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Debate Over the Lanctot-Blondin Case.

GERMAN EXPLAINS

LANCOT NOT GUILTY OF WRONG DOING.

The Work Was Done by Government Men and Paid for Because no Other Men Were Available—The Accusations of Mr. Monk.

Special to the Whig.

Ottawa, April 28.—The much-disussed Lanctot-Blondin case held the floor of the house of commons throughout the entire sitting yesterday. The debate resolved itself into a heated legal battle and the house took on the appearance of a court room. Members addressed each other as "learned friend" and the speaker as "your honor," forgetting entirely the expression of "honourable" and "sir" or "Mr. Speaker."

William Manly German, chairman of the privileges and elections committee, moved the motion that the report of the committee be adopted and concurred in. At considerable length he explained the situation and made a vigorous plea for the defendant, Mr. Lanctot. He declared the charges against the member for Richelieu was a most serious one, and pointed out that before such charges were made by Mr. Blondin he should have referred to further investigation "for in my estimation," said Mr. German, "there is not the slightest evidence that Mr. Lanctot is in any way guilty of any wrong doing as a member of parliament." From the evidence it is quite plain that Mr. Lanctot is positively innocent and the complaints have not been weighed very carefully, otherwise they would never have been made. It was proven beyond contradiction, he continued, that Mr. Lanctot had to get help to finish his house in Sorel unless he received it from the government ship yards there. The officials of the yards granted this, providing it was paid for by Mr. Lanctot, which was done, as shown in the evidence. Both labor and paint were paid for, and on these grounds no one can accuse Mr. Lanctot of fraud in connection with the transaction.

Mr. German said it was contended that the accounts were falsified by overcharges of men's time and material used, but this has been shown to have been accurately kept by Mr. Paget, the timekeeper at the yards, which beyond doubt discredited the statements of Alfred Duquaine and Louis Paul engaged in the work, that they had worked more hours than paid for. Therefore, the work done for Mr. Lanctot, was paid according to what it was worth. Mr. German said that Mr. Lanctot paid \$493.07 for work and material and this is what the bill was, and not nearly \$900 as it was stated that the bill should have been.

R. L. Borden—What business had Mr. Paget to allow paint to go from the government yards and be deposited on Mr. Lanctot's property?

Mr. German—Because he was assured by Mr. Lanctot and his foreman, Mr. Papineau, that it would be paid for.

Mr. Monk (Jacques Cartier), took up the case for the opposition. He regretted that the privileges and election committee had not arrived at a unanimous conclusion over this affair. If the government adopted this report, then he declared every member could avail himself of the right to have government employees build their houses without cost. He admitted that Mr. Lanctot's intention was to refund the money, but the evidence reveals that the total amount was never refunded. He thought that this man Paget had perpetrated a fraud upon the government. It is a well known fact said Mr. Monk, that men have started stores in Sorel from what goods they got from the government yards for nothing. He said there was not a single trade in the books at the government yards of anything that would identify the Lanctot transaction. He believed that fraud and robbery had been resorted to pure and simple. The material he declared was obtained by Mr. Lanctot, by having Champlain and Paget, officials at the yards, put it through by charging it up to government jobs. Therefore there must have been a conspiracy between Mr. Lanctot and those men in order to carry this out. All summer long the work proceeded and Mr. Lanctot did not think it worth while to enquire as to how much his account was to be. It was only on the 12th of last March that Mr. Lanctot sent a check for \$375.00 in payment for the work. Later on he paid for the material amounting to \$117.47.

Flowering plants, 109 Brock street.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

A dollar Waverly hat
is a good investment.
George Mills & Co., sole agents.

Mats
At one dollar.
Two, three or four,
are at Campbell's,
Kingston's foremost hat store.

Waldron's suit sale Saturday,
1-3.

Skirt sale at Waldron's, Saturday,
1-3.

Burgals matinee, "The Man on the
Rock," Grand Opera House, Saturday
afternoon, 2-3.

White blouses, Waldron's sale, Satur-
day, 1-3.

