

MR. LANE RAKES HIS ACCUSERS

Collegiate Teacher Who Has Been Dismissed States His Case to the Board SAYS HE'S TREATED

Whole Thing Was Cut and Dried, He Alleged—Classes Were Not Properly Prepared, He Declares.

An extremely interesting session of the board of education was held yesterday afternoon to hear the statement of Mr. J. S. Lane, teacher of moderns, at the institute, whose resignation had been asked for by the board some days ago.

Mr. Lane paid his compliments to Principal McCutcheon in rather pointed language, and some rather personal comments were made on both sides. He did not ask for his position, but merely wanted to place himself right before the board.

When the members convened, Trustee Graham asked for the exclusion of the press, as he did not consider the matter of sufficient public interest to be published. Some of the other trustees were of the same opinion. Mr. Lane, however, objected.

Stands On His Record.

"If you are thinking of me when you request the press to withdraw," he said, "I would not bother. I have no fear of the widest publicity, as I have no secret of the past fifteen years in my life. I scarcely think it can be shattered by what is said here."

Chairman Westervelt thought also that the press should be admitted. On motion of Trustee Weekes, Mr. Lane was then given an opportunity of giving his side of the question.

The First Intimation.

The first intimation that he had that anything was wrong was in August last, while he was in Chatham, when he received a letter from Trustee Weekes, in which it was stated that his work was not satisfactory, and warned him to be on the lookout for another intimation. It was not clearly stated to him what the trouble was. No person, not even Principal McCutcheon, had said where the difficulty lay. It was understood, however, that the ill-success of the French class in matriculation was the cause. He had been promised that a meeting of No. 1 committee would be held, at which he would be asked to explain matters. That meeting was not held, and he heard nothing more until Saturday last, when his resignation was asked for.

Afterwards a conference between himself, Chairman Westervelt, Trustee Weekes and Principal McCutcheon was held, at which it developed that lack of discipline, although no definite instances had been named, was one of the causes.

Classes Unprepared.

"The junior matriculation classes were totally unprepared," said Mr. Lane. "I have written to many teachers throughout the Province, and from comparisons with their pupils, ours were poorly prepared, and it was beyond question impossible to get good results. So far as the upper school work is concerned, the results will show that my pupils took the highest stand in the school."

"I have the records here and you can peruse them at your leisure. From them it is very evident that the students were unprepared."

"I have been discriminated against this year also in the selection of pupils. The class has been picked over and the best are placed in another form under another teacher. Mr. McCutcheon stated, of course, that Mr. Stuart was responsible for the selection, while Mr. Stuart states that he did not select the classes."

What Mr. McCutcheon Said.

"Mr. McCutcheon may have told others that there was a lack of discipline in my room, and also that I had failed to arouse the enthusiasm of the class. Mr. McCutcheon last spring stated that he wanted results, or our jobs would not be worth ten cents; but I could not force the pupils through the examinations, although I did prepare them for another year."

"Mr. McCutcheon never so much as hinted to me that my work was unsatisfactory. He has been extremely amiable of late, and only asked of me work for next year. I had no idea, whatever, that such reports were being made. I have no objection to his report of inefficiency. I have not the slightest fear of publicity—in fact, I prefer it. It will not affect my standing whatever. My pupils in the upper school work took the highest honors in the Province—in French, and second of the others did remarkably well. Two of them failed, and one had but a short preparation, although a particularly bright scholar."

A Laughing-Stock.

He then read a list of pupils promoted whose marks in some subjects were as low as eight and nine. "That sort of thing has become a laughing-stock and a derision among both teachers and pupils," said Mr. Lane. "Mr. McCutcheon tried to put a couple of pupils back for unpreparedness, but in a couple of days they were back in their old places, smiling and happy, and the school laughed at the sight."

Mr. Lane then asked Mr. Weekes why the meeting had not been called, as he had been promised.

"The meeting was postponed in the hope that something would transpire to get us out of the difficult situation," said Mr. Weekes. "We were hoping for an improvement in the reports. There have been no reports of improvement this year, and I am under the impression that the work is hopelessly bad."

Alleged Weakness.

"You were under the impression that Mr. McCutcheon had told me that the work was bad," asked Mr. Lane.

