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"With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans, to do all which which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."—Abraham Lincoln.

THE SHELL CONTRACTS.

The Borden organs, as the Halifax Recorder points out, are trying to put up a huge bluff on the public; but calling Hon. Mr. Pugsley "Slippery Bill" and trying to make people believe that he is slandering the Borden Government, hampering its prosecution of our participation in the war, and proving himself wanting in patriotism and loyalty by demanding investigation of wild charges of rascality and wholesale plunder in connection with war contracts will not blind anyone to the fact that Mr. Pugsley is rendering the greatest service both to the country and the Government itself in directing attention to a state of things whose rottenness smells to heaven and the existence of which cannot be seriously denied by anyone. In demanding that such a condition of things should be probed, punished and put an end to, he has not only done his public duty, but acted the part of a good, loyal and patriotic citizen anxious only to see every ounce of our strength used to defeat the enemy and not diverted into channels which only aim to make money out of the necessities of the hour, and which are neither patriotic nor loyal, no matter how much they shout their patriotism and their loyalty from the housetops.

And now, right on the heels of Mr. Pugsley's sweeping denunciation of the existing rottenness comes the Canada Lumberman, a paper of the highest respectability, with another formidable contribution to the scandal indictment against the Government. This one is located in Sir Sam Hughes' own constituency.

C. W. Burgoyne, of Fenelon Falls, one of Sir Sam's chief supporters, a storekeeper who was not engaged in the woodworking business, obtained a contract for 5,000 shell boxes at \$2.50 each—a most extravagant figure—and afterwards secured a second contract for 25,000 boxes. Not being in a position to manufacture the boxes himself, the Canada Lumberman says, "Burgoyne was willing to sub-contract with anyone who would undertake to handle the contract—or part of it. The contract was finally allotted to Mr. Alfred Tiers, of Fenelon Falls, who conducts a small planing mill and who subsequently formed a partnership with Burgoyne.

Even in ordinary times the letting of contracts in this way could not be defended, and at a time like the present it is quite indefensible. But what does it matter, when there are party friends to be benefited at the public expense?

The St. John Standard, instead of devoting the greater part of its space to abuse of Mr. Carvell, might explain to its readers how it came that the York and Cornwall cotton mill, of St. John, secured a shell contract. Mr. Carvell stated in parliament that this concern had secured a shell contract, and having no plant for this kind of work, turned it over to the Phoenix Foundry Company on a commission basis. The Standard is in a position to get at the facts, and it is clearly its duty to expose this deal in the public interests.

The Ottawa Journal, a Conservative paper, says of Mr. Carvell's speech: "The member for Carleton is the inquisitor-in-chief of the Opposition. It was his arraignment of A. B. Morine which led to that official quitting the government service. The Southampton Railway disclosures, the resignation of Hon. J. K. Fleming from the Premiership of New Brunswick, as well as the resignation of Messrs. Garland and Foster from parliament, are among his political and inquisitorial triumphs. He is an effective speaker, merciless, relentless, giving no quarter and asking none, and the House was well filled during the five hours that he occupied the floor."

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M.P., has a few questions on the order paper at Ottawa concerning the Valley Railway. He wants to know something about the agreement under which the road is now being operated. He also wants to know who was responsible for the notice served on employees of the road a short time ago to the effect that Government operation would cease on December 31st. The people of the St. John Valley will await with interest the replies which will be handed out to Mr. Carvell.

The members of the Provincial Government met here yesterday, transacted routine business, conferred with Mr. A. R. Gould in regard to his claim, counseled with Messrs. Harry Woods, Titus Carter, Willard H. Berry and E. R. Teed on patronage matters, and drew their salary checks and returned home.

Messrs. Willard H. Berry and E. R. Teed, heroes of the timberland boodle fund, are still in good standing with the Provincial Government. They put in an appearance here at about every meeting of the executive, and of course have axes to grind.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M.P., is making it very warm for the boodle brigade at Ottawa. This is why the graft newspapers are giving him so much space these days.

Will it be Hon. A. R. Slipp, member of the Government without portfolio? His appointment would mean a large sized dish of crow for certain grafters and hold-up men.

THE STOCK MARKET

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Queen street.)
New York.

