

# HARRY SILBERBERG, PRINCE OF FRAUDS, ONCE MORE ESCAPES WRATH OF LAW

## DEFIES EFFORTS OF GOTHAM DETECTIVES

### New York Police Unable to Hold Clever Crook on Swin- dling Charge

Harry Silberberg, spectacular fraud, has been released by the New York police.

Artist, without peer in his line, he has slipped through the fingers of the law, the same as he did in Minneapolis, El Paso, Germany and a score of other places. Aided by the craftiest of women, "The Countess," he has squirmed through the meshes and is once more at liberty. Skating always on thin ice, he never wets more than his feet, and his arrest in New York city has turned out as have all previous ones.

Silberberg seldom commits a criminal act. He is always a shade on the right side, but if he does over the line he always manages to be mixed in with some one of sufficient weight to secure his protection. In New York he was held forty-eight hours, await-



ing a definite charge, and this not being forthcoming he was released.

Silberberg fitted through Minneapolis about a year ago, and for a time furnished daily sensations for the Mill City. A well dressed, esthetic young man, under the euphonious name of J. J. Desbroles, opened an Oriental school of mysticism and kindred subjects in the old Minneapolis bank building. He advertised a correspondence school, with a faculty of white and saddle colored mahatmas and offered to teach the wisdom of the Ind to all for a reasonable profit. Miss Clarence Heebner was attracted by the alluring titles of the sciences taught and was induced by Desbroles to invest \$250 in the business on the promise of a profit of \$100. She was to be the resident manager.

Meets Miss Hinkle  
Everything was running smoothly for Desbroles until he met Miss Bonnie Hinkle, who is stepmother to M. J. Scanlan, a millionaire lumberman of Minneapolis. Miss Hinkle became infatuated with Desbroles and the Oriental seer saw a good opportunity to

get close to the Scanlan millions. After a short courtship Desbroles and Miss Hinkle were married and started to Washington, D. C., on their wedding trip.

This was about the time that Miss Heebner's \$100 became due and not finding it, and noting Desbroles' absence, she made haste to the police department with loud plaint. Desbroles and his bride were stopping at the Raleigh in Washington, he utilizing his mighty credit to the limit. Miss Heebner made the formal charge of complaint and Desbroles was arrested. His wife was stricken ill with the shock, and at first was disposed to defend him, but the Washington detectives quickly recognized J. J. Desbroles, as "J. Coleman Drayton," "J. J. Carlisle," "J. J. Craig" and a dozen other aliases all of them connected with some form of swindling just out of the reach of the fingers of the law.

The prisoner was brought back to Minneapolis with a great flourish and he took up his abode in the county jail with perfect composure. The Hennepin grand jury indicted him and his bail was fixed at \$1,000. Each day brought forth a new tale of Silberberg's prowess as a deceiver of men and women.

### Bogus J. Coleman Drayton

Nature had endowed him with a face, figure and voice like that of J. Coleman Drayton, the New York millionaire, and this the cleverest of clever rogues had long since taken advantage of for pecuniary profit. Mere mendacity made him the nephew of J. J. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury during the Cleveland administration. In these roles he had swindled and cheated all over the world. His string of wives ended the globe, and most of them were poorer and perhaps a whit wiser. Finally, his pre-criminal history was raked up and it was discovered that he was the son of a rabbi, who became wealthy during the civil war. His mother is still living in Little Rock, Ark., and his brother, Aaron Silberberg, is a house contractor in Denver. Silberberg's fame soon spread to Denver, and the brother hastened to Minneapolis, for the word had gone far that Harry was dying in the county jail. His face was growing drawn and white and he was subject to daily hemorrhages. The hemorrhages increased in number and soon a wave of sympathy spread over Minneapolis. Hypocritical women despoiled their chests of their choicest buds, while poor Harry drooped day by day in the county jail. Aaron Silberberg insisted that he was a poor man and quite unable to furnish \$1,000 bail, and begged that it be reduced to \$500, that he might take his brother from the killing confinement of the jail to die in the bright sunshine of the Colorado skies. Everybody was sorry for the brother in jail and the brother out of jail, but Judge Simpson, wise in the ways of men, refused to lower the bail below \$1,000. Aaron Silberberg still maintained that this amount was beyond his limit and the mother came from Little Rock and took her dying son from the hands of the law.

