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CAPTURE OF FRED N. KERR.

AN ADROIT CHICAGO DETECTIVE.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* of May 5th has the following:

Many will remember the day in January last when it was reported in the city papers that a heavy defalcation had taken place in the old-established banking house of Preston, Kean & Co. A trusted clerk had absconded, taking with him funds to a large amount and fears were expressed, which happily proved groundless, that there would be a run on the bank, with at least temporary financial embarrassment. The name of the young man was Frederick N. Kerr, and the exact amount of his defalcation was, in cash, $21,653; in bonds belonging to special depositors, $45,350. This had all been abstracted at different times prior to the 1st of January. Mr. Kerr, having the full confidence of the firm, asked and was granted a leave of absence for rest and recreation until the 1st of February. When he left the bank the defalcation was unknown and it was supposed that Mr. Kerr had gone on a visit to friends at the East. A short time after he left circumstances arose which revealed his peculations, and Preston, Kean & Co., believing him in New York, telegraphed for his arrest.

OFF FOR SOUTH AMERICA.

There was something of a delay in the search for him, and Jan. 23 an agent stood upon the New York wharf while the defaulter sailed away upon a Panama steamer, ostensibly bound for Peru, South America. Before Kerr left Chicago, he left a letter with another party dated February 1, and to be delivered at that date to Preston, Kean & Co., which in his own handwriting confessed the defalcation, stated the circumstances under which he took the money, and said that he was already at a safe distance. This was followed by a threat that if he were followed a run would be organized upon the bank, and the firm of Preston, Kean & Co. ruined; but if he were not followed everything would be quiet and the public need not know of their loss. The firm did not scare worth a cent. They had plenty of capital to withstand the run, and; moreover, all the banks in the city stood ready to help them over the emergency if it should arise. They placed the matter in the hands of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, with orders to spare no pains nor money to arrest and return the fugitive. The next steamer for Panama carried one of Pinkerton's picked men.

HOW THEY CAUGHT HIM.

When Kerr arrived at Panama he had been traveling and continued to travel, under a constant change of aliases, making it difficult for the detective to keep track of his man. A fortunate circumstance at Panama put the detective on the right track. When Kerr arrived there the tropical sun had induced him to shed his overcoat, which was a nobby Chicago-made article. He had taken passage for Panama under the name of Parrott, and from Panama to Callao under the name of Stewart. When he disposed of the overcoat, so careful was he to conceal his identity that he cut off with a penknife the name of the maker on the inside of the collar of the garment, but totally forgot the little private lapel in the breast, under which was his own name. The detective discovered that a man named Stewart had sailed from Panama to Callao, leaving an overcoat belonging to Frederick N Kerr. At Panama also, the detective received letters from Chicago, one of which contained a photograph of Kerr, and thus doubly equipped and now certain of his man, he sailed for Peru in the next steamer. Through the purser of the ship which carried Kerr to Callao, the detective identified Stewart as Kerr by his photograph and learned that he had indeed landed at Callao. From Callao the detective went to Lima, and at the most fashionable hotel he had no difficulty in finding the original of the photograph. Kerr was busying himself in studying the Spanish language and in genteel vices, and also seeking investments and speculative enterprises from the large amount of funds he professed to have.

THE DETECTIVE CULTIVATES HIM.

The detective could speak French fluently, and as Kerr had learned that language in Canada in his youth, he had no difficulty in striking up an a quaintance, which soon became a warm and close friendship. Singularly enough, the detective had a large amount of funds to invest, and they conferred confidentially together. They played billiards, they attended fandangos and theatres, and made love in a tropical manner together. The days and nights passed pleasantly while the two young bloods were hunting investments and other matters of less moment.

THE BANK UNSHAKEN.

