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## THEPULPTOWERPLOT

Four of the Conspirators Arraigned in Court.

The Magistrate Refuses Bail

Investigation by the Parliamentary Committee.

SOME STARTLING STATEMENTS.

How Dr. Dowling and Mr. Balfour Were Approached.

MR. BUNTING'S COALITION TACTICS

History of Kirkland's Connection with the Case.

Is the Conservative Party Implicated?

The Latest Developments in this Unprecedented Affair - The Details of the Plot-Intense Excitement Everywhere -A Boquet for Balfour.

created the most intense excitement. Yesterday the affair was up in the police bringing in an elegant floral basket and placing it on the desk of Mr. Balfour amid the plandits of his party.

The following statements are sifted from a mass of information collected vesterday

He gave out that he was in Bunting did in the Mail yesterday, and as The Pigeon river empties into Lake Supeand the state of Minnesota. Kirkland and not standing by him. his partners own a large tract on the Minnesota side of the Pigeon river some few miles up from its mouth. Kirkland and berman named Peters of Manistee, Mich. his associates bought 10,000 acres on the They own the tracts on both sides of the Canadian side. They could not get a patent till it was surveyed, and in order to get their own to do the work, which cost them | plying in the Ontario Gazette for letters of forty thousand dollars or more. Then Kirkland says he applied for the patent driving association and improvement comand got it, but was surprised to find, so he pany," a tributary on the Canadian side of says, that the patent reserved the timber to the Pigeon river. The capital is \$3000, the government. In Minnesota the timber | and the first directors are to be Mark H. goes with the land. Altogether they had spent \$60,000 on the land, which was worthless to them without the timber. Kirkland was sent down to Toronto to secure the timber if he could. He interviewed Mr. Pardee, but was told he could not get the timber except at pub-

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WHERE BUNTING & CO. COME IN. Soon thereafter the house began its session. It will be remembered that talk of attempts to defeat the Mowat government was then current. Suspicious rumors were in the air. It now looks as if some kind of an organization was then formed with this end in view. The tone of the Mail, the actions, the suspicious actions, of certain prominent conservatives and of certain conservative "heelers" and agents, also looked this way. There seems to be little doubt that some kind of an organization existed to defeat the government and that Christopher Bunting of the Mail, and Edward Meek, barrister, were prominent parties in the movement. Other leading conservatives also were in the plot, whether they were leaders of the party or were recognized at Ottawa is not

THE TWO JOIN HANDS.

The two parties hitched together. Just

The Kirkland-Bunting conspiracy has going on? Nothing so far is declaratory that he did.

spring up on the subject. But the only son a registrarship at Regina, or saying that Wilkinson could nominate a man for the post. This letter it is believed was exhibited by Wilkinson to certain members whom he approached and to whom he offered the office. So far this is all the connection that has been established between the party, as a party, and the

mas, bringing with him letters of Who can help him best out of the scrape? introduction to various persons in the city conservatives or reformers? If the con-He located at the Rossin louse. servatives wash their hands of him as Mr. terested in lumber and in mining did certain prominent members of that lands on both sides of the Pigeon river. party on the street, then Kirkland will look to the reformers, and if he knows rior and runs northwesterly from the ex. anything damaging to Bunting and Meek he will expose it and them. It is said that It forms the boundary line between Ontario he complains that the conservatives are

KIRKLAND'S INTERESTS. One of Kirkland's partners is a big lum-Pigeon river. They own also the improvements on the river, and these are mostly or the document they employed surveyors of the American side. But they are now apincorporation for the "Arrow river log-Irish of Toronto, Thomas Marks of Port Arthur, Thomas Caswell of Toronto and Frank S. Kirkland of Neillsville, Minn. The object of this company is to work the Canadian side of the Pigeon river.

> tions met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Harcourt was in the chair. After some discussion it was decided not then to take evidence but simply to hear the state ments of members.
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> DR. DOWLING'S STATEMENT.

