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## SOME INSIDE HISTORY

In a speech delivered at a banquet in honor of the Italian Commission to the United States, in New York a few days ago, Signor Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, gave out some interesting inside history in connection with the war. He said that Italy's decision to remain neutral just after war had been declared was communicated to France in time to allow that nation to withdraw one million men from her southern frontier and place them on the western front in time to assist in checking the German onslaught. Here is the story as Signor Marconi told it:

On the morning of July 30, 1914—that is to say, one day before Germany declared war on Russia and two days before she declared war on France, the Marquis de San Giuliano, who was then our foreign minister, unofficially informed the French Ambassador in Rome that Italy would never side with the Central Powers in a war of aggression. This information was immediately wired to Paris, but it was not sufficient to make France feel absolutely certain that Italy's attitude was as favorable to her, because there was as yet no official declaration of neutrality on our part.

On the 2nd of August, 1914, three days before England declared war against Germany, at a council of ministers held in Rome, Italy decided formally to declare her neutrality. The news was immediately communicated to our charge d'affaires in Paris, the Ambassador being absent. For some reason the telegram did not reach him until 1 o'clock in the morning. Without a moment's hesitation, he went to see Mr. Viviani, French Prime Minister, in the middle of the night.

When he was introduced into Mr. Viviani's presence, the latter turned pale and drew back, for he was almost convinced that nothing but Italy's decision to join Germany would have brought the Italian Charge d'Affaires there at that hour. The revulsion of feeling when Mr. Viviani read the telegram was such that he could not hide his emotion. Within half an hour orders had gone forth for the mobilization for service in the north for nearly 1,000,000 men which France would have had to keep on her southern and eastern frontier to guard against a possible attack from Italy.

That million men helped to stem the advancing tide of Germans, to win the battle of the Marne, and to save France from being crushed by the heel of German militarism. Had there been the slightest wavering, the smallest hesitation on the part of Italy, had any Italian politician been found to do one-tenth part of what Bismarck did when he altered the wording of the famous Ems telegram, and thus brought about the Franco-Prussian war, France would not have dared to withdraw a single man from the Italian frontier, and the history of the world might have been written differently.

Gentlemen, is there any man who can think, in view of what I have just told you, that Italy's conduct was not a decisive factor in the war?

## MR. CARVELL'S SPEECH.

Halifax Chronicle: Mr. Frank B. Carvell, the Liberal member for Carleton, N. B., declared himself in favor of the principle of compulsory service in the House of Commons yesterday. Mr. Carvell, in the course of his cogent and well-reasoned speech, indicted the government for its absolute failure to measure up to the aspirations of the Canadian people as a war government. He pointed out that partisanship had been displayed by the government in every matter connected with the prosecution of the war, and promised that, notwithstanding his vote in favor of the second reading of the Conscription Bill, he proposed to continue to criticize the actions of the government when criticism was needed. If the government or its supporters think, as seems to be the case, that the acceptance of the principle of conscription binds Liberals to support the Tory party, or makes them apologists for the most inefficient blundering and corrupt government which ever held office at Ottawa, Mr. Carvell's speech is likely to dispel the illusion.

During the recent session of the Legislature, the opposition leader and his lieutenants were inclined to sneer at the efforts of the government to apply ordinary business principles to the administration of affairs. Had the old administration shown some disposition to economize, it would not have paid Colonel George W. Fowler \$253.50 in 1916 for the attendance of the 104th Battalion band at the opening of the Legislature, and there would not have been an expenditure of \$225 for coach hire for the members. In the next Auditor General's report such items will be conspicuous by their absence. The new government was also able to open and close the House without the services of the Sheriff and a coroner, and thereby saved \$20 to the province.

The announcement is made from Ottawa that Mr. Gilbert W. Ganong, ex-M.P., of St. Stephen, has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of the province, and that Lieut. Col. George W. Fowler has been called to the Senate. Both gentlemen came in as "dark horses," and their appointments come as quite a surprise to the public. Governor Ganong is a successful manufacturer, has a good knowledge of public affairs, and has other qualifications, including ample public spirit, which should make him a most capable and popular chief executive. The honor is in his case well deserved.

Further proof of the fact that the Tories at Ottawa are more anxious to win the next election than they are to help the Empire in the present crisis is furnished by the villainous caricatures of Sir Wilfrid Laurier which daily find a place in the columns of the reptile press. The question naturally arises, were the Tories sincere when they proposed to Sir Wilfrid a few weeks ago that a coalition government be formed?

The elevation of Col. George W. Fowler to the Senate paves the way for the retirement from local politics of Hon. J. A. Murray, opposition leader. The chances are that Mr. Murray will be the next Tory standard-bearer in the new constituency of Royal.

## Through Our Sieve

Sweets for the sweet—the new Governor makes lovely chocolates.

Mr. Ganong has landed a cream puff not made in his own factory.

It takes a swift man to pursue a career successfully nowadays.

Some men no sooner get a job than they begin to kick for a day off.

Never put off till tomorrow what you can get someone to do for you today.

Anybody boy can now look a school-house right in the face without the quiver of an eyelid.

To the last year's June bride this is merely the opening of the canning season.

A good husband is a man who can keep on telling his wife how much he loves her and make it sound spontaneous.

Even when invited to join a bathing party a woman will say, "but I haven't a thing to wear."

One may not be able to get into the hero class, but nearly everyone can raise a cabbage or something equally useful to feed a hero.