About this time Preston, Kean & Co., in Chicago, began to get a little insight into what turned out to be an organized conspiracy. The circumstances of the robbery and the full extent of it were made known to the public and indictments obtained by the Grand Jury. The accomplices of Kerr in Chicago, then, true to the instinct of that squirrel, sent anonymous letter to the depositors of the bank to draw out their funds as quickly as possible, as the bank would certainly suspend in a day or two. This was a miserable failure. The bank advertised that any depositor should be paid in full on demand, and the doors were kept open long after banking hours to enable any timorous depositor to withdraw. But very few took advantage of the offer, and the bank, which had the thorough confidence of the community, went right on as if nothing had happened.

THE WARRANT FOR ARREST.

One of the first official acts of Governor Hamilton was to make application to Washington for the arrest and extradition of Kerr. The request was granted, and the next steamer, the third after Kerr, took another of Pinkerton's men with papers for the arrest. The second detective, upon his arrival in the south land, found Kerr and his "French friend," Julian, still enjoying life and waiting for opportunities to invest. Then came a delay while treaty matters were looked up, but it was found that a treaty was in force between the two countries and pigeon-holed in Washington, a long-forgotten document. The commander of the Chilian forces was then made acquainted with the nature of the case, and with his consent the arrest was decided on. The commander agreed to give the necessary assistance, and three days ago the capture was accomplished by the French detective, Julian, assisted by a dozen soldiers and one policeman.

IT IS SERVED.

There was no necessity for such a force, but they were taken along to frighten if he resisted. What arrested he was working out of the hotel, and eager to assist the man was a British subject, and appeal for protection to the person by. This amounted to nothing, and he was taken to Callao and placed safely on board of the steamer *Peru*, where that night he slept beneath the American flag once more. The voyage home is a long one, and Mr. Kerr will probably not arrive in Chicago in less than six weeks.

After Kerr left Chicago his pals here sent him $5,000 in a draft to Lima. This was intercepted by Pinkerton, and the payment stopped. One of Kerr's confederates was a boy to whom he gave $1,200, but after his departure the boy weakened and returned the money to the bank. Kerr's pals here need not worry about his being short of funds, for there is no place in the world where a man needs money less than on board an American man-of-war on the high seas. It is also barely possible that when he arrives he may find his confederates in crime also behind the bars. The correspondence between Kerr and his pals here has been captured, and the scheme revealed. It is also within the bounds of probability that Detective Julian, in the course of his intimacy with Kerr, learned the hiding place of the money and bonds. Kerr will find the threatening letter he wrote to Preston, Kean & Co., the sure instrument of his own conviction.

KERR'S HISTORY.

Kerr was formerly employed in the Bank of Toronto, Canada. Some thirteen or fourteen years ago he came to Preston, Kean & Co. with good letters of recommendation which were examined by the bank before engaging him. So far as is known, while living in this city, his habits were good. He attended Bishop Fallows' church quite regularly for a number of years. He boarded last with a family on the West Side named McIntosh, and was highly thought of. During the first four years of his service with the bank he occupied a subordinate clerkship, and by good conduct and trustworthiness was promoted to general charge of all the working force of the bank. He had the implicit confidence of his employers and access to all departments. He had no relatives in the city. His father, now dead, was a Presbyterian minister residing near Niagara Falls. His relatives in Canada were of high social and business standing. Chas Sprone, Auditor of the Province of Ontario, is a cousin.

The Discoverer of the Recent Great Texas Meteor.

The newspaper press has recently contained the record of an immense meteor, which, falling upon the humble Texan home of a Mexican rancher, crushed it to atoms, killing and burying the entire family. The meteor is represented as burying itself 200 feet in the earth, towering seventy feet above its surface and covering an acre of ground, which is doing very well as meteors go. It is not to the credit of discerning telegraph and managing editors that this piece of fiction should have been permitted to attain the preeminence of double-leaded matter with the accompanying adjunct of displayed head-lines.

