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ONE CENT

M. CONNOLLY DID NOT KNOW KASTEL

Has Look at Him in New York District Attorney's Office

Kastel Denies Receipt of Any Securities from "Nicky" Arstein - Tells of Plan With Erement for Land Company.

New York, May 28—Michael Connolly of Montreal (well remembered in St. John), who lost about \$110,000 through some wire tapping swindlers last year, walked into the district attorney's office here yesterday and some one told him to look Philip Kastel over.

Kastel, who reported to federal and state authorities here, after he said, he heard he was sought as a "missing witness" in the bankruptcy proceedings against Jules "Nicky" Arstein, an alleged leader in the \$5,000,000 bond theft plot, testified yesterday before Federal Commissioner Gilchrist. Kastel denied that he had ever received any securities from Arstein, or that he had seen Arstein at any time between February and his return here from Chicago on Tuesday night, when, he said, he spent the evening with "Nicky" and his counsel.

He declared there was no discussion of bonds nor Arstein's case at the meeting on Tuesday.

Kastel went to Chicago last month, he said, and there formed a corporation with Arthur C. Erement, a Canadian, and M. P. recently arrested in Chicago in connection with the bond-thefts, and a third man, for the purpose of selling land. No stock in the corporation had been issued, he said, although a \$30,000 company was planned.

LOCAL NEWS

STREET REPAIRS. The public works department started making repairs to the asphalt pavement in Germain street this morning.

WHITE-LYALL. At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. J. J. Lyall, on May 22, Miss Margaret W. Lyall of this city, was united in marriage to Roy Elwell White of Pleasant Point. They were unattended. They will make their home at Pleasant Point.

THE DIVER'S REPORT. The city engineer has received a detailed report from Fred Doyle & Sons, divers, who made the submarine examination of the pier at West St. John. The report says that the pier is in the under part of the wharf had been pushed out of place and that all the fenders are damaged and hanging loose from the side of the wharf. Most of the sections are in good shape.

THORNE AVENUE FIRE. Fire which broke out a little after 10 o'clock this afternoon badly damaged a house in Thorne avenue owned by Mr. Thorne. The blaze was confined principally to the back portion of the building but raged for some time before it was got under control.

MONKEY FOR THE PARK. During a recent visit to St. John Captain Willits of the S. S. Claudiere became interested in Rockwood Park and on enquiring what would do it at attraction, a monkey was suggested. On his return trip to this port the captain brought with him and donated to the park a monkey of the variety known as the green monkey, a small but exceedingly active animal, a native of British Guiana. This little animal was taken to the park where it will receive many visitors, especially among the young people.

BREAKFAST IN FRISCO; DINNER IN NEW YORK. Cincinnati, May 27—Major W. R. Schroeder, holder of the world's record airplane altitude flight, said yesterday that in a few months he expected to make a high altitude flight across the continent, having breakfast at San Francisco and dinner at New York.

N. S. MINE WORKERS TO PRESS FOR INCREASE. Halifax, May 27—The United Mine Workers of Nova Scotia decided yesterday to take immediate action in securing the new wage increase decided on at the recent convention in Truro. A flat increase of \$1 a day for all data men will be asked, as will also an increase of twenty-five cents a ton for piece work.

WOULD EXEMPT SOLDIERS.



A. B. McCole, M.P., of Kent, Ont., who would exempt discharged soldiers from tax on clothes.

Textile Operations Further Curtailed

New York Wholesale Dry Goods District Report—Prediction of Cheap Footwear for Next Winter and Spring.

New York, May 27—Bankers and commission agents in the wholesale dry goods district yesterday confirmed reports of further reduction of operations in the textile industry, the silk trade again being most affected. Cancellation of orders continue in heavy volume, it is said, despite the efforts of converters and jobbers to allay apprehensions. Loans to manufacturers here and in New England show steady contraction.

There has been heavy buying of domestic silks at greatly reduced prices by retailers, who feature these wares in their price cutting sales.

The Lever Act. New York, May 27—The Lever Act was declared unconstitutional as a war measure in an opinion handed down yesterday by the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of C. A. Weed & Co., Buffalo, clothiers.

The opinion, written by Judge Martin D. Manton, affirmed the decision of Federal Judge Hazel, who refused to enjoin Federal District Attorney Lockwood of the western district of New York State from proceeding against the company, charged with profiteering.

The court held that "failure of the senate to ratify the peace treaty with the German government indicates that congress treats the war as continuing and demobilization as incomplete."

France Worried. Paris, May 27—Concern is felt in commercial markets throughout France because of a rapid decline in prices of stable commodities. In the last thirty days cotton has declined 254 francs per fifty kilograms in the Havre market, while coffee has fallen 76 and wool 35 points in the same time.

