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VALLEY RAILWAY BOODLERS

The Provincial Government, in instituting legal proceedings against the men who wrongfully received and withheld large sums of money in connection with the Valley Railway enterprise, is merely carrying out a promise made to the people. It will be remembered that in the arbitration proceedings before Chief Justice McKeown, Mr. A. R. Gould, an American railway promoter, stated under oath that he paid Mr. J. K. Flemming, the Premier of the province at the time the original Valley Railway contract was signed, the sum of \$100,000. Subsequently it was brought out at another enquiry that the Nova Scotia Construction Co., contractors for the lower section of the road, paid Mr. W. B. Tennant, of St. John, the sum of 133,000, and it was also disclosed that another contracting firm, viz., Kennedy & McDonald, paid the sum of \$20,000 to Mr. Thomas Nagle, of St. John. The total amount involved is close on to a quarter of a million dollars, and there is no evidence to show that the men who received this enormous sum gave anything in return for it except the benefit of their political influence. It was a disgraceful transaction, no matter from what standpoint it is viewed, and the government, in seeking restitution, is doing the proper thing.

Under the legislation enacted by the government at the last session of the Legislature, the sums wrongfully withheld in connection with the Valley Railway are deemed to be a crown debt, recoverable in the courts. The sections of the Act under which the proceedings are being instituted are as follows:

1. The said moneys, at the time when the same were, or any part thereof was, or may hereafter be, received by or for the said Company, or paid on account of the said Company, shall be deemed to have been and to be, and are hereby declared to have been and to be, the moneys of His Majesty the King.

2. Upon it being proven in any action or proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction, to the satisfaction of the said court, that any of the said moneys have been heretofore or may hereafter be received by any person, firm or corporation, directly or indirectly, to be used and applied for any purposes other than towards the construction and completion of the said railway, or properly incidental thereto, or unless the receipt or expenditure of such moneys is otherwise authorized by any statute of the province, or by any order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, or that any moneys received by any person, firm or corporation from any source, to be used and applied for any purpose other than towards the construction and completion of said railway, or properly incidental thereto, or unless the receipt or expenditure of such money is otherwise authorized by any statute of the Province or by any order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council were paid or advanced by any person, firm or corporation having the design or intention of recouping himself, themselves or itself, in whole or in part, for such payment or advance out of any moneys of His Majesty, then in such case the said court shall make an order that any such person, firm or corporation so receiving any such moneys shall pay the same to His Majesty on demand made therefor by the Attorney General of the Province on behalf of His Majesty.

The bill passed the Legislature unanimously. It will be remembered that the leader of the opposition threatened to oppose it if the old Central Railway was not brought within its scope, but failed to make good his threat.

THE FORTUNES OF WAR.

Today's war despatches indicate that the Marne salient is practically isolated and that the Crown Prince's army of half a million men is seriously threatened. The Germans are certainly up against it in the salient, but it rather looks at this stage as if they would be able to squeeze their way out. Generalissimo Foch is proving his worth as a strategist, but it is almost too much to expect him to accomplish what seems to be an impossibility. Simonds, the American military critic, says that the possibility of the capture of considerable German force does not seem to have existed at any time after the first Franco-American rush was stopped near Soissons.

The Irish Independent reports that Father O'Flanagan, of Roscommon, vice-president of the Sinn Fein society, has been suspended by his bishop for his activities in the East Cavan election last June, when Arthur Griffith, the Sinn Fein leader, though under arrest, was elected to the House of Commons. Father O'Flanagan's successor to his church at Crossna has been appointed, but the newspaper says the people have refused to receive the new occupant and have barred out the church, declaring that nobody will be allowed to say mass there until Father O'Flanagan has been restored to his office.

Premier Lenine, in a speech at Moscow before the government conference of factory committees, said the position of the Soviet republic had become extremely acute in view of international complications, counter revolutionary conspiracies and the food crisis, according to a Moscow despatch received by way of Berlin.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

That dull, sickening thud was Kuehlmann, dropped by the Kaiser.

Mother is now established as the sleepless sentinel of the sugar bowl.

A fool is a person who makes the same mistake twice in the same place.

