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BRIBERY COURT TO GO DEEPER A. D. LYND INVOLVED IN 2nd CHARGE

Unexpected Interruption of Civic Investigation by Pointed Query as to Relations Between Accused and Ontario Sewer Pipe Company.

The civic investigation into the alleged acceptance by A. D. Lynd of a bribe for his vote upon the Puddy Bros. abattoir permit will be enlarged in its scope so as to allow inquiry to be made into the conditions under which the Ontario Sewer Pipe Company secured a contract from the city in 1899.

This was the altogether unexpected and rather sensational development at yesterday afternoon's sitting of the court, which resumed its inquiry yesterday morning after a protracted adjournment of over a month, due to the illness of Judge Winchester.

It was a query that Crown Attorney Drayton aimed at A. D. Lynd that brought the investigation to an abrupt end, after the alderman had been on the stand for about forty minutes and had given fat denials to the charges contained in the affidavits. Mr. Drayton had begun to frame a question with a mention of the year 1899, when counsel, E. F. B. Johnston, K. J. J. Howlett, raised prompt objection.

Mr. Drayton then submitted to the court that he had been about to ask the witness whether he in 1899, the year of A. D. Harris, a "successful contractor," for money.

Mr. Johnston made the claim that the evidence of the inquiry should be enlarged before the matter should be touched upon. Judge Winchester fell in with Mr. Johnston's suggestion that the mayor be asked to call a special meeting of the city council to consider whether to allow the investigation to be broadened out so as to deal with specific charges dating back to 1899, and understanding the court adjourned.

The special meeting had been closed for a time with A. D. Lynd, who had been declared by the court as suggested, Mayor "Quilburt" said as soon as he had had notification from Judge Winchester that the meeting would be held in calling council together. Judge Winchester said last night that he had arranged to see the mayor on Saturday morning, so that it is highly probable the special meeting will be held on Monday and the investigation can be at once proceeded with. As intimated by Mr. Johnston, the mayor will be a good deal of a formality, and there can be no doubt the required authority to widen the scope will be given.

The evidence given during the morning session of the court by Mr. Johnston, Edward Shaw and Ward Ald. Stewart, who were called, declared that before A. D. Lynd was placed upon the stand by the mayor, George B. Howlett, W. G. Howlett of London gave evidence that he had been in London, and had dealings with Lynd in the stone business, testified that he had advanced him money on May 22, claiming he got it for putting a deal through on the Ontario Sewer Pipe Company's "Poor Memory."

George B. Howlett, the first witness of the afternoon, was examined at some length with respect to his dealings with W. G. Howlett of London. Witnesses said Howlett saw him about arranging for a London visitor up to the North Toronto works. Howlett denied to Mr. Drayton that he had advanced him money on May 22, claiming he got it for putting a deal through on the Ontario Sewer Pipe Company's "Poor Memory."

Howlett, examined by Mr. Johnston, described Howlett as a contractor and builder in London, who had bought some machinery from Howlett in March or April. He took the Londoner to Howlett's office, and the two quarreled over the charge made by Howlett that Howlett was "holding up the Canadians for patent rights."

Any statement of Howlett's that he had advanced him money and said it was for putting a deal through was absolutely false. Up to that time he had received no cash from the Puddy Bros. Witness "Quilburt" recalled having called up Dr. Lynd from Van Camp's undertaking rooms on Yonge-street. At this point A. D. Lynd had a whispered conference with Mr. Johnston.

PROBE WILL GO DEEPER.

Judge Winchester has ruled that the civic investigation into the bribery charges be not gone on with till counsel has given authority for the court to probe into the awarding of a contract to the Ontario Sewer Pipe Co. in 1899.

"I was going to ask whether in 1899 he (Ald. Lynd) asked A. D. Harris, a successful contractor, for money." This was the statement made to Judge Winchester by Mr. Drayton after E. F. Johnston, counsel for Ald. Lynd, had blocked his query to witness.

A. D. Harris is president and manager of the Ontario Sewer Pipe Co. On March 7, 1899, the Ontario Sewer Pipe Co. secured the contract for sewer pipes for the year, on recommendation of the board of control, of which Ald. Lynd was then a member.

J. H. Howlett, the lowest tenderer, at \$2927.75, was ruled out for non-compliance with specifications, the Ontario Sewer Pipe Co. getting the contract at \$3327. The firm also got another contract on Dec. 7, 1899.

W. G. Howlett, London, said Howlett showed him money and made statements about controlling aldermanic votes. Tola Elliott denied.

Four Come Very Near Death Benzine Bursts in Dye Works

Blinded by a Flash as They Were Waiting for Closing Time—Two of Them May Die—Mystery as to Cause.

JOHN WATSON, 63 Yorkville-avenue, head, eyes, arms and body badly burned, likely to die.

HERBERT STARK, 10 Blackmore-street, head and arms burned, condition serious.

THEL DAVIS, 133 Ord-street, head and arms burned, may recover.

THOMAS OUGH, 83 Yorkville-avenue, head and arms burned, may recover.

