

GREAT SWINDLER IS RAVING MANIAC

Gourdain, Who Duped 500,000
People, Becomes Insane
in Prison.

LUST OF GOLD HIS ONE VICE

Man Who Acquired \$5,000,000 by
Fraud Squandered Gains in Grat-
ifying Whims—Makes Threat
to Build Private Jail.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Louis A. Gourdain, of Chicago, who duped half a million people in 20 years and whose operations netted him nearly \$5,000,000, became a raving maniac in the Government prison at Atlanta, Ga. He was removed today to the Government asylum for the insane in Washington. Word of his condition was received in Chicago tonight and the telegrams state that his mind has crumbled completely, obliterating every spark of reason.

Gourdain's last freak, which attracted wide interest, was his threat about a year ago to build a miniature prison outside the penitentiary at Joliet and become his own jailer unless he was permitted to serve the four and a half years' sentence imposed on him by Judge Landis for a lottery fraud.

Gourdain became one of the greatest swindlers of the age, but his distorted fancy led him to throw away his millions as fast as he made them. He did not drink. Neither did he smoke. None of the ordinary vices attracted him. He simply was "gold mad." His money was spent to satisfy his whims and craving for constant excitement. Sumptuous apartments, costly carriages drawn by blooded pairs, behind which he rode dressed in silk and embroidered bath-robe, and countless schemes for self-advertisement, into which he tossed money with both hands, drained his well-stocked coffers.

For four years before he was sentenced to prison by Judge Landis, Gourdain, his wife and young son, Harold, lived in a magnificent suite of rooms at the Auditorium Annex. It is estimated that for years his expenditures equalled \$15,000 a month.

CHEERED BY STRIKE PAY

STRIKING OPERATORS STOP
GROWLING AT LEADERS.

Lack of Funds Forces Them to Hus-
tle for Help—Rumor of Settle-
ment Denied by Companies.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Payment of strike benefits was renewed today in the telegraphers' strike and criticism of the dissatisfied element, which has been aimed at the officers for several days, was effectually stopped. It was said that more than \$2000 was distributed among the operators and every one accepted his portion cheerfully.

"We have received enough money during the last two days to meet our immediate wants," said E. M. Moore, chairman of the local executive board. "The shutting down on benefits the other day had the desired effect, as it made the fellows hustle to raise funds among other unions. The operators are more solidly united now than at any time during the last five weeks."

At their afternoon meeting the strikers were cheered by news from New York that negotiations to end the strike were under way. Secretary Wesley Russell got a message from the Eastern city stating that the trouble would be over by next Tuesday.

The telegraph companies declared it was another rumor and had no foundation in fact.

"I am kept informed of what is going on in the East," said General Superintendent Cook, "and there is absolutely no truth in the story that peace negotiations are under way. There will never be any settlement of the strike, so far as we are concerned."

Mr. Cook denied that the company was experiencing trouble with its wires, except that a few lines had gone down in a storm, which caused a slight interruption.

TRY TO AVERT CAR FAMINE

Railroad Officials Admit Conditions
as Bad as Last Year.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 12.—Efforts to avert a repetition of the car famine of last winter were put into effect here today by the car service committee at an important conference here. Representatives of nearly all important trunk lines are in attendance. Conference admit that an alarming shortage of rolling stock confronts the railroads, but refuse to state whether any line of action to avert conditions as bad as last winter had been agreed upon.

CLIP FEDERAL COURTS' WINGS

Governor Sheldon Would Withdraw
Power to Suspend State Laws.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 12.—Because of the restraining order granted by Judge Munder, of the Federal Court, to prevent the Railway Commission from promulgating a new grain rate schedule, Governor George L. Sheldon today declared himself in favor of a constitutional amendment taking from the Federal court the right to enjoin state officials from enforcing state laws.

"I believe the Federal courts have abused the privilege of the injunction enough to justify such action," he said. "Too many state laws have been tied up by the interference of the Federal courts, and I do not believe the makers of the constitution contemplated such use of the injunction in the hands of the Federal courts."

Negro Hunt in Arkansas.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Sept. 12.—With the query, "Is your name Alexander?" Louis Franklin, a negro, shot and killed Deputy Constable C. A. Butler at Cornerstone yesterday. The negro is being searched for by a posse, and if caught will probably be lynched. Sunday a man named Alexander shot and killed a negro, and was executed, and yesterday's killing is probably the result of the tragedy.

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CANADA'S BIG WHEAT CROP

BOTH ACREAGE AND YIELD
SHOW LARGE INCREASES.

Three Northwest Provinces Will
Produce 95,000,000 Bushels,
and Price Is High.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Ninety-five million bushels of wheat. This is the official estimate of the 1907 crop in Canada's three great wheat-growing provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Owing to the great flood of immigration, which has caused an immense increase of acreage this year, the crop was expected by statisticians to break previous records, but frost reports have been frequent on the Chicago Board of Trade and caused the price to flutter.

