

HE FOUND NO CONSPIRACY,

Although the Rate of Interest Charged Was Enormous.

Prosecution of Sylvester Nelson Failed in Case.

Thomas Simpson Declined to Elect on Wounding Charge.

Judge Monck found Sylvester Nelson not guilty of the charge of conspiring, with some persons unknown, to commit the indictable offence of lending money at a larger rate of interest than the law allows, this morning, in chambers. Nelson was represented by Mr. George S. Kerr, K.C., and Crown Attorney Washington, K.C., prosecuted.

Mr. Ferguson and his wife were the only witnesses. Ferguson said that he had been in the city about eight months, and that about 4 months ago he went to M. Malone and asked him for a loan of \$50. Malone sent him to Nelson, who told him he would let him know later in the day. He returned at noon and Nelson said that it would be alright. Mr. Malone, witness said, went to his house that night and took with him several papers which Ferguson said to sign before getting the \$50. Ferguson said he did not read any of the papers and all he knew was that he had to pay back \$60 for the use of the \$50, inside of four months, at the rate of \$25 a month for three months.

Witness swore that Mr. Malone told him that he and Nelson had had to adopt a new system in regard to the loaning of money, that of making out a bill of sale on the furniture, instead of a chattel mortgage. Mr. Malone told him that \$5 was all he made out of the transaction and that Nelson got the \$14 above the \$50.

Mrs. Ferguson corroborated the evidence of her husband, and admitted that repayment had not been made. This concluded the evidence and Mr. Kerr submitted there had been no evidence of conspiracy on the part of Nelson.

"There has been a breach of the act," said Crown Attorney Washington, "as has been made clear by the evidence. I am satisfied that there is somebody else behind Nelson.

Whether it is Malone or Jones, Robinson or who, the Crown is unable to ascertain, but I am sure that whoever it is has formulated a scheme by which they may commit a breach of the act and still be safe from the arm of the law."

"Well, Mr. Washington, I think the onus is on the Crown to prove that such a scheme exists," said his Honor, "That is just what we can't do," replied Mr. Washington, "we are trying to assume from the evidence that somebody is acting in concert with Nelson, and the inference must be drawn from the evidence."

"The way the charge has been drawn up is not sufficient to cover the case in its present condition," said his Honor, "and I will have to discharge the prisoner."

Thomas Simpson, charged with intent to commit grievous bodily harm on Roscoe Wallace, through his lawyer, Mr. George S. Kerr, K.C., declined to elect, and was remanded until the next court of competent jurisdiction.

THE SLATER.

A Splendid Offer Made by This Solid Company.

In the splendid offer which the Slater Shoe Company, Limited, is making, as advertised in the Times, a mistake was made in the issue of last Thursday's Times. The company is offering for public subscription 1,000 shares of 7 per cent. cumulative preference stock, at a par value of \$100 with a bonus of 20 per cent. in common stock. In the form of application the advertisement in question, by error, made this bonus read 25 per cent.

The company is a very strong one, has a magnificent property and prosperous agencies all over Canada. The board of directors is composed of Charles E. Slater, President, General Manager, William Starke, Vice-President (President of Starke-Seibold, Limited, Montreal; James W. Woods, President of Woods, Limited, Ottawa; Anson McKim, President of A. McKim, Limited, Montreal; Wm. Smith, Montreal; W. F. Berland, Guardian Insurance Company, Montreal, and J. Nelson, McKim, of A. McKim, Limited, Montreal.

IN THE JUNGLE.

Roosevelt and Son Shot a Couple of Animals.

Nairobi, British East Africa, April 27.—Theodore Roosevelt and his son Kermit had sufficiently recovered to-day from the fatigue connected with their first shooting trips and their journey from Kapiti Plains station to the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, on the Athi River, to go out shooting this morning for small game. They were successful in securing a Grants gazelle and a hartebeest.

All the members of the Roosevelt party are busy to-day sorting out their baggage and making it up into loads and otherwise preparing to start on more extended hunting expeditions.

Pineapples for Canning.

Pineapples are arriving in larger quantities and the prices are considerably lower by reason of it. Special price for the dozen for canning. Ripe strawberries and cucumbers arrived to-day. O. A. C. butter is the best butter made, and we are looking standing orders for it. Are you on the list?—Peebles, Hobson & Co., Limited, King and MacNab.

DOMINICAN FATHERS.