Times change and also places. Nowadays exile to Russia would be punishment for a Siberian.

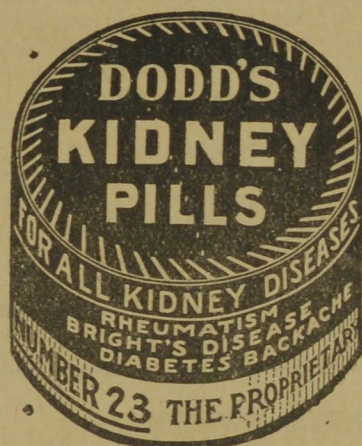
The Kaiser's efficiency refuses to jell. And we're right in the canning season too.

Sometimes it's hard to believe a woman was such a heartbreaker when she was a girl—after you've seen the father of her children.

The soap famine in Germany won't worry the boche greatly. It was Mark Twain who pointed out that no one ever took a bath in Germany except upon medical advice.

Many a husband has discovered to his sorrow that a fit of indigestion may cause him to inflict a wound on his wife's heart that nothing but a seal-skin coat will cure.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to stick his head out of the car window and get a cinder in his eye? He is the same old gink who used to lose his watch-key.



SON OF FRENCH GEN. CASTLENAU

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Berne, July 26.—Among the last convoy of French prisoners arriving from Germany for internment at Interlaken, was Lieut. de Castelnau, son of Gen. de Castelnau, former chief of the French general staff. Three of the general's sons have been killed in the war.

LUDENDORFF HAS 40 DIVISIONS

Paris, July 26.—General Ludendorff, apparently has forty divisions of shock troops still in hand, says Marcel Hutin in the Echo De Paris. They are destined or at least part of them, for an operation calculated to change the present situation to the advantage of the German Crown Prince, but adds M. Hutin, it is hardly likely that General Foch and General Petain will let the initiative be taken from them now. Between July 15 and yesterday forty eight German divisions were identified in the Marne pocket says M. Hutin, and the completely exhausted divisions are being replaced by half rested ones.

PERSONAL.

Hon. William Currie of Campbellton was here yesterday to attend the N. B. Lumbermen's Association.

Mrs. Howard Mayson and Mrs. Robt. Hutchison of Berlin, N. H., are guests at the Queen.

Miss Ellis Dixon of Vancouver, B. C. is visiting Mrs. J. Howe Dickson, St. John Street.

CHAUTAUQUA IN WAR TIME

An Institution that Just Grew — "An Integral Part of National Defence," Says President.

By DR. FRANK CRANE

Chautauqua is peculiarly an American Institution.

There was never anything like it, in Europe or elsewhere.

Nobody invented it. It was not devised. It just grew.

Its roots run deep into the American character. They go down to the old Saxon Witenagemot, the New England Town Meeting and the Methodist Camp Meeting.

Its idea is that of a free assemblage of a sovereign people, every soul a king, every man looking upon the problems of the world, its governments and its morals, with a disposing eye.

To this is added the greatest of American enthusiasms, Education.

The American people are always at school. They conceive of Education, not as the privilege of a few, but as the duty of the many, not alone for gentlemen and scholars, teachers and the learned professions, but also for Every Man, Every Woman, Every Child.

So the Farmers, Merchants, Clerks, Housewives, Laborers, together with Preachers, Lawyers and Doctors, gather as one great commons to listen to the discussion of those vast issues that once were the secret themes of kings' cabinets, to discuss, to form intelligent opinion, fearlessly to decide, unafraid to take their part in the councils of Democracy.

In war time Chautauqua may be of invaluable service. Battles are won not only by soldiers at the front, but also by the spirit of the people at home. Equipped by long preparation in times of peace, the Chautauqua camps all over the country are now prepared, as is no other agency, to "keep the home fires burning," to maintain that intelligent patriotism, that clear understanding of what we are fighting for, that indomitable resolution to win and that cheerfulness and courage which are needed in order to make America one hundred per cent efficient in her gigantic task of "making the world safe for democracy."

President Wilson justly terms Chautauqua "an integral part of the national defense."

Never before has Chautauqua meant what it is going to mean in 1918. Here, in the free air of discussion will be blown away the subtle poison gas of German propaganda. Here the great Common People will be lined up to support, not in blind subservience, but in discriminating loyalty, the government. Here will all good causes find reinforcement. Here will the greatest Crisis that ever was imposed upon the world be made to fuse the hearts of our people into a sturdy loyalty.

The hosts of Chautauqua this year will come to their places of assembly, in no rhetorical sense, but with true and earnest reality.

"Marching as to War,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before."

Some Curious Rumors

Owing to a too optimistic bulletin being published last night a number of fantastic rumors were current in the city and country last night and this morning. The Queen Hotel this morning received a telephone call from a point some miles away asking if it were true the German Crown Prince had been captured. Rumors of the capture of the entire German force in the Marne salient also were current.

WIFE AND LITTLE BOY

SAVED BY

DR. FOWLER'S

EXTRACT OF

WILD STRAWBERRY

BOTH HAD DYSENTERY

Dysentery comes on very suddenly and is one of the worst and most dangerous of all bowel troubles. The pains in the bowels become intense, the discharges occur with great rapidity, and are very often accompanied by blood. Unless these discharges are checked the sufferer becomes weak and languid, and very often death ensues. There is only one remedy to use in all cases of dysentery or any other looseness of the bowels, and that is "Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry."

It will cure where all others fail. It has been on the market for 73 years. Don't accept a cheap substitute and thus endanger your health.

Mr. W. J. Metcalfe, Tonfeld, Alta., writes: "I wish to state that we have used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry with good results. I will say that it can't be beat. It saved my wife and little boy, last summer, when they were very low with dysentery. We always have a bottle of it in the house, and would not be without it if it cost five dollars a bottle."

The genuine "Dr. Fowler's" is manufactured only by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont. Price 35c.

Shaker Flannel Blankets

Are going to be much higher in price.

We have a good stock of

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in White and Grey, 10x4, 11x4, 12x4. You would make no mistake in buying the Shaker Blankets for fall use.

John J. Weddall & Son

This store will close Thursday at 1 p. m. during July and August.

Automobile Accessories

Inside Tires, Covers, Horns, Tool Kits, Spark Plugs, Motometers, Head Lights etc.

Also: Bicycles and Bicycle Sundries. A complete stock always on hand.

R. Chestnut & Sons

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THE HARDWARE PEOPLE

WHOLESALE

RETAIL

Sheep on Every Hill Side in New Brunswick

The New Brunswick Government through the Department of Agriculture has arranged with the Chartered Banks to help the Farmers --- where assistance is needed---to buy sheep.

The Department will not only arrange to buy Sheep FOR the Farmers, but will also buy good breeders FROM the Farmers --- in other words, this branch of the Agricultural Department WILL SUPERVISE ALL PURCHASES AND SALES OF SHEEP. IF A FARMER NEEDS CREDIT TO BUY SHEEP he should consult his local banker who has the necessary forms.

If you cannot buy sheep in your locality, inform the nearest banker who will notify the Agricultural Department, or, better still, notify the Department yourself and say how many Sheep you want.

KEEP YOUR EWE LAMBS

Every Ewe Lamb weighing 80 pounds and over and of reasonable quality, should be retained by farmers for breeding purposes. Sell the males and the inferior females for butcher purposes. If you have more ewe lambs than required, induce your neighbor to purchase.

THE VALUE OF WOOL

Unwashed wool of the best quality brought 80 cents a pound this spring, or about \$5.00 a fleece.

SIXTY MILLION SHEEP

Have been lost in Europe since the war started. Wool in enormous quantities is now required to clothe the soldiers. It will take an immense quantity to reclothe the returned men in civilian dress. Prices will likely be high for ten years.

New Brunswick has the pasture, hay, roots and a climate suited to sheep. Every farmer should consider investing in a small flock as a foundation. The first year will give approximately \$4.00 worth of wool per sheep; the sheep will cost about \$15.00. Is it not a good business proposition?

If you cannot purchase locally, place your order with your banker. Orders will be filled, if possible, in the order filed at this office through the banks.

For further information apply to

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Minister of Agriculture.