

Chaplain Bullock and His Friend Rogers Exposed

F. B. Carvell, M. P. Replies Effectively to Statements Made by Yankee Political Colonel---Rogers Tried to Put up a Job on the Member for Carleton, but His Plan Didn't Work---Detectives Employed to Watch Him---A Straight Story Which Disposes of the Affidavits Which Have Been Going the Rounds of the Tory Press.

(St. John Telegraph.)

Lieutenant Colonel Bullock, a chaplain and an American citizen, who has been put forward by the Standard and other newspapers as one having damaging knowledge concerning F. B. Carvell, K. C., M. P., and other Liberals who were active in prosecuting the shell charges, supplied to the Standard for publication on June 13 certain papers which purported to be affidavits made by one Rogers reflecting upon Mr. Carvell and others.

The Standard and other government newspapers have kept Lieutenant Col Bullock, with or without his consent, much in the limelight as one whose knowledge and whose appearance in various districts were to be dreaded by Mr. Carvell and those supporting him.

It therefore becomes necessary to say that Mr. Carvell, though he always has been ready to deal with Mr. Bullock and all like him, has been reluctant to do so except in those communities in which Colonel Bullock has procured the publication of the Rogers affidavits, or has connived at their publication. As Col. Bullock procured the publication of these affidavits in the Standard of June 13, and as the Standard founded certain shameful insinuations upon them, the Telegraph directed Mr. Carvell's attention to the article in question and he has given out the following statement for publication in connection therewith:

It must be remembered in the first place, that the Opposition in Parliament demanded the right to investigate all the doings of the Shell Committee of Canada. This the government refused to do and have never yet given them an opportunity of investigating a solitary contract performed in Canada. After Mr. Kyte made his charges in Parliament, a Royal Commission was appointed giving us the right to investigate three contracts carried out in the United States, from whence all evidence of any importance must be produced. Whether or not they believed that impossible, we do not know, but it is for the people of Canada to say whether or not we have succeeded.

The Man Rogers.

Very shortly after Mr. Kyte's speech he received a telephone communication from a man calling himself Chas. E. Rogers, of Toronto, expressing a desire to see Mr. Kyte for the purpose of giving him valuable information regarding the inquiry. Mr. Kyte reported this to me, gave me his address, and asked me to go to Toronto and meet him. This was followed by a letter and a second telephone message and on the morning of April 11 I arrived in Toronto.

After attending to some other business I called Rogers up at the address which he had given Mr. Kyte and at

about 10 o'clock he called at the Ontario Club, when he told me that he had a lot of information bearing on the inquiry then pending, and wished to come to Ottawa as a witness.

I asked him what induced him to take this attitude. He stated that he had been hanging around Toronto for six weeks under a promise of a captaincy in what he called the American Legion, but could not obtain it without paying \$500 therefor, and as he considered this an outrage he was determined to tell what he knew about many people in Canada, among whom was the Minister of Militia himself.

He then made statements to me regarding Sir Sam Hughes, which if true and proven would effectually drive him from public life. I stated to him that I could not take the responsibility of using such evidence as he offered without having it backed up by documentary proof. He stated that he had the proof in New York and would supply it. The interview lasted about fifteen minutes and when he left me I told him that either myself or some representative would call upon him at a later date at an address which he gave me in New York.

At that time no mention was made of the office of Grant Hugh Browne, or any other person in New York, his statement being that he had the proof and would produce it.

On the morning of Thursday, April 20, in company with Mr. Markey, K. C., of Montreal, and Mr. C. M. Goddard, of Ottawa, I arrived in New York and spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday in interviewing very many people and seeking information regarding the inquiry, as well as other matters, from every available source, and it was not until Saturday, after practically the rest of the work was completed, that we called upon Rogers at the address which he had given. In about an hour he responded and an appointment was made for 8 o'clock that evening at the Belmont Hotel.

Took Precautions.

Before meeting him, however, I had discussed him with a high official of the British secret service, as well as Mr. John R. Rathbun, the editor of the Providence Journal. In fact, we advised with either one or other of these gentlemen as to every person with whom we discussed the questions at issue or from whom we sought information. Neither of these gentlemen could at this time give me very much favorable information regarding Rogers.

Rogers appeared about 8 o'clock, and the whole interview on that occasion was in the presence of Mr. Goddard at my room in the Belmont Hotel. I asked Rogers what he had, and he stated that he would not be able to produce anything until the next Sunday morning. When pressed as to the reasons

why, he stated for the first time that this information was to come from the office of Grant Hugh Browne, who was away and he could not obtain it until Mr. Browne returned, which would not be until the last of the next week. On being pressed as to what he had to do with Mr. Browne's business, he stated that he had been interested in and associated with Mr. Browne on all his business deals with Allison and his associates.

I told him that I would be back in New York again the next Saturday and arranged to see him on my return, as I had not finished the work, and it was necessary to return for other matters. I took the midnight train for Boston and arrived in Ottawa on Monday.

After leaving Rogers I became suspicious as to his motives and these suspicions were very much increased by the report which Mr. Goddard made to me on his return from New York two days later.

On Saturday morning, April 29, I again arrived in New York with Mr. Goddard, Mr. Markey and Mr. S. W. Jacobs, K. C., my associate counsel.

