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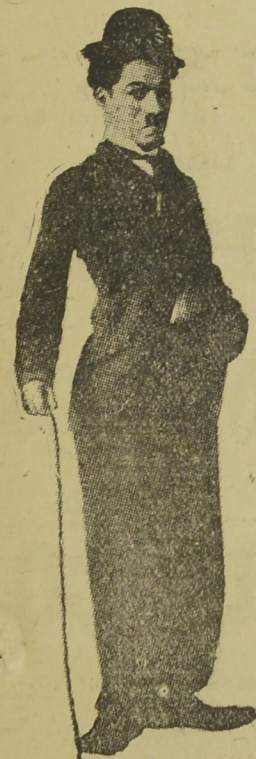
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CHARGES IRREGULARITIES IN TAKING SOLDIER'S VOTE

Serious Charges Preferred in Parliament
by Mr. A. B. Copp of Westmorland—
Claims That the Dice Were Loaded
Against the Liberals—Particulars of the
Charges—Affidavits Read in Support—
Hon. Martin Burrill Replies for the Gov-
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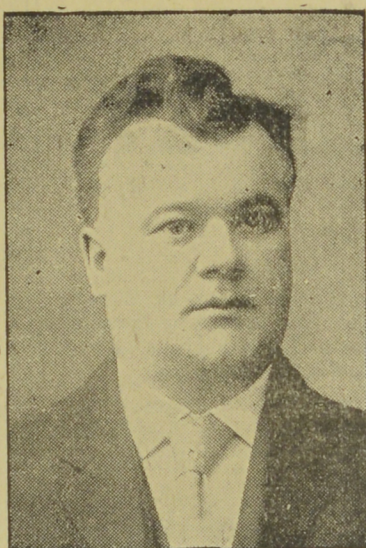
Ottawa, May 23.—Definite charges by A. B. Copp, Liberal member for Westmorland, of grave irregularities in connection with the taking of the soldiers' vote at the last general election, marked what it is anticipated will be the semi-final session of parliament today. Despite the long and partisan debate precipitated by Mr. Copp's allegations, which he made upon his responsibility as a member, and the fact that considerable business still remains to be dealt with, the members expect prorogation to take place on Thursday evening.

The member for Westmorland coupled with his specific charges, which were thirty-two in number, a demand in the form of a formal motion for an inquiry, conducted by a judge of the court of superior jurisdiction, and two counsel, one to be named by Sir Robt. Borden and the other by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The motion was seconded by A. Archambault, of Chambly-Vercheres.

Mr. Copp backed his charges by the production of numerous affidavits from soldiers who acted as deputy scrutineers and others, many of which were taken by W. T. R. Preston, the chief official scrutineer.

Expresses Surprise.

Hon. Martin Burrill, who replied for the government, expressed surprise that so much time should be taken up at a late stage in the session with this matter, more particularly in view of the circumstances that apart from the soldiers' vote this government would have been returned. He resented the accusations against officers and thought it singular that the charges should mostly relate to the taking of the vote in England, where Mr. Preston was the chief Liberal scrutineer.



MR. A. B. COPP, M. P.

The minister said that while it was possible there had been some irregularities, there had been insufficient double voting or impersonating to justify the suspicion of a dark conspiracy.

Mr. Archambault, in seconding Mr. Copp's motion, declared that seventeen officers and seven hundred men in training at St. John's Que., had transferred their votes to Chambly-Vercheres. They had stated on their ballot papers that they could not name their place of residence, but that it was their desire to have their vote recorded in his constituency.

Promises Inquiry.
Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, speaking after midnight, said that, after the House had disposed of the motion in the only way parliament could dispose of it, there would be a judicial investigation into the allegiance of Mr. Archambault in regard to Chambly-Vercheres.

"When?" cried opposition members. "As promptly as possible," the minister replied.

Mr. Doherty expressed regret that members of the opposition had cheered statements made by Mr. Archambault, which if true mean that certain soldiers had proved themselves to be unworthy. He said that Mr. Archambault, if in possession of information as to irregularities, should have placed his information in the hands of the party who would put the law in motion.

Mr. Doherty emphasized the point that the judicial inquiry would be limited to the special case put before the government. He argued that it would not be wise or advisable to grant the larger inquiry demanded by the motion, and which related principally to the election in England and France.

Replying to a question by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Minister of Justice said that all specific charges such as those made by Mr. Archambault will be promptly inquired into.

Mr. Copp Resumes.

Resuming his speech, dealing with the taking of the overseas soldiers' vote, at the afternoon session, A. B. Copp declared that an investigation should be held into the votes of soldiers polled in Canada and overseas. He claimed that irregularities had taken

place in connection with the voting in Canada and letters received from soldiers convinced him that in taking the overseas vote irregularities had been practiced which amounted to rands and an election crime.

Mr. Copp then proceeded to read a statement which contained thirty-two direct charges in this connection. He declared that a carefully organized conspiracy existed which affected a large number of constituencies all over Canada. The charges covered the various allegations in connection with the taking of soldiers' votes, which have been made at various times throughout the session, but covered a number of specific details not hitherto mentioned.

Mr. Copp's Charges.

