

SAYS HE IS VICTIM OF CONSPIRACY

Truro Native Will Resign Position As Chamberlain Of New York—Indicted On Charge Of Bribery.

New York, May 2.—Chas. H. Hyde, a native of Truro, N. S., will resign as city chamberlain at once. Under indictments and under the fire of practically every newspaper in New York, he announced tonight that although he is the victim of "one of the most wicked conspiracies in the history of the city," he will relinquish his position as custodian of the city's millions in order not to embarrass the Mayor's administration. He had been the Mayor's protégé for years.

Indicted secretly late yesterday on two counts, one charging him with bribery, the other with taking an unlawful fee, the city chamberlain pleaded not guilty in the criminal branch of the supreme court this afternoon, with permission to change or withdraw the plea up to May 16, and was released under \$5,000 bail, furnished by Daniel S. McElroy, commissioner of taxes. A free man, he went smilingly about his affairs again, while the special grand jury resumed its investigation of the Carnegie trust case.

Hyde's resignation has been in the Mayor's hands since Saturday last, so it is understood, but the Mayor has said nothing, although he held an hour's conference this afternoon with Samuel Untermyer, Hyde's counsel. The city chamberlain's statement, issued after his conference, predicts his complete exoneration, bitterly assails the district attorney's office, and concludes as follows:—

"While I have no fear or doubt that the whole conspiracy against me will be laid bare within a very short time, I do not propose to have the administration of Mayor Gaynor embarrassed, and I shall at once tender my resignation.

"After 22 years' association with him, I feel that he will not misinterpret it, as he knows better than any one else, the dastardly methods that have been employed to involve me."

Hyde again asks the public to suspend judgment until the "motives behind the prosecution," are brought out and says that with one hundred and twenty or more banks with which he has had daily transactions, it is strange that there are not more alleged irregularities brought out, "if I were capable of the dastardly crime of betraying the city."

He was indicted mainly, he adds, on the testimony of the discredited and self-convicted Joseph G. Robin, who "has been enjoying the hospitality of the district attorney's office."

WAITING NOW FOR A JUDGE

As Soon As Superior Judge Is Selected McNamara Cases Will Be Rushed Before Los Angeles Court.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 2.—With the arrival here from Indianapolis of Leo Rappaport, attorney for the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, the cases of J. J. McNamara, secretary of that organization, and his brother, J. B. McNamara, charged with murder by dynamiting, are expected to reach court with little delay. Rappaport, who is scheduled to have at least temporary charge of the defence, today held an informal conference with Job Harriman of Los Angeles, who will assist him.

W. Joseph Ford, assistant attorney of this county, who was arrested in Indianapolis, charged with kidnaping the men, is scheduled to be here tomorrow. It is not likely however, that the arraignment of the men will take place until the superior court judge who will hear all of the proceedings has been selected.

MR. OLIVER'S CASE WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Motion to Appoint Committee of Investigation of Charge in Toronto World has been Nicely Worded so that Enquiry will be Limited in Scope—Looks Like a Repetition of the Lanctot Whitewashing Tactics.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 2.—The Oliver inquiry has commenced in the typical lawyerly manner, with a determined attempt to limit the scope of the investigation to the narrowest limits, and to exclude from the inquiry those portions of the allegations which most arouse public interest and curiosity. The attempt was made by the prime minister himself.

Mr. Oliver rose today and read the following extract from the Toronto World:—

"It is understood that Hon. Frank Oliver is the minister against whom the charge is made. The story at Ottawa is that Mr. Oliver had an order-in-council passed on May 3, 1907, giving the Canadian Northern Railway the power to select in Saskatchewan the whole of the land granted by the government to the Manitoba and Southwestern, which is the Canadian Northern, in 1890, in all 650,000 acres. In 1907 there were no lands left in northern Manitoba, it is alleged, and the company was given the right to select its lands in Saskatchewan."

"In the same year \$50,000 was deposited from the Manhattan Bank of New York to the Imperial Bank of Edmonton in the name of Mr. Oliver, the exact date was Oct. 3, 1907, about one year later. Just before the general election of 1908, the sum of \$19,350 was deposited also from the Manhattan Bank in the name of Mr. Oliver at the Imperial Bank at Edmonton."

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So far no agreement has been reached among the framers of the treaty to how the proposed arbitral court shall be constituted. One proposal is that the questions at issue be submitted as they arise to the Hague tribunal. Another is that as each question comes up, a court be constituted by the agreement of both governments to settle that question alone. The president is of the opinion that Great Britain will not frame a separate proposition, but that it will await the submission of the one drawn up here. The president told his visitors that he did not know how long the treaty would run.

POKER GAME STARTED THE BANGOR FIRE

Now Known That Disastrous Blaze in Maine City Started Through Men Playing Poker In Hay Shed.

