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M'NAUGHT SAYS LATEST PLOT IS TO OUST ELLIS

Member of Ontario Hydro Power Commission Sends Letter To Press.

IMPORTANT TO ONTARIO

Believes Success of Provincial Scheme Is Bound Up With That of Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—The following letter has been issued to the press by W. K. McNaught, M. P., a member of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission:

"In discussing the reappointment of Mr. P. W. Ellis as a member of the hydro-electric commission of the city of Toronto, Controller Church is reported as saying at the board of control meeting on Thursday last: 'If there is not some political or other reason for this appointment, why did Mr. McNaught come down to the city hall and lobby Controller Foster and myself to vote for Mr. Ellis?'

"In reply to Mr. Church's query I may say that I interviewed Controller Foster and myself and urged them to vote for Mr. Ellis' reappointment, not because there was any political reason whatever for so doing, but solely because I considered it in the interest of every citizen of Toronto to have him reappointed to his position as soon as his term of office, which was then nearly up, had expired. My reason for so doing was that I had knowledge of an organized conspiracy to have Mr. Ellis dropped from the city's hydro-electric commission and some one more amenable to influence appointed in his place.

"I believe that the success of the whole hydro-electric policy of the Province of Ontario was largely bound up in the success or failure of the Toronto system, which was, and always must be, the backbone of the Niagara hydro-electric system, and I had therefore made it my business to keep closely in touch with the inside workings of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission.

"Good Work Kept Dark. "For this reason, I had personal knowledge of the invaluable services Mr. Ellis had rendered to this city as chairman of its hydro-electric commission, services that have not yet been fully appreciated by our citizens because they have been kept in ignorance of them, and also because Mr. Ellis has been vilified and abused

by men who are so lost to every sense of honor and fair play as to condemn him on account of silly gossip circulated, without doubt, by interested parties.

Has Worked Well.

"In my humble opinion, no man in Toronto is more deserving of the gratitude and confidence of its citizens than is Mr. P. W. Ellis. He has devoted his time and his splendid abilities ungrudgingly to the work of the commission, and it is very largely owing to this that the city's hydro-electric system is able to show the wonderful results that it now does.

"Mr. Ellis is a gentleman with a large business of his own which demands his whole time and attention, and it was only after urgent and persistent solicitation that he was induced to accept the position which he has so ably filled for the past two and a half years, and had it not been for his strong sense of public duty he could not have been prevailed upon to undertake this onerous and apparently thankless task.

"Vindication of Principle. "That his work has been well, honestly and conscientiously performed is evidenced by the splendid position our city's hydro-electric system occupies today. It is a splendid vindication of the principle of public ownership, because owing to its sound business management it shows a large surplus after making ample allowance for expenses of every kind and description.

"Mr. Church thinks that Mr. Ellis should serve the city without salary. If Mr. Church is in earnest in believing this then he should at once refuse to accept the salary paid to him by the city as controller.

"In conclusion, I would only add that the aldermen of this city, with my opinion, be acting in the true interest of our citizens by at once reappointing Mr. Ellis to the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission, and in doing they will not only vindicate the reputation of a public man who has been unfairly treated while conscientiously doing his duty by his fellow-citizens, but bring credit to themselves as trustees of civic honor and fair play."

THINK PRIEST MAY ALSO

Continued From Page One.

Confessed Murder. New York, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Hans Schmidt, an assistant priest at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 415 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, was arrested early this morning, and confessed that he had murdered and then dismembered the body of a girl, parts of whose body have been found in the North River during the past several days.

The murdered girl, Anna Aumuller, was a servant in the pastoral residence of the Rev. Father Braun, pastor of St. Boniface's Church, Forty-seventh street and Second avenue, where Schmidt was from December, 1910, until May, 1912, a curate. Schmidt's only explanation of the cause of the murder today was that "he loved Anna."

