

FORMER MEMBER OF HOUSE OF COMMONS AT OTTAWA HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR WIRE-TAPPING

ARTHUR ECREMONT HELD AT CHICAGO

A Search of His Papers Disclosed Information Concerning Bond Thefts and Frauds—New York Police Gathering Up Scattered Threads of Evidence.

New York, May 14—Officials who have been delving into the affairs of the wholesale bond thieves of this city were greatly interested in reports emanating from Chicago, where Arthur Ecremont, former member of the Canadian Parliament, is under arrest on a wiretapping charge.

The Chicago police announce that by piecing together thousands of scraps of paper found in Ecremont's apartment they have been able to obtain the text of letters relating to many art transactions in bonds. As Ecremont's acquaintance with certain persons mentioned in the Arnstein-Cohen case has been established by other evidence, the matter contained in the letters was immediately transmitted to the persons who are seeking the capture of the two "Nicks." A number of telegrams relating to appointments and deals were also pieced together from the scraps.

Another Statement. It was ascertained here that Joe Gluck, the confessed bond thief, who recently told a detailed story in the presence of United States Commissioner Alexander Gilchrist, Jr., has given the officials another statement which they are keeping secret.

In testifying before the Commissioner, Gluck accounted for the disposition of \$788,000 worth of stolen stock certificates and bonds. As his thefts amounted to about \$15,000 in all, there remain \$772,000 worth for which he did not account before the Commissioner.

Questions Not Pressed. The details regarding the disposition of these securities are said to be in Gluck's secret statement. Saul S. Myers, attorney for the National Surety Company, did not question Gluck about these securities at the public hearing, and it is reported that there was an understanding between him and the District Attorney's office to the effect that he should not do so, as it might interfere with an official surprise that is in store for a few persons whose names Gluck has mentioned.

Indictments Returned. The Grand Jury returned indictments yesterday against three persons for complicity in the theft of \$210,000 worth of stocks from the brokerage house of Halle & Stieglitz of 30 Broad street. One of the accused persons is Edward N. Callaghan, an automobile dealer of upper Broadway, who was arrested last week and who admitted having disposed of a part of the loot. The names of the other two were withheld, as they have not yet been arrested.

Connection Suspected. John T. Dooling, Assistant District Attorney, is of the opinion that there is a connection between this robbery and the Arnstein-Cohen combination. Halle & Stieglitz were robbed within less than a week before the arrest of "Big Eddie" Furey and the Gluck boys. Joe Gluck has stated that shortly before his arrest he talked to two runners from Halle & Stieglitz's offices with a view to inducing them to join his own gang. A man at Camp Upton appears to have been closely interested in the case, and Furey is known to have had associates at Camp Upton, where he worked for a brief time.

Left For Sackville. Miss Miriam E. Stafford of Marysville left this morning for Sackville, where she will attend the Commencement Exercises of the Mount Allison institution to be held this week.

M. L. Christie and F. H. Flewelling of St. John are registered at the Barker House.

Y. M. C. A. JANITOR ARRESTED FOR JAIL BREAKING AFTER TWO YEARS

NEW LONDON, Conn., May 14.—A fugitive from justice for nearly two years, Robert E. Biesecker, janitor at the Y. M. C. A., was arrested here last night. In the police court this morning the state asked for a continuance of the case until Saturday and Biesecker was placed under bonds of \$1,000 and, falling to furnish surety, was taken to the Franklin street jail. Biesecker escaped from a Pennsylvania jail with five others on Sept. 29, 1918, and has been living here ever since. He states that his capture leaves only one of the original five who broke jail still at liberty. His arrest followed within half an hour after a photograph and description of him had been received at the local police station from Pennsylvania authorities.

ONTARIO HAS TIMBER SCALE SCANDAL WITH REMARKABLE FEATURES

Inquiry Being Held at Sudbury by a Commission—Indians Who Were Jobbers on Crown Lands Say They Never Signed Affidavits Purporting to Bear Their Signatures—Books Were Kept By Others.

SUDBURY, Ont., May 14.—Startling testimony was given before the resumed inquiry of the Timber Probe Commission by several Indian employees of the Spanish River Lumber Co. regarding the methods by which they made their affidavits before the Crown timber agent as to the number of logs cut in their camps each year.