Now comes the report of Colonel A. D. Davidson, an intimate associate of President William Mackenzie, of the Canadian Northern Railway, not only denying there has been frost, but giving out the estimate of crop. His report says:

"I find that the Province of Saskatchewan gives promise of raising the best crop in her history. The weather has been very favorable to all growing crops, and after making an extensive tour through these three provinces, I estimate the wheat crop of 1907 at 95,000,000 bushels. The crops of Manitoba have made wonderful progress during the last three or four weeks. By covering much of the territory in a motor car I had abundant opportunity to view the situation close at hand."

Last year the Canadian averages were about 25 bushels to the acre in wheat and 41 bushels to the acre in oats. This year the averages promise to be higher. The Province of Saskatchewan has issued an official report showing a gain of 27,498 acres, which amounts to 15.99 per cent. The gain in acreage is as follows: Wheat, 13.59 per cent; oats, 19.42 per cent; barley, 12.87 per cent; flax, 13.78 per cent.

For the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the official statement shows a total crop acreage this year as follows: Wheat, 5,915,544; oats, 2,373,030; barley, 662,833.

With the high price of wheat in the markets of the world and the acknowledged shortage of crop elsewhere, Canadian farmers will have no cause to complain this year of partly filled pockets or difficulty of marketing their crops. There will be a demand for every bushel that Canada can pour into her freight-cars.

KILLED IN HIS MOTOR

Pittsburg Bank President Meets
Death in His Machine.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 12.—President John Runett, of the Metropolitan National Bank of this city, is dead, and Dr. M. C. Cameron, a prominent physician of this city is seriously injured as a result of the latter's automobile colliding with a trolley car at the intersection of the two streets late today. The men were running at a good rate of speed, when the steering gear broke and Dr. Cameron lost control of the machine.

Seattle 3; Tacoma 4.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—With two out in the ninth inning and two men on bases, Mike Lynch came charging all the way in from centerfield to tell Delar to walk Bert Coy, and he did. That filled the bases and any kind of a hit would have won the game for Seattle. Tomman of Medicine Hat, annexed from the twilight league of Canada, ingloriously struck out or rather he allowed Umpire Drennan to call a high one on him. Allen was wild in the first inning; and as Tacoma began to hit him after two were out, three runs were chased in. Shaw made the circuit in the seventh for the run that gave Tacoma the game. Seattle came up from behind in the eighth and ninth but after Rose had driven in one run the game flazied as told. Score: Seattle 3; Tacoma 4.

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Seattle.....0 1 0 0 0 1 1—3 7 1
Tacoma.....0 0 0 3 0 1 0—4 9 2

Batteries—Allen and Stanley; Dellar and Shea. Umpire—Drennan.

Northwestern People in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:
From Portland—H. H. Seidel, at the Hotel Astor; J. C. Wallace and wife, at the Manhattan.

From Salem—A. Bush, Jr., at the Park avenue.
From Pendleton—J. H. Estes, W. G. Bogert, at the Ashland.

From Seattle—J. Cabalt, at the Hotel Astor; W. T. Pearce, D. H. Pearce, at the Broadway Central; A. Gardner and wife, at the St. Denis; E. H. Wells, at the Park Avenue.

From Spokane—A. H. Blackinton, at the Grand.
From Ashland—C. W. Root and wife, at the Continental.

A Watrous girl who writes poetry and makes overalls has bought a picturesque 12-acre farm for her parents. She is a poet of the right sort, for she made all the other overalls-makers, after earning \$21 a week. Telling Herbert that she knew a lot about poetry for the statement that no other living poet does so well.—Topeka Capital.

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TWO DANGERS THREATEN

Liable to Punishment for Misrepresenting Age, John F. Patrick, Jr.,
Has Deserted—Parents Ask a
Discharge on Any Terms.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, Sept. 12.—John F. Patrick, Jr., of 675 Northwest street, Portland, who enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Infantry on March 4 last, has deserted from the Army and his present whereabouts are unknown. Although Patrick deserted on May 24, his record just came to light in Washington, when a peculiar request was received from Governor Chamberlain.

It appears that Patrick was only 17 years of age when he enlisted, but in order to enlist he swore he was 21 years old. His parents appealed to Mr. Chamberlain to secure his discharge because they feared he would desert unless released by the War Department. When the request was filed with the War Department the Governor was informed that, if Patrick is a minor, he is guilty of false enlistment and subject to court-martial, and, if convicted, would be dishonorably discharged from the service. However, the Department agreed to overlook the false enlistment if Patrick would serve out his three years' term.

The Governor explained to the parents the attitude of the Department, but to his surprise they asked for the boy's discharge, even if it meant his dishonorable discharge and court-martial. The Governor

nor made known to the Department the desires of Patrick's parents and it was then discovered that Patrick had deserted nearly four months ago. If apprehended, he will be tried as a deserter and probably be compelled to serve time.

