

SIR SANDFORD FLEMMING MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES

In Letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier he Demands an Enquiry into the Affairs of the Canada Cement Company—Charges Misappropriation of Twelve Millions of the Company's Money.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 12.—Rather startling charges concerning the Canada Cement Company and its management are involved in correspondence laid before the Commons private bills committee today by Sir Sandford Fleming in connection with the company's bill to issue \$11,000,000 of debenture stock for preference stock. Sir Sandford makes charges and has written the prime minister demanding an inquiry. The measure originated in the senate and passed it without difficulty. It came before the Commons private bills tonight and nearly went through it on Thursday, but Sir Sandford insisted on further consideration. Today the bill came up again there being a large attendance, owing to the fact that a previous bill had passed a good deal of interest. The discussion was proceeding when Col. Smith, of Stormont, acting chairman, read Sir Sandford's letter.

The letter was dated May 11. It protests against the passing of the bill, "in the documents enclosed," he writes, "will be found evidence to establish that an extraordinary misappropriation of capital has been effected through an intermediary agency at the very inception of the Canada Cement Company and that such misappropriation was effected by deliberate artifice under the guise of law. As results demonstrate, this first act of wrong doing appears to have led to the necessity of seeking power from Parliament to substitute the debenture stock for the 7 per cent. cumulative. The figures which Sir Sandford Fleming gives show a balance face value of \$13,496,150, which should be accounted for."

In a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier which accompanied his letter to the chairman Sir Sandford says: "That it came to my knowledge last year that several millions of the capital stock of the company had been improperly passed into the hands of one man and his associates."

"The person alluded to was not justified in setting apart for use of himself and his associates a large volume of paid-up capital of the cement company."

Sir Sandford went on to say that when the company was formed there existed a company known as the Bond and Share Company.

It is claimed that the Bond and

Share Company obtained from the Cement Company \$100,000 of 10 per cent. cumulative preference shares of \$100 each, and 134,984 ordinary shares of capital stock of \$100 each, fully paid up; also five millions first mortgage 5 per cent. bonds.

The face value of the transfer was \$28,998,400, reducible by \$770,000 cash paid the Cement Company, leaving a balance to be accounted for of \$27,228,400, which is further reduced by the value of the eleven properties transferred to the Canada Cement Company.

By this it appears, that from twelve to fifteen million dollars of the paid up capital securities of the Cement Company were appropriated by the gentleman alluded to and his associates of the Bond and Share Company.

"In view of these letters there must be a parliamentary investigation," declared Mr. Knowles. "We should summon witnesses."

"This bill cannot go further now," asserted Mr. Guthrie. The measure was accordingly adjourned.

Created Much Talk.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 12.—The sensation created in the private bills committee of the Commons yesterday, by the reading of Sir Sandford Fleming's letter objecting to the Canada Cement Company's bill is the cause of a great deal of talk in parliamentary circles. One result of the charges made by Sir Sandford will doubtless be that the bill will not be proceeded with until the committee has examined witnesses and made a full inquiry into the allegations contained in Sir Sandford's letter to the chairman of the committee, to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and to Senator Edwards, president of the Canada Cement Company.

In view of the fact that parliament will shortly adjourn, it is not likely that this inquiry will be commenced until the House resumes business in July. In the meantime the bill will be held up. The chief witnesses will doubtless be Sir Sandford Fleming and W. Max Aitken, the Canadian financier, who is now a member of the British House of Commons, and who, according to the papers now in the possession of the committee is the individual named at by Sir Sandford.

MEXICO TAKES FIRES NEAR ANOTHER TOWN GRAND FALLS

Mexican Insurgents Capture Pichucalco — United States Will Not Intervene — Refugees Short Of Supplies.

Mexico City, May 12.—Refugees from Matamor, a seaport in Sinaloa, arriving at Guadalupe, report a shortage of food and drinking water. The only supply of the latter is from the cisterns and an epidemic is feared.

Despatches to the war department report that Torreón is threatened by Luis Moya, who is at the head of several hundred rebels. Federal reinforcements are asked.

