

LAME EXPLANATION OF THE GOVERNMENT PRESS

Flemming Organ at Woodstock Makes a Wonderful Interpretation of the Political Overturn---Thinks the People Do Not Want Honest Government--Says That Government Officials Have Acted as Spies for the Opposition.

(Moncton Transcript.)

Really a commission should be appointed to direct the explanations offered by the government press for the general election result. The government newspapers are so utterly at variance that life is too short for attempting to reconcile the explanations, but possibly it might afford slight amusement in these days of tragic happenings and serious thought to direct attention to a few of the absurd explanations. It is difficult to understand the frame of mind which dominated the Woodstock Press for example when, with a German sense of humor, it published the following gem:

"Evidently, judging from the results, an honest, efficient and prudent administration of public affairs is not wanted by nearly a majority of the people of this province."

The newspaper which could draw from the election results the depressing thought that the people of this province did not want honest, efficient and prudent administration of public affairs, is clearly being published in too small a field for the talents of such an editor. It is unnecessary to point out the absurdity of the argument because it is self-evident.

The same newspaper, after claiming that the electors, by defeating the government, did not want honest administration, then, with charming consistency, turns around and says:

"If Harry Blair got a present of a diamond ring and some valueless stock; if A. H. Stewart knew that one or two foremen had padded a pay list; if Colonel Sheridan supplied rocks from his quarry and personally did work, and the account went into the department in another's name, why not have these irregularities adjusted by the minister of the department, and if guilty, punish the culprits, instead of appointing royal commissions."

Ah! Those plagued royal commis-

sions! What was wanted was not a royal commission, according to the Woodstock Press, composed of men who would stand by their duty, but a quiet departmental investigation; so that if guilty the culprits could be punished, or not, by the department.

There is no desire to be unfair to the Woodstock Press, but how does it reconcile the insinuation that there were guilty deeds in connection with the administration of departments and yet at the same time the electors, by rejecting the government, constitutionally responsible for these guilty deeds, declared that they did not want an "honest, efficient and prudent administration." Talking about prudence, by the way, we scarcely think that the explanation offered by the Woodstock Press comes within that classification.

Then the Woodstock Press continues with its humorous explanations and, following the example of the Fredericton Gleaner, points out with the offensiveness of the candid friend, the alleged shortcomings of the moribund government. It says in the most plaintive manner that—

"Another error of the present government is in the retaining in office and appointment to office, of its political opponents. The departments in Fredericton are full of spies who carry out to the political opponents, information which, when magnified, furnishes good stuff for a scandal campaign. These men are always ready to appear as witnesses before a royal commission."

Now, if everything was perfectly correct in the departments, how could the spies carry out to the political opponents of the government information which, "when magnified, furnish good stuff for a scandal campaign."

Where there is smoke there is usually fire. If a scandal campaign, so-called, could be conducted, there evidently must be scandals. If the gov-

HUNS GIVE UP TRENCHES IN THE ANCRE REGION

London, March 3.—A long Berlin telegram received in Amsterdam and transmitted by Reuter's supplements the short statement in Thursday's official report from German field headquarters concerning the evacuation of positions in the Ancre region.

After asserting that this withdrawal was made unobserved and without losses, the telegram says that the German rear guards contrived to conceal the evacuation for days, and held up the British, who had from ten to twenty times their number, and who suffered severely. The British, the statement adds, lost eighty prisoners and four hundred men killed in one rear-guard encounter near Little Wood, on the Gommecourt-Puiseux road.

British officers and men in the Ancre section, the telegram continues, will smile bitterly at the triumphant shouts of the British newspapers, which represent that the fighting in the Ancre region is the most important event since the battle of the

Marne. From the horrible marsh into which snow and rain has converted the ground, the Germans have withdrawn to firm ground.

The British, on the other hand, will be under the most unfavorable conditions in abandoned German trenches which have been shattered to pieces with shelters blown up, villages in ruins, wells filled up and roads obliterated. In this waste the British will lie exposed to all the inclemencies of the weather and under the German fire.

All the trouble of the British therefore has been in vain, and at the cost of heavy sacrifices. They must construct new positions under the destructive fire of German batteries trained upon every point in this terrain. Or, with endless trouble and great losses can artillery be brought to the new positions, while the Germans are secure in strongly consolidated and long prepared positions and can look forward to every new attack unweakened and unshaken.

DOAKTOWN MAN HAS PASSED AWAY

Mr. Gordon Doak Dies as the Result of 'Quart' at the I. C. R.

Doaktown, March 2.—The death of Mr. Gordon H. Doak took place last Tuesday, Feb. 27th, in the Miramichi Hospital, Newcastle, after an operation which involved the amputation of his right leg, which was crushed in an accident in the I. C. R. yard at Newcastle, on the 24th.

The deceased was a son of Mr. Daniel Doak, of Doaktown, and was 25 years of age. He was employed as a brakeman on the Canadian Government Railways for past eight months and was previously connected with the road in the capacity of a section man for three years. He was a young man who by his qualities of head and heart greatly endeared himself to a large circle of friends. The funeral which took place on Thursday at the Church of England cemetery, was one of the largest ever held in the community. The services at the home were conducted by Rev. Mr. Macneill and at the church by Rev. J. M. Patstone. The services at the grave were led by Rev. Mr. Patstone and Rev. Mr. Stackhouse, chaplain of the Orange Lodge. He leaves to mourn a widow, formerly Miss Lyons, and two sons, besides his father and mother, five brothers and four sisters.

SCHOOLBOY EXAMS ARE ALWAYS INTERESTING

The following from the examination papers of English schoolboys could no doubt be duplicated in any large school in this country:

James I claimed the throne of England through his grandmother because he had no father.

The attempts at colonization in the reign of Elizabeth were that Raleigh brought smoking into England and had a bucket of water thrown on him and Drake discovered potatoes round the world and planted them in Lancashire.

Henry the First's son, William, was drowned in the White Ship and never smiled again.

Lambert Simnel was defeated at Stoke and sent to roast in the King's kitchen.

The Pope called Henry VIII "Fido the Offensive."

Joan of Arc lived in the French Revolution, and one day she fell into the arms of the English and got burnt.

Childe Harold was defeated by William the Conqueror at the battle of

ernment was honestly administering the affairs of the province, it would not be fearful of so-called spies, but on the other hand, welcome their espionage. The Woodstock Press evidently does not object half as much to the scandal as it does to the revelation of the scandal. It does not object to the scandal having existence, but it objects strongly to its being found out.

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Ryan	Lt. wing
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Hastings.

By eating slowly food is digested before it is swallowed, and thus enriches the blood, which goes down one leg and up the other.

Things which are impossible are equal to one another.

The laws are made by Lloyd George or else by a policeman.

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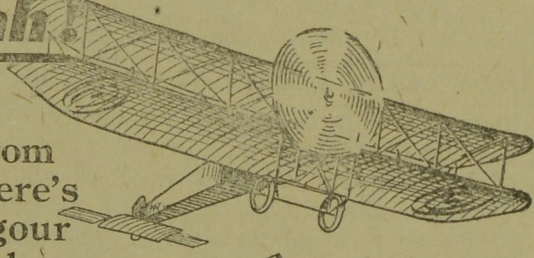
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