

MINER'S ESCAPE COMES UP AGAIN

Mr. Aylesworth Defends His Department From Attack.

House Gets Into Heated Argument Over Question.

Some Peculiar Evidence Relied on by Member For New Westminster.

Ottawa, March 2.—One is forced to the conclusion that the ammunition of the Opposition must be running very short when they are found endeavoring to make a political issue of Bill Miner's escape. To-day the spectacle was witnessed in the House of Commons solemnly, and at times heatedly, discussing the question of whether the rumors that the convict's hair and moustache had been allowed to grow before he made his dash for liberty, together with vague hints by anonymous newspaper correspondents of a conspiracy of connivance, were sufficient to warrant a reinvestigation by a special committee into the circumstances attending Miner's mysterious exit.

Mr. Taylor (New Westminster), who has done so much in his newspaper, the British Columbian, and in the House of Commons, as a scandal-monger reflecting upon the administration of the Department of Justice, made the initial mistake, pardonable in a new member, of precipitating the discussion without notice, and he added to the unfortunate impression thus created by endeavoring to convict the Minister of Justice of untrustworthiness on the strength of a newspaper interview and the doubtful testimony of ex-Warden Burke. It may be remembered that in reply to certain questions put by Mr. Taylor, last week or two ago, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth made a full and frank statement of the facts revealed by Inspector Dawson's investigation of the circumstances surrounding Miner's escape.

This afternoon Mr. Taylor produced the files of several British Columbian newspapers, including his own, and proceeded to quote from interviews and articles, with a view to showing that the Minister of Justice had not stated the facts accurately, and that there had been connivance on the part of some one in authority at Miner's escape. One statement thus quoted was that of a high official, whose name was not given, but who was reported as saying that he could have solved the mystery of the convict's escape if he had been examined, but that he had not been called. Another made a reference to the report that Miner had been permitted to grow a moustache and wear his hair long before he broke jail, while there was an interview in Mr. Taylor's own newspaper with ex-Warden Burke, denying the statement of Mr. Aylesworth that the telegram sent to Ottawa immediately after the discovery of Miner's escape and urging the offer of a reward for his capture had been addressed to Inspector Dawson. According to Burke, the telegram had been addressed to the Inspector of Penitentiaries at Ottawa. Mr. Taylor submitted in all seriousness that these statements were sufficient to justify a full and independent investigation.

MR. AYLESWORTH'S REPLY.

Hon. Mr. Aylesworth is too painstaking and conscientious a Minister to take any reflection upon the administration of his department lightly, and if he is not without reason, Mr. Taylor in his newspaper had violently attacked the Minister of Justice, and the way of exposing the methods by which the member for New Westminster had endeavored to discredit the department, Mr. Aylesworth referred to a despatch which had appeared in the British Columbian, purporting to have been sent from Taylor, and containing a serious impropriety. In his statement in the House a week or two ago Mr. Aylesworth had mentioned that certain information had been given to Inspector Dawson by Inspector MacIntosh. In Mr. Taylor's paper it was stated that the Minister of Justice had attributed the information to Chief Constable MacIntosh, of New Westminster, and, having properly interviewed the latter and obtained from him a statement, the British Columbian attacked Mr. Aylesworth for making misstatements.

The Minister of Justice commented sarcastically upon the enterprise of a newspaper which first misrepresented him and then endeavored to misrepresent the administration of his department, and quickly drew Mr. Taylor to his feet with an explanation that the despatch in question had been copied from a British Columbian contemporary. The British Columbian newspaper appears to have a reputation for forged telegrams; observed Mr. Aylesworth, with caustic emphasis.

Mr. Taylor appealed to the Speaker for protection. He called the "insults," and for a time there was great uproar, the Opposition endeavoring to howl Mr. Aylesworth down. The mistake in the despatch, continued the latter, "may have been due to misquoting the report." Mr. Taylor then produced the document again aroused the Opposition to a fury, while the Liberal members cheered loudly. "Is the Minister of Justice to be permitted to insult me repeatedly?" asked Mr. Taylor.

"The hon. Minister is referring to a newspaper and not to the hon. member personally," pointed out the Speaker. Ignoring the interruptions, Mr. Aylesworth proceeded to rub salt into Mr. Taylor's wounds, and he thought there were sufficient grounds for an inquiry by a special committee of Parliament. There had been no explanation, he declared, as to why Bill Miner's hair and moustache had been allowed to grow.

Hon. Jacques Bureau replied, amid laughter, that he did not know anything of Bill Miner's moustache, but he was informed that the convict's hair was not three-quarters of an inch in length when he escaped.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, through the House back to a more placid mood by pointing

out that the real question was whether there had been connivance at Miner's escape. What reliance, he asked, could be placed upon the statements upon which Mr. Taylor rested his case? If any responsible person was prepared to offer any information which would throw new light on Miner's escape there might be room for further inquiry, but nothing had been brought forward to warrant another investigation.