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Mr. Dowling made the following statement: On Thursday last Mr. Bishop and Mr. McKim came to my room in the Continental hotel and told me I was wanted by Mr. Wilkinson on very important business. We three went down to the Walker house together, and went into Wilkinson's room. Wilkinson said there was some dissatisfaction with the Mowat government. dissatisfaction with the Mowat government. He (Wilkinson) had been at Ottawa with Mr. Bunting, and I think he mentioned Mr. Meredith, and he had come back with lots of money. He had \$10,000 or more, and had made up his mind to buy out a few of Mr. Mowat's arrangement. I would not say whether I would or not. I thought it was a pretty crooked piece of business. I then said I did not like to enter into any such arrange-This ring of conservatives, anxious for the government's defeat, with headquarters in the Mail building, formed the party of the first part.

Kirkland and his scheme, ready to pay liberal money to secure the timber in question, formed the party of the second part.

Ment. He said, "I would like Mr. Bunting to see you; there is a protest hanging over you, I am pretty sure it is against you. If you come with us all your expenses will be paid. We want you to resign your seat in South Renfrew. We want to form a coalition government, and if you resign your seat and vote against the Mowat government we will give you \$2000. If you had be party of the second part. and drop all proceedings against you and satisfy you on this point. I will see Mr. policy of the government. He said the

He was anxious to make their acquaintance. He did make their acquaintance and the marked his, he is said to have entered and the marked his, he is and to have entered and the marked his, he is and to have entered and them harked his prevances into the care of members, conservative and reformer alike. Kirkhand, whenever opportunity offered instinuted his grievances into the care of members, conservative and reformer alike. Kirkhand, so it is said, was told that he would get the timber of the government was defeated and Mr. Meredith so it is add, was told that he would get the timber of the government was defeated and Mr. Meredith so it is add, was told that he would get the timber of the government was defeated and Mr. Meredith so it is not sold that Mr. Crabia political friends, the Cooks, the Caldwalls of the conservative cabal and sought to defeat the government. He tried to buy reform members to voice against the government the conservative cabal and sought to defeat the government. He tried to buy reform members to voice against the government the proposed changes in the same and the Ontario government was defeated and Mr. Meredith so to it is all the defeated of the conservative cabal and sought to defeat the government. He tried to buy reform members to voice against the government the proposed changes in the time policy of the conservative cabal and sought to defeat the government. He tried to buy reform members to voice against the government that the form the dominion government to certain reformers.

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between the party, as a party, and the Bunting-Kirkland conspiracy.

which is now agitating the public mind.

WHERE KIRKLAND COMES IN.

Frank S. Kirkland of the city of Neillsville in the state of Wisconsin, counsellorat-law, arrived in Toronto before Christmas, bringing with him letters of

and drop all proceedings against you and satisfy you on this point. I will see Mr. Bunting and arrange for an interview between you and Mr. Bunting at three o'clock this afternoon. You go and see Mr. Bunting and talk the matter over. Mr. Bunting is a pretty wealthy man, and you can depend on everything he says." There was a good deal more said.

Mr. Mowat—What was the next step? Mr. Dowling—I saw some of the members of the government and told them about it. I think Mr. McKim, Mr. Bishop, and myself came to the house and spoke to some of the members of the

that by the end of that time the archbishop would be dead, and then the conservatives would have a chance to get in. He has seen a good deal of corruption in Algoma, and Mr. Meek has been at Osgoode hall to investigate matters when the Premier had mortgaged his property for \$20,000 to pay his share of the fund. They had good evidence that all the other ministers of the government had done the same thing. If I would support the scheme he had made arrangements for carrying it out, and he would secure for my paper all

