those who have refused to act."

"Faithfully yours,

"CHARLES E. COOPER,
"Chairman of the Committee on Moral and Social Reform."

The occurrence illustrates what a sound and salutary agent in the body politic is a courageous church, and what a dulled sense of moral responsibility is possessed by the McBride Administration. In the contrast between the action of the Provincial

Government in this matter, the latter makes a miserable showing. The course which the government saw fit to adopt with regard to the choice of a site for the Provincial University was pusillanimous to a degree; the response which the government made to the promptings of the synodical committee is much more than merely pusillanimous. The Synod committee did the affair to its committee on moral and social reform, and in doing so it showed a just and nice appreciation of its nature of the scandal; the Attorney-General referred the matter to his chief, and Mr. McBride delivered to the Committee the judgment that the Government thinks that the least said about the matter the better.

The Dominion has rung with the scandal. Political life in British Columbia has been held up as a reproach to Canadians. British Columbia has been shown to be a black spot in a country which has just passed through an election in which the campaign of the Conservative party was a campaign of scandal. The church has been stirred to action—action through the synodical committee on moral and social reform; but the Conservative Premier and his Conservative government do not consider that the occasion calls for anything more from them than a Pontius Pilate-like washing of hands.

It is impossible for the government to shake itself free of responsibility in the matter of the Borden-Colonist telegram scandal. The Synod, through its committee, put the matter up to the Provincial government. Now, at all events they are accessories after the fact. One can understand that the Attorney-General should shrink from handling this matter, for is not he himself somewhat notorious as the author of an electioneering romance concerning 50,000 Orientals and the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific? But Mr. McBride! It would be charitable to conclude that in the historic journey to the foot of the throne the provincial Premier overtaxed his energies and his initiative, and his recovery is still slow and doubtful.

Counting Postal Cards.

Of the many interesting machines employed by the government in its daily work there may be mentioned those used for counting and tying postal cards into small bundles. These machines are capable of counting 500,000 cards in ten hours and wrapping and tying them in packages of twenty-five each. In this operation the paper is pulled off a drum by two long fingers which emerge from below, and another finger dips in a vat of mucilage and applies itself to the wrapping paper in precisely the right spot. Other parts of the machine twine the paper round the pack of cards, and then a thumb presses over the spot whereon the mucilage has been applied, whereupon the package is thrown on a carrying belt ready for delivery.

Then He Subsided.

"I have made it a rule through life," he said at the table the other day to a man at his left, "never to meddle with another man's business."

"That's right—perfectly right," was the reply.

"But I see you have a new confidential clerk."

"Yes, sir, yes."

"He's a hard looking case. I have seen him intoxicated a dozen times, and I wouldn't trust him out of my sight with a sixpence. Took him out of charity, eh?"

"Well, not altogether, you know. He happens to be my eldest son."—London Mail.

A Look Ahead.

Simon had just paid a long delayed bill at the grocer's, partly in response to many urgings and partly because he happened to have the requisite ready money. The grocer, an old friend in spite of his persistence in dunning, thanked him heartily.

"Good for you, Simon," he said graciously. "You deserve credit for paying up this way."

"I know it," replied Simon, "and I wish you'd give it to me sooner another time."

Interference.

Magistrate (to burglar)—Look here, my man, if you don't mend your ways you are sure to come to grief. What made you take to such a miserable business? Prisoner—The business is good enough, only between your worship and the police it has been ruined.

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DOWNED BY SHRUBB

Tom Longboat Had Colors Lowered by English Runner.

Montreal, May 9.—Seven thousand people, who paid over five thousand dollars for the privilege, saw Alfred Shrubb, the English runner, lower the colors of Tom Longboat, the Indian, in a fifteen mile race on the grounds of the M.A.A.A. on Saturday afternoon. The race was for the benefit of the Children's Memorial Hospital. After the race lawyers acting for P. T. Powers of New York, who has a contract for the exclusive services of the Indian, seized that portion of the receipts coming to the Indian and left him in a very sore state of mind.

The men started off at fast pace, with Shrubb in the lead. The first mile was done in 4.44, Longboat being about fifty yards behind and weating profusely. He evidently had not been overtrained, and it looks as if stories of his training methods current during the past week were true. The two mile post was done in 9.55, with Longboat then 125 yards to the bad. From then on to the end of the ninth mile the positions of the men did not materially change. Then Shrubb went out after the Indian with the evident intention of gaining a lap on him, but try as he would he could not succeed until the eleventh mile. Then the Englishman evidently felt content, for he eased up and ran neck and neck with the Indian for the next two miles. Then the Indian made up his mind that it was do or die and went out after the lap he had lost. He did manage to make up a trifle in the last two miles, but finished a minute and fifty-five seconds behind Shrubb, who was loudly cheered. He was in fair shape at the end. The time by miles: 1—4.44; 2—9.55; 3—15.14; 4—20.32; 5—25.56; 6—31.24; 7—36.45; 8—42.15; 9—48.01; 10—54.00; 11—59.45; 12—1.05.34; 13—1.11.36; 14—1.17.55; 15—1.23.57.

ST. YVES WON.

New York, May 8.—The grand international Marathon, distance 385 yards, purse of \$10,000, thirteen starters, first seven to finish to share in the prizes: \$5,000 to first, \$2,000 to second, \$1,200 to third, etc., took place here today. The winner was Henri St. Yves, France, time 2.44.05; second, John Svanberg, Sweden, time 2.50.54; third, Ted Cook, United States, time 2.52.10; fourth, Fred Simpson, American Indian, time 2.54.11; fifth, Fred Appleby, England, time 2.56.17; sixth, Donardo Pietri, Italy, time 2.58.19; seventh, Edouard Cibot, France, time 3.03.23; attendance, 20,000.

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