### The Mysterious Woman

While Silberberg was ruminating in the county jail reporters caught fleeting glimpses of a "mysterious woman," who flashed in and out of the jail. The jail officials repulsed all efforts to learn the identity of the woman, and she came and went frequently. Silberberg tottering, left the jail, and the kindly hearted Hennepin officials saw farewell as to one walking to the graveyard. No one expected him to stand trial. He was to be dead when his case was called.

Shortly after his release the officials learned how stupidly they had been duped. The mysterious woman supplied Silberberg with small leeches, which he breathed into his throat, thus creating artificial hemorrhages. The loss of blood weakened him, but did no real harm. The leeches simply sucked him out of jail, and Hennepin county, having spent the \$1,000 bail, has not seen him since.

About the time Silberberg was released Miss Clarence Heebner, the complaining witness, left the city. To her intimate friends she whispered that she was going to California for a long vacation, but she declined to inform

her friends where she suddenly secured the money for the trip. When Silberberg's case was called Miss Heebner was out of the city and Silberberg could have returned without any danger of conviction. The \$1,000 bail money did not look big enough to him to warrant his taking the chance and he stayed away.

Silberberg bought a ticket for Colorado and went East to show his contempt for consistency, and his fame died down for a time. Miss Hinkle served a short time in a German prison, where he manifested all the symptoms of a dying man. He enlisted the sympathy of an American consul and was released before the expiration of his sentence.

This sentence was brought about by the real J. Coleman Drayton. Silberberg had impersonated the millionaire and secured \$4,000 worth of jewelry in Baden. He then went to London and took apartments in the Cecil, calmly ignoring the fact that J. Coleman Drayton was living at the same hotel. They met and Silberberg was arrested and sent back to Germany. He then impersonated himself as Drayton and secured some concessions from the king of Siam, which he never realized on. Next he figured in jewel swindle in El Paso, Tex., a wealthy woman being his victim.

### Cleans Up Montana

Under the name of J. J. Carlisle he swooped down on Montana during the Clark senatorial campaign. His peculiar ability appealed to some of Senator Clark's campaign managers, and Carlisle was soon a heavyweight in the struggle. He refused to play fair, even in that land where so little is expected in this regard, and he suddenly left the state. Then came the Minneapolis fash.

All this time he was living on the best that land and sea can produce. The best hotels, the best clothes, the chic livery rig, all these were at his service and no situation ever found him ready wit without an expedient. With him, always out of the limelight, was the woman called "The Countess." A gauzy web of romance has been spun about her personality. She is said to be a noblewoman, who was married to Silberberg in Venice, but this has to be accepted without proof. Many credit her with furnishing the brain work for Silberberg's operations, while others of the Laura Jean Libbeschool maintain she is the wife, faithful through all the storms of life. Certain it is that she doesn't raise any wifely row when Silberberg marries some woman with money or jewels.

Silberberg is thirty-three years old, and ever since he came of age he has lived by his wits and lived well. He is always up and doing, and a close record of his life would probably reveal more crafty means of making a living than has ever been displayed by one man. Possessed of an excellent education, a keen, flashing mind, good presence, he has all the qualifications that obtain to success in the righteous walks of life, save one—honesty. He is essentially crooked. Nothing of an honest nature could appeal to him, its

very honesty would place it beyond his consideration. Yet he goes on year after year, fleeing the wise and the foolish alike and always escaping punishment. About once a year he is arrested and there is a great noise, but before the echo of his arrest dies away, Silberberg is released, one way or the other.

## MODEL CITY WILL RISE IN THE SMOKY CITY

### Big Real Estate Deal and Community Project in Pittsburg

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 26.—What is said to be the largest real estate deal ever made in Pittsburg was the sale of the Schenley farm in Oakland for \$3,000,000. The buyers are F. F. A. G. and O. P. Nicolai and Charles Donnell, of this city. The purchase means the laying out of a model city community on land that has been used for generations for pasture. The tract is in the center of the city, near Schenley park and the Carnegie institute. It is said the project will involve the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for improvements and buildings. The sale was made through Andrew Carnegie, Denny Brleton and John W. Herron, trustees under the will of Mrs. Mary E. Schenley, of England.

