

SAYS HE BOUGHT REGINA'S MAYOR

Startling Evidence Comes in a
Libel Suit Over Recent
Elections.

Regina, Jan. 30.—Never has such a sensation stirred Regina as resulted from the evidence submitted in the libel suit in which ex-Mayor Laird, the defeated Conservative candidate for this city, is suing Premier Scott for ten thousand dollars. It was a story of Tammany corruption in civic affairs here, in which Laird was the beneficiary, according to the story told by F. Fry, a member of the firm of Dobson, Jackson & Fry, the firm who have had several important civic contracts, including those for the sewerage system. He told of buying Mayor Laird as a matter of course, and gave dates and dates, together with the amounts which had been paid to Laird as bribes or rackets. This was the ground upon which Premier Scott based his charge that Laird had been corrupt in office, and had used his position to enrich himself.

Fry swore that as a representative of the firm he concluded an agreement with Mayor Laird and Alderman Cooper, under which they agreed to see that certain extras on a sewer contract were put through, and his firm were to pay them fifteen hundred dollars. He paid five hundred of this sum, and his partner, Dobson, paid another five hundred, but the remaining installment had never been settled.

Laird explained that this was to be regarded simply as a contribution to his election expenses, as a token of goodwill by the firm, but Fry said he could call it what he liked, the fact remained that they had paid it to him, and he could use it as he liked. The extras were put through the estimates, as his firm had desired, and that was all they were interested in.

SUING THE COMMISSION

Farmers Claim That Conditions Were
Misrepresented.

Hamilton, Jan. 30.—J. L. Hocking, West Flamboro; Thos. Chappell, West Flamboro, and G. F. Boyle, East Flamboro, have issued writs against the hydro-electric commission of Ontario to set aside their agreement with the commission for the lease of certain portions of their farms for the erection of power towers. They claim that the leases were secured by misrepresentation and the concealment of material facts relative to the danger from the towers.

The county council this morning also took a crack at the hydro-electric commission when it decided to petition the Government not to grant the use of country roads for the erection of towers unless the consent of the council was given.

A BOLD HOLD-UP

Man and Wife Take Five Thousand
From Former's Employer.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 30.—Fleetwood Lester, travelling salesman for the Southern Supply Company, and his wife are in jail charged with holding up Hand Young, president of the company, at the point of a revolver at the former's home yesterday and robbing him of \$5,000.

It is charged that Lester telephoned to Young to come to his home to discuss the sale of Lester's stock in the company. When Young entered the Lester home, it is alleged Lester forced him, at the point of a revolver, to write an order to his cashier directing him to pay Mrs. Lester \$5,000. The alleged amount of Lester's stock. Mr. Lester obtained the amount of the order through the cashier, and then returned to her home, where Young was held practically a prisoner, and gave the money to her husband.

Two hours after his release Young swore out warrants, charging robbery, and they were arrested.

The Glasgow Strlingshire & Sons of the Rock Society celebrates its centenary this winter.

DIDN'T KNOW

Coffee Was the Cause.

Many daily habits, particularly of eating and drinking, are formed by following our elders.

In this way ill-health is often fastened upon children. A Georgia lady says:

"I had been allowed to drink coffee ever since I can remember, but even as a child I had a weak stomach which frequently refused to retain food."

"The taste of coffee was in my mouth all the time, and was, as I found out later, the cause of the stomachic rebellion against food."

"I now see that it was only from following the example of my elders that I formed and continued the miserable habit of drinking coffee. My digestion remained poor, nervous unrest, frequent headache, and yet I did not suspect the true cause."

"Another trouble was a bad, muddy complexion, for which I spent time and money for creams, massaging, etc., without any results."

"After I was married I was asked to try Postum, and, would you believe it, I, an old coffee toper, took to Postum from the very first! We made it right according to the directions on the package, and it had a most delicate flavor, and I at once quit coffee, with the happiest results."

"I now have a perfectly clear, smooth skin, fine digestion, and haven't had a headache in over two years."

"There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in packages.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

SHIP FOUNDERS OFF ATLANTIC COAST

Unknown Craft Goes Down in Great
Gale.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 30.—The Diamond Shoals lightship reports that an unknown steamer foundered during the storm today about three miles northwest of the lightship. No boats from the vessel had been seen. The wind is blowing from the southwest at the rate of 45 miles an hour and the sea is rough.

The steamer City of Savannah, which passed Cape Lookout bound south, this morning reports that the Cape Lookout lightship is off her station.

STUBBORN BULGARIA

Will Give Only \$16,000,000 as the
Price of Independence.

Constantinople, Jan. 30.—According to advices received here the Bulgarian Government has adopted an uncompromising attitude on the question of the amount of indemnity to be paid Turkey as a result of the Bulgarian declaration of independence last October. There can be no increase, it is declared, on the present offer of \$2,000,000 (\$14,400,000), and it is further intimated that should a settlement on that basis be delayed much longer Bulgaria will reconsider her position.