Bangor, Me., May 2.—A Sunday afternoon poker game played in a hay shed caused the fire that swept Bangor, leveling almost 400 buildings, causing the loss of two lives, rendering thousands homeless and entailing a money loss conservatively estimated at approximately \$4,000,000. A longshoreman today told the city authorities that the fire was caused by a number of men playing poker in Green's hay shed, dropping a lighted match on the floor. The loose hay burst into flames and in a moment the interior of the place was ablaze. The card players barely had time to dash out of the door.

Of the 240 families burned out seventy-five are destitute. Most of the owners of the business blocks and homes that were burned, are financially able to rebuild as soon as material can be obtained.

Bangor passed a quiet night last night, although every man and boy who did not get to bed early were supplied with five rounds of ball ammunition after a 9 o'clock hour was no shot fired. There has not been a single case of looting discovered since the fire, the police say. Telephone service was as well as electric lighting was still in a chaotic condition today. The street car service on one line was resumed. The work of clearing away the debris began in earnest and conferences were arranged for the discussion of plans for the rehabilitation of the city. Early in the day squads of dynamite operators began the work of shaking down standing walls and overturning toppling chimneys.

Sortino defended himself with skill and pointed out contradictions and impossibilities in the statement of the informer. He ironically called attention to the fact that Abbatemaggio

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Searching Parties At Work All Day Looking For Edmundston Drowning Victims—No Clue To Unknown Man.

Edmundston, May 2.—All day long men have been searching for the bodies drowned in the river yesterday. Canoes, bateaux and different boats have been used by the searchers and up to night none of the bodies have been found. The river has been searched for some miles without result. No news has been received regarding who the stranger is who was found floating in the river. He was on the side of the river on the B. and A. train and it is supposed he intended crossing the river for the purpose of stopping at a hotel until the morning when he would proceed east on the C. P. R. train.

HE GOT OFF VERY EASILY

Toronto Man Who Killed Italian With Blow Of His Fist Sentenced To Six Months' Imprisonment.

Toronto, Ont., May 2.—Six months in the central prison hard labor was the sentence imposed on Norman Henry by Chief Justice Sir Wm. Meredith in the criminal assizes this morning. The charge against Henry was one of manslaughter in connection with the death of Nuzzio Nicola Sarmana, killed in an altercation on Queen street on the night of March 27th last. Henry through his counsel, T. C. Robbette, K. C., pleaded guilty to manslaughter, to which charge the more serious one of murder was reduced. His lordship said:—"In view of the circumstances, I am not going to inflict a severe punishment, although you caused the death of this man, is evident you had no malicious intention when you struck him with your fist. The fall that he sustained after that caused him to strike heavily on his head. The medical testimony brought out the fact that no serious results would have been occasioned by the blow, but the effect of the fall afterwards was the cause of the man's death."

"A good deal has been said about Italians using weapons. If we expect them to give up this habit, the English speaking community must show them a good example and not resort to vengeance. The name 'dago' which we frequently hear applied to men of this nationality, as if they were inferior beings, should not be used. We should show them the same respect as we do any other portion of the community and make them feel as if they were welcome among us and assure them of our confidence."

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WILL ST. JOHN PLANT BUILD THESE SHIPS?

Tenders Received For Canadian Cruisers To Be Built In Canada—Will Proposed St. John Plant Materialize?

Ottawa, Ont., May 2.—Tenders for the construction of the four cruisers and six destroyers of the Canadian navy, within six years, are today in the hands of Deputy Minister Desbarats and will probably be opened by Hon. Mr. Brodeur this afternoon.

The names of the tendering firms are not announced, but there are six and they include, the Swan, Hunter, Wigham, Richardson Company, of Wallsend-on-Tyne represented by Clarence I. Desola, Montreal; The Vickers Maxims Company, represented by Ore Lewis, of Montreal; and the Armstrong shipbuilding company, of England; Harland and Wolff, and the Fairfield Company.

GUST OF WIND CAST MEN IN DEATH'S WAY

Cornwall, Ont., May 2.—Peter Boch, of Cornwall township and George Cook an Indian from St. Regis, were instantly killed here this afternoon. They were walking along the canal bank and stopped to lend a hand to some men who were hoisting a new boom of a derrick at J. E. Chivers' coal shed. Several men were hauling in a wire rope to which a hemp rope was attached, when a high wind blew them against the wires of the St. Lawrence Power Co., which were carrying a current of 10,000 volts to the Canadian Cotton Mill. The wire rope came in contact with the power wires and Boch and Cook who were in front and had hold of the wire rope were electrocuted.

FARMER HANGED HIMSELF.

