

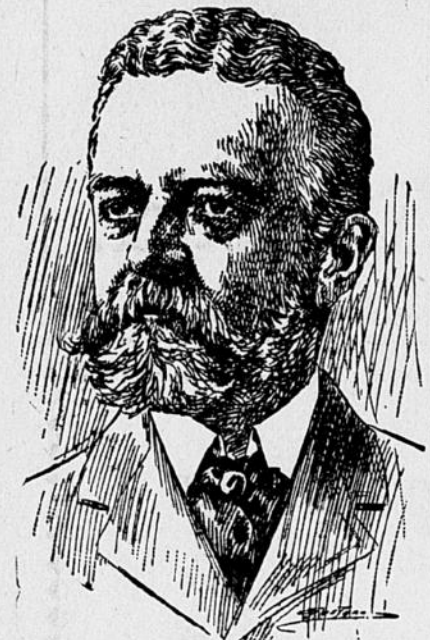
LODGE TO SUCCEED REID

Washington Again Hears Massachusetts Senator Will Be Ambassador to Great Britain.

Washington.—The rumor has been revived in diplomatic circles that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts will succeed Whitelaw Reid as ambassador to Great Britain.

It was said here that the post was offered to him as long as a year ago by President Roosevelt, after he had conferred with the then President-elect Taft, who agreed in the event of Senator Lodge accepting the proffered office, to retain him during the present administration.

It is an open secret in Washington that President Roosevelt was displeased with the undemocratic and lavish display by Ambassador Reid and would have liked nothing better than to recall him if an acceptable



Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

successor could have been found. The plan to make Senator Lodge ambassador fell through at the time because the senator, while not absolutely declining, induced Mr. Roosevelt to hold the appointment in abeyance.

Even now Senator Lodge may not be willing to accept it. His senatorial term will expire March 4, 1910, when he will have served 12 years in the senate. There is no doubt that President Taft would be glad to send the senator to London if he could be induced to accept.

The belief is that Lodge can be re-elected to the senate if he desires. But inasmuch as he is of the class from which ambassadors to Great Britain have usually been drawn, being a literary man, scholar and historian, there are allurement about the ambassadorship that are hard for a man of Senator Lodge's type to resist.

There is a growing belief that with the retirement of Ambassador Reid, James Bryce, the British ambassador at Washington, will also be recalled. The British government, it is reported, is merely waiting to see the type of ambassador that the United States will send to London before a new representative at Washington is selected.

NEW CHIMES FOR TRINITY

New York's Celebrated Church to Have Another Set of Bells for Steeple.

New York.—Trinity chimes, the oldest in this city, which have rung on each New Year since they were installed, are being overhauled and a new ringing apparatus is being contrived. One of the old bells was



Old Trinity Church.

cracked and it necessitated the casting of a new one. It was then decided to renovate the whole set. Trinity's chimes consist of ten bells, the largest of which weighs 3,000 pounds.

Material for Airships.
"Cork metal" has been shown as a substitute for aluminum in the construction of airships. It is said to be 40 per cent lighter than aluminum, and to have numerous other properties which should make it a rival of the latter. In appearance the metal resembles very strongly the alloy known as magnalium. The surface presents a lustrous whitish gray color, both sheets and bars showing the scorings and scratches so frequently found on badly rolled or drawn aluminum. It is composed very largely of magnesium with small quantities of aluminum, iron, zinc and sodium.

ALL MATTER OF COMPARISON

Philosophic Observations Given to the World by the Man of Moderate Means.

"All things," said the man of moderate means, "impress us by comparison. If a man had lived all his life in a palace it would have been a grand sort of a place indeed that would seem anything particularly fine to him, whereas if he had lived always in a shack a very modest house would seem to him luxurious."

"If since they first came in we had been driving steadily a \$10,000 automobile then obviously it would take quite considerable of a kerosene cart to give us any added joy in that line, while if we had been accustomed constantly to ride in street cars even the simplest gasoline gigs might give us great glee. All things go by comparison."

"Take, for instance, smoking. My regular smoke is a stogie that costs \$1.45 a hundred, but I buy also for special occasions a special brand of cigars for which I pay two dollars a hundred; I buy a 50 box at a time for a dollar. Commonly I smoke the stogies, and I think they're pretty good, at a little less than a cent and a half a smoke, but if I happen to strike a little streak of luck I blow myself to a couple of those choice smokes out of the other box, in which really I find great pleasure."

"It's all by comparison. Some men would have to pay \$10 for a cigar to get any fun out of it. I can get a lot of fun out of a two-center."

"And speaking of great pleasure, I'm glad I have not exhausted all my great pleasures; I've still got them all, or mostly all, to enjoy. My capacity for novelty and enjoyment has never been much taxed; it is still practically boundless. I have got life ahead of me, not behind, and when I do get money, as I certainly hope to do some day, everything will be new and charming to me and I shall enjoy everything immensely."

"I've got something to look forward to, anyway, and I think there's something in that."

