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## THE MISSING CONVICT WAS FOUND IN HIDING

Had Not Got Outside the Penitentiary Walls.

### ROPE WAS TOO THIN

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Chartrand Discovered in Binder Twine Building on Saturday Afternoon—He Had Thicker Rope, and Intended Departing Saturday Night.

Joseph Chartrand, insane prisoner, who escaped Saturday morning from his cell in the Portsmouth penitentiary, and caused such a big sensation, was caught about 3:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and now the staff of guards at the big prison are breathing easier. In the afternoon, a guard was sent on an errand to the old building, where binder twine was made for many years, but which is now not in service, and there he found Chartrand crouched up in an old chimney. He offered no resistance, and was soon back in his cell. It was thought sure that he had scaled the wall, but he says that the rope he had did not consider to be strong enough for the job, so he postponed his trip, and intended getting over the wall on Saturday night. After getting out in the yard, he secured an entrance to the top story of the binder twine department, by climbing up a fire escape. He also wanted to get into the building, so as to fit himself out with a good piece of rope, to scale the wall, and he had no trouble in doing so, as there is plenty of it there. Another reason for his having put off the final part of his escape, was that the night was quite cold.

There is a rule at the penitentiary calling for the bars to be tested by the guards every Saturday, and it was for this reason that his scheme for escaping had been planned for Friday night. Chartrand and his mate were almost free on Friday night, and he knew that they could not stand another test, and that his plan would be discovered.

Chartrand had everything well planned, as he had a store of food with him when discovered. He felt very sorry that his plan had failed, as he felt sure that he would have been able to get over the wall on Saturday night, and make the trip across in his way, departing from the rear of Canadian Club speakers.

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As stated in Saturday's Whig, Chartrand has a mania for escaping, and he will have to be closely watched. When he was re-caught in 1906, he declared that he would get away again.

The guards say that Chartrand is one of the class of prisoners who is never still a moment in his cell. He is always doing something. He is very restless.

On Saturday morning, as soon as the justice department at Ottawa was notified that Chartrand had escaped, Detective Parkinson, of the dominion police force, was detailed to give assistance, but, luckily, the man much wanted was back in his cell before the detective could reach Kingston. He reached Smith's Falls when he received a message about the convict being caught.

Chartrand has made a great record for himself as a jail breaker. He is the only man who has been able to make his way out of his cell, and this is three times he has succeeded.

Men have made their escape while engaged in work out on the farms, but for sawing the bars and making plans, Chartrand is indeed in a class by himself.

It is stated that Chartrand secured a small piece of steel, and that by rubbing it on the stone floor of his cell, he was able to get it into such a condition so that it served as a wedge, and that this little piece of steel was the cause of all the trouble. Of course it was very slow work, but he had lots of time, and it did not seem so long to him, when he could see a chance of gaining freedom some day.

The finding of Chartrand, gave the guards quite a surprise, as they thought sure that he had made his escape over the wall. And the news of his capture was just as big a surprise to the general public. His escape from the prison was the main topic of conversation on the street all day Saturday, and when it was announced on the Whig bulletin board, Saturday afternoon, that the convict had been captured, in the binder twine department, people could hardly believe it.

The entire countryside was being searched for the missing convict, and the staff of guards, forming searching parties, were immediately called in when he was found.

It is reported that as a result of this last escape, additional guards will be added to the penitentiary staff. For a long time, the guards have been complaining of being overworked.

Further information shows that Chartrand was located by assistant

superintendent Caughey. There was some suspicion that the convict might be hiding somewhere within the walls, and for this reason, every nook and corner was searched. As the binder twine department is unused, it was not searched until late in the afternoon. Guard McPherson suggested that a search ought to be made of the binder twine department. As a result, Superintendent Caughey, who has charge of the plant, was ordered to search the building. Before entering, he looked through a peep hole in the door, and located Chartrand moving about around the machinery. It is supposed that he had been hiding in the chimney. The superintendent at once opened the door, and accompanied by Guard Givens, entered the building and found the prisoner crouched between two machines. They flashed their revolvers in Chartrand's face. The latter put up his hands and surrendered, was at once taken to the warden's office, and later removed to his cell.

It was reported to-day, that Chartrand was suffering from a dislocated shoulder, and it is believed that he received this injury as a result of a fall when he made his attempt to get over the wall.

### BLIGHTING MENTAL MALADY TO BE GUARDED AGAINST

Col. Henry Smith Addressed the Ottawa Canadian Club on Saturday Last.

