

HISTORY OF KIERAN

Something About the Napoleon of Finance Who Operated So Lavishly With Other's Money.

SOLD FRUIT TREES

Was Born in Ireland and Came to Canada When Eighteen Years of Age—Now Owns Several Millions.

The Buffalo, N. Y., Courier of last Friday, says: "P. J. Kieran, the man who planned to make big profits by raising about \$20,000,000 for Catholic churches, convents, etc. etc. of the things which he did, which was considered entirely out of the ordinary was to induce the Sisters of St. Mary's Academy at Nauvoo to embark with him on a career of high finance. The institution he intended, might derive both benefits and profits from an electric railroad he was planning and from a streetcar company he was organizing. He accordingly took in the institution as a full partner in the Western Illinois & Iowa Railroad company and in the Nauvoo Water Works company. With the credit of the Academy and of the church as a foundation, they raised \$350,000 for the railroad. Kieran also secured the support of Bishop Spalding of Peoria, who gave him a blanket authorization for his schemes executed in such a manner as virtually to amount to an enforcement and guarantee of any paper Kieran might issue to discount at any bank or trust company. He did not stop at this, but secured authorization from Bishop Canineve of Pittsburg and Messmer of Wisconsin and these authorizations were preserved in the safe of the Carnegie Trust company and they are binding and absolutely good.

Five Millions. At one time the Carnegie Trust company has outstanding loans amounting to \$800,000 to Kieran's company, but finally got it reduced to \$400,000. The company's failure involves something like \$5,000,000 in money and securities. It is one of the greatest business failures of recent years. His friends in Buffalo had great faith in him until he failed to come forward and face the serious charges made against him. No more spectacular captain of finance has ever appeared above the horizon in a short meteoric flight than Kieran has proved to be. Within a period of only five years, he handled fortunes time and time again, although he started out with nothing. To all appearances he is a devout man, although there are those who say that he probably assumed a mantle of extraordinary piety in order to advance his business plans. Then there are those who say that he has a power which is hypnotic. He was born in Ireland and came to Toronto, Canada, when 18 years of age. He is now about forty-three years old. He married a Toronto girl, but until he settled in Buffalo he had not displayed any marked ability along financial lines. In fact he was engaged in getting in his crop of wild oats, they say. He went about a great deal with men who looked on the gayer side of life. He started out as a fruit tree agent, then sold fire extinguishers, and later entered the fire insurance business. He then organized the Kieran company and became P. J. Kieran, the man of unlimited millions, the captain of finance. It was matching paper against paper with him when he got started. Once in the game he had to battle to keep his head above the tide which all the time was increasing in his fury. And to his shame he had to fail. If he had won he would have proved that he has one of the master minds of the world; if his handling company had lasted long enough to get on a solid basis he would have made many financiers look to their laurels. When he had explained his plans to priests and sisters, he was usually hailed as a messenger from God. It was considered most profitable to be raising money for foundling schools and churches and hospitals. But underneath his suave manner and his devout pretensions a shrewd man of the world could not help seeing a trained business man who was playing a game.

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DECLARE KIERAN BANKRUPT.

Petition Against Missing Man Based on Three Claims. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A petition in bankruptcy against Patrick J. Kieran, the missing president of the Fidelity Funding company, was filed in the Federal court here Tuesday. The petition was based on three claims aggregating about \$3,500.

This is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zellinski, of 63 Gibson st., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at Wilkinson & Co's and J. Kiedaisch & Son's drug store.

SCHWAB BEFORE TARIFF COMMITTEE

Says He is Only Connected With the Steel Company as a Stockholder. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Schwab, before the ways and means tariff committee, replying to Payne, who said the committee wants to know a number of things you know, would you prefer we ask the questions or you first make a statement, said: "I have nothing to ask and nothing to state." He declared he was not connected with the United States Steel corporation "except as a stock holder."

REV. CRESWELL SENDS RESIGNATION

Pastor of the Montrose Presbyterian Church Tenders His Resignation. MONTROSE, Iowa, Dec. 16.—Rev. Creswell of the Presbyterian church tendered his resignation Sunday morning. It is fondly hoped by the church people and citizens that he may be induced to stay another twelve months at least. Rev. Creswell has done a good work here.

KAHOKA MAN GETS A PLACE

J. M. Dawson Appointed Fourth Assistant Attorney General by Elliott W. Major, the Attorney General Elect. KAHOKA, Dec. 16.—J. M. Dawson, of Kahoka, has been appointed by Attorney Elliott W. Major, attorney general-elect of the state of Missouri as fourth assistant attorney general. Mr. Dawson is receiving the congratulations of his friends upon his success. The position pays \$1,500 per year.

WEDDING AT KAHOKA

Miss Rowena De Albert of Kahoka and H. L. Bone of Thayer, Missouri, Married December the Tenth. KAHOKA, Dec. 16.—The condition of Joe Glaser, who fell from a Santa Fe bridge Thursday of last week, is much improved and not as serious as was at first thought. He is expected to be out in a few days.

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LONG BATTLE ENDS IN DRAW

Honors Even Between Papke and Kelly in a Twenty-five Round Fight. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Hugh Kelly of Chicago and Billy Papke, former middle weight champion, fought twenty-five fast rounds last night. At the close of the final round, with both men fighting strong, referee Jeffries called it a draw. Kelly left the ring without a mark, while Papke was a sight, with both eyes closed and cheeks pounded to a pulp.

HUGHES NAMES HIS COMMITTEE

But it is Expected to Have Difficulty in Getting the Desired Information. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Wall street experienced an unpleasant surprise Tuesday when the personnel of the Hughes investigating committee was announced. It is expected there will be considerable difficulty in getting the information as the committee is not empowered to compel witnesses to attend and answer. It was rumored on the street today that the attitude of the brokers would be a dignified silence.

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