Held Conference. Catholic Church authorities of the

New York diocese, headed by Monsignors Money and Lavelle, who are vicar-generals of the diocese, held a conference after receiving reports of an interview with Schmidt in the Tombs by the Rev. Father Evers, to learn whether or not Schmidt really is a priest of the Catholic Church. Schmidt made statements to Father Evers about being "ordained a priest" by St. Elizabeth of Hungary, who told him to kill Anna as a sacrifice of blood, and made many more wild statements that incline to the belief that he is insane. There are reasons to believe, according to the church authorities, that Schmidt is an impostor. For some years, however, he has performed the duties of a curate at two churches in New York, at Trenton and at St. Louis, and according to his own story he was a priest in Germany before coming to America from Bavaria in 1907.

Schmidt, according to Assistant District Attorney Deacon Murphy and Police Inspector Faurot, confessed that he entered a four-room flat on the third floor of the apartment house at 68 Dradhurst avenue, at midnight, on Sept. 2, and cut the girl's throat while she slept.

He tested the blood then, he says. When he was sure the girl was dead, he dragged her body to the bathroom of the apartment and there dismembered it. Then he wrapped the parts of the body up in either five or six packages, he doesn't remember which, and when daylight came he took the packages aboard Fort Lee ferriboats during several trips and dropped the packages overboard.

A gaily-colored pillow of unusual pattern led to Schmidt's apprehension. This pillow, stained with blood, was wrapped around a portion of the body. When the police traced the pillow to its manufacturer, the manufacturer traced it to the dealer, the dealer traced it to Schmidt. And the police, tracing Schmidt and the girl, found all the pieces of their bodies before they arrested him.

Says She Was His Wife. The confession, which the police say Schmidt signed, follows:

"I met Anna Aumuller two years ago, at the parish house of St. Boniface Church. She was employed as a servant there. I became infatuated with her. I loved her.

"I killed her because I loved her so much. She was so beautiful, so good, I could not let her live without me.

"I had made up my mind that she and I could not live together. I was a priest and must remain with my church. I could not let her go away from me. So I opened the door of the flat. I awakened her. I told her I had come to fulfill my threat. Then I killed her.

"I cut the body into six pieces. I made trips to the Fort Lee Ferry, each time with a part of her precious body in a bundle. When the ferry boat reached the middle of the stream I would throw a piece into the water, and when the boat reached the other side of the river, I would return and so back to the flat.

Admits His Guilt. "I am guilty, that is all I can say. I must pay the penalty. There is nothing else for me to do. But I loved Anna Aumuller.

"She wanted me to marry her, and I procured a marriage license. She trusted me. "I am a priest and ordained to perform the marriage ceremony, so when she insisted upon a ceremony I married myself to her. There was no need of any other priest doing it. It was just as absolute as if I had called in another priest with authority to perform a marriage ceremony. She was my wife."

Came From Germany. The priest, according to his story of his life, was born in Aschaffenburg, Germany, in 1881. He attended the public schools in that city until 12 years old, and then went to Germany, where he was educated at a seminary. At the age of 18 Schmidt enrolled in St. Augustine's Seminary, in Mac, and on Dec. 25, 1904, was ordained by Bishop Kesteln, connected with that institution. He was assigned to St. Elizabeth's Church, in Darmstadt, Germany, where he remained for six months, and was next sent to a village church at Bursell, and came to America because of poor health. After remaining in New York city a short time he was assigned to a church at Louisville, Ky. In 1909 he went to Trenton, N. J., and in December, 1910, he became assistant to Father Braun, rector of St. Boniface's Church, where he met the Aumuller girl.

LONDON WOMAN WAS DRUGGED IN TORONTO LODGING HOUSE

Grace Adams Found Wandering About the Streets in Dazed Condition—Nearly Died From Effects of Laudanum Given by an Unknown Man.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Sept. 14.—Claiming that a man held her while a woman poured laudanum down her throat, Grace Adams, of London, Ont., was found critically ill on John street, near Queen, shortly after 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon by P. C. Offer.

The constable had the woman removed in the police ambulance to the General Hospital, where her case was diagnosed as laudanum poisoning. So critical was her condition that it was only after eight hours of hard work that the doctors were able to save her life.

Is 25 Years Old. The woman, who is 25 years of age, says that she came to the city last Friday, intending to leave for Montreal this week. She had never been in the city before, and, having no friends here, she went to a house and engaged a room for the night. Where this house is about half an hour's ride from the city, she said she had only one room, and that was rented to a man, but that he was away, and she would let her have it for the night.

