Confidence Trick Failed to Work

Canadian in Paris Had Narrow Escape From Crooks

Paris.—Two men, said to be English, Ray Williams, alias Patrick O'Hara, aged 63, and Francis Barclay, alias George Anderson, aged 31, have been taken into custody by the Paris police on a charge of attempting to swindle by a confidence trick.

The first contact between the men and their proposed victim was established, it is stated, in London, nearly a month ago.

Mr. Mark Clifford Brandein, a Canadian business man, living in the Paris suburb of Neuilly, got into conversation one day with a distinguished-looking man who gave his name as George Anderson.

The two discovered that they would be in Paris at the same time. The acquaintance was renewed in Paris, and was developed by Anderson.

DROPPED A GLOVE.

Recently they were strolling about the Rue Royale. Just in front of them n elderly, well-dressed man dropped a glove. The Canadian picked it up and was thanked in English, and thus Mr. Patrick O'Hara, of Dublin, joined them.

A drink was suggested. While at a cafe table O'Hara is said to have informed his new friend that he was on his way to Rome to present to the Pope £10,000, part of an inheritance of £300,000.

"The terms of the will" provided that he must give £60,000 of the fortune to charity, and a newspaper was produced containing a brief mention of the inheritance. O'Hara is also said to have displayed a wad of English bank notes destined for the Pope.

At lunch O'Hara is alleged to have offered to give to Anderson and Mr. Brandein £1,000 each to distribute in their respective countries.

HESITATION.

As a token of good faith it was asked that each man should produce an equal sum. Anderson agreed; the Canadian hesitated.

Anderson returned in a few minutes with his money, and O'Hara complimented him on being an honest man.

Eventually Mr. Brandein set off for his bank, but the cashier warned him. Only a small sum of money was placed in an envelope.

When he returned to the cafe, O'Hara, it is alleged, sought to take him aside and obtain the envelope, but at this moment police officers arrived.

Drowning a Dog

The following pathetic story is vouched for to us by one whose name is abundant evidence of its veracity. It has been published in the "British Weekly":

Reference was made in the course of the trial to the killing of a dog. I wonder if any of my readers have ever tried to drown a dog? Once tried. I hopelessly failed. He was an old dog possessing such intelligence and fidelity that it has never seriously incensed me that human beings should be compared in certain matters to lower creatures. He had become old. Life was a burden to him, it seemed. He had difficulty in breathing. But he was a real gentleman, and when his trouble, whatever it was, threatened to reach a paroxysm, he would waddle to the door so that he might not embarrass us! But he seemed to get worse and worse, and the man about the place was commissioned to put him down. He, without any intentional cruelty, asked me to do the job, being then but a boy. So I took him on a string, and in my other hand I carried a weight, and so we reached a lonely place by the side of a canal. (Whenever I read that tremendous story in Genesis about Abraham and Isaac traveling alone up that mountain side, I have tried to put pressure upon my own mind, for I want to sit down and weep, thinking of that evening in my boyhood.) I tied the weight to the other end of the string, with the dog sitting patiently. As I was kneeling to make the stone secure, his old face was level with my young face; and he licked my cheek. That completed it. I cut the string, threw the stone into the water, and went home. It is a great thing to have had a mother who understood you when you were a boy. Mine read the whole story in my tear-stained and swollen face.

Many a walk we had afterwards, that old dog and I, and I must ask my readers to believe me when, putting my hand to my heart, I tell them that, a year or so later, that old dog walked into that canal and drowned himself, when the Author of his being had signified finally that his day had come.

The Jones family were on holiday, and it had rained every day for a week. They were all very gloomy as they sat in the front room of their boarding-house. Little Jimmy was looking at the downpour when he exclaimed suddenly, "Oh, look! There's a man carrying a lot of wood! What's he going to do?" Mr. Jones looked up from his paper. 'I suppose he's going to build an arc!"

The only thing getting longer about women's evening gowns are the shoulder straps.

OUR WINTER WEATHER

A Trying Time for People With Weak Watery Blood

Canadian winter weather is a trying time for debilitated, run-down people. The close air of shut-up houses, lack of out-of-door exercise, the restricted diet of the season all have their effect on weakened systems. There is always in such cases the danger of severe colds, attacks of influenza, or the still more dreaded pneumonia. There is no other time of year when a bountiful supply of rich, red blood is so necessary; and the one way to keep the blood rich and pure and thus avoid winter trouble is through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. If, unfortunately, you have fallen a victim to influenza, or other winter troubles, this same medicine will restore your health and strength. Among those who have proved the value of Dr. Williams Pink Pills is Miss Margaret Pearson, R.R. No. 3, Chatham. Miss Pearson had passed through a severe attack of influenza and says: "It left me so weak and run-down, that I could scarcely walk. Anaemia set in and it almost seemed as if I would not pull through the winter, as I grew so weak that the least exertion would bring on fainting spells. I was under medical treatment, but it did not help me. Then one day in our local paper I read an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and decided to try them. By the time I had used three boxes I felt much better, and continuing the use of the pills it was not long before I felt better than I had been before the influenza attacked me. My rapid recovery surprised my friends, and when asked "What did you do?" I proudly say, "Not my doing, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills." To me, at least, the pills have been worth their weight in gold."