WILL NOT JOIN ROOSEVELT

Houseboat Blown Up on Way From
Chicago to Mississippi.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—A gasoline tank aboard the houseboat Mary Catherine, on its way down the drainage canal to join the fleet which is to escort President Roosevelt down the Mississippi to Memphis, exploded today. William Hall was seriously burned and the right side of his face was crushed. The boat was destroyed. It had just been completed at Fond du Lac for J. P. Higgins, of Chicago, at a cost of \$10,000.

Charges Against Coleman Dropped

TROY, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Objections to the accounts of Rev. Dr. John H. Coleman, president of Willamette University, Salem, Or., as testimony guardian of Myra W. Loomis were withdrawn today in the Surrogate Court, ending the case.

Metzger & Co., opticians, 342 Wash. st.

DUPES CONFIDING WOMEN

BOGUS SECRET SERVICE MAN
FINDS MANY VICTIMS.

Induces Over 100 to Let Him Apply
Tape Measure to Their Un-
clad Figures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Chief Wilkie, of the United States Secret Service, has been dealing with a number of unusual cases affecting persons who have impersonated Federal officers. The most interesting was that of a New York architect, said to be prominent, whose real name will never be known probably, unless he resumes his peculiar business. Under the name and title of "Captain Marshall, United States Secret Service Officer," he advertised for attractive young women, physically perfect, to become experts in the United States Secret Service. The applicants were requested to report to

"Captain Marshall" at the Hotel Marlborough.

More than a hundred romantic young women, who believed that they met the physical requirements to shine in Uncle Sam's service as detectives, called on "Captain Marshall." They were invited to step into an adjoining room, partly disrobe and allow "Captain Marshall" to measure them. Their scruples were overcome by the Captain, who informed them that the rules of the Secret Service required absolutely that the physical measurements of women applicants be filed with Chief Wilkie. Some of the applicants submitted to the "Captain's" tape line, but many of them demurred, and gave up the quest for the Secret Service job.

One young woman who had been carefully measured, confided to her boardinghouse landlady her fears that all might not be legitimate in "Captain Marshall's" game. The landlady promptly wrote to Chief Wilkie, who had the "Captain" arrested, but released him on his promise to drop his questionable practice. The "Captain" was required to surrender the letters and addresses of his dupes.

Adjourns With Questions Unsettled.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 12.—The Great Council of Improved Order of Redmen adjourned sine die today, deferring

to the next session, at Bridgeport, Conn., the question of reducing the appropriation to the official organ, the reduction of state representation and the question of increasing the per capita tax, three questions over which the order is divided.

LATON MAKES CONFESSION

Man Who Robbed New Orleans Is
Caught About to Suicide.

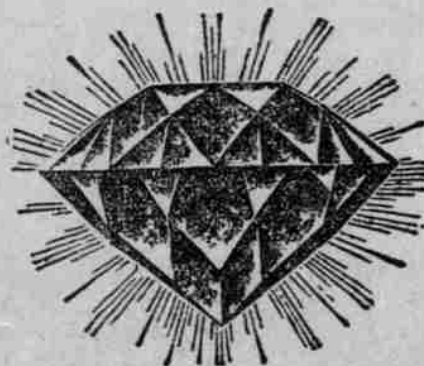
NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 12.—Charles E. Laton, chief clerk in the office of the First District Tax Collector here, who disappeared two days ago, leaving a shortage of over \$600,000, was discovered this afternoon standing on the bank of the Mississippi attempting to summon up courage to jump in the water and commit suicide.

He said he had started toward the water several times, but each time his courage had failed him. He made a full confession.

Longworths Home From Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Congressman Nicholas Longworth and Mrs. Longworth arrived today on the steamer Sierra from Honolulu.

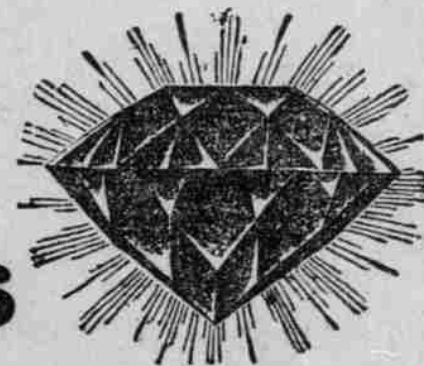
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Reg. price \$100, special price.....	\$ 87.00
Reg. price \$ 75, special price.....	\$ 63.00
Reg. price \$ 50, special price.....	\$ 39.00
Reg. price \$ 40, special price.....	\$ 31.00
Reg. price \$ 25, special price.....	\$ 16.00
Reg. price \$ 15, special price.....	\$ 9.50

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Reg. price \$800, special price.....	\$675.00
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Reg. price \$275, special price.....	\$230.00
Reg. price \$190, special price.....	\$150.00
Reg. price \$150, special price.....	\$120.00
Reg. price \$100, special price.....	\$ 83.00
Reg. price \$ 80, special price.....	\$ 61.00
Reg. price \$ 75, special price.....	\$ 58.00
Reg. price \$ 50, special price.....	\$ 37.50
Reg. price \$ 25, special price.....	\$ 18.00
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Reg. price \$ 75, special price.....	\$ 63.00
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