Proved It Was Cheese Pie.

Will Telling has a new story on tap concerning a good woman who was interrupted in her pastry-making by the advent of a chatty neighbor who had run in—this was in the summer time—for five minutes of gossip.

"And what are you doing this morning, my dear?" asked the curious one of the housewife, who had hastily laid aside her kitchen apron.

"I'm making a cheese pie," was the answer. "Would you like to see it?" The reply being in the affirmative, both went into the kitchen.

"Why," said the caller, "I thought you said you were making a cheese pie? This is a currant pie you're preparing."

"Indeed, it's nothing of the kind," retorted she of the kitchen. "Swish! And a battalion of flies rose lazily and buzzed about the place. 'Tis a cheese pie, I would have you understand, even if there's a fly or two about the house!"

Mr. Telling says it's nothing rare to witness the making of such currant pies in the summer time even in well-conducted households.—Cleveland Leader.

Big Logs for China.

When she left Linnton, Ore., for China the steamer M. S. Dollar had on board one of the most singular cargoes of lumber that has ever left the port. Her deck load is composed of huge unsawed logs which are destined to go into a Chinese temple.

There are about twenty-five of these logs and they range in length from 105 to 106 feet. They average about forty-three inches at the butt and each weighs in the neighborhood of 15 tons. They will be discharged somewhere along the river between Shanghai and Hankow, after which they will have to be taken a long distance into the interior of the country, where they will be used in making repairs to a Buddhist temple which is many centuries old.

The work of transferring them from the coast to their destination will be an enormous task, as for most of the way they will have to be transported by the most primitive methods and it will be the work of months to get them to their destination.

A "Bone" Doctor.

Badger—I say, Broker, you were a medical student before you took to the market. Now, what would you do if a man came to you with a bad case of swollen fortune?

Broker—I should immediately try to reduce the swelling by manipulation.

A Street Dialogue.

"There she goes, the belle of the town. She has beautiful eyes. Don't you think so?"

"I can cheerfully testify that she has one beautiful eye. I couldn't see the other on account of her flapping hat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Coming and Going.

"What, six dollars for dyeing that cape! Outrageous!"

"Well, ma'am, the increased cost of living has caused us to increase the cost of dyeing."—Kansas City Times.

Question in Grammar.

Tommy—Pop, which is correct: "I shall" or "I will?"

Tommy's Pop—It depends on the sex, my son. A man says "I shall" and a woman says "I will."

CAREER OF SHEEDY

One of the Country's Greatest Gamblers Dead.

Interesting Incidents in the Life of Sporting Man Recalled—Recovered Gainsborough Picture—Aided Guerin to Escape.

Chicago.—The Grim Reaper, in the last two months, has called upon three of the greatest gamblers this country ever has known to "cash in their checks." The term "cash in their checks," is not used with disrespect for death, for had either of the trio, Dan Stuart, Al Smith or Pat Sheedy written this story, it would have been the most natural thing in the world for them to have used the phrase.

Of the trio, Sheedy, the last to die, probably was the most noted character. True, Smith and Stuart were well-known in this country, but Sheedy's operations reached out into branches of life that the others never invaded and made him a character of world-wide reputation. All were connected at times with pugilism and horse racing. Smith was the stakeholder for several championship affairs and was an authority to whom hundreds of matters were left for settlement when there was any doubt about a bet. Stuart came into prominence when he pulled off the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. Sheedy was one of the early backers and friends of the mighty John L. Sullivan.

Sheedy, known on three continents for his gambling and participation in sports, first gained prominence in those walks of life in Chicago. He began his career as a gambler at about 16. He was 59 years of age when he died. In the "good old days" of Mike McDonald and the Hankinses in Chicago he ran gambling houses here. One of these was on Clark street, near where the Morrison hotel is now. When these days came to a close Sheedy left for greener pastures, and since then he visited many lands beyond the seas.

But before his change Sheedy played in big games of chance everywhere and there is not a town in this country where his name is not known. At one time he was known as the greatest faro player in America, but he had to give that up because the proprietors of the banks would not let him play. This was in the '80s. After that he went to Cairo and opened the



Pat Sheedy.

Ghesireh palace. He opened his house and the grand balls of Sheedy Pasha, as he was known, became famous. For five years he ran the Ghesireh palace, which was the former home of Ismael Pasha.

Sheedy was the man who restored the famous Gainsborough "Duchess of Devonshire" portrait to the world of art, after it had been stolen and missing for 26 years.

The picture had been bought by C. Morland Agnew at an auction sale for \$52,000, and arrangements had been made to have a celebrated engraver make a plate. Some \$60,000 had been subscribed toward the project when the English public was astonished and horrified with the news that thieves had broken into the house where the portrait was kept and had cut it out of the frame.

And all trace was lost for 26 years. To be sure, detectives had become convinced that Adam Worth, one of the most inventive and daring thieves of modern times, had engineered the theft and controlled the portrait, but nothing had come of it. Incidentally, however, the detectives had asked Sheedy to assist in bringing about the restoration of the portrait, if the occasion offered.

