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GRAFT CHARGE MAY BE MADE AGAINST MONTREAL CITY COUNCIL

Editor Shot by Angry Woman—\$50,000 Fire in Toronto—Supposed Pauper Had \$1,000—Sir John Murray Dead—Toronto Power Loan

CANADIAN SEIZED AND WHISKED OVER BORDER

Dominion Government Asked to Put Pressure on U. S. Government for Release of New Brunswick Man Now Serving Long Term in Prison.

OTTAWA, March 16.—The house spent the greater part of the day upon F. B. Carvell's motion for the production of Kelley of New Brunswick. The house followed with great attention and interest Mr. Carvell's story of what appears to have been an unusual case. According to Mr. Carvell, Kelley was illegally arrested by American authorities while on Canadian territory, taken to the United States, tried on charges of smuggling and assault with intent to kill, and was sentenced to fourteen years in prison. Although representations were made time and again to the authorities at Washington no clemency was granted and the man is still in prison.

Introduced Politics.

Mr. Carvell somewhat spoiled the effect of the story upon the house by endeavoring to bring New Brunswick politics into the case. He charged that Premier Fleming of New Brunswick had not interested himself in the matter until shortly before the general provincial elections. According to Mr. Carvell, a telegram had been read at the funeral of Mrs. Kelley, who died two days before the elections, which stated that Kelley had been released.

Keley a Martyr.

Mr. Carvell, the Liberal member for Carleton, N. B., laid before the house the case of a former client of his, one William J. Keley, a farmer of Carleton, N. B., who is now serving a 14-year sentence in the U. S. prison at Atlanta, Ga., for smuggling and assault with intent to kill.

MME. CAILLAUX KILLED EDITOR OF FIGARO

Maddened by Calmette's Attacks on Her Husband, French Minister of Finance, Woman Opened Fire With Pistol—Caillaux Tendered Resignation to Premier.

PARIS, March 16.—Gaston Calmette, editor of The Figaro, was shot today by Mme. Henriette Caillaux, wife of Joseph Caillaux, the French minister of finance. M. Calmette died tonight.

Mme. Caillaux went to the office of The Figaro to carry out an act of vengeance against M. Calmette, who had been waging a campaign characterized by great bitterness against the minister of finance. She fired at least three times, M. Calmette being wounded in the chest, in the side, and in the abdomen.

While the editor was being transported to the hospital, he said repeatedly: "I have done my duty. I have done my duty." Having committed the deed, Mme. Caillaux submitted to arrest, and while employed in The Figaro office was taking the pistol from her hands she said:

HALF OF MONTREAL COUNCIL ARE IMPLICATED SAYS RUMOR IN UNLAWFUL TRANSACTIONS

Burns Detectives Said to Have Names and Facts Involving Two Commissioners and Fifteen Aldermen—Beck to Appear Soon in Role of Accuser.

MONTREAL, March 16.—Out of a city council here composed of a mayor, four commissioners and thirty one aldermen, how many are honest? The question if well informed report is true will be answered unequivocally between now and the civic elections three weeks hence. Rumor says that the Burns detective agency and Mr. Edward Beck—who threw one bomb into the Quebec legislature and brought about the fall of one member besides two legislative councillors—have the names and the facts involving two of the present commissioners and fifteen of the present aldermen; altogether practically a majority of the whole council.

DETECTIVE AS REPORTER.

It was brought out during the recent grant revelations that the detective agency had one of its members working as a city hall reporter. "Mr. Randall," as he was known, got well in on his assignment, and it is said that practically all the men he tackled fell for his schemes, which included the obtaining of paving contracts and in other ways sharing out the citizens' money.

Getting a whiff of the way the wind is blowing, some of the city representatives involved already have announced their retirement. Others will follow when the revelations start in Beck's Weekly, which is to be born this week-end.

FAMOUS CANADIAN SCIENTIST KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Sir John Murray, Born at Cobourg, Met Tragic End Near Edinburgh—As Naturalist and Oceanographer He Took Part in Many Notable Expeditions.