Maltreated By Man. Shortly after 6 o'clock on Saturday morning the woman alleges that a man entered the room and maltreated her. She tried to scream, but he gagged her by stuffing a handkerchief in her mouth. After the man had

gone she went downstairs, where she was met by a young girl, who asked her to go to a drug store and buy some laudanum. She consented, and left, intending to bring a policeman back with her.

Says She Was Drugged. She says that she found a drug store and bought the poison without being requested to sign for it. She was unable to find a policeman and so returned to the house to get her baggage. As she entered the house she was again met by the man and the girl for whom she had bought the drug. They invited her to enter a room, and when she refused the man grabbed her and threw her to the floor. The woman cried open her mouth and poured the drug down her throat. Then they both disappeared.

Does Not Remember. From that time she has but a hazy recollection of her movements, and only remembers being ill and feeling herself staggering. About half an hour after she had been given the poison she met the policeman who sent her to the hospital. The police say that they have no account of the affair other than the sending of the woman to the hospital.

The description of the man as furnished by the woman, is: Tall and dark; quiet, good-looking and clean shaven. He was dressed in a navy blue suit and wore a Panama hat and a green tie.

NEEDLESS WAR-SCARE TALK IS PROVING A BOOMERANG

Conservatives May Lose South Bruce as Result of Foolish Anti-German Speeches—Rogers Machine Gang Alleged Working In Riding.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Warkenton, Sept. 15.—The German peril, as sensationalized from time to time by Conservative leaders, is proving a most uncomfortable boomerang to the party no small anxiety.

The by-election contest is on, and Mr. Truax, the Liberal candidate, is gaining such ground that the Conservative party managers are fearful of the result of "anti-German" outbursts.

That the situation is exceedingly uncomfortable for the party is evidenced by the fact that the managers have sent the Conservative members to take refuge in the contest.

See Through the Scheme. The intention is so apparent that the Germans of South Bruce are laughing at such crude attempts to pacify them. Mr. Geo. A. Clare, M. P. for South Waterloo, is the member who found it convenient to be absent when the Liberal bill vote was called. This does not raise him in the esteem of the Germans at all, and Mr. W. G. Welch, M. P. for North Waterloo, who has not any more influence than his colleague.

Put His Foot In It. One of the things that cannot be forgotten is Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes' "German menace" speech that he made at the coast. The Germans remember that he boasted that the Germans should be taught a lesson by the political speech which Mr. Welch read in the House. Had Mr. Welch acted in accordance with his words, he would be some influence in this contest. Unfortunately everywhere he goes he finds that the people are well aware that after all the talk he indulged in for the benefit of his constituents he let himself be whipped into line, and voted for the Conservative-Nationalist policy.

Machine at Work. In addition to the presence of the Waterloo members there are other evidences that the Conservative party is in dire straits in this election. One thing is certain, that what appears to be an installment of the Rogers Manitoba machine on the ground.

Two mysterious strangers are motoring about, but so far they have had a poor reception. At present their identity has not been disclosed as they take the precaution not to sign their names to a hotel register. Interesting developments are looked for, but the sentiment of the riding would appear to be such that it would be difficult for the Government to buy a much-coveted victory in South Bruce.

Two Charges of Bigamy AGAINST DUNWICH FARMER

Got Mad at Magistrate Who on Looking Closely Decided That He Was Man For Whom a Warrant Was Out in Connection With Wife Beating.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Dutton, Sept. 15.—Two charges of alleged bigamy against Geo. Smith, of Dunwich, are to be investigated, and in the meantime Smith is in jail in St. Thomas.

Had he quietly paid over \$10 and \$25 costs and given a \$200 bond to keep the peace, when ordered to do so by County Magistrate Frank Hunt, at the conclusion of the hearing of the case for assaulting his neighbor, Edward Fillmore, in a dispute over a line fence, he would have been a free man.

Paid the Fine. Smith had paid over the amount of the fine and costs taking the money from a large roll of bills, but when the magistrate suggested the \$200 bond Smith grabbed back his money and said he would show the magistrate where he got off at.