same thing. If I would support the scheme had made arrangements for carrying it was scandalous, but the members of the government toild me to continue without committing myself in any way, but to see has had at they would do. The interview with Kirkland took place on Thursday, and has been at my hotel every day since, expeting Monday. He said he wanted to defeat the Mowat government, as he was interested in some timber land in Algoma, and he had seen Mr. Pardee. Mr. Pardee and he had seen Mr. Pardee. Mr. Pardee would not agree to his terms and he knew that Mr. Mcredith would agree with them. On Saturday night Kirkland came and saked me if I was going into this arrangements for carrying it was a distance of the change in the timber land. At the would agree with them. On Saturday night Kirkland came and saked me if I was going into this arrangements for carrying it was a lominion bank bill or on the bank of Monter. The money was produced. Mr. Fraser—The money was produced. Mr. Wilkinson kelve and not being very anxious, I did not go to see the Mill office, and he would make an appointment for me at 10 o'clock the next the woll of the province of Ontario." He said it will not do so. He produced a does me the province of Ontario, but I would not do so. He produced a does me the province of Ontario, but I would gove the first of the province of Ontario, but I would gove the late terms he had seed the first was engaged at the mild office, and he would make an appearat

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The two parties hitched together. Just how this was effected has not yet been developed, but it was some weeks ago that it took place. Mr. Bunting and arrange for an interview betwen you and Mr. Bunting at three o'clock this afternoon. You go and see Mr. Bunting was informed that there was an American staying at the Rossin house and pend on everything he says." There was a gentleman for the purpose of the government about it. I did not intend to see me he sould come to the reform members who were stopping at the gentleman Mr. Bunting shows not the Rossin house with him. His relations with these gentlemen Mr. Bunting knows not the Rossin house with him. His relations with these gentlemen Mr. Bunting knows not the Rossin house with him. His relations with the gentlemen Mr. Bunting shows a head of the reform members who were stopping at the gentlemen Mr. Bunting shows not the Rossin house with him. His relations with these gentlemen Mr. Bunting shows the said for the purpose of a bribe, but merely as he had to say on the studyed. He was a gentleman with him, who will be also of the reform members who were stopping at the gentlemen Mr. Bunting shows not should be also do no

I wanted to move away, and he would have the law fixed so that I could hold my seat in parliament this session, and have the work done by deputy. On Monday Mr. McKim came to me saying that Wilkinson had just seen him, and had asked him to say that he wanted to see me in his room. I went into Wilkinson's room; he asked me how things were going on; I told him I would sign no round robin or anything else. He said the round-robin was only for Harcourt's age, etc. on; I told him I would sign no round robin or anything else. He said the round-robin was only for Harcourt's satisfaction, and asked me to see Harcourt and assure him that I would stand by him. He said that Kirkland had told him to give me \$1200. In the first place Kirkland said he did not care whether the government were sustained or whether they were defeated, so long as he got his point, but now Wilkinson told me that they had assumed all liabilities, and had found out that Kirkland had not money to carry out his agreement. He then offered me \$600 down and \$600 after the vote was taken in the house. I asked him if that was the first proposition he had made to me. It was then increased to \$800 and \$700 hereafter. Wilkinson said that this was not as a bribe, but as a guarantee that the Regina registrarship or any other office as a bribe, but as a guarantee that the Regina registrarship or any other office that I wanted would be at my disposal.

I did not accept the money very readily, but finally he said, "here, will you take it?" and handed over eight one hundred dollar new bills exactly similar to those McKim had shown me on Sunday; I then left. He seemed to be very anxious to have the matter settled, and said he expected me to see Harcourt and vote against the government, and then gave me the money without asking me to do anything. I then saw Mr. Mowat, Mr. Ross and Mr. Hardy, and wrote a letter to the speaker I then saw Mr. Mowat, Mr. Ross and Mr. Hardy, and wrote a letter to the speaker enclosing the \$800; I went immediately to the speaker's chamber and handed him the package. Wilkinson said he was going to the Northwest as sheriff of Calgary this spring, and he wished to see the government defeated before he left. There were other parties acting in the matter with him, but he did not wish to give me any of their names. He assured me they had enough members of the government already to secare its defeat and have a coalition gogernment.