The author of the story is Joseph Mulhattan, a young Scotch-Irishman, formerly of Louisville, now of Galveston, Texas. As a romancer he cultivates a field entirely his own, and as an archaic discoverer he has few if any rivals in the field of scientific imagination. For several years he has periodically surprised the country with his descriptions of encounters which never took place; of caves which do not exist, and the mummified remains of people who never lived. His first published romance was that of the terrific encounter of a drummer, of which gentle craft he is one, with fierce robbers on Big Cliff Bridge, on the C. & O. and S. W. Railroad. The valiant traveler promptly slew one of his assailants, and, with superhuman efforts, threw the other to the bottom of the abyss, which yawned 200 feet below. Singularly enough the robber rose slowly to his feet and painfully limped away. A Cincinnati sheet published this stuff, an enterprising reporter for a then existing Louisville evening paper rehashed it and it was reproduced to the dismay of the managing editor, who was temporarily absent, and who has not yet heard the last of it.

Then a strange new cave was discovered in Barren county containing numerous mummified specimens of a former race differing from any ever known to have inhabited this or any other country. These were described with a minuteness of detail calculated to deceive, and which did deceive thousands. The most widespread publicity was given to the discovery, and for months inquiries poured in from learned scientific bodies, both American and foreign, and the staid old farmers in the vicinity of the alleged cave were daily surprised by the arrival of wondering tourists, anxious to be guided to this newer wonder which so far surpassed the Mammoth Cave as does that great marvel the ground squirrel's burrow.

This was followed in rapid succession by startling incidents of travel, daring midnight burglaries and an occasional wandering again into the fruitful fields of caveology, if the term is permissible, and the press continued to publish the marvellous stories in good faith.

Interviewed by one of his earliest journalistic victims, Mulhattan said: "I am not a mere vulgar liar. I am a romancist, differing only in the matter of form and substance from the novelists whom the world reads and admires. They cultivate the field of love and chivalry. My mind turns toward science, and if my imagination sees what is hidden from you, why call me a falsifier if I give my thoughts tangible shape and substance? You publish romantic episodes born of imagination every day—why not of mine? I have never written a word that could injure any one, nor will I. It is too bad that the world should rudely call me a liar when I am but an unpretending romancist of a school probably all my own."

While saying this the bright eyes of the really clever genius saddened as if he really did not know that he was perpetrating a joke on his helpless auditor while he proved the truth of the assertion he made.

A few months since Mulhattan published a handbill announcing his departure to Texas, made the round of the newspaper offices, timidly laid a pleasant little gift on the desk of more than one favorite, promised to respect the high character of the paper for truth and uprightness by sending it nothing but truthful narratives in the future, and, with a tremor in the happy voice said "good by" to each one and was gone. That was several months ago, and not until the giant meteor fell was Joe Mulhattan more than a pleasant memory to the newspaper offices. No sooner had his later romance appeared than each one in his old home, recognizing the evidences of his peculiar genius, gave full credit to the remarkable young author. Joe Mulhattan is not a bad fellow—he is just the reverse. He is an active, energetic, upright business man, and valuable to the house which commands his service. He is gentle in manner, generous to a fault, and romance he never so largely in his chosen field, his word solemnly given may be implicitly relied upon. Though the press is uniformly his victim, he has an honest liking for newspaper men, and is often about them. The world has thousands of men who would tell a dozen falsehoods to earn a penny, while Joe Mulhattan would scorn the thought of gaining thousands by other than honest means.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

What is the Matter with Jupiter?