Ocean Katerfeld, a German, was shot while defending his ranch near Torreón.

Naco Sonora, Mexico, May 12.—A despatch received here late today from Cananea, stated that Juan Calzadilla had sent a courier into camp demanding his surrender. Every available automobile in Naco, Ariz., has been sent to Cananea to bring out the women and children.

Another Town Captured. Washington, May 12.—The town of Pichucalco, in the state of Chiapas, sixty miles from the capital of Tabasco, has been captured by 250 revolutionists, according to a telegram received by the state department today from Comandante Llanusa, at Frontera, who said the revolutionists compelled the agents of the National Bank of Mexico in that city to deliver all available funds, giving a receipt for them. Foreigners in his district, the consul added, have not been molested by the revolutionists.

No Intervention. Washington, May 12.—Through Secretary of State Knox, President Taft authorized American Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson at Mexico City, to deny in the most positive terms "all foolish stories" of intervention in Mexico by the United States. Secretary Knox's telegram to Mr. Wilson was also to be made public in Mexico, was sent following a session of the cabinet at which the Mexican tangle took up much of the time.

TOOK TOO MUCH "DOPE."

Budapest, May 12.—Franz Molnar, the Hungarian playwright, was removed to a hospital suffering from the effects of an overdose of a sleeping potion taken, he said, through mistake, while he was suffering from insomnia.

Daniel Gillespie Loses House, Barn, Outbuildings And Effects—C. F. Merritt Suffers Loss Of House And Barn.

Special to The Standard.

Grand Falls, May 12.—Two fires of considerable proportions occurred in this vicinity yesterday. The house and barns of C. F. Merritt were burned yesterday. The loss to the property is estimated at about \$3,000. There was \$1,000 insurance. Mrs. Merritt, who was at the time of the fire, having recently undergone an operation, suffered a severe shock. The house and barn of Daniel Gillespie, situated about five miles from this place, were gutted by fire yesterday. The house, with all the furnishings, were destroyed, as were the outbuildings. In the barn were 12 tons of hay, 200 bushels of oats and 10 bushels of fertilizer, all of which were burned. Several up-to-date machines for farming purposes were stored in the barn and were destroyed by the fire. As there was no insurance the loss is a serious one. It is thought that the fire was a case of incendiary and certain persons are suspected of the deed.

WILL REDUCE LIQUOR LICENSES IN TORONTO

Toronto, Ont., May 12.—Temperance forces in Toronto are moving for a further reduction of liquor licenses. So far the movement has not gained much impetus, but the question has been broached to members of the city council friendly to the temperance cause, and it may be a live issue soon. If a petition signed by ten per cent of the electors, praying for the submission of the question to the people were presented, the council would have no option in the matter, but to submit the question for the people to pass upon.

Two years since there was a reduction of liquor licenses in Toronto from 150 to 110 tavern licenses. This time the submission of the question to the people was secured a reduction of the number of shop licenses of which there are 50.

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ROPED.—From the Toronto News.

NEW SALARIES FOR P. O. MEN

Mr. Lemieux Gets His Increases Through—House to Hold Morning Sessions Commencing on Monday.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 12.—In the House today Mr. Staples asked: On whose recommendation the Manitoba census enumerators had been appointed?

"On the recommendation of persons in whom I have confidence," replied Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Staples—Had the Liberal organization for the Province of Manitoba anything to do with it?

Mr. Fisher—"I decline to answer."

Will the Liberal organizer, Mr. Staples continued, have anything to do with schooling the enumerators before they do their work?

"No," said Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher obtained second reading for his copyright bill.

Morning sittings are to commence next Monday and continue till the adjournment on the 23rd. At first the government wanted to commit the House to morning sittings when it resumed in July, and Mr. Emmerson and other Liberals supported this stoutly. The Opposition objected and Mr. Fielding eliminated this from the resolution.

Mr. Lemieux put through his salary increases to officers in city post offices, in the offices of inspectors and in the money order exchange offices which will add \$51,350 to the pay list. In the larger city offices the increase will be:

Stamps and sorters—Present rate, \$500 to \$600; proposed rate, abolished.