The embassies are striving hard to bring the disputants together, and they are hopeful of an early amelioration of the situation.

The pourparlers between Austria-Hungary and Turkey concerning the details of the protocol in the matter of the dispute arising from the annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary are progressing satisfactorily and a settlement is expected early next week.

AN EARTHQUAKE BELT

Professor Coleman Says Entire Medi-
terranean is in it.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Speaking of the earthquake reported this morning from Southern Spain, Professor M. P. Coleman, the eminent geologist, said: "The whole Mediterranean is part of the earthquake belt, and earthquakes may be expected with comparative frequency. One earthquake often causes others. That's why there are two or three earthquakes sometimes within two or three days. That is especially the case in the Mediterranean region, but it has happened also in America in the case of the earthquakes at Kingston, Jamaica, and San Francisco. Geologists look on Southern Europe as a place where adjustments are taking place between the blocks that make up the earth's crust. The earth's crust is constantly undergoing changes, probably from changes of load. One cause for this is that sediment is being deposited on sea bottoms through being carried down by rivers. That makes a change in the load, and there is a consequent change in the earth's crust."

CANADIAN BREEDING BUREAU

Bend Or Stallion, McIlvain, Passes In-
teresting Inspection.

New York, Jan. 30.—The Canadian National Bureau of Breeders has now upward of 1,000 applications for thoroughbred stallions, the requests coming from all over the length and breadth of Canada. This enormous demand shows a condition that very few men suspected. It proves beyond doubt that the day of the pure blooded horse is at hand, and that he is needed and longed for from coast to coast in this country. It will be well for applicants to understand that only about one in ten can be supplied with a stallion in 1909, for the finest rule of 1909 it will have done all that could be expected. Not more than one horse will be placed in any one county.

The work of the national bureau has increased so rapidly that John P. Ryan, the general manager, has found it necessary to open a head office at 41 Windsor street, and to establish a bureau depot in that city. It will probably be necessary during the next year to have similar establishments in Halifax, Toronto, Winnipeg, Medicine Hat, Calgary and Vancouver.

A few days ago the national bureau stallion McIlvain, by Bend Or—Sierra Leone, which has been placed with Colin J. Sewell, at Perth, Ont., was examined by the government inspector, and was given 132 points out of a possible 135. His score, which follows, gives a line on the kind of stallions being placed by the bureau.

McIlvain, b. h. 6, by Bend Or—Sierra Leone. Scale of points: Possible Corrected Score.

Head	4	4
Neck	4	4
Withers and back	10	10
Croup	4	4
Chest	10	10
Shoulder	6	6
Elbow	4	4
Forearm	4	4
Knee	4	4
Knee to foot	4	4
Haunch	4	4
Stifle	4	4
Gaskin	4	4
Hock to foot	4	4
Foot	10	10
Color	4	4
Skin	4	4
Temperature	4	4
Action	10	10
Weight	10	10
Height	10	10
Symmetry	10	10
Wind feet	10	10
Total	132	132

Assessing the latest acquisitions to the national bureau are Ostich by Order, Pinnace, by Goldfinch; Ormonde; and Oracutus, by Sorcerer—Hanoverine, by Hanover. Jaylin, a grandson of Hampton, has been sent to Dr. R. E. Webster, M.F.H., Ottawa. Race King, which is alleged that Gladly brought the girl, who is said to be of respectable family, into the country for improper purposes.

WIFE SMUGGLER.

Port Huron, Jan. 30.—United States Marshall Maines has issued a prison warrant for the arrest of Fred James Lawrence, charging him with trying to smuggle his wife into the country after the woman's admission in Sarnia, but is now here in the United States.

CHILDREN LABOR
IN COTTON MILLS

Surprising Conditions in Canada
Are Revealed by Commis-
sioner's Report.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—A voluminous report has been filed, setting forth the conclusions of W. L. M. King, the investigator of the labor troubles during the summer of 1908, which affected some 6,000 operatives employed in the cotton mills in the Province of Quebec. The immediate cause of the trouble was a cut in wages of 10 per cent, which the report finds was defensible from the losses to the business caused by foreign competition. This competition is traced to the severe financial depression in Great Britain and the United States. The commissioner reports, however, that the present Canadian tariff is sufficiently high, and forebushadows improved conditions in the near future, when, it is stated, the former rate of wages will be restored.

Respecting female and child labor, the report finds that of the operatives employed in the Quebec cotton mills, 42 per cent are females and 25 per cent persons under 18 years of age.

As to the hours of labor of these two classes, it is stated that in normal times, under normal conditions, work would begin on weekdays at 6:15 a.m., continue till 12 noon, resume at a quarter to 1, and continue until 5 p.m. on the day of Saturday, when there was work only in the morning. The work week was about 60 hours.