Messrs. Foster, Madelin and Glen Campbell joined in the demand for a special inquiry, the last mentioned speaker's pleasantry causing much amusement, and spirited replies in defence of the Department of Justice were made by Mr. Macdonald (Pictou) and Mr. Mackenzie (Cape Breton).

The debate did not finish until 10 o'clock, when the House went into supply.

Items amounting to about one and a half million dollars were passed before adjournment.

CALLED HIM A PIG,

But He Argues That the Judge Was Off the Bench.

Chicago, March 2.—Judge Brentano will hear testimony on Friday in a writ of habeas corpus obtained by Chas. S. Beattie, an attorney, who had been fined \$200 and locked up in default of payment by Municipal Judge Blake. After a controversy with the latter concerning the trial of a case Beattie is said to have applied this morning to the court.

"You are no more fit to try a case on that bench than a pig," said Beattie. "The fine and incarceration followed."

"The point I raise is that," says Beattie, "when I called Judge Blake a pig he had just adjourned court and descended from the bench. By that act he had divested himself of all the sacredness that invests the person of the court. He became a private individual, and I had as much right to call him a pig as I have to use that term toward any other individual who deserved it. On this point I stand. I stand there as firmly as the pyramids upon their foundations."

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GIRL'S DEATH.

Detroit Doctor Charged With Manslaughter Gives Evidence.

Detroit, Mich., March 2.—Dr. Eliza Landau, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Ella Sorensen, a London, Ont., girl, as the result of a criminal operation, when placed on the stand by the defence told a new story of the girl's death, and claimed it was a mystery to her, and also that she had advised the girl's mother to send for the coroner. Coroner Bennett testified that from the condition of the body and the nature of the operation he was satisfied the operation could not have been performed anywhere but in Detroit, as death must have resulted shortly after the operation.

PLAYED HOOKEY.

Kingston Aldermen Prefer Hockey Game to Council Meeting.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Kingston, Ont., March 2.—"We have come to a pretty pass," said Ald. Graham, at last night's Council meeting, "when aldermen will deliberately forsake city business to attend a hockey match." Mayor Cooper and Ald. Carson concurred with Ald. Graham. The strictures were called forth by the fact that immediately after roll-call, three aldermen made their exit from the Council chamber, presumably to take off their overcoats, but in reality to go to the hockey match between the T. A. C. and the 14th Regiment teams. The disappearance of the trio left the meeting three short of a quorum, and there was nothing to do but adjourn. Mayor Cooper announced that he would call a meeting of the Council for Wednesday night.

LITTLE ICE ON THE LAKES.

Navigation is Expected to Open at an Early Date.

Detroit, Mich., March 1.—Reports to the Weather Bureau from Kingston about the great lakes indicate that there is much less ice in all of the lakes and connecting channels than at this time last year, and an early opening of navigation probably will be possible. The central and eastern parts of Lake Superior have but small fields. Lake Michigan's ice fields are small and broken up; Lake Huron has no ice fields in the southern portion; the fields in Lake Erie are neither large nor heavy, and there have been practically no fields this winter in Lake Ontario. Detroit River is open.

Twelve men were badly burned by an explosion of gas in No. 14 colliery of the Erie Coal Company at Port

Blanchard, Pa. It is feared many of them will die from their injuries.

SAYS ONTARIO WAS SLANDERED

Sir James Stirred by Mr. Aylesworth's Comments.

Would Not Answer Liberal Leader's Query.

Mr. Cochrane Claims People Have Decided Issue.

Toronto, March 3.—"The course of the Minister of Justice is quite in line with a number of evidences from Ottawa hostile to our people and province, because, forsooth, the people of Ontario said somewhat emphatically that they proposed to be governed by the Government of their own choice."

Amid applause from the Conservative benches Sir James Whitney hurled his anathemas at Hon. A. B. Aylesworth at the conclusion of the legislative sitting yesterday. The Premier was in his militant mood, and, in a long and somewhat rambling utterance, on the reference of the Minister of Justice to the final Federal disposition of the provincial enactment relative to the rival claims of the Cobalt Lake and Florence Mining Companies. The Liberal leader, speaking calmly, never lost sight of the main issue, there was no disagreement, and deplored the Premier's "intemperate remarks."

"Why did the Government not allow the judges to decide the facts when the case was down for trial?" was Hon. Mr. MacKay's pertinent and unanswered query.

"Before the House rises," began the Premier, "I desire to allude briefly to the reported remarks and violent outbreak of the Minister of Justice in the Canadian House of Commons—a remarkable statement to fall from the lips of a gentleman holding his position."