Fourth class clerks—Present rate, \$500 to \$700; proposed rate, abolished.

Third class junior B—Present rate, \$700 to \$800; proposed rate, \$500 to \$800.

Third class senior A—Present rate, \$1,000 to \$1,200; proposed rate, \$1,200 to \$1,400.

Second class senior A—Present rate, \$1,200 to \$1,500; proposed rate, \$1,500 to \$1,800.

First class A—\$1,400 to \$1,600.

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Chief clerks (new class)—\$1,800 to \$2,100.

Superintendents—\$1,800 to \$2,500.

There will be a change in the semi-staff offices. Formerly the clerks in these offices were paid by the local postmaster, out of his office receipts. Owing to the low wages paid the department recently took them over, but continued to pay their salaries out of the receipts of the office. In future they will be paid by the department as in the case of civil service officers. The change will be effective later in the session.

TRIP TO WASHINGTON FOR A STEAMSHIP MAN

Toronto, May 12.—Representatives of the fur trade from Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Quebec, recently visited Ottawa and urged upon the premier the value of a representative to accompany the Canadian commissioner to Washington in regard to the coming conference on the subject of pelagic sealing. The result of the visit is evidenced by the appointment of J. D. Allan, of the firm of A. A. Allan and Co., who is instructed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to proceed to Washington and represent the Canadian fur trade in connection with those already appointed to act by the British government.

NOTED LAWYER APPOINTED U.S. WAR SECRETARY

Henry L. Stimson, Recently Candidate For Governor Of New York, Succeeds To Position In Taft's Cabinet.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Secretary of War Dickinson, resigned, President Taft appointed Henry L. Stimson, recently Republican candidate for governor of New York in his place. Secretary Dickinson's resignation was dated April 28, and his action is due to the pressure of his private business in Tennessee. The president's letter of acceptance dated May 8 shows that in the meantime Mr. Dickinson had offered to sacrifice his private affairs if his leaving the cabinet during the Mexican troubles should embarrass the president. The correspondence is of the most cordial nature. Jacob M. Dickinson is 60 years old, a lawyer, was one of the counsel for the U. S. before the Alaska boundary tribunal and is a past president of the American bar association. While his home is in Nashville, Tenn., and he has served on the supreme court bench of that state. He had a law office in Chicago for 10 years before he became secretary of the U. S. Treasury in 1909. He has large railroad interests.

Henry L. Stimson is a New York lawyer formerly a partner of Senator Root. He is 42 years old. He served as U. S. attorney for southern New York and as such, initiated proceedings against the Standard Oil Company and most of the railroads running into New York convicting them of rebating. He also prosecuted the sugar trust for defrauding the government and recovered over \$5,000,000 besides sending many of the employees and some of the officials to jail. He also prosecuted C. W. Morse, the banker, who is now serving a 15 year sentence in Atlanta prison and James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald who had to pay a \$30,000 fine for publishing recent advertisements.

Stimson was Col. Roosevelt's choice for Republican candidate in New York last fall, for governor, but went down with his party owing to the dissension in the Republican ranks and the opposition of the business interests to Roosevelt's so-called, "new nationalism."

Mr. Stimson is a mighty hunter and his favorite stamping ground is the Canadian Rocky Mountains district. He has been for many years an enthusiastic militia man and holds a commission as captain in the national guard.

A HALIFAX REGIMENT CELEBRATES JUBILEE

The 63rd Rifles, The Third Oldest Regiment In Canada—R. L. Borden Was Once A Private In It.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, May 12.—The jubilee of the formation of the third oldest militia regiment in Canada, the 63rd Rifles, was celebrated tonight. Thirty-six years ago, R. L. Borden, M. P., was a private in this regiment and Sir Hubert Tupper was the surgeon of the regiment.

Tonight's celebration consisted of a reception at the armories with speeches by Gov. MacGregor, General Drury and Mayor Chisholm.