On the train the night before a gentleman glided into the seat alongside of me and commenced asking me questions about Rogers, whether or not I had seen him, and what he had told me. I at once detected this man to be the Rev. Major Bullock, whom I personally had known to be an associate of Rogers in Toronto, and from the manner of his questioning I became confirmed in my suspicions that a deal was on with Bullock as the agent, for the purpose of placing me in a compromising position with Rogers.

Took No Chances.

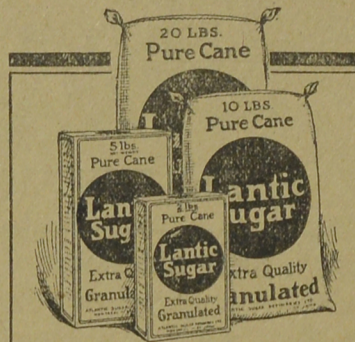
I therefore decided to take no chances, and immediately on arriving in New York I called up and made an appointment with William Travers Jerome and met him in his office in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Jacobs. When I told Mr. Jerome of my previous conversations with Rogers, I asked him his opinion about the man and as to whether or not he could furnish me with competent detectives to ascertain beyond a question of a doubt just what Rogers was doing.

After discussing the matter for half an hour he called up a detective agency and in a few minutes a gentleman appeared, to whom Mr. Jerome gave instructions, telling him to put on a force of two men continuously and more when necessary, to follow Rogers for the next 24 hours, and to employ sufficient force that it would be impossible to lose sight of him at any time during this period. Mr. Goddard and I then went to the Equitable building, where we had previously arranged to meet Rogers, and on meeting, shook hands, which was the signal to the detectives who were awaiting us that this was the man to follow. I had very little talk with Rogers, but asked him when I could see him at the hotel, to which he replied on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. I said all right, and went about my other business.

I interviewed a number of persons, and arrived at the Belmont Hotel at about 1.30 and immediately on arriving there I received a telephone report from the detective that Rogers had been, as I expected, in the company of three men who were described particularly, and the description of one tallied so closely with his friend, Major Bullock, that I was and am now convinced that they were in consultation. They also informed me that Rogers was drinking heavily and up to that time had made two visits to the office of German bankers.

I had lunch at the Belmont and remained in my room or in the lobby of the hotel during the whole of the afternoon, and periodically received telephone reports from the detectives, all to the effect that Rogers was still drinking, meeting the same friends, and had made two additional trips to the German bankers.

About 5 in the afternoon Rogers appeared in the hotel and wished to see me. I took him to my room when he told me that he would be back on Sunday morning with a lot of information. He was pretty drunk and talked about coming to Ottawa to give evidence and a lot of other matters along that line. This whole interview took place in the presence of Mr. Goddard, and without very much ceremony I informed him that I wished to have nothing further to do with him and he could consider all negotiations at an end. He seemed



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very much surprised and pleaded for the opportunity of bringing certain material to me on Sunday morning.

The interview did not last very long and Rogers left the hotel.

To my surprise he returned again about ten o'clock that evening, as I had previously been informed by my detective that he had purchased transportation for himself and a woman to Toronto. I made no reference to papers and neither did he, and I was very much at a loss to know what could have been the object of his visit, unless to inform me that he was going to Canada. He left shortly afterwards, and the next I heard from him was from Mr. Kyte, who informed me on Monday, May 1, that Rogers had called him up on the 'phone and wanted expense money. On May 2 he wrote Mr. Kyte a long letter proffering certain other information. On May 3 he wrote a second letter proffering additional information. On May 4 he sent a telegram again asking for expense money. On the 6th he sent me a similar telegram. Up to that time no answer to any of these communications had been given by either Mr. Kyte or myself.

A Curt Dismissal.

During the forenoon of May 6 he called me by 'phone and the conversation was carried on partly by Rogers and partly by the proprietor or clerk of the Royal Hotel in Hamilton, asking for funds with which to pay his bills and get him back to New York. This, of course, I refused to consider for a moment. Later in the afternoon he called me again by 'phone. I refused to answer and sent him the following telegram:

Ottawa, Ont., May 6, 1916.

Charles E. Rogers,
Royal Hotel, Hamilton:
Useless to telephone further. I gave you final answer in Belmont Hotel, New York, Saturday Evening, April 29. (Signed) CARVELL.

Evidently Rogers had come to Canada for the purpose of reporting to his friend, Major Bullock, and after failing to obtain money or any further intercourse with Mr. Kyte or myself, the time had come when Bullock should take charge of the dastardly job which we believe he had undertaken.

When we dismissed Rogers in the Belmont Hotel on April 29, both Mr. Goddard and myself believed that we would hear no more of this through Major Bullock.

How nicely subsequent events synchronize with my suspicions can best be judged by the fact that on May 10, four days after I had sent my final message to Rogers, the Ottawa Free Press published a story prepared by Major Bullock with reference to Rogers operating in New York.

Six days later, or on May 16, someone had arranged for Rogers to return to New York and make the affidavit above referred to, and in less than two weeks it is announced that General Sir Sam Hughes has promoted this Major Bullock to be an honorary colonel and has given him some work roaming about the country on the pretence of recruiting or some other work connected with the Militia Department.

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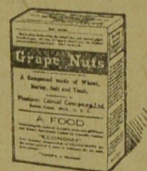
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