Late in the summer of 1878 something happened on the planet Jupiter which immediately excited the attention of astronomers the world over, and gave rise to no end of curious speculations. South of the southern equatorial belt of the planet an oblong red spot suddenly made its appearance. It was so large and its color was so pronounced that even the smallest telescopes readily and clearly showed it. Jupiter is a world in comparison with which this earth is insignificant. In order to circumnavigate Jupiter a sea captain would have to sail as far as from the earth to the moon and then go on a distance greater than the circumference of the earth in addition. If New York and San Francisco were set down on the surface of Jupiter at points corresponding to their positions on the earth they would be more than 30,000 miles apart. It is no wonder, then, that the astronomers felt a little excitement when they saw a huge red spot suddenly appear on the face of Jupiter, as if a pugilistic comet had hit the giant planet a blow from the shoulder and drawn blood. The red spot was some 30,000 miles long and 6,000 miles broad—big enough to encircle the earth like a grand marshal's sash, with 5,000 miles to spare. Yet on Jupiter this huge spot resembled a small red blotch on an apple. Everybody who looked at it with a telescope felt an irresistable desire to know what it was. Some guessed it was one of the red-hot continents of the yet burning planet thrust up through the superincumbent vapors by some internal convulsion, such as lifted up great masses of the earth's crust in its early geological days. Others surmised that it might be an opening rent through the cloudy envelope of the planet and showing its glowing surface beneath. Some thought it was a red cloud, and some that it was firey slag cast up from the planetary surface beneath. It was soon discovered that it had a motion of its own—at least that it performed its revolution around the planet in a period different from that of some light spots near the equator. This only served to intensify the curiosity of beholders.

Unexpectedly, last fall, the great spot began to fade. A veil seemed to have been drawn over it, and all its outlines grew faint. Like a fiery monster which had only come to the surface to breathe, it seemed to be sinking back again into the depths of Jupiter's cloud ocean. The latest news regarding this phenomenon is that it has practically ceased to be visible. The astronomical monthlies have stopped printing tables giving the time of its meridian passage, and only the most gigantic telescopes are able to give a slight glimpses of the disappearing monster.

But while one wonder is going off the stage another comes on. Of late the general appearance of Jupiter's surface has greatly changed. Some power appears to be at work changing, not only the forms, but the colors of the planet's belts and spots, and Jupiter is now exciting universal admiration by the brilliant appearance of his broad disk, streaked and mottled with delicate tints of pink, red, sepia, and steel blue. What is happening on the great planet nobody knows, but it looks as though it would be a very unquiet place of abode for any but a race of salamanders.

The Commotion Caused by a "Prehistoric Specimen."

A young man who lives in Philadelphia ventured out alone into the country a few days ago. The young man did not know much about the country, and it seemed quite natural that he should wish to carry home a memento of his trip, a specimen from natural history. He saw hanging from a low bush by the roadside a strange object, very much like a small baloon made of coarse gray paper. This singular thing seemed to be just the specimen he wanted. He broke of the twig from which the curiosity was suspended and went to the station. He entered a well-filled car, placed the specimen in a hat rack, and sank into a seat.

The car was warm. The warmth seemed very delightful to the young man, who had been out in the cold so long. In a short time he was in a doze. The car grew warmer. The young man slept. Suddenly the artificial summer atmosphere was rent by an unearthly shriek, and a lady rose convulsively and just as suddenly fainted. Before the startled passengers had time to discover the cause of their alarm another lady repeated the performance. A third, who began it in the same manner would probably have finished it without any chance in the programme had she not received a sudden shock that acted like hartshorn and saved her from losing consciousness, for just behind her a man began to swear in a style truly diabolical. And as if matters were not already bad enough, a baby set up a yell, and would not be comforted. The passengers soon got into a strange commotion. The men were dancing, and some of them swearing; the women trembling, fainting and shrieking; the children scrambling under the seats and blubbering and whimpering. The young man woke in amazement. For a moment he thought that the people were crazy, and that some of them would do injury to his prehistoric balloon. Then the conductor burst through the crowd and stood before the young man. He did not speak. He leaned over in front of the young man and opened the window. The young man was surprised. The conductor seized the prehistoric specimen and threw it through the window with all his strength.

"Impertinence!" shrieked the young man. "How dare you touch my specimen?"

"Your s, ecimen!" roared the conductor. "Why, you fool, don't you know it's a hornet's nest?"

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