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THE LATE N. K. CONNOLLY.

N. K. Connolly was an energetic, capable contractor, and in connection with his partners carried through some important works. Long ago he joined Patrick Larkin, who had been a heavy contractor under the Mackenzie government, and the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co did a considerable business. The scandals connected with the firm began soon after Owen Murphy, an exiled New York boodler, joined the firm and contributed his money and experience to it. Michael Connolly and Robert McGreevy joined the partnership, some members of which had contracts in Mexico. McGreevy's brother was a member of parliament and a Quebec harbor commissioner, and it was alleged that his influence was used to get contracts for the firm. The McGreevy inquiry of 1891 took place before the privileges committee, and occupied nearly three months. It dealt with the Quebec works and also with the Esquimaux dock. The parliamentary investigation was followed by criminal proceedings, ordered by Sir John Thompson, at whose instance Mr. McGreevy was expelled from parliament. The result of the prosecution was the imprisonment of Thomas McGreevy and N. K. Connolly. Murphy, who was the projector of the whole conspiracy, fled to the States, where he died before he could be extradited. He, with Robert McGreevy, had turned on their former partners. Robert McGreevy's death took place about the same time. N. K. Connolly had very little to do with the details of the contracts. He had charge of the mechanical work at Esquimaux. The convictions do not appear to have interfered seriously with the business of the Connollys, who after the events of 1891 formed a partnership of their own. They had built a dock at Kingston before 1891. After that they had extensive contracts in Pennsylvania. They were awarded the contracts for the first Sand Point wharf built by the city, and afterward Mr. Blair gave them the contract for the Long wharf at a figure \$108,000 above the lowest tender. No such margin as this above the lowest offer was alleged to have been obtained by the Larkin-Connolly firm in the Lewis dock, or in the Esquimaux contract.

THE GOOD TIME COMING.

In this period of snow blockades one reads with a lively interest the story of Count de La Vaul's journey of 1394 miles, from Paris to Kiew, Russia, in a balloon. The count took a companion, stocked the air ship with provisions, and they made the trip without incident. How convenient it would have been on Saturday if the chief justice and other gentlemen of the supreme court, together with the lawyers and commercial travellers snowbound with them at Fredericton, could have suitably stocked a snug air ship and sailed away over Margerville and Gagetown and the frozen river down to St. John. No doubt, when their successors, at the opening of the next century, journey about the province in this way, they will be much amused to read how in 1901 the stalling of a train at Rusagornish interfered with the course of justice, as personified in the gentlemen of the supreme court, and how a few paltry snow drifts prevented the carriage of mails, and shut off whole settlements from the outer world for days at a time. However, as we are we, and must patiently suffer the inconvenience of the period, until such time as the Zeppelins, de la Vauls and other enthusiasts in aerial navigation present to us the kingdoms of the air to be our inheritance. With our feet in a snowdrift, or stalled in a train and half starved within a dozen miles of a town, we lift our hats to the aeronauts of the next century, and envy them the luxuries of the air line.

A STRONG INDIOTMENT.

Leslie's Weekly calls upon the people of New York to take action in the matter of the charges that influential men, high in the councils of Tammany, have been systematically levying millions of blackmail upon disreputable resorts. The charge, it says, is not a how one, but has been set forth in detail years ago. The Weekly goes on:—The apathy of the public has been and is amazing. Vice exists, and its haunts are not secret. The exact schedule of blackmail levied by political bosses has been printed, with the names of the men who made the collections and the names of some of those who paid blackmail. The only question has been regarding the chief organizers and beneficiaries of this atrocious system. Can there be any doubt as to their identity? A few obscure

hot-house politicians loom up as owners of magnificent residences and as masters of enormous wealth. They were glad, a short time ago, to accept any kind of work that would pay their board and clothes. They are wealthy now. Where did they acquire these sudden riches? Isn't it about time they were summoned before a tribunal to answer?

ABOUT ROYAL FURNITURE.

