

MR. LAWSON OF BOSTON; STOCK MARKET TERROR.

(Mail and Empire). One of the most spectacular figures in the United States for the past few years has been Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston broker. Half a dozen years ago he was practically unknown; Thursday he played the chief role in a stock market panic, and today his next move is eagerly debated for fortunes hang upon it. Discussion of his probable tactics can never wholly lose interest, for if anything about Mr. Lawson is certain it is that he will do something unexpected. He is a man of tremendous egotism, and spends tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in advertising, not his business, but himself. And he makes him pay. In his time, Lawson, the copper man, has played many parts. His latest appearance is in the role of "Good Mr. Lawson," the financier, who is willing to ruin himself if only he can save the investing public from the clutches of the "Standard Oil crowd," his sworn enemy. For more than a year he has been practising for this role, which he acted in such a theatrical manner on Thursday. "The Standard-Oil crowd" has begun a number of suits against him, and threaten more. Lawson defies the crowd and swears that he will never, never, abandon the American people to the "Frenzied Financiers" of Wall street. If one could believe that the man is in earnest, his usefulness to the public could not be doubted, but the suspicion persists that Mr. Lawson is not so guileless as he wishes to appear; that this apparently Titanic struggle between him and Henry Rogers, John D. Rockefeller, et al., is carried on with lath words and slapsticks; that he is, in short, a partner with the Standard Oil interests, merely stampeding the people into selling their Amalgamated Copper holdings, so that the manipulators of the market may seize it as it falls. Definite proof of this game is wanting, but men who have studied the market for years profess to discern all the earmarks of collusion between the man who urges the public to sell and the interests which are being, apparently, injured by the slump. A glance at Lawson's history will be of assistance in coming to a rational conclusion. His career began magnificently. He was a newspaper reporter on a Boston paper. Like Lucifer, his fall was great. He was tempted and began to speculate on the stock exchange and to make money by it. His operations increased in magnitude, and in a few short years he was many times a millionaire. Trading in copper stocks became his specialty, and of the copper situation he made a particular study. At that time the output was in the hands of a dozen large mine-owners with properties scattered over many States. He conceived the idea of forming a company to buy up all these mines, and thus place the upper supply of America under one management; so he went to work and secured what options he could and prepared a full statement of what he had done and what he hoped to accomplish, and with this he went to the group of capitalists known as the "Standard Oil Crowd" and asked for backing. The story of the negotiations has been told at length by Mr. Lawson in his magazine, but may be summarized in a sentence or two. Lawson and the Standard Oil crowd came to an agreement as to their respective shares in the undertaking, the amount of stock to be issued and every detail connected therewith. They went ahead and the Amalgamated Copper Co., controlling the American Copper supply, was incorporated and the result. Lawson went back to Boston and renewed the booming of copper, advising every one to buy the stock. He acted on the assumption that the Standard Oil crowd would keep faith with him, but in this matter he claims to have been shamefully deceived. The amalgamated company was over-capitalized to such an extent that it was virtually impossible that its stock should be a profitable investment, according to Lawson, who however, did not cease to boom it, with the result that the stock was subscribed four times over. Thus the Standard Oil crowd made mil-