Rummage sale-to-night and Sat-
urday, 1-3, Brock street, a few doors
from Waldron's.

HATLESS, COATLESS 60 YEARS.
Man Leaves Twice, Then to Attend Funerals.

Philadelphia, April 28.—Charles Gaunt, aged eighty-five, who, it is said, had not worn a hat or coat for sixty years, and prided himself on the fact that he had never been ill during those years, died at his home in Gloucester, N.J., of old age.

Gaunt also had the distinction, it is claimed, of leaving the grounds surrounding his home but twice in sixty years. On both occasions he left home hatless and coatless to attend the funerals of his two brothers.

COMMISSIONER FLYNN QUITTS.

Head of Detective Bureau Resents Interference.

New York, April 28.—William J. Flynn, former head of the United States secret service here, who, as second deputy police commissioner, has directed many successful raids against gambling houses recently, has resigned.

Constant interference with his plans by those higher in authority are the reason. Flynn has been given credit as being the best head the detective bureau has had in many years.

Parker on Copyright.

London, April 28.—Anent the Canadian copyright law, Sir G. Parker thinks that Canada cannot legally enforce a printing clause against a British author. John Murray says the law undoubtedly contains a stringent manufacturing clause, but he is not quite clear whether the government-in-council has power to override it in favor of British subjects.

Piction's New Factory.

Piction, April 28.—Piction has a new trunk factory, capitalized at \$1,000. The company will be made up largely of the Hepburn Bros. and Mr. Martin, of Berlin, an experienced trunk manufacturer. It is expected the new factory will employ from twenty to thirty-five people and start work within two weeks.

Financial Times on Canada.

London, April 28.—The Financial Times says: "Canada, despite all that is said by the enthusiastic agents, is not, in the opinion of shrewd observers, really desirous of receiving British emigrants except those of the laboring classes, but is willing to absorb all the surplus capital this country is able to spare."

Internal Co-operation.

London, April 28.—Referring to the New Zealand premier's proposal at the coming imperial conference, the London Mail says: "If the conference can show me the way to imperial co-operation for defence or any other purpose we shall not hesitate to follow."

LOVE POEMS ANNOY

AN ARdent WOoER LANDED IN POLICE COURT.

Mrs. Belmont, of New York, Had Dr. John Jackola Summoned for Sending Her Poems.

New York, April 28.—Mrs. Q. H. P. Belmont appeared in police court, and the promise of Dr. John Jackola, a worker for woman suffrage, that he would not annoy her further with unwelcome attentions, consented that a magistrate's summons for him be dismissed. Dr. Jackola was a practicing surgeon at Duluth, Minn.

"Dr. Jackola," said James McMahon, secretary to Mrs. Belmont, "has paid persistent attention to Mrs. Belmont for four months. His attentions include repeated attempts to see Mrs. Belmont, the sending of roses with verses enclosed and a number of notes. A letter he sent last week was the culmination of the matter. Mrs. Belmont decided that the only thing for her to do was to go to the courts."

"I am sorely surprised at Mrs. Belmont's action," said Dr. Jackola, when he had read the statement, "but the evidence reveals that the total amount was never refunded. He thought that this man Paget had perpetrated a fraud upon the government. It is a well known fact said Mr. Monk, that men have started stores in Sorel from what goods they got from the government yards for nothing. He said there was not a single trade in the books at the government yards of anything that would identify the Lanctot transaction. He believed that fraud and robbery had been resorted to pure and simple. The material he declared was obtained by Mr. Lanctot, by having Champlain and Paget, officials at the yards, put it through by charging it up to government jobs. Therefore there must have been a conspiracy between Mr. Lanctot and those men in order to carry this out. All summer long the work proceeded and Mr. Lanctot did not think it worth while to enquire as to how much his account was to be. It was only on the 12th of last March that Mr. Lanctot sent a check for \$375.00 in payment for the work. Later on he paid for the material amounting to \$117.47.

Two PERSONS MAY DIE

As Result of Collision of Buffalo Trolley Cars.