Speaking of shoes and ships and sealing wax and cabbages and kings, as the walrus says, they have all gone up except kings, who are coming down.

Russian women have formed a regiment to fight Germany. Don't know whether this is a slam on Germany or the Russian soldiers, but anyway, hurrah for the amazons!

## OF SOCIAL INTEREST

Miss Jane Rainsford is here from Boston visiting her father, Mr. H. B. Rainsford.

Miss Minard of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Porter. She will spend a month with them at Ravine Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Limerick and Dr. and Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges are leaving this afternoon on a motor trip intending to spend the week-end and holiday in Maine.

Death at Nasonworth. Miss Isabel Jones passed away last night at the home of her half-brother, Mr. D. D. Jones of Nasonworth, after a lingering illness at the age of seventy-two years. She is survived by two half-sisters, Mrs. George Moffat of Harvey Settlement and Mrs. Frank Wood of Augusta, Me., one half-brother, Mr. D. D. Jones of Nasonworth, with whom she had resided. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Mr. Corey will conduct the service. Interment will be made at Rustagornis.

G. W. GANONG  
IS APPOINTED  
LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Ottawa, June 28.—Gilbert W. Ganong has been selected by the government to succeed Hon. Josiah Wood as Lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick and Lieut.-Col. George W. Fowler, M. P. for Kings-Albert, has been appointed to the senate to fill the vacancy in the representation from New Brunswick there.

Lieut.-Governor Ganong is a former member of the house of commons. He was elected to represent Charlotte (N. B.) in 1900 and was re-elected in 1904. He was defeated at the general election in 1908. Mr. Ganong resides at St. Stephen (N. B.) and is a member of the confectionery manufacturing firm of Ganong Bros.

Lieut. Colonel Fowler has sat in the house of commons during three parliaments. He was first elected as member for Kings county in 1900. He became the representative of Kings-Albert in 1904, was defeated in 1908 and returned to the house in 1911. Colonel Fowler has, since the outbreak of war, raised a battalion for active service in record time and taken it overseas. He is still in England in command of one of the Canadian reserve battalions there.

In becoming a member of the senate he succeeds the late George T. Baird, of Perth, (N. B.) who represented the senatorial district of the upper St. John.

The appointment of Colonel Fowler makes the representations of the two great parties in the upper house equal—39 Conservatives and 39 Liberals.

KILLED BY MINE  
EXPLOSION

London, June 29.—The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company announces that it fears that three passengers and six white and fourteen native members of the crew of the S. S. Mongolia were killed by the mine explosion which sank the ship off Bombay on June 23.

The remainder of the passengers and crew, numbering about 450, were landed safely off the coast, despite the monsoon which was prevailing at the time.

## IMPRESSIVE OBSEQUIES

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provincial government, Premier Foster and Hon. Robert Murray, Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, and Hon. E. A. Smith. Next came the provincial civil service, members of the local bar, elders and trustees of St. Paul's church, and a delegation of Free Masons in the order named.

## Floral Tributes

The floral tributes were very beautiful and included wreaths from the executive and officials of the civil service. The full list was as follows:

Casket spray—Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Wood.  
Wreath—Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M. Gates ajar—Employees of the Provincial Government.  
Wreath—Executive Council.  
Anchor—Trustees St. Paul's Church.  
Wreath—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Colter.  
Flat bouquet—Mrs. Massie.  
Basket of flowers—Ald. and Mrs. D. J. Shea.  
Wreath—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. L. Tibbits.  
Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. M. Lawson.  
Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Allen.  
Flat bouquet—Miss V. McFarlane.  
Crescent—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCaffrey.

TO MARRY RICH  
YANKEE WOMAN

London, June 29.—Special despatches from Athens say Prince Christopher, brother of former King Constantine of Greece, is coming to London to marry a rich American woman. The Daily Chronicle gives the name of "Miss Lits," without details as to her identity.

The Prince, who is 29 years old, and an ex-sub-lieutenant of the Grecian infantry, has twice been reported engaged, each time to a wealthy woman.

## Had Slight Stroke.

Mr. William McKay, Chairman of the Police Commission of this city, was stricken by paralysis last night. It is reported today that the stroke was a slight one and that Mr. McKay is improved. He had attended a meeting of the Board of Health last night in his capacity of Health Inspector and appeared to be in his usual state of health. Temporary arrangements will be made to carry on his work if he is unable to do it.

## Can Enter Maine.

Arrangements have been made whereby the military regulations have been altered so as to permit men of military age to go across the border into Maine to attend the horses of local stables which to race on the Aroostook circuit. For some time it looked as if the local stables would not get across. Only two of the stables located here will go to Aroostook county. They are Pat Doherty's and W. B. Lint's. Both will ship from Fredericton on Saturday. Tommy Raymond and Bill Sharon will not race in Maine.

Messrs. D. E. Richards and P. M. Shannon of Campbellton, are guests at the Barker House.

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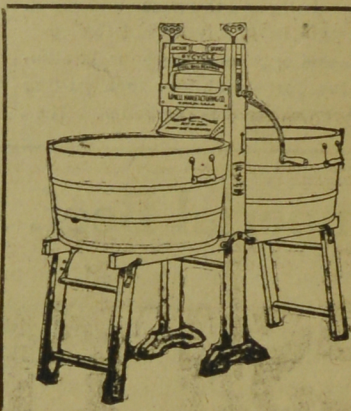
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