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Former United States Senator and Railroader Tells Stories

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NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Chauncey M. Depew, former United States senator, in the opening installment of "Leaves From My Autobiography," in the forthcoming November issue of Scribner's Magazine, a retrospective of his childhood, youth and public service covering a period of 50 years, tells some new anecdotes of Lincoln, Grant, Andrew Johnson, Seward, Chase, Commodore Vanderbilt and other notable men of Civil War days.

"I had a long and memorable interview with President Lincoln," Mr. Depew writes of a visit he paid to Washington in 1863 when

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STATUE OF INDIAN OVERLOOKS LAKE



Upon that section of the Adirondack Mountains located in the New York State Park will rest a bronze figure of a stately Indian in memory of the many tribes which once made their home in the forests. This statue of Proctor, the gift of George D. Pratt, has just been dedicated.

he was secretary of state for New York. "As I stepped from the crowd in his reception room, he said to me: 'What do you want?' I answered 'Nothing, Mr. President. I only came to pay my respects and bid you good-by, as I am leaving Washington.' 'It is such a luxury,' he then remarked, 'to find a man who does not want anything. I wish you would wait until I get rid of this crowd.'"

Won by Strategy

"When we were alone he threw himself wearily on a lounge and was evidently greatly exhausted. Then he indulged, rocking backward and forward, in a reminiscent review of different crises in his administration and how he had met them. In nearly every instance he had carried his point, and either captured or beaten his adversaries by a story so apt, so on all fours, and with such complete answers that the controversy was over. I remember 11 of these stories, each of which was a victory."

Loved Stories

Lincoln was always on the lookout for a good yarn, although he told Depew he never 'invented' one. One night there was a reception in the executive mansion. Rufus C. Andrews, Surveyor of the Port of New York and a confidential adviser of the president on New York affairs, attended the reception with Mr. Depew. As the procession of handshakers moved past, Lincoln stopped Andrews and, leaning over, spoke very confidentially to him, delaying the ceremonies for some time. Momentous issues were impending. Lincoln was in the midst of the campaign for renomination, his cabinet was inharmonious, the war was on and decisive battles were about to be fought. Newspapersmen and politicians buttonholed Andrews on his return to his hotel. Mr. Depew writes: "Andrews made a great mystery of his confidential conversation with Lincoln and so did the president. He explained to me when we were alone that during his visit to the president the night before he told Mr. Lincoln a new story. The president delayed him at the reception, saying: 'Andrews, I forget the point of that story you told me last night; repeat it now.' 'I am accused of telling a great many stories,' Mr. Depew

quotes Lincoln. "They say that it lowers the dignity of the presidential office, but I have found that plain people (repeating with emphasis plain people), take them as you find them, are more easily influenced by a broad and humorous illustration than in any other way and what the hypocritical few may think, I don't care."

"In speaking, Mr. Lincoln had a peculiar cadence in his voice, caused by laying emphasis upon the key-word of the sentence. In answer to the question how he knew so many anecdotes, he answered:

"I never invented a story, but I have a good memory, and, I think, tell one tolerably well. My early life was passed among pioneers who had the courage and enterprise to break away from civilization and settle in the wilderness. The things which happened to these original people and among themselves in their primitive conditions were far more dramatic than anything invented by the professional story tellers."

Cabinet Not Loyal

"No president ever had a cabinet of which the members were so independent, had so large individual follies and were so inharmonious. The president's sole ambition was to secure the ablest men in the country for the departments which he assigned to them without regard to their loyalty to himself. One of Mr. Seward's secretaries would frequently report to me the acts of disloyalty or personal hostility on the part of Mr. Chase with the lament: 'The old man—meaning Lincoln—knows all about it and will not do a thing.'"

Mr. Depew tells how he started on a business career that finally brought him to the presidency of the New York Central railroad. He had just been nominated and confirmed as United States minister to Japan at \$7,500 a year "and an outfit of \$9000." At the same time he had been offered the attorneyship for the New York & Harlem railroad at less salary. When he told Commodore Vanderbilt about it, the commodore remarked: "Railroads are the career for a young man; there is nothing in politics. Don't be a damned fool."

That decided him and the result was that on January 1, 1921, Mr. Depew "rounded out 55 years in the railway service of this corporation and its allied lines."

Farmer Own Victim

The future senator was admitted to the bar in 1858 and immediately opened an office in Peekskill, N. Y., his home town. His first client was a farmer who wanted an opinion on a complicated question. Young Depew "prepared the case with great care." The farmer asked him what his fee was and he said \$5. His client replied: "A dollar and seventy-five cents is enough for a young lawyer like you." And Depew accepted it only to learn that the farmer had later gone to an older lawyer and paid \$500 for the same advice.

New York Grappler Beats Nebraskan by Foul Route

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Martin Pleska of New York, defeated John Pesek of Nebraska in their wrestling match at Madison Square Garden tonight, being awarded two falls on two fouls. Pesek was disqualified for rough tactics and was informed by Chairman Tom O'Rourke of the state athletic commission he would not be allowed to wrestle in this state again.

Richard Strauss, author of "Salmagundi," says he never heard of jazz. And he hasn't missed anything.

BROTHERHOODS IN 3-DAY SESSION

Calling Off of Threatened Railroad Strike Under Consideration

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—(By The Associated Press)—Six hundred and fifty general chairmen and officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, opened a three-days' meeting today to consider their officers' action in calling off the threatened railroad strike and to plan their future course.