## ROBERTS COMES TO ROCKEFELLER'S RESCUE

### Director of the Mint Tries to Explain Away City Bank Affair

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—George E. Roberts, director of the mint, gave out a statement in reply to the attack in congress by Representative Sulzer, of New York, on the contract made several years ago by Secretary of the Treasury, Charles D. Conover, under the will of Mrs. Mary E. Schenley, of England. The statement says the final payment of the contract was nearly every detail directed by act of congress, which authorized the sale; that under that act the National City bank submitted the highest bid \$3,265,000; that the bank closed under its contract to pay \$3,215,000 within ten days, and under the law has until the building is delivered over to it to make the final payment; that Secretary Conover "did the natural thing by depositing the National City check in the National City bank." Mr. Roberts adds that it is incident and probably unavoidable that the bank escaped local taxation, and that every bidder knew the property could be bought on partial payments.

## DAY OF INAUGURATION IS NEAR AT HAND

### Immense Ball Room is Being Put in Delightful Shape

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—With the inauguration only one week distant, the members of the inaugural committee have ceased to plan and are waiting while they hope will be a successful culmination of three months of effort. An unusually large attendance of inaugural visitors is expected. The parade will include many interesting features, the fireworks display will be elaborately and the inaugural ball room will be handsomely decorated. The entire pension bureau building was placed in the hands of the inaugural ball room committee this evening, and the clearing of the great court room of the building is already under way. The top balcony of the building has been banked with evergreens and blue draperies have been hung on the upper floors.

## HOMECOMING OF MR. CLAPP IS DELAYED

### Senate Must Settle Tough Proposition Regarding Monroe Doctrine

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Senator Clapp does not expect to get away from Washington until at least four weeks after March 4, and perhaps not until later. The senate committee which has been authorized to hold hearings and investigate the rate making and private car propositions is hardly expected to get to work before the middle of March, and may keep at it several weeks. The senate will be in extra session to consider the Santo Domingo treaty four weeks, in the opinion of Chairman Cullom and Senator Foraker. As the treaty involves the future interpretation of the Monroe doctrine, it is regarded a serious matter.

## DEATHS OF THE DAY

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 26.—Dr. Albert Benjamin Prescott, director of the chemical laboratories of the University of Michigan, professor of organic chemistry, dean of the school of pharmacy and the oldest professor in the university in point of years and service, died at the age of seventy-two years. He was a former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Pharmaceutical association.

Special to the Globe  
WINONA, Minn., Feb. 26.—C. C. Bachelor is dead at St. Charles. For the past three years he has been in the employ of the Chicago & North-Western road at that place, going there shortly after the opening of the road in 1870. He was an active worker in the Congregational church at St. Charles and a prohibitionist leader.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 26.—Phillip Clotter, a three-year-old child, died at a hospital today. Last week his hands and feet were frozen, and his death was caused by pneumonia and meningitis. The picture "Fatima," which was exhibited all over the country, and at the head of the firm of Earl & Wilson, died today. He was an active worker in the Congregational church at St. Charles and a prohibitionist leader.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Albert Edward Parker, Earl of Moony, chairman of commerce and justice of the house of lords, is dead, aged sixty-two.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Feb. 26.—Capt. Jurgen Bruns, known at all lake ports as an old-time vessel captain, is dead at his home in this city of general debility.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Sir Wemyss Reid, author, editor and publisher, is dead, aged sixty-three.

Special to the Globe  
SPARTA, Wis., Feb. 26.—A. B. Holden, aged eighty, a pioneer of this county, died suddenly today of heart failure.

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 26.—William S. Earl, head of the firm of Earl & Wilson, died today.

Some people would rather have a lodger, "rent free," than to have a "honeymoon house." But a furnished room will bring you an income if you advertise it in The Globe.

# THE STORY OF THE CONTEST

All of us use proverbs almost every day of our lives. Probably you yourself have half a dozen proverbial expressions that are pet phrases in your familiar conversation. Most of them are bits of literature so terse and weighted with truth that we look upon them as being colloquial, and often do not appreciate them in their fullest value. Every one of them has an interesting history, and contests of this sort stimulate thought regarding them, and create discussions which are both entertaining and educational. Indeed the whole scheme has proved a happy inspiration, and proverbs have become the talk of the town. Such proverbs as "A stitch in time saves nine" and "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" are household words wherever Anglo-Saxon is spoken; but because proverbs are used so generally they are therefore used carelessly, and epigrams are consequently usually misquoted. It is worth something to know the history of proverbs, and how to use them accurately. It is only contests of this kind that compel research, and the results are naturally beneficial to all concerned. This contest is nothing like any other proposition run heretofore in other newspapers of the Twin Cities. It is unique from every point of view. There is nothing mercenary in it. It is open to everyone whether they are subscribers to the St. Paul Globe or not, and it means expense to no one except The Globe. You can enter the contest at any time, the last day as well as the first. It is well not to postpone the matter, and no time is better than the present. It does not require any great intelligence. Undoubtedly the winners will consist of men, women and children, and surely \$800 in prizes ought to induce your consideration. Just think how you would feel to wake up some morning next month to find you can credit your bank account with \$250, or some one of the other 123 prizes.