Air Brake	144 3/4
American Smelting	99 7/8
Atchafalpa	105
Anaconda	86
Baltimore and Ohio	88 3/4
C. P. R.	168
Crucible Steel	72
California Petroleum	30 1/4
Erie	36 1/4
Gas	138
Lehigh Valley	76
Maxwell common	68
Maxwell first	88 1/2
Reading	77 3/4
St. Paul	96 1/4
Union Pacific	133 1/2
United States Steel	83 1/8
Westinghouse	65 3/4
Montreal.	
Dominion Iron	45
Shawinigan	132 3/4
Steel of Canada	39 1/2
Anglo-French bonds	95
Canada War Loan bonds	97 3/4

SIGNALERS INJURED BY A BOMB EXPLOSION

Halifax, Jan. 29.—About fifteen men were injured by the accidental explosion of a bomb, while members of the signalling corps were at class this morning, and experiments were being made with bombs. It is feared two may die.

PROMOTED IN ARMY.

Col. Fred E. L. Barker, Royal Field Artillery, son of the late Sir Frederic E. Barker, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

NO ALUM



STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE LUSITANIA NEGOTIATIONS

Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary of State Lansing today denied the published reports that the United States had given Germany until February 5th to make a definite answer on whether it intends to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania. At the State Department it was declared that the Lusitania negotiations remain just where they stood early in the week, when Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, transmitted to Berlin a new draft of the proposed agreement, which embodied all the points for which the United States contends.

There could be no new move, officials declared, until the German Foreign Office has passed upon it. The new draft was made by Count Von Bernstorff immediately after a conference with Secretary Lansing, and is understood to provide that Germany shall disavow the destruction of the ship and acknowledge as a matter of law the rights of the neutrals who were lost. On this point the State Department is understood to be very firm. Secretary Lansing merely flatly denied that any date had been set as the limit for Germany's reply. Other State Department officials declared they had no indication of when they would hear from Berlin.

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A prominent City Physician to whom the above article was submitted, said: "Bon-Opto is a very remarkable remedy. Its composition is well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the very few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use in almost every family."

SOME QUERIES ABOUT THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—On the motions paper of the House of Commons there are several interesting notices. For instance, Mr. Carvell has given notice that he will move for the following information:

1.—What amount of money has been paid by the Intercolonial Railway or the government of Canada to the government of New Brunswick as their proportion of the earnings of the Valley Railway, so-called, down to December 31 last?

2.—Has the Province of New Brunswick received forty per cent. of the gross earnings of said railway since the beginning of its operation? If not, what percentage of said earnings has the province received?

3.—Was an agreement signed between the two governments around the 1st of January, 1915, or shortly thereafter, for the operation of the said railway on what is known as the forty per cent. basis?

4.—Has a new agreement been entered into between the two governments within the last month or six weeks as to the operation of the said road and the distribution of the earnings thereof?

5.—Under said new agreement, what proportion of the gross earnings are payable to the Province of New Brunswick?

6.—Did the department of railways and canals in the month of December last order the cessation of the operation of the said road to take effect on the 1st day of January inst.?

7.—If so, what were the reasons for such order?

Mr. Carvell will also move for a copy of all letters, telegrams, correspondence and contracts between the department of railways and canals or any official thereof, including the officials of the Intercolonial Railway of New Brunswick, the St. John way, and any member of the government of Quebec Railway Company or any official thereof, regarding the operation of the Province of New Brunswick, tion of the Valley Railway, so-called, from the 1st day of October, 1914, down to the present date.

Turkish Army Corps Is Bottled Up

London, Jan. 29.—According to despatches from Petrograd, it is estimated that two army corps of Turks are shut up in Erzerum. Russian correspondents on the western front have sent word to Petrograd that the Germans are reported to be manufacturing a new 22-inch gun for use in the spring campaign.

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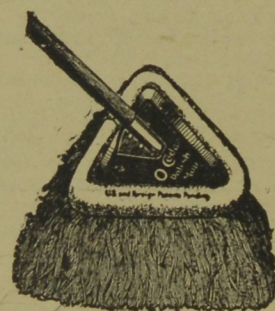
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