W. S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers, and W. S. Carter, president of the firemen and enginemen, announced that they would have nothing to say tonight. Union officials explained that the general chairmen in attendance were those who did not respond to the railroad labor board's order to attend the hearing here two weeks ago which culminated in the calling off of the threatened strike.

Following an explanation by Mr. Stone and Mr. Carter of the

reasons which actuated unions in canceling the strike order, several committees were appointed to consider problems of future action, and directed to report tomorrow.

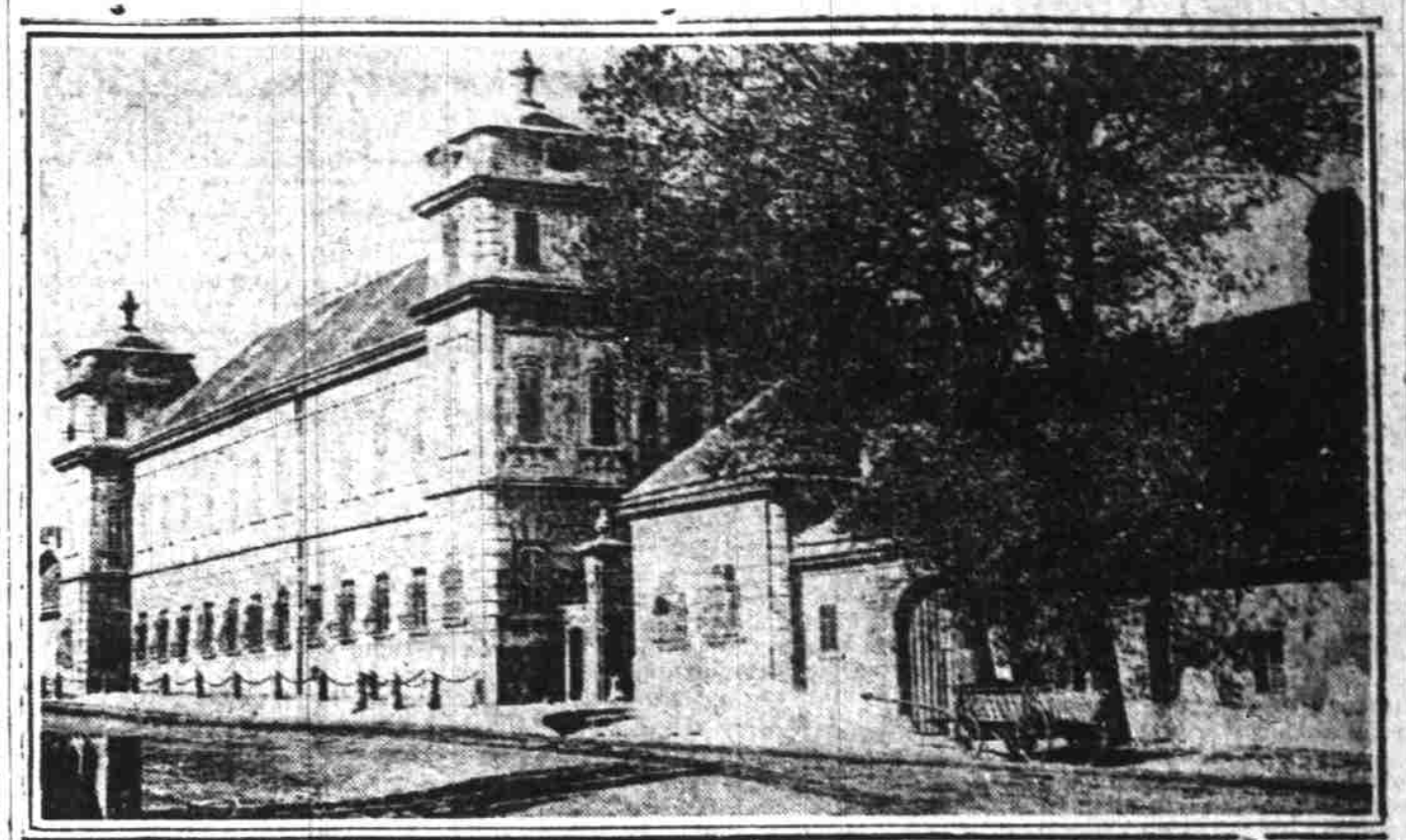
The grand chief of the engineers denied that today's session had any connection with the announcement made at Cleveland last week that the unions would revive the strike vote if the labor board failed to make good on the unofficial promise that no further wage cuts would be considered until all pending rules and working conditions on the lines involved are settled. Mr. Stone said he did not expect to see any member of the labor board while in Chicago.

Alleged Bluebeard Has Prosecution on Defense

VERSAILLES, Nov. 14.—Henri Desrie Landru, on trial charged with murder today assumed the offensive against several witnesses, who were cross-examined by him. He brought out the fact that Mme. Collomb, one of his alleged victims, her child, a male acquaintance and her cousin have disappeared.

"I am not charged with murdering the whole family," he declared, "yet the police are as helpless in finding them as they are in finding any of my so-called victims."

WHERE FORMER EMPEROR CHARLES AND WIFE WERE ARRESTED.



This picture shows Count Esterhazy's castle at Totes, Hungary, where former Emperor Charles and his wife, the ex-Empress Zita, were placed under arrest after the failure of their coup d'etat to regain the throne of Hungary.

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