FARMERS AND RECIPROCITY

American Farmers Will Meet Finance Committee Of U. S. Senate And Talk It Out With Them.

Washington, May 12.—Indignant at the "insulting" inference that the farmers of the country had acted improperly in employing lawyers to aid them in their fight against Canadian reciprocity, N. F. Hull, head of the National Farmers' Union, today notified the committee that he would have the attorneys of the farmers appear before the committee next week to answer any questions.

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"I'll tell you something about that," exclaimed Mr. Hull. "We farmers employed these lawyers, and it is the fact that I never knew of a senator subpoenaing to appear before the committee a body appearing before it, to pay lawyers to furnish technical knowledge about tariff rates. That's what these lawyers did for us."

He said the lawyers had been employed by the farmers for years upon occasions.

Members of the committee questioned their right to subpoena the lawyers as Senator Stone suggested, and Mr. Hull settled the affair by promising to have his attorneys appear with all literature sent out.

MONCTON MAN IN PROVIDENCE CASE

John W. Baker An Important Witness In Litigation Arising Out Of The Estate Of Dr. Burton.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., May 12.—John W. Baker, the well known I. C. R. employee and manager of the Pickups baseball club, returned from Providence, Rhode Island, today where he had been giving evidence in the courts in the case to determine the rightful heirs to the estate of his half brother, Dr. Jacob Burton. When Dr. Burton died, it is claimed, he appointed his brother, John F. Burton, administrator, but a claimant appeared in the person of a young woman who claimed to be Dr. Burton's daughter.

The girl claimant alleges a marriage of Dr. Burton in New Jersey in 1874, but John W. Baker of Moncton gave evidence that Dr. Burton was in Albert County, New Brunswick, at that time, and not in the States. If the case is decided against the girl claimant Mr. Baker expects to come in for a share of the estate.

TO EXPEL ALL JEWS.

Yekaterinostov, Russia, May 12.—The provincial governor of Yekaterinostov has given orders for the expulsion from the villages of the province all Jews who are not possessed of permits of residence. He has also threatened the police with severe punishment if they fail to discover those subject to expulsion.

ANOTHER SENSATION IN EDMUNSTON DROWNING

Thomas Daigle, Owner of Scow Ferry, Through Swamping of which Six Lives were Lost, Arrested as Responsible for Accident—Ferry Cable was Found to be Rotten—One Body Recovered

Special to The Standard.

Edmundston, N. B., May 12.—A sensation was created here today by the arrest of Thomas Daigle, on a charge of having caused the death by drowning of the six persons who perished in the ferry accident on May 1. Daigle himself who was running the ferry at the time the cable broke, and the scow was swamped, had a narrow escape from drowning in the swift running stream.

After the accident an examination was made of the cable, and it was found to be in a rotten condition. At the point where it broke, there were only five strands of the wire intact at the time of the accident.

As a result of this examination, a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Daigle a day or so ago; but as Daigle has been living on the American side the authorities decided to take no action until he visited this side.

This afternoon he came over, and was promptly arrested, and lodged

in the jail. The news of his arrest caused considerable excitement, but owing to the disclosures made in regard to the rotten condition of the cable, little sympathy is felt for him. Pending criminal action against Daigle it is understood the Public Utility Commission may be asked to make an investigation into the causes of the accident.

One Body Found.

This morning a body, which is supposed to be that of young Allen Philip, son of H. W. Philip, the C. P. R. station master here, was found about five miles down the river. The authorities at Van Buren were communicated with, but it was said that there was no corner there whose commission had not expired. Then word was sent to Coroner Levee Ayr of this place, who ordered the body brought on here, and proceeded to summon a jury to hold an inquest.

The jury will meet on Wednesday to examine witnesses.

SMALLPOX IN QUEBEC

Six New Cases Reported In Nicolet Yesterday And Compulsory Vaccination Will Probably Be Enforced.