Buffalo, N.Y., April 28.—Arthur Moon, aged forty-eight, conductor, and Mrs. Ray Collins, aged fifty, a passenger, were so badly injured they may die, and eight other persons were more or less hurt, when trolley cars collided head-on in the viaduct here early this morning. Claude Hall, motorman, was running without lights and has been arrested.

Burned to Death in Pullman.

Rock Mount, N.C., April 28.—The Florence-to-Richmond Pullman part of train No. 86, Palmetto Limited, over the Atlantic Coast Line, north-bound, was destroyed by fire here yesterday morning.

One passenger, K. Probststein, of New York city, was suffocated, while Flagman J. C. Ross and Mail Clerk W. E. Ireland are in hospital suffering severe injuries. The fire started from a leaking gas tank.

Good for World's Peace.

Toronto, Ont., April 28.—Hon. C. A. Gower, secretary-treasurer of the National Fraternal Association, says that reciprocity is good for the world's peace.

LAW OF ITALY

Regarding Marriage Favoured by Chamberlain.

PROHIBITS PRIEST

FROM ACTING AT WEDDING CEREMONY.

Fines and Imprisons Those Who Impugn the Law or Disturb the Family Peace—Britain Should Adopt This Law.

London, April 28.—The rather remarkable view of Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain on the marriage laws of the Church of Rome, as expressed by the British statesman at Cannes a few weeks ago, are detailed in today's Scotsman by "A. R." who is presumably Adam Rainey, M.P., son of the late Principal Rainey.

Mr. Chamberlain was discussing the attitude of the church in relation to the Italian civil code, which defines marriage as a civil contract, and specifies that the ceremony is to be performed by the priest of the place in a municipal room open to the public. The code forbids a priest to attend, except as a witness or spectator, leaving the couple to go afterwards to church to obtain the church's benediction, if they so desire.

A bill recently brought before the Italian parliament to impinge priests and their witnesses who dare pretend to be able to perform the marriage ceremony, and further, a permanent home in the Kaiser-Friedrich museum.

The sale, the Times says, will cause consternation in Germany, where it was taken for granted that at least one of these pictures would find a permanent home in the Kaiser-Friedrich museum.

Gifts to Children's Work.

Toronto, April 28.—The friends of Children's Aid work have been greatly encouraged lately by the legacy of \$2,000 left to the Children's Aid Society at Chatham by the late Francis Moore for a Children's shelter, and an additional gift of \$3,000 given to the society at Brantford by the late Charles Champion.

BEQUESTS TO WOMEN

WILL OF NOTED ENGINEER IS BEING CONTESTED.

One Woman's Claim—Says She Received Annuity for Years, But Was Cut Off by Executors.

London, April 28.—A strange chapter in the love affairs of the late Col. George Earl Church, the noted engineer, was revealed in the king's bench division, yesterday, through the suit instituted by Mrs. Annie Margaret Salmon for a share in the church estate. The septuagenary plaintiff, lost her case, the jury returning a verdict for the defendants, who were the colonel's widow and his executors.

COL. CHURCH DIED IN LONDON ON JANUARY 5TH, 1910. ACCORDING TO THE PROSECUTOR'S CASE THE COLONEL MET MRS. CHASE AND HER INVALID HUSBAND ON WEDNESDAY AND HAD NOT RETURNED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY. SHERIFF WRIGHT WENT DOWN TO SUTTON ARMED WITH A WARRANT FOR BELL'S ARREST, BUT ON ARRIVAL THERE FOUND THAT HE WAS NOT AT HOME. RETURNING TO HULL THE SHERIFF FOUND HIS MAN JUST PREPARING TO BOARD THE TRAIN. ON BEING INFORMED OF THE CHARGE, REV. MR. BELL SURRENDERED HIMSELF. HE WAS ARRAIGNED AND AFTER PLEADING NOT GUILTY, WAS ALLOWED OUT ON PERSONAL BAIL OF \$500. THE HEARING WAS SET FOR MONDAY NEXT.