Another thing which will make Sheedy remembered in the police and criminal world is the fact he was the man who engineered the escape of Eddie Guerin from Devil's Island in the French penal colony off the coast of Africa.

Guerin was a Chicago product and achieved international fame as a bank thief, confidence man, and all around crook. Finally the French police authorities caught hold of him and sent him to the famous African prison island.

So far as known Sheedy was moved by no motive except pity for the American. At any rate, he accomplished the impossible and planned matters so cleverly that Guerin got away from the island, made his way to the mainland and finally got to civilization.

Sheedy was known as a "square gambler," and it is said that this cost him one of the largest gaming houses ever built in the world. This was his Cairo establishment.

PROVED OCULIST WAS RIGHT

Patient Gifted with Double Sight Took Early Opportunity of Securing Benefit Thereof.

A well-known oculist of New York city tells a story of one of his patients who proved rather more than a match for him. The patient was a quaint old fellow from one of the rural counties of the state, 50 years of age or more, who strolled leisurely into the doctor's office, and after taking an optical inventory of the place, including the doctor himself, remarked that he was afraid that his eyes were "gitting a little out o' kilter," and he guessed the doctor had better "take a peek at them."

He was seated and, as a preliminary, was invited to look through a prism at a photograph.

"Why, now," said he, after squinting awhile, "this is curious. I see two photographs. What makes me see like that?"

The doctor, who is something of a humorist and inclined to be jocose with certain of his patients, replied that this phenomenon was certainly very interesting, and that while possibly it indicated some slight abnormality, it yet had its compensating advantages.

"With double vision you have a great advantage over me, for example," he continued, smiling, "for you will be able to see twice as many beautiful things in the world as I can. You will have twice as many friends. Your family will be doubled. You will have twice as much real estate and two pocketbooks instead of one, and when you hitch up your horse to drive out, you will have a span."

The old fellow did not say much in reply but seemed to be pondering it; and meantime the doctor completed his examination and having made the appropriate prescription it came time to receive his fee, which in this case was ten dollars.

Very slowly the old man still pondering, drew forth a roll of bills, and carefully selecting a five looked hard at it for some moments then proffering it said quietly: "Here's your ten dollars, doctor."—Youth's Companion.

Suddenly Saw the Light.

The drowsy afternoon calm of Magistrate Harris' office was rudely broken by a very stout woman who tore through the door in a mood for which indignant or angry adjectives are far too mild. She was furious, says the Philadelphia Times.

Rustling up to the magistrate she smacked her hand loudly on the desk. "She called me a tropple," she shouted, "and I want her to prove it."

"Who? What?" exclaimed the magistrate, rousing himself from a reverie on the recent unsuccessful campaign for an increase of magistrates' salaries.

"Mrs. Blank, that pesky neighbor of mine, that's who. She called me a tropple and—"

"A what?" asked the puzzled magistrate.

"A tropple!" roared the woman, "do you hear? A tropple! tropple! and I want—"

"Madam," interrupted the magistrate, "my jurisdiction extends only to words in the live language and Latin and Greek are dead. Good day."

As the woman flounced out Magistrate Harris brought his fist down on the desk with a bang.

"By golly!" he said, "she meant tropple."

American Money in Canada.

The Toronto Monetary Times has been investigating American investments in Canada and finds them to be at least \$236,000,000. To collect the necessary information certain forms were sent to every United States firm having a branch in the Dominion, in addition to letters and forms sent to more than 500 correspondents. From the data received it appears that in British Columbia mills and timber Americans have invested \$50,000,000 and in mines \$50,000,000; in Alberta in land deals, \$10,000,000 and in lumber and mines, \$50,000,000; in the Dominion proper, \$5,000,000 in packing plants and \$4,000,000 in implement distributing houses. In British Columbia in land deals \$2,000,000. In addition, Americans have 168 companies with an average capital of \$600,000, aggregating \$100,800,000.

Cost of Students' Living.

In Vienna a student can board for \$40.60 a month; in other Austrian towns for \$24.36. Rates in Russia run from \$38.60 to \$52.11 in St. Petersburg, and this includes service, heating and light. In Moscow the cost is \$36.67; outside of Moscow, \$27.02; Odessa, \$52.11. Mexico, including washing, \$42.50; Argentina, without washing, \$57.90; Uruguay, board and lodging, \$29.15 to \$31.08. The Paris Student association schedules New York, without luncheon and washing, at from \$30.88 a month to \$38.60.

An Expert.

"Do you know what to do if the car should break down?" asked the thoughtful mother of the young man who was going to take her daughter out in his new Napier.

"Certainly," he answered. "The young people were quite late in returning. The fair young daughter rushed into her mother and said:

"Oh, mamma, the car did break down! But Jack knew exactly what to do! We—we are engaged!"—Pick-Me-Up.

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