lions on the deal, and its members were not averse to see the stock begin to go down as the facts regarding its manipulation became known. Down it came, ending with a terrific rush and a dull thud at the bottom. At once arose the cry of ruined men for the blood of the sound-ers who had duped them. At this moment Mr. Lawson stepped out, and volunteered to make a clean breast of everything. He entered action against the Standard Oil people, went into the witness-box, and began to reveal the whole story. He pictured himself as the unwilling and hoodwinked victim of Henry Rogers, president of the Standard Oil Company, and great was the stir caused by his exposures. He bought a magazine, and under the title "Frenzied Finance," has been amplifying the same story for some months back. All the while he has maintained that, with proper capitalization, and under honest management, Amalgamated Copper was a fine investment. Not unaturally, the stock began to pick up, for Lawson asserted that he was going to drive out the Standard Oil crowd and get hold of Amalgamated Copper again. That the "game" had "done him up" once he admitted, but he appeared confident of his ability to win out in the long run. So copper crept up. Then Lawson again did the unexpected thing. To fifty papers he telegraphed advertisements urging the holders of stock to sell it at once, as he had discovered further and hitherto unexpected sources of weakness in it. So they began to sell, and as the stock continued to drop, those who were obliged to sell other stocks to release money for copper margins. Thus the downward movement became infectious, and ended in a regular panic. Millions were lost, but the same millions were made by some one. Who was the fortunate person? In other worlds besides that of finance Mr. Lawson has been a prominent figure. He built the Yacht Club, but couldn't gain admission to the New York Yacht Club, and therefore was not permitted to race her. So he went to law about it, was defeated, broke up the hundred-thousand-dollar craft, melted part of her into a statue and some souvenirs, and made the whole episode the subject of a magnificently bound and printed brochure, two thousand copies of which were distributed, at a cost of \$50 a copy to Mr. Lawson. For a similar donation he paid \$18,000 and gave it to his wife. Thousands of dollars he spent on bulldozers, and to-day he owns the strongest kennel of these animals in America. Other thousands he spent on toy spaniels for his wife, and both he and Mrs. Lawson are exhibitors at the large shows. He established a great stock farm in Massachusetts, and called it "Dreamworld." Here he breeds carriage and trotting horses, and for naming these he has offered prizes. When a foal arrives, he telegraphs the glad news to the horse-papers. Last Spring he sold a number of his animals at auction, and realized good prices. He is always in the market to buy the best horse or the best dog, and to fasten on it a name like "Dreamworld," "Glorious Flying Cloud," for instance. At the same time he seems to be in earnest about his live-stock, and one would be a great deal safer to buy one of his ponies de Leon colts, or a Thackeray Soda pup, than any of his stocks.

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HARCOURT NEWS.

Harcourt, Dec. 12.—Dr. H. G. and Mrs. Fairbanks were initiated into the mysteries of the Sons of Temperance on Saturday night. The Division has now sixty-one on the roll.

Gordon Livingston is revisiting his many friends here. Dr. Keith has resigned his position of chairman of the local board of Health, on account of his increasing business. His successor is Dr. F. A. Richard.

A very cold wave has struck this county the last few days. The recent fall of snow, though light, has made the sleighing which was beginning to give out, excellent. Mrs. James Shirley leaves on Wednesday to spend the winter in Augusta Maine.

NEWS OF CHATHAM.

Chatham, Dec. 13.—The following officers were appointed and installed at the last regular meeting of the Foresters:—Charles Robinson, Chief Ranger; George Groat, P. E. R.; Wilnot Strang, V. G. R.; Harry Strang, Rec.-Secy.; W. R. Gould, Fin.-Secy.; John Lemarquand, Treas.; George McDonald, Cond.; James McLeod, Chap.; Walter Kane, H. H. Carvell, Woodwards; Peter Moore, R. Barker, Beadles; S. D. Heckbert, F. E. Neale, Guards.

Mr. Wendell Bentley has returned from a trip to Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Searle and little daughter, of Fraserville, Quebec, arrived today and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Macdonald.

WHY WE ALL LOVE THE BELL The Liberty Bell, having finished its engagement in St. Louis, has gone back to Philadelphia. It is the one great American traveler that never loses anybody by clamoring about its travels.

Greene—Yes, Martha is still unmarried. She says it is no disgrace to be an old maid. Brown—Hm. If she says it is no disgrace, she thinks it is.

Morning News in Brief.

Local.

The concert given in the C. M. D. A. hall last evening was a success in every way. There was a good attendance, and a very interesting programme was carried out.

Cullum Lodge, No. 86, L. O. B. A., has elected the following officers:—Mrs. H. Kilpatrick, W. M. Mrs. Hatfield, D. M. Mrs. Ingles, Chaplain Mrs. Woods, financial secretary. Mrs. H. C. Green, treasurer. Mrs. Sullivan, lecturer. Mrs. Leathan, F. G. Mr. Chamberlain, O. G. Mr. George Armstrong, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Ingles, Mrs. Akersley, lodge committee. Wm. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Armstrong, auditors. Mr. Kilpatrick, guardian.