To the sheriff, Rev. Mr. Bell denied any knowledge of how the fire started, and stated that he had spent the night at Montreal hospital with his daughter, and the ensuing days with a brother minister, also at Montreal. Michael McCaskill, of the provincial police, investigated the alibi and found it to be false, with the consequence that the warrant was issued. The property, which it is said, Bell endeavored to burn, is insured for \$1,500.

DOES NOT MEAN ALIANCE

BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

London, April 28.—Prime Minister Asquith and Arthur Balfour, leader of the opposition, made great speeches to-day in support of a resolution presented by the citizens of London in the lord mayor's meeting, this afternoon, in the Guild Hall, pledging the great metropolis to support any movement for perpetual peace between the United States and Great Britain. The leaders of both political parties, while welcoming such a treaty, said that it would not mean an alliance between the two countries for defensive purposes. Mr. Balfour took the lead in stating the opinion that the treaty would not mean an immediate reduction of armaments. Lord Aberdeen, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and others also spoke.

TO SURVEY MINERAL LANDS

Sherbrooke, Que., April 28.—J. A. Dresser, formerly of Richmond, and for some time past connected with the geologist survey of the government, has secured a position with the Lake Superior corporation at Sault Ste. Marie, at a salary of \$7,000 a year.

The company owns valuable mineral lands in Northern Ontario, and he will head a party of geologists who will explore this entire district. Mr. Dresser was a member of the faculty of McGill university.

POWDER WORKS BLOWN UP.

Plant of Dominion Explosives Co.

Again Wrecked.

Ottawa, April 28.—The Dominion Explosives company's works at Sandy Point, a few miles from the town of Arnprior, was, Thursday afternoon, the scene of a disastrous explosion resulting in the loss of four lives. Few details are available.

The dead are:

Joseph Mills, an Englishman.

Bonald Dennis, Westport.

Sidney Booker, married, aged twenty-four.

Morris McMillan, a married man residing in Ottawa.

United States Senate Ready.

Washington, April 28.—At last the United States has arranged its committee and it is expected that it will proceed with the discussion of the Canadian reciprocity bill within a few days. The debate will last a week or more.

READY FOR INVESTIGATION.

Ottawa, April 28.—Members of the government deny, and seek an investigation, of inscriptions of bidding made in the Toronto Telegram last night. The Toronto World says the minister referred to is Hon. Frank Oliver and the accuser is "Dan" McGehee, late proprietor of the Goderich Signal, and later of the Calgary News.

Hold Up Snugglers.

Brockville, Ont., April 28.—Special Customs Officer Harris is doing big work by surprising Canadian women, who go across the river and return as smugglers.

SIR HENRY PELLATT HONORED.

London, April 28.—Col. Sir Henry Pellatt has accepted the office of president of the Society of Knights Bachelor for 1911.

NOT SURE HE'S DEAD.

Proof of Death of Man Who Lived Before 1758.

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 28.—In the hope that it will make him a millionaire Dr. J. R. Cook, a prominent physician of this city, is conducting a search at Hanover, N.H., for proof of the death of Francis Glover about the year 1758.

Dr. Cook claims he is the only direct descendant of Glover, who owned many acres of land in England, but came to America to make his home. His agents later sold the land, depositing the money in the Bank of England. It now amounts to \$60,000,000. Cook claims the officials of the bank except his proof of being heir to the money, but want absolute proof of Glover's death, although he lived two centuries ago.

TITIAN PORTRAITS BOUGHT.

Purchase Will Cause Consternation in Germany.

London, April 28.—The Times says that two Titian portraits of Philip II., of Spain, and Francis I., of France, which were formerly in the Giustiniani residence at Padua, have just been purchased for \$300,000 by a London dealer from the widow of the Munich painter Von Tenbach, who bought them thirty years ago on the advice of Dr. Bade, the German expert.

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ALIBI PROVED FALSE

On Charge of Burning Property

RECTOR HELD

BY CHIEF OF PROVINCIAL POLICE.

Rector Said He Was at a Montreal Hospital With His Daughter—It Was Found That He Was LYING.

OPUM CONFERENCE PLANS.