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FUTURE PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Mowat moved for the appointment of a sub-committee consisting of himself, Fraser, Badgerow, Meredith and Morris, to search for precedents for the guidance of the committee and of the house. All day yesterday the search was diligently kept up, the library being ransacked for them, apparently to some purpose. The flagrancy of Wilkinson's attempt at bribery will make the present case one of the most interesting of precedents for the future historian of parliamentary governments to note.

age, etc.

The magistrate then asked Mr. Bunting to plead. Mr. Clarke on his behalf, said he would ask an adjournment until Friday, and he raised the question of jurisdiction of the police magistrate. He said that no offence had been committed under common law, and if any offence had been committed it was an infringement of the privileges of the provincial legislature. Fifteen minutes or so were consumed discussing the jurisdiction of the magistrate, when Mr. Neville asked what amount the court would require for bail. He said his client would offer any amount of bail. Mr. Fenton would not agree to bail, even if a million dollars were offered, and the magistrate adjourned the case till Friday morning.

from the room, and remained in the build-ing till 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when they were driven to the jail in a cab. Dur-ing the interim a large number of their friends visited them.

DISGRACE AFTER DEATH. Forger-Notes.
HAMILTON, March 18.—Some surprising evelations were made at a meeting of the late James Reid's creditors to-day. A statement was submitted showing liabilities of some \$50,000, exclusive of two mortgages amounting to \$26,000. The estate, by udicious management, may possibly cover a large part of the amount, but the exact surprise was expressed when the executors put in a number of notes as "fictitious paper" to the extent of \$16,000, which were found to be forgeries. The paper purports to have been signed by Thomas Bain, M.P. for North Wentworth, but he that the late Mr. Reid uttered the paper to help tide over the difficulties. The forgeries were on the Montreal, "Federal and Commerce banks and the Farmers' and Traders' loan association. A committee, consisting of Mitchell of Hamilton, was appointed this morning for the purpose of further investigating the affairs of the estate.

The statement that G. R. Kempe was asked to resign his position as organist of the Central presbyterian church was incorrect. Mr. Kempe will resign next month of his own free will.

The Irish protestant benevolent society celebrated St. Patrick's day by a banquet at the St. Nicholas hotel.

PIGEON HOLE GAMBLING. surprise was expressed when the executors

rane's large foundry was completely de-stroyed by fire together with all the horse powers, and mowers were consume. The total loss is estimated at \$25,000 insurance as far as can be ascertai

FLESHERTON, March 18.—The election in East Grey for the Ontario Legislature to supply the place of A. W. Lauder, deceased, took place to-day. The result as far as heard from gives McColeman, conservative, a majority of 175.

Brant's Monument. BRANTFORD, March 18 .- The two French models competing for the Brant monument arrived yesterday. One of the French competitors is a relative of Rosa

OTTAWA, March 18.—A return brought down this morning shows that there are now regularly employed by the dominion government twelve immigration agents at alaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,650.

Vetc on the Grange RIU.

At Hecksherville, Pe., vesterday, a young man named O'Neill playfully pointed a gun at a companion named McAniny saying he was going to shoot him. McAniny replied, "shoot away," and O'Neill fired killing him. OTTAWA, March 18 .- A return brought

Parnell Sues a Tenant. DUBLIN, March 18 .- Parnell has sued one of his tenants for arrears of rent. CHICAGO, March 18.—Mrs. Georgiana

## SWAMP WHISKY SEIZURE.

BARREL OF "CROOKED" COCK TAILS FOUND IN TORONTO

(Ont.) swamp whisky establishment (brief nention of which appeared in The World's ferred to this city yesterday morning. At Hamilton turned up at police headquarters and said they were going to break into Abram Orpen's Alhambra saloon, in Church street, on the ground that Orpen had a quantity of the swamp fire-water in his place which had paid no revenue. They were prevailed on not to do so, and Orpen's residence was visited and he was back to the saloon and found a forty-five-

gallon barrel of the alleged "crooked"

stuff, which was taken to the inland revenue

Later on a despatch was received from Hamilton to arrest Orpen and Edward White, better known as "Puck," the cellarman at the Alhambra. Reburn took both men to police headquarters. When the men were searched letters were found on one of them which went to have the Orpen head. It is said that Mr. Orpen can clear himself.
Chief of Police Stewart and Constable
Reid of Hamilton came down to take Orpen and "Puck," to that city. They were
taken to the 3.50 train. Mr. N. Murphy appeared on the scene and the trip was deferred. The two men were taken back to police headquarters and locked up for the night, and will be sent to Hamilton early this morning.