Sir James declared it was not his intention to deal in detail with the utterance, merely to call attention to two points "in the great hullabaloo, if I may use the word." Two statutes were affected. One had been passed twelve months prior to the other, and its character during all that time had been unimpaired. In the second place, it was a fundamental principle of British law that no action could be taken against a British Government without leave. "The merest tyro in constitutional law knows that is a truth," declared the Premier. The right of refusal had, he said, been most frequently practised in the time of Sir Oliver Mowat.

To draw attention to what he termed the "unfairness" of Mr. Aylesworth's observations, Sir James pointed out that, throughout, the Ontario Government had refrained from expressing any opinion as to the facts alleged in the petition against their legislation. He read an official communication forwarded by the Government to prove his contention.

"Yet," he continued, referring to the Minister of Justice, "this distinguished gentleman, who is supposed to be the guardian of the public honor, and the public morals, has not hesitated to slander the Government of Ontario and the people of his native province, having heard only one side of the case. The Government of Ontario did not present the case, but it stood on our rights under the constitution, and with-out knowing one word about the merits of the case, he burst into this tirade of abuse against the Government of Ontario. He is content to give an extreme judgment after hearing one side of the case."

"He may vilify the Provincial Government and the people of Ontario, but I am glad to know that the people do not pay much attention to what Mr. Aylesworth may say, but to the capacity of statesman—except as a curiosity. (Government laughter and renewed applause.) I have to thank Mr. Gordon, the member for Nipissing," concluded the Premier, "who, knowing the facts, rose promptly to the occasion and admitted to the public to see something of the facts of the attempted swindle which is so dear to the heart of the Minister of Justice."

THE RIGHT OF FAIR TRIAL.

Hon. A. G. MacKay stated that on the main issue there was no difference between Mr. Aylesworth and the Legislature. "I am," he said, "glad to see the Liberal leader, 'in protest, lest otherwise it might be said that I agreed with the intemperate remarks of the First Minister. We on this side of the House adhere to our position that it was both a fair and a proper case to take for the Florence Mining Company by special act the right to have its case tried out by the courts. It is not our function to interpret laws, but to make them. When we took it upon ourselves to interpret the laws we brought on this trouble." (Liberal applause.)

Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, asked why the Florence Company had not proceeded against the Crown instead of the Cobalt Lake Company. "The Florence Company," Mr. Cochrane declared, "never filed its claim till the sale to the Cobalt Company was made and part of the money paid in. If there was a wrong why did not the leader of the Opposition or the Minister of Justice apply for a writ?" Mr. Cochrane asked.

"This question," continued the Minister of Mines, "was, fortunately, made an issue before the people of Ontario last June. The leader of the Opposition—and he is a capable gentleman, able to tellingly handle every point—went through the north country and put the issue straight to the people. And up there the people knew. (Government applause.) They

knew that the men who claimed discoveries knew it was closed. And they knew the discoveries were never made. They knew of the work at Clear Lake. They saw a prospectus issued that was a work of art. They saw its declaration that a sixteen-foot vein had been discovered and they knew it was unheard of. They saw stock sold and money sunk. 'Let me say this,' concluded Mr. Cochrane, 'I think the fairer is worse than the thief. You can watch the thief, but the smooth-tongued fakir may work his wiles behind your back. There is no place for that gentleman in this department. (Government applause.) The records of the department are ready for the inspection of anyone who wants to satisfy himself that we dealt square and gave equal rights to all.'

THE ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTION.

"We are not joining issue with the Minister on that point," said the Liberal leader, again rising. "It is the answer to this question we seek: Why were not the facts left to be determined by the Judge at the trial?" It was Government Day in the House, and several measures were advanced a stage of their routine. The bill of Hon. Mr. Foy to amend the judicature act, of Hon. Mr. Cochrane to amend the forest reserve act, and of Hon. Mr. Reame to amend the act respecting ferries, were all passed in committee. Two Government measures were introduced, by Hon. Mr. Matheson to amend the audit act, and by Hon. Mr. Reame to amend the act to provide for development of water power at Dog Lake.

COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT ACT.

Mr. W. H. Hoyle's bill to enable municipalities to close their financial year on November 30 was given a second reading. Speaking on it, the Premier stated in reference to proposed amendments to the assessment act that it was impossible to deal with them on the spur of the moment without doing more harm than good.

"It is proposed," said he, "to give a second reading to all assessment bills and subsequently refer them to a special committee to be appointed, which will sit during recess and after the House rises."

"This committee will not confine itself to the amendments proposed, but make a complete review of the act, I presume?" queried the Liberal leader.

"Precisely," replied Sir James.

Mr. I. B. Lucas (Centre Grey) was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Private Bills Committee at its inaugural meeting yesterday morning on motion of Hon. A. J. Matheson and Dr. R. F. Preston.

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