As a precaution against winter ills take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills now. Sold by all medicine dealers, or sent by mail at 50c a box by The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Students May Get Foundling Hospital

Plan Afoot to Acquire Buildings for Overseas Scholars

London.—A plan is being energetically pushed to acquire the buildings and site of the Foundling Hospital in Bloomsbury for a residential centre for London's 1800 overseas students. London has no such rendezvous for the young people who come from all parts of the world to study here, and its proximity to London University, now that the future location of that institution is assured, makes the site remarkably convenient and attractive.

The hospital site covers nine acres, and the buildings, which it is proposed to utilize just as they stand, would provide residential quarters for 400 students, besides library and recreation rooms for a much larger number.

The grounds provide adequate room for all sports requirements. It is proposed to vest the property in the hands of trustees, if the expected public support is forthcoming, but to allow the actual management to remain in the hands of the resident students.

The plan is being supported by the Foundling Estate Protection Association, which is largely responsible for preventing the site being used for the removal to it of Covent Garden market. The need such a student centre as this would provide for is keenly felt in London. New York has International House, founded in 1924, and Paris has the new Cite Universitaire, where the recently opened Canadian Hostel is located. The London plan is to devote the entire resources of the project to the well-being of overseas students.

Two boys wanted to play a trick on their teacher, so they painted the face of a monkey on the back of his coat as it hung on its hook. The master came into the room, and seeing the caricature, exclaimed: "Who has cleaned his face on my overcoat?"

"What business needs is more self-starters."

Mellon Points to Prosperity of U.S.

Growth of Country in 1927 Was Along Normal Lines

CONDITIONS SOUND

Employment Steady, Wages Maintained at High Level

Washington.—During the last year the country has given unmistakable evidence of the fact that underlying conditions are sound. While there has been some recession in business activity from the high levels of 1926, the growth of the country has proceeded along normal lines and great progress has been made even in the face of several adverse circumstances.

Notwithstanding the fact that commodity prices continued to fall through the year, a large volume of business was done, which was in itself an unusual circumstance and showed the ability of business to introduce economies in phoduction and to exercise the necessary caution by avoiding the accumulation of excessive inventories. It is this adaptability on the part of American business which is one of the greatest causes of confidence in the future.

Employment Steady.

Throughout the year employment was steady; wages were maintained at a high level; living costs were lowered, due to declining commodity prices and the purchasing power of farm products enhanced as measured in terms of non-agricultural products. All of this resulted in a sustained purchasing power on the part of the public generally, which contributed to the stability of business and industry.

Interest rates declined on industrial and government securities and also on farm issues, while banks showed large increases in loans and investments and ample credit was available for the legitimate needs both of this country and foreign borrowers.

Certain factors which exercised a deterrent influence in 1927 may be expected to disappear in the coming year. For instance, the decline in the automobile industry, with a resulting effect on hte steel industry, was due to special causes, such as a temporary curtailment of output in automobile production. The normal expansion of these major industries, which may reasonably be expected from now on, should have a favorable effect on business in 1928.

All of these circumstances justify us in the belief that w may look forwar dto continued progress in the year ahead.

WOULD TAKE 'EM OFF

"If you were in my shoes what would you do?"

"Take 'em off and put on a larger pair."

Short But Sweet.

I heard Prince Arthur of Connaught told an amusing tale of his experiences when serving as Governor-General of South Africa. He had made a journey up the Zambesi to some of the paramount chiefs. One of them made a speech of welcome which took three-quarters of an hour to deliver. When he had finished a native interpreter came forward to explain the oration. Pointing to the chief, the interpreter discharged his task with a single sentence: "Him say him dam pleased to see you."

"You were no spring chicken when I married you!" "No; but I was a goose."

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When the Master toiled, as was His will,
In the Nazareth shop,—with what rare skill
Of hammer and saw and keen-edged blade—
And peasants bought the things He made.

It must have been that, here and there,
The burden was less for some dumb pair
That turned the soil to the sweet Spring breath
Or ambled the lanes of Nazareth.

His perfest skill would He revoke,
When He turned His hand to the oxen's yoke?
Lesser workmen might never heed
Nor guess the lowly toiler's need.

Who made the ox and yoke-beam, too,
Knew well the loads the wearer drew;
And His heart of love and hand of might
Made easy yokes and burdens light.

Master-Workman, of Galilee,
Burden-bearer for such as we,
Give us the heart and hand to ease
The galling burdens of such as these.