These Indians testified that the affidavits were never sworn to. In some cases the affidavits were left at their homes for them to sign, they being called for later, the maker of the affidavit never seeing the Commissioner. In one case at least an Indian signed merely the blank form. In other cases witnesses denied ever having signed affidavits produced bearing their names. Some of the witnesses said they could not read or write. One said the Commissioner met him on the road one day, showed him the affidavit form, asked him if the signature was his name, and on being told that it was, that was all there was to it.

Shocking State of Affairs. The Commissioner who purported to swear the maker of affidavits was either S. J. Hawkins, Crown Timber Agent at Webbwood, or a man under him named Arnill. Justice Riddell said that it was a shocking state of affairs if true, and directed that Arnill be called before the Commission.

This method of making affidavits was not confined to the Indians. William Spreadborough testified that the supposed sworn returns he was obliged to make were often sent to him at his camp, where he signed them, returning them to the Commissioner. The Indians were jobbers in the vicinity of Killarney, and for the past two years had been taking out logs for the Spanish River Company. The sworn returns they were to make were as to the number of logs cut each season in their various camps. They also had to make an affidavit as to the correctness of the shanty books which are the camp records of logs cut. These shanty book affidavits were usually made in the same manner as the others.

LITTLE BOY FOUND AFTER LONG SEARCH

Chatham, N. B., May 14.—Little Jimmie Anderson, the two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, who strayed away from home on Tuesday morning, was found by one of the searching party Wednesday night. The little chap had wandered into the woods back of town and when found was in a swamp about three miles from his home, and his condition was serious. His clothes were torn to ribbons and he was almost perished with the cold. He had been wandering around in the wet bush for hours all day Tuesday, Tuesday night and all day Wednesday until 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. He was taken to his home where Dr. Marven had been called, and restoratives were administered. At a late hour last night the little chap was in a bad condition, but greatly improved this morning and the doctor has every reason to believe that he will recover.

GAIETY HAS GOOD PROGRAM

The week end bill is the photoplay "The Blooming Angel" with Madge Kennedy who romps through five reels of the funniest kind of comedy. She handles a difficult role in real comedy fashion and puts just the right amount of seriousness into the few scenes which require this sort of acting. The story has to do with a young co-ed who gets expelled from college because of her pranks. She's in love and has picked out a struggling young student who operates the college laundry to pay his college tuition. There's a "make-it-snappy" marriage because Madge known as Floss wants to beat the college president's daughter in the race for this young student's heart. Realizing the man cannot earn enough to support a wife, Floss gets busy and invents a toilet preparation which she calls "Angel Bloom." Then begins an advertising campaign which she manages with the aid of a borrowed elephant. There is also a continuation of the serial "The Invisible Hand."

Remanded Until Tuesday. Robert Armstrong C. N. R. clerk, arrested on the charge of being short in his accounts some hundreds of dollars, was remanded by Police Magistrate Limerick this morning, until Tuesday next. The accused has been admitted to bail and has elected to be tried by the Police Magistrate. He is represented by Counsel.

RELIGIOUS ISSUE CUT OUT OF THE SOCIALISTIC DECLARATION AT THE NEW YORK CONVENTION

HEARS HUNGARY IS CONCENTRATING TROOPS

Rome, May 14.—Hungary has started concentrating troops on the Jugo-Slav frontier and has recalled all officers to the colors, it was declared in a report from Zara.

BASEBALL LEAGUE TO ASK FOR \$500 GRANT

Schedule Approved by League Meeting—Each Team to Have Playing List of Eighteen.

A general meeting of all those interested in the York County Baseball League was held last evening in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. A. McM. Staples, the president of the league presided. The schedule drawn up by the Schedule Committee was approved by the meeting and this same committee which was to have also taken up the matter of umpires asked for an extension of time.

It was decided to ask the City Council for an allotment of \$500 for the support of the three City teams. On motion it was decided that no team should be allowed to absorb players from another team which had been dissolved, and also barring the transferring of players from one team to another without the consent of the executive.

Each team is to prepare a list of eighteen players and hand it in to the Executive for approval before the next meeting of the League.