"Puck" White's incarceration struck him like a cannon ball. He was to have

PIGEON HOLE GAMBLING.

A Disgraceful State of Affairs—What a Police Officer Has to Say.

Montreal, March 18.—Sergeant Bouch ard has submitted a special report to Chief Paradis, on the disastrous results of pigeon hole playing, now so prevalent in the different hotels and taverns of our subarbs. Many poor mechanics leave, on a Saturday night, the whole of their week's earnings in these dens. The modus operandi is as follows: Nothing is charged for the use of the pigeon hole table, but the loser of each.

The case was adjourned till to-day.

were arrested while the still was in full operation. They were all arraigned before Magistrate Cabill at Hamilton yesterday charged with having in their possession without a literia possession wi

Many poor mechanics leave, on a Saturday night, the whole of their week's earnings in these dens. The modus operand is as follows: Nothing is charged for the use of the pigeon hole table, but the loser of each game is obliged to stand treat. When a client is sufficiently under the influence of liquor, instead of drinks, bons, "good for one glass," are given him, and it often occurs that the father of a family returns to his home with his pockets full of these bons, but without a single cent. The ordinary consequence is that the poor man does not work on the following Monday, but goes and drinks again on the credit of his bons, and all this time the wife and children are suffering from hunger. The sergeant quotes as an instance the case of a poor woman who, having found a number of those tickets in her husband's pockets, took them to the hotel-keeper by whom they were given, asking him to re-eash them. This was of course refused, and the poor woman being in great need of bread for her children, took the amount of grog represented by the tickets, which she afterwards sold, at a rebate, to some loafers, in order to give a morning meal to her children.

Durham, March 18.— Last night Cochrane's large foundry was completely destroyed by fine together with all the machinery and a great quantity of finished

UNITED STATES NEWS.

It is reported that a Pittsburg chemist as re-discovered the art of making black

The Mitchell furniture manufacturing company's works at St. Louis was burned; oss \$50,000. Jay Stewart, aged 17, poisoned herself t Council Bluffs, Iowa, because her step-

father beat her. The striking nailers at the Robinson ron mills, Plymouth, Mass., have acceded

to the company's terms.

Five hundred employes of the Montour iron works of Danville, Pa., have been on strike since Jan. 1, and many families are Elder Echoles of the mormon church has

created another sensation by introducing polygamy into Georgia. He has made many converts.

Vote on the Orange Bill.

Ottawa, March 18.—Sixty tories and eight liberals voted for the bill, and fifty-three liberals and fifty-two conservatives voted against it.

killing him.

James A. Coyle, reporter on the Detroit Times, boarded the elevator leading to the editorial rooms last evening and was found later on wedged between the elevator car and the floor. He was insensible and, extricated with difficulty.

Does Patrick Want the Job.

One thing, however, is certain, con vatives must look for a mouthpiece other CHICAGO, March 18.—Mrs. Georgiana
Miller died last evening while praying at a prayer meeting.

HIGHER TEMPERATURE.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, March 19. 1 a.m. Lakes: Northcast to north wisuke; fair to cloudy weather, with local ratus in southern Ontario; slightly higher temperature.

Vatives must look for a mouthpiece other than the Mail, as the scheming carried on in an office in that building, not only on this but on other occasions, added to the blackguardly utterances of its editor, have disgusted all honorable people of both parties with its course, and the sconer the conservatives withdraw their allegiance from an organ run by a party of tricksters, voiced by a foul-mouthed editor, the betater it will be for the party.