## RESORT TO STRIKE

### British Columbia Smelter Men Decide to Go Out

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 26.—A general strike of smelter employes of British Columbia has been declared as a result of the defeat of the eight-hour bill for smelter employes in the British Columbia legislature. The men are striking for shorter hours. The owners state that they are now working on a basis of one per cent and will tie up the mining industry rather than grant the demands. Rich placer discoveries are reported from Clearwater creek on the Sitka and are expected to result in a rush to the new diggings.

## HOUSE PAYS TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS

Members Recall Memory of Three Representatives Who Died  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—The memory of three deceased members of the Fifty-eighth congress were subjects of tribute by the house representatives in a session which occupied that body for nearly three hours today. Tributes were paid to the late Representative Mahoney, of Illinois, the late Representative Croft, of South Carolina, and the late Representative Otis, of New York. Representative Mahoney, of Iowa, was designated a speaker pro tempore, and yielded the chair to Representative Sherman, of New York, who presided during the eulogies with tributes to the memory of Representative Croft.

## PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT INDIAN STATES

Custom of Exchanging Ceremonial Presents Will Be Omitted  
LONDON, Feb. 26.—It has been officially arranged that the Prince and Princess of Wales shall visit India in November and stay until March, making a tour of the principal cities and native states, receiving the chiefs and princes on behalf of King Edward, who, after consultation with the viceroy, has directed that for this occasion the exchange of ceremonial presents shall be dispensed with. Consequently no presents will be accepted by the Prince or Princess of Wales.

Davis Talks on Decision  
PARIS, Feb. 26.—Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis, the American member of the international commission on the Hull affair, said to the Associated Press today that he is unable to see the slightest grounds for the view expressed in the continental press that the findings establish a precedent which menace international commerce.

Leopold Goes to Far East  
BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, who recently returned from a visit to Emperor Nicholas at Tsarsko-Selo, started tonight for Genoa on the way to the far East.

Hardy Bids Farewell  
MADRID, Feb. 26.—American Minister Arthur S. Hardy had a farewell audience with King Alfonso today before going to St. Petersburg.

Strike is Weakening  
BRUSSELS, Feb. 26.—The miners' congress at Charleroi today, in consideration of the fact that the general strike has collapsed in Belgium and that it is no longer compulsory, but is left to local organizations.

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## CANAL CONFEREES IN STAND PAT STRUGGLE

### Neither Side Cares to Give in on Disputed Points

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Conferees appointed on the part of the senate and house to consider the isthmian canal bill were in session two hours today. While the definite action was taken in favor of the senate amendments the conference proceeded far enough to assure the acceptance of all of the senate amendments except that relating to the continuance of the commission and this was amended by the senate to provide for its retention. Representatives of both houses stood pat at today's conference and no compromise plan was suggested. A movement is on foot, however, looking to an agreement for reduction of the commission to three members. Another meeting will be held tomorrow as soon as the naval appropriation bill has been passed.

## CULLOM FAILS TO SECURE A QUORUM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Chairman Cullom, of the senate committee on foreign relations, made an effort to have a meeting of the committee today, but failing in this, gave notice of a meeting tomorrow to be held immediately after a vote is had in the Senate impeachment case. The committee will sit daily until some decision is reached in relation to the Santo Domingo protocol. It is expected a report will be made on the first day of the special session of the senate to consider executive business.

## Big Revival in Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 26.—Meetings in twenty-four churches and theaters today concluded the main effort of a most remarkable religious revival. During the two weeks just closed 6,500 persons confessed Christianity. As about 65,000 of Louisville's 220,000 population had no church affiliations before the revival began, the two weeks' work resulted in the conversion of 10 per cent of the unchurched. The revival has been systematically conducted, meetings being held at all geographically advantageous points. Eighteen visiting evangelists took part in the work.

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Congress Was Successful  
BRUSSELS, Feb. 26.—The international congress of maritime law concluded its sessions on Saturday, having agreed on the text of two draft treaties, one relating to collisions and the other to saving life and rendering assistance at sea. The treaties are largely in conformity with Anglo-American law. The congress is regarded as a great success.

## AMUSEMENTS

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