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HENRI ROCHEFORT.

This Celebrated Journalist, Communist, and Escaped Convict, Passed Through Omaha To-day.

A Brief Account of his Escape.

The Union Pacific passenger train from the West yesterday afternoon brought to this city the celebrated Henri Rochefort, the leading spirit of the French communists, a man whose eventful life makes up the most thrilling history of the age. His remarkable career, which is not yet finished, is still fresh in the minds of all. A large number of citizens assembled at the depot to obtain a view of this distinguished character. His large and massive head at once proclaimed him more than the ordinary traveler, and he was easily recognized by the majority of persons, who had often seen his picture.

He was interviewed at Laramie by A. S. Slack, of the *Independent*, who telegraphs us as follows:

"He and his bosom friend Olivier Paine were engaged in feeding a pet parrot as we approached.

He received us cordially after the French fashion, and was quite anxious to give us what information we desired, with the aid of our almost forgotten French.

We learned from him that he would stop at Chicago one day, in New York five days, and thence to Switzerland, where he would meet some of his former associates, and probably start a French journal. Not having any cards he obtained a leaf from the memorandum book of his friend Paine, and writing Henri Rochefort thereon, he handed it to us almost before we knew what its purpose was. As a journalist Rochefort has displayed marked ability, having been paid sixty thousand dollars per annum for writing on the *Figaro*, but his style is satirical and severe, and for his abuse of the officers of the government he has frequently been imprisoned. He fought several duels before he became a journalist, and four afterwards. To give a sketch of his eventful life and his recent escape from the island of New Caledonia would require more time than we can spare."

Rochefort and his companions arrived in San Francisco on the steamer *Australasia*, a few days ago. They kept very shady while in San Francisco, and the newspaper reporters were entirely outwitted. Not one succeeded in obtaining an interview with Rochefort, and so the full and authentic history of his remarkable escape from the island of New Caledonia, is yet a matter of mystery.

From the Sidney papers of April 34, we compile the following interesting account of the escape of Rochefort and his five companions from New Caledonia:

The arrival in Sidney of these celebrities of the Commune, who had escaped from New Caledonia, naturally created some excitement. The three who are at the *Cafe de France* are Messieurs Rochefort, Jourdes and Groussett. They decline to give the particulars of their escape, not wishing to implicate any parties, but it appears that M. Rochefort and party had obtained leave to go on a pleasure excursion in one of the shore boats which had been returned to Noumea next day, but considered it too late to send a man-of-war in chase. As soon as the escape was discovered, all the vessels in the harbor were searched for fugitives, it being said that fourteen, and not six only, were missing. The military engaged in the search were armed with rifles, and ordered to shoot the prisoners if they refused to surrender or persisted in the attempt to escape. Great excitement prevailed in Noumea, when it was known that the search had proved futile, and it was apprehended that in consequence of the escape of the prisoners a number of the leading officials of the settlement would be dismissed when the news reached France. The alarm that the exiles had escaped was first given by a Noumea lodging-house keeper, to whom a message from a German whose name is not given, and who also escaped, owed a considerable sum of money.

HOW ROCHEFORT'S IDENTITY WAS DISCOVERED.

The escapes, it seems, hid themselves from the P. & M. in its remarkable way, and their presence was not known to the Captain until he was well out to sea. As soon as the escapes knew from the heaving of the ship that she was out of reefs, they made their appearance on deck. When they presented themselves suddenly, the Captain had some misgivings that their design was to seize the vessel, but his fears were dispelled by a statement from Rochefort, who told the Captain that they were simply exiles trying to make their escape from New Caledonia. Each gave a name, although those they gave were assumed. Rochefort, who is of a noble family, has several surnames, one of which he gave to the Captain, while he appropriated others of his surnames among his fellow exiles, who, acting on his suggestion, gave them as their own. No suspicion seems to have been entertained as to the importance or rank of the exiles until after they had been at sea for some days. The discovery took place in a very remarkable manner. In reading *Bow Bella* the captain came across the portraits of M. Gambetta and M. Rochefort, members of the Government of the Defense. He was at once struck by the likeness of one of his passengers to Rochefort. He interrogated the passenger who resembled the portrait (Rochefort of course, in propria persona) as he now believed him to be M. Rochefort. On being confronted with his own portrait, the passenger remarked that it was not at all strange he should have noticed the very close resemblance between that portrait and himself, seeing that it was a correct copy of his own features—in other words that he was none other than the Rochefort whom it represented. M. Rochefort on the ice being thus

A LONG TRIP.