Montreal, May 12.—Some municipalities have written to the provincial board of health asking for delay in enforcing a compulsory vaccination law. Today Dr. Pelletier stated that in each case a reply had been sent saying that no delay whatever would be granted. A by-law must be passed at once, and it must be enforced. Reports of outbreaks from different points continue to come in. Today a report from Nicolet came in to the effect that six new cases had been discovered there. The board has sent an inspector down and he will see why it is the disease has been allowed to spread.

GAMORRISTS TRIAL STILL DRAGGING ON

Erricone And Abbatemaggio Exchange Compliments In Court During Farcical Hearing Of Their Case.

Viterbo, May 12.—At the afternoon session Erricone said that the assertion of Abbatemaggio that the barquet in the Alda cavern in Bangolia, a suburb of Naples, was organized for the purpose of condemning Cuccolo to death was simply laughter, considering that fifty persons participated in the feast and that the racks of the police and the municipal guard overlooked the spot and that it was impossible therefore for anyone to speak without being overheard; by the authorities. To this Abbatemaggio retorted that it was unnecessary to shout at the dinner, and that besides the Camorra had a jargon which would have been incomprehensible to any outsiders who might overhear it. Erricone, however, still insisted that Erricone, who had grown excited retorted, "You are like the hyena, which knowing that a man is dead, goes forth to dig up his corpse. When you knew I was arrested the first time you went to steal my harness. The trial will continue Saturday."

STAGE DRIVER DRAGGED OVER PRECIPICE, DIES

Medford, Ore., May 12.—Jack London, one of the last of the old time stage drivers, was fatally injured yesterday at Haze Hill, 15 miles from Grants Pass, while driving a four horse team, which had become frightened. Knowing that he was approaching a high cliff and sharp curve, London drew his revolver and shot one of the leaders dead. This failed to stop the team however, which dragged the dead horse several yards and over the embankment. London was thrown down the precipice and his skull fractured. Two passengers jumped from the stage and escaped with slight injury.

MAYOR GAYNOR INVITES STRIKE

New York's Chief Magistrate Meets Delegation Of City Dock Department Employees More Than Half Way.

New York, N. Y., May 12.—Strike if you want to, but if you do, not one of you will ever be employed by the city of New York again, while I'm mayor, was Mayor Gaynor's reply this afternoon to what he considered a veiled threat to strike on the part of a delegation of city dock department employees.

The employees and William F. Yates, president of the marine engineers' association, sought the decision of the mayor on an appeal from the dismissal by Dock Commissioner Calvin Tomkins, of one of their number. This appeal was made yesterday. The mayor refused to hear Yates because he was not a city employee; to the others, he said:

"Give me a chance to read your appeal. I have heard it stated that this coming to me is under threat of a strike. If that is so, go right back and strike. Not one of you who strikes will be employed by my city again, while I'm mayor. If you have a paper with me, and a grievance, it is going to be looked into. But go and strike right now, if you want to."

BODY FOUND IN RUINS OF BURNED THEATRE

Remains Of Lafayette The Great Taken From Empire Music Hall In London—Ten Deaths From Fire

Edinburgh, May 12.—Lying amid the fire ruins of the Empire Music Hall, in the pit where the counterweights of the iron curtain were sunk, was found this evening the body of "Lafayette, the great," the vaudeville performer, who with a number of his company perished in the fire that destroyed the theatre several nights ago.

The body was clad in silk tights and was in a good state of preservation. The features of the dead illusionist were easily recognized by his manager, and the identification was made complete by a number of valuable rings which were still on his fingers.

A body which previously had been taken from the ruins, and which was supposed to have been the body of Lafayette, was taken to Glasgow and cremated. This body, however, now proved to have been that of Richards, who acted as Lafayette's double in the carrying out of his illusion.

Another member of the vaudeville company died today, this being the tenth fatality from the fire.

BAIL REFUSED IN GLACE BAY CASE.

Halifax, May 12.—Judge Lawrence today delivered a decision in the case of Rex vs. Beal. In this case application was made for bail. The defendant is now held at Glace Bay on a charge of murder, in connection with the death by shooting of two men while attending a T. M. W. meeting. The judge refused to fix bail for the person charged with murder.