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Is there a baby or young children in your home? If there is you should not be without a box of Baby's Own Tablets. Childhood ailments come quickly and means should always be at hand to promptly fight them. Bayb's Own Tablets are the ideal home remedy. They regulate the bowels; sweeten the stomach; banish constipation and indigestion; break up colds and simple fevers—in fact they relieve all the minor ills of little ones. Concerning them Mrs. Moise Cabotte, Makamik, Que., writes: "Baby's Own Tablets are the best remedy in the world for little ones. My baby suffered terribly from indigestion and vomiting, but the Tablets soon set her right and now she is in perfect health." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25c. a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

STUDENT-TEACHER TOURS ARRANGED

Winnipeg.—Plans have been completed by the Overseas Education League for the thirteenth annual teachers' tour, to be held during the summer school vacation next year. A varied and interesting program of travel has been arranged. The usual visit to London and surroundings will be made, to be followed by a Mediterranean cruise as far as Italy, including a visit to Rome. The return will be by way of Marseilles, to Paris, thence to Cherbourg, where boat will be taken for the voyage home to Canada.

A separate itinerary has been arranged for a trip to be made by students, taking 73 days. The tourists will land at Glasgow, touring Scotland, England and then crossing the water to Zeebrugge. A trip will be made to Paris, then back to London, where the visitors will spend the time from August 9 to 25, being housed in the university hostels. The trip back home will be made in the company of the teachers, on the Empress of Scotland.

German Cutter Belts Globe, 34,000 Miles, in Two Years

Berlin.—Greeted by the authorities and an enormous multitude, Captain Karl Kircheiss, who two years ago started an adventurous cruise around the world on a small cutter from Hamburg, manned by himself and four sailors, returned to the mouth of the Elbe recently. In honor of the successful sailor all vessels in port were fully flagged.

Captain Kercheiss began his voyage in January, 1926, via Spain, the Mediterranean, India, Sumatra, Borneo, Siam, China, Japan, Honolulu, Mexico, the Panama Canal and New York.

Sailing from the last port of call on Nov. 16, the daring navigator met adverse weather, which delayed him a few days. Altogether he covered 34,000 nautical miles.

Londoner Can Buy Odd Glove After Losing One in Subway

London. — So many right hand gloves are lost in the London underground regularly that a business has grown up where odd gloves may be purchased to match the remaining one. Forty thousand gloves were left on the underground and tube trains during the last twelve months.

Umbrellas figured next in the figures announced by the "palace of carelessness," as the house where lost articles are assembled is called. There were 12,000 umbrellas and 500 canes.

The lost articles are kept six months, and, if not claimed, are sold.

Minard's Liniment for rheumatism.

OWL-LAFFS

BY O. W. L. (Oo With Laughter)

Her Idea of It.

"You call me bold," the flapper cries,
"And so I'll dress the part, I guess."
To her boudoir she promptly hies
And there proceeds to partly dress.

The Wife—"There's a burglar trying to get into the flat."

Her Hero—"Eh! Where? I'll get up and give him the fight of his life."

"Aren's you afraid?"

"Not a bit. Any burglar who thinks this flat can hold three of us must be a little bit of a fellow."

It is difficult to believe that exercise will take off fat when you study some people's chins.

"Gertrude Ederle is suing her business manager."

"Ah, I see, a swimming suit."

A meddlesome woman, riding in a trolley car, began sneering at a young mother's awkwardness in holding a fretting baby.

"I declare," she snorted, "a woman ought never to have a baby until she knows how to hold it."

"Nor a tongue, either," calmly responded the worried young mother.

Mrs. Reddy—"Why don't you let your Willie play baseball with the other boys?"

Mrs. Greene—"A part of the game is stealing bases, and I'm afraid it might be a bad influence."

"I have been told many times that a road of federal aid specifications can be built cheaper without than with federal aid. Is this demonstrable? If not, why is it constantly repeated?"

Isn't it strange
That princes and kings,
And clowns that capper
In saw-dust rings,
And common people
Like you and me
Are builders for eternity?
Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make—
Ere life is flown,
A stumbling block
Or a stepping stone.

Nothing is useless, and a husband never gets too ornery to come in handy as a topic of conversation.

Yes, some people do speak "straight from the shoulder"—too bad they can't originate their talk a little higher up.

"I'm crazy about this place," said the lunatic as he ambled about the asylum.

The leader of the jazz orchestra probably figures that dodging, sidestepping, and similar antics will make him harder to hit.

Gladys washed her hair with dog soap and then wondered why it dried out all snarly.

"Well, how are you this morning?" asked the passenger.

"Fare," replied the conductor.

A wife has some advantages over a husband but she can't win a quarrel by reaching for her hat.

Some women with a past are so pleased with it that they are always living up to it.

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The King of Pain—Minard's Liniment

Major (inspecting the morale of colored troops for their baptism of fire)—"Sam, what would you do if on parade you were suddenly confronted with the enemy?" Sam—"I sure would spread the news."

"You haven't the spirit of a mouse!" "Certainly not, my dear. If I resembled a mouse in any respect, you might be afraid of me."

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