Sofia, May 27—Bulgaria's 1919 crops were among the greatest in the country's history, and those of this year promise even greater abundance. The country now has much wheat and maize on hand that she is exporting part of it to Belgium and Poland. The present stocks of these cereals amount to nearly 6,000,000,000 pounds.

LOWER SHOE PRICES SOME DAY. Lower shoe prices late next winter and spring were predicted Tuesday by Edward A. Brand, secretary of the tanners' council of the United States, testifying before a senate committee of inquiry.

"Tanners and manufacturers believe prices will fall by that time," Mr. Brand said, "because of the recent decline in leather prices. This decline could not, sooner be reflected in shoe costs, he said, because shoes are made up far in advance of the season in which they are offered on the market.

"If leather prices stay where they are now," Mr. Brand said, "it means that the cheaper hides will come into leather in ten months at least and cheaper leather means cheaper shoes. Shoe prices should begin to become lower late next winter—not in the fall—but early in winter, and in the spring and early summer of 1921, providing nothing unforeseen happens."

Stocks of medium grade leather now are plentiful, Mr. Brand stated, and there are also "adequate supplies" of the best grades. Foreign purchases have been reduced because of the exchange situation here, while domestic purchases have declined because retailers are buying "hand to mouth."

Mr. Brand said he did not believe that the "big five" packers controlled hide and leather prices. The Armour interests, he said, have twelve tanneries, and Swift interests in the all-but Wilson interests, he said, have twelve tanneries. Altogether the packer product, he said, was only about sixty per cent of the total.

By laws will be reduced foreign and domestic demand, he believed the packers had reduced their leather output with a resulting tendency to hold up prices.

THE DAVID LYNCH IS TAKEN OVER. The David Lynch to Be Used Until New Boat Is Secured. Captain G. E. L. Robertson, general superintendent of pilots, A. Boyle, chief accountant of the marine department, and J. C. Chesley, agent of the marine and fisheries department, held a conference this morning with the local pilot commissioners and pilots, and from now on the system will be under the Marine and Fisheries Department.

After a lengthy discussion, during which matters pertaining to the pilot system were gone into, representatives of the marine department decided to take over the pilot boat David Lynch, add, starting today, the system will be under the direct supervision of J. C. Chesley, local agent of the department. The local pilots will cruise in the David Lynch and the competition which has existed for years will be eliminated. By laws will be drawn up and all pilots will take their regular turn in the pilot boat, their earnings to be pooled.

It is understood that \$20,000 has been set aside by an order in council to pay for a pilot boat in this district. This amount will be returned to the department by the pilots out of their net earnings in ten years without interest.

A committee consisting of J. C. Chesley, Penwick McKelvie, and Thomey, was appointed to secure a suitable boat to replace the Howard D. Troop, which was recently sunk in the bay. Until such time as a good craft is secured the David Lynch will be utilized.

Publishers to Meet. Toronto, May 27—The Canadian Press Association will hold its 62nd annual meeting in this city on June 3 and 4. Nearly 200 publishers of weekly newspapers are expected to be present.

As Hiram Sees It

"I was up river yesterday," said Mr. Hiram Hornbloom to the Times reporter, "and all the farmers was askin' where they could find a market for iron rust."

"Iron rust!" said the reporter. "That is a strange commodity for farmers to deal in. Is their farm machinery going to rust for lack of help? You remind me of the old Crusaders."

"Their bones are dust. Their good swords rust. Their souls are with the saints we trust."

"What in the world has happened to the thrifty farmers of the St. John valley?" "Oh! They're all right," said Hiram. "They got a new industry. They want a market."

"A market for what?" queried the reporter.

"For the rust from the rails of the Valley Railroad," said Hiram. "But that is a government railway." "It is part of the C. N. R. and have it on the authority of a C. N. R. official that there is no better managed railway in America. Rust on the rails? Nonsense!"

"Well, sir," said Hiram, "that's what they told me. They said the rust was grown fast—an' the railroad was a joke."

"Why don't they use the railroad, then?" demanded the reporter. "Because they can't get no train service," he said. "You'd raise whistles while you was waitin' for a train. If you want to come to town to do business you can't get back home till next day. Two or three years—an' that if you don't put seed in the ground you won't get crop. I guess they ain't fur astray about that—nutter!"

REFUSE TO SELL MUSIC HALL TO ALLENS OF CANADA

London, May 27—(Canadian Associated Press)—The shareholders of the Empire, one of the principal London music halls, refused yesterday to ratify agreement of sale to the Allen Company of Canada, for \$240,000.

Two Alfred Butt, a prominent London music hall proprietor, made a better offer, which still remains open and the directors are now authorized to accept any other proposal, less favorable than that of the Allens.