Provincial.

The residence of Sheriff Smith, at the Racquet, Digby, N. S., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss partially covered by \$3,000 insurance. Sheriff Smith and his cousin, Arthur A. MacNab, of London (Eng.) who is visiting him, had just returned from a successful hunt, having shot two moose.

Today is the last day for filing protests against members returned to the house of commons at the general election. As far as can be learned both parties in this province have consented to saw off.

Edna K., the sixteen-year-old daughter of Joseph Smith, retired harness maker of St. Mary's York Co., died on her birthday on Saturday.

Robinson Pettigrove died at his residence, Marysville, York Co., Sunday morning, aged 45 years. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Rev. Mr. Quinn, of Pictou, went to Loggieville last Friday, with the intention of staying and preaching on Sunday as a candidate, and couldn't get a place to stay. He went from house to house where he had been told that he would be sure of being entertained, and not one of the doors were opened to him. So he returned sad and disgusted, with his mind fully made up to this—that he didn't want to be the minister of that congregation anyway. More hotel accommodation is needed in that growing town.—Chatham World.

General.

Principal Creelman, of the Guelph Agricultural College, Ontario, is very indignant over the treatment accorded to one of the students of that institution at Detroit, while on his way to the St. Louis exposition. Mr. Creelman has sent a protest to the minister of agriculture, who intends taking the matter up with the United States government. C. Gardiner, the student referred to, was forced to pay at Detroit a "head tax" of \$2. This was for crossing from Windsor and entering the United States.

The transcontinental railway has almost completed arrangements for sending out parties for surveying that part of the railway from Abitibi to Winnipeg. An official announcement to this effect, as well as some details of the arrangements, will be issued in a few days. There will be three districts, manned by three district engineers.

Petitions were filed at Winnipeg on Saturday evening against all liberals who were elected at the last general election.

One of the most severe fights between Chinese and Kaffirs since the advent of the former occurred at the Witwaters Rand mine Sunday in the Transvaal. The Chinese took the of-

ensive, and when the disturbance was quelled it was found that three Kaffirs and one Chinaman had been killed, and that eight Kaffirs and twenty-five Chinese were wounded.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, in the course of his sermon at the Glebe Presbyterian church at Ottawa Sunday night said that Earl Minto ignored the Sabbath day. If the newspapers told the truth, he declared, we find Earl Grey following in Lord Minto's footsteps and treating with disdain the sanctity of the Lord's day. "We have too much of this kind of snobbery from the other side," insisted Mr. Milne.

IT WAS NO DREAM

Even Though Nearly Incredible.

"For twenty years I suffered with Piles, sometimes being confined to my bed for days at a time. The relief received from doctors, both in the United States and Mexico was temporary and more frequently I received no relief; other medicines had no effect; it was a continual drag; I was fit for nothing. I finally tried Pyramid Pile Cure; first application was magical; I could not believe I was awake next morning. I experienced a relief I had not known for twenty years.

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ANNAPOLIS

Enforcing the Scott Act... Two Accidents... A Wedding... Personal Notes.

Annapolis, Dec. 12.—Saturday and Sunday were very dry days in town, owing to the efforts of the clergymen of all denominations here, who are for the present vigorously enforcing the Canada Temperance Act. Just how long the activity will continue, it is difficult to say, but at present the prospects do not look too bright for the vendors of the ardent.

While Avarad Milner of Moschelle, on Friday last was splitting wood, the axe glanced from the block, inflicting a very severe gash in his foot and severing the larger bone of the instep and several arteries. Medical attendance was summoned and the wound sewed up, which is healing rapidly.

"Dick" Robinson, a well known colored man, died at the home of his son in Yarmouth recently, and the remains were brought here a few days ago for burial at Laquille.

Ex Councillor McClafferty is out again after two months of severe illness. Arthur Harris left here Wednesday as a delegate from the Annapolis Royal Agricultural Society, to attend the meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, which met in Windsor last week.

Mr. Sparrow, formerly of Round Hill, and his bride, who were recent-

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