Special to the Whig.

Ottawa, April 1.—Col. Henry Smith, Kingston, sergeant-at-arms for so many years, vastly entertained the members of the Canadian Club, on Saturday, at their usual weekly luncheon when he warned them and others against dangers from "the swelled head," and drew many lessons from a parliamentary experience and series of reminiscences during the past forty years. The talk was unique in its way, departing from the trend of Canadian Club speakers.

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Dr. Finlay Alexander, an Anglican minister, who turned Catholic, died in the Hotel Dieu, Montreal. He served as a Church of England minister at Quebec.

C. G. Ballantyne, the Montreal harbor commissioner, announces that even if he does not resign now, he will in September for business reasons.

The great skeleton tower, 656 feet high, collapsed at Naven, Germany, on Saturday, during a terrific storm. It was a wireless station. No one injured.

Sir Gilbert Parker is once more in place in the British house of commons, looking bronzed and healthy as a result of a two months' trip in the Arizona desert.

At Washington, D.C., jail sentences for women who wear agitators were advocated before the house agriculture committee by John C. Speaks, Ohio game warden.

James Bryce, vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Express company, announces his retirement after forty years' connection with express work in Canada.

Rural Dean Fletcher, Cobden, Ont., died in an Ottawa hospital, following an operation for appendicitis and pneumonia. Rev. Mr. Fletcher is survived by a widow and one child.

A zoological garden, a botanical garden, and an aquarium, in addition to a natural history museum, are some of the scientific institutions planned for Montreal by the Natural History Society.

The Manitoba government is amending the liquor license act of that province. Licenses are to be graded in price according to the number of bartenders employed. The amount will range from \$900 to \$2,500.

A salmon cannery plant has been sent to Kotz's Sound on the Arctic. This will be the first salmon cannery on the Arctic Ocean. The fish are said to be of better quality than those caught further south.

The United States government has prepared papers in a bill to be filed for the dissolution of certain steamship companies engaged in traffic between New York and the Far East by the way of the Suez canal.

One authority estimates total dividend and interest disbursements in Canada this month at \$25,000,000. There is a large list of concerns paying dividends April 1st or later in the month, about \$16,000,000 will be paid out on listed stocks.

Miss Grace Bryce, the pretty 18-year-old pianist for the Maryland Methodist church, Indianapolis, left her home on Saturday, in the centre of the city, to pay a bill. She was seen to enter a car, but never arrived at the office, and has not been seen nor heard of since.

Leo Parfitts, for the past nine years a member of the staff of Lacey & Shields, Peterborough, has received a tempting offer of a position as manager of a store at Mississauga, Que.

The Central Torsade company plan at Tulsa, Okla., blew up on Saturday, and four persons are missing.

### DAILY MEMORANDA.

County Court, 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Taste Club annual meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, and light committee, 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Eastern dinner at Zion Church, Tuesday evening, sale and home-made tables.

### PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest Cailed From All Over the World.

Perth is to have a new post office. All the anthracite miners in the United States are idle to-day.

The Austrian emperor threatened to abdicate after a disagreement with his cabinet.

Two Chapman brothers, in Montreal, were probably fatally injured in a hotel shooting.

Lord Strathcona has given \$25,000 towards new buildings for Knox Presbyterian college.

C.P.R. officials say that 15,000 of the company's cars are lost in the United States.

Wellington, N.Z., reports that Capt. Scott has been heard from under date of January 3rd.

At Port Arthur, Ont., a five million dollar concern to manufacture railway cars is projected.

The Toronto board of control asked the city council to purchase Knox College property.

Later balloting results show that the British miners favor strike settlement immediately.

James Parfitts, an aged gardener, once employed by Earl Aberdeen, was found dead in a shock.

Parliament will pass special legislation to compel the Grand Trunk to take back its conductor.

Appeals were made from Ottawa for support for Rowell and the Liberals' temperance platform.

The London Evening Star declares the only hope of suffrage is by the elimination of Mrs. Pankhurst and her followers.

Father Joseph Carriere, rector of St. Boniface college, Winnipeg, has been elected principal of the Order of Jesuits in Canada.

King George and Queen Mary entertained Whitelaw Reid, the U.S. ambassador and Mrs. Reid, at Buckingham Palace.

The cutting of her third set of teeth was responsible for the death of Mrs. Margaret Newman, eighty-five years of age, of Chelsea, Mass.

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The Winnipeg Boy Scouts have won the King's flag, presented to the troop having the largest percentage of King's Scouts in its ranks.

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