Brookville, May 2.—Pierce Acheson, aged 54 years, residing on a farm near Brookville, committed suicide last night, in the cow barn.

SYNDICATE PICKS A NEW BISHOP OF NIAGARA

Archdeacon Clark Was Chosen On Fifth Ballot As Successor To The Late Bishop Du Moulin.

Hamilton, May 2.—Venerable Archdeacon W. R. Clark, M. A., for seven years secretary-treasurer of the synod and archdeacon of the diocese of Niagara, was tonight elected on the fifth ballot bishop of the Anglican diocese of Niagara to succeed the late Bishop Du Moulin. The synod met this afternoon at Christ Church Cathedral, Very Rev. Stewart Houston, dean of the diocese presiding.

Rev. Canon Spencer, of Mount Royal, acted as clerical secretary and E. Kerriek as lay secretary. The attendance of both clerical and lay delegates was perhaps the largest in the history of the diocese, 66 clergies being represented by 74 clergies and 149 laymen. Only three parishes were without representation. The votes of 38 clergies and 44 laymen of 33 parishes were therefore necessary to secure an election. On the first vote Archdeacon Clark was high man, with 23 clerical and 14 lay votes, but not sufficient to elect him. Rev. Patterson Smythe, of Montreal, came second with 19 clerical and 13 lay votes. The other names on the ballot were Canon Abbott, Hamilton; Canon Tucker, London; Bishop Thorpe, of Algoma; Archdeacon Fourniere, Hamilton; Canon Howitt, Hamilton; Canon Davidson, Guelph; Rev. Mr. Lyster, Subdean Sutherland, Hamilton; Dean Ives, Dundas; Dr. J. O. Miller, Catharines; Dean Bivell, Kingston, and Dean Dumoulin, Cleveland.

The second vote concluded the business of the afternoon. Rev. Patterson Smythe had 23 clerical and 22 lay votes, and Archdeacon Clark had 34 clerical and 20 lay votes, a scattering vote being recorded in the following order for Canon Tucker, Canon Abbott, Bishop Thorpe, Canon Howitt, Archdeacon Fourniere, Canon Sutherland, Canon Davidson and Dean Dumoulin.

At the evening session the three ballots showed a change in the vote cast. On the third ballot, Archdeacon Clark made substantial gains, and obtained 42 clerical and 26 lay votes, while Mr. Smythe secured 25 clerical and 27 lay votes. Canon Howitt, Bishop Thorpe, Archdeacon Fourniere and Canon Tucker followed in the order mentioned.

On the fourth vote, Archdeacon Clark was still gaining, 44 clerical and 30 lay votes being recorded in his favor, the Montreal clergyman obtaining 26 clerical and 28 lay votes.

The fifth ballot, which was the last to the choice, for Archdeacon Clark had 49 clerical and 35 lay votes, against 30 clerical and 25 lay votes recorded for Mr. Smythe.

The names of Canon Abbott and Canon Tucker also appeared in the ballot.

CASE SETTLED OUT OF COURT

Action Against Toronto Construction Company In Carleton County Circuit Court Settled By Payment.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., May 2.—In the Circuit Court, Judge Barry presiding, the case of John W. Bolan against The Toronto Construction Co., which commenced on Friday was settled by a conference between the parties today. Mr. Bolan furnished 70,000 railway ties for use in building the National Transcontinental Railway, for which part payment was made by the Toronto Construction Co., leaving an alleged balance of \$3,010.66. The Company claimed that they owed plaintiff about \$500.

Whilst the terms of the settlement have not been made public, the general opinion is that Mr. Bolan got about all he entered suit for. Hon. W. F. Jones was attorney for the plaintiff, and A. J. Gregory for the defendant. At the jury who were hearing the case were: Alex. P. Ritchie, T. C. Cain, Stanley Hatfield, Harry Purritt, Chas. Noddie, John McLean and John Fleming.

MATCHES GO UP IN SMOKE IN EDDY FIRE

Ottawa, May 2.—Fire in the stock room of the E. R. Eddy Company, at Hull today destroyed 3,000,000 matches. The blaze is supposed to have originated from spontaneous combustion. The room is constructed of cement and being absolutely fireproof, the matches were allowed to burn themselves out. The loss is not very heavy.

NEW GERMAN TREATY

Berlin, May 2.—A new treaty of commerce between Germany and Sweden under the new Swedish tariff has been signed.

A LEWISTON SCHOONER BURNED IN THE SOUTH

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 2.—An explosion of a Standard Oil lighter in Mayaguez harbor last night, set fire to the schooner Mary Bradford Pierce, of Lewiston, Me. Capt. Lane and his crew escaped but the fire in the vessel and its cargo of 600,000 of lumber was still burning today and may cause a total loss. The schooner is valued at \$30,000 and with her cargo is insured.

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