Speaking about royal furniture Progress says that the late Mr. Fenety brought from Halifax a pair of chairs owned and used by the late queen's father, the Duke of Kent, when that prince was stationed in Halifax. There is probably no doubt as to the genuineness of these articles, but one statement concerning them must be inaccurate. Progress says:

"In parting with the chairs the duke made the remark at the time that he did so with considerable regret, as he and his wife had used them so many years at their private dining table." Now as a matter of fact the Duchess of Kent never saw Halifax, nor was the queen's father there after his marriage. The Duke of Kent was first sent to old Canada in 1791, where he remained until 1793. During the next two years he saw some bloody service in the West Indies, distinguishing himself for reckless bravery at St. Lucia. He was major-general and lieutenant general at the Halifax station between 1794 and 1798, when he returned to England in consequence of injuries received from a fall from his horse. In 1799 he returned to Halifax, as commander-in-chief of the forces in British America, and as Duke of Kent. The next year he went back to England, and in 1802 was given the command at Gibraltar, where he had first served as colonel twelve years before. In 1803 he was back in England, where he remained until 1816. Harassed by debts he went in that year to the continent in order to curtail his expenses, and two years later, in May, 1818, he was married. Crossing to England the couple were remarried in July and returned to Germany. In the spring of 1819 they went to England, that their child might be born under the British flag, and there the duke died in the winter of 1820, at 53 years of age, and in the second year of his married life.

John D. Rockefeller's income is now reckoned as \$40 a minute, or nearly \$60,000 a day. To occasionally throw a million or two into Chicago university must be a great relief to him, says the Portland Press. There are a number of people who may be found without great difficulty who would be glad to give him the blessing which comes to the giver, with the additional relief which would ensue to him.

While out in Wichita and the neighboring towns Mrs. Nation is removing the sores on the body politic by the laying on of hands. Bayard Crawford, by a similar process, is curing the ills that the individual body is heir to in this city. Neither of the methods are in the regular line, yet both are alleged to be somewhat effective.

A STORY ABOUT DEWEET.

The following story about Commandant Dewet is told in a private letter received lately by a Glasgow resident from an officer serving with the army in South Africa. The officer writes: "The Yeomanry scouts were taken prisoners by the now notorious General Dewet near Lindley. Dewet, who does not care to be burdened with prisoners, told these brave Yeomen, on being brought before him, that he had an important despatch for General Buller, and if they would personally undertake to deliver it to the general he would give them back their liberty. Naturally they were elated at the proposal, and all three gave Dewet their word of honor to deliver the message into General Buller's own hand. They received it, a large envelope, well sealed and with all the outward appearance of containing some important document. Possibly they may have thought it contained a proposal from Dewet to surrender. In any case they lost no time in saddling up, and covered the ground in almost no time. On reaching Buller's headquarters they insisted on handing the letter to the general personally, and on his opening it—the three braves still standing as his audience—he read aloud the contents as follows:—To Gen. Buller: Dear Sir—Please catch up these three devils, as I can catch them every day."

Yours,
DEWEET.

FAMILY SUITE.

"Where's your daughter Mary living now, Mrs. Herlitz?" inquired one of the neighbors, who had dropped in after an absence of some months. "Her husband's got a fine job on the 'Toines,' reporting accidents," said Mrs. Herlitz, proudly. "And she two av them and little Mollie is living in a suit up-town."

"What a suit!" inquired the neighbor, curiously having got the better of a desire to appear well informed on all points. "A suit!" said Mrs. Herlitz, slowly. "It's one o' them places where the parlor is the bedroom, and the bedroom is the kitchen, and the kitchen is down in the cellar, and the beds is piazzas, or organs, and—well, it's one o' them places where everything is something else," concluded Mrs. Herlitz.

OF COURSE HE HAD.

Professor (to student of surgery)—Please inform the class the names of bones forming the skull of a man. Student—Ah—er—I do not at present remember, but I know that I have them all in my head. (Uproar in class).—Indianapolis Journal.

CHURCH RE-OPENED.

Services Held in Carleton Baptist Church Yesterday.

Church Now Presents a Very Handsome Appearance—Five Hundred Dollars Contributed at the Service Toward the Cost of the Repairs.

The interior of the Carleton Baptist church, the renovation of which was completed in time for yesterday's service, is very beautiful and reflects the greatest credit upon the workmen who have had it in charge, as well as upon the congregation, which has made a liberal response to the call for funds with which to accomplish the work. The walls and ceiling were first sheathed with spruce, upon which was laid an interior of steel, stamped with a fleur-de-lis design. The panels of the ceiling are painted emerald green and light cream; the borders, shades, roses, the mouldings, flesh color; the cove, shaded from light rose with bronze decorations; the altewalls, medium terra cotta. The ceiling of the alcove is pea green, with deep rose sidevalves, and mouldings of flesh color. Over the alcove, on a woodwork of silver grey, are beautifully lettered the words, "Glory to God in the Highest." The painting was done by E. L. Strange and the lettering by A. J. Charlton.