Mr. Copp's charges were as follows: "I hereby state on my honor and on my responsibility as a member of this honorable House:

"That in the recent election a carefully organized conspiracy existed by which extensive frauds were perpetrated in connection with the soldiers' votes.

"That the aforesaid fraudulent conspiracy was particularly operative in the electoral districts of Kings and Queens, Prince Edward Island; Cape Breton North and Victoria, Richmond and Cape Breton South, Cumberland, Digby and Annapolis, Pictou, Westmorland, Restigouche and Madawaska, Kent (N. B.) Northumberland (N. B.), Brome, Sherbrooke, Chambly-Vercheres, St. Ann's, Montreal, St. Antoine, St. Henry, St. Lawrence and St. George, Stanstead, Wright, Algoma East, Bruce North and south, Essex North and South, Hamilton East and West, Huron South, Kent (Ont.) Leeds and Brockville, Lennox and Addington, London, Middlesex West, Nipissing, Ontario South, Ottawa, Oxford South, Peel, Prince Edward, Russell, Welland, Calgary, Edmonton and the Yukon.

"These frauds were directed and practised by responsible officers of His Majesty's Canadian forces, co-operating with deputy presiding officers and poll clerks appointed under the authority of the crown. That military electors were officially advised how to fill in form B, on the back of the envelopes containing their ballots in order to successfully and fraudulently place their votes in constituencies other than those in which they were legally entitled to vote.

"That evidence will be submitted by me to a commission of inquiry establishing the fact that there was an organization to transfer a large fraudulent vote to certain selected constituencies in order to overcome the legitimate vote of the said electoral districts.

"That in certain of the said constituencies a fraudulent soldiers' vote was polled largely in excess of the legitimate military franchise. That throughout camps in Great Britain the answers to questions in form B on the back of the ballot envelopes were filled in by commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers outside the polling booths in stead of being filled in by military electors, or the presiding officers inside the polling booth, and the said envelopes were given to the officials recording the votes without the said questions being addressed to the said voters by the presiding officers.

"That opposition scrutineers were prevented from attending certain polling booths while the military vote was being recorded.

"That the representative of the opposition was forcibly removed from a polling booth and arrested and confined in a camp prison during the period when a large fraudulent vote was being recorded in the said polling booth.

"That ballot envelopes partially filled in, signed and sealed by the deputy presiding officer and each containing a ballot marked in favor of the government were in circulation with the black space open for the insertion of the name of a military voter, as a means of facilitating the perpetration of the frauds hereinbefore mentioned.

Says Soldiers Threatened.

"That military electors were canvassed by superior officers in direct contravention of the King's regulations and were directed how they should mark their ballots. That military electors in non-combatant regiments were threatened with transfer to fighting line regiments if they did not mark their ballots for the government in the presence of and in the manner prescribed by the deputy presiding officer.

"That military voters who at first refused to do as they were directed, but afterwards did so under compulsion, were, nevertheless, removed to regiments proceeding to the fighting line.

"That military electors were not afforded facilities for the proper observance of the secrecy of the ballot as provided by section 9, sub-section E of the military voters' act.

"That scrutineers appointed on behalf of the government were sworn as scrutineers for the opposition by deputy presiding officers in polling booths where extensive frauds were practiced owing to the opposition not having bona fide representatives therein.

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"That election campaign literature which was dishonest and untruthful was circulated among the military electors with the authority and by the direction of Lord Beaverbrook, and that the said Lord Beaverbrook was an active participant in the hereinbefore mentioned fraudulent practices.

"That Lord Brooke, formerly commander of the Canadian forces was also a participant in the said fraudulent practices.

"That letters mailed throughout the Canadian army branch of the British post office addressed to military electors, in which were enclosed campaign literature on behalf of the opposition were opened and the said literature was removed therefrom before the said letters were delivered to the military electors to whom they were addressed, and the delivery of the said letters was also systematically delayed by the said post office authorities.

"That ballot boxes and bags contained a number of ballot envelopes tightly folded together in parcels or wads too large to have been inserted in the said bags or boxes through the proper aperture and, in addition, bearing dates showing that the votes had been polled not on the same day, but at intervals of time.

"That the contents of these ballot boxes or bags which thus appeared to have been fraudulently tampered with were, contrary to the provisions of the provisions of the election act, allocated and counted in the United Kingdom to the number of 15,000 votes under instructions from the assistant clerk of the crown in chancery. "That several thousand ballot envelopes were fraudulently endorsed and the votes allocated to constituencies other than those in which the said military electors were entitled to vote.

"That military electors were systematically persuaded to give answer for endorsement on their ballot envelopes setting forth residence in constituencies in which they did not reside and upon which declaration of domicile their qualification to vote was based on.

Alleged Frauds in Nova Scotia.
"That fraudulent votes were recorded for the electoral district of Cumberland, N. S., by Captain H. M. Burke, deputy presiding officer at Ashford, county of Kent, England, in which voters declared their residence to be Springfield, Tignish, Joggin Mines, Hulle, Nappan, Pugwash, Oxford and Amherst, whose domicile was, in fact, in (Continued on page 4.)