

R. L. Borden's Alley Roblin Steeped to Neck in Graft

As Premier of Manitoba He Used His Position to Obtain Privileges for a Company in which He was Largely Interested, without the Sanction of Legislature and when Charged with it, from his Place in the House He Deliberately made a most Misleading Statement on the Subject.

In the Provincial elections now in progress in Manitoba, a question has been forced to the front which is of more than local interest. It affects the honor of a public man, and that man is the Premier of the Province and one of the closest political associates and friends of Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Dominion Opposition. Mr. Borden has been going about the country repeating his well-worn preachments about "parity in politics" and indulging in exhortations about honor in public life, always with the modest suggestion that only Liberals were blame-worthy and that he and his party were immaculate and above suspicion.

Mr. Borden has sermonized so much along this line that it is eminently desirable that he should turn his attention to the conspicuous case of his political bedfellow, Mr. Roblin, who is being charged openly in the press and on the platform, first, with having used his position as Premier to put money in his pocket, and, second, that, in an attempt to defend himself from the charges of grafting formally made against him in Legislature, he made a statement which was untrue and which he deliberately uttered, reading it from manuscript, to mislead the House and the country.

The facts connected with the charge against the Premier as categorically set out in a resolution moved in the Legislature by the leader of the Liberal Opposition, are that Mr. Roblin became a one-third owner of a sand pit near Stonewall, Manitoba, and used his influence as Premier of Manitoba to secure the extension of the Canadian Northern line from Gross Isle to the sand company's property

four or five miles distant. The Canadian Northern built this spur under a Government guarantee of \$10,000 a mile, given without the authority of the Legislature. The sand company afterwards secured from the Canadian Northern the carriage, free of charge, of large quantities of sand, which netted Mr. Roblin and his partners handsome returns. The spur line served only the sand pit; it was not available for other purposes and the public were refused the use of it for carrying freight.

This charge was made against Premier Roblin on the floor of the Legislature at last year's session, and again at this year's session. It has been categorically made by the leader of the Liberal Party in the form of a resolution, which after setting forth the accusations against the Premier demanded an investigation. Mr. Norris, leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Ross, offered to forfeit their seats if they could not prove their charges to the hilt before a judicial commission.

Mr. Roblin replied on March 10, 1909, and from his place in the Legislature read a typewritten statement to the effect that he retired from the sand company on December 21, 1907, and that he had had no financial interest in it since that date. On the strength of this statement, the Government's followers voted down the formal demand for an investigation.

Evidence has since been brought to light showing that in 1908 Mr. Roblin drew profits of \$6,671.16 from the company. The Winnipeg Free Press publishes a photographic fac-simile of a statement of the business of the sand company for 1908, forwarded to Mr.

Roblin by one of the directors, providing that Mr. Roblin was financially connected with the sand company in 1908, and there is said to be nothing to show that he is not still connected with it. Mr. Ross one of the Liberal members, charges that Mr. Roblin has been profiting to the extent of \$10,000 a year therefrom.

The case against the Manitoba Premier is summed up by the Winnipeg Free Press as follows: "The Premier 'has been formally charged in the Legislature with having used his position as Premier wrongfully to put money in his pocket. The charge 'has not been met. Investigation of 'it has been refused. Premier Roblin, therefore, stands convicted of 'graft by his failure to meet that 'charge in the only way in which 'it could be met, namely by allowing 'a judicial investigation into its 'truth or falsity. Further, Premier 'Roblin stands convicted of having 'deliberately made a false statement 'designed to mislead the Legislature 'and the people of Manitoba."

This is a grave indictment of a public man. We can recall nothing like it in our political history. It should have a very special interest for Mr. Borden. He has been very voluble about the honor of public men—when they happen to be his political opponents. What has he had to say about the case of Mr. Roblin, who is his close political ally, who is credited with having dictated the leader's somersault on the navy question and who, no doubt, would be called to his Cabinet if Mr. Borden gained power. We dare say that, in the event of Premier Roblin's success at the polls Mr. Borden will be one of the first to telegraph congratulations.

SLANDER OF JUDGES LATEST TORY TACTICS

Manitoba Tories in Desperate Effort to Retain Office, Resort to Basest Libels on Their Judges.

(Toronto Globe.)

It is no surprise to find the Hon. Robert Rogers again playing his part as a general slanderer. It is a more serious matter however, when he violates all the canons of public decency and for base political purposes traduces the judiciary of Canada. It was a cowardly thing, possible only for a coward, but inexcusable in a Minister of the Crown. There is in politics in Canada today no man of worse type than Hon. Robert Rogers Provincial Treasurer of Manitoba. His slanders would not be noticed were it not that Canada has too much at stake in the reputation for personal integrity and professional honor of the Judges. The vague accusations of men of the Rogers ilk are not only insulting to the judiciary but are an offence to the Canadian people.