EDINBURGH, Scotland, March 16.—Sir John Murray, the noted naturalist and oceanographer, was killed today near his home, Challenger Lodge, Wardie, Edinburgh, in a motor car accident, which occurred while his daughter Rhoda was driving. Sir John was returning from a visit to Glasgow, accompanied by his daughter and chauffeur. Miss Murray, who was at the wheel, took a road which was used as a short cut to the lodge. The car swerved, climbed a high bank and turned over. The occupants were thrown out and Sir John was instantly killed. The chauffeur was only slightly injured, but Miss Murray was conveyed to a hospital. An examination, however, showed that her injuries were less serious than at first feared.

A Distinguished Canadian. Born at Cobourg, Ont., on March 3.

WILL PUT CURB ON INSURANCE COMPANIES

Union Life Collapse Moves Finance Minister to Propose More Stringent Regulations—Policyholders to Have First Claim on Assets of Insolvent Enterprises.

OTTAWA, March 16.—With the object of providing more stringent regulations for insurance companies, Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, today introduced in the house a bill amending the present Insurance Act. Mr. White intimated that the recent smash of the Union Life had suggested the amendments which are now being introduced.

In introducing the bill, the finance minister stated that the primary purpose of it was to give the department of finance wider powers in dealing with insolvent companies. The new bill provides that the liquidator may either continue or terminate the contracts between an insolvent company and its agents, directors or officials. In this connection Mr. White pointed out that, under the present act, officials of the defunct Union Life would be able to collect damages for unexpired contracts with the company.

Policyholders First.

Perhaps one of the most important provisions of the bill is the one providing that policyholders shall have first claim upon the assets of defunct companies. The liquidator is also given authority to reinsure policyholders in other companies. Insurance companies are forbidden to hold stock, bonds or securities of other companies in the same line of business. Companies now holding such are given ten years in which to dispose of them. Fire insurance companies, whose capital becomes impaired by 25 per cent, shall at the department's order make such impairment good or suspend business.

GUELPH COUNCIL ASKS FOR A HYDRO-RADIAL

Wants Report on Cost of Line From Guelph to Orangeville.

GUELPH, March 16.—Realizing the advantages to be gained from hydro-electric radial railways, the city council, at its meeting tonight, passed a resolution which will be presented to the Hydro-Electric Commission, asking for an investigation into the cost of equipment and operation of a line from Guelph to Orangeville. It is proposed to run the line thru Hillsburg and Erin.

VENEZUELA IN THROES OF SERIOUS REVOLUTION

Rebels Raid Camp and Move on Village—Garrison in Danger.

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, March 16.—Serious revolution has broken out on the Venezuelan frontier near Morawhenna, capital of the northwest district of British Guiana. Four hundred and fifty rebels, according to the reports have raided El Terror camp and are making preparations to attack the village of San Jose. The Venezuelan government official, Gen. Ornes, who commands the frontier stations, and sixty men are in a perilous position.

TO EXPLORE GRAHAM'S LAND.

STOCKHOLM, March 16.—A Swedish committee, formed and headed by Admiral Holand, is preparing to send an expedition to explore Graham's Land, a tract in the South Atlantic ocean, extending beyond the antarctic circle, and the surrounding seas.

NEW G.T.R. PUBLICITY MAN.

MONTREAL, March 16.—Walter S. Thompson, Montreal newspaper man, has been appointed chief literary writer in the Grand Trunk Railway publicity department.

FRACTURED HIS ANKLE

While jumping off a moving street car, Harry Ferguson, aged 15, of 2 Markham street, fractured his right ankle at the corner of Shaw and King streets last evening. He was taken home in the police ambulance.

Laughing Epidemic Now On.

The performance of "Stop Thief" at the Princess Theatre last night started an epidemic of laughter which will not only last throughout the entire week's engagement, but for weeks to come. The play was constructed especially for laughter.