SERIOUS RAILWAY TROUBLE IN INDIA

London, May 27—Twelve thousand workers of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway have struck, demanding increased wages, says a Bombay despatch. The exchange telephone company. Yesterday afternoon the men adopted a threatening attitude, stoned workshop windows and disrupted traffic in Bombay, while some entered the principal signal towers and compelled the men to raise or lower signals at their pleasure. The strikers, who smashed windows, insulted passengers and held up traffic for an hour. When trains resumed running, their shutters were closed and they were again stoned. Military detachments were called out, but the strikers had dispersed before the troops arrived.

CANADA TO HAVE BEST AIR FORCE

Ottawa, May 27—Lists will close in three days for membership in the new Canadian air force. Most of the applicants are from eastern Canada. "It is going to be the best air force in the world," said Commodore A. K. Tyley, chief of the air force, who visited Ottawa yesterday.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Ferdinand. Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stewart, director of meteorology.

Synopsis—The barometer is higher over the northwest states and lowest over the northern Ontario, while the Atlantic disturbances has almost disappeared. The weather is fine throughout the dominion and in Ontario and Quebec it is quite warm.

Fair. Maritime—Moderate winds fair and moderately warm today and on Friday, southerly winds, fine and warm. Friday fresh westerly winds, a few local showers, but mostly fair.

New England—Fair tonight and Friday, fresh westerly winds, moderate northeast winds, except fresh over the southeast portion.

Toronto, May 27—Temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: Stations and Highest During 24 Hours. Yester. Today. Prince Rupert 54 54, Kamloops 40 66, Calgary 48 66, Kingston 42 62, Winnipeg 44 62, White River 56 80, Sault Ste. Marie 66 76, Toronto 66 76, Ottawa 66 82, Montreal 66 82, Quebec 66 80, St. John 66 74, Halifax 66 62, St. John's Nfld. 66 62, Detroit 66 76, New York 66 72.

Canada's Bill Against The Huns \$1,871,000,000

Likely Get Pro Rata Share of What Empire Receives—One Item is \$30,000,000 Because of Halifax Explosion.

(Canadian Press) Ottawa, May 27—Canada's claim against Germany for reparation for losses sustained by the country and by individual citizens during the war has been forwarded to England for presentation at a conference of representatives of all parts of the British Empire, soon to be held in London, and subsequently, at an inter-Allied conference at Spa.

This bill rendered by the dominion is for a total of \$1,871,000,000. It is made up of the following items:

- Cost of war and demobilization, \$1,715,000,000. Separation allowances, \$85,000,000. Halifax losses, \$30,000,000. Army of occupation, \$8,000,000. Illegal warfare, \$13,000,000.

The Halifax losses is evidently meant the damages occasioned in that city by the explosion of the munition ship Mont Blanc, in 1917.

It is intimated that Canada and other British dominions will share the indemnity received by the British Empire in the proportion which their expenditures bear to the total expenditures of the empire.

Estimates Brought Down Last Night in the Legislature of Ontario. (Canadian Press) Toronto, May 27—The main estimates for 1920-21 were tabled in the legislature last night. They show an increase of \$4,127,299 over last year's estimates. The vote for education will be \$4,403,842, an increase of nearly \$1,000,000. The new department of labor will require \$770,000.

About \$250,000 will be needed to cover increased grants to hospitals and charities, and \$750,000 additional for increased cost of maintenance of public institutions. About \$400,000 extra is asked for public buildings and repairs to government buildings, while salary increases to the civil service, etc. are reported in an increase of \$390,000 in civil government.

COME RIGHT ALONG! No Restrictions on American Tourists at the Canadian Border. Ottawa, May 27—American tourists visiting Canada will not require passports as a condition of entry to Canada from the United States or as a condition of leaving Canada for the United States, according to a statement just made by the Canadian department of immigration and colonization.

The statement is prompted by the fact that many thousands of Americans spent their summer holidays in Canada. This year they find an additional inducement in the fact that the Canadian department commands a premium in Canada, and many inquiries have been received concerning restrictions at the border. The statement by the Canadian department of immigration and colonization sets all doubts on that subject at rest.

FIREMEN HURT IN EXPLOSION AT PORTLAND BLAZE. Portland, Me., May 27—Fourteen firemen were burned or cut by flying glass from a hot air explosion while fighting a fire in a lunch room and an adjoining cigar store in Temple street today. Five were removed to the hospital. The other were only slightly injured.

Two pairs of horses attached to a fire apparatus were thrown up on the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street and a large piece of glass was forced into the side of a hose wagon.

JAIL SENTENCE FOR HOTEL MAN IN LIQUOR CASE. Montreal, May 27—Three months in jail without the option of a fine was the sentence imposed by Judge Barthelemy on Ludger Trudeau, proprietor of the St. Gabriel Hotel, on conviction of a third offense of selling hard liquor at his hotel. His lawyer stated he would commence civil proceedings to quash the conviction.