This opened Squire Hunt's eyes just a little wider than usual, and enabled him to recognize in Smith a man against whom a warrant had been out since June last for beating his wife at Corinth, and as the wife at Corinth was not the same one as resided with Smith in Dunwich the magistrate adjourned the case, and ordered an investigation.

Was Identified. After Smith had been identified by a St. Thomas restaurant keeper as the man who formerly lived here and at Corinth, he was placed under arrest by Constable John Hopkins.

It is said that the woman whom he married in Corinth last winter had learned through a letter that Smith had a wife living in Oxford County, while the daughter of the late Dunwich MacGregor, whom he married in Dunwich three weeks ago, says Smith told her he had never been married before. Smith is a man about 45 years of age.

Scotchman Refused To Settle on Sunday

[Canadian Press.] New York, Sept. 15.—Because it was the Lord's day, and his mother had taught him never to trade on the Sabbath, Angus K. Scotchman, of Dunfermline, Scotland, declined to pay \$235 debt yesterday on a strip of woolen cloth when customs officials, who boarded the steamer on which he was just arriving from Glasgow, asked that he settle.

Strikers Starving in Dublin Lockout

[Canadian Press.] New York, Sept. 15.—A London cable says: Hunger has become the ally of organized capital in the fight against the Dublin transport workers. By the end of this week the spectre of starvation will be a grim reality in the foul slums of the city, where life at best is a hand-to-mouth struggle to keep body and soul together.

There is no sign of weakening, however, on the part of James Larkin's devoted followers, despite a steady and ominous growth day by day of the employers' lockout.

Larkin, speaking at a labor meeting in Manchester yesterday, said he believed he had a divine mission to make men and women discontented. Since he went to Ireland in 1907, he had raised the flag of discontent from Belfast to Cork and brought a new hope and a new gospel to the working classes of Ireland.

King Will Visit.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Sept. 15.—It is officially announced that King Constantine of Greece will visit Paris incognito on Sept. 20, when he will be received by President Poincaré.

S. F. GLASS NAMED BY CONSERVATIVES OF E. MIDDLESEX

London Alderman Selected as a Standard-Bearer in Federal By-Election.

R. M. PIPER, RUNNER UP

Ten Names Placed in Nomination But All Save Three Are Withdrawn.

Glass 64
Piper 25
Geary 0

After two attempts the Conservatives of East Middlesex have chosen a candidate to contest the federal riding in the by-election necessitated by the death of the late Peter Elson, M. P. Ald. S. F. Glass, of London, was the choice of the convention that Saturday assembled in the Masonic Hall, Queen's avenue.

This time only one ballot was necessary to select a candidate, though the preliminary convention skirmishes seemed to preclude any chance of a decision at the first trial. After the voting had closed, and only the names of Ald. Glass, Ex-Warden Piper and John Geary, of London Township, went to the delegates.

Many Withdrawals. As one by one the nominees, withdrew their names, it was seen that the fight was going to be between Ald. Glass and ex-Warden R. M. Piper, the two candidates who were tied at the last convention, when the presence of an illegal ballot threw the meeting into confusion and necessitated the convention of Saturday.

The "dark horse" and the compromise candidates that were supposed to show up at the last minute failed to materialize, and only the names of Ald. Glass, Ex-Warden Piper and John Geary, of London Township, went to the delegates.

First Ballot Did It. The first ballot told the tale—to the surprise of delegates and candidates themselves. In all 99 ballots were polled, and of these 64 were marked for Glass, 35 for Piper, and none for Mr. Geary. There were tie-breakers.

The rejection of Ald. Glass was conceded by the majority of the party leaders before the convention was called to order, but his majority over Piper was something that even the sanguine of the followers hardly expected. The standing that the latter made at the last convention, when he polled 48 legal votes, and one questionable ballot, was believed to be strong enough to give the London alderman an stronger race than the one given him on Saturday. Change in the personnel of the delegates, and the work done by the supporters of the alderman are the causes attributed.

When the candidates were called to the platform, Ald. Glass thanked his supporters and made the usual election promises. When ex-Warden Piper was called, however, he raised a question of the fact that Chairman John McFarlane had allowed two Dorchester delegates, who arrived late, to cast their ballots after the others had been all in. Later Mr. Piper moved that the election be postponed, but this was carried unanimously.