A Man Sails Down the Missouri River in a Canoe From Fort Benton to Sioux City, 1,600 Miles.

There arrived at the City Hotel in this city yesterday from Sioux City, a man named J. Cosell, who sailed down the Missouri river from Fort Benton for sixteen hundred miles. Last summer he left northern California and went through to Montana with a lot of horses, and after disposing of them, he purchased a canoe, and started down stream on the 4th day of September. He was well supplied with arms, ammunition, and traps, and spent considerable time in trapping and hunting. Arriving at the Musselshell river, he remained there eight days. Forty-five miles above this point, at the mouth of the Little Rocky, he was made a target for a volley from a band of Indians, but he escaped unhurt.

At Fort Buford, he passed the winter, starting out again in April, and sailing to Bismarck, remaining there two days. He ended his trip at Sioux City, and from thence came by cars to Omaha. He informed a BEE reporter that the average run was eight miles an hour, without a sail, and with sail, twelve miles an hour. He had only about a hundred miles of sailing entirely in the day-time, and without much danger, except from Indians. He will leave for his California home on Friday next, by the Union Pacific.

Performance of the Peak Sisters.

The entertainment given at the Congregational Church Tuesday night by the "Peak Sisters" was a novel and interesting affair. The troupe was composed of Mrs. Mattoon, Mrs. John Chesborough, Mrs. C. Storr, Mrs. J. S. Bennett, Mrs. A. E. Sherrill, Mrs. J. E. Wilbur, Mrs. E. J. Cole, Miss Turner, Miss Carrie Congdon, Miss Ella Wilbur, all of this city, and the name of "Peak Sisters" was very applicable, as they appeared in a costume of black, with tall, white paper caps, running to a peak. The effect of their grotesque appearance produced considerable merriment among the audience.

Mrs. John Wilbur delivered a comical prologue which was followed by "Peak by Peak through Eastern Lands," a chorus by the whole company. The remainder of the programme was as follows: "The Home of the Swallows," a duet by Miss Cole and Mrs. Sherrill; "Fly Away Birdie," a duet by Miss Ella Wilbur and Mrs. J. M. Chesborough; chorus by the company; "When we went gleaming in the autumn field of corn; "On Spring fields' mount a 'maud did dwell," by Mrs. Storr; "Bird Song," by the company; a poem descriptive of the flood in Massachusetts, read by Miss Lyon; a scene from "Still Waters run deep," by Mr. John E. Wilbur and Mr. Ralph Gaylord; "Sweet Genevieve," by Mrs. Sherrill; a duet by Miss Carrie Congdon and Miss Cole; Henry Estabrook as a music teacher; song, "Because I am Twenty-five," by Mrs. Storr; and "Good-Night," a song by the entire troupe, which concluded the entertainment. The performance was greatly enjoyed by the many present, and was really well gotten up.

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An Adventurous English Blond Advertiser for a Husband.

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It appears that a gentleman, living on the line of the Union Pacific railroad, whose name is suppressed for good reasons, had accidentally become cognizant of the fact of Adams' exploit in Iowa, and learning that he was about to marry a girl, who did not know him otherwise than by his correspondence, he determined to save her from being deceived and ruined. He accordingly informed the authorities, and an officer supposing the wedding was to take place out West, left a few days ago to arrest him. Adams, however, had passed him on the road, and had come to Omaha to be married. A telegram was received here yesterday from the West, and the arrest followed. Adams, who is also said to be an escaped convict from Missouri, will be held to await an officer and a requisition from Iowa.

Miss Hayland, having telegraphed to New York for money, received a postal order to-day from the British consul, who is a warm friend of her, and left for home yesterday afternoon. She has learned a lesson, that she will probably remember the remainder of her life, and it is likely that she will never advertise for a husband again. Her adventure is but one of many that silly young ladies experience from advertising for correspondence.

In justice to Miss Hayland, we will state that she received another offer of marriage from a gentleman who became acquainted with her after her arrival here, but she refused him.

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