ADD LARGELY TO C. N. R. EQUIPMENT. Winnipeg, May 27—This year the Canadian National Railway rolling stock will be increased by the building of 5700 freight cars, eighty locomotives and seventy-eight passenger coaches. The additions to the rolling stock contracted for in 1919 are now almost completed.

In 1919 new freight cars to the number of 1,549 fifty locomotives and 240 passenger coaches were built.

Halifax Bank Clearings. Halifax, May 27—Bank clearings for the week ending today with corresponding figures for last year were: 1920, \$3,077,104; 1919, \$3,663,983.

NOW ON NATIONAL BOARD. W. D. Robb, one of the G. T. R. men on the National Railway Board. Mr. Robb has risen from an apprentice in the service of the Grand Trunk Railway to that of vice-president in charge of operation, construction, maintenance and equipment.

DIFFER AS TO GEN. DYER'S ACTION

Indian Government Condemns British Officer

Catholic Archbishop of Simla Declares He Saved India to the British—Views of London Newspapers.

London, May 27—The government of India, reviewing the finding of a special commission investigating recent disorders in India declares that "General Dyer, the British commander in chief in India, exceeded the reasonable requirements of the case and showed misconception of his duty, resulting in lamentable and unnecessary loss of life."

This judgment, it is announced, has been communicated to the commander in chief, with the request that he take appropriate action.

The Catholic Archbishop of Simla, Monsignor Kenardy, has sent a letter to the London papers defending General Dyer. He says that hesitation by the authorities "would have meant the murder of European men, the outraging of women, the loss of public buildings and the destruction of Christian churches."

He maintains that General Dyer saved Europeans and saved India. "Soldiers," he adds "are not good advocates for themselves, but they are a God-send in time of danger. If the present tendency to make a scapegoat of the white soldier amid a colored race succeeds, the military authorities in the future may hesitate to act, and that hesitation will have consequences which no man cares to contemplate."

Newspapers here in commenting on the report of the commission express divergent opinions. The Telegraph profoundly regrets that General Dyer was sacrificed for an error of judgment which saved Punjab from unspeakable horrors, but the Daily News thinks that, making every allowance for the situation, General Dyer's action in firing warning and continuing to shoot after the mob had begun to disperse constitutes one of the blackest episodes in the history of British rule in India.

The Times trusts the final verdict of the government. "Every cool and impartial person," it says, "must acknowledge the justice and accuracy of the government's observations."

"Before General Dyer's action he too severely judged," the Chronicle declares, "its should be remembered that he was confronted by a crisis which seemed to threaten the British and under circumstances suddenly thrust upon him. The considerations do not justify his action, but they explain it."

MONEY PILES UP IN SAVINGS BANKS

April Bank Statement Shows Growth of Total to \$1,209,000,000. Ottawa, May 27—(By Canadian Press) The bank statement for April shows a continued increase in savings bank deposits. They now stand at the new high level of \$1,209,000,000 as compared with \$1,070,000,000 a year ago, and \$888,000,000 two years ago. Note circulation by the banks showed a decrease during the month while there was a slight increase in deposits in the central gold reserve. Call loans in Canada were rather lower than shown in the statement for March. Current loans in Canada are about \$25,000,000 higher.

BOW AND ARROW IN BEAR HUNT AS IN DAYS OF OLD. San Francisco, May 27—With the intention of slaying four grizzly bears with a bow and arrow, Dr. Saxton Pope left yesterday for Yellowstone Park.

Dr. Pope, an expert in archery, and his companion, Arthur Young, will carry automatic pistols also, but these are to be used only in emergency. The animals are to be mounted for a group at the museum of the California Academy of Sciences here, the cost to be defrayed by Ogden Mills of New York.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

WILL INVESTIGATE LOBSTER INDUSTRY FOR MARITIME PROVINCES. Kingston, Ont., May 27—Dr. A. P. Knight, chairman of the Biological Board of Canada, accompanied by three scientists and three fishermen, will investigate the lobster industry in the maritime provinces for the dominion government to ascertain how the supply of lobsters can be conserved. Dr. Knight last year found that young lobsters stayed close to shore and burrowed into the sand.

FIELD AMBULANCE. A meeting preparatory to re-organizing the 14th Field Ambulance was held last evening in the armory and matters pertaining to the proposed training of the unit were discussed. Disappointment was expressed at the cancelling of the Sussex camp. No definite work has been received how the unit will train, but it is to be ready when orders for training are authorized. Several recruits signed last evening, and more are expected. Those present were Lieut. Colonel G. Corbet, officer commanding; Captain J. A. McCarthy, Captain D. D. Knight, and Quartermaster Gale.



Lord Birkenhead, who announces that "special and exceptional" decisions have been made to deal with the Irish situation.