Ottawa, April 27.—It is announced that the half dozen French-speaking houses of the Dominican Fathers in Canada and the United States have been detached from the French province and made practically independent. They are not yet really a separate body, but will be so transformed shortly. Meanwhile they are under the jurisdiction of the general administration at Rome.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Work was begun on the new Y. W. C. A. building this morning.

—Walter Lumsden, of this city, son of Mr. Wm. Lumsden, has passed his first year examinations at McGill University, Montreal.

—Lieut. Col. Logie, Brigadier of the 15th Military District, will pay an official visit to the 10th Regiment, St. Catharines, on Tuesday evening.

—Her many friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. C. D. Jones, who underwent an operation in the City Hospital yesterday, is improving nicely.

—J. Logan Kappel, son of Mr. Geo. W. Kappel, of this city, has passed his final examination at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons and has been admitted to the degree of L. D. S.

—Col. and Mrs. John S. Hendrie arrived at Montreal yesterday on the Empress of Ireland, on their way home. Lady Hendrie and the Hon. Mrs. Green Wilkinson, of Ottawa, were fellow passengers.

—In James Street Baptist Church lecture hall to-morrow evening Mr. W. A. Noble will give a report of the recent Laymen's Missionary Congress, held in Toronto.

—Arthur Sykes, 35 Princess street, left home a week ago and his parents have been unable to get any track of him since. He is about 13 years of age, wears a dark striped suit, white sweater, blue cap, had a fair complexion and blue eyes. His parents are very anxious to hear of his whereabouts.

KNOWLES IN NATIVE LAND.

Great Entertainer Tells of Reception in Two Countries.

"The reason that the United States has gone ahead at such a rapid rate and promises to outstrip all the nations," said Mr. R. G. Knowles, the world-renowned raconteur, "is that the people are always craving for knowledge of other countries and people. When I entered at the port of New York and showed the customs officer that my extensive outfit was for educational purposes—illustrated talks on foreign countries, he simply said pass on, and labelled my baggage 'O. K.' The same spirit was shown by the attendance at my lecture courses in New York, Boston and Philadelphia."

"In striking contrast to this," he said, "was the treatment I received when entering Canada at Niagara Falls this morning. I was forced to put up a cash deposit as a guarantee that I will take my moving picture camera out of Canada. The rest of my outfit is in bond yet, and I don't know what punishment the local officials will impose on me for coming back to my native city to tell the folks about foreign lands. I have been around the world three and a half times since I left a job as dry goods clerk in Hamilton 30 years ago, and went to Chicago."

Mr. Knowles entertained a number of his old friends at the Royal this morning with stories of his travels in foreign countries. Beginning to-night for three evenings at the Grand he will lecture, his subject being "Rambles in Distant Lands."

THE ICE GONE.

Blockade Broken at the Soo—Icebergs in the Niagara.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 27.—The ice blockade, between the upper and lower lakes, which has kept a fleet of nearly 100 steamers held up in the river here, was broken yesterday afternoon.

Youngstown, N. Y., April 27.—The mountains of ice in the Niagara River, which were visible between Youngstown and Lewiston yesterday, have at last weakened under the mighty strain of the icebergs, and have joined the procession of floating icebergs which are continually flowing into Lake Ontario. The warm breeze blowing from the southwest this morning, together with the sun will no doubt greatly weaken the great piles of ice still clinging to the shore above Youngstown and start them toward the mouth of the river. The current of the river is stronger than usual the water is at its normal height.

ST. ANDREW'S Y. P. S. C. E.

Last night was business night at the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and the following officers for the term May to October were elected:

Hon. President, Rev. J. A. Wilson, Superintendent, Mr. C. McLeod, President, Mr. A. Walker, First Vice-President, Mr. J. Meacham, Second Vice-President, Mr. R. Allan, Recording Secretary, Mr. D. Walker, Corresponding Secretary, Mr. F. Peace, Treasurer, Mr. A. Decker, Organist, Miss A. Simons, Conveners of committees: Prayer-meeting, Mrs. McMaster, Flower and Social—Miss T. Allan, Lisk—Miss E. Acland, Lisk—Miss M. McArthur, Music—Mr. G. Penny, Information, Rev. J. A. Wilson, Strangers, Miss A. M. Voigt.

GREATER HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

An important meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at the Board of Trade rooms on Wednesday afternoon next, April 28th, at 4.30 o'clock.

Secretary, Mr. Martin, promises prompt despatch of the business on hand and earnestly desires the attendance of every member.

Members of the various committees who have not already sent in their membership cards will please do so.

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LOVE IN A FLAT.

