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Power Company, In Court Today, Seeks To Prevent City Distributing Hydro

SAYS DEAD SON ASSISTED HIM  
Conan Doyle in New York With New Spirit Tales

INJUNCTION HEARING BEFORE SIR DOUGLAS HAZEN IS BEGUN  
Affidavits Are Read in Support and Against and Hon. Dr. Baxter Argues for City's Contention—He Suggests a Substitute for Mr. Canada's Affidavit—Case Continued This Afternoon.

Declares Son Who was Killed in War Massaged Injured Leg With Good Results—Chemical Analysis of "Ectoplasm."

(Canadian Press.)  
New York, April 5.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle arrived on the Olympic yesterday with his second revelation of a psychic phenomena, and to take scientific tests to determine the manifestations he had described. He said he firmly believed that religion continued with faith in immortality will do more to cure the ills of the world than internationalism and bolshevism.

The creator of Sherlock Holmes gave an interview in which he said he recently had hurt the ligaments of his right leg from the shin to the thigh, and that his son, Kingsley, who died in the war, had massaged the limb with beneficial results. "I peddled me a great deal," he said, "and one night, soon after I had suffered the injury, I was sitting in my room with Evan Evans, a very unusual and powerful medium.

"I proceeded to get in touch with the spirit world, and some afterwards my son Kingsley, who lost his life in the war, appeared to me, saying, 'I will be all right, Daddy. I'll get you fixed up all right.' A few minutes later Kingsley began massaging my leg where the ligaments had been sprained. After a few moments of this, his voice was heard telling me he would return later in the evening. He did, and again massaged my leg. Within ten days following this, the ligaments had entirely healed, when the minimum for an injury of such severity would have been three weeks.

He declared he had constructed new illustrations of ectoplasm, the basis of connection between the material and spirit world, the kind that bound the two.

"Recently we have had some of this ectoplasm chemically analyzed and it has been found to contain many natural elements known to science, and others which science knows nothing about. It is very difficult to analyze this substance, because it disappears almost immediately after its appearance upon conclusion of the seance."

He told of a seance in London attended by 100 distinguished men, twenty-three of them well-known scientists, all of whom agreed that "they saw the medium ectoplasm; that actual substance had been given out."

He had not power personally, he asserted, to cause ectoplasm in any quantity, but every one did more or less. Mediums who exuded ectoplasm, he declared, lost weight to an extent equal to the quantity thrown off.

BRITISH LABOR TO GO AFTER U. S. CO-OPERATION  
Planning to See Senators and Representatives in the Interest of World Problem Solution.

London, April 5.—The British Labor party intends to try to obtain U. S. co-operation with Great Britain and other nations in solving world problems, said J. Ramsay MacDonald, Labor leader in Parliament, last night, at Porthcawl, Wales. He referred to the recent conferences of French, Belgian, Italian and British Labor parliamentarians in Paris, in consequence of which, he said, they were much nearer to a solution of the Rubicon difficulties than three weeks ago. For a solution of world problems, however, Labor wanted the U. S. to come in, but it would never get that country in if it only advised it through governments.

Labor, accordingly, was going to try its hand at parliamentary co-operation in the United States and see whether by getting in physical contact with U. S. senators and representatives it could lay the foundation for co-operation, so that the U. S., Great Britain and other powers might work a great European policy.

Before Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen this morning in the Equity Court rooms there was a hearing in the matter of the application of the New Brunswick Power Company for an injunction restraining the City of St. John from proceeding with the erection of a distribution system for the transmission and distribution of light and power. The statement of claim and statement of defense were read as well as several affidavits. Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P., City Solicitor, had concluded his argument when the court rose at one o'clock, to meet again at 2 p. m. Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., and G. Teed, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff company.

Among those present at the hearing were Mayor Fisher, R. A. McAvity, chairman of the Civic Hydro Commission; Barry Wilson, engineer to the commission; Roy A. Willet, secretary-accountant; Gordon Krebs, consulting engineer to the N. B. Electric Power Commission; E. N. Sanderson, president of the Federal Light and Traction Company, the new operator of the N. B. Power Company; H. H. McLean, Jr.; J. D. P. Lewin, J. B. Jones and William J. Canada.

Mr. Taylor read the affidavit upon which the summons was granted, that of M. A. Foster, general manager of the N. B. Power Company, setting forth that the Krebs and Phillips reports had shown that a distribution system would cost \$800,000, that another system of high tension wires would constitute a danger, that the company would sustain damage by the carrying out of the city's reported intention; that the company would be willing to take over the current contract for the city.

Mr. Taylor then read a statement of claim setting forth, among other things, that, according to the act incorporating the company, there was no provision for any other distributing body which contained reference to recent legislation in connection with the transmission and distribution of power. It claimed an exclusive franchise to supply such power, also that the Civic Power Commission was an illegally constituted body and its acts therefore illegal; that H. M. Kennit had advised that the city would not profitably compete with the company.

Reference also was made to the Ross and Scheidtmann reports, which contended that with minimum precipitation only 9,000,000 k.w.h. could be developed. It maintained that the city could not sell light and power cheaper than the company did at present without great burden to the taxpayers, and that the operation of the company's lines would be greatly interfered with by poles and lines of the city. With reference to the city's claim to the poles it was said that the city would not profitably compete with the company.

String of Injunctions.  
In conclusion it was contended that the contract between the city and the N. B. Electric Power Commission was void, that the city had no authority to go ahead with the construction of a distribution system without the consent of the company; that the company had an exclusive franchise; that the erection of a distribution system would be imprudent and dangerous; that an injunction should be granted restraining the city from erecting a distribution system; that an injunction should be granted preventing the spending of the city's money on the installing of bonds without the approval of the Provincial Hydro Commission; payment of damages to the company for any loss sustained by reason of the city's action; costs such other relief as the court would grant.

In Defence.  
Dr. Baxter said the application for an injunction was made in bad faith. He then read the defense affidavit some of the preliminary paragraphs in the statement of claim regarding legislation. He said the contract in question, that between the city and the Power Commission, had been approved by the Governor-in-Council. He read sections of the Electric Power Act. The act enabled the Government to deliver power at cost to any part of the province through a commission. The Governor had power to prevent an imprudent bargain on either side. The city would not issue any debentures until approved by the commission. With reference to the matter of unanimous vote of Council being necessary to a bond issue, Dr. Baxter said he thought it was illegal. It denied the matter of the impossible load factor. The N. B. Power Company had no exclusive franchise with reference to light and power. He denied that the company's rates were as low as the city's could be without imposing a heavy burden on the taxpayers. He denied the contention that the business of the company in the maintenance of their lines would be interfered with by the city's distribution system. There was statutory authority for the action the city was taking. This was an unusual case. The legislature gave the city power to erect a distribution system. The city's distribution system did not constitute an inevitable destruction to the company's system. The city claimed all the poles in five wards of the city and claimed the right to go into those streets and use the poles after June 30, such claim had been made in writing to the company. This was an agreement made June 20, 1920. This included any additions or substitutions, and expired on June 30, 1921. The company had been allowed to use the poles and wires since but had not presented them to the city.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "if you desired to hold a public meeting in the interests of the city of St. John, and to prove that your only desire was the good of St. John, how would you go about it?" "Well," said Hiram, "in the first place I'd tell the folks through the newspapers that I didn't want nobody to talk to me unless they agreed with me. Then I'd pick out a bunch of speakers that was all on one side. When they got done talkin' I'd jam through a motion without giving anybody a chance to talk on the other side. And to show I wasn't thinkin' of nothin' but dear old St. John I'd have a feller there from New York to pour honey on my ears—say, 'I thank you, I thank you, I thank you.'"

"Don't mention it," said Hiram. "I'm always glad to tell folks what they ought to do—and Mr. Sanderson—yes, sir."

WIDOW OF LORD NORTHCLIFFE WEDS

Gives Up Large Fortune, Say London Newspapers

Surprise in Announcement of Marriage to Sir Robert Arundell Hudson, a Close Friend of Her First Husband.

(Canadian Press.)  
London, April 5.—The newspapers assert that Lady Northcliffe by marrying Sir Robert Arundell Hudson, relinquishes a large fortune. However there are no estimates of the amount of the property which she has given up. It is reported that under the terms of her husband's will his widow was given an annuity of \$8 per cent. of the residue of his estate.

WAR CRAFT TO BREAK UP THE "RUM FLEET"

Washington, April 5.—(Canadian Press.)—The U. S. Government may be driven into the use of many destroyers and other war craft of some coast guard vessels to break up the "rum fleet," so Representative Graham, of Illinois, said yesterday.

HAD \$192 TIED AROUND NECK

New York, April 5.—Patrick Holley, 55 years old, was found dead in bed in the Hotel Gilbert, a lodging house at 182 Park Row. A wallet tied to his neck, and containing \$192 in small bills, was found around his neck.

SAY EX-KAISER AND WIFE NOT ESTRANGED

Berlin, April 5.—In connection with report that Princess Hermine, wife of former Emperor William, has left Doorn, Holland, where William is in exile, because of a disagreement with her husband, attention is called to the fact that the marriage contract entitles her to two months leave of absence in Germany for the purpose of looking after her estate.

MANY FROM THE BRITISH ISLES MOVE TO U. S.

London, April 5.—The North Atlantic passenger conference lines announce that 57,497 British and Irish born passengers were admitted into the U. S. from July 15 last to March 31. The number now admissible into the U. S. is entirely absorbed by bookings for April and May.

ODD COLLECTION IN POCKETS

Marshall's Badge, Four Pairs of Glasses in Drunken Man's Clothing.  
Preport, L. J., April 5.—An odd collection was found in the pockets of a man who gave his name as Edgard Hoff, 23 years old, of 538 Fort Green Place, Brooklyn, on Nassau Road. Charged with intoxication by Police-Sergeant Adam Yuleh he was taken to Hempstead and locked up.

Police found the following articles upon the man's person: One United States Marshall's badge, four pair of eyeglasses, four pen knives, two fountain pens, two silver pencils, two cigar lighters, three memorandum books, three bunches of keys, seven pawn tickets, and five pen points.  
He was in no condition to answer questions.

AT LEAST FOURTEEN DEAD IN TORNADO

Violent Storm Sweeps Part of Louisiana

Many People Injured—Alexandria and Pineville the Hardest Hit—Great Rains Make Rivers Overflow Their Banks and Cripple Traffic.

(Canadian Press.)  
New Orleans, La., April 5.—A tornado which carried death and destruction in its wake, swept over Alexandria and Pineville, directly across Red River, from Alexandria early last night, killing at least fourteen persons and injuring many others.

LADY ELIZABETH CHOOSES HER WEDDING CAKE

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