KING GEORGE HAS SUED NEW YORK BROKER

New York, May 12.—Alleged breach of contract by Ernest Harrah, a steel broker, in the delivery of steel to the British Government yesterday won him the distinction of being sued for \$172,000 and interest, by King George, George Gordon Battle, counsel for Harrah, informed a Supreme Court jury that the King could sue Harrah but that an American citizen was denied the privilege of suing the King, and he therefore asked that a verdict be returned in the brokers' favor and that he be allowed to counter claim \$6,000 damages to which he said Harrah had been subjected by the British Government's refusal to accept and pay for steel, alleged to have been contracted for.

Counsel for Harrah explained that in February, 1917, the Italian Government needed steel scrap and induced the British Government to make contracts for it in this country through J. P. Morgan and Company. Lack of ships held up its delivery abroad, he said, and the British government resorted to a firm in Youngstown, O. In October of that year the price of scrap fell below the contract price and the British Government is alleged to have refused to pay for further shipments, stating the steel was not up to the standard. Thereupon Harrah ceased his deliveries and the British Government in the name of the King, brought suit against him.

No Tidings. No tidings of Clarence Wright, who left a camp some weeks ago on the Northwest Miramichi, have been secured and the searching party is still hunting the woods.

F. C. Murchie of Milltown is in the city today. J. O. Harden of Toronto is a guest at the Queen Hotel. W. H. O'Pwell and Ira D. Eastman of Oldtown, Me., are guests at the Barker today.

THE KAISER'S THRONE HANGINGS WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION

NEW YORK, May 14.—Hangings of the Imperial German throne and of the throne room are to be sold here at auction. Household effects of former Kaiser Wilhelm, the former Kaiserin and other members of the German Imperial family, seized from the palaces of Berlin and Munich for unpaid bills after the Emperor abdicated, also will be sold under the hammer in New York on May 22 d. one of the city's largest art collectors announced today. The Kaiser, according to the importer, was not always prompt about paying his bills. Immediately upon his flight, tradespeople whose patience was exhausted, seized household belongings in payment for their accounts.

The Weather

Northeast to northwest winds, some local showers, but mostly fair today. Saturday much the same temperature.

CONSERVATIVE ELEMENT WON ALL ALONG LINE

Socialist Assemblymen Expelled from N. Y. State Legislature Defended Clergymen and Rabbis—"Dictatorship of the Proletariat" Clause Eliminated.

New York, May 14.—The "religious issue" plunged the National convention of the Socialist Party of America into a turmoil of debate, out of which conservative forces won the eradication of reference to churches from the first half of the party's 1920 "declaration of principles."

Denounced as bad politics by Victor L. Berger, unelected Congressman from Wisconsin, a declaration that a privileged few in this country own the people's churches and "regulate their souls," was voted down by an overwhelming majority.

Aid from Churches. August Claessens and Charles Solomon, two of the five recently-expelled New York Socialist Assemblymen, explained the aid which the Socialist movement had received from clergymen and rabbis throughout the world.

The "dictatorship of the proletariat" and limitation of citizenship elements of international socialism, which the Illinois delegation fought to incorporate into the convention declaration, were effectively eliminated.

The question of the party's attitude toward labor organizations and movements, brought discussion. George Bauer, a New Jersey delegate, finally gained the floor to plead for a better understanding and more temperate views of the American Federation of Labor.

MONTREAL WILD OVER CARPENTIER

Montreal, May 14.—Carpentier received an ovation almost equal to that given the Prince of Wales when he arrived at Bonaventure Station from Boston. French clubs and societies were largely represented in the immense mob which thronged the approaches to the station. Carpentier, with his manager, drove off in a closed car, accompanied by Mayor Martin. A squad of police had great difficulty preventing the car being carried off in pieces as souvenirs. Later in the night he gave an exhibition with Lanaers at the Arena.

LAW SOCIETY MEMORIAL

St. John, May 14.—At the annual meeting of the St. John Law Society held yesterday afternoon, with Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C., in the chair, the council for the ensuing year was elected and C. F. Sanford was made president.

A resolution was passed providing that the society procure and place in the law library a tablet bearing the names of the members of the society who had served overseas and the following committee was appointed by the president to carry this out: J. King Kelley, K. C., Judge H. O. McInerney and H. F. Puddington.

For West-End Drainage. An overflow drain is being constructed under the supervision of G. C. McDowell, City Engineer, from Woodstock Road, in the vicinity of the Children's Home to the St. John River. Two catch basins will be built and the drain will be constructed of twenty-four inch pipe. This drain will be connected with an open drain which will run down through the Odell property to Woodstock Road.