"May I kiss you?" The girl hastily consulted a document. "You may," she said. "Why did you consult that paper?" "To see if there is anything in my lease prohibiting it."—Kansas City Journal.

FIVE CENTS IN QUESTION,

But It Resulted in Arrest of Two Men.

It Was Only a Case of the Price of a Drink.

Stratford Man Given a Chance to Get Back.

Only half a dozen names appeared on the Police Court roster this morning, and as there were no more serious offences than drunk and disorderly, Magistrate Jelfs was not delayed long. Alexander Jackson, a Bethel Mission lodger, imbibed too freely last night, and, according to P. C. May, was in a condition of mental blank. Harry Wigner, who also makes the Bethel his abode, was charged with vagrancy. P. C. May accused Wigner of trying to hold Jackson up. He said that early last night he heard Wigner saying to Jackson in a very stern voice, "Give me all you've got." Being refused he made another demand, but apparently having a poor idea of Jackson's finances, asked for only five cents. The scene occurred opposite the police station, and May decided to arrest both men. Jackson was incarcerated on a charge of drunkenness, and Wigner as a vag. Both pleaded not guilty, and Jackson, when asked by the Magistrate if Wigner had tried to hold him up, replied that he had not.

"What was he doing to you?" asked the Magistrate.

"Nothing," replied Jackson.

"Didn't he ask you for a nickel?" "Yes, but that is nothing."

"That is nothing, eh? Is that the kind of men you are accustomed to hang around with? Men who are always trying to get the price of drinks out of you?"

Jackson had nothing to say to this, and Wigner was told to take the stand. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of vagrancy, and said that he was working every day. When asked if he had tried to hold Jackson up he replied in the negative, saying that Jackson had asked him if he was going for a drink, and he replied that he would if Jackson had a nickel he could give him.

"Oh, let them go," said the Magistrate. "It isn't of much importance. Herbert Dickens, no address, strolled into Hamilton late night, and promptly began to get a 'skin flail.' When he appeared in the Police Court this morning he was perfectly satisfied that he had accomplished his object. He said that he had just come from Stratford. "How long have you been in the county?" asked the coroner.

"About twelve months."

"How long in Hamilton?" "Just arrived last night."

Dickens was certainly inspired when he delivered the following: "Give me a chance to get out and I will get out."

"Well, get out," said the Magistrate. "We don't want such men as you in Hamilton."

The alacrity with which Dickens descended the court stairs evidenced his intention of getting out of there at least as soon as possible.

Sidney Hardman, Barton street east, was charged by P. C. Tuck with playing ball on Sunday at the corner of Barton and Mary streets. Hardman is only a youth, and was allowed to go with a warning.

WAS DROWNED.

Body of Sarnia Man Fished From Detroit River.

Detroit, Mich., April 27.—The body of J. Urquhart, aged 39 years, a native of Sarnia, Ontario, was taken from the river last night. Urquhart had been missing from the home of his sister with whom he boarded since last February, but as he was of a particularly roving disposition and in the habit of disappearing in a similar way, no special inquiry was made at the time. His relatives made the idea that he took his own life as his watches and some money were on the body, which bore no indication of foul play. The drowning is believed to have been accidental. The body will be taken to Sarnia.

BRICK MEN RIOT.

Fifteen Hundred Employees Out on Strike at Mattawan.

Mattawan, N. Y., April 27.—Disorders quickly followed the declaration to-day of a strike by employees of many brick yards in this section. Men of various nationalities made up a mob, which, armed with clubs, marched to the various yards, where guards had been stationed in preparation for trouble. Conflicts with the special officers developed early in the march and in one of the encounters Thomas Farling, a New York Central Railroad detective, was struck and rendered unconscious. Several of the leaders of the marching mob were arrested.

After the arrest of four leaders, the men remained quiet, but it was feared that further trouble might arise at any time. Special deputies were sent down from Poughkeepsie to cope with the trouble.

About fifteen brick yards, employing nearly 2,000 men, when running full, are affected and more than 1,500 men are out.

PUSHING IT ALONG.

The work of the Street Railway Company is progressing favorably. The west track on James street, south of Hunter, has been taken up and the new one is being put down, the bed being of concrete. The number of men at work is being continually increased, there now being about 200 men at work. The morning a large gang of men started work below Hunter street on James.

NEARLY STARVING.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., April 27.—A report from Michipicoten, a mining camp on the north shore of Lake Superior, says supplies have practically been exhausted, and the settlement is in dire need. It is hoped to get rations in by boat before suffering becomes general, as the breaking of the ice gorge above the Soo will make it possible to send a boat up.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-Weekly Times. 50c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

DEATHS.