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR LOSS LAIDLAW PLANNING MILL GUTTED IN SEVENTH BIG FIRE OF YEAR

Eighty-Six Men Put Out of Work by Conflagration Starting in Engine Room of Mill—Thousands Watched While Firemen Saved Costly Lumber Yards.

Between nine and eleven o'clock last night the planning mill at the corner of Eastern avenue and St. Lawrence street, owned by the Laidlaw Lumber Company, was destroyed by fire. The loss, including damage done to piled-up lumber by water, will amount to about \$50,000. There is insurance in several companies, but neither Robert Laidlaw nor his son Robert, junior, could state last night the exact amount carried on the burned mill.

"All the details of the business are in the hands of my son Walter, who is not here," said Mr. Laidlaw. "I know that we paid out about \$40,000 in insurance premiums on our mills last year, and that is all."

James Aitken, night-watchman, turned in the first alarm, at 9.10. In the course of his rounds he saw a reflection in the windows of the engine room, which is in the north-east corner of the mill, and immediately made for a phone. A moment later officer 248, from his beat on Eastern avenue, saw the flames above the roof of the two-storey brick mill, and rang in an alarm. All the eastern and central divisions responded, while the apparatus from the west of the city was ordered down town to guard the high-pressed area.

Spread Three Buildings.

Next to the engine room, where the fire started, was a huge pile of shavings, and long before the firemen had water playing, the flames had reached these and leapt to the ceiling. The floors were of wood. Reaching thru to the upper story, the fire soon ate its way to the roof, and fanned by the draft which sucked up thru this opening, spread thru the entire building. So great was the heat at this time that the crowds lining the parapet of the Queen street bridge to the north-east could feel the warm breath on their faces. The firemen were unable to approach the walls and for several minutes each hose nozzle was held nearly perpendicular in an attempt to smother out the intense heat.

The wind was from the west, and somewhat southerly. The fire brigade, under direction of Chief Thompson, concentrated on the north and west faces of the building. While the light machinery inside the walls was man-gled and warped out of shape, efforts were being made to save the piles of lumber and bark which flanked the mill. A yardful of tar barrels belonging to the city's asphalt plant were in danger for a few moments, but with three lines of hose plugging at the danger spot the blaze was kept under control.

Six horses, the property of the Laidlaw Co., were rescued with some difficulty from a stable already filled with smoke. Twenty others were in no peril a hundred yards away.

Offices Untouched.

The fire was well on toward extinction at 10.30, when the northeast corner had burned itself out, and the water from sixteen hose nozzles had drenched the remaining portions of the mill. All the walls were standing, but the first floor and roof were completely gone. The offices of the company, in a separate building on Eastern avenue, were untouched, as were the King at barns of the Toronto Street Railway Company due north of the mill.

Eighty-six men will be out of employment as a result of the fire. Seventy-six time cards were found in the company's office, and The World was informed that at least ten men are employed as helpers and not furnished with cards.

Teamster Arrested.

Dennis Kellagher, teamster, was arrested by the police of No. 4 division and taken to station No. 1. He had taken advantage of the excitement to appoint himself in charge of the office on Eastern avenue, and was dealing courses and threats at all who attempted to use the telephones. As he was obviously drunk, no one laid hands on him.

It's St. Patrick's Day.

They say that the spring starts in earnest on St. Patrick's Day. Then the best part of the world is green and, being spring, a new hat is in order. We have received a large shipment of green soft felt hats, in all the latest shapes for spring, at the popular prices, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. See window display. W. & D. Dineen Co., 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

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"SURE THERE'S ROOM FOR BOTH AV YER HONORS."



Illustration by J. J. O'Rourke.

EAST END HOUSE FOR SALE, \$3600.—Six rooms, semi-detached, solid brick, hardwood floors, all conveniences, close to Parliament Street cars. \$1000 cash, balance easy.

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PROBS.—Westerly winds; fair, with a little lower temperature.

Senate Reading Rooms. Library.

Close 5 p.m.

Grey, with blue 64 x 78 pair, 1.20

White Honeycombed, 1.00

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