The lighting is now done by electricity, there being a large chandelier of 16 lights, with five small branches of three lights each, besides a number of detached lights. A baptistery has been built under the pulpit platform, and connected with a heating apparatus so that the water can be kept at a desired temperature. The new work was supplied by Freeze Bros., and the plumbing was done by W. Bradford Nichol.

The church has also been carpeted in a fleur-de-lis design, which harmonizes well with the rest of the appointments. The carpet was supplied by Manchester, Robertson & Allison. At yesterday morning's service the anthem was The Plains of Peace, in which Miss Titus took the solo. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. White of Main street Baptist church, from the text, "And Moses wist not that his face shined."

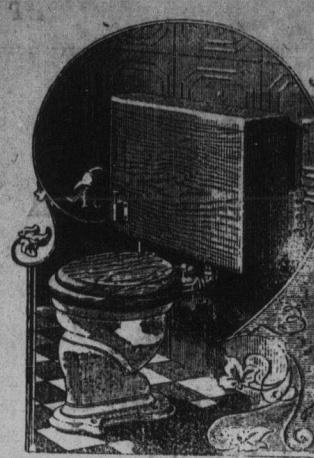
In the afternoon G. S. Mayes rendered the solo, Jesus, Lover of My Soul, from Carl Gotte's setting. Rev. A. T. Dykeman of Foxville Baptist church, preached from the text, "The wages of sin is death." In the evening there was, as there had been at the two other services, a very large congregation. After the opening anthem, "Saviour, breathe an evening blessing," and the hymn, "Ere another Sabbath close," a selection of scripture was read by Rev. J. A. Hughes, followed by prayer.

G. S. Mayes then sang, "His Beloved Sleep," from Abt's setting. After the hymn, "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord," the pastor, Rev. B. N. Bobble, took for his text, Song of Solomon, ch. 10. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners? Perhaps, he said, there was no more appropriate way of impressing truth on the human mind than through judicious imagery appealing to their ordinary avenues of sense. This was Jesus' method; indeed it was the Biblical method. Parable and figure abounded in the history, the prophecy and the teaching of the Bible. The seer with his mind lit up by the light of inspiration, looked down the centuries and saw the church of Jesus Christ and his soul broke out into the song of the text. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning? Those who had seen the rising of the sun at sea, or upon the mountains could judge of the majesty of the text. So the Church of Christ rose from amidst the darkness of the nations round about. In the time of this prophet four hundred years had passed since prophecy had been heard in the land. Still there was God's promise that it should yet be—that sunrise should come after the darkness. The first Baptist was seen when the angel of the Lord approached Zacharias. Next it was seen when the angel addressed Mary. The next glimmer of light was when the angels spoke to the shepherds and announced the good tidings of great joy. After that John, with his announcement that the kingdom of God was at hand, and then Jesus himself.

"Fair as the morn, clear as the sun, so terrible as an army with banners." Was this figure well chosen? In three years from the assumption of His kingdom He was slain by men. But He rose from the dead and in that was the power of His kingdom. So was organized the church which had to war against the powers of darkness and persecution. It showed itself terrible as an army with banners. Before the reformation her power was lessened, for a time because of corruption, but after that epoch the church reformed, gained more than in all preceding time. During the last century the church had been more terrible than ever. She advanced with an ever-increasing power doing the work and to the glory of the Lord.

The anthem "Make a Joyful Noise" was then rendered, and after singing the hymns O Where Are Kings and Empires Now, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. A. Hughes. The repairs are estimated to cost \$1,200, of which about \$600 was raised by yesterday's special collection.

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JOINTS MUST CLOSE.

The Men of Topeka to Continue the Crusade Started by Mrs. Nation.