These men were injured as the result of a benzine explosion in the waiting rooms of Parker's Dye Works on Yonge-st. above, last night. The first three are in the General Hospital, where they were taken in Ely's private ambulance. The room where the trouble occurred is detached and is a short distance from the main factory. This was one of the reasons why the fire following the explosion did not spread generally, but the main reason was that there is an almost perfect system of fire protection in the building.

The men were waiting in the drying room until the last batch of clothes drained. Usually they finished their work at 6 o'clock, and there being no lighting facilities in the room, they were waiting in the dark. As it approached six o'clock the three men mentioned in the injured list, collected the clothes hanging above the draining pans. Their work was nearing completion and they moved hurriedly. Suddenly they were blinded by a flash of flame.

In some inexplicable manner the liquid, always plentiful in this room, but last night more plentiful than usual, had become ignited. In an instant the whole air was in a blaze. Thomas Ough, a young man, was sitting on a table; he jumped for the door immediately and succeeded in making the open air before being burned, but he had his hair burned.

He was closely followed by Thel Davis, who had been dithering somewhat by a pile of damp clothes he had been carrying. The flames burned nearly all the hair from his head and his eyes were injured badly.

Herbert Stark, who followed him, stumbled across the threshold of the door and fell full length on the "avenue" of the factory. His clothes were burning, but were not the cause of his injury. The other employees who came out from the factory.

The last man to make his appearance from the room which had by continued on page 2.

NOT DRAWING THE OLD CROWDS



OLD LIBERAL: It's a fake, and all the drum-thumping in the world will not attract the old crowd.

BALFOUR TO SPRING SURPRISE MAY YET ELECT TO DISSOLVE

Both Parties Already in Throes of Electoral Campaign—Both Parties Hopelessly Divided.

London, Dec. 1.—In many Unionist quarters it is considered possible that Premier Balfour may yet elect to dissolve parliament rather than resign. The Liberal party do not hesitate to attribute to the premier a deep laid plot to spring the surprise of a general election on the country at an inopportune moment for the sake of gaining a tactical advantage for his party by forcing the election before the new register of voters comes into operation in January.

It is further alleged that the hints of an electoral campaign, though the premier's intention to resign have been spread to conceal his real motives from the country.

No matter what decision may be announced next week, it is a fact that both parties already are in the throes of an electoral campaign. The Liberal party are making nightly speeches to their constituencies.

A feature of the oratory of both sides is the endeavor to force into prominence the differences of the fiscal and home rule questions. The Unionists are representing Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and his Liberal followers as tied to the heels of John Redwood, while the Liberals are assiduously emphasizing the divergences in the views of the Unionists for and against protection.

As far as party organization is concerned both sides are well prepared for the elections, but there is an extreme likelihood that the varying views of the Liberal party will result in three or more contests, which will render any attempt to forecast the result a difficult matter.

Feeling within the Unionist ranks still runs high. Lord Hugh Cecil, leader of the Conservative free-traders, in addressing his constituents at Great North-street, said that Joseph Chamberlain was engaged in an enterprise which if it were allowed to succeed, would ruin the Unionist party. The Unionists must beware of getting such a store around their necks as the Chamberlain's policy continued the Liberals would a decade hence be struggling with such an old man of the sea on their backs.

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LYTTELTON TAKES STEP TOWARDS UNITED EMPIRE

SOCIALISTS HOOT POLICE CRY "DOWN WITH TYRANTS"

Unemployed Hold Riotous Demonstration in Front of Guildhall to Impress Committee.

London, Dec. 1.—An element of the part of the Socialistic element of the unemployed workers to hold a demonstration in front of the Guild Hall today was met with police opposition, resulting in disturbances and the arrest of five of the agitators. A meeting of the central committee called to consider the question of the allocation of the fund for the unemployed, was in progress in the Guildhall at the time the demonstration took place. The meeting was intended to impress the committee. One of the leaders was denouncing governing classes and the Socialists were hooting the police. The crowd then became unruly, and he was handed an official communication commanding him to disperse. He was accompanied by a number of unemployed workers, who were resisting were arrested.

The crowd scattered, hooting and crying "Down with our bulldog tyrant" and giving other evidences of its antagonistic attitude.

INDIA AND THE PRINCE.

The Prince's Important and Interesting Tour.

All the English illustrated magazines are full of the Prince of Wales in India, and leading dailies contain great accounts of the same. Most of the magazines have been given to the prince and princess by all classes of the people and the great praises of the prince and princess are given. It is interesting for Canadians to know that whenever the Prince and Princess goes he has with him a supply of Canada's great mineral water, mdm.

Not only the prince and princess but the army and navy stores were ordered to have it forwarded to different points in India for distribution, so that the prince's party would never run short of the water which is so good for the Indians.

The few Canadians who still use imported mineral waters should realize that the medical advisers of such an important personage as the Prince of Wales have approved of radiator for the prince's use. Knowledge of this fact will probably come to the conclusion that if Canadians have been chosen for the use of the Prince of Wales in preference to all other waters of the world it is good enough for Canadians.

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