STEPHENSON—At the City Hospital on Monday, April 26th, 1909, William Stephen, formerly of No. 5 Homewood avenue, in his 70th year.

Funeral will take place on Friday, April 30th at 2 p. m., from his residence, No. 162 Herkimer street, to Watford cemetery for interment.

WHYTE—In this city on Tuesday, April 27th, 1909, Constance H. Woodward, beloved wife of Alexander R. Whyte, chief clerk of H. H. Customs, aged 57 years.

Funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 32 St. George street, on Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Private. Kindly omit flowers.

IN MEMORIAM. BANKS—In loving memory of Alice Mary Banks, who died April 27th, 1908. When we shoulder part it gives no more pain. But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again. Husband.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Variable winds with showers and local thunderstorms, northwest gales and colder to-night.

Wednesday strong northwest winds, fair and cold.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Temperature.

8 a. m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 46 28 Cloudy
Winnipeg 58 12 Clear
Port Arthur 44 18 Fair
Parry Sound 44 34 Cloudy
Toronto 42 34 Cloudy
Ottawa 40 30 Fair
Montreal 40 30 Fair
Quebec 48 26 Fair
Father Point 44 28 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

A disturbance from the west is now moving quickly across the great lakes followed by the cold wave which set in over the Western Provinces yesterday.

The weather continues unseasonably cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Cautionary signals are displayed at lake stations.

Washington April 27.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Showers to-day; possibly snow in northwest portion; cooler to-night in northwest portion; Wednesday fair, cooler; brisk southwest winds shifting to northwest.

Western New York—Rain or snow, and colder to-night; Wednesday partly cloudy; brisk to high southwest to northwest winds.

Lakes Erie and Ontario—Brisk to high southwest to northwest winds; showers this afternoon and rain or snow to-night on Ontario and Eastern Erie. Wednesday generally fair, colder. Probs.—Rain and colder.

CANADA LIFE BILL

Now Before Parliament After Being Advertised.

House Wants to Finish Business by May 19th.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 27.—The Standing Orders Committee of the Commons this morning decided to report to the House that the Canada Life bill was now finally before Parliament in regular form, the original objection as to insufficiency of notice having been overcome by re-advertising the bill in the last five issues of the Gazette.

In addition to the advertisement a circular letter has been sent to every policyholder in Great Britain, giving notice of the proposed legislation respecting the distribution of assets in the event of liquidation to shareholders prior to the allocation of 30 per cent. of the net profits to the policyholders. No fewer than 25,000 copies of the bill and circulars have been sent out, while to every policyholder in the Province of Quebec copies of the bill have been sent in both French and English.

Mr. David Henderson and Mr. Tuffin both objected to reporting the bill before a full five weeks had expired since the bill was first advertised, but the committee finally decided to report.

It is naturally probable that the bill will get through this session, as in the limited time left for the discussion of private bills the opponents of the measure can easily talk it out.

In the Commons Railway committee this morning Chairman Guthrie announced that the last meeting of the committee would be on Wednesday next, as the Government objected to beginning morning sessions of the House on Monday next. It is the intention of both sides of the House to rush through the remainder of the business of the session so that prorogation may be reached by May 19.

IN THE DARK.

Inquest Into Murder Being Held Behind Closed Doors.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Beauharnois, Que., April 27.—Coroner Bessner this morning announced that the resumed inquest into the murder of Domina Pelletier would be held behind closed doors. A Goyette, K. C., counsel for Houle brothers, who are under arrest, at once declined to have the inquest unless all the journalists and the public were also excluded. This was done. This caused much comment, as did the action of Goyette, who called out to Aime Houle on the latter's arrival from Montreal, attended by Detective Samson, "I tell you not to say a word." No information as to what is going on at the inquest is so far obtainable.

ANOTHER JERRY SIMPSON.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Kingston, Ont., April 27.—An aged man wandered away from the House of Providence this morning, and when making for the railway station was caught by the wind and killed over rough cobblestones for fifty feet. He was arrested and taken back to the house. The sisters say that he never wore a stocking in his life. Though about 80 years old, he would not weigh forty pounds.

MUST BE LICENSED.

Windsor, Ont., April 27.—After a week it is announced that detectives in the employ of Detroit agencies will be barred from working in Windsor and other Canadian cities unless they obtain licenses, costing \$20.