It is well that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given so direct, so emphatic and so unreserved a denial to this slander. His words are worth repeating as being not only a denial but also a judgment. Sir Wilfrid said, as reported yesterday:

"On behalf of the Government I add that, if it were true that a Judge had paid a single dollar to anyone in connection with his appointment that Judge would not be fit to be on the Bench, and the charge, if true would warrant his impeachment."

The man who issued this slander, and his chief, Premier Roblin, who echoed it, should be repudiated by the people of Manitoba. They have already disgraced the Province which they have misruled, and decent citizens in the other Provinces cherish the hope that their evil power in Manitoba will presently be broken. There is not now in Canada, and there never was, any Government, either Provincial or Federal, so utterly discredited both politically and administratively as is the present Government of Manitoba. This slandering of the Judges is only one of the Roblin-Rogers offences.

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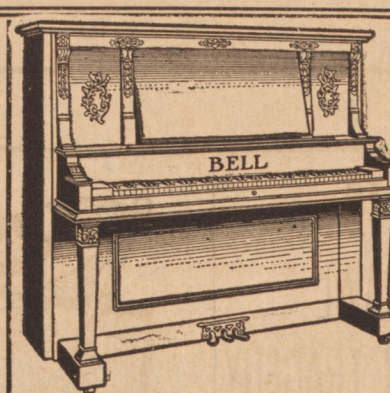
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BOY KIDNAPPED EIGHT TIMES WITHIN SPACE OF TWO YEARS

New York, June 29.—For what is said to be the eighth time within a couple of years, the eight-year-old son of Michael L. McLaughlin, of Brooklyn, was kidnapped yesterday. The kidnapping of Michael L., Jr., has continued since his mother, after obtaining a divorce became the wife of Henry P. Holt, of No. 2423 Church avenue. According to the second Mrs. McLaughlin when Mrs. Holt is not kidnapping the child or arranging to do so McLaughlin is planning to recover the boy from his former wife. The kidnapping yesterday took place in Albany, where the child had been left at the McLaughlin Dummer home.

McLaughlin was the head of the McLaughlin Real Estate Company in Brooklyn. In the ten years that he has been in business there it is reported that he has handled real estate to the value of \$30,000,000. In 1909 the company went into the hands of a receiver to protect purchasers from the firm, whose properties were covered by a blanket mortgage.

KIDNAPPED AND RE-KIDNAPPED

In 1907 Mrs. McLaughlin obtained a decree of divorce from her husband, and also the custody of their child. It is said that there was a private agreement between the father and mother that as long as she remained single the boy should remain with her. Soon after the divorce McLaughlin married Leonora Jackson the violinist. Then in 1908 his former wife married Henry P. Holt.

McLaughlin had the right to visit the boy according to the decree, and upon one of his visits is said to have started the kidnapping game by taking the child away and keeping it. Mrs. Holt waited until the opportunity presented itself and rekidnapped the boy.

After a couple of kidnappings on both sides it is said an agreement was reached to put the child in a school in New Jersey. The father put him there and the mother stole him, according to the present Mrs. McLaughlin.

ONE MAN IS ARRESTED

The kidnapping yesterday was accomplished when the McLaughlins found it necessary to come to Brooklyn, leaving the boy at the summer place. An automobile came up to the house, and the child was seized by one of three men and whisked away. The mother or a woman resembling her was in the machine.

Word was at once sent to Brooklyn and Mr. McLaughlin who is at No. 2 Clark street, asked the police of Albany to try to recover the boy.

DISASTER OVERTAKES COUNT ZEPPELIN'S PASSENGER AIRSHIP

Dusseldorf, Germany, June 28.—Count Zeppelin's passenger airship Deutschland, the highest developed of all the famous aeronaut's models lie tonight on top of the Teutoburgian forest pierced with pine tree stems, a mass of deflated silk and twisted aluminum. The 33 persons aboard after a wild contest with a storm, escaped uninjured, climbing down a rope ladder from the wreck on the pine tops.

Herr Colesmann, general manager of the New Airship Company, Chief Engineer Duerr of the Zeppelin Company and Captain Kannenberg who personally had charge of the crew of ten and twenty newspaper men, sailed from Dusseldorf at 8.30 o'clock this morning for a three hours' excursion. The objective point was Dertmund, about 35 miles away, but a high head wind prevailed and an effort was made to reach Munster, a garrison town, so that a landing might be made on the parade ground by the aid of the soldiers, as it was realized that it would require a large number of them to hold the vast contrivance against the wind. It was dangerous to attempt a landing in an open field, because of the storm as the metal was likely to pound to pieces.