Mass Meeting of Three Thousand Men Notify the Jointists to Quit Business by Noon on Friday Next.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 10.—Three thousand male citizens of Topeka in mass meeting here today decided that the numerous joints of this city must close their places. They issued an ultimatum giving the "jointists" until Friday next at 12 o'clock noon to quit business. If this shall not be done, warning was given that a thousand armed men would immediately move on the "joints" and remove them by force. Today's action is the result of the crusade started in Topeka less than ten days ago by Mrs. Carrie Nations. The meeting this afternoon was a remarkable one in every respect. It was called by a committee of the law enforcement league, and was attended by nearly all the prominent business men of the city. A feeling of intense earnestness pervaded the meeting. Conservative men who have hitherto advocated moderation in the dealings with the lawless element insisted on unmistakable terms that the time had come when patience had ceased to be a virtue, and that the people of Topeka should take the law in their own hands. The ultimatum issued commanded the officers of the city and county to enforce the law regarding the closing of the joints. The officers were warned that they had waited long enough. The property owners in whose premises the joints are kept were also warned that they should abide the nuisance at once or the people of Topeka would not be responsible for the damage that might ensue to the buildings. When the readers of the ultimatum reached the platform to the audience, old men were a hush of expectation as there had for several days been rumors that some important declarations were to be made. The words of condemnation and warning brought forth murmurs of approval that gained strength with each minute, finally sweeping over the entire audience and culminating in great enthusiasm. As the reader finished and submitted the ultimatum to the approval of the audience, old men and conservative ministers jumped to their feet in their enthusiasm and waved handkerchiefs, gesticulated and cheered to the echo. The cheering lasted for several minutes.

Twelve hundred men signed their names to cards pledging themselves to be ready at a moment's notice to join the army which has been recruited to stamp out the joints by the time the limit set by the ultimatum expires. There seems to be no question that the next few days in Topeka will see interesting developments, possibly bloodshed.

CHRIST OUR ADVOCATE.

The Rev. W. W. Craig preached last night from John 1, 11, 1-2 verses: And if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. The consciousness of sin causes great bitterness. There are those who are so hardened that they have not this consciousness. We have all felt this bitterness and have cried out, "Lord, be merciful unto me, a sinner." And then there comes the comforting message of the text. We have an Advocate who is pleading for us. There is the great white throne, there is the Judge whose eyes are searching us through and through, but our Advocate is there. He does not shrink from us; He is not ashamed of us; He does not turn His back on us, but takes our hand and lifts us up. "This is my child," He says. "I will lead him into my Father's house. I have died for him." Jesus Christ is our Advocate. We need Him as an advocate, but we need Him as a propitiation for our sins. "As we stand face to face with Him there is only one thing for us to do, to cry out, It is enough, the blood of Christ is enough. It cleanses from all sin."

NEW YORK HARBOR WORKS.

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(Friday's Mail and Express.)

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of improving the North River front. The general plan for this improvement was adopted over two years ago, although the initial steps were taken during the Strong administration. In the past two years several million dollars have been expended in acquiring private water rights and in the erection of great docks.

The property now needed consists of the following parcels: North side of Fifteenth street, 200 feet, assessed valuation \$300,000; north side of Twenty-first street, 118 feet, assessed valuation \$119,000; Thirteenth avenue and Twenty-second street, assessed valuation \$153,000, and 200 feet along Twenty-third street, assessed valuation \$246,000. While the total assessed valuation of this property is only \$810,000, it is not likely that the city can acquire the title for less than \$1,500,000. It may turn out that the cost will be \$2,000,000.

REV. RALPH W. TROTTER.

Rev. Ralph W. Trotter preached at Germania Street Baptist church last evening from the text: The Lord said unto Gideon the people that are with thee are too many. Mr. Trotter spoke briefly of the call which Gideon received to lead the Israelites, and the various tests through which the forces passed before God sent it against the Midianites. From these the preacher drew the lesson, that what God needs from men, so that they may do the best for him, is courage, enthusiasm and submission.

PRaise FROM THE WEST.

(Canadian Grocer.)

The New Brunswick Tourist Association are to be congratulated on the success that has followed their efforts to advertise the great attractions of the Province to summer tourists. It should, moreover, encourage merchants and others in many sections of Canada to organize for the purpose of disseminating information regarding their respective localities.

The Grocer devotes a column to a review of the work of the St. John association's work last year, as set forth at the annual meeting.

TO DEFEND SUNDAY TRADING.

An association has been formed in Glasgow, according to The Scottish Trader, of merchants who carry on business directly or indirectly on Sundays, for the purpose of opposing all legislation interfering with Sunday trading, and to educate public opinion in favor of such trading.

MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—D. W. Campbell, Canadian manager of the Elder Dempster line, today received a cable from Mr. Jones, managing director of the line, saying that Canada would never receive the mail if it had an independent marine insurance. Mr. Jones offered to subscribe for £20,000 stock in a Canadian company if satisfactorily arranged.