In the pre-voting speeches by the candidates, Ald. Glass took occasion to refer to some of the personalities that had entered into the fight in the Conservative ranks. Those who found fault with any of his actions or those of his father, to which reference had been made in the riding, were given a special invitation to present their case to him personally.

Borden Satellites Sparked.

After the nomination of the party had been selected, and had made his official bow to the delegates, Hon. A. E. Kemp, of Toronto, and Col. Hugh Clarke, M. P. for North York, felt the convention of the party. Reciprocity was touched on—that is sections of it were touched on, but the blue rain and the unimpaired features were gracefully ignored.

Organizer Birmingham waved the flag, held it aloft, sang rhapodies to it, and then waved it some more. Then he came the cheers. There were cheers for Glass. There were cheers for Piper. There were cheers for the chairman, for the king, for the party, for Borden, for the king, for East Middlesex, for the delegates themselves, and for everything and everyone who cheered. Finally, the subjects to cheer were all accounted for, and the meeting broke up. The adjournment being greeted with more cheers.

The men nominated for candidates, and who withdrew, were:

John McFarlane, West Nisourit. Dr. Doan, Harrietsville. James Pridells, London Township. Lieut.-Col. R. McEwen, Byron. R. H. Guest, London Township. Capt. T. E. Robson, London. Frank Boyes, reeve of North Dorchester.

Solicitous for Farmers? Hon. A. E. Kemp, typical of the "big interests" that worked against reciprocity and the consequent larger markets for the Canadian farmer, appeared in a somewhat new role in his speech-making, for he was apparently solicitous for the farmers to receive these larger markets. His naive explanation of the Conservative opposition to reciprocity was the fact that the all-seeing powers in the Conservative ranks were aware that the Democratic party in the United States would triumph within two years and would reduce the tariff, and therefore the Conservatives objected to having their hands tied by any reciprocity pact.

Going even further than this statement, he ventured the prophecy that within two weeks the tariff of the United States would be reduced to an extent planned under reciprocity. As he ventured it he omitted to mention the "treason" it would be for Canadians to use three larger markets, the statement that was so worked to death in the reciprocity campaign.

Some Mathematician! Mr. Kemp is a mathematician, he

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The navy question was referred to and characterized as the principal question that would be uppermost in the minds of the people. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was blamed for the "humiliating position" that Canada is now in because the Dominion failed to share in the maintenance of the British navy. The German emperor, however, that has since died out, was gracefully neglected to the background and neither Mr. Kemp nor the other speakers referred to it in any shape whatsoever.

Liberal Always Wrong.

Save when Clark told a few stories? the audience was unimpressed. Politics were only touched on in the lightest possible manner. The memories for North Bruce contented themselves with claiming that the Liberal party had always been wrong on the great issues of the country. His reciprocity contribution was a claim that the Conservative assertion was to the effect that both parties in the United States were favorable to a lower tariff. Unlike the "big interests" representative, however, he did not venture the declaration that the Conservatives were possessed of inside information that the Democrats were to be returned in 1912, nor did he make any prophecy as to what would happen during the next fortnight.

Speaking on the naval question, he declared that Canadians objected to being sponges on Great Britain all their lives, for naval protection.

Twenty-Five Killed and 537 Injured

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Sept. 13.—A report just issued shows that in the year 1912 there were 25 persons killed and 537 injured in accidents during the last fiscal year on the street cars and radial railways of Ontario. There were four passengers killed and 306 injured. Two employees were killed and 31 injured. Of the travellers on highways 19 were killed and 199 injured.

Gold Fields Rush May Stop Railway

[Canadian Press.]

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 15.—A dispatch last night from Telkwa, where there has been a stampede to a new placer find 10 miles southeast of Telkwa, expresses the fear that it may seriously affect construction on the Grand Trunk Pacific, as there are 5,000 men now employed within a radius of 25 miles of the new find. A lack of provisions for men in the field is causing anxiety, as every pack horse is on the trail.

KICK PROVED FATAL.

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, Sept. 13.—Aaron C. Cressman, a well-known farmer and postmaster at Strasburg, succumbed today to injuries sustained by being kicked on the jaw by a fractious horse on Wednesday, having never regained consciousness.

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