The commissioner goes on to say that although the minimum age at which children can be employed is fixed by the Quebec law at 14 years, several children were brought before the committee who admitted that they had entered employment under the legal age. Some of these children were so immature and ignorant that they were unable to tell the year of their birth or their age. One little girl did not know the meaning of the word holiday. She had never received a week's vacation. One or two of the children admitted that they knew their parents had made false declarations as to their age, and that they had been told by their parents to say what was untrue when questioned on the point.

The report urges legislation to control and restrict child labor. It also urges employers and employers to enter into joint agreements by which a permanent board of conciliation may be appointed, and no lock-out or strike without consent until the matter in dispute is passed upon by such board. Profit sharing is also recommended as a factor in promoting industrial peace.

REDUCED TO SKELETONS

Peasants of Asia Minor Starving
Through Failure of Crops.

Constantinople, Feb. 1.—Reports are now reaching Constantinople of widespread distress owing to the failure of the year's crops in many districts of Asia Minor. From Erzerum came distressing appeals for aid from neighboring towns and villages. The reports were sent by pastors and preachers laboring in that region, who declare that in many places the harvests are complete failures, and there is a sense of food, clothing and fuel for the winter and of seed for spring sowing. The previous winter was bad and the present year has been even worse.

The agent of the American Bible Society, who visited 44 villages, represents the want of a large portion of the people in that region as extreme. The only remedy is the importation of grain at a cost beyond the reach of the average agriculturist. The children of these people are already reported as reduced to skeletons for lack of proper food, and many will probably die unless aid comes to them promptly.

The Rev. C. D. Fowle, American missionary at Kaiserslautern, Germany, writes that in all his years in Turkey he has never seen such abject and hopeless poverty.

A SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Sandwich, Jan. 30.—Judge Smith reserved his decision in the cases of Colin Getty, James Bailey, Colin Phagan and Burwell Stockwell, residents of Leamington, on the charge of stealing half a ton of tobacco from the storehouse of Thos. H. Teskey in Mersea Township last September. Testimony appeared on the stand in a Sherlock Holmes role, his evidence consisting of deductions drawn from tracks and his storehouse.

There are only 23 old-age pensioners at Prestonpans, which is a very small percentage of the population.

ARE YOU WEAK
AFTER SICKNESS?

LATER ON IT WILL BE HARDER
TO GET STRONG THAN TODAY
—WHAT ARE YOU DOING
TO GET WELL?

A case in point is well exemplified in the following letter from Mrs. V. J. Wilder, wife of a well-known citizen of Pittsfield, who writes: "I had a nervous disorder that completely prostrated me. I couldn't sleep and would stay up and wait about all night, rising in the morning more tired than ever, head heavy, eyes dull, and every bone and muscle aching. I tried to get along without calling in a doctor, but was finally driven to it. I was treated for some time, but with no perceptible improvement in my health. Someone recommended Ferronze. The change effected in my system was noticeable almost instantly. I gradually took on flesh. The 'all-gone' feeling left me. In less than six weeks I was fully recovered from what looked to me like an everlasting sickness. I will always recommend Ferronze, feeling with sincerity that it is an honest, powerful, health-giving tonic."

Try Ferronze today! The nourishment and vital energy it supplies is wonderful. Ferronze makes you feel better at once. It's good for men, for women, for children—just the thing for everybody seeking better health. Sold by all dealers, 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

Treatment for Croup.

If your child has ever had croup, you need no description of the symptoms, and the best remedy is Ferronze. Cough is often unnoticed until the disease is well under way. A child may go to bed at night in his usual health, except of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house will save anxiety, expense and perhaps the life of the child. The right medicine is given at the first indication of croup, the attack may be avoided, and even the most severe case may be cured. It will prevent the attack. We have never known it to fail to effect a cure in any case of croup, and it is, we believe, in more general use in the United States for that disease than any other remedy.

SOCIAL SCANDAL STIRS JAPANESE

Count Secretly Divorces English Wife
To Wed Princess, But Editor
Spoils It.

London, Jan. 30.—The Tokio correspondent of the Standard relates a social scandal, indirectly involving the imperial house, which, he says, is causing a great stir in the Japanese capital.

Count Togo, 23 years old, was sent to England two years ago to complete his education, and while there married an Englishwoman. His family, upon learning this, ordered the count to return to Japan, which he did, leaving his wife in England. When he arrived home he found that his family had, in his absence, started negotiations for his marriage to Princess Takie, a member of a collateral branch of the imperial family. The advances were favorably received, and the count's divorce from his English wife was resolved upon. This was comparatively easy in Japan, and it was done without consulting the wife.

Count Togo formally applied for the princess' hand and the Emperor sanctioned the alliance. Then the editor of a Tokio newspaper, hearing the facts, inconsiderately printed them.

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