"He did not tell me that he had informed you," answered Mr. Weekes. "It seems to me that I have known of your inefficiency for a long time. Moderns were the weak spot in the Collegiate."

"You mean that it is one of the weak spots," said Mr. Lane.

"I think Mr. McCutcheon could explain the preparation of the French students before they came into Mr. Lane's hands," said Dr. Teasdale. "If they were unprepared before reaching him, he should be blamed for what happened prior to that."

"I do not want it understood that I am blaming the junior teachers at all," said Mr. Lane. "There is not sufficient time given to them to prepare the students, and they are promoted in that well-known manner further preventing good work. Some person was corresponding with Mr. McCutcheon, who named as my successor, and it looks

as if the whole business were cut and dried."

Principal McCutcheon was then given the floor. "I do not like the impression to be given out that I am on trial," he stated. "I was as surprised as anybody at the action of the board. All the information that is in the hands of the members did not come from me. I was asked to make a report, and I made it."

He objected to the insinuation that he had corresponded with Mr. McCutcheon. He had not done so, particularly when it was understood that Mr. Lane was writing to him. It was not in his province to dismiss Mr. Lane. He admitted that the class was not well prepared on reaching Mr. Lane, but he took the ground that more time was spent on this work than when Mr. Radeiffe was principal. He made the statement that the discipline was bad in Mr. Lane's rooms, and that had he desired he could have given Mr. Lane a class that would have "put him out of business."

Board to Take Responsibility.

"The board will take the responsibility of Mr. Lane's appointment. I will be satisfied," said Mr. McCutcheon. Mr. Lane again cited instances for the board where Mr. McCutcheon had put students back, and then in a few days put them back into the matriculation class and created derision in the school.

"The students do not mind being turned back, as they only have to 'kick' and they will be returned to their former classes," declared Mr. Lane.

Trustee Graham thought it was high time an investigation was made if the teachers and students regarded the school as a farce.

"Why did you say that Stuart made the division of the class?" Mr. Lane asked of Mr. McCutcheon.

"Who's Right?"

"Because it is true," retorted the principal. "Stuart says not," continued Mr. Lane.

"He has forgotten, that's all," said Mr. McCutcheon.

"Chairman Westervelt thought it was the duty of the teacher to enthrone a sluggish pupil, and in this he said Mr. Lane might be deficient."

"Take my pupils throughout the school, average them up, and, come months ago, where I stand," suggested Mr. Lane.

"That's a good suggestion," said Trustee Strong. "Let us investigate."

Give His Observations.

"I would like Mr. McCutcheon to give his observations of the last two months," said Mr. Lane. "I have had more failures since coming to London than in all my former teaching experience. My record in other cities is before you, judge. Mr. McCutcheon should give us the result of his observations this autumn."

Trustee Gunn stated that the discussion had been protracted sufficiently long. The question was asked and could not be opened up except by a two-thirds vote.

The board was merely allowing Mr. Lane to state his case, as was right and proper.

Deal With It Properly.

"I think that the next time we deal with a matter of this kind we will deal with it properly," said Trustee Teasdale. "We will have all the facts before us when we come to a decision."

"I was under the impression that Mr. Lane was informed by the principal that he was inefficient," said Chairman Westervelt. "If a principal makes a report we should stand by him."

"The responsibility for this thing should be fixed," said Trustee Strong. "We want it definitely understood where the fault lay."

"We have placed the principal on trial here today," said Trustee Weekes.

Mr. Teasdale's Opinion.

"After the examination results had been announced Principal McCutcheon should have taken Mr. Lane into his office and discussed the situation with him, and if there were faults to have pointed them out," said Trustee Teasdale. "That would have been the main, straightforward thing to do. This has not been done, and the resulting confusion is largely due to that fact."

"I told him that we must get results or our jobs would not be worth ten cents," said Principal McCutcheon. "That's plain enough."

"Mr. McCutcheon lulled me into a false sense of security by his extreme amiability during the past two months," said Mr. Lane. "He has been so very affable that I could not understand that he was doing the things he has done. He has not mentioned anything that has been detrimental to me this fall. I have had success for years, and he knows it well. When pupils are promoted without cause and when put back have only to kick to be placed back where they were, it is impossible to do good work."