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SULTAN DEPOSED; BROTHER ON THRONE

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Thursday, tended personally to many wounded women and children. Adana was a hell. The bazaars were looted and set on fire. There was a continuous shooting and killing in every part of the town and fires raged in many quarters.

"Major Daughtry-Willie, at the head of troops which he compelled the Vali to supply, went to the railroad end of the town and was successful in preventing the villagers from coming into Adana. Later, while the major was attempting to pacify the town he was shot and disabled. Missionaries of the Central Turkey mission had assembled for a district conference in the centre of Adana on the day of the outbreak. They received and protected hundreds of refugees from coming into Adana.

"On Thursday Daniel Miner Rogers and Henry Maurer, American missionaries, were killed under treacherous circumstances. On Friday the Armenians, who since then there has been little murdering.

"Adana is in a pitiable condition. The town has been pillaged and destroyed, and there are thousands of homeless people here without means of livelihood. It is impossible to estimate the number of killed. The corpses lie scattered through the streets. On Saturday morning I counted a dozen cartloads of Armenian bodies in one-half hour being carried to the river and thrown into the water. In the Turkish cemeteries graves are being dug wholesale. The conditions of the refugees is most pitiable and heartrending. Not only are there orphans and widows beyond number, but a great many of the babies are suffering from severe wounds.

"The situation in Adana itself is unspeakable. On Friday afternoon 250 so-called Turkish reserves, without officers, seized a train at Adana and compelled the engineer to convey them to Tarsus, where they took part in the complete destruction of the Armenian quarter of that town, which is the best part of Tarsus. This work of looting was thorough and rapid. It is said that they spread with kerosene and fired the great historic Armenian church at Tarsus, the most important building in the city. They demolished marble statues and shattered important historic tablets. Fortunately few persons were killed there.

OFFICERS ARRESTED. Constantinople, April 27.—Fifty Turkish officers have been arrested in Erzurum by their troops and dispatched under escort to Trebizond. The exact magnitude of this action is not yet clear, but it is feared that it means the beginning of a revolt of the provincial troops against the Young Turk officers.

FRESH OUTBREAK. Constantinople, April 27.—There was a fresh outbreak of fanaticism and disorders last night at Adana, accompanied by looting and incendiarism. The situation there is critical.

CARNAGE RENEWED. Beirut, April 27.—Delayed despatches just received here say that the carnage in Adana was renewed on Sunday night and many were killed. The first massacres in Adana, where an American missionary was killed, resulted in the slaughter of 10,000 persons. Advice indicates that the Moslem hordes have again attacked the city.

SULTAN A PRISONER. London, April 27.—A despatch received here by the Exchange Telegraph Company from Constantinople says that troops under the command of Young Turk officers entered the Sultan's palace last night and took his majesty prisoner. Later, closely guarded, he was removed to the Cheraghan Palace, on the Bosphorus.

WHERE IS ABDOUL? Constantinople, April 26.—It is reported here that the Sultan has been removed from the Imperial palace of Yildiz Kiosk and conveyed across the Bosphorus to a point in Asiatic Turkey.

GUNS FIRE SALUTE. Constantinople, April 21.—A salute of 101 guns fired at half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon announced to the waiting populace of Constantinople the change of the Sultante.

A NEW PAPER. A new paper, "The Gossip" in connection with the league of First Methodist Church, has been launched and bids fair to be a success, under the able supervision of Le Roy Avery. The paper is published once a week and has a sworn circulation of one, the subscription fee being one evening's attendance at league, payable in advance. The sporting news is supervised by Elmer S. Snaggon.

The first number was read last evening. The other contributors are Miss E. M. Bagshaw, M.D., and R. W. Treleaven.

Steamship Arrivals. Chicago—At New York, from Havre. New Amsterdam—At New York, from Rotterdam. Vunderland—At New York, from Antwerp. Currier—At New York, from Liverpool. Columbia—At Glasgow, from Boston. Columbia—At Glasgow, from New York. K. P. Currier—At Plymouth, from New York. K. P. Currier—At Dover, from New York. Oscar II.—At Christiansand, from New York. Princess Irene—At Gibraltar, from New York. Louisiana—At Naples, from New York. Louisiana—At Genoa, from New York. Reina d'Italia—At Genoa, from New York. Like Manitoba—At Liverpool, from St. John. Prince Friedrich Wilhelm—At New York, from Bremen. Carthagenian—At Halifax, from Glasgow.

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND TO-NIGHT

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LADIES' NIGHT

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