In the high wind one of the motors refused to work and the other two were not powerful enough to make further progress in the gale. The airship drifted, swaying in the violent gusts and all the whole enginesmen, were at work repairing the disabled motor. When this was done, all four screws were driven at their full power, under which in normal conditions the airship was capable of attaining

They arrested J. H. Hatherly, who was pointed out by a caretaker as one of the men who had been in the auto.

McLaughlin said last night that he supposed his wife was within her legal rights and added that the objection he had to the child's being in her care was that he did not consider her present husband fit to be the boy's guardian.

Mrs. McLaughlin said that her husband's former wife on one occasion, had forced her way into their rooms at the St. George Hotel and tried to take the child. Three armed men, she said, accompanied her.

At the home of Mrs. Holt, her husband said he had just returned from a business trip and did not know where his wife was. He said his children had informed him that their stepmother had gone away a few days ago saying she was going to New York and would be gone several days.

RIVER STEAMER WITH 1500 TRIPPERS ON BOARD TAKES FIRE

Lacrosse, Wis., June 29.—With fifteen hundred excursionists on board, the Acme Packet Company's big steamer J. S. caught fire in the Mississippi River between Genoa and Victoria to night and although it was burned to the water's edge the prompt action of Captain Streckfus in beaching the boat when the first alarm was sounded saved every person on board. Only one woman was injured in the rush from the boat to the island on which the boat was beached.

The steamer brought 1,000 people from Lansing, Iowa, and 500 from intermediate points to Lacrosse today leaving here on the return trip at 6 o'clock in the evening. The boat caught fire when two miles above Victoria. The captain headed the boat direct for Baxade before the general alarm was sounded. In a few minutes the steamer was a mass of flames and rapidly burned to the water's edge.

Bucharest, June 28.—While making a flight yesterday, Guillemens, a French airman, fell 500 feet. He escaped death by falling in a lake. His leg was broken and his aeroplane was wrecked.

a speed of forty miles an hour. But the helmsman was unable to keep his course, and the great craft was swung about at the mercy of the winds.

Colesmann did not dare to turn the ship around for fear of capsizing and decided to drift in the gale which was now blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour toward Onabrick, which is also a garrison station. If he missed that he would continue to Senne.

Suddenly he perceived a whirlwind coming and ascended to a height of nearly 4,000 feet to avoid the worst of it. With the wind came a down-pour of rain. After half an hour the Deutschland came down to permit of observation and it was seen that the Teutoburgian forest lay below. The forward motor again stopped and Colesmann sent five of the correspondents to the after gondola to ballast the vessel.

The Deutschland sank rapidly, having lost much gas in the high altitudes, and dragged along the top of the dense forest. A heavy branch of a tree broke through the floor of the cabin amidships, throwing two of the guests to the floor. Other branches ripped through the gas compartments and the whole great structure settled down 30 or 40 feet from the ground.

"It isn't the fault of the Zeppelin system," exclaimed Herr Colesmann, "that is all right. It is our own fault and our benzine ran out."

MET IN ASYLUM BUT LOVE ACTED MENTAL CURE

Trenton, June 28.—Charles Forrest Swett and Miss Elsie Dinsmore Connell, well known young people of this city, are to be married early next week.

Theirs has been a most remarkable romance. It began in the New Jersey State Hospital, where both were under treatment as the result of over study.

Mr. Swett and Miss Connell had been deep students. The girl was graduated from the State Normal School in this city, and for a time taught at Spring Lake and other seashore resorts, where she was noted for her beauty and accomplishments. Efforts to further advance in her learning finally resulted in a mental breakdown, and the young woman was committed to the asylum.

Mr. Swett, who is a son of the late Professor W. W. Swett, is a graduate of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. He is a writer of both prose and poetry, an artist of more than ordinary ability and a pianist of considerable repute. He too, broke down from overstudy and overwork, and he, too, was committed to the asylum for treatment.

It was during convalescent days that Mr. Swett and Miss Connell met at one of the asylum dances. They were mutually attracted and the bond of sympathy between them soon ripened into a stronger sentiment. The friendship grew after their discharge from the hospital, and later an engagement was announced.

Then, in the pursuit of knowledge, Miss Connell decided she would take a course in dramatic art, and went to New York to study. She made the acquaintance of a travelling hypnotist and ran away with him to be married. They came to Trenton together to fill a theatrical engagement. Mr. Swett joined them there and expressed his determination of remaining with them to look after the interests of the girl who had seemingly wed another after promising to become Mrs. Swett.

A few days later the girl suddenly declared that she had been hypnotized by the man she had married, assenting that she had not realized what had taken place. The publication of this story developed the fact that the hypnotist had been married to another girl some time before. He was accordingly arrested for bigamy, and after a long trial, was committed to an asylum as insane. These proceedings annulled the Connell girl's marriage, and she and Mr. Swett became engaged again and are now to be married.

About the first great disappointment a bride has is the discovery that her husband doesn't enjoy entertaining her relations.