Nothing was done, although several members of the board suggested that the question should be opened up at the next regular meeting, and the decision of the board confirmed.

Mr. Lane's Successor.

It was announced that Mr. McKellar, of Owen Sound, would succeed Mr. Lane. It will be remembered that Mr. McKellar was engaged once or twice previously, but remained in Owen Sound when his salary was increased.

Those present at the meeting were Chairman Westervelt, Dr. Teasdale, G. N. Weekes, J. L. A. Hunt, C. M. R. Graham, Dr. Wyckoff, W. T. Strong, Principal McCutcheon and Secretary McEllenhan.

COUNTRY BREEDS TYPHOID FEVER

Fifty-Eight Out of Seventy-Nine Wells in Minnesota Found to Be Polluted.

Washington, Nov. 12.—An investigation of sanitary conditions existing generally throughout the rural districts of the United States is necessary, according to a statement issued by the department of agriculture today, giving the results of recent investigations made by its experts of farm water supplies in Minnesota.

Out of 79 water supplies examined, 59 of them were found to have been polluted. Twenty-three of the farms examined showed a record of typhoid fever.

Twelve of the wells examined, it is declared, "could not be made safe from pollution, even with extreme care, owing to their location. The rivers, surface reservoirs, and cisterns are polluted, and it is doubtful if satisfactory water for farm use can be obtained from such sources."

The report states, in conclusion, that both farms and cities are suffering from careless rural sanitation.

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GROOM SLAIN BY JEALOUS WOMAN

He Is Stabbed by Former Sweetheart in Presence of Wedding Guests.

Toulouse, November 12.—A wedding tragedy possessing all the thrilling details of a modern melodrama has been enacted in this city. While the wedding party was waiting in the town hall a few minutes before the time fixed for the ceremony a woman whom the bridegroom had deserted stabbed him with a knife and killed him.

The victim of the crime was Theophile Gournac, while his intended bride was Mlle. Deloncle. They belonged to two of the best-known families in the south of France. A large party gathered in honor of the wedding, and were busily chatting together while waiting for the mayor, who was to perform the marriage ceremony.

Suddenly a woman dressed in black and carrying a large kitchen knife in her hand, rushed among the guests, and, before anyone could stop her, had thrown herself on the bridegroom and stabbed him in the neck. Death was instantaneous.

The rush of blood from the wound seemed to make the woman realize what she had done, for with a wild shriek she fell to the ground, insensible. The bride, who was a witness of the tragedy, also fainted, and all was confusion. The police were at once summoned and took charge of the place. The woman quickly recovered from her swoon, and was taken into custody.

She was identified as Mme. Desgros, formerly the wife of a wealthy resident of Toulouse. She declared that two years ago she fell in love with M. Gournac. He reciprocated her affection, and she finally deserted her home, her husband and her children, and eloped with him.

"We were not happy together," she added, "and he soon tired of me." "I met him, and when I heard a few months ago that he was engaged to be married to Mlle. Deloncle I drove me mad."

THE PERE MARQUETTE ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Patriarch Chosen Vice-President in Charge of Traffic of the System.

Detroit, Nov. 13.—Results of the election of officers of the Pere Marquette Railroad were received at the general offices of the company here late yesterday. The meeting was held in the Morgan offices in New York early in the afternoon.

The new officers are: Chairman of the board, George W. Perkins, of New York; president and general manager, Wm. Cotter, of Detroit; vice-president in charge of traffic, A. Patriarche, of Detroit; president in charge of accounting and the treasury, J. L. Cramer, of Detroit; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Howard, of Detroit; general solicitor, Seward L. Merriam, of Detroit; assistant secretary, E. M. Devereux, of New York. W. D. Trump remains general superintendent.

The creation of the office of vice-president in charge of traffic is a merited recognition of worth and ability. As a railroad man yesterday with the Pere Marquette for more than 35 years he has been connected with the line, first in Saginaw and later in Detroit, and his progress has been steady. His title has been that of assistant to the president, his position prior to that having been that of general traffic manager.

Mr. Patriarche's election to the office of vice-president gave much satisfaction in Detroit and Michigan.

With the exception of the creation of the new vice-president, the officers were practically as they were before the meeting of the directors.

NEGRO ASSAULTER GUARDED BY TROOPS

Alexander Taken From Cairo and Lodged in Jail at Kankakee.

Cairo, Ill., Nov. 12.—With Arthur Alexander, the last of the persons arrested in connection with the slaying of Miss Annie Polley, safely out of town, and the Fourth Regiment of the Illinois National Guard on guard in the streets and about the jail tonight, the mob spirit that kept Cairo ablaze with excitement for four days was quelled.

No crowds were allowed to gather any place tonight, and every known danger point was occupied by troops. Bayonets held by the soldiers were before the rope, the torch and the pistol had been in evidence.

Alexander, implicated in the slaying of Miss Polley by the dying statement of Will James, one of the victims of last night's mob, was sent to Kankakee, Ill., late today. He was escorted from the jail to a special train on the Illinois Central Railroad by seven companies of militia, two of which guarded the negro on the train during the trip.

Militia Jeered.

There were jeers for the militia, for the small crowd that watched the departure.

"He'll come back," "Burn the negro," and "He'll get him yet," came from spectators who had been pressed back half a block from the entrance to the jail yard by soldiers.

Two sets of fours were in advance of the prisoner, who was handcuffed and flanked by deputy sheriffs and two sets of fours followed. Three companies of bayonets cleared the street in advance of the escort and a like number followed in the rear, keeping back the crowds that augmented at every cross street of the half-mile march to the train.

The display of force was greater than the Calvary had anticipated, and while there were murmurs all along the line of march there was no effort to break the line.

GAYNOR SPENT NOTHING.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 13.—William J. Gaynor, mayor-elect of New York, today filed a statement with the secretary of state in which he swears that he did not expend any money in aid of his election.

MIGUEL QUILTS VIENNA; LEAVES DEBTS BEHIND

Anita Stewart's Spouse Will Not Return Till Creditors Are Paid.

Vienna, Austria, Nov. 12.—Prince and Princess Miguel of Braganza (the princess was Miss Anita Stewart of New York), crossed the Bavarian frontier and paid a visit to Archduchess Marie Theresia, one of the prince's aunts. After staying several days they went to France to remain until the prince's finances are straightened out.

Now that they know that he has an immensely rich mother-in-law, Mrs. J. Henry Smith, Prince Miguel's creditors are turning the screws on him remorselessly. In pursuing this policy some creditors actually tried to attach valuables belonging to Count Calimuy, Prince Miguel's closest friend, who indorsed some of his notes and who was staying at the Hotel Bristol here.

Aggravated reports are current among the prince's creditors, usurers, most of them, about the wealth the princess will inherit some day. They seek to keep up their spirits by telling each other that his wife's mother has \$35,000,000 on deposit in the Bank of England. But Mrs. Smith's American friends say her husband bequeathed most of his great fortune to his kin.

When Mrs. Smith was in Paris, before her daughter's marriage, it was well known to her informally, through Austrian diplomatic channels, that Prince Miguel's creditors demanded \$2,000,000 to settle their claims. Like an affectionate and ambitious mother, she replied that she was concerned only with her daughter's happiness and would deal fairly with the prince's creditors after the marriage.

Mrs. Smith's lawyers examined the claims and discovered that they were extortionate. At a family council at which the lawyers were present, Prince Miguel expressed the decided opinion that his father-in-law should pay the claims he paid up full; but the lawyers offered his creditors two-thirds of the amount they demanded—a generous concession, for the usurious interest that has piled up amounts to as much money as the prince borrowed.

So the prince will not return to Austria until his financial affairs have been settled, which will be only a matter of time probably. When his creditors realize that his mother-in-law will not be imposed on, they undoubtedly will abate their claims.

It is reported here that the prince, with his high sense of honor, has declared he will never show himself in Austria unless his debts are discharged in full; not even if the creditors accept his mother-in-law's generous offer.

:: MARINE ::

Cleveland, Nov. 12.—The Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company has abandoned the steamer Falcon to the underwriters as a total loss. She is insured for \$15,000.

The Falcon went ashore on South Fox Island last Sunday night. The wrecking tug Ottawa was sent to the stranded boat, but was unable to reach her on account of the rough weather.

Buffalo, Nov. 12.—The steamer Philip D. Armour, loaded with grain, is ashore at the harbor entrance, close to the bottle light.

The Armour was bound for this port when she swung out of the channel, brought up on the rock bottom just outside the old Donnelly breakwater. Tugs attempted to release her, but in a few hours gave up the effort. The water dropped considerably today, and should it raise during the night another attempt to free her will be made tomorrow.

Windsor, Nov. 12.—Up: Clement, 8:20; Thursday night; Bessemer, 8:40; Northern, 9:05; A. Rogers, 9:30; Iron King, 10:30; Argo, 11:00; 10:45; Tampa, 11:15; W. E. Reis, 11:25; Angeline, Kopp, 11:40; Donnacona, midnight; Yuma, Poe, 12:30 Friday morning; 1:15; Steamer Uranus, 7:40; Port Colborne, 8:20; S. Mather (what-back), Uganda, 5:10; Muncy, 6:15; A. Thompson, 6:30; James Laughlin, 7:00; Neptune, 7:15; Steamer Uranus, 7:40; J. Murphy, 8:20; Harlow, 8:30; Coulby, 9:00; Simla, 9:20; Castalia, 9:45; Carleton, Dalton, Australia, 11:35; Pine Lake, 1:45 p.m.; John A. Donaldson, 1:50; Schoecraft, 2:05; Saunders, 2:50; Rome, 3:50; Venezuela, Chiffault, 4:45; Choctaw, 5: Lumberman, Jennette, Baker, 5:45; Edenborn, 6:05; Columbia, 6:10; A. Upon, 7:05.

Down: Ogilby, 10:30; Thursday night; Maine, Knapp, 11:55; Stormont, Quebec, 2:30 Friday morning; O. E. Parker, 2:45; Badger, 3:05; Boston, 6:30; Rochester, 10:25; Smith, Thompson, Maruba, 11:40; Craig, 11:45; Crescent City, 12:15 p.m.; A. D. Hayward, 1:15; Hecker, 1:30; Mohawk, 1:35; Penobscot, 1:40; S. Rogers, 1:45; Corrigan, 2:10; M. T. Green, 3:05; Ohi, 3:20; I. J. Boyce, 3:25; Ellwood, 3:30; Black, Martha, 4:35; John Barlum, 6: Wm. Edwards, Golden Age.

Arrived: Lehigh, 8 p.m. Windsor, Nov. 12.—Down: Badger State, 10:40 last night; Biston, 12:40 a.m.; Rochester, 2:30; Hayward, 5:50; Smith Thompson, 6: Craig, Crescent City, Maruba, 6:30; Toga, 7:30; Hecker, Stearns, 7:50; Lake Shore, Penobscot, Socapa, 8:10; Corrigan, 8:20; Edwards and consort, Mohawk, 8:30; Black and consort, M. T. Green, 9:40; Ohi, 9:50; Ellwood, 10: Wilona, 10:50; John Barlum, 12:30 p.m.; Rosemount, and consort, 12:50; S. Mather, 2:10; Averill, 2:40.

Sheltered: Tampa, Argo, Alpena, 7:10; Genoa, 7:20; Meacham, 8:30.

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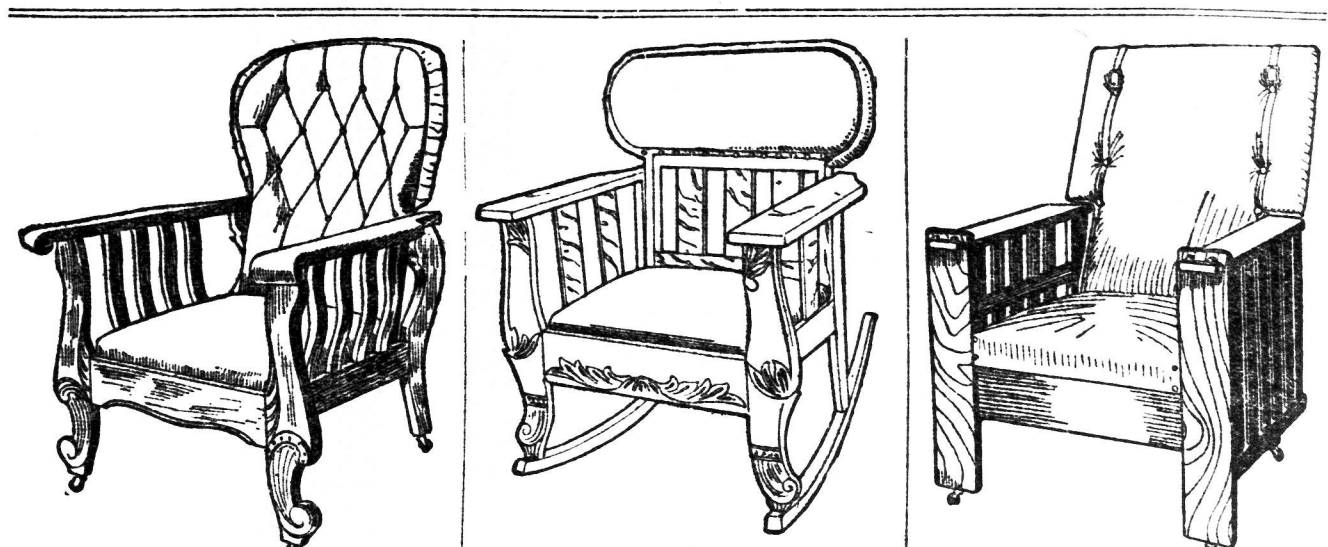
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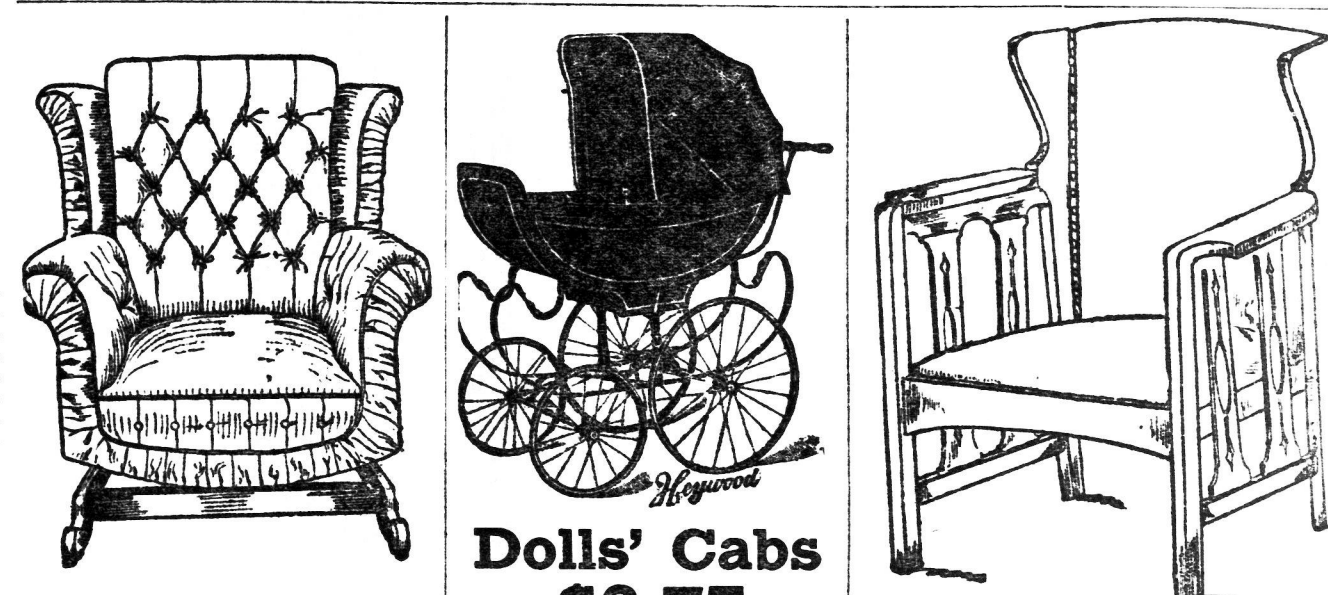
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