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Prisoner Makes His Escape From the County Jail By Scaling the Wall

DUANE WAGAR WAS WAITING FOR TRANSFER TO PENITENTIARY

Declared to Have Used a Ladder to Get Over the North Wall— Had Been Sentenced to Three Years Imprisonment for Stealing From the Verona Post Office.

Duane Wagar, of Enterprise, aged twenty-four years, who was confined in the county jail, waiting removal to the Portsmouth penitentiary, to serve three years on the charge of robbing the Verona post office, made a sensational get-away on Saturday morning when he scaled the north wall of the jail and made his escape.

Wagar must have had some rope contrivance to lower himself on the outside of the wall. It is thought that Wagar was gone only about a couple of minutes when his absence was discovered, and the turnkey gave the alarm. The city police were notified, and headed by Joseph Hawkey, governor of the jail, they formed a search party. It is thought that Wagar must have gone up Barrie street after getting over the wall.

It had not been for unusually heavy shipments to Chicago from the Canadian West during the last few months of the year, the U.S. trade would have fallen off to a fraction of its volume the year before.

Testing Corn Borer Machine. On the farm of John Palmer, Tilbury in Kent, authorities have

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We are offering the remainder of our stock of these famous Phonographs at really remarkable prices.

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Was With Coal Gang. From what the Whig could learn Saturday morning, the prisoners, who are confined to the county jail, were divided into two gangs. One gang was placed to work at shovel-throwing in front of the court house buildings while the other was engaged in unloading coal which had been delivered at the jail. Wagar was with the coal gang, which, it is understood, was in charge of the inside turnkey. On account of the inside gang being very small, the turnkey was helping carry the coal when Wagar made his escape.

HARTE PLEADS GUILTY AND IS REMANDED

Came Before Judge Lavell—Will Be Sentenced Next Saturday.

J. E. Harte, formerly accountant at Movat Sanatorium, charged with falsifications of the money of the Kingston Health Association, amounting to \$1,488, pleaded guilty, when he appeared before Judge Lavell on Saturday morning. He will be sentenced on Saturday, March 27th, at 11 a.m.

Mr. Day, counsel for Harte, took the opportunity at the outset of his remarks, to make clear the fact that restitution had been proposed by his client. Mr. Harte had certain goods in which he thought he could realize about \$600, said Mr. Day, and he was willing to turn this money over to the Health Association. Also he was willing to make a provision for paying off the balance. Dr. Hopkins, medical superintendent of the Sanatorium, had been approached and had expressed appreciation of this, said Mr. Day, but Dr. Hopkins had asked that the good be disposed of and the money turned over to the association.

This is another tragedy of human weakness," said J. E. Harte, speaking on his own behalf. "When I first took the money I always assured myself that it would be returned, but when I got in so deep I was afraid and bewildered. If I had my way it is for my wife and children and not for myself. I am prepared to take the punishment for my deed."

Post Office Inspector J. C. Strange Retiring

Mr. J. Campbell Strange, Post Office Inspector for this district, will on April 1st retire from the service. Mr. Strange entered the service in 1890 and has been in the office all these years. He will be on leave of absence for six months and then will go on superannuation at his own request.

Mr. Raney Objects to Hasty Adjournment Of Legislature as Proposed by Premier

Toronto, March 20.—Before the orders of the day were called in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, questioned Premier Ferguson as to how long he expected the session to continue. Mr. Sinclair expressed the opinion that the House should be able to complete its labors by Easter. "The Government has no desire to prolong the session," stated Premier Ferguson. "If we can proceed with a reasonable amount of speed we should get through by Easter. Of course, a good deal will depend on the budget debate."

MR. LYONS DECLARED THERE WAS NO RISK

Of Carrying on Business Through His Firm for the Ontario Government.

Toronto, March 20.—Replying to questions asked by W. E. Raney, Progressive leader, James Lyons, former Minister of Lands and Forests in the Ontario government, said at the meeting of the public accounts committee of the legislature last night, that his firm, the Lyons Fuel and Supply Company of Sault Ste. Marie, had supplied cement and gravel to McNamara Bros. for their contract in building a roadway on Wellington street, Sault Ste. Marie. The Provincial Government, through the Northern Development branch, which came under Mr. Lyons as Minister, provided a portion of the cost of the road. The total contract was \$53,000 and the material supplied by the Lyons firm amounted to \$32,000. The Lyons firm also supplied roofing material, cement and steel sash for a new aerodrome in Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Fitzpatrick was the contractor and bought the material from the Lyons firm. The drone was built for the provincial government.

CAPT. WILKINS LOSES HIS THIRD AIRPLANE

His Flight Over the Arctic Waste Has Been Temporarily Delayed.

Fairbanks, Alaska, March 20.—The last of the three airplanes of Capt. H. Wilkins was wrecked here yesterday when the landing gear of the Detroit, a three-engine machine, buckled, throwing the plane on its nose. An engine was thrown out of position and the propeller bent. The big plane, which was being started on its first test flight, had shot along the ground only about forty feet when the accident occurred.

CLARENCE SETTELL HAS BEEN PAROLED

Former Secretary to Late Sir Adam Beck Leaves the Penitentiary.

Clarence Settell, former secretary to the late Sir Adam Beck, and who was serving a three-year sentence in Portsmouth penitentiary on the charge of theft, has been paroled, and left for Toronto on Saturday afternoon. Settell had done about half his time. A short time ago his mother, who is eighty-two years of age, came up from Montreal and had a talk with him. After leaving Kingston, she went to Toronto and had a conference with members of the Ferguson Cabinet, and then went to Ottawa, where she asked the Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, to consider a parole for her son. The case was taken up by the Dominion Parole Board and the parole was granted.

EMPLOYEE KILLED IN BEAVEDBOARD FACTORY

His Hand and Head Were Drawn Into the Board Machine.

Thorold, March 20.—Thomas Joseph Rowan was killed at the Beaverboard factory here yesterday afternoon. He was employed as back tender, and was putting paper through the winder on the board machine, when his hand was drawn in, his head following. He died within three minutes after the accident. He is survived by his widow and four small children.

TO RENEW BREWERY PERMIT

It is understood that the Ontario Board of License Commissioners at Toronto will, on Monday, renew the permit for the Lake Ontario Brewing Company, Portsmouth, which was cancelled on March 10th.

GRAHAM DECLINES

The Liberal Nomination in South Essex Constituency. Brockville, March 20.—Right Hon. George P. Graham, ex-Minister of Railways and Canals, yesterday declined to accept an invitation extended to him by the Liberal executive of South Essex to become the party candidate in that riding at the next federal election.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY TO MEET CRITICS

In the British Parliament on Tuesday Next.

A NOTABLE WELCOME

Given Him by His Cabinet Colleagues on His Return to London From Geneva.

London, March 20.—The Cabinet colleagues of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, made a special point of giving him a notable welcome when he returned to London last night from the League of Nations meeting at Geneva. Most of them were at the station to greet him, and Premier Baldwin, who was unable to be there, sent a special representative. There was no demonstration on the part of the public.



SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

RENFREW MINISTER DIES IN TORONTO

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford Collapses on Street—Passes Away in Hospital.

Toronto, March 20.—Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, aged seventy, of Renfrew, who has been attending the meetings of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, was walking to lunch about 1:30 yesterday, when he took a weak spell and collapsed on the street opposite the City Hall. He was rushed to the General Hospital, and passed away a couple of hours later.

HEAVY WHEAT LOSSES IN WINNIPEG MARKET

Lack of Foreign Grain Demand Was Followed by Heavy Liquidation.

Winnipeg, March 20.—Lack of foreign demand, and the resultant inactivity of exporters, was followed by heavy liquidation by "longs" on the wheat market here yesterday. All grains recorded heavy losses, ranging from 4c to 5c for wheat, 4 3/4c to 5 1/4c for flax, 4c for rye, and smaller recessions for oats and barley.

NINE KILLED WHEN STACK EXPLODED

Birmingham, Ala., March 20.—Nine men were killed and several injured early this morning when a stack of the Woodward furnace No. 2 exploded. The victims were caught in a cloud of molten metal, without an opportunity to escape.

HOUSE TO GO INTO SUPPLY AGAIN MONDAY

Committee Is Re-Created Despite Objection of Mr. Meighen.

CLEVER LITTLE TRICK

Is How Premier King Described the Bringing on of the Vote on Thursday.

Ottawa, March 20.—The House has again a committee of supply. Adoption by the House on Thursday of the Drayton motion that the "chairman do leave the chair" resulted in a long argument over procedure and a ruling by Speaker Lemieux. Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, moved at the opening that the House go into supply on Monday—which in reality means Tuesday, as Monday is a private member's day. Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Opposition leader, objected that the motion was not in order, but Speaker Lemieux decided against Mr. Meighen's contention, and the motion re-creating the committee was adopted.

BOURASSA EXPLAINS

Why He Did Not Sing the National Anthem.

Ottawa, March 20.—The "so-called singing" of the National Anthem on the night of March 2nd before the long adjournment of the House of Commons was again the subject of a discussion in the House yesterday.

MUST STAY IN ASYLUM

Captain Pirie, Murderer, Will Not Be Deported.

Ottawa, March 20.—An effort to have Captain John Buchanan Pirie, who on October 1st, 1924, in a fit of despondency killed his common law wife, Caroline Freedland, and his two children, and who is serving a life sentence as a criminal insane at the Guelph prison farm, deported to England in the near future, has been rejected by the Immigration and Justice Departments.

MONTREAL COLLECTOR TELLS OF TROUBLES

Had Not Absolute Power or He Would Have Improved Customs Conditions.

Ottawa, March 20.—For the greater part of the eight years he has been Collector of Customs at the port of Montreal, his experiences have forced him to think that he was "not wanted there," William S. Weldon, yesterday, told the customs probe.

NOT SNAKE IN EGG

Guelph, March 20.—Examination by Prof. W. R. Graham, of the Ontario Agricultural College, of a hen's egg sent to him from Belleville which was said to contain a tiny snake embedded in the albumen or white section, revealed that the substance thought to be a snake was not foreign to the egg, but was either a thickened piece of the albumen or a section of a discolored membrane.

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After touching a low of 148 1/2, May wheat closed at 148 3/4; July at 146 3/8, and October at 139 5/8. The low point for the day, and the presenting